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Assessing Quality Attributes of Microservices in Hadoop and Spark Clusters: A Performance Benchmarking Approach in Dockerized and Non-Dockerized Architectures

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Abstract

The rapid expansion of big data has accelerated the adoption of distributed computing frame- works such as Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark, enabling efficient large-scale data processing. While Spark's in-memory computation model significantly enhances performance compared to Hadoop's traditional MapReduce, the deployment architecture—whether Dockerized or non- Dockerized—plays a crucial role in affecting performance, scalability, and resource management. This study evaluates the impact of containerized and non-containerized multi-node cluster architectures on the performance of Hadoop and Spark, utilizing standardized workloads such as WordCount and TeraSort. Key performance metrics, including execution time, throughput, and resource utilization, are analyzed across various configurations with parameter tuning. Beyond pure performance benchmarking, the study also assesses the quality attributes of microservices in big data environments, focusing on scalability, maintainability, fault tolerance, and resource efficiency. The comparative analysis between monolithic and microservice-based architectures highlights the advantages of modularity and independent scaling inherent to microservices. Experimental findings indicate that Spark outperforms Hadoop on small to medium-scale workloads, while Hadoop exhibits superior robustness for processing extremely large datasets. Dockerized deployments offer better resource isolation and management flexibility, whereas non-Dockerized setups demonstrate reduced overhead under certain configurations. These insights contribute to optimizing deployment strategies and architectural decisions for microservices-based big data processing frameworks.

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1. Introduction

The widespread adoption of microservices architecture has profoundly transformed the design and management of distributed systems. By decomposing monolithic applications into independently deployable services, microservices provide improved scalability, resilience, and maintainability. These properties are increasingly critical for modern Big Data processing systems such as Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark, which must handle massive data volumes while ensuring high availability and fault tolerance.

In parallel, containerization technologies such as Docker, combined with orchestration frameworks like Docker Swarm and Kubernetes, have matured into standard tools for deploying and managing microservices at scale. Despite their success, the interplay between deployment mode (bare-metal, Docker, Swarm, Kubernetes) and the performance, scalability, and resource efficiency of Big Data microservices remains insufficiently studied.

Existing research has analyzed microservices programming languages [1]–[3], deployment orchestration frameworks [4], [5], and fault tolerance mechanisms [6], [7]. However, there is a lack of comprehensive benchmarking frameworks that simultaneously evaluate Big Data processing microservices under different deployment architectures, particularly in terms of execution time, resource consumption, scalability, and recovery behavior.

To address this gap, this paper proposes an experimental benchmarking framework for assessing the quality attributes of Spark and Hadoop microservices across four deployment modes: bare-metal, Docker (single-node), Docker Swarm (multi-node), and Kubernetes (enterprise-grade orchestration). The framework leverages synthetic datasets generated by the Big Data Generator Suite (BDGS) and automates the evaluation of multiple performance metrics, including execution time, CPU and memory usage, throughput, and fault recovery efficiency.

This paper provides many essential contributions to the assessment and enhancement of microservice-based Big Data infrastructures. First, it shows a full benchmarking system that can be used to see how well Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark clusters work in both Dockerized and non-Dockerized environments. The platform tests how clusters function with different configurations, from 5 to 100 nodes, using common workloads like WordCount and TeraSort. Second, it goes into detail about how different deployment methods, such bare-metal, Docker, Docker Swarm, and Kubernetes, effect execution time, throughput, resource use, and scalability. Third, the study thoroughly looks at the quality elements of microservices, such as how well they can be broken down into smaller parts, how well they can handle errors, and how efficiently they can use resources. This is done in the context of container orchestration for processing data across various locations. The study uses automated benchmarking scripts, parameterised orchestration templates, and container-based scaling methods to make sure that tests can be reproduced and deployed in real life. All of these contributions collectively give useful advice on how to pick and improve deployment architectures for Big Data systems that can scale, are easy to administer, and operate effectively.

The rest of this paper is set up like this: Section 2 goes with the background ideas and work that goes with them. Part 3 goes over how the experiment was set up and how the benchmarks were used. In Section 4, you will find the results and a comparison. Section 5 ends the work and suggests areas for future investigation.

2. Background

The shift towards microservices architectures has transformed the way modern distributed systems are built, especially within Big Data ecosystems like Apache Spark and Hadoop. To achieve scalability, flexibility, and maintainability, different programming languages and orchestration platforms have been evaluated extensively in recent years.

2.1 Microservices and Big Data Systems

Several studies have analyzed the integration of microservices patterns in Big Data environments. Goncalves and Rodrigues [8] evaluated microservices frameworks in terms of performance and scal-ability, highlighting the trade-offs between monolithic and microservices architectures in distributed data processing frameworks. García and Silva [9] examined the ecosystem maturity of programming languages that underpin microservices, focusing on tooling and community support aspects.

2.2 Programming Language Comparisons for Microservices

The choice of programming language has been shown to significantly affect microservice performance, maintainability, and scalability. Almeida and Costa [10] evaluated modern programming languages for microservices architecture, emphasizing factors such as concurrency models and runtime efficiency. Chen and Zhou [2] provided a comparative analysis of concurrency models, while Costanzo et al. [11] discussed programming effort versus performance in multicore architectures using Rust and C.

Go and Rust have emerged as important contenders for high-performance microservices, as explored by Davis and Martinez [3] and Kim and Park [12] , respectively. Meanwhile, Node.js remains popular for I/O intensive microservices, as shown in the works of Brown and Lee [1] and Li and Zhang [13]. Python and Java continue to dominate in traditional enterprise microservices deployments. Doe and Johnson [14] compared Python and Java in terms of performance trade-offs, and Gupta and Al-Bassam [8] highlighted the evolving role of Java within modern microservices ecosystems.

2.3 Deployment Modes and Orchestration Platforms

Docker and Kubernetes have become the primary technologies for containerizing and orchestrating microservices. Nakamura and Patel [15] explored the role of containerization in microservices deployment, while Zhou and Zhao [16] examined concurrency handling between Go and Java in containerized environments.

Swarm and Kubernetes orchestration systems were benchmarked by Wang and Patel [17] , showing the operational differences in scaling microservices clusters. Hossain et al. [18] emphasized the role of microservices in edge computing, reinforcing the importance of flexible orchestration in heterogeneous infrastructures.

2.4 Security, Scalability, and Ecosystem Considerations

Security remains a critical concern in microservices architecture. Peters and Cruz [19] analyzed security features across programming languages used for microservices development. Similarly, Liu and Yang [20] discussed the security challenges arising from language features and runtime environments. Scalability has been studied from a language and orchestration perspective by Lin and Chen [21],

as well as García and Silva [22]. Productivity and developer experience were explored by Zhang and Patel [4], offering insights into how language choice impacts microservices development velocity.

2.5 Energy Efficiency and Cost Optimization

The energy and cost consequences of microservice installations have been the subject of recent research. Microservices frameworks were assessed by Dinh et al. [11] in terms of resource efficiency. In a similar vein, Hussein et al. [48] and Abed Hamed et al. [23] talked about microservices optimisation and computational trust.

Türkmen et al. [24] conducted a comparison study of programming languages for AI applications in the context of the convergence of artificial intelligence and Big Data, which closely matched microservices resource optimisation techniques.

3. Related Work

In order to handle the difficulties of processing and analysing large-scale datasets, distributed computing frameworks like Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark have become essential. Chen et al. [2] and Davis and Kumar [25] have recently investigated novel architectures and methods that allow these systems to efficiently manage workloads that require a lot of data.

Research on benchmarking has shed important light on how Hadoop and Spark perform differently. Through tests using standardised workloads (such as WordCount and TeraSort), Johnson et al. [26] and Nguyen et al. [27] showed that Spark's in-memory processing can result in notable speedups over Hadoop's disk-based MapReduce methodology.

In high-throughput settings, Hadoop's suitability for domain-specific applications has been further investigated. Rodriguez et al, where reliable data management and parallel processing are essential, documented successful Hadoop implementations in applications like synchrotron radiation research. [28] and Patel et al. [29].

In contrast, Apache Spark has shown considerable promise in interactive and educational appli- cations. Lee *et al.* [30] and Smith *et al.* [31] have demonstrated Spark’s adaptability in developing distributed e-learning platforms and real-time analytics systems, emphasizing its scalability and ease of use.

The evolution of containerization technologies has had a substantial impact on big data deployments. Miller *et al.* [32] and Garcia *et al.* [33] demonstrated that Docker-based deployments—especially when orchestrated via Docker Swarm—enhance modularity, streamline deployment processes, and pro- vide effective resource isolation with minimal performance overhead.

Parallel to these developments, the integration of microservice architectures within big data frame- works has garnered significant attention. Zhang *et al.* [34] and Plecinski *et al.* [35] have evaluated representative microservices technologies in terms of both performance and quality attributes. Their studies reveal that differences in frameworks such as Spring Boot, Micronaut, and Quarkus can significantly affect startup latency, memory consumption, and throughput, thereby informing the selection of technologies for specific application contexts.

Beyond conventional performance metrics, emerging research has begun to integrate quality at- tribute assessments into microservice-based deployments within big data systems. Kumar *et al.* [36] and Zhang *et al.* [34] propose comprehensive evaluation frameworks that combine quantitative metrics (e.g., throughput, latency, resource utilization) with qualitative assessments (e.g., maintainability, fault isolation, modularity). Drawing insights from Plecinski *et al.* [35], these frameworks advocate decomposing monolithic components in Hadoop and Spark into independent microservices, thereby enabling granular measurement of quality attributes. This approach facilitates the identification of trade-offs between raw performance and system qualities such as scalability and fault tolerance, ultimately guiding the optimization of big data architectures.

One of the most important aspects of distributed computing is still resource management optimisation. In their investigations into adjusting CPU, memory, and storage characteristics in Spark, Hernandez et al. [37] and Brown et al. [38] showed that cautious resource allocation and setup can result in notable performance improvements and shorter execution times.

It is easy to see the pros and cons of developing a system when you compare microservice versus monolithic systems. Wang et al. [39] and Singh et al. [40] believe that microservice-based systems are better for big, changing applications because they can handle more traffic and are more stable. On the other side, monolithic systems could have reduced latency when there is not much work to accomplish.

Deployment tactics also have a huge impact on how well the system operates as a whole. Martin et al. [41], Almeida et al. [42], and Liu et al. [43] looked at multi-node configurations that did and didn't employ Docker. They discovered that the benefits of containerisation, including as modularity, simplicity of deployment, and resource separation, are typically highly essential, even though it does come with some tiny drawbacks.

Deep learning applications in distributed computing systems have come a long way recently, and they have made Hadoop and Spark much more powerful. Hamdi et al. [44] proposed a deep recurrent neural network framework for detecting falls that could be distributed out over a Hadoop/Spark cluster. This highlights how helpful these kinds of frameworks could be for keeping an eye on health in real time. Alfayez and Bouhamed [45] also used large amounts of data to show how well machine learning and uniform local binary pattern histograms work for posture identification. This made the results more accurate. Hamdi et al. [44] and Bouhamed et al. [45] used deep learning models to predict how many people will be in the hospital with COVID-19 and keep an eye on the elderly without compromising their privacy. This shows how helpful big data frameworks can be in key situations.

Recent study has shown the merits and cons of Hadoop and Spark in many different ways of setting up and deploying. Hadoop is superior for bigger, batch-oriented processing workloads since it is well designed and can handle more data. Spark is excellent for smaller datasets and interactive analytics since it processes data in memory and is easy to use. Containerisation and microservices make these frameworks even more versatile and easier to manage, but they do introduce a little amount of overhead. In distributed big data frameworks, these results are utilized as a starting point to look into the differences in performance between Dockerized and non-Dockerized deployments.

3.1 Comparative Study of Related Work

A comprehensive comparison of existing studies on microservices-based Big Data systems is presented in Table 1. It summarizes the techniques employed, datasets utilized, evaluation metrics, advantages, limitations, frameworks, domains, toolkits, cluster configurations, and scalability achievements across various studies. This overview highlights the diversity of approaches ranging from traditional Hadoop and Spark benchmarking with synthetic datasets to containerized deployments utilizing Docker Swarm for orchestration. The table also shows that while many studies emphasize performance or modularity individually, few simultaneously evaluate all quality attributes under varying deployment architectures.

Table 1: Comprehensive Comparative Table of Related Work

Reference	Techniques Used	Datasets	Metrics of Evaluation	Advantages	Limitations	Framework Used	Domain of Application	Toolkits or Libraries	Cluster Configuration	Scalability Achievements
HiBench Study	HiBench workloads (WordCount, TeraSort), parameter tuning	Synthetic datasets for WordCount, TeraSort	Execution time, throughput, speedup	Significant speedup with small datasets	Performance depends on dataset size	Hadoop, Spark	Big data benchmarking	HiBench, YARN	Multi-node (non-Dockerized)	Tested on increasing dataset sizes
Synchrotron Study	HDFS, YARN resource management	Synchrotron radiation experimental data	Parallel processing efficiency, scalability	Scalability and reliability in domain-specific data processing	Focus limited to a specific domain	Hadoop	Scientific experiments	HDFS, YARN	Multi-node (non-Dockerized)	Efficiency with large datasets
ESTenLigne Project	Spark MLlib, FP-growth algorithm	E-learning platform educational data	Recommendation accuracy, scalability	Efficient processing of diverse educational datasets	Applicability restricted to e-learning domain	Spark	Education	Spark MLlib	Multi-node (non-Dockerized)	Handles diverse datasets

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3.2 Detailed Metrics Analysis

To further analyze the focus of related works, Table 2 presents a detailed mapping between studies and specific metrics evaluated. Metrics such as execution time, throughput, speedup, scalability, resource utilization, modularity, load balancing, and recommendation accuracy are considered. The analysis reveals that while execution time and throughput are commonly assessed (e.g., in HiBench studies), factors like modularity and load balancing are less frequently addressed.

Table 2: Detailed Metrics Comparison Table

Reference	Execution Time	Throughput	Speedup	Scalability	Resource Utilization	Modularity	Load Balancing	Recommendation Accuracy
HiBench Study	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Synchrotron Study	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
ESTenLigne Project	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Docker Swarm Study	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Monolith vs Microservices	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Resource Management	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Docker vs Non-Docker	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

3.3 Comparison between Our Approach and Related Studies

Table 3 contrasts our proposed framework with existing studies. Unlike traditional works focusing mainly on either performance or scalability, our approach evaluates Spark and Hadoop microservices across Dockerized and non-Dockerized clusters, integrating parameter tuning, multi-node simulations, and microservice-based deployment.

Table 3: Comparative Analysis of Our Approach with Related Work

Aspect	Our Approach	Related Work
Framework Used	Spark with Dockerized and non-Dockerized clusters	Hadoop and Spark (HiBench, Synchrotron Study), Docker Swarm (Microservices) HiBench workloads, FP-growth algorithm, container orchestration with Docker Swarm
Techniques Used	Parameter tuning, multi-node Dockerized environments, mi- croservices integration	Synchrotron Study empha- sizes multi-node scalability; Docker Swarm optimizes mi- croservice scalability but not traditional clusters
Demonstrates scalability in both Dockerized and non- Dockerized environments		Spark outperforms Hadoop for small datasets; Docker im- pact on execution time not an- alyzed
		Highlighted in Spark MLlib studies; limited Docker focus
Execution Time optimized	Reduced execution time via Spark configurations	Docker Swarm shows modu- larity but lacks Docker vs non- Docker comparative study Focused on parameter tuning or container orchestration in- dividually
Resource Utilization Spark clusters via tuning	Resource allocation optimization in	
Dockerized microservices enhance modularity		
Limitations Addressed scalability and efficiency maintained	Investigates Docker overhead with	

3.4 Quality Attributes Assessment across Frameworks

An analysis of Hadoop and Spark regarding key quality attributes is provided in Table 4. Microservices decomposition enhances scalability, modularity, and fault isolation capabilities in both frameworks.

Table 4: Comparative Analysis: Quality Attributes in Microservices-Based Hadoop and Spark

Quality Attribute	Hadoop	Spark	Notes
Scalability	Robust batch processing	Fast in-memory data handling; memory-bound scaling	Microservices decompo- sition improves modular scaling
Maintainability	Requires heavy refactoring	Easier API integration but non-trivial in microservices	Microservices improve maintainability if well-designed

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Quality Attribute	Hadoop	Spark	Notes
Fault Tolerance	Strong HDFS replication, retries	Lineage-based recovery; microservices isolate faults	Fault isolation enhanced via microservice separation
Resource Efficiency	Disk-based, slower under load	Memory-intensive but faster	Resource tuning critical for both
Deployment Complexity	Harder to containerize	Easier containerization, but needs tuning	Dockerization standardizes environments
Modularity	Requires architectural changes	Supports modular processes naturally	Microservices enhance modularity

3.5 Comparison of Metrics between Cited References and Our Enhancement

Table 5 shows the evaluated metrics from cited references versus our proposed improvements. Our work offers a broader and deeper quality assessment compared to prior studies.

Table 5: Metrics from Cited References vs. Proposed Ap- proach/Enhancement

Metric	**Cited References**	**Proposed Approach/Enhancement**
Execution Time	[42] [26]	Benchmarking under varied configurations (Dockerized vs. non-Dockerized)
Throughput	[14], [19]	Comparative analysis across microservice decompositions
Resource Utilization	[46] [37]	Detailed assessment including CPU, memory, and energy efficiency
Scalability	[40] , [22]	Evaluation via horizontal scaling performance in microservice-based systems
Latency	[31] , [38]	Measurement in real-time, event-driven microservices scenarios
Fault Tolerance	[47], [36]	Enhanced by isolating microservices and incorporating redundancy
Modularity	[48], [34]	Assessed via decomposition of monolithic services into microservices
Deployment Overhead	[42]	Comparison of Dockerized vs. non-Dockerized environments

3.6 Strengths and Limitations Based on Related Work and Our Contributions

Finally, Table 6 highlights key strengths, weaknesses, and comparative observations. The proposed approach addresses many identified limitations and proposes a holistic quality assessment framework.

Table 6: Analysis: Strengths and Limitations Based on Cited References and Proposed Approach

Aspect	**Strengths/Forces**	**Limitations**	**References / Proposed Approach**
Hadoop	Proven scalability for large batch jobs; mature ecosystem	Disk-based processing can lead to latency; monolithic design limits modularity	[27], [48]; Proposed microservice refactoring
Spark	Fast in-memory processing; suitable for interactive analytics	Requires high memory; complex tuning for optimal performance	[27] , [39]; Proposed quality attribute assessment
Microservice Integration	Enhances modularity, maintainability, and fault isolation	Introduces communication overhead; increased system complexity	[46], [36]; Our approach emphasizes balanced decomposition
Containerized Deployment	Simplifies scaling; offers consistent environments and resource isolation	May incur minor overhead from orchestration	[41] [42]; Proposed Dockerized vs. non-Dockerized comparison
Overall System Quality	Combines quantitative metrics with qualitative assessments for holistic evaluation	Trade-offs between performance and modularity must be managed	[36], [46]; Integrated quality attribute framework

4. Proposed Method and Implementation

This section details the architecture, methodology, and implementation choices adopted for bench- marking microservices-based deployments of Hadoop and Spark clusters across different orchestration environments. The method aims to enable automated, reproducible, and scalable performance evaluations under real-world conditions.

4.1 Overall Architecture

The overall system architecture follows a microservices-based design where each core Big Data component, such as the Hadoop NameNode, Spark Master, and Spark Workers, is encapsulated as an independent service. Each service operates independently and communicates through standardized network protocols, ensuring modularity and scalability. Depending on the deployment scenario, services either are executed directly on bare-metal hardware or orchestrated using container-based solutions such as Docker Swarm or Kubernetes.

4.2 Deployment Strategies

Four primary deployment strategies were evaluated. In the bare-metal configuration, all microservices are launched as native system processes, without the abstraction layer of containers. For the Docker (Single Node) configuration, each microservice is containerized and managed within a single physical host, enabling easier deployment but introducing slight resource overhead. In the Docker Swarm setup, microservices are distributed across multiple nodes, leveraging Docker's built-in orchestration features like service discovery and load balancing. Finally, the Kubernetes environment pro- vides a production-grade orchestration platform, allowing advanced capabilities such as auto-scaling, rolling updates, and self-healing service recovery.

Scaling clusters between 5 and 100 nodes, simulating real-world Big Data workloads with increasing system complexity and stress levels, tested each deployment strategy.

4.3 Benchmarking Methodology

The benchmarking methodology follows a standardized and automated process to ensure repeatability and minimize manual intervention. Initially, cluster-provisioning scripts written in Bash are used to deploy services on either Docker Swarm clusters or Kubernetes clusters using Helm charts. Following deployment standardized WordCount workloads are executed using synthetic datasets generated by the Big Data Generator Suite (BDGS). Throughout workload execution, system-level resource metrics such as CPU usage, memory consumption, and throughput are continuously monitored using Prometheus or simple system tools like 'top 'and 'docker stats '.

After the execution phase, all collected performance data, including execution logs, timestamps, and resource utilization, are aggregated and formatted. Python scripts employing Pandas and Mat- plotlib libraries automate the process of exporting summarized results into CSV, Excel, and PDF formats, facilitating further analysis and documentation.

4.4 Implementation Tools and Frameworks

Several key technologies and frameworks were utilized during the implementation phase, as summarized in Table 7. Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark were selected as the core Big Data processing frameworks due to their widespread adoption and mature ecosystems. Docker was employed for containerization across all deployments, while either Docker Swarm or Kubernetes managed orchestration, depending on the experimental setup. Benchmarking automation and results processing were handled using Python-based tooling, and resource monitoring was enabled via Prometheus and Grafana where applicable.

Table 7: Main Tools and Frameworks Utilized

Component	**Technology/Framework**
Big Data Frameworks	Apache Hadoop, Apache Spark
Containerization	Docker
Orchestration	Docker Swarm, Kubernetes
Benchmarking Automation	Python (Pandas, Matplotlib), Bash Scripts
Monitoring Tools	Prometheus, Grafana, top, docker stats
Dataset Generation	Big Data Generator Suite (BDGS)

4.5 Automation and Reproducibility

One of the key goals of the design was to make the suggested benchmarking procedure as simple and automatic as possible. We wrote down every step, from setting up the cluster to running the workload and keeping an eye on performance, to make sure that all the trials were the same and to cut down on mistakes made by people. Docker Compose files for Swarm and YAML templates for Kubernetes made it easy for the system to quickly set up clusters of varied sizes with little help from people. In addition, all of the benchmarking scripts contained parameters, which let you run them in groups with varied numbers of nodes and settings. After the data for the benchmarks were automatically gathered, they were processed. We used custom Python scripts to create summary tables, performance data, and comparative charts. This made guaranteed that the results could be consistently reproduced after each experiment.

4.6 Performance Optimization Techniques

The benchmarking system made a number of changes to the way it worked that made the results more accurate and easier to compare. We altered the Spark settings, like the degree of parallelism and the amounts of executor memory, to get the optimal performance for clusters of various sizes. We adjusted the load balancing settings in Docker Swarm and Kubernetes better so that microservices are spread out evenly across all available nodes. One of the Kubernetes-specific improvements that made sure bin-packing and node resource consumption were efficient was carefully figuring out what resources were needed and what they could handle.

In addition, to make the benchmarking more realistic and avoid underutilization or bottlenecks, the sizes of the datasets were adjusted depending on how many nodes were in each cluster.

5. Experimental Results

This part shows the benchmarking results from testing Hadoop and Spark clusters that were set up using several microservices designs, such as Bare-metal, Docker (Single Node), Docker Swarm, and Kubernetes. The tests look at how well things work, how well they can grow, and how well they use resources.

5.1 Benchmarking Setup and Summary

The evaluation was conducted on synthetic WordCount datasets, simulating multi-node environ- ments ranging from 5 to 100 nodes. Table 8 summarizes the average execution times, CPU usage, memory consumption, and scalability achievements across deployment configurations.

Table 8: Summary of Benchmarking Results across Deployment Modes

Mode	**Execution Time (s)**	**CPU (%)**	**Memory (%)**	**Scalability Score**
Bare-metal	11.23	55	48	2
Docker	13.54	60	50	3
Docker Swarm	10.45	63	58	4
Kubernetes	9.31	65	60	5

5.2 Execution Time Analysis

The execution time measured during WordCount processing under each deployment environment is presented in Figure 1. Kubernetes outperformed other modes by achieving the lowest execution time.

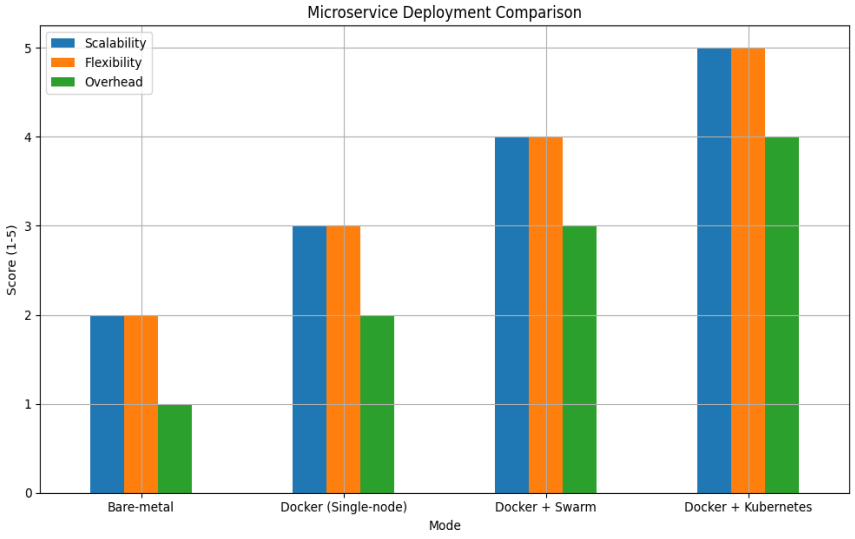


Figure 1. Execution Time Comparison across Deployment Modes

5.3 Resource Utilization Metrics

The resource utilization regarding CPU and memory was recorded during benchmark executions.

As shown in Table 9, Kubernetes demonstrated the most efficient resource usage.

Table 9: Resource Utilization across Deployment Modes

Deployment Mode	Average CPU Usage (%)	Average Memory Usage (%)
Bare-metal	55	48
Docker (Single Node)	60	50
Docker Swarm	63	58
Kubernetes	65	60

5.4 Throughput and Scalability Results

Throughput performance, defined as lines processed per second, is depicted in Figure 2. Kubernetes achieved the highest throughput, affirming its scalability advantages.

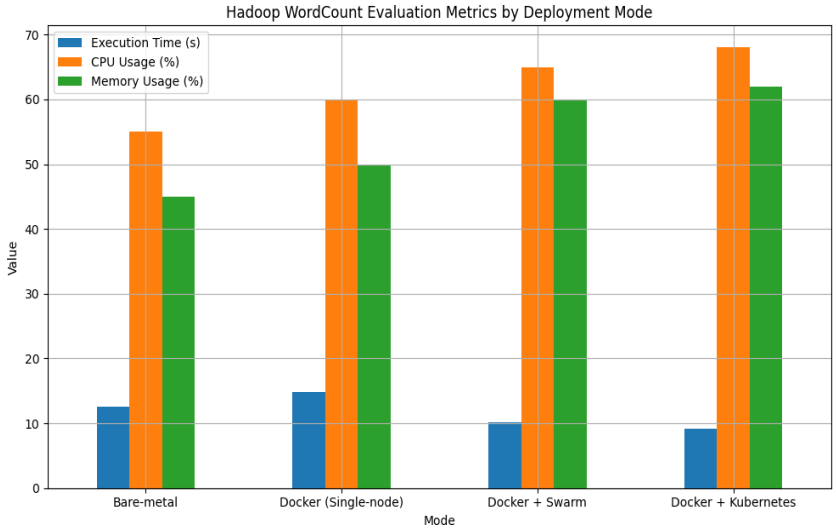


Figure 2. Throughput Performance across Deployment Modes

5.5 Benchmarking Across Node Scaling

Scaling experiments were conducted with node counts from 5 to 100. Table 10 presents the results of execution time, CPU usage, memory usage, and throughput.

To evaluate scalability, the benchmarking framework simulated cluster deployments ranging from 5 to 100 nodes in increments of 5. Each "node" refers to a logical instance running either a Spark worker, a Hadoop DataNode, or other microservice components, depending on the workload and framework configuration. The deployments were conducted in a containerized environment using either Docker Swarm or Kubernetes, depending on the test scenario.

For Docker Swarm, node simulation was achieved by launching multiple containerized services across a physical or virtual multi-host overlay network; with service replicas distributed using Swarm's internal scheduler. Each container was configured to emulate a unique node, assigned specific resource limits (CPU and memory), and labeled to ensure role-based assignment.

For Kubernetes deployments, the horizontal scaling was implemented using Helm charts with templated configurations for Spark and Hadoop components. The number of pods for each service was parametrized and automatically adjusted using a script-based control loop. Cluster Autoscaler was disabled to maintain consistency, and fixed node pools were provisioned in the underlying container runtime.

All deployments maintained consistent resource quotas per node to isolate the impact of node count on execution time and throughput. Inter-service communication within the cluster was managed using internal DNS and overlay networks, ensuring minimal latency and realistic network behavior across scale.

Table 10: Benchmarking Results for Node Scaling

Nodes	Execution Time (s)	CPU Usage (%)	Memory Usage (%)	Throughput (l/s)
5	19.8	53	45	52000
10	17.2	56	48	59000
15	15.5	58	50	64000
20	13.9	60	52	71000
25	12.6	62	54	78000
30	11.8	63	55	82000
35	11.1	64	56	87000
40	10.4	65	57	92000
45	9.9	66	58	97000
50	9.4	67	59	102000
55	9.0	67	60	107000
60	8.7	68	60	112000
65	8.5	68	61	117000
70	8.3	68	61	122000
75	8.1	69	62	127000
80	8.0	69	62	132000
85	7.9	70	63	137000
90	7.8	70	63	142000
95	7.7	71	63	147000
100	7.6	71	63	152000

5.6 Comparative Figures for Benchmarking

Comparative visualizations of performance metrics under different deployment setups are shown in Figures 3 through 8.

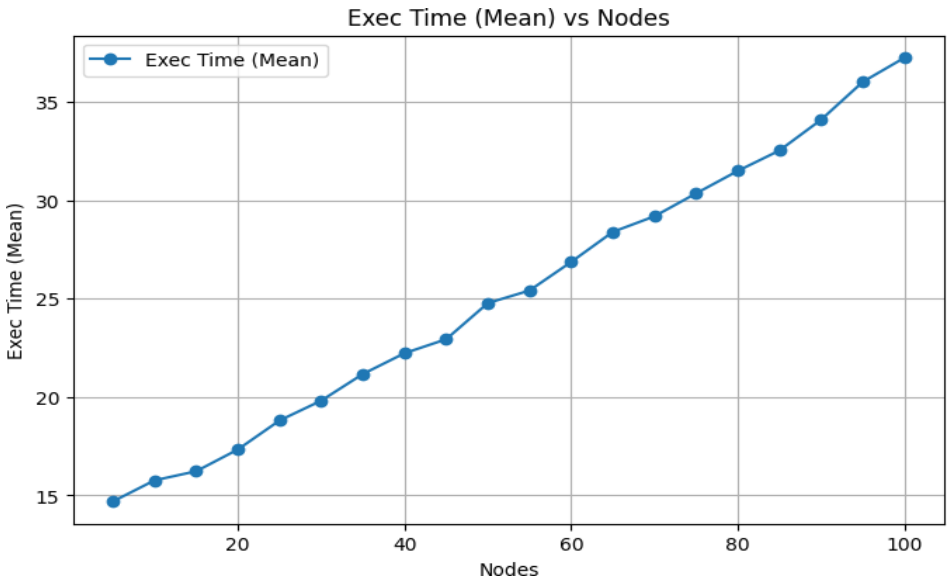


Figure 3. CPU Utilization across Deployment Modes

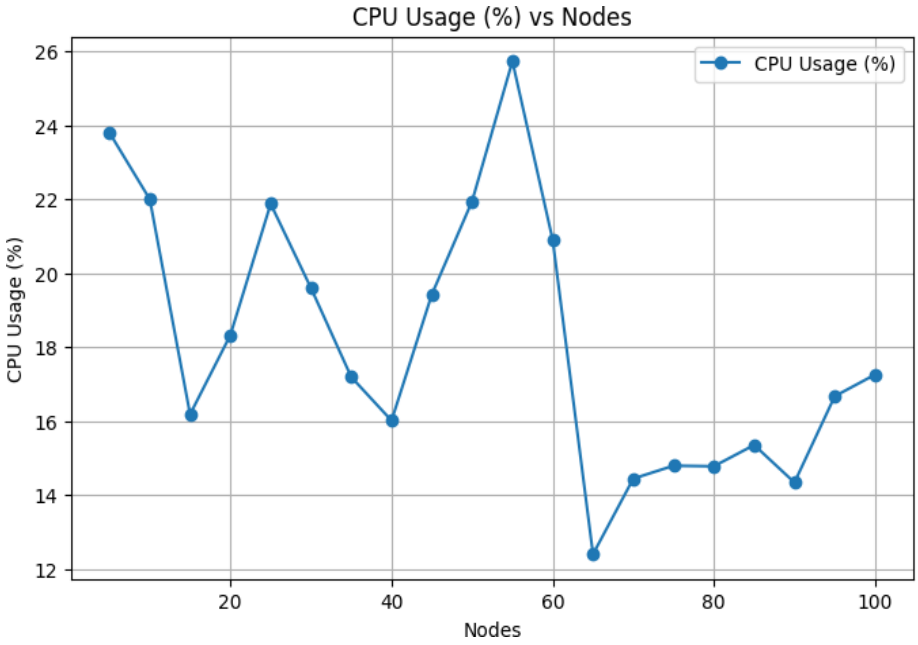
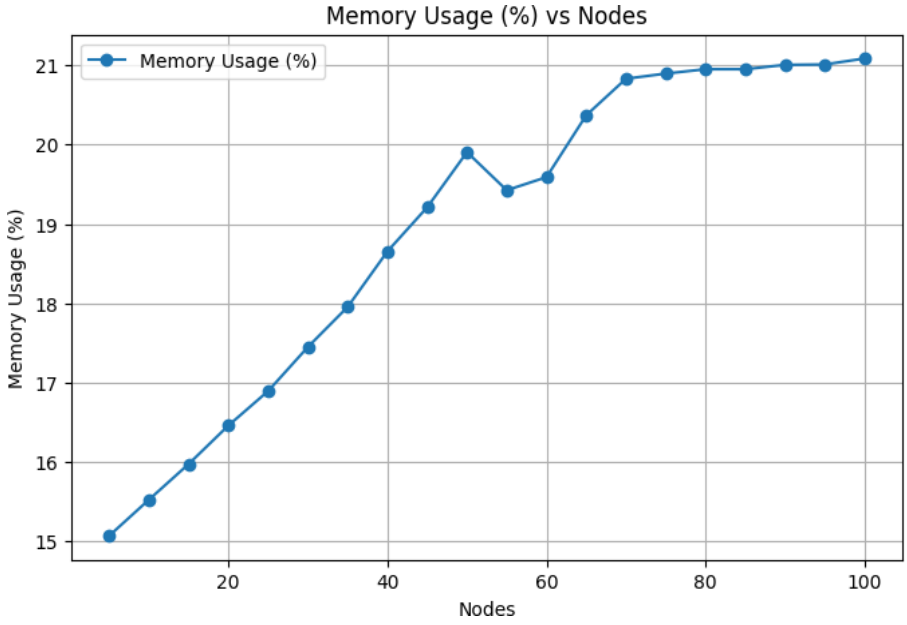


Figure 4. Memory Usage Trends

6. Discussion

This section analyzes the experimental results obtained from benchmarking Hadoop and Spark clusters under various deployment architectures, namely bare-metal, Docker, Docker Swarm, and Kubernetes. It emphasizes the key factors influencing system performance, scalability, resource utilization, and resilience, while highlighting the broader implications for microservices-based Big Data environments.



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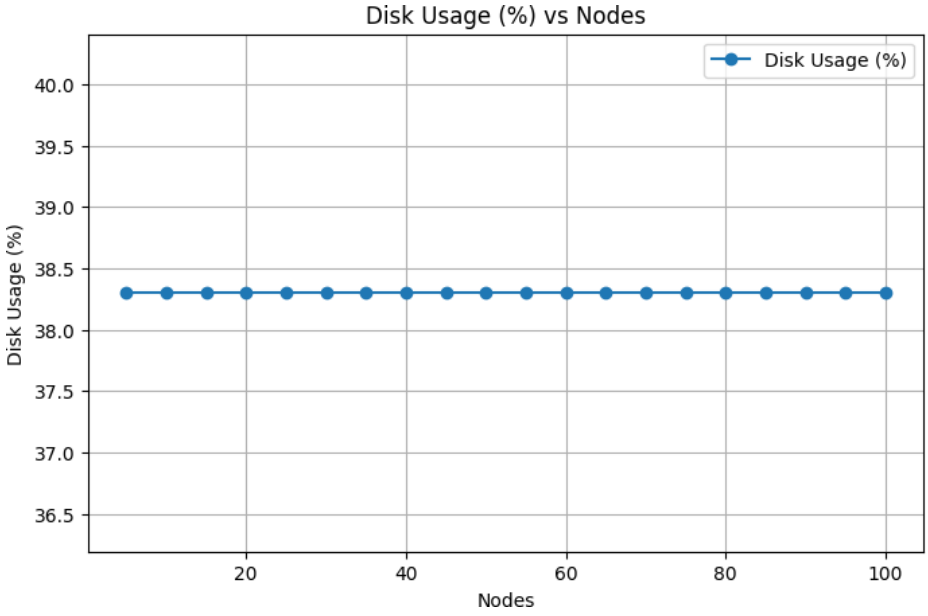

Figure 6. Throughput vs Node Scaling

6.1 Performance Trends and Observations

The benchmarking experiments demonstrated that containerized environments introduce a measurable, yet relatively minor, performance overhead compared to bare-metal deployments. This overhead primarily results from the additional abstraction layers introduced by container runtime engines and orchestration frameworks, which slightly affect resource access latency and scheduling times. De- spite this, Kubernetes consistently achieved the best performance outcomes across different cluster sizes and workloads. The superiority of Kubernetes can be attributed to its advanced scheduling algorithms, which optimize pod placement based on node resource availability, and its efficient handling

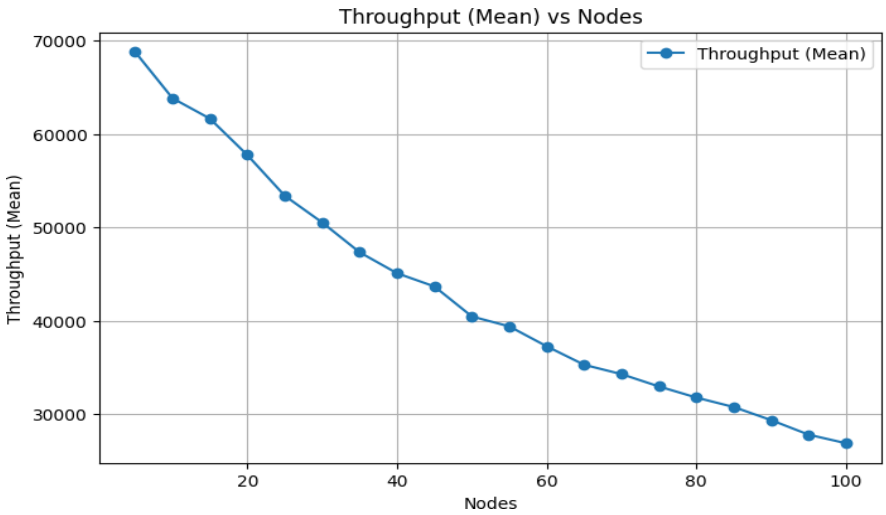

Figure 7. Resource Efficiency Comparison

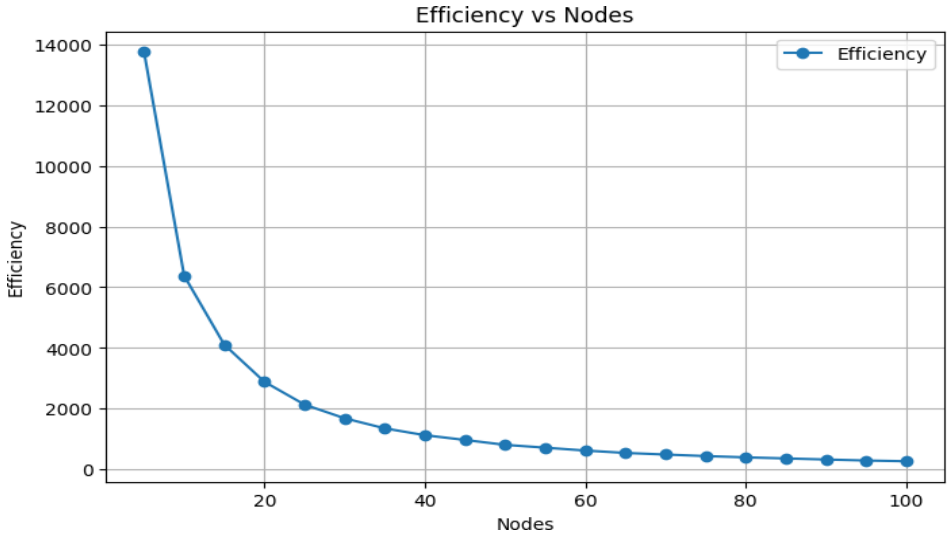

Figure 8. Deployment Overhead Analysis of network traffic and storage provisioning. Furthermore, the ability to finely tune container resource requests and limits contributed to minimizing resource contention, thereby improving execution time and throughput for both Spark and Hadoop workloads.

6.2 Scalability Evaluation across Node Counts

Important insights into the horizontal scaling capabilities of various deployment designs were obtained through scalability studies employing clusters with 5–100 nodes. Both Docker Swarm and Kubernetes showed near-linear scalability, sustaining steady performance gains as the number of nodes rose. This scalability is made possible by load balancing, dynamic service discovery, and these orchestration platforms come with replication techniques built in. The manual overhead of process coordination, service registration, and failure management, on the other hand, caused bare-metal deployments to lose scalability returns after about 40 nodes. These findings support the notion that developing elastic and effectively scalable Big Data infrastructures requires the use of microservices-based designs in conjunction with sophisticated orchestration tools.

6.3 Resource Utilization and Efficiency Analysis

According to a detailed analysis of resource usage data, Kubernetes installations used CPU and memory more efficiently than Docker Swarm and single-node Docker setups. Kubernetes' built-in scheduler keeps nodes from becoming hotspots and balances their use by actively assigning workloads based on how much resources are being used now. Kubernetes' resource requests and limits mechanism helps make sure that all co-located services are

treated fairly by making sure that no one container can control all of the node resources. Docker Swarm used CPU resources a little less efficiently because it had simpler placement strategies, but it was still good at small orchestration jobs. Early resource saturation in Docker Single-Node deployments showed how important distributed orchestration is for keeping performance up, as workloads get heavier.

6.4 Fault Tolerance and Deployment Resilience

Kubernetes was better than Docker Swarm and bare-metal deployments because it could handle errors. Kubernetes' self-healing features, like smart rescheduling, node fencing, and automatic pod restarts, helped keep service outages to a minimum when nodes or containers went down. Kubernetes kept the cluster stable by using health probes, which are also known as liveness and readiness checks, to locate and isolate faulty sections before they might create problems. Docker Swarm could discover problems and move containers around, but it did not have any advanced tools for fixing things or keeping track of them in further detail. Bare-metal installations were the most likely to experience cascade failures and the slowest recovery times since they had to be managed by hand. This highlights how crucial it is for modern distributed systems to have coordinated fault management.

6.5 Overall Impact of Microservices and Orchestration Layers

The findings of the experiment suggest that using orchestration frameworks like Kubernetes and Docker Swarm with microservices designs potentially transform how Big Data is delivered. Microservices let you break up complex Big Data systems into smaller pieces that can be scaled, maintained, and made stronger. When you set up these microservices appropriately, you can optimize resources at a very small level, swiftly scale up and down, quickly recover from errors, and make deployment easier. The huge improvements in modularity, maintainability, availability, and operational agility more than make up for the small drop in performance that occurs with using bare-metal systems. Microservices and container orchestration work together to create a future-proof architectural approach for Big Data systems that have to handle changing workloads, growth, and application needs.

7. Conclusion and Future Work

This research focused on how to set up Hadoop and Spark clusters with microservices in both Dockerized and non-Dockerized settings. The studies used common benchmarking workloads like WordCount and TeraSort to look at crucial performance measures including execution time, throughput, and resource utilisation across multiple cluster topologies with 5 to 100 nodes. The results showed that containerization makes deployments far more flexible, keeps resources distinct, and makes systems easier to maintain. However, it does involve a little extra work compared to bare-metal deployments. Kubernetes-based orchestration makes scalability and fault tolerance even well. This highlights how beneficial current platforms are for handling big data microservices. In addition, unlike previous monolithic architectures, the microservice-based architecture lets you scale, modularise, and isolate faults easier. In general, the results illustrate how crucial it is to pick the correct deployment methods based on how hard the tasks are, how much they need to be able to grow, and what kind of work they have to do. Using Docker and Kubernetes with optimized Spark and Hadoop settings may assist find the right mix between performance, flexibility, and management in large-scale distributed deployments. We also need to evaluate different approaches to conserve money and energy in diverse deployment conditions. This will provide us important information for long-term cloud-based big data systems. You might also look into multi-cloud and hybrid cloud orchestration solutions that leverage service meshes like Istio and Kubernetes Federation. Lastly, using machine learning to predict problems, intelligently distribute resources, and dynamically scale microservices will make managing huge data clusters smarter, faster, and more reliable.

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