

Kochava Project :: Postback Delivery

Description:

You will be building a service to function as a small scale simulation of how we at Kochava distribute data to third parties in real time.

Instructions:

- 1) Your final delivery should be a private repo in Docker Hub (they offer 1 free private repository). Let us know if you'd like to deliver the docker image via a different method, but please keep it private.
- 2) We'd prefer your image be build from ubuntu:14.04, but not required. Feel free to go from scratch or a different distro.
- 3) Build a php application to ingest http requests, and a go application to deliver http responses. Use Redis or Kafka to host a job queue between them.
- 4) Reach out to (Resources - Contact) once your project is ready to demo, or if you encounter a block during development. Pursue independent troubleshooting prior to escalating questions with contact resource.
- 5) Maintain development notes, provide support documentation, and commit your project (application code / stack config) to a private Github or Gitlab repo.

Extra Credit:

- Clean, descriptive Git commit history.
- Clean, easy-to-follow support documentation for an engineer attempting to troubleshoot your system.
- All services should be configured to run automatically, and service should remain functional after system restarts.
- High availability infrastructure considerations.
- Data integrity considerations, including safe shutdown.
- Modular code design.
- Configurable default value for unmatched url {key}s.
- Performance of system under external load.
- Minimal bandwidth utilization between ingestion and delivery servers.
- Configurable response delivery retry attempts.
- Data validation / error handling.
- Ability to deliver POST (as well as GET) responses.
- Service monitoring / application profiling.
- Delivery volume / success / failure visualizations.
- Internal benchmarking tool.

Data flow:

- 1) Web request (see sample request) >
- 2) "Ingestion Agent" (php) >
- 3) "Delivery Queue" (redis or kafka)
- 4) "Delivery Agent" (go) >
- 5) Web response (see sample response)

App Operation - Ingestion Agent (php):

- 1) Accept incoming http request
- 2) Push a "postback" object to Redis/Kafka for each "data" object contained in accepted request.

App Operation - Delivery Agent (go):

- 1) Continuously pull "postback" objects from Redis/Kafka
- 2) Deliver each postback object to http endpoint:
Endpoint method: request.endpoint.method.
Endpoint url: request.endpoint.url, with {xxx} replaced with values from each request.endpoint.data.xxx element.
- 3) Log delivery time, response code, response time, and response body.

Sample Request:

(POST) http://{server_ip}/ingest.php

(RAW POST DATA)

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{
  "endpoint":{
    "method":"GET",
    "url":"http://sample_domain_endpoint.com/data?title={mascot}&image={location}&foo={bar}"
  },
  "data":[
    {
      "mascot":"Gopher",
      "location":"https://blog.golang.org/gopher/gopher.png"
    }
  ]
}
```

Sample Response (Postback):

GET

http://sample_domain_endpoint.com/data?title=Gopher&image=https%3A%2F%2Fblog.golang.org%2Fgopher%2Fgopher.png&foo=