

# DOS Project Report Part 2

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## Part1 : Replication and Caching

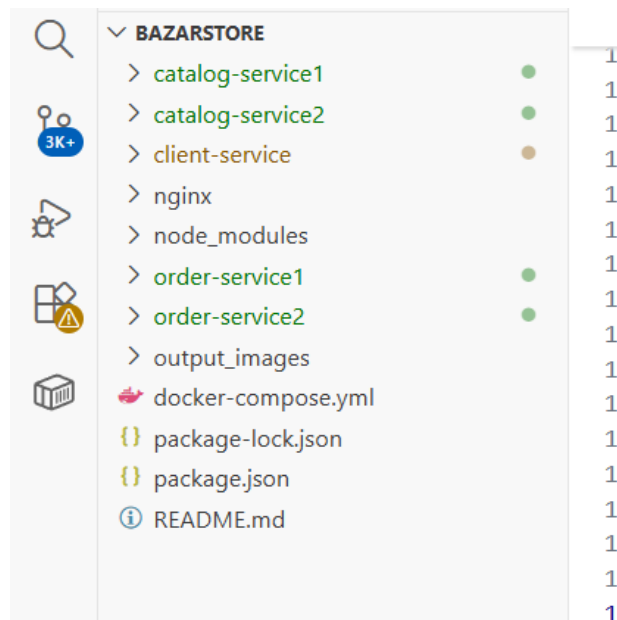
Replication :

I created multiple instances of the Catalog and Order services instead of just one.  
And each one has its own database.

To distribute the load (Load Balancing).

If one instance fails, the other continues the work (High Availability).

Improved response time when the number of requests increases.



The frontend distributes requests between them using the Round Robin algorithm. Each response returns the name of the version that responded (response from catalog-1).

## Caching

I used a front-end cache to store the results of read requests instead of having to return to the server or database each time.

I set the cache size to 50 items. If the cache is full and a new request arrives, I have to delete an old item and replace it with the new one using the LRU (Least Recently Used) algorithm:

If the request is in the cache → Cache Hit

If the request is not in the cache → Cache Miss

Caching was used in:

Read requests (queries) such as:

Fetching a book

Fetching product information

It was not used in write operations (Buy/Update)

Is caching important?

Reducing response time

Reducing the load on the database

Improving overall performance

## Exampels:

Search book by topic By sending the request to the frontend service:

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a workspace named 'Bazar Store'. A collection 'Front end service' is expanded, showing a 'Search by topic' endpoint. The request is a GET request to 'http://localhost:4000/search/undergraduate school'. The response is a 200 OK status with a response time of 113 ms and a body of 412 B. The response body is a JSON object with the following structure:

```
1 {
2   "replica": "catalog-1",
3   "data": [
4     {
5       "book_id": 3,
6       "book_title": "Xen and the Art of Surviving Undergraduate School"
7     },
8     {
9       "book_id": 4,
10      "book_title": "Cooking for the Impatient Undergrad"
11    }
12  ]
13 }
```

Two red arrows point to the 'replica' and 'data' fields in the JSON response.

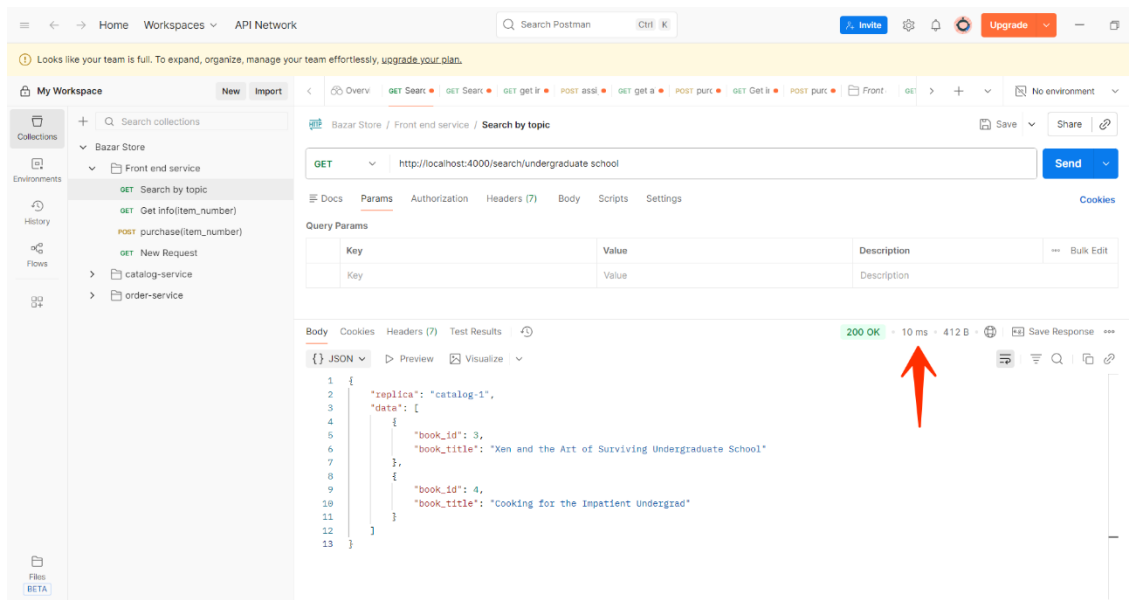
Node.js v22.15.0

```
PS D:\BazarStore\client-service> node index.mjs
Front-End Server running at http://localhost:4000
[Cache Miss] Topic: undergraduate school
[Catalog] Response from: http://localhost:5001
```

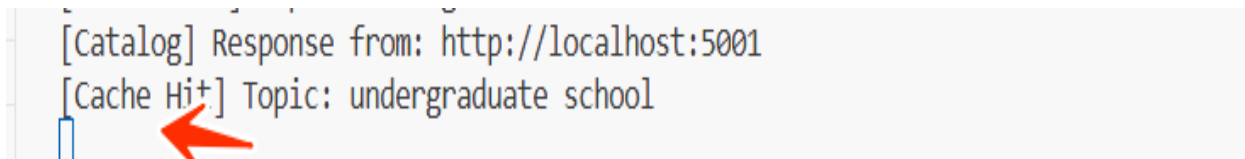
A red arrow points to the '[Cache Miss] Topic: undergraduate school' line.

The response from the first catalog service (load distribution) was a cash miss because it was the first time sent request and the time was **113 milliseconds**

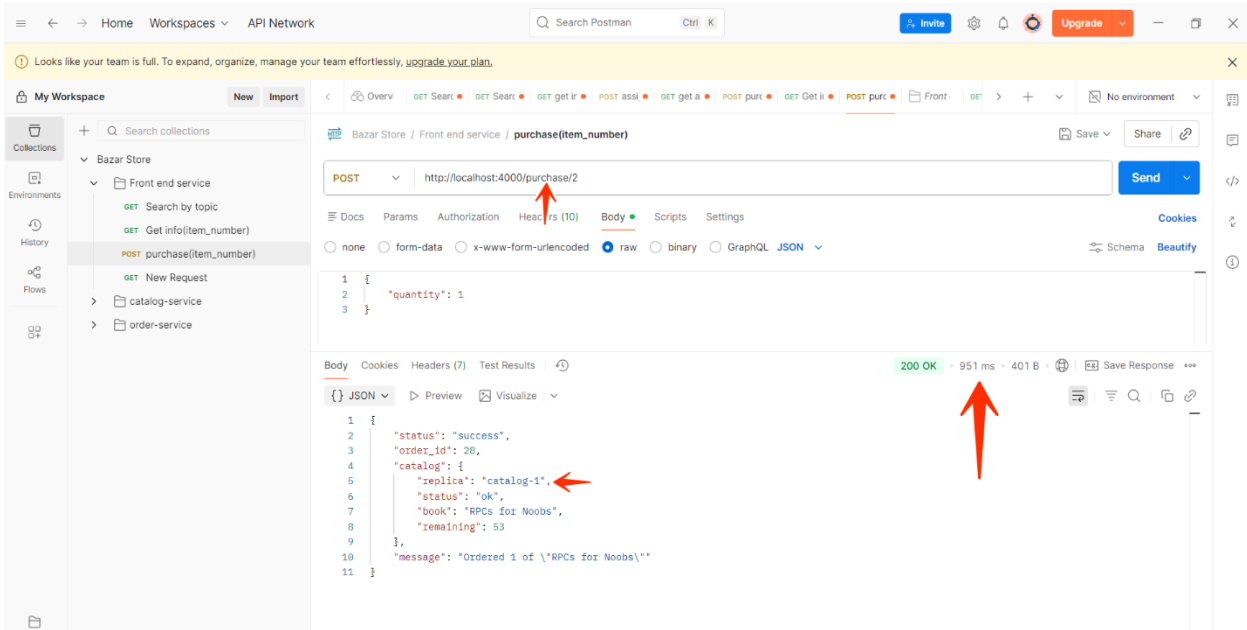
The second time the request was sent, there is cache hit and time were **10 milliseconds**. As shown:



and the cache is hit

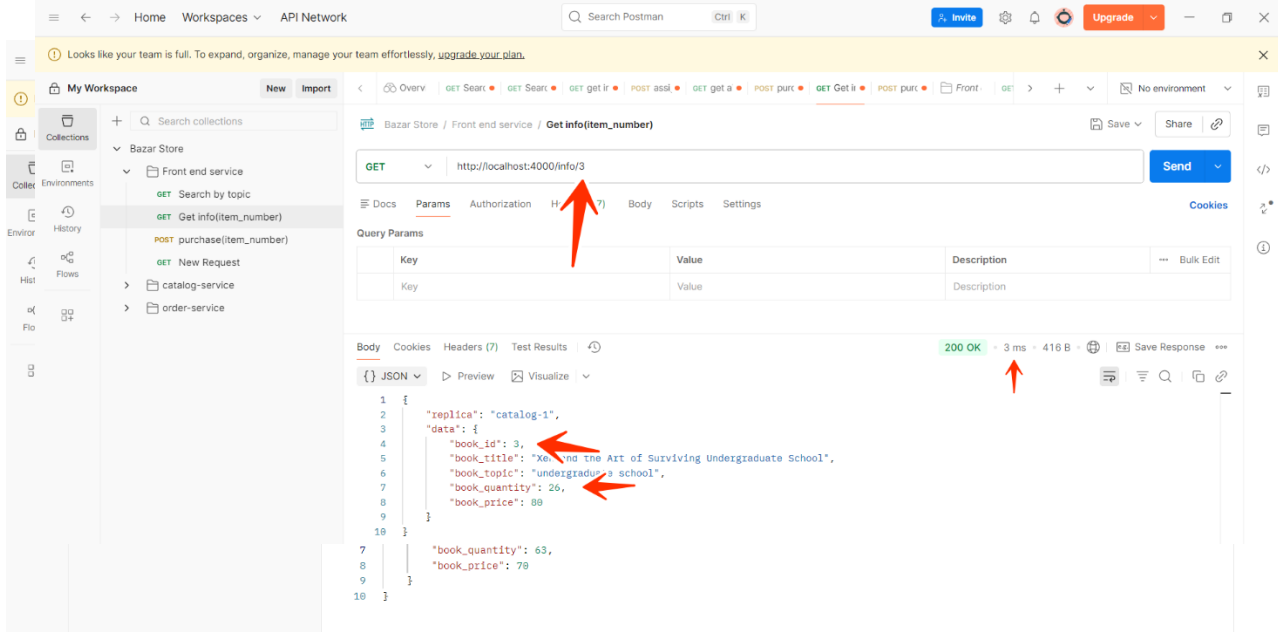


In the purchase order operation, there is no caching mechanism, and therefore the response takes a longer time to be processed, as shown in the results. In addition, the response is served by the primary Order Service replica, not the backup replica.



Request	Cache	Response Time (ms)
Query Book	Miss	113
Query Book	Hit	10
Buy Book	No Cache	951

If the new request is sent again, the response will be served by the second catalog replica due to load balancing.



**Similarly,** for the Order Service, when a request is sent from the user interface to retrieve all orders for the first time, the response is served by the first replica. When the request is sent again, the response is served by the second replica.

## Cache Consistency:

The cache is stored in the Front-End, and when a writing operation takes place (buying a book / modifying a quantity / updating a catalog), the old data is deleted from the cache so that the next request brings new data from the real service.

**Example:**

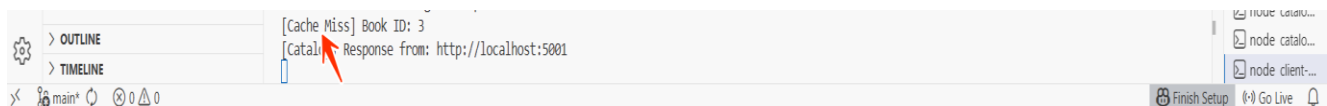
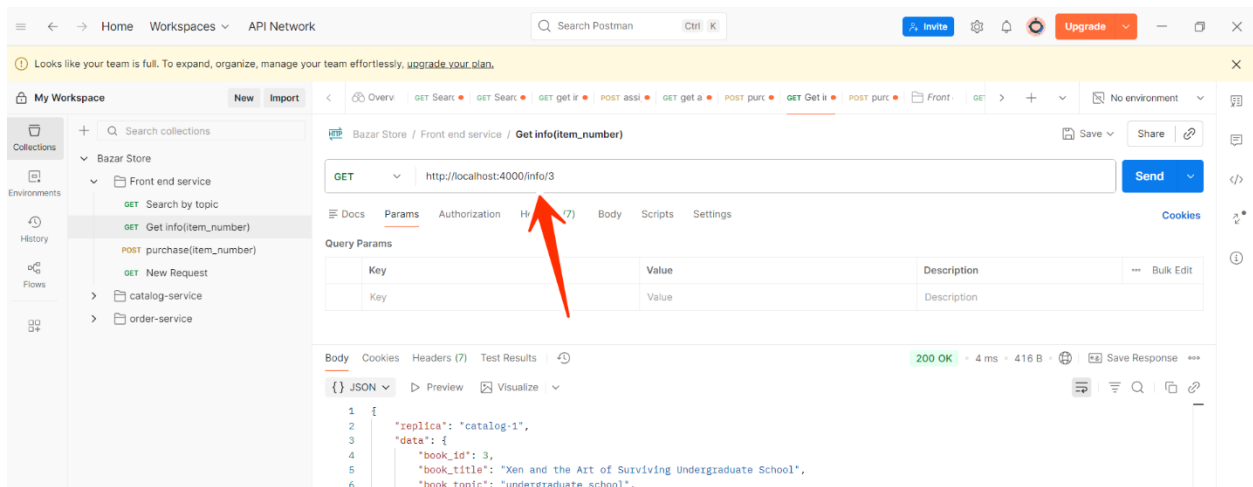
get info for book id = 3 with cache hit :

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a workspace named 'API Network'. A collection 'Bazar Store' is expanded, showing a 'Front end service' with a 'purchase(item\_number)' endpoint. The request is a POST to 'http://localhost:4000/purchase/3' with a body of `{ "quantity": 2 }`. The response is a 200 OK status with a 729 ms response time and a 471 B body. The response body is a JSON object: 

```
{
  "status": "success",
  "order_id": 31,
  "catalog": {
    "replica": "catalog-1",
    "status": "ok",
    "book": "Xen and the Art of Surviving Undergraduate School",
    "remaining": 24
  },
  "message": "Ordered 2 of 'Xen and the Art of Surviving Undergraduate School'"
}
```

	[Catalog] Response from: http://localhost:5001
	[Cache Hit] Book ID: 3

when a purchase operation is performed on a retrieved book, the operation is completed successfully. However, when the same book is requested again after the purchase, the request results in a cache miss because the corresponding entry was removed from the cache to maintain consistency.



Data stored in the database is maintained consistently between the catalog service and order service versions. When any update occurs, such as a purchase or order creation, the change is first applied to the primary database and then generalized to the secondary version.



