Production grade Postgres with Docker

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...if you set up multi AZ on your own

Aurora scales!

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...if you utilise read / write endpoints

Aurora is serverless!

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...if you pay a fortune for predictable workloads

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- Requirements
- Set up
- Maintenance
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- Easy to deploy
- Scalable
- High available
- Disaster safety

Easy to deploy

- Single action deployment
- Readable configuration (100 LOCs)

Scalable

- Automated connection pooling
- Scale horizontally without clients noticing

Highly available

- Users should barely notice if the primary server goes down
- Users should never notice if reader servers goes down

Disaster safety

- Backup data on remote storage regularly
- Minimal commands to restore to point in time



Set up

- Infrastructure
- Software

Infrastructure

- At least two host machines
- Private networking

Software

- Linux (Ubuntu 22.04)
- Docker Engine (25.0.0)
- Docker Swarm
- Postgres 16
- Pgpool-II (4.3)

Topology

- Postgres primary on host 1
- Postgres secondary on host 2
- At least one Pgpool-II instance running anywhere inside the cluster

Maintenance

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- No single point of failure
- Monitoring
- Upgrades (see you next year!)

Demo time!

github.com/withlogicco/postgres

Need help with DevOps?

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