IT460: Project Microservices Deployment Report

Introduction

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the deployment process and architecture for various microservices within our project. Our project integrates a suite of microservices, each tailored for distinct functionalities and interactions within the larger system. The primary focus of this report is on the deployment procedures and the crucial architectural decisions implemented for each microservice.

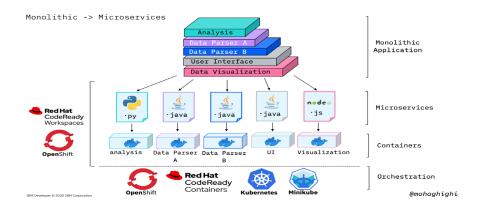
I- Concepts to learn

1- Microservices:

• Microservices architecture advocates partitioning large monolithic applications into smaller independent services that communicate with each other by using HTTP and messages.

Services must be:

- o Loosely coupled.
- o Independently deployable.
- Highly maintainable and testable.

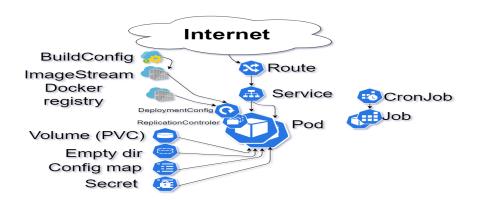


2- What is a container:

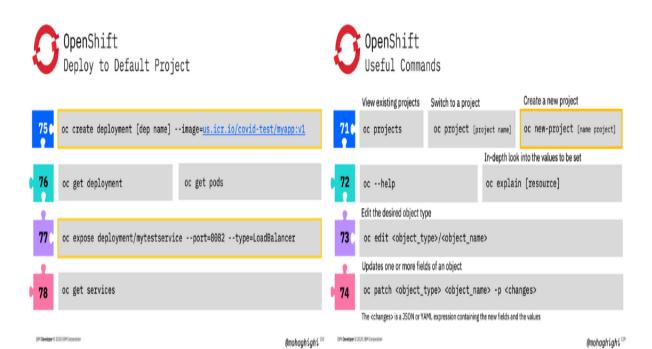
- Containers are executable units of software.
- Application code is packaged into the container.
 - > Including libraries and dependencies.
- Using containers we can run our applications anywhere.
- We use Docker Files to build Docker Images, then run Docker Containers.

3- OpenShift Concepts:

- 1. **Pods:** Basic units running your app's containers.
- 2. **Routes:** Makes your app accessible from outside OpenShift.
- 3. **Deployment:** Handles app lifecycle, like scaling and updates.
- 4. **DeploymentConfig:** Configurations for deploying apps.
- 5. ImageStream: Central storage for managing Docker images.
- 6. Builds: Creating Docker images from source code.
- 7. **Persistent Volume:** Storage that keeps data even if pods restart.
- 8. **YAML:** A human-readable data serialization format used in OpenShift to define configurations for various resources.



4- OpenShift CLI Commands:



Project Architecture Overview

Our project comprises a robust architecture designed to deliver seamless functionality through three core microservices. Illustrated in the accompanying diagram, these microservices collectively form the backbone of our application.

1. UserRegistration Backend:

- Foundation for user management, offering REST APIs for registration and listing.
- Developed in NodeJS, ensuring efficient request handling and data persistence in MongoDB.

2. UserRegistration Frontend:

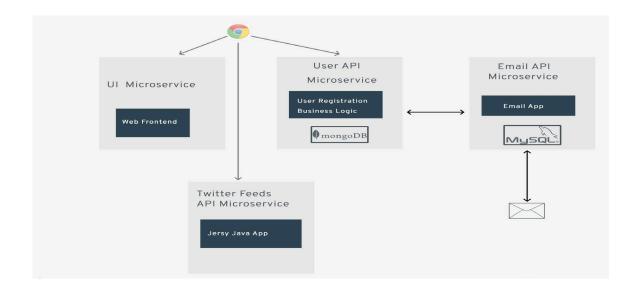
- Frontend microservice in PHP, focused on user-friendly web interface.
- Crafts visually appealing pages to enhance user experience.

3. Email Service:

- Handles email requests and dispatches emails promptly.
- Developed in Python, with MySQL integration for email log.

4. Twitter Feeds API Microservice:

- Java application for retrieving recent tweets based on specified username.
- Seamlessly integrates with Twitter's API for up-to-date information.



II- Microservice 1: Email Microservice

Architecture Overview

- Type: Python-based RESTful API
- **Functionality**: Manages email operations, encompassing sending emails and logging information to a MySQL database.
- Language & Framework: Python, chosen for its straightforward nature and extensive libraries for email handling.
- Database Selection: MySQL, selected for its dependability in storing email logs.
- **Deployment**: Executed as a single pod within OpenShift to ensure isolation.
- Image: Incorporates the official OpenShift MySQL image.
- **Persistence**: Employs a **persistent volume** claim (PVC) for data durability.
- **Networking**: Configures the MySQL database for internal exposure within the OpenShift cluster.

Deployment Process

- MySQL Database Setup
 - **Deployment**: MySQL deployed as an individual pod.
 - **Image**: Utilizes the official OpenShift MySQL image.(openshift/mysql:8.0-el8)
 - **Persistence**: Implements PVC for data storage.
 - Networking: MySQL is internally accessible within the cluster.

Access MySQL for Troubleshooting (Communication between Containers)

- 1. **Pod Status**: Verify MySQL pod status with **oc get pod**.
- 2. **Remote Access**: Initiate a remote shell session in the MySQL pod using **oc rsh <pod-name>**.
- 3. **Database Server Access**: Utilize the **mysql** command for direct access to the database server
 - o MySQL Connection:

```
[student@workstation ~]$ oc get pod
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
mysql-797b859f6b-vc9nb 1/1 Running 0 115s
[student@workstation ~]$ oc rsh mysql-797b859f6b-vc9nb
sh-4.4$ mysql -u $MYSQL_USER -p$MYSQL_PASSWORD -h $HOSTNAME $MYSQL_DATABASE
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 8
Server version: 8.0.30 Source distribution

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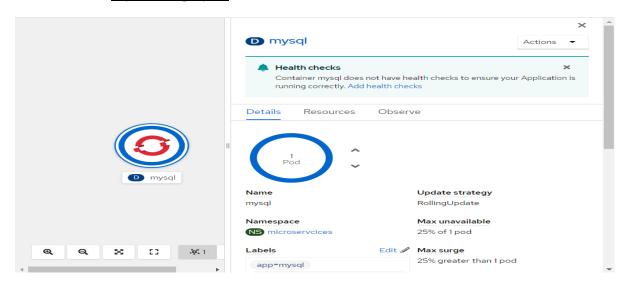
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mysql>
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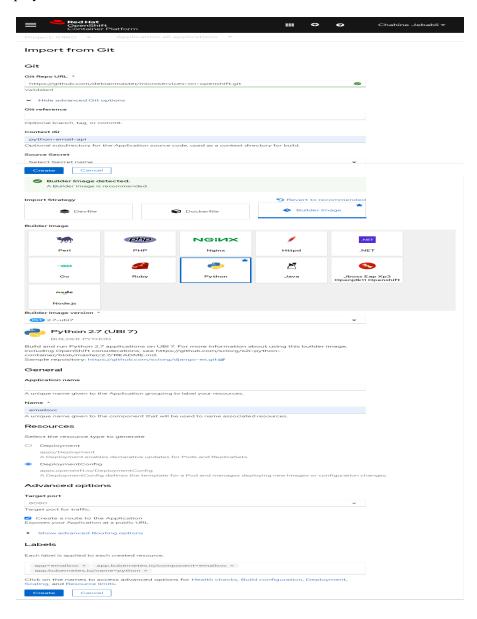
MySQL Table Creation:

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mysql> create table emails (from_add varchar(40), to_add varchar(40), subject varchar(40), body varchar(200), cr
eated_at date);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.07 sec)
mysql> exit
Bye
sh-4.4$ exit
exit
[student@workstation ~1$
```

✓ MySQL Deployed:



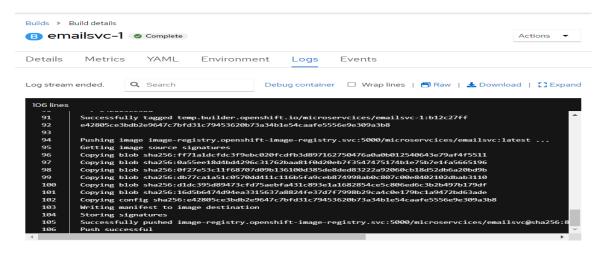
- ***** Email Service Deployment
- **Source Repository Deployment**: Deployed from a specified context directory within the source repository.
- Configuration: Sets environment variables for database connectivity and application domain.
- **OpenShift Integration**: Leverages the OpenShift Python 2.7 image stream for deployment.



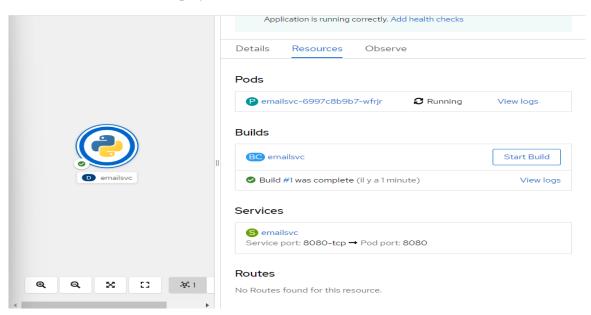
o Eamilsvc pods:

```
[student@workstation ~]$ oc get pods
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
emailsvc-1-build 0/1 Completed 0 64s
emailsvc-6997c8b9b7-wfrjr 1/1 Running 0 26s
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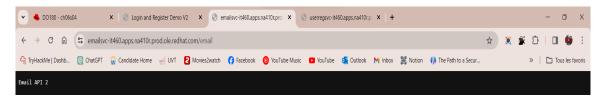
o Eamilsvc Build Logs:



✓ emailsvc Deployed:



✓ emailsvc testing route:



III- Microservice 2: User Registration Backend Microservice (Node.js Application)

Architecture Overview

- Type: Node.js microservice focused on business logic.
- Functionality: Offers REST APIs for user registration and listing.
- Data Persistence: Engages with MongoDB for storing user data.
- Language: Node.js, selected for its non-blocking, event-driven architecture.
- **Database**: MongoDB, preferred for its **scalability** and flexibility.
- The User Registration Backend Microservice consists of two key components. Firstly, it employs a MongoDB database to store user data. Secondly, it comprises a business logic layer that provides REST APIs for user registration and user listing functionalities, developed using Node.js.

A. Create a MongoDB Database and Expose it as an Internal Service:

Deployment Process

MongoDB Database Creation

- 1. Configuration: Initiate database setup with oc new-app, set env -e
- 2. Database Deployment: Deploy the database using oc deploy mongodb --latest.

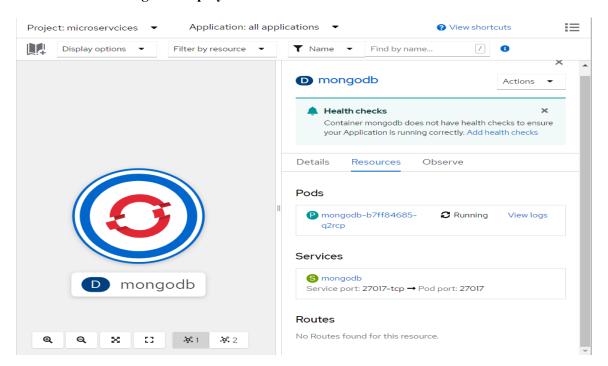
User Registration Service Deployment

- 1. **Service Deployment**: Deploy the service from the GitHub repository, specifying the Node.js context directory.
- 2. **Environment Configuration**: Set environment variables for MongoDB connectivity and Email application domain.
- 3. Service Exposure: Expose the service using oc expose svc/userregsvc.

- **❖ Database Deployment**: Deploy MongoDB using **oc new-app**, indicating the image stream and environment variables.
- **Persistence Setup:** Organize PVC for data sustainability.
- Networking: Internally expose the MongoDB service within the OpenShift cluster.

```
&student@workstation ~]$ oc new-app -e MONGODB_USER='mongouser' -e MONGODB_PASSWORD='password'
> -e MONGODB_DATABASE='userdb' -e MONGODB_ADMIN_PASSWORD='password' \
 registry.access.redhat.com/rhscl/mongodb-26-rhel7 \
 --name="mongodb" -l microservice=userregsvc
-> Found container image dadd01d (5 years old) from registry.access.redhat.com for "registry.access.redhat.com/
rhscl/mongodb-26-rhel7'
    MongoDB 2.6
    MongoDB (from humongous) is a free and open-source cross-platform document-oriented database program. Classi
fied as a NoSQL database program, MongoDB uses JSON-like documents with schemas. This container image contains p
rograms to run mongod server
    Tags: database, mongodb, rh-mongodb26
    * An image stream tag will be created as "mongodb:latest" that will track this image
 > Creating resources with label microservice=userregsvc ...
    imagestream.image.openshift.io "mongodb" created
    deployment.apps "mongodb" created
    service "mongodb" created
    Success
    Application is not exposed. You can expose services to the outside world by executing one or more of the com
ands below:
     'oc expose service/mongodb'
    Run 'oc status' to view your app.
```

✓ MongoDB Deployed:



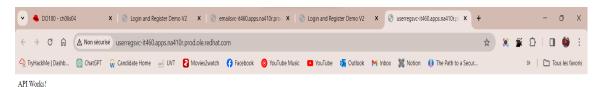
Additional Features

- **Database Interaction**: Executes CRUD operations on user data in MongoDB.
- **Email Microservice Integration**: Collaborates with the Email Microservice for dispatching registration emails.
- **Internal Service Communication**: Utilizes internal service names for efficient intracluster communication.
- B. Create the User Registration Service and Expose it:

✓ Userregsvc deployed:



✓ Userregsvc API tested:



IV- Microservice 3: Twitter Feeds API Microservice

Architecture Overview

- **Type**: Java microservice designed for retrieving recent tweets from a specified Twitter username.
- Functionality: Accepts a Twitter username as input and returns recent tweets.
- **Image Stream**: Employs the Tomcat 8 image stream from Red Hat JBoss Web Server for deployment.

Deployment Process

Import Tomcat 8 Image (Containerization with OpenShift)

- 1. **Image Import**: Utilize **oc import-image** to import the Tomcat 8 image from the Red Hat container registry.
- 2. **Confirmation**: Validate the import to ensure the image is available for deployment.

Deploy the Twitter Feeds API Microservice

- 1. **Deployment Initialization**: Deploy the microservice from the specified GitHub repository using **oc new-app**.
- 2. **Repository Context**: Apply the **--context-dir** flag with the path to 'java-twitter-feed-api' in the repository.
- 3. **Image Selection**: Use the **--image-stream** flag to choose the Tomcat 8 image for deployment.
- 4. **Naming and Labeling**: Name the microservice 'twitter-api' and label it as microservice=twittersvc.

Expose the Service

- **Service Exposure**: Execute **oc expose svc/twitter-api** to make the Twitter Feeds API microservice accessible via a URL
 - o Tomcat8 ImageStream:

```
[student@workstation ~]$ oc import-image --from=registry.access.redhat.com/jboss-webserver-3/webserver30-tomcat8 --openshift tomcat8 --confirm imagestream.image.openshift.io/tomcat8 imported

Name: tomcat8
Namespace: microservcices
Created: Less than a second ago
Labels: <none>
Annotations: openshift.io/image.dockerRepositoryCheck=2024-01-27T23:44:51Z
Image Repository: default-route-openshift-image-registry.apps.na410r.prod.ole.redhat.com/microservcices/tomcat8

Image Lookup: local=false
Unique Images: 1
Tags: 1

latest
tagged from registry.access.redhat.com/jboss-webserver-3/webserver30-tomcat8-openshift
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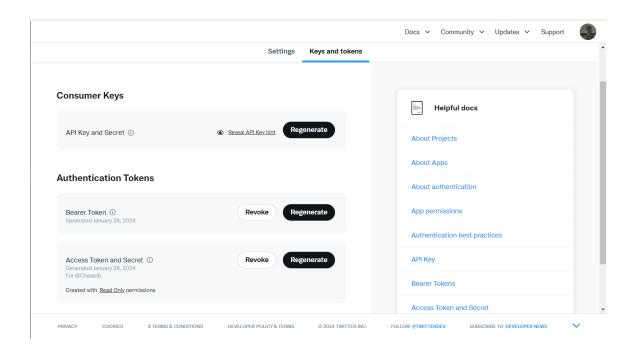
o Twitter API Build:

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Source code implies that the application expects certain environment variables to be set for it to function correctly. These environment variables are related to Twitter's API credentials, which are necessary for authenticating and interacting with the Twitter API.

> I tried to register the application with Twitter and create an application on the Twitter Developer Platform.



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V- Microservice 4: Frontend User Registration Application

Architecture Overview

- Type: PHP microservice functioning as the frontend for user registration.
- Functionality: Generates HTML and JavaScript code for web browser execution.
- **Communication**: Executes AJAX calls to the backend User Registration service using REST APIs.
- Environment Variables: Configures environment variables for backend service access (USER REG SVC and TWITTER FEED SVC).

Deploy the Frontend User Registration Application

- 1. Microservice Deployment: Deploy from the GitHub repository using oc new-app.
- 2. **Directory Specification**: Indicate the 'php-ui' directory path with the **--context-dir** flag.
- 3. **Environment Variables**: Set variables for accessing the backend User Registration and Twitter Feeds API services.
- 4. Naming and Labeling: Assign 'userreg' as the name and label it as microservice=userreg.

Expose the Frontend Service

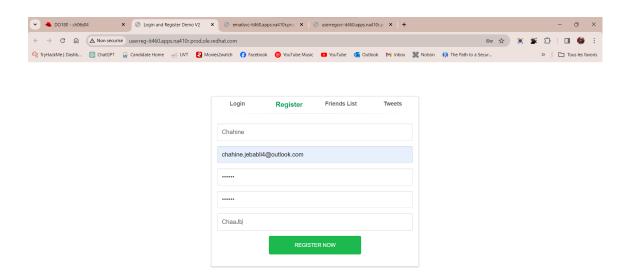
• **URL Generation**: Expose the frontend application as a service using **oc expose** to create a URL for access.

Additional Considerations

- <u>Inter-Service Communication</u>: Ensure efficient communication between the frontend application and backend services.
- Functionality Testing: Test features like user registration and Twitter feed retrieval.
- Logging and Monitoring: Implement strategies for tracking performance and usage.

Communication with Other Services

• The frontend application interacts with the backend User Registration service and the Twitter Feeds API through AJAX calls.



VI- Project Inventory

♣ Topology:



4 Deployments:

Name 1	Status 1	Labels 1	Pod selector 1	
D mongodb	1 of 1 pods	app*mongodb	Q deployment=mongodb, microservice=userregsvc	1
		app.kubernetes.io/component=mongodb		
		app.kubernetes.io/instance=mongodb		
		microservice=userregsvc		
● mysql	1 of 1 pods	app=mysql	Q deployment=mysql, microservice=emailsvc	1
		app.kubernetes.io/component=mysql		
		app.kubernetes.io/instance=mysql		
		microservice=emailsvc		
(D) twitter-api	O of 1 pods	app=twitter-api	Q deployment=twitter-api, microservice=twittersvc	:
		app.kubernetes.io/component=twitter-api		
		app.kubernetes.io/instance=twitter-api		
		app.kubernetes.io/name=tomcat8		
		microservice=twittersvc		
D userreg	1 of 1 pods	app=userreg	Q deployment=userreg, microservice=userreg	:
		app.kubernetes.io/component=userreg		
		app.kubernetes.lo/Instance=userreg		
		microservice=userreg		
D userregsvc	1 of 1 pods	app=userregsvc	Q deployment=userregsvc, microservice=userregsvc	1
		app.kubernetes.io/component=userregsvc		
		app.kubernetes.lo/instance=userregsvc		
		microservice=userregsvc		

♣ Builds:

B emailsvc-1		③ 28 janv. 2024, 02:02	i
B twitter-api-1	• Failed	3 28 janv. 2024, 03:31	ı
B userreg-1	⊘ Complete	3 27 janv. 2024, 17:58	ı
B userregsvc-1	⊘ Complete	3 27 janv. 2024, 17:53	ı

4 DeploymentConfig:

DC emailsvc	1 of 1 pods	app=emailsvc	Q app=emailsvc, deploymentconfig=emailsvc			
		app.kubernetes.io/component=emailsvc				
		app.kubernetes.io/instance=emailsvc				
		app.kubernetes.io/name=python				
		app.openshift.io/runtime=python				
		app.openshift.io/runtime-version=2.7-ubi7				

& BuildConfig:

BC emailsvc	app=emailsvc app.kubernetes.io/component=emailsvc	3 28 janv. 2024, 02:02	
	app.kubernetes.io/instance=emailsvc app.kubernetes.io/name=emailsvc		
	app.openshift.io/runtime=python		
	app.openshift.io/runtime-version=2.7-ubi7		
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	app.kubernetes.io/instance=twitter-api		
	app.kubernetes.io/name=tomcat8 microservice=twittersvc		
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	app.kubernetes.io/instance=userreg microservice=userreg		
BC userregsvc	app=userregsvc app.kubernetes.io/component=userregsvc	3 27 janv. 2024, 17:53	1
	app.kubernetes.io/instance=userregsvc microservice=userregsvc		

♣ Pods:

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emailsvc-1-build	⊘ Completed	0/1	0	(B) emailsvc-1	-	-	3 28 janv. 2024, 02:02	:
P emailsvc-1-deploy	⊘ Completed	0/1	0	RC emailsvc-1	-	-	3 28 Janv. 2024, 02:03	ŧ
emailsvc-1-vlbsh	2 Running	1/1	0	RC emailsvc-1	125,4 MiB	0,000 cores	3 28 janv. 2024, 02:03	ŧ
P mongodb-b7ff84685- mmst7	2 Running	1/1	0	RS mongodb-b7ff84685	40,5 MIB	0,002 cores	3 27 Janv. 2024, 17:48	:
mysql-657bd59b4f- db6t4	2 Running	1/1	0	RS mysql-657bd59b4f	574,2 MIB	0,000 cores	3 27 janv. 2024, 17:27	:
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4 ImageStream:

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	app.kubernetes.io/instance=emailsvc app.kubernetes.io/name=emailsvc		
	app.openshift.io/runtime=python		
	app.openshift.io/runtime-version=2.7-ubi7		
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	app.kubernetes.io/instance=userreg microservice=userreg		
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	app.kubernetes.io/instance=userregsvc microservice=userregsvc		

Services:



Routes:



Conclusion

This report delineates the deployment methodologies, architectural choices, and achieved objectives for each microservice in our project. The microservices are meticulously engineered and deployed to fulfill their designated functions. Efforts have been made to ensure effective communication, scalability, and monitoring within the OpenShift framework. Future enhancements could include improved logging, monitoring, and integration capabilities to further refine our microservices architecture.