| **Term** | **Definition** |
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| Build | An executable unit |
| BFF | Backend for Frontend |
| Configuration | Everything that can differ between deployments, might differ among environments |
| Environment variables | Are easy to change across deployments without changing the code |
| Horizontal scaling | Scaling by adding more instances of resources, also described as “scaling out” |
| Microservices | A single application is composed of many loosely coupled and independently deployable smaller services |
| Monolithic application | Has all or most of its functionality within a single process |
| Release stage | Combines the build with the deployment’s current configuration so that the code is ready to run |
| Run stage | Implements the application |
| SaaS | Software as a Service |
| SPA | Single page application |
| SOA | Service Oriented Architecture |
| Strangler pattern | Helps manage the refactoring of a monolithic application in stages |
| Service discovery pattern | Helps applications and services discover each other |
| TLS | Transport layer security |