

Deployment of app in IBM cloud

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Containerize the app

The first step in the modernization journey is to containerize applications. To run WebSphere applications like our sample application in a container, we will use **IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor**. Transformation Advisor is available in **IBM WebSphere Hybrid Edition**, but it is also available to download separately and run locally using Docker Hub (or Podman).

Prerequisites :

Clone the repo to get the complete source code for the sample application:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/ibm/application-modernization-javaee-quarkus.git && cd application-modernization-javaee-quarkus
$ ROOT_FOLDER=$(pwd)
```

- Because setting up the sample application in virtual machines or on bare metal servers is not that easy, the WebSphere 8.5.5 application is simulated running in a container in **Docker desktop**.
- If you no longer have a license for Docker desktop, Podman is a solid alternative that can be used in its place. Simply follow the commands in this **blog post**.
- Then, install the local version of **Transformation Advisor** to run on your developer machine using **Docker desktop**.

STEPS

1. Upgrade the WebSphere 8.5.5 app to WebSphere 9
2. Run the app in a container

Step 1: Upgrade the WebSphere 8.5.5 app to WebSphere 9 :

You'll use the data collector from Transformation Advisor. First, open `http://localhost:3000/`. Then, create a workspace named `workspace` and a collection named `collection855`. On the Collections page, download the data collector for Linux, `transformationadvisor-Linux_workspace_collection855.tgz`. Then, copy the data collector to `${ROOT_FOLDER}/transformation-advisor/tool`.

First, you must build and run the container that is running the WebSphere 8.5.5 legacy app.

```
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts/install-docker.sh
```

```
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts/install-was-dependencies.sh
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts-docker/build-and-run-monolith-app-was855.sh
```

Next, copy the data collector tool to the WebSphere container and open the container's terminal:

```
$ docker cp ${ROOT_FOLDER}/transformation-
advisor/tool/transformationadvisor-Linux_workspace_collection855.tgz
storefront-was855:/tmp
$ docker exec -it storefront-was855 /bin/bash
```

Then, extract the compressed data collector file:

```
$ cd /tmp
$ tar xvfz transformationadvisor-Linux_workspace_collection855.tgz
$ exit
```

Then, copy the configuration file on to the container:

```
$ docker cp ${ROOT_FOLDER}/transformation-advisor/wast855-to-
wast90/customCmd.properties storefront-
was855:/tmp/transformationadvisor-2.4.0/conf
```

For this particular example it's important to define to include the classes from the 'org.pwte' packages.

```
--includePackages=org.pwte
```

Once the data collector and the configuration file has been copied onto the container, the collector tool can be run:

```
$ docker exec -it storefront-was855 /bin/bash
$ cd /tmp/transformationadvisor-2.4.0
$ ./bin/transformationadvisor -w /opt/IBM/WebSphere/AppServer -p
AppSrv01
$ exit
```

Usually the results are uploaded to Transformation Advisor automatically. If this doesn't work, you can do this manually:

```
$ cd ${ROOT_FOLDER}/transformation-advisor/wast855-to-wast90
$ docker cp storefront-was855:/tmp/transformationadvisor-
2.4.0/AppSrv01.zip .
```

Transformation Advisor generates an output file, **AppSrv01.zip**

Here is the result of running Transformation Advisor in the Web Console. `CustomerOrderServicesApp.ear` is the application that is supposed to be

containerized and the estimated effort is low. That's because not a single line of code needs to be changed!

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Transformation Advisor interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Workspace' (collection855), 'Collections' (collection90, collection855), and 'Business apps' (0 apps created). The main area displays the 'collection855' details, including 'Source environment' (IBM WebSphere Application Server), 'Profile' (AppSrv01, Version: 8.5.5.17), and 'Migration target on Cloud Pak for Apps' (WebSphere traditional). Below this, a table titled 'Java applications (2)' lists two applications: 'CustomerOrderServicesApp.ear' and 'query.ear'. Both are migrating to 'WebSphere traditional'. 'CustomerOrderServicesApp.ear' has a 'Simple' complexity, 8 issues, and 0 days of estimated dev cost. 'query.ear' has a 'Moderate' complexity, 4 issues, and 1 day of estimated dev cost.

Instead Transformation Advisor automatically generates a **Dockerfile** and two Python scripts (which are included in the **AppSrv01.zip** file) to run the same application in a container. Click on the name of our app to display the migration plan.

The screenshot shows the 'Migration plan' page for 'CustomerOrderServicesApp.ear'. It includes a section for 'Application dependencies' with options for 'Manual upload' (selected) and 'Maven repository'. Below this is a table for 'Detected dependencies' and 'Uploaded files'. The 'Detected dependencies' table lists 'Application binary' and 'DB2 driver'. The 'Uploaded files' section has two input fields for 'Drag or add file'. The 'Migration Files' section lists generated files: 'server_config.py', 'install_app.py', 'Dockerfile', and 'Pipeline resources'. On the right, there's a sidebar with 'Application name' (CustomerOrderServicesApp.ear), 'Source environment' (IBM WebSphere Application Server), and 'Migration target' (IBM Cloud Pak for Applications: WebSphere traditional). At the bottom right, there's a 'Send to Git' button and a 'Download' button.

The only change that needs to be done in the **Dockerfile** is to replace **{APPLICATION_BINARY}** with the actual name for the **.ear** file.

```
FROM ibmcom/websphere-traditional:latest-ubi

# Manual fix: Replace {APPLICATION_BINARY} with
CustomerOrderServicesApp-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT.ear
COPY --chown=was:root CustomerOrderServicesApp-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT.ear
/work/config/CustomerOrderServicesApp-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT.ear
COPY --chown=was:root ./src/config /work/config
```

```
COPY --chown=was:root ./lib /work/config/lib
RUN /work/configure.sh
```

STEP 2: RUN THE SAMPLE APP IN A CONTAINER :

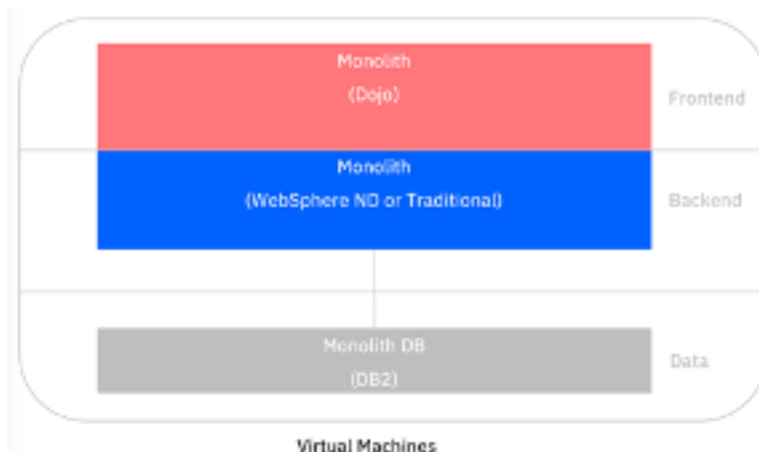
To run the application locally, you can use Docker desktop (or Podman, as described in the **Prerequisites** section above).

Run these commands to run the containerized version that is running on WebSphere Traditional 9.0:

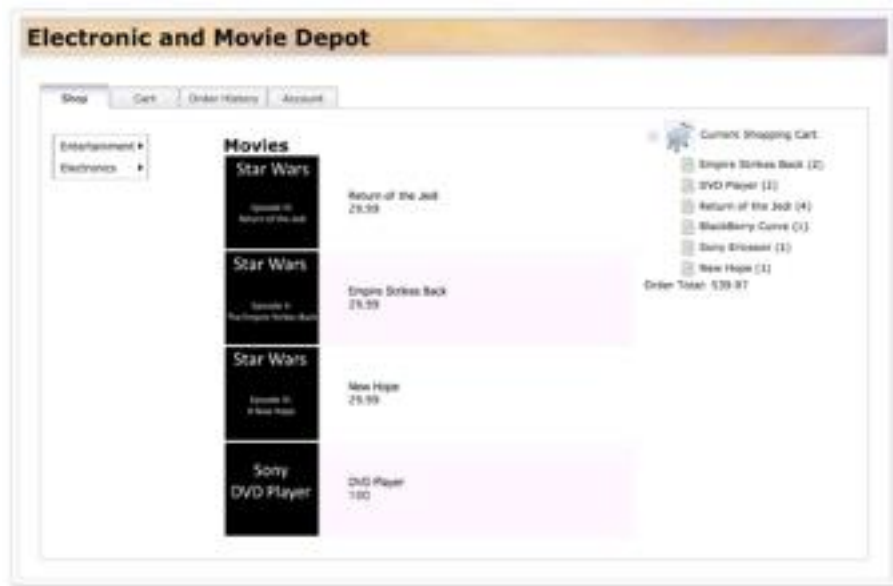
```
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts/install-dojoint.sh
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts/install-was-dependencies.sh
$ sh ${ROOT_FOLDER}/scripts-docker/build-and-run-monolith-app-was90.sh
```

- It was a Java EE 6 app that ran on WebSphere Application Server traditional, version 8.5.5, and was deployed to 2 virtual machines.
- It was built with EJBs and REST APIs, using the **Backends for Frontends** pattern not the **RESTful API pattern**.

The sample application essentially had 3 monoliths: a monolithic Db2 database, a monolithic backend (WebSphere Application Server), and a monolithic frontend (built with the Dojo toolkit). The following architecture diagram shows this 3-tier architecture of the 3 monoliths running in the virtual machines.



In this sample e-commerce app, you can navigate through products in a catalog using a set of categories. Then, you can select a product and add it to your shopping cart.

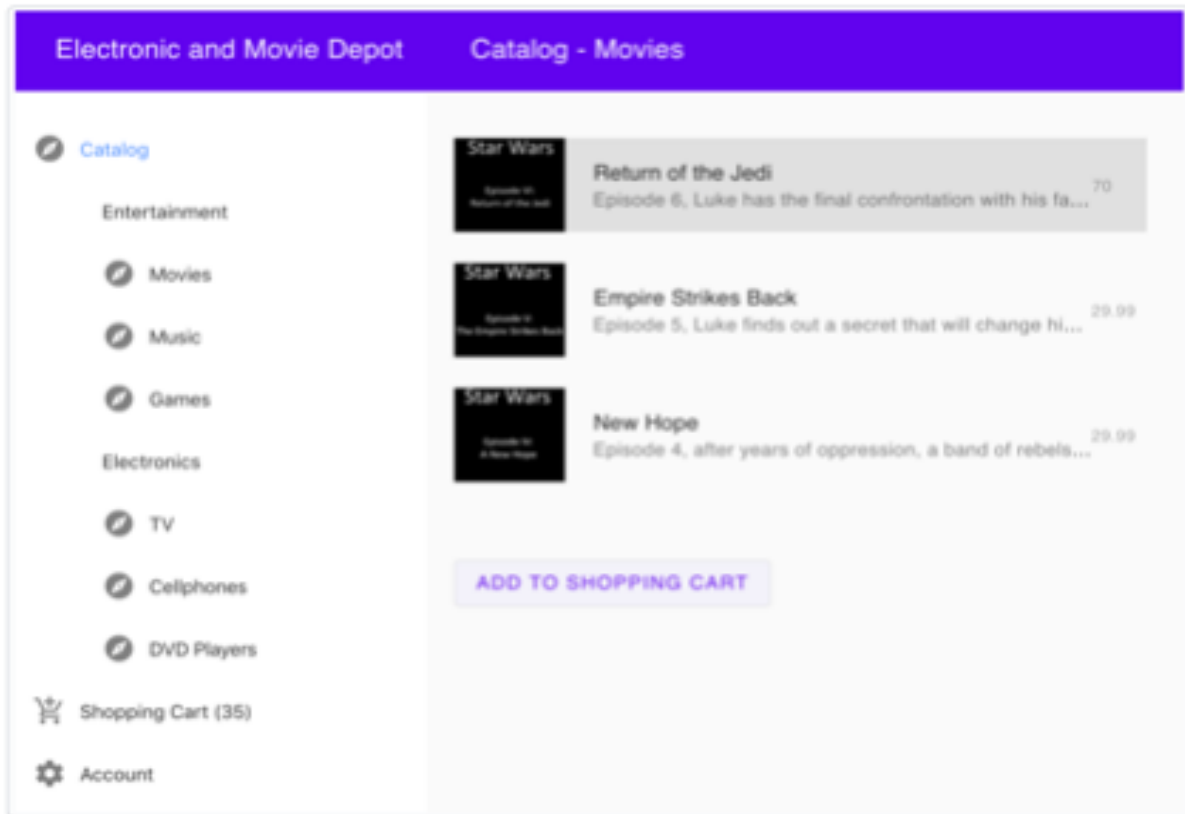


Architecture of modernized app :

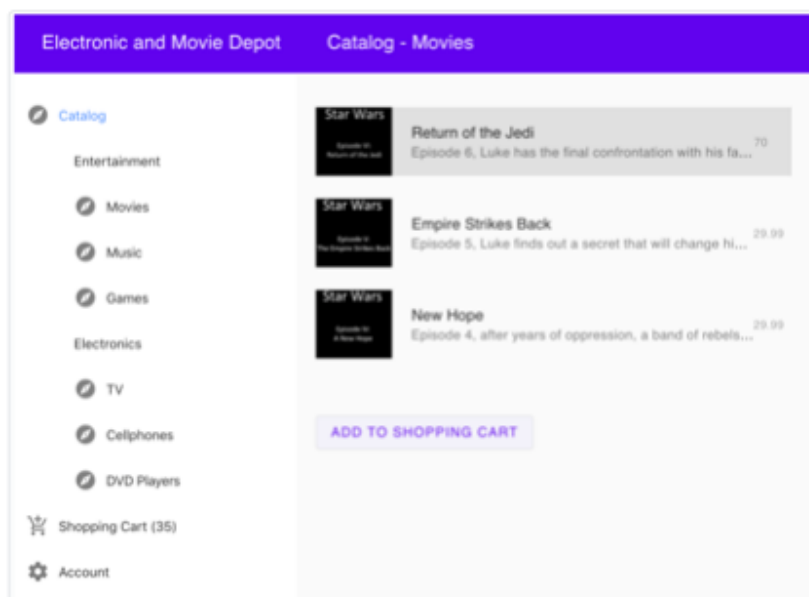
- I started to modernize the sample application back in the summer of 2020.
- The modernized app is a cloud-native, microservices-based application that uses Open J9 and Open Liberty (Jakarta EE, MicroProfile). A version using Quarkus is also available.
- It is deployed to Red Hat OpenShift in multiple containers: Quarkus or Open Liberty backend, Quarkus Catalog service, micro frontends (navigator, catalog, account, order, shell, and messaging), remaining monolith DB (Db2), Kafka, and Postgres (catalog DB). The following simplified architecture diagram shows the micro frontends, the microservices, and the remaining monolith running in containers deployed on Red Hat OpenShift.



- The new modernized web application supports the same functionality as the legacy one. For this application modernization effort, the goal was not to improve the UI but instead to modularize the UI to be able to update micro-frontends independently from each other.



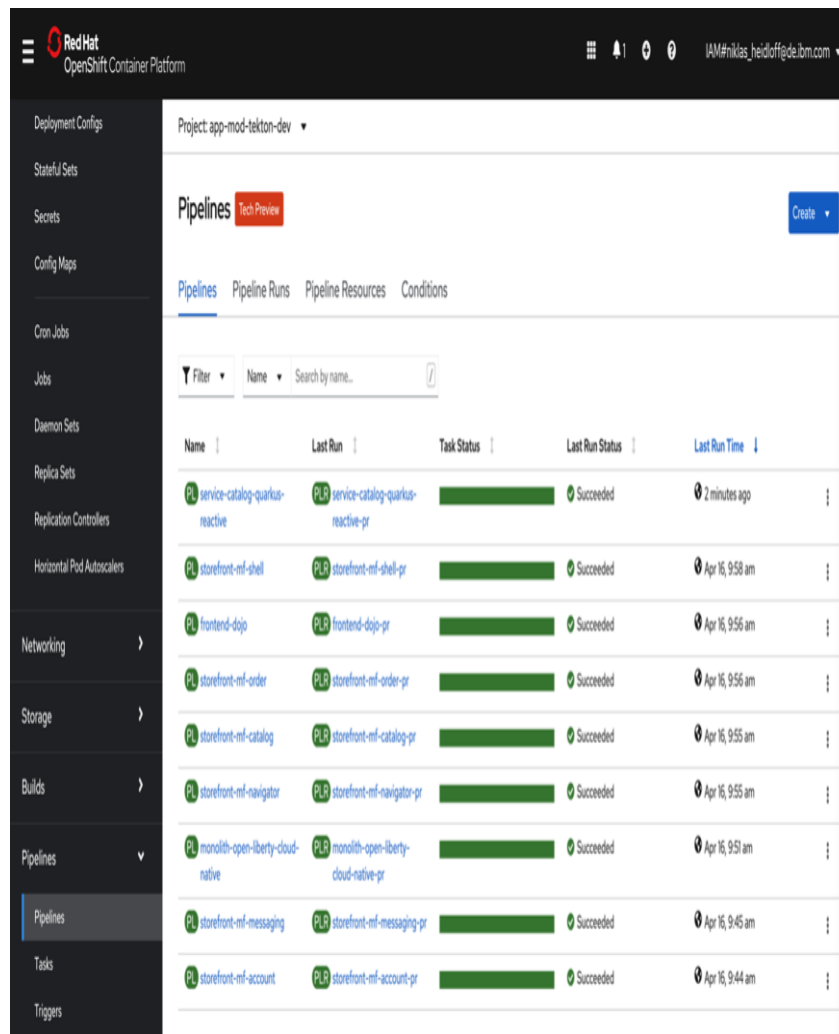
- The following illustration shows the breakdown of the micro-frontends.



RESULTS OF THE MODERNIZED APP :

If we look at the modernized app running in Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, you can see that you can deploy new functionality separately from each other. For example, let's say that you want to add ratings to the products. You don't have to touch the remaining monolith and just change everything in the different components

- Database of catalog service (Postgres)
- Catalog microservice
- Catalog micro frontend



The screenshot shows the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Deployment Configs, Stateful Sets, Secrets, Config Maps, Cron Jobs, Jobs, Daemon Sets, Replica Sets, Replication Controllers, Horizontal Pod Autoscalers, Networking, Storage, Builds, Pipelines (selected), Tasks, and Triggers. The main content area is titled 'Project: app-mod-tekton-dev' and shows the 'Pipelines' section with a 'Tech Preview' badge and a 'Create' button. Below this, there are tabs for 'Pipelines', 'Pipeline Runs', 'Pipeline Resources', and 'Conditions'. A filter section is present with a 'Filter' dropdown and a search bar. The main table lists pipeline runs with columns: Name, Last Run, Task Status, Last Run Status, and Last Run Time. All listed runs are in a 'Succeeded' state.

Name	Last Run	Task Status	Last Run Status	Last Run Time
PL service-catalog-quarkus-reactive	PLB service-catalog-quarkus-reactive-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	2 minutes ago
PL storefront-mf-shell	PLB storefront-mf-shell-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:58 am
PL frontend-dojp	PLB frontend-dojp-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:56 am
PL storefront-mf-order	PLB storefront-mf-order-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:56 am
PL storefront-mf-catalog	PLB storefront-mf-catalog-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:55 am
PL storefront-mf-navigator	PLB storefront-mf-navigator-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:55 am
PL monolith-open-liberty-cloud-native	PLB monolith-open-liberty-cloud-native-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:51 am
PL storefront-mf-messaging	PLB storefront-mf-messaging-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:45 am
PL storefront-mf-account	PLB storefront-mf-account-pr	<div></div>	Succeeded	Apr 16, 9:44 am

- Containerize your application
- Modernize your application runtimes
- Refactor your monoliths to microservices using the Strangler pattern
- Separate the frontend and develop micro frontends

