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Setting up Apache Cassandra™ 4.0 locally in a Windows machine

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Welcome!



Apache Cassandra™ 4.0 officially removed support for the Windows OS.

Cassandra on Windows

https://www.datastax.com/blog/cassandra-and-windows-past-present-and-future

Josh McKenzie, Dec 4 2014

The State of Cassandra on Windows



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Implemented in 4.0 beta

- Removed *.bat and *.ps1 files.
- Issues cited were maintenance and test coverage.

DISCLAIMER



This presentation is **NOT** about getting Cassandra to run on Windows Server.

This is all about local development on your workstation.

Have people been asking for this?



'cassandra' not recognized - Windows

Fatal Java error on starting Cassandra on Windows

Cassandra Server starting issue on Windows

stackoverflow

Can't start Cassandra on Windows

How to install Cassandra on Windows?

Error in starting cassandra in windows 10 PC

Cassandra executable not recognized in Windows

Specs for today



- AMD A8-5500 Quad Core
- 8GB RAM
- WD Black 7200 RPM HD
- NVIDIA 9800GT 4GB



Solutions?



- Docker Desktop
- VirtualBox + fav Linux distro
- WSL2 + fav Linux distro





- FOSS (Apache 2.0)
- Runs Kubernetes locally
- Uses Windows native Hyper-V
- Community Docker image of Apache Cassandra™





https://minikube.sigs.k8s.io/docs/start/

The .exe installer takes care of the rest!





- Run Powershell as Administrator!
- Add your user to "hyper-v administrators"
- Optional: set up alias for kubect1:

alias kubectl="minikube kubectl --"





Start:

minikube start --memory 3072 --cpus=2

Verify:

minikube kubectl -- get pods -A





Create a K8s service:

minikube kubectl -- apply -f cassandra-service.yaml

Create a K8s statefulset:

minikube kubectl -- apply -f cassandra-minikube_1node.yaml





Verify:

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minikube kubectl -- get svc cassandra
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minikube kubectl -- get statefulset cassandra

minikube kubectl -- get logs cassandra

minikube kubectl -- exec -it cassandra-0 -- nodetool status





Open up port 9042!!!

minikube kubectl -- port-forward service/cassandra 9042:9042

Port-forward runs in the foreground!





Powershell script:

https://github.com/aar0np/cassandra_minikube

start-cassandra-minikube.ps1





Accessing Cassandra w/ DBeaver Community

Sarma Pydipally:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCHe3V50kVs

- Connect w/ JDBC
- Build new connection using Simba Cassandra JDBC driver.
- Driver Manager, com.simba.cassandra.jdbc42.Driver class.

Astra DB

The quickest way to implement your own free Cassandra Dev cluster!

Links & Resources



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Astra: https://astra.datastax.com/

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Git: https://github.com/aar0np/cassandra_minikube

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Questions?