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1 Introduction

This two main part of this research are cloud-native application and Kubernetes cluster. Autoscaling of the cloud-native application is done with the help of kubernetes. The cloud-native application consists of microservices which are computing intensive.

1.1 Before you begin

Before you begin, please make sure you have installed below tools on your laptop.

- git bash : Installation Procedure available at https://www.educative.io/edpresso/ how-to-install-git-bash-in-windows
- windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) : If you do not have linux operating system on your machine please follow the procedure available at https://www.windowscentral.com/install-windows-subsystem-linux-windows-10

This paper is divided into structure

2 Cloud-Native Application

The Cloud-Native application is built using PHP 7.4. The application is available on https://github.com/Nehadeshpande89/Masters_Thesis. To clone the code of the application please use the below command :

git clone "https://github.com/Nehadeshpande89/Masters_Thesis" Below figure shows the repository of the github.

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Figure 1: GitHub Repository

2.1 Microservice YAML File

Create a yaml of of the cloud-native application and name it as **php-apache.yaml**. The content of the yaml image is given in 2.



Figure 2: php-apache.yaml

3 System Specification

For this research a virtual machine with the required configuration is shown in the below figure 3.

Virtual Machine						
vCPU	8					
Memory	32GiB					
Network Performance	upto 5 gbps					
Cost	\$0.3341/ hr					



4 Creation of AWS Instance

For this research the Amazon AMI machine Ubuntu Server 20.04 LTS (HVM). SSD Volume Type(64 bit) and t3.2xlarge EC2 instance(Not free tire eligible) is used.

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Figure 4: EC2 instance

4.1 Security Group for the instance

Before launching the instance, configure the security group All Traffic (port range (0-65535)).

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Figure 5: Security group instance

4.2 Connect to the instance

Connection of the instance is to be made with SSH. Before that, download the .pem file given by AWS and store in WSL folder. To connect the instance use the SSH command given by AWS. For example :

ssh-i"kubernetes.dev.finalthesis.ie-23:6e:11:e5:52:f0:24:cf:05:74:85:b7: 98:5a:a5:58.pem"ubuntu@ec2-52-213-8-175.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com

4.3 AWS CLI

After connecting to the instance successfully, to install the AWS CLI follow the below steps :

- 1. Go to the root user by using **sudo su -** command.
- 2. Update the dependencies by using sudo apt update command.
- 3. Next, follow the procedure available at https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/ userguide/install-windows.html#awscli-install-windows-pip
- 4. To check the AWS CLI is installed successfully, type **AWS** –version command.

5 Installation of Kubernetes Cluster

To install the Kubernetes Cluster , follow the below steps :

5.1 Install Docker Engine

To install the docker update the packages by using **sudo get apt update** and type the command shows as 7 :



Figure 6: Docker installation

5.2 Install Kubeadm

To setup the cluster, kubeadm is a tool is necessary. Kubeadm helps to bootstrap the command. The kubeadm will be installed as follows :

1. Create a file install.sh by using **vim install.sh** command and copy the below code into it.



Figure 7: Installation of kubeadm

2. Type bash install.sh

3. Install kubectl by as shown in figure 12



Figure 8: Installation of kubectl

4. Run the **recommended.yaml** file using command shown in figure ??



Figure 9: Recommended Dependencies

5.3 Create a Kubernetes Cluster

1. Go to the root user and run the command **kubeadm init** to initialize kubeadm.

root@master:~# kubeadm init

Figure 10: Initialize kubeadm

2. Install the network plugin. Create a a file and name it as **calico.yaml** and paste the below code into it.



Figure 11: calico

3. Check that all pods are running.



Figure 12: Running Pods

4. Check the Kubernetes cluster is running (Kubernetes; 2021).



Figure 13: Running Kubernetes Cluster

5.4 Install metrics server

Data about resource usage is aggregated across the Kubernetes cluster by the Kubernetes Metrics Server. It provides these metrics to the Kubernetes API server through the Kubernetes Metrics API, based on the metrics collected from each worker node through the kubelet running on each node (Server; 2021). To install the metrics server, follow the below steps :

1. Metrics server can be installed by running the command shown in 14

root@master:~# kubectl apply -f https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/metrics-server/releases/latest/download/components.yaml

Figure 14: Metrics Server

2. Create a file using **vim metrics-server.yaml** and paste the code from **vim metrics-server.yaml** into it. It will download all the requirements for metrics server.



Figure 15: Metrics Server YAML File

3. The latest version of metrics server has some known issues. To solve them make changes into deployment of metrics-server. The command will open the deployment file of metrics server.

```
root@master:~# kubectl edit deploy -n kube-system metrics-server_
```

Figure 16: Metrics Server Known Issue

4. Under **spec.template.spec.containers** add arguments shows in below figure 17. Also add **hostnetwork:true** flag under **spec.template.spec**.



Figure 17: Metrics Server Arguments

5. To check the metrics server installed properly, type the below command shown in figure 18 and check. If the metrics server is running, then you have installed it successfully.

root@master:~# kubectl get pods -n kube-sy	ystem			
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
calico-kube-controllers-56b44cd6d5-xl5c8	0/1	Running	15	17d
calico-node-bnlqh	1/1	Running	15	17d
coredns-f9fd979d6-6jbcr	1/1	Running	15	17d
coredns-f9fd979d6-nh7zr	1/1	Running	15	17d
etcd-master	1/1	Running	17	17d
kube-apiserver-master	1/1	Running	18	17d
kube-controller-manager-master	1/1	Running	6	12d
kube-proxy-w5ksg	1/1	Running	16	17d
kube-scheduler-master	1/1	Running	20	12d
metrics-server-84f7db8c9d-2mlzf	1/1	Running	25	17d
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Figure 18: Metrics Server Status

6 Create a deployment

Tom deploy the cloud-native application on Kubernetes cluster, follow the below steps.

1. Create a deployment and service of the php application.

```
root@master:~# kubectl apply -f php-apache.yaml
deployment.apps/php-apache unchanged
service/php-apache unchanged
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Figure 19: Kubernetes Deployment Creation

2. Check if the service and deployment is successfully created and ready.

root@master:~# kubectl get deployment										
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Figure 20: Kubernetes Deployment Status

3. Check if the pods are running.

root@master:~# kubectl get pods									
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE					
php-apache-d4cf67d68-4jngt	1/1	Running	3	12d					

Figure 21: Kubernetes Pods Status

7 Create a Custom Controller

1. The controller of the kubernetes is located inside /etc/kubernetes/manifests. Go inside this directory.



Figure 22: Kubernetes Configuration files

2. Paste the given code of custom controller into the **kube-controller-manager.yaml** file.



Figure 23: Kubernetes Custom Controller

3. Paste the given code of API Server into the **Kube-apiserver.yaml** file.



Figure 24: Kubernetes API Server

4. Restart the docker container by using **systemctl restart docker** command.

8 Create an autoscaler

1. Create Autoscaler of kubernetes, and assign the target CPU utilization value and minimum and maximum number of pods to be scaled.

root@master:/etc/kubernetes/manifests# kubectl autoscale deployment php-apache --cpu-percent=50 --min=1 --max=10

Figure 25: Kubernetes Autoscaler Creation

2. Check if the autoscaler created successfully.

root@master:~# horizontalpodautoscaler.autoscaling/php-apache autoscaled

Figure 26: Kubernetes Autoscaler Status

3. Check the status of horizontal pod autoscaler.



Figure 27: Kubernetes Pod Autoscaler

9 Generate the load

Generate the load on application and wait for few minuits to get the result. If nothing is printing on your command prompt, please try to press **Enter** key.



Figure 28: Load Generation

10 Observations

To get the results, open an another command prompt and connect your EC2 instance to it (Refer steps from 3. Type **kubectl get hpa** and observe the results.

10.1 Observation With Default Kubernetes Algorithm

When the results were observed with the **default kubernetes horizontal pod auto**scaling algorithm, the number of scheduled replica was greater than required. Figure 29 shows the results before the custom controller.

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Figure 29: Autoscaling with the default Kubernetes algorithm

10.2 Observation With Custom Controller

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Figure 30: Autoscaling with the custom controller.

When the target CPU has reached to the 250% and And the target CPU utilization has kept to 50%. Therefore the required number of replicas for autoscaling the microservice was 5. With the help of custom controller, Kubernetes has scaled exactly 5 replicas. The custom controller is helping to reduce almost 50% maintenance cost of the cloud-native application.

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