COM7940 Cloud Computing project

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ID of chatbot on telegram: @seeworddrinkwaterbot

Github directory: https://github.com/greenleafhub/cloudbotproject

Summary of the app:

The purpose of the app is for individual telegram users to record their daily water drinking amount. The app assumes the user is in Hong Kong time zone (GMT+8)

The chatbot have the following commands available:

- /help
  - Show instruction of commands /add and /check
- /add
  - Allow user to add the water amount they drunk.
  - Only allows integers.
  - Accepts minus sign for deducting water amount drunk.
- /check
  - Returns the amount of water drunk recorded by user on that day, the approximate amount in cups (240ml per cup), and gives the percentage of amount drunk is compared to the recommendation (8 cups a day)
- /checkpast
  - Allow user to specify the number of past records they want to check.
  - Only allows integers.
- /today
  - command for checking if the date is correct.
  - Returns username (not user id) and date.

The app use MongoDB for recording

- Telegram user id (obtained via telegram.Chat.id)
- Date of the input (obtained via date.today)

- Amount of water drink (entered by user, can be modified when user uses /add command)

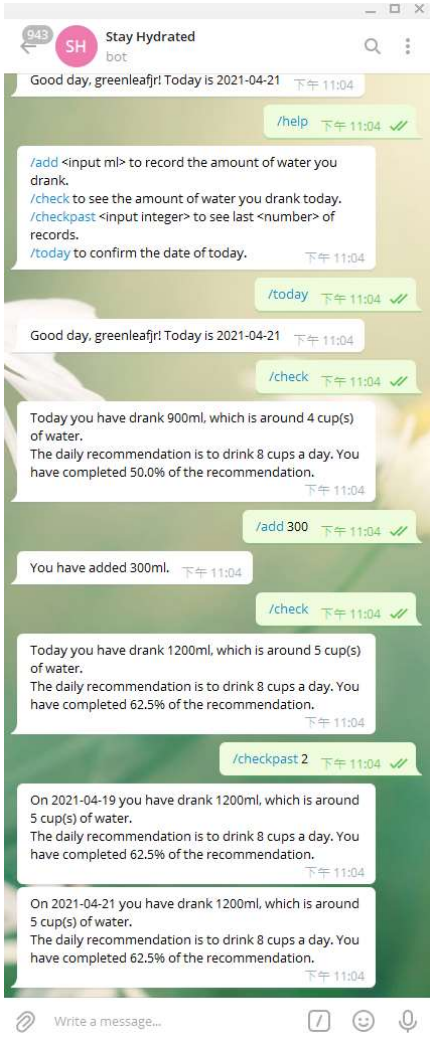
As MongoDB is a NoSQL database, it can be horizontally scalable with more users and data inputs.

The app uses a Dockerfile to create a container with Linux OS in Hong Kong timezone. The container is then deployed on Azure as a container instance.

The secrets, such as access token for telegram and MongoDB, are stored in Azure account. This is to allow developers outside the manager to test their code without having to give out the secrets to the developers.

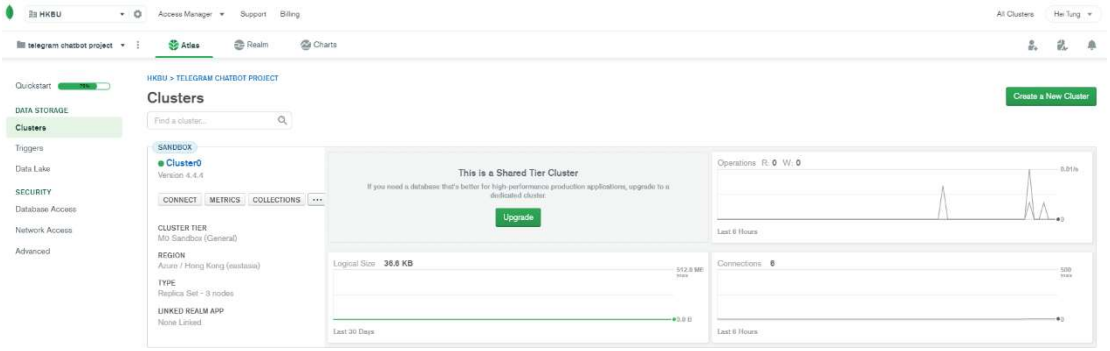
Technical Requirement Evidences

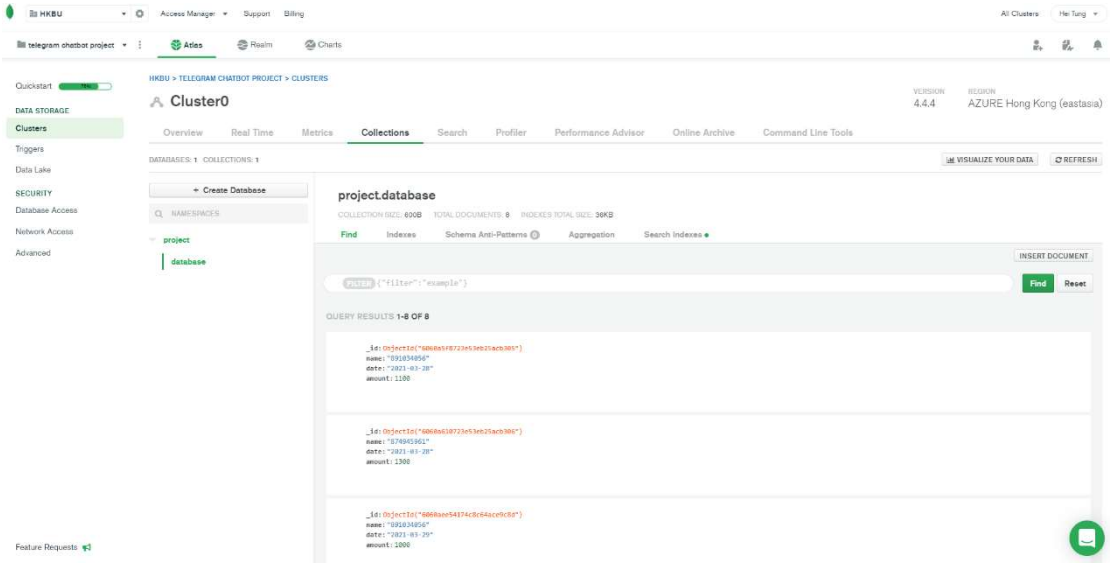
The chatbot must be on telegram



The app must consume an external service other than redis

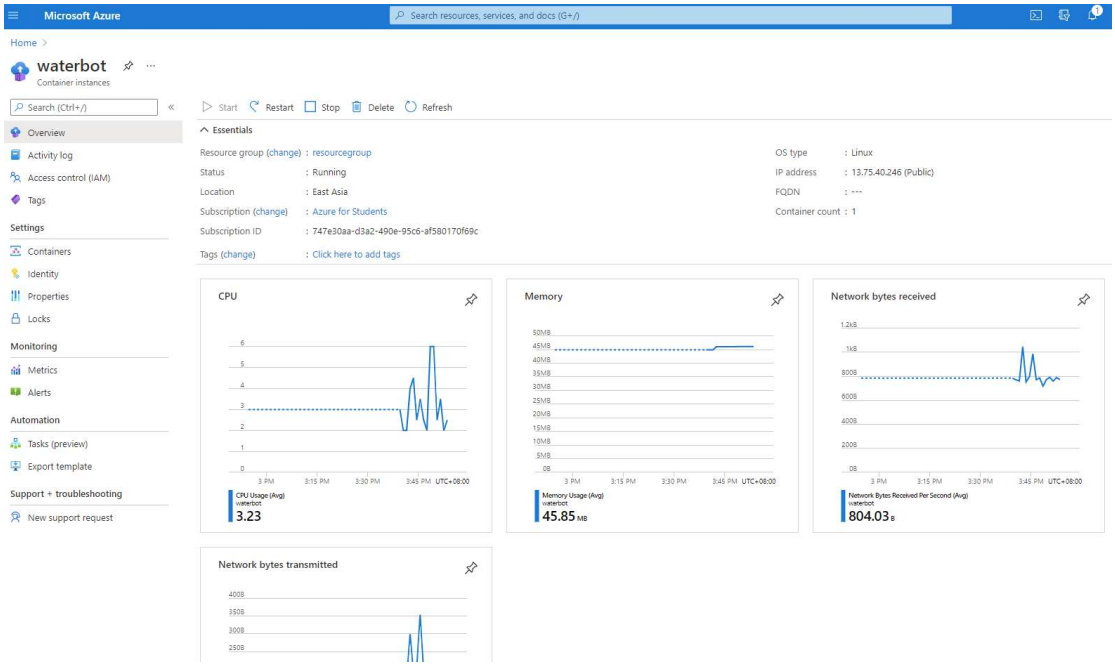
- The app use MongoDB as an external service to host a NoSQL database, which allows scalability:



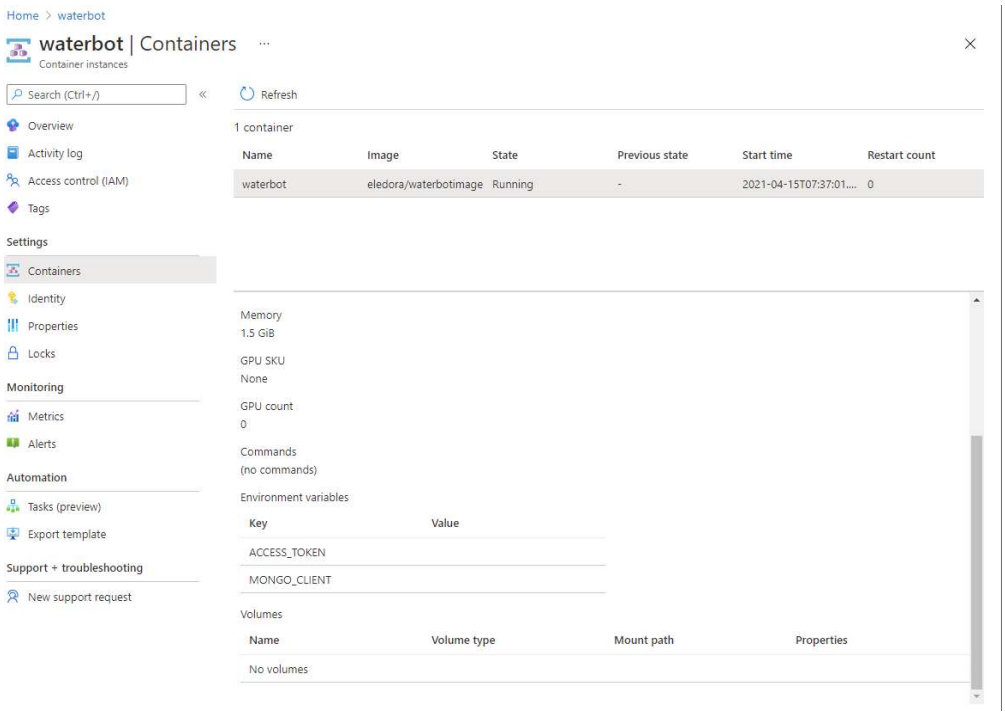


The app must be host on a cloud platform other than Heroku
Container technologies must be used

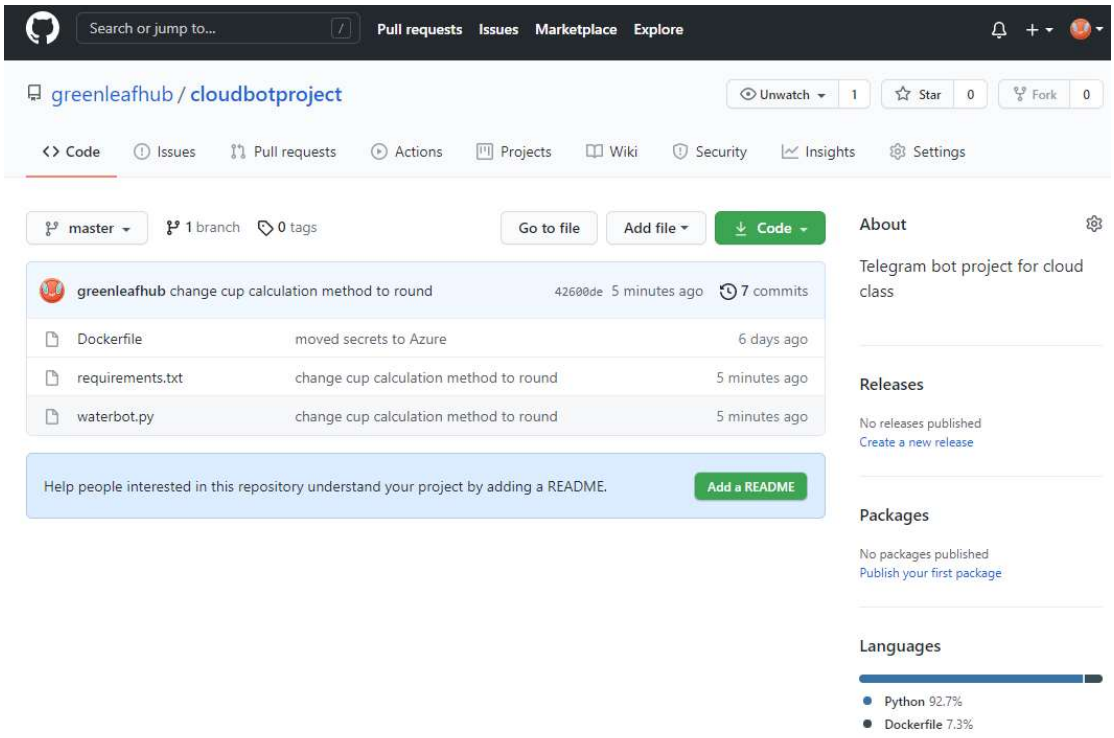
- The app is hosted on Azure, a cloud platform, and hosted as a container:



- The secrets are stored on Azure service to enhance security measurements:



The app must be managed by git:



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Base code obtained from com7940 cloud computing lab sections.