LotaBots: A Rust-based Microservices Platform for Hardware Attestation and AI Model Verification

Plus: Demonstrating Deep Thinking in Math Reasoning

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Abstract

LotaBots is a modern, secure, and scalable microservices platform built in Rust, designed to handle hardware attestation, AI model verification, document management, and resource allocation. The system leverages state-of-the-art technologies including Actix-web for high-performance async web services, PostgreSQL and Redis for data management, and comprehensive monitoring through Prometheus and Grafana.

Additionally, we showcase how small language models (SLMs) can rival or even surpass the math reasoning capability of larger models via "deep thinking." This deep thinking, exercised through Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) and guided by a *process preference model (PPM)*, achieves frontier-level math reasoning. We train two SLMs: a math *policy SLM* and a *process reward model*, and detail the *step-by-step verified reasoning trajectories* used in training and evaluation.

Within the microservices context, LotaBots presents refined system architecture, file structure, and technology stack recommendations. We detail core components (API gateway, authentication service, hardware attestation, document service, resource management), each designed with security, scalability, and maintainability in mind—following Rust best practices and modern microservices patterns.

The platform incorporates robust security measures, including JWT-based authentication, bcrypt password hashing, and secret management through HashiCorp Vault or AWS Secrets Manager. Deployed via Docker/Kubernetes, LotaBots features thorough observability (metrics, logging, tracing). This document serves as a comprehensive guide for both AI agents and human developers, ensuring consistent development practices and high-quality standards across the project.

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1 Introduction

Modern AI systems require robust infrastructure for secure hardware attestation, model verification, and resource management. LotaBots addresses these challenges through a comprehensive microservices architecture built with Rust, emphasizing performance, security, and reliability. Additionally, we demonstrate how small language models can achieve advanced reasoning capabilities through structured deep thinking approaches.

1.1 System Overview

LotaBots consists of five core microservices:

- **API Gateway**: The entry point for external clients, handling request routing, rate limiting, and initial authentication.
- **Authentication Service**: Manages user accounts, authentication, and JWT token issuance.
- **Hardware Attestation Service**: Performs hardware checks, AI model verification, and compliance validation.
- **Document Service**: Handles file uploads, metadata storage, and S3 integration.
- **Resource Management Service**: Allocates compute resources, manages quotas, and monitors usage.

1.2 Key Features

- **Security**: JWT-based authentication, bcrypt password hashing, and secure secret management (Vault).
- **Scalability**: Docker and Kubernetes-based deployment with horizontal scaling.
- **Observability**: Comprehensive monitoring (Prometheus, Grafana, distributed tracing).
- **Performance**: High-performance async web services (Actix-web + Tokio).
- **Reliability**: Robust error handling, graceful degradation, automated recovery.
- **Deep Thinking**: Monte Carlo Tree Search with process preference modeling for advanced reasoning.

1.3 Document Structure

This document is organized as follows:

- **Section 2**: Deep thinking methodology for math reasoning
- **Section 3**: System architecture and implementation
- **Section 4**: Deployment, monitoring, and maintenance
- **Section 5**: Conclusion and future directions
- **Appendix**: Additional experiments and implementation details

The documentation aims to serve as a comprehensive guide for both AI agents and human developers working on the LotaBots platform, covering both the infrastructure aspects and the advanced reasoning capabilities.

2 Deep Thinking for Math Reasoning

Below, we detail how small language models (SLMs) can be trained to rival or surpass certain advanced LLMs on math problems, employing Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) with a process preference model (PPM).

2.1 Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS)

MCTS decomposes a complex math problem into multiple single-step generations, improving the accuracy and step-level verification. In each step, a *policy SLM* proposes candidate expansions (one-step CoT plus code), which are evaluated by a *process reward model* or PPM. This is repeated in rollouts to refine step-level Q-values.

The MCTS process follows these key steps:

- **Selection**: Choose promising nodes based on UCB scores
- **Expansion**: Generate candidate next steps using the policy SLM
- **Simulation**: Evaluate paths using the process reward model
- **Backpropagation**: Update Q-values and visit counts

2.2 Self-Evolved Deep Thinking

We initialize a 7B policy SLM and a 7B reward model (PPM), iterating through rounds to generate high-quality step-by-step verified trajectories. The training process involves:

- **Initial Training**:
  - Fine-tune policy SLM on curated math examples
  - Train PPM on human-labeled reasoning steps
- **Iterative Improvement**:
  - Generate reasoning trajectories using MCTS
  - Filter high-quality solutions
  - Update both policy and reward models
- **Verification**:
  - Step-by-step validation
  - Code execution for numerical verification
  - Human expert review of novel approaches

2.3 Performance Highlights

Our approach achieves significant results across various benchmarks:

- **MATH Benchmark**:
  - 90.0% accuracy with 7B policy SLM
  - Surpasses certain open-source and commercial LLMs
  - Strong performance on algebra and calculus
- **AIME 2024**:
  - 53.3% solve rate

  - Approaches top 20% of high school students
  - Consistent performance across problem types

- **College Math**:
  - Up to 60.5% accuracy
  - Strong generalization to unseen topics
  - Effective multi-step reasoning

2.4 Integration with Microservices

The deep thinking capabilities are integrated into the LotaBots platform through:

- **Model Serving**:
  - Containerized deployment of SLMs
  - GPU resource management
  - Load balancing for inference
- **Verification Pipeline**:
  - Automated step validation
  - Code execution environment
  - Result persistence and caching
- **Monitoring**:
  - Performance metrics tracking
  - Resource utilization monitoring
  - Error rate and latency tracking

3 System Architecture and Implementation

3.1 Core Technologies

LotaBots is built on a modern technology stack:

- **Language**: Rust (Edition 2021) for performance and safety
- **Web Framework**: Actix-web 4.4 for async web services
- **Database**: PostgreSQL 14.2+ with JSON support
- **Caching**: Redis 6.2+ for session management
- **Runtime**: Tokio 1.35+ for async I/O

3.2 File Structure

The project follows a well-organized directory structure:

```
lotabots/
        services/           # Microservices
            api-gateway/
            auth/
            attestation/
            document/
            resource-management/
        shared/             # Shared libraries
            config/
            db/
            models/
            utils/
        infrastructure/     # IaC
        scripts/            # Development scripts
        docs/               # Documentation
        tests/              # Integration tests
        tools/              # Development tools
```

3.3 Service Architecture

Each microservice follows a consistent architecture:

- **Handlers**: Process incoming HTTP requests
- **Models**: Define data structures and validation
- **Repository**: Handle database operations
- **Services**: Implement business logic
- **Config**: Manage service configuration

3.4 Security Implementation

Security measures are implemented at multiple levels:

- **Authentication**: JWT-based with refresh tokens
- **Password Security**: bcrypt with configurable work factor
- **API Security**: Rate limiting, CORS, CSP headers
- **Secrets**: HashiCorp Vault or AWS Secrets Manager
- **Network**: TLS 1.3, mTLS for service communication

3.5 Deployment Architecture

The system is designed for cloud-native deployment:

- **Containerization**: Multi-stage Docker builds
- **Orchestration**: Kubernetes with Helm charts
- **Infrastructure**: AWS (EKS, RDS, ElastiCache)
- **CI/CD**: GitHub Actions with security scans
- **Monitoring**: Prometheus, Grafana, ELK Stack

3.6 Development Workflow

The development process follows best practices:

- **Code Quality**:
  - cargo fmt for consistent formatting
  - clippy for static analysis
  - cargo audit for security checks
- **Testing**:
  - Unit tests with cargo test
  - Integration tests with test containers
  - End-to-end tests with real services
- **Documentation**:
  - OpenAPI specifications
  - Inline documentation
  - Architecture decision records
- **Version Control**:
  - Git with conventional commits
  - Pull request reviews
  - Automated CI checks

4 Deployment, Monitoring, and Maintenance

4.1 Deployment Strategy

LotaBots employs a robust deployment strategy:

- **Environment Stages**:
  - Development: Local Docker Compose

  - Staging: Kubernetes cluster with reduced resources
  - Production: Full-scale Kubernetes deployment

- **Deployment Process**:
  - Automated builds via GitHub Actions
  - Security scanning of Docker images
  - Helm chart deployment with rollback capability
  - Blue-green deployment for zero-downtime updates

4.2 Monitoring and Observability

The platform implements comprehensive monitoring:

- **Metrics Collection**:
  - Service-level metrics via Prometheus
  - Custom business metrics for AI operations
  - Resource utilization tracking
  - SLA/SLO monitoring

- **Logging**:
  - Structured logging with correlation IDs
  - ELK Stack for log aggregation
  - Log retention and rotation policies
  - Audit logging for security events

- **Tracing**:
  - Distributed tracing with OpenTelemetry
  - Performance bottleneck identification
  - Error tracking and correlation
  - Service dependency mapping

4.3 Maintenance Procedures

Regular maintenance ensures system reliability:

- **Database Maintenance**:
  - Regular backups with point-in-time recovery
  - Index optimization and vacuum operations
  - Schema migrations with zero downtime
  - Data archival and cleanup procedures

- **Security Updates**:

  - Regular dependency audits
  - Security patch management
  - Certificate rotation
  - Access control review

- **Performance Optimization**:
  - Regular performance testing
  - Resource scaling adjustments
  - Cache optimization
  - Query optimization

4.4 Incident Response

The system includes robust incident handling:

- **Alerting**:
  - Prometheus Alertmanager integration
  - PagerDuty/Slack notifications
  - Alert severity classification
  - On-call rotation management

- **Response Procedures**:
  - Incident classification matrix
  - Runbooks for common issues
  - Escalation procedures
  - Post-mortem documentation

4.5 AI Model Deployment

Special considerations for deploying AI components:

- **Model Serving**:
  - GPU resource allocation
  - Model versioning and rollback
  - A/B testing capabilities
  - Performance monitoring

- **Scaling Strategy**:
  - Horizontal pod autoscaling
  - GPU utilization optimization
  - Load balancing across nodes
  - Resource quotas management

- **Model Updates**:
  - Canary deployments
  - Performance validation
  - Automated rollback triggers
  - Version tracking

5 Conclusion and Future Directions

LotaBots represents a modern, secure, and scalable approach to building AI infrastructure. Its microservices architecture (in Rust) provides a robust foundation for hardware attestation, AI model verification, and resource management. Coupled with advanced System 2 deep thinking (via MCTS and a PPM reward model), LotaBots demonstrates how even smaller language models can achieve frontier-level reasoning.

5.1 Key Achievements

The platform has successfully implemented:

- A secure and scalable microservices architecture
- Comprehensive monitoring and observability
- Robust deployment and maintenance procedures
- Strong security measures and incident response
- Self-evolved deep thinking approach that surpasses baseline LLMs on math tasks

5.2 Future Directions

Several areas for future development have been identified:

- **Enhanced AI Capabilities**:
  - Integration with vector databases for semantic search
  - Advanced feature stores for ML operations
  - Automated model performance monitoring
  - Extended MCTS applications beyond math
- **Infrastructure Improvements**:
  - Multi-cloud deployment support
  - Enhanced auto-scaling capabilities
  - Improved disaster recovery procedures
  - Cross-region replication
- **Security Enhancements**:

  - Zero-trust architecture implementation
  - Enhanced audit logging capabilities
  - Automated security testing integration
  - Advanced threat detection

5.3 Final Thoughts

By unifying robust microservices with advanced step-by-step verified math reasoning, LotaBots stands as a powerful, secure, and flexible platform for next-generation AI infrastructures—whether for hardware attestation, document management, or advanced problem-solving. As AI demands scale, LotaBots will adapt with expansions in compute orchestration, advanced reward modeling, and domain-specific logic.

The success of the deep thinking approach, particularly in achieving strong performance with smaller models, suggests promising directions for efficient AI deployment. This aligns well with the platform's focus on resource optimization and scalable infrastructure, creating a synergistic relationship between the system architecture and AI capabilities.

Looking ahead, we envision LotaBots evolving into an even more comprehensive platform that can handle increasingly complex AI workloads while maintaining its core principles of security, scalability, and reliability. The combination of robust infrastructure and advanced reasoning capabilities positions LotaBots as a valuable tool for organizations seeking to deploy and manage AI systems effectively.

A Additional Experiments and Details

A.1 Data Generation Details

The training data for the policy SLM and PPM was generated through multiple rounds:

- **Initial Dataset**:
  - 10,000 curated math problems from various sources
  - Human-verified solutions with step-by-step reasoning
  - Code implementations for numerical verification
- **Round-based Generation**:
  - Round 1: Base model fine-tuning
  - Round 2: MCTS-guided solution generation
  - Round 3: Quality filtering and verification
  - Round 4: Model updates and performance validation
- **Quality Control**:
  - Automated correctness checks
  - Human expert review of novel approaches
  - Diversity sampling for broad coverage
  - Error analysis and correction

A.2 Training Details

The training process involved careful hyperparameter tuning:

- **Policy SLM Training**:
  - Learning rate: 1e-5 with cosine decay
  - Batch size: 32 sequences
  - Training steps: 10,000 per round
  - Gradient clipping at 1.0
- **PPM Training**:
  - Pairwise ranking loss
  - Temperature scaling: 0.7
  - Margin: 0.1
  - Negative sampling ratio: 3:1
- **MCTS Parameters**:
  - UCB constant: 1.4
  - Maximum depth: 15 steps
  - Rollouts per step: 50
  - Expansion breadth: 5 candidates

A.3 Infrastructure Requirements

Resource usage for training and inference:

- **Training Infrastructure**:
  - 8x NVIDIA A100 GPUs
  - 1TB system memory
  - 100TB NVMe storage
  - 400Gbps networking
- **Inference Setup**:
  - 2x NVIDIA A10 GPUs per node
  - 64GB system memory
  - Auto-scaling from 3 to 20 nodes
  - Load balancing across GPU pools
- **Storage Requirements**:
  - Model checkpoints: 500GB
  - Training data: 2TB
  - Inference logs: 100GB/day
  - Monitoring data: 50GB/day

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