NIE-PDB | Advanced Database Systems | 2025/26 Winter

Assignment A04 – Riak

Assignment

- Create a **shell script** that will work with data in our **Riak database** via its **HTTP interface** using the cURL tool
- Insert about **3** key/value objects into at least **3** buckets (each of them) containing objects of different entity types
 - Always include content headers
 - One bucket must contain objects with XML values (text/xml)
 - One bucket must contain objects with **JSON values** (application/json)
 - As for the third bucket, choose any content type you like
- Design your XML and JSON values so that they can be indexed by Yokozuna
 - I.e., do not use Czech or other national accented characters
 - Use each of the following **type suffixes** at least once
 - _s or _ss (string), _i or _is (integer), and _b or _bs (boolean)
- Associate your search index with at least the two XML and JSON buckets
- Express at least 2 index search queries
 - Use each of the following constructs at least once: wildcards, ranges, logical operators
- Remove all your objects at the end of your script (i.e., empty all your buckets)

Requirements

- Our Riak cluster is accessible via nodes running at https://nosql.kti.in.fit.cvut.cz:10021/ or 10022 or 10023
 - You must be connected to our NoSQL server via PuTTY / SSH, though
 - These nodes will otherwise not be reachable from outside since the listed ports are blocked
- Use bucket type with name pdb251_login for all buckets you would like to create
 - Of course, replace login with your actual login name
 - E.g.: /types/pdb251_svobom25/buckets/actors/keys/trojan for a particular actor object in a bucket of actors
 - This bucket type already exists, you thus do not need to take care of its creation
- However, do not access your buckets directly so that the bucket type can easily be changed
 - I.e., write \$RIAK_TYPE instead of a fixed name when referencing your bucket type in URLs
 - \$RIAK_TYPE is a variable provided from outside of your script (see below)
 - Its value will correspond to your actual login name pdb251_login, and so your bucket type name
 - E.g.: /types/\$RIAK_TYPE/buckets/actors/keys/trojan
- Similarly, it is necessary to use the following variables to provide the necessary parameters
 - \$RIAK_HOST for Riak instance host name
 - \$RIAK_USER for your login name and \$RIAK_PASSWORD for your password
- Your requests will therefore correspond to the following pattern
 - curl -i -X GET -u \$RIAK_USER:\$RIAK_PASSWORD \
 https://\$RIAK_HOST:10021/types/\$RIAK_TYPE/buckets/actors/keys/trojan
- When working with your XML and JSON values, it is better to wrap them by single quotes and not double quotes
 - The reason is that double quotes are needed by XML attributes and JSON strings

- E.g.: '{ name_s : "Ivan Trojan", year_i : 1964 }'
- Use a **search index** with name corresponding to the pattern **pdb251_login_index** (i.e., your login name suffixed with _index)
 - Do not create this index, it already exists
 - Note that you have to associate it with your buckets before you start inserting any objects
 - Otherwise your already existing objects will not become indexed
- Note that variables enclosed in single quotes will not be replaced by their values
 - You therefore need to place them outside of these single quotes
 - E.g.: '{ "props" : { "search_index" : "'\$RIAK_USER'_index" } }'
- As expected, do not access your search index directly in your URLs
 - Use \$RIAK_USER""_index instead
 - This approach with a pair of double quotes is necessary in order not to treat our fixed suffix _index as a part of a variable name
- When preparing your search conditions, you must work carefully
 - The reason is that certain characters are treated specifically both by shell as well as in URLs
 - First, prepare your actual search condition at the logical level
 - E.g.: (year_i:[1960 TO *])
 - Second, encode unsafe characters: space %20, left bracket %5B, and right bracket %5D
 - E.g.: (year_i:%5B1960%20T0%20*%5D)
 - Finally, escape round parentheses
 - E.g.: \(year_i:\%5B1960\%20T0\%20*\%5D\)
 - Note that you also need to escape ampersands in query parameters
 - E.g.: ...\&q=\(year_i:\%5B1960\%20T0\%20*\%5D\)
- Your search requests will therefore correspond to the following pattern
 - curl -i -X GET -u \$RIAK_USER:\$RIAK_PASSWORD \
 https://\$RIAK_HOST:10021/search/query/\$RIAK_USER_index?wt=json\&omitHeader=true\
 \&q=\(year_i:%5B1960%20T0%20*%5D\)
- Always comment the intended meaning of search queries in natural language
 - Comments are written as # comment
- Each search query must be evaluated to a non-empty set of matching results
- Make sure your **shell script** is **executable** at all (i.e., has the X permission assigned)
 - If you are using WinSCP, just locate your file, go to the properties context menu and add the X permission for the owner
 - If you are using PuTTY, execute the following command chmod u+x script.sh
- Also make sure your script can be executed repeatedly without failures
- Only use Linux style of line endings
 - I.e., use LF = chr(10) = "\n" instead of CRLF = chr(13).chr(10) = "\r\n" on Windows or CR = chr(13) = "\r" on Mac
- If something is not working as expected, try to execute Riak ping query
 - curl -i -X GET -u \$RIAK_USER:\$RIAK_PASSWORD https://\$RIAK_HOST:10021/ping

Submission

• script.sh: Bash script allowing to execute all the HTTP requests

Execution

- First of all, define appropriate values for all the three required variables
 - export RIAK_HOST="nosql.kti.in.fit.cvut.cz" (our nosql server itself)
 - export RIAK_USER="pdb251_login" (your actual login name)

- export RIAK_PASSWORD="MyPassword" (your actual password)
- export RIAK_TYPE=\$RIAK_USER (your bucket type)
- Then, execute the following shell command to evaluate the whole Riak script as such
 - ./script.sh
- Do not put the aforementioned variable exports into the script.sh file itself

Tools

- RiakKV (3.0.10) https://www.tiot.jp/en/solutions/riak/
 - Already installed on the NoSQL server

References

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