



Application and Data Services

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Background in Container Orchestration

Current best practices in industry state that application deployment should be managed using containers where possible

- Provide a standard format for all compute
- Sharable and many turn-key solutions already exist for common applications
- In cloud/cluster environments, an additional container management platform is needed
 - Schedule container execution on available resources
 - Enable communication between different containers
 - Manage storage
 - Enable application scaling and load balancing

Kubernetes is currently the most popular of these with ~45% market share

https://www.datadoghq.com/docker-adoption/ https://www.datadoghq.com/container-report/





BigDataStack Example Application: Insurance Loss Estimation

Aim: For a customer with an insurance policy, and a number of past claims, predict the monetary gain/loss to the insurance company at the end of the policy lifetime

- Gain/Loss is calculated at the end of each policy year using a deep neural network
- The deep neural network needs to be updated with new claim information at the end of each week



BGI gDataStack Knowledge and Technology Gap

Platforms like Kubernetes do not provide effective tools to deploy and manage complex applications

- No central management of multi-component applications
- No in-built sequencing of operations within an application
- No identification of the correct amount of resources to assign to application components

No monitoring application/container-level Metrics/Quality of Service





The BigDataStack Application and Data Services aim to provide an additional tool-set to make tackling these use-cases faster and easier







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Advantages:

All three components and their desired processing properties can be defined within a single BigDataStack Playbook, then deployed and managed automatically

Operation Sequences can be used to order component deployment dependencies, e.g. the database needs to be running an in 'ready' state before launching model learning

Standardized metric collection enables both component up-time and model performance to be monitored and visualised, in addition to be used as a trigger



QoS

During container deployment, resource estimation will set CPU, Memory and GPU requests automatically, and can learn over time how to avoid wasting resources



Application API can be used to enable custom business logic services to control the application at run-time (e.g. scale up/down or trigger model learning)



Open Source Release

- The current build is currently in alpha testing for product recommendation and insurance usecases within BigDataStack
- Planned open source release by the end of the year

