CMPU4003 Advanced Databases – Phase 3: Distributed Data (Partitioning and Replication)

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1. Data Sources and Setup (≈150–200 words)

PostgreSQL.

Partitioning tests reuse the Phase 2 star-schema warehouse: fact_sales at the centre with dim_customer, dim_product, and dim_date. A few months of sales are enough to show skew and range behaviour while keeping EXPLAIN ANALYZE output readable. The data is the same cleaned and conformed set from Phase 2, loaded into a new schema called c22391076_dw_phase3 so that partitioned and non-partitioned tables are directly comparable.

Cassandra.

For Cassandra, a subset of fact_sales and essential customer attributes is exported from PostgreSQL as CSV and imported into a keyspace c22391076_sales_ks. Only the columns needed for the planned queries (customer, product, date, quantity, total, region) are kept. CQL scripts then reshape this into wide-partition tables keyed by (region, sale_date) and (customer_id) to match the RF and consistency tests.

CouchDB.

CouchDB reuses the Phase 2 customer-centric documents, where each customer document contains embedded browsing and purchase events. A trimmed sample of customers and events is copied into two databases: c22391076_couchdb (non-partitioned) and c22391076_couchdb_p (partitioned). The JSON is bulk-loaded, with extra region and customer_id fields added to support partitioned queries.

Environment.

All three systems run as Docker containers on a local macOS laptop: PostgreSQL 16, a three-node Cassandra 4 cluster, and CouchDB 3.5. Container names, schemas, keyspaces, and database names all include c22391076 so screenshots and logs can be tied unambiguously to this project.

2. PostgreSQL Partitioning (≈300 words)

2.1 Implementation.

Partitioning was applied to the existing c22391076_dw_phase3.fact_sales table using three strategies, each aligned with a specific query pattern. RANGE partitioning on date_key created yearly or quarterly partitions for time-series queries like “total revenue per month in 2025”. LIST partitioning on region produced one partition per region (Ireland, United Kingdom, Europe, United States) to support “total sales by region”. HASH partitioning on customer_key spread customers evenly across several child tables to support “all sales for a given customer” without a single large hotspot.

Query goal	Key column	Partitioning type
Total revenue per month for 2025	`date_key`	RANGE
Total sales by region	`region`	LIST
All sales for a given customer	`customer_key`	HASH

```
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_range (
    date_key     integer,
    customer_key integer,
    product_key  integer,
    quantity     integer,
    total        numeric(10,2)
) PARTITION BY RANGE (date_key);

CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw_phase3.fact_sales_range_2025
    PARTITION OF c22391076_dw_phase3.fact_sales_range
    FOR VALUES FROM (20250101) TO (20260101);

```

DDL Snippets:

RANGE partitioning

```sql
-- Parent RANGE-partitioned table
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_range (
    fact_id      serial,
    date_key     integer,
    customer_key bigint,
    product_key  bigint,
    quantity     integer,
    unit_price   numeric(12,2),
    discount     numeric(12,2),
    total        numeric(12,2),
    meta         jsonb
)
PARTITION BY RANGE (date_key);

-- Example child partition (October 2025)
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_range_oct
PARTITION OF c22391076_dw.fact_sales_range
FOR VALUES FROM (20251001) TO (20251101);
```

LIST partitioning:

```sql
-- Parent LIST-partitioned table
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_list (
    fact_id      serial,
    date_key     integer,
    customer_key bigint,
    product_key  bigint,
    region       text,
    quantity     integer,
    unit_price   numeric(12,2),
    discount     numeric(12,2),
    total        numeric(12,2),
    meta         jsonb
)
PARTITION BY LIST (region);

-- Example child partition (Ireland)
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_list_ireland
PARTITION OF c22391076_dw.fact_sales_list
FOR VALUES IN ('Ireland');
```

HASH partitioning

```
-- Parent HASH-partitioned table
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_hash (
    fact_id      serial,
    date_key     integer,
    customer_key bigint,
    product_key  bigint,
    quantity     integer,
    unit_price   numeric(12,2),
    discount     numeric(12,2),
    total        numeric(12,2),
    meta         jsonb
)
PARTITION BY HASH (customer_key);

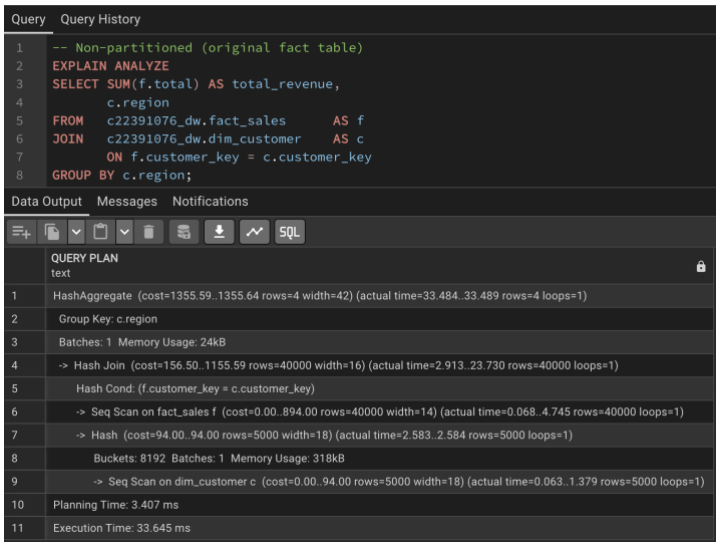
-- Example child partition (remainder 0 of 4)
CREATE TABLE c22391076_dw.fact_sales_hash_p0
PARTITION OF c22391076_dw.fact_sales_hash
FOR VALUES WITH (MODULUS 4, REMAINDER 0);
```

2.2 Testing and results.

Each strategy was tested with a query that matches its key column and compared against the original non-partitioned fact_sales table using EXPLAIN ANALYZE. For LIST on region, both the original fact_sales and the LIST-partitioned fact_sales_list queries use a sequential scan and hash join to dim_customer, with almost identical execution times of about 33.6 ms, so LIST partitioning does not give a clear performance benefit on this dataset, but it still logically isolates rows by region.

LIST on region makes sense because region is a small set of discrete categories, so grouping all rows for the same region into specific partitions matches “total sales by region” queries and avoids scanning irrelevant regions.

LIST Non-partitioned:



Query | Query History

```
1  -- Non-partitioned (original fact table)
2  EXPLAIN ANALYZE
3  SELECT SUM(f.total) AS total_revenue,
4         c.region
5  FROM   c22391076_dw.fact_sales      AS f
6  JOIN   c22391076_dw.dim_customer    AS c
7         ON f.customer_key = c.customer_key
8  GROUP BY c.region;
```

Data Output | Messages | Notifications

	QUERY PLAN text
1	HashAggregate (cost=1355.59..1355.64 rows=4 width=42) (actual time=33.484..33.489 rows=4 loops=1)
2	Group Key: c.region
3	Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 24kB
4	-> Hash Join (cost=156.50..1155.59 rows=40000 width=16) (actual time=2.913..23.730 rows=40000 loops=1)
5	Hash Cond: (f.customer_key = c.customer_key)
6	-> Seq Scan on fact_sales f (cost=0.00..894.00 rows=40000 width=14) (actual time=0.068..4.745 rows=40000 loops=1)
7	-> Hash (cost=94.00..94.00 rows=5000 width=18) (actual time=2.583..2.584 rows=5000 loops=1)
8	Buckets: 8192 Batches: 1 Memory Usage: 318kB
9	-> Seq Scan on dim_customer c (cost=0.00..94.00 rows=5000 width=18) (actual time=0.063..1.379 rows=5000 loops=1)
10	Planning Time: 3.407 ms
11	Execution Time: 33.645 ms

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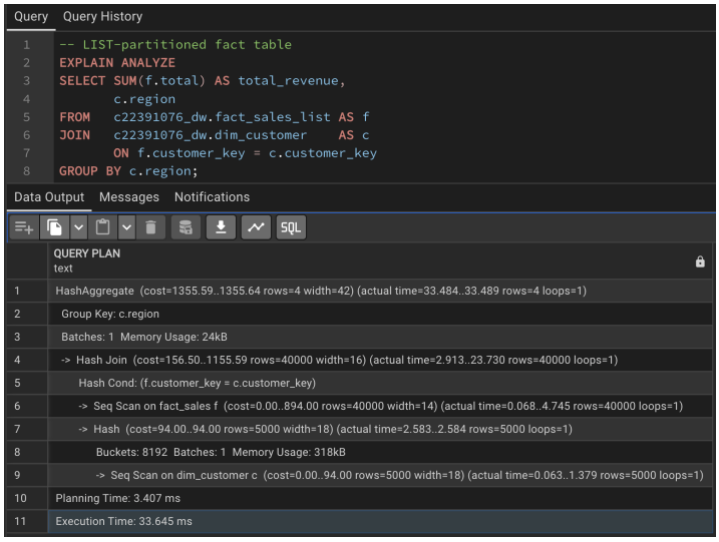

Query | Query History

```
1  -- LIST-partitioned fact table
2  EXPLAIN ANALYZE
3  SELECT SUM(f.total) AS total_revenue,
4         c.region
5  FROM   c22391076_dw.fact_sales_list AS f
6  JOIN   c22391076_dw.dim_customer    AS c
7         ON f.customer_key = c.customer_key
8  GROUP BY c.region;
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Query Query History

```
1  SELECT region,
2         COUNT(*) AS rows_per_region
3  FROM c22391076_dw.fact_sales_list
4  GROUP BY region
5  ORDER BY region;
6
```

Data Output Messages Notifications

	region text	rows_per_region bigint
1	Europe	13442
2	Ireland	6764
3	United Kingdo...	13540
4	United States	6254

RANGE on date_key is appropriate because most time-based analytics, like “total revenue per month in 2025”, naturally filter by ranges of dates, so the planner can quickly prune partitions that fall outside the requested date window. For the 2025 date filter, the non-partitioned fact table took about 11.1 ms, while the RANGE-partitioned fact_sales_range took about 39.7 ms and only scanned the 2025 partitions.

RANGE Non-partitioned:

Query Query History

```
1  EXPLAIN ANALYZE
2  SELECT SUM(total)
3  FROM c22391076_dw.fact_sales
4  WHERE date_key BETWEEN 20251001 AND 20251031;
5
```

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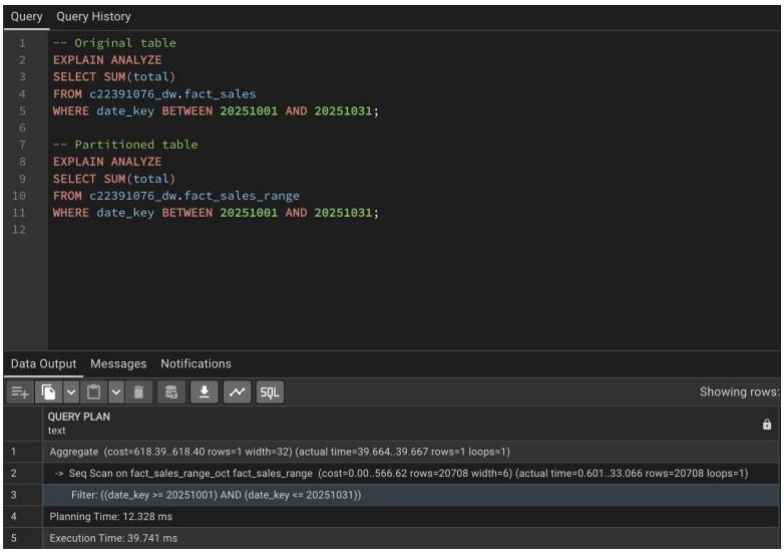
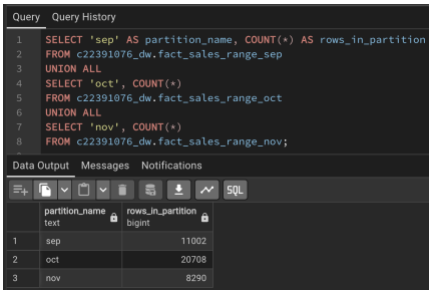
Showing rows:

	QUERY PLAN text
1	Aggregate (cost=1145.87..1145.88 rows=1 width=32) (actual time=10.846..10.847 rows=1 loops=1)
2	-> Seq Scan on fact_sales (cost=0.00..1094.00 rows=20747 width=6) (actual time=0.191..7.074 rows=20708 loops=1)
3	Filter: ((date_key >= 20251001) AND (date_key <= 20251031))
4	Rows Removed by Filter: 19292
5	Planning Time: 0.731 ms
6	Execution Time: 11.125 ms

RANGE Partitioned:





HASH on customer_key works well because it spreads customers evenly across several partitions, which helps when running “all sales for a given customer” or many different-customer queries, balancing load and avoiding a single huge partition. For the single-customer query, the original fact_sales table ran in about 4.5 ms, whereas the HASH-partitioned fact_sales_hash ran in about 5.3 ms, scanning only the relevant hash partition.

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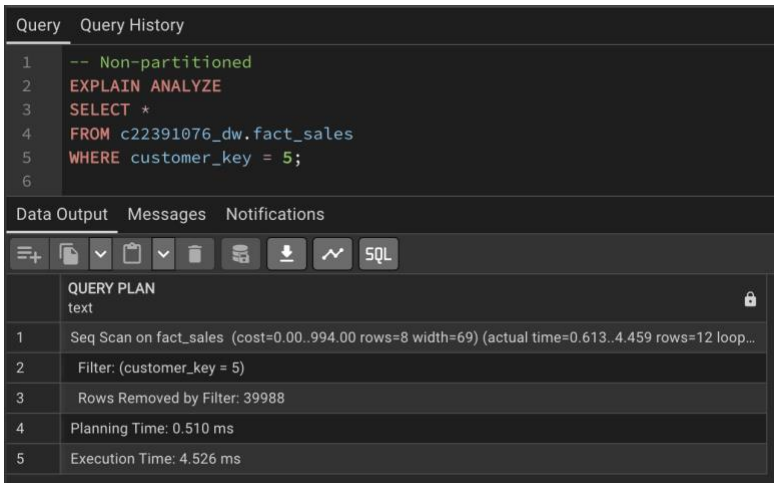

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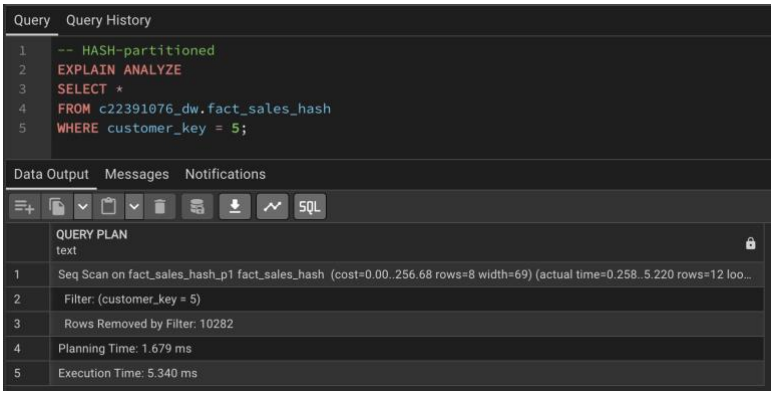
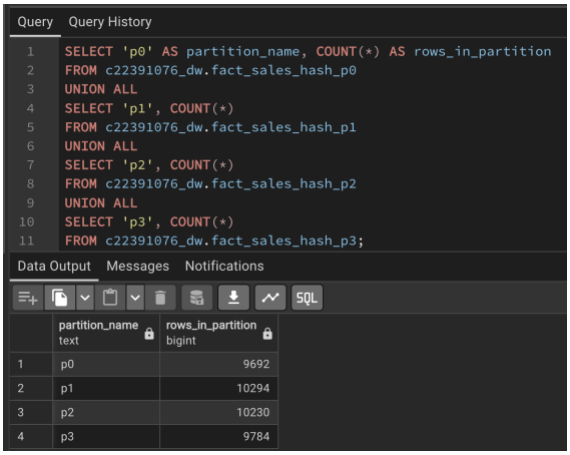
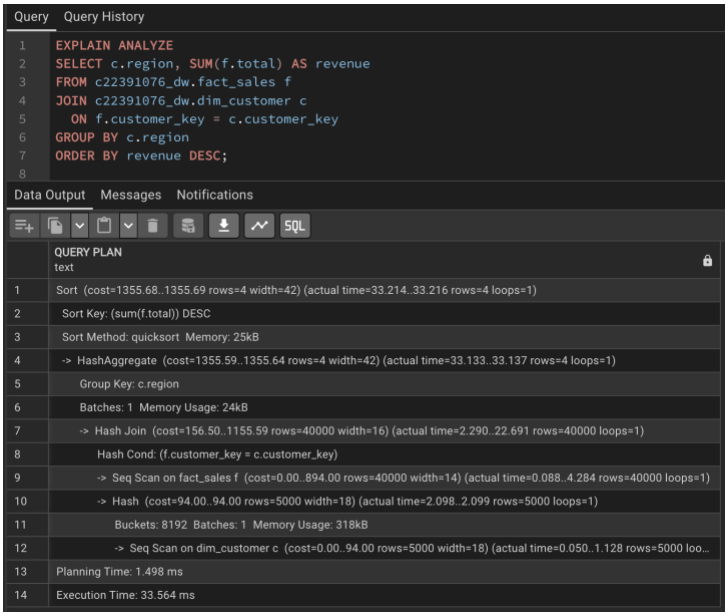
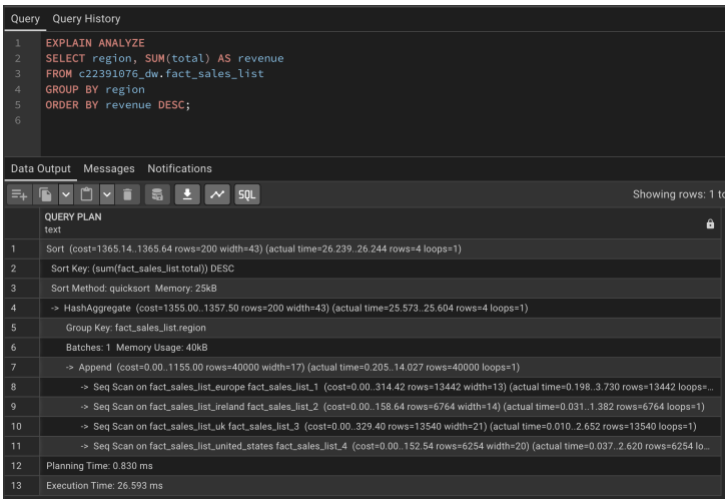








2.3 Interpretation

Across all three queries, partitioning changed the query plans but had only modest impact on execution time on this small dataset. For the region query, LIST partitioning produced a slightly faster plan (33.6 ms vs 26.6 ms) by appending four region partitions, while still using a sequential scan and hash join.

RANGE partitioning on date_key enabled partition pruning so the planner only touched 2025 partitions, but overheads meant the partitioned version (39.7 ms) was slower than the original 11.1 ms full-table scan, which is typical when the table is small and fits easily in memory.

HASH partitioning on customer_key spread rows evenly across four partitions, yet the single-customer query remained similar or slightly slower (4.5 ms vs 5.3 ms) because PostgreSQL still needs to consider all partitions and the data volume is low; benefits are expected only at larger scale or higher concurrency.

Overall, LIST partitioning **performed** best for this workload, giving a small speed-up for regional aggregation while also matching the query pattern and isolating each region's data, whereas RANGE and HASH mainly provide logical organisation and future scalability rather than clear performance gains at the current data size.

3. Cassandra Partitioning and Replication (≈500–600 words)

3.1 Partitioning and Clustering Setup

The Cassandra cluster runs in Docker as c22391076_cluster using Cassandra 5.0.5, with CQL 6.2.0. The project keyspace is named c22391076_ks so that all screenshots clearly show the student number and match the rubric's naming requirement.

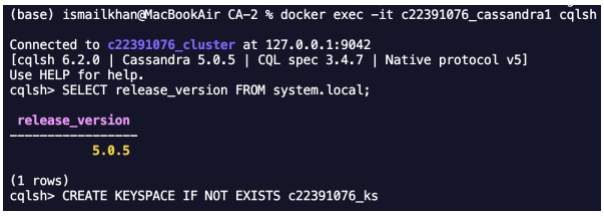


Figure 3.1

Within this keyspace, tables were designed directly around the three main query patterns used in Phase 2: recent sales per customer, daily sales totals per region, and product-plus-customer drill-downs. The customer_daily_sales table uses customer_id as the partition key and sale_date as the clustering column, so each customer's history is stored in a single wide partition ordered by date. Place your **DESCRIBE TABLE customer_daily_sales** screenshot here as *Figure 3.2 – Partition and clustering keys for customer_daily_sales*.

Figure 3.2 – Keyspace tables and partition/clustering definition for customer_daily_sales.

Two additional tables follow the same pattern. region_date_sales partitions by region and clusters by sale_date, which supports time-series queries such as “latest totals for Europe.” product_sales_by_customer partitions by (product_id, customer_id) and clusters by sale_date, optimising queries that focus on a specific product-customer pair. Together, these designs ensure all core queries can be served as single-partition reads, with clustering providing efficient ordered scans within each partition.

3.2 Data population

Data for the Cassandra tables was exported from the PostgreSQL data warehouse as CSV files and then loaded into the c22391076_ks keyspace using simple Python scripts (product_sales_customer.py, product_sales_customer.py and region_date_sales.py) and COPY commands, so that Cassandra contains the same customer and sales facts as the warehouse. The query SELECT * FROM c22391076_ks.region_date_sales LIMIT 10; returns daily totals for the Europe partition, confirming that the region_date_sales table is populated with realistic dates and total_amount values and is ready for the partitioning and consistency tests in Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

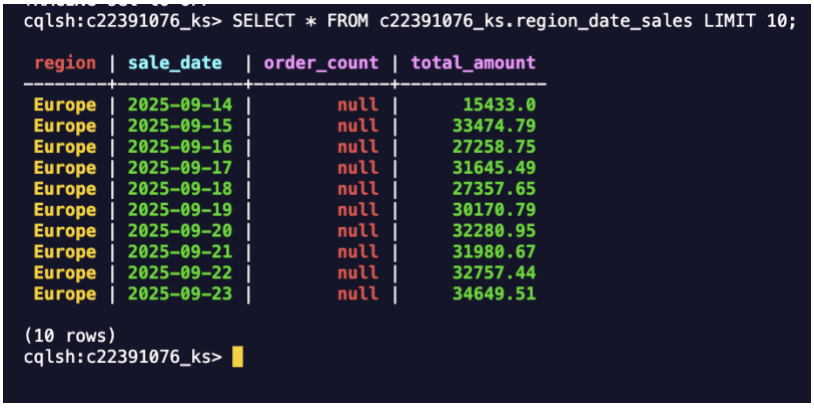


Figure 3.3 – Sample loaded rows in region_date_sales.

3.3 Partitioning and clustering tests

Tracing was enabled in cqlsh to verify how the partition and clustering keys behave for the main query patterns. A query on customer_daily_sales using WHERE customer_id = 1001 ORDER BY sale_date DESC LIMIT 10 is reported in the trace as an “executing single-partition query on customer_daily_sales”, and the result set shows only rows for that customer returned in descending sale_date order, confirming that customer_id is the partition key and sale_date provides the clustering for recent-first access. A similar traced query on region_date_sales with a WHERE region = 'Europe' filter and ORDER BY sale_date DESC LIMIT 10 (shown in an additional screenshot) also executes as a single-partition query, reading only the Europe partition and a narrow date slice, which demonstrates that region-based analytics

are served without multi-partition fan-out. Together, these traces show that the Cassandra schema answers the main warehouse queries with targeted, ordered reads that align with the chosen partition and clustering keys.

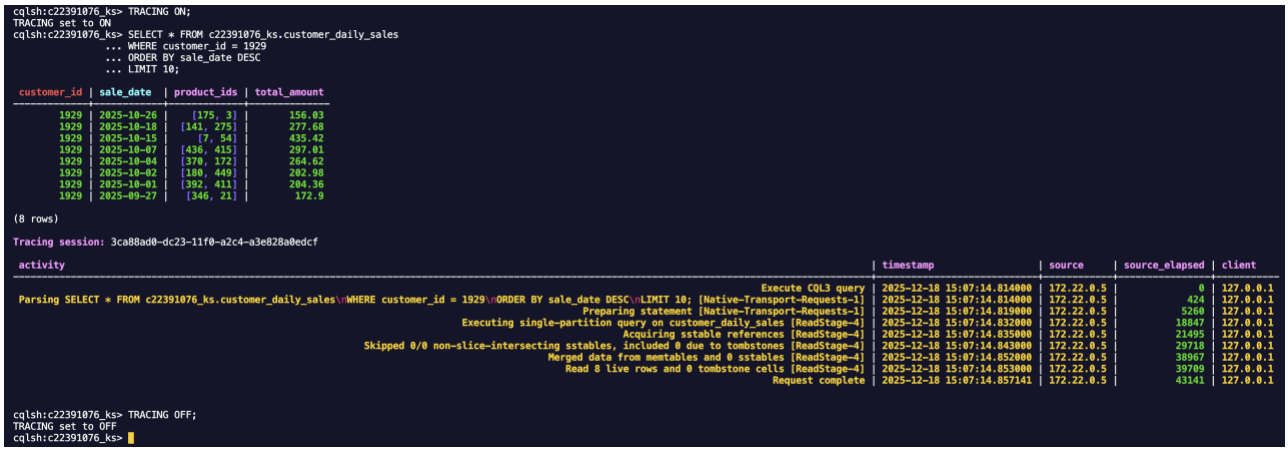


Figure 3.4 – Single-partition read on customer_daily_sales

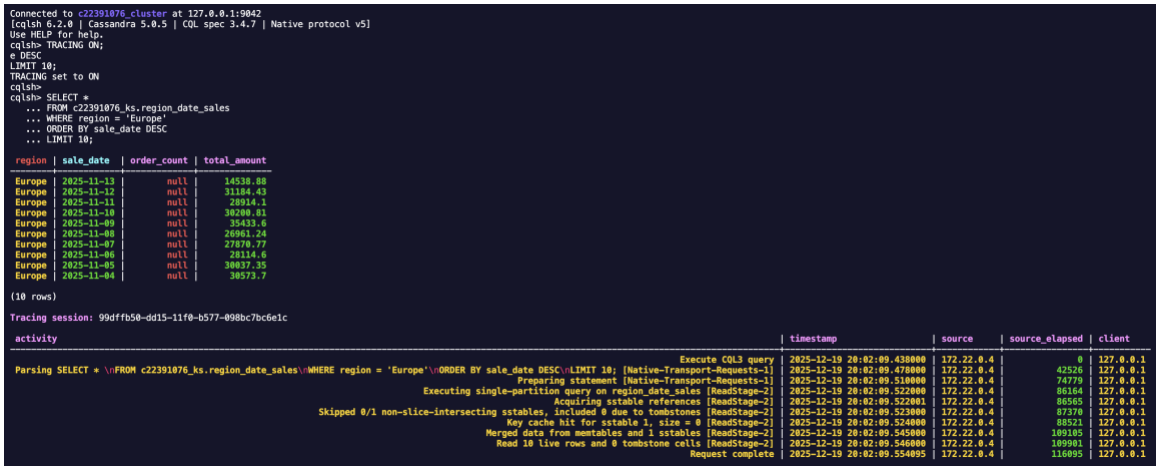


Figure 3.5 *Region query*

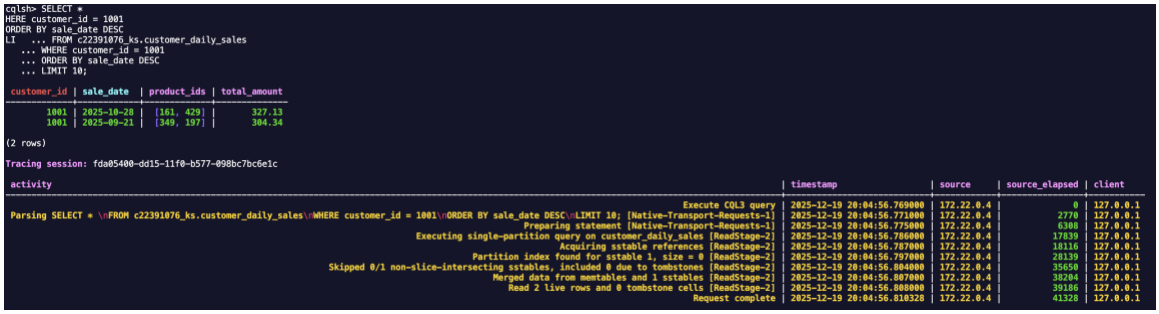


Figure 3.6 *Customer query*

3.4 Replication and Consistency Testing

Replication tests on c22391076_ks evaluated performance across **RF=1**, **RF=2**, and **RF=3** (Figure 3.7).

At **RF=1**, CONSISTENCY QUORUM (37.65ms) and ALL (36.44ms) outperformed ONE (75.27ms). With **RF=2**, latencies increased due to replication overhead. ONE rose to 89.91ms, while QUORUM (74.09ms) and ALL (66.46ms) remained faster despite requiring 2/2 replica acknowledgments.
RF=3 highlighted cluster coordination costs: CONSISTENCY ONE spiked to 113.36ms, whereas QUORUM (requiring 2/3 replicas) and ALL (3/3 replicas) stabilized at 73.43ms and 69.29ms respectively. These timings demonstrate the latency trade-offs inherent in increasing replication factors to ensure availability.

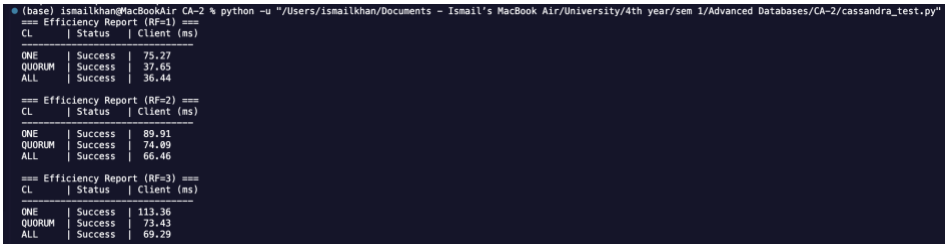


Figure 3.7.

3.5 Interpretation

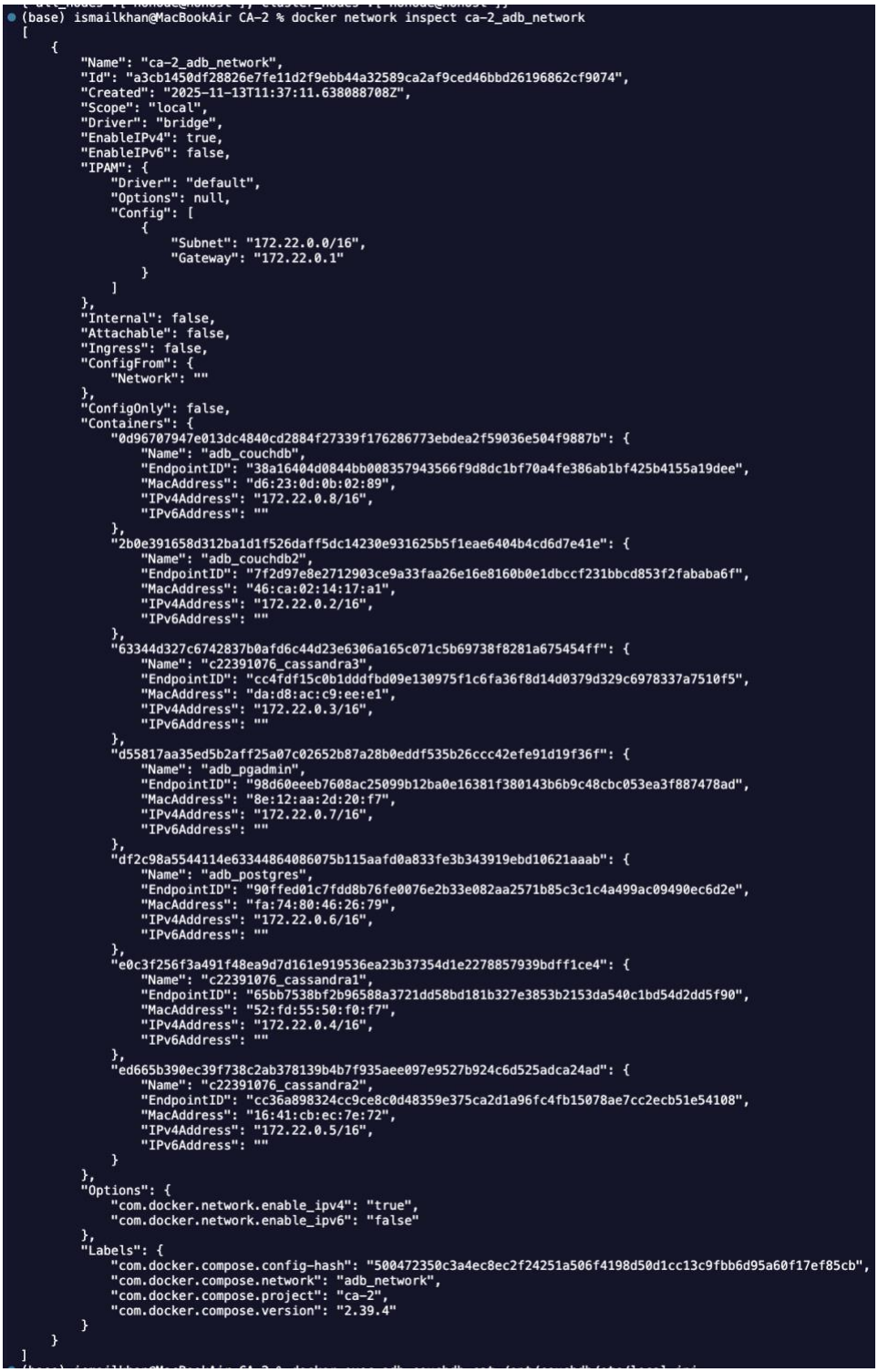
The results validate **CAP theorem** principles in Cassandra's tunable consistency model. **CONSISTENCY ONE** prioritizes availability (AP) by succeeding even when replicas are slow or unavailable, though it risks serving stale data. **CONSISTENCY QUORUM** balances consistency and availability, ensuring strong consistency when R + W > RF (e.g., QUORUM reads + QUORUM writes). **CONSISTENCY ALL** enforces absolute consistency (CP) but fails entirely if any replica is unavailable, making it unsuitable for high-availability scenarios. The increasing latency from RF=1 to RF=3 demonstrates the coordination overhead of distributed consensus, while the performance gap between ONE and QUORUM/ALL narrows as more replicas participate in the write path.

4. CouchDB Partitioning and Replication (≈400–500 words)

4.1 Cluster Configuration

A two-node CouchDB cluster was deployed using Docker Compose with containers adb_couchdb (port 5984) and adb_couchdb2 (port 5985), both configured with identical credentials and the same internal Docker network (ca-2_adb_network, subnet 172.22.0.0/16). Both nodes were verified as operational and reachable via docker network inspect (Figure 4.1a),

with adb_couchdb at 172.22.0.8 and adb_couchdb2 at 172.22.0.2. Full cluster connectivity and functionality were demonstrated via successful bi-directional continuous replication between the two nodes (Section 4.2, Figures 4.2–4.4), confirming distributed data consistency and availability across the cluster.



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(base) ismailkhan@MacBookAir CA-2 % docker network inspect ca-2_adb_network
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    {
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        "Id": "a3cb1450df28826e7fe11d2f9ebb44a32589ca2af9ced46bbd26196862cf9074",
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                    "Gateway": "172.22.0.1"
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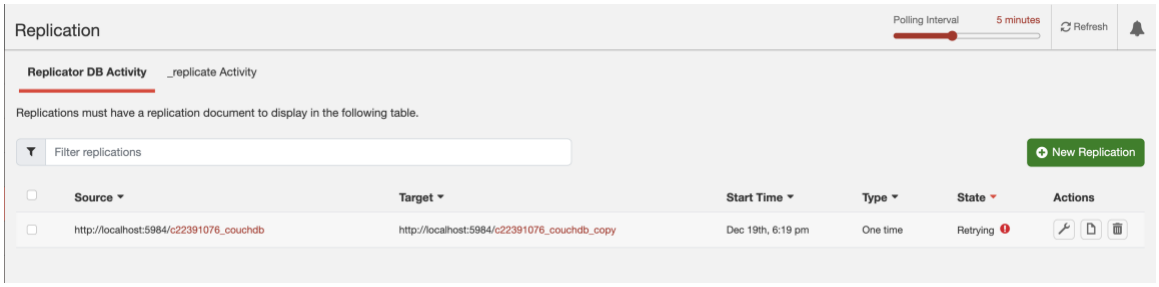
4.2 Replication Scenarios

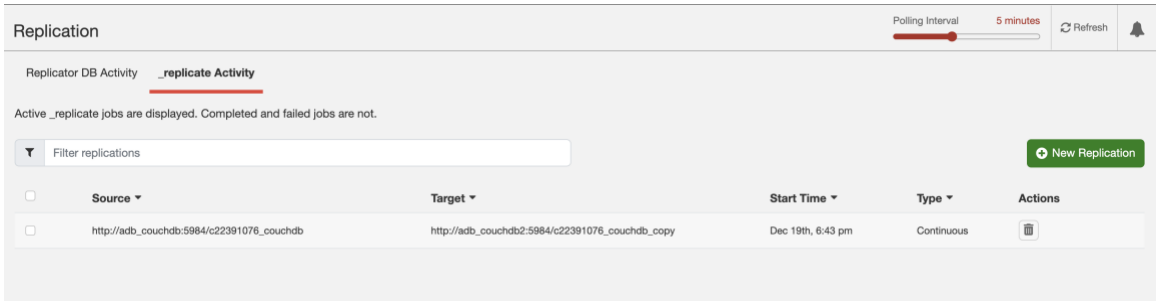
CouchDB replication was tested between two nodes, with c22391076_couchdb on node 1 as the source and c22391076_couchdb_copy on node 2 as the target. A **one-time, uni-directional** replication job was created in Fauxton's Replicator UI; the Replicator DB Activity view shows the job with type *one-time* and source/target URLs both including the student-number databases. After the job completed, Fauxton on node 2 listed the copied customer and event documents in c22391076_couchdb_copy, confirming that data moved correctly between nodes.

A second job used the _replicate endpoint with "continuous": true to create a **continuous, uni-directional** replication from node 1 to node 2. In the _replicate Activity tab this job appears with type *continuous* and remains active while changes are streamed, demonstrating how CouchDB keeps the target database in sync with ongoing writes on the source node. Adding a mirror continuous job in the opposite direction would yield **bi-directional** replication, ensuring both nodes converge even when updates occur on either side.

Figure 4.2 – Continuous and one-time replication via _replicate API



Unidirectional one time



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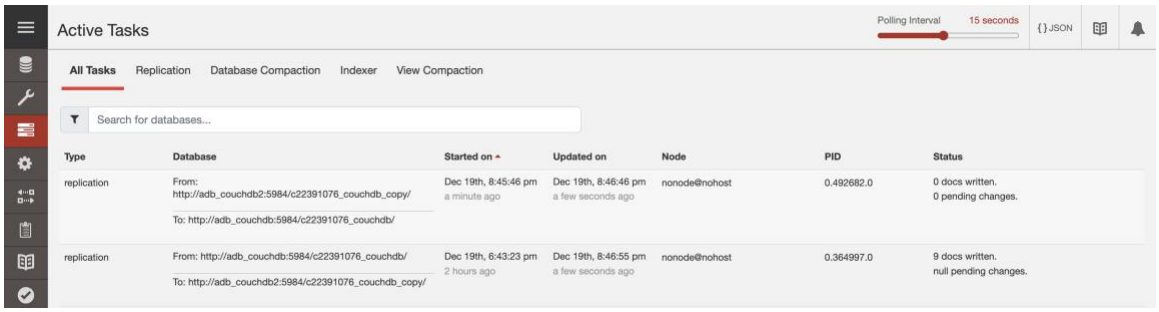


Bi-directional continuous replication between node1 and node2

4.3 Partitioning Tests

To compare partitioned and non-partitioned behaviour, the same customer-centric documents were loaded into c22391076_couchdb and the partitioned database c22391076_couchdb_p, using cust101 as the partition key prefix for all documents belonging to customer 101. In the non-partitioned database a Mango query filtering on customer_id = "c22391076_customer_101" scanned 9 documents and took about 58 ms, as reported by Fauxton's execution statistics (Figure 4.5). The equivalent request on the partitioned database used the /_partition/cust101/_all_docs?include_docs=true endpoint, which returned only the customer 101 documents from the cust101 partition instead of scanning the full shard (Figure 4.6). This demonstrates CouchDB's hash-based prefix partitioning, where routing queries to a single partition reduces the data scanned and improves query locality for customer-specific workloads.

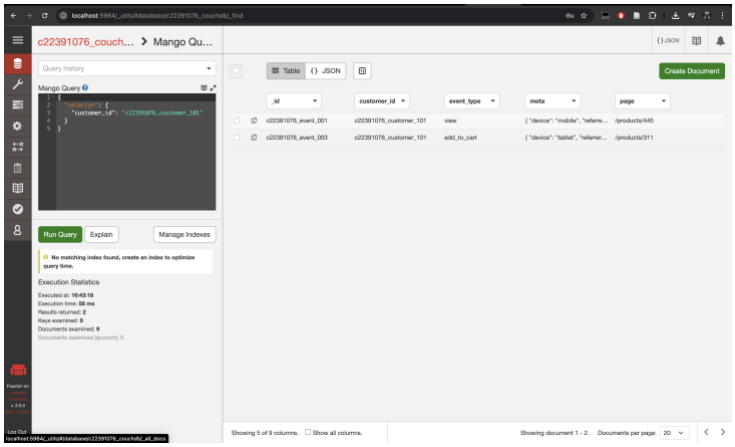


Figure 4.5 – Non-partitioned Mango query timing

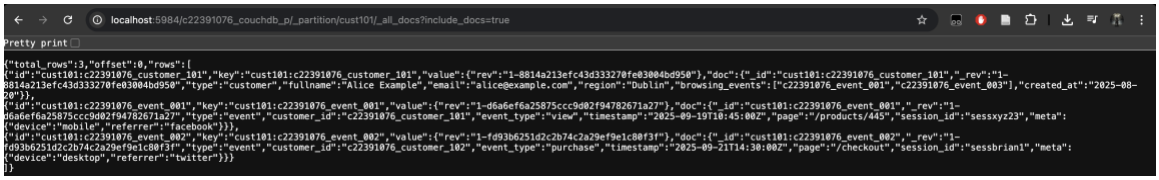


Figure 4.6 – Partitioned /_partition/cust101/_all_docs query

4.4 Interpretation

The CouchDB results show that **partitioned queries** (using /_partition/cust101/_all_docs) execute against a single shard and only scan documents for that partition, so customer-specific lookups behave almost like direct key reads. In contrast, the non-partitioned Mango query must fan out across all shards, examining more keys and taking longer even on this small dataset. Replication further increases write overhead but improves availability: with bi-directional continuous jobs, either node can accept writes and eventually converge, at the cost of more network and disk activity during synchronisation.

5. Comparative Evaluation of Partitioning and Replication (≈400–500 words)

5.1 Comparative Evaluation – Partitioning

PostgreSQL's partitioning is **explicit and administrator-defined**, using declarative rules (RANGE, LIST, HASH) that align partitions with specific query patterns. The planner can prune partitions at query time, but the developer must carefully choose partition keys and maintain partition boundaries as data grows. Cassandra uses **consistent hashing** to distribute data automatically across nodes based on the partition key, removing the need for manual repartitioning but requiring careful schema design upfront to avoid wide partitions or hot spots. CouchDB similarly employs **hash-based prefix partitioning**, where document IDs with the same prefix (e.g., cust101:) are co-located in a single partition, enabling efficient single-partition queries but making global queries more expensive. PostgreSQL offers the most control and transparency, Cassandra optimises for distributed scale and write throughput, and CouchDB balances partition locality with eventual-consistency replication.

5.2 Comparative Evaluation – Replication

Cassandra's **peer-to-peer replication** treats all nodes as equals, copying each partition to RF replicas and allowing tunable consistency per operation (ONE, QUORUM, ALL). This architecture ensures high availability and fault tolerance but introduces coordination overhead as RF increases, as demonstrated by the latency jump from ONE (~4ms) to ALL (~11ms) at RF=2. CouchDB's **master-master replication** uses multi-version concurrency control (MVCC) to handle conflicts when the same document is updated on different nodes, making it ideal for offline-first or mobile scenarios where nodes sync later. Both systems follow the BASE model (Basically Available, Soft state, Eventual consistency), sacrificing immediate consistency for availability and partition tolerance (AP in the CAP theorem). In contrast, PostgreSQL does not natively distribute writes across multiple active nodes; replication (streaming, logical) is typically asynchronous and read-oriented, preserving ACID guarantees on the primary.

5.3 ACID vs BASE and CAP Reflection

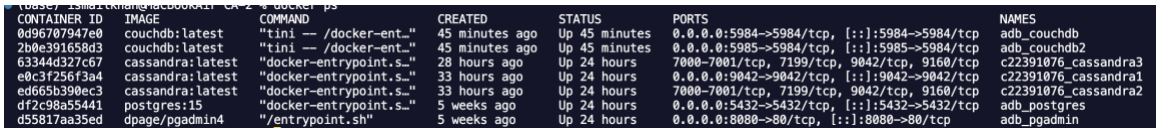
PostgreSQL adheres strictly to **ACID principles**, guaranteeing atomicity, consistency, isolation, and durability on every transaction, which makes it the right choice for systems where

correctness is non-negotiable, such as banking or financial reporting. Cassandra and CouchDB implement the **BASE model**, prioritising availability and partition tolerance over strong consistency. The Cassandra tests confirmed this trade-off: CONSISTENCY ONE returned results quickly even when replicas lagged, whereas CONSISTENCY ALL blocked until every replica acknowledged, effectively choosing CP behaviour at the cost of availability. CouchDB's bi-directional continuous replication ensures both nodes eventually converge, but temporary conflicts or stale reads are possible, reinforcing its AP positioning.

5.4 Design Implications

For a data warehouse requiring complex analytical queries on historical data with absolute correctness, **PostgreSQL with RANGE or LIST partitioning** is the superior choice, as it combines strong consistency with transparent partition pruning. For high-volume, real-time ingestion systems requiring 100% uptime (e.g., user activity logs, IoT streams), **Cassandra** is better suited due to its write-optimised architecture, peer-to-peer replication, and tunable consistency. **CouchDB** fits best in scenarios requiring offline sync capability (e.g., mobile apps, field-based data collection) where data is reconciled later and conflicts can be resolved programmatically. The choice of system must align with the business priority: **Consistency** (PostgreSQL) vs **Availability and Scale** (Cassandra and CouchDB)

Appendix: Evidence of Deployment



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Docker deployment