

CS 5412 Cloud Computing: Project Plan

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It would be good to have a brief description of the project as it would help us in understanding the idea. Many of the comments below is based on my understanding of the system (assumptions that I have made) based on the information presented.

Data

- Static Data
 - User Account Data: (username, password, preferences)
 - User preferences: (deliveryTime, regions, sentiment)
 - Credentials to the news source interface
- Real-Time Feed
 - News API: (source, author, title, description, url, urlToImage, publishedAt)

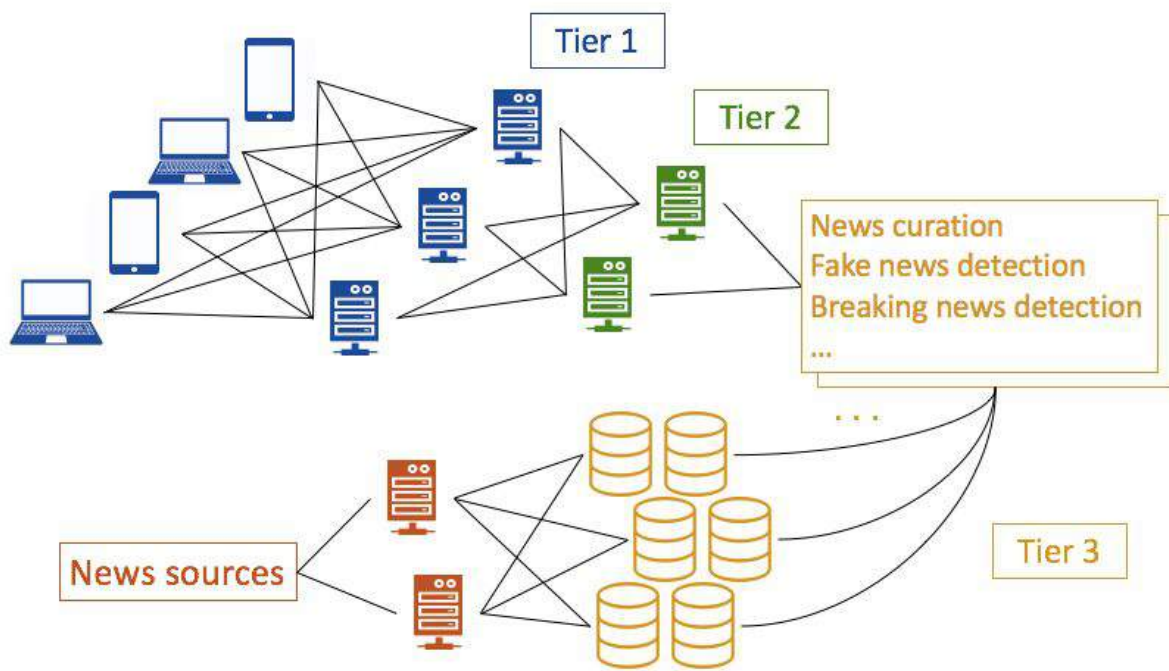
We will have both static and real-time data in our system. Static data includes both user account data including their preferences, and credentials to any news sources we draw from. And we will have a real-time feed of news articles including meta information such as author, title, description, publication date.

Interface

- Users makes request for news articles
 - We go to the second tier and backend to process the request. (username, regions, sentiment, categories) -> 2nd tier/backend -> [(source, description, url) , ...]
- Users will send feedback on which articles they enjoyed and would like see more of, or articles they would like to see less of. Our system will collect this feedback and update our backend Models.

What does category mean in this context? Where does the user specify category? It would be good to have a data flow of how the feedback is fed back to the system and where?

Implementation/Architecture



Tier 1

- Interact with terminal devices for news requests and other API calls that the system provides
- Cache contents

Tier 2

What is the caching strategy? Caching can be done based on user preferences. Another caching strategy would be cache articles based on user likes and dislikes(customized news articles for each reader).

- Provide additional caching mechanism

Tier 3

Where does the ML component reside? Is it entirely in the backend? It would be good to move some functionality of the ML component to first tier while the major ML is performed in the backend. This will improve the performance of the system.

- Compute news recommendations, detect fake or breaking news, etc.
- Request news articles to news sources
- Have storage system for data

Evaluation

It would be good to have a brief description of what data will be stored in the backend in addition to the news articles. What are the user attributes that should be stored (eg:feedback, categories they like etc)?

- Where are we going to evaluate the project?

- We plan to evaluate our project by running instances in Amazon EC2 free tier. There is ambiguity around the statement “accuracy is also part of it but it has more to do with ML aspect”. It would be good to think along the following lines: “based on what attributes the ML decides it is a fake news”.
- Experiments
 - Latency between making a query and getting an answer
 - Throughput: Number of queries we can support per unit of time or the capacity of our system.
 - Scalability: Throughput and latency improvements when we add additional nodes or instances. Does it make use of additional resources well?
 - Fault tolerance: Can our system continue functioning through node or instance failures in the first tier, second tier, or backend?
 - Partition tolerance: Can our system continue functioning through network errors causing partition
- How these experiments show that we have achieved our objectives?
 - Quality of Service is shown by latency (accuracy is also part of it but it has more to do with the ML aspect).
 - Capacity is shown by our throughput or load testing.
 - The scalability test demonstrates whether our system makes use of additional resources well. Does capacity increase? Does Latency remain i.e. below <100ms?
 - Fault tolerance and partition tolerance experiments show that our system can tolerate failures and partitioning

Milestones

We will be collectively working on all components of the project:

- Milestone 1 (3/6) Be able to interact in real time with News API i.e. make calls, store news article data.
- Milestone 2 (3/13) Have basic ML component for at least curation, potentially also fake news detection.
- Milestone 3 (3/20) Finish and streamline ML component, test effectiveness and accuracy. Be able to pass large amounts data from News API through ML component with relatively high accuracy and efficiency.
- Milestone 4 (3/27) Have a functioning backend, add database for users, and begin to add a caching layer for user requests for popular keywords or data sources. Complete intermediate report.
- Milestone 5 (4/17) Have a basic frontend to interface with the backend, be able to set preferences, make news requests, and update users and user information.
- Milestone 6 (4/24) Develop front end to be able to display article thumbnails and

description and user profiles. Be able to feed data from News API to ML to front end successfully.

- Milestone 7 (5/1) Evaluate our project and improve upon latency, throughput, scalability, fault tolerance, partition tolerance, if necessary and feasible.
- Milestone 8 (5/8) Make final improvements, evaluate our project, and begin final write up and presentation preparation.
- Milestone 9 (5/15) Finish write up and presentation, submit final project.

Overall it is a very nice project!! All the best for your project!!