**MicroServices Notes**

**How To right size and identify services boundaries of mircroservices**

**Event Storming** is a collaborative workshop technique used to model complex systems and identify microservice boundaries. For example, in an e-commerce platform, stakeholders might gather to map out events like "Order Placed," "Payment Processed," and "Inventory Updated."

During the session, participants can visualize how these events interact and identify aggregates such as "Order," "Payment," and "Inventory."

**Key Steps in Event Storming for Microservice Sizing:**

**Identify Domain Events:**

Gather stakeholders to brainstorm and list all significant events in the system.

Example events: "User Registered," "Order Shipped," "Payment Failed."

**Group Events into Bounded Contexts:**

Organize events into clusters that represent distinct business capabilities.

For instance, events related to order processing can be grouped together, forming a bounded context for the "Order Management" microservice.

**Define Aggregates:**

Identify aggregates that encapsulate the state and behavior related to the events.

In the e-commerce example, the "Order" aggregate would handle events like "Order Placed" and "Order Canceled."

**Establish Boundaries:**

Draw boundaries around each bounded context to define where one microservice ends and another begins.

This helps in minimizing dependencies and ensuring that each microservice can operate independently.

**Iterate and Refine:**

As the system evolves, revisit the event storming sessions to adjust the boundaries and aggregates based on new insights or changes in business requirements.

**Example Application: E-commerce Platform**

**Events Identified**:

* **"Order Placed"**
* **"Payment Processed"**
* **"Inventory Updated"**

**Bounded Contexts:**

**Order Management**: Handles all events related to order processing.

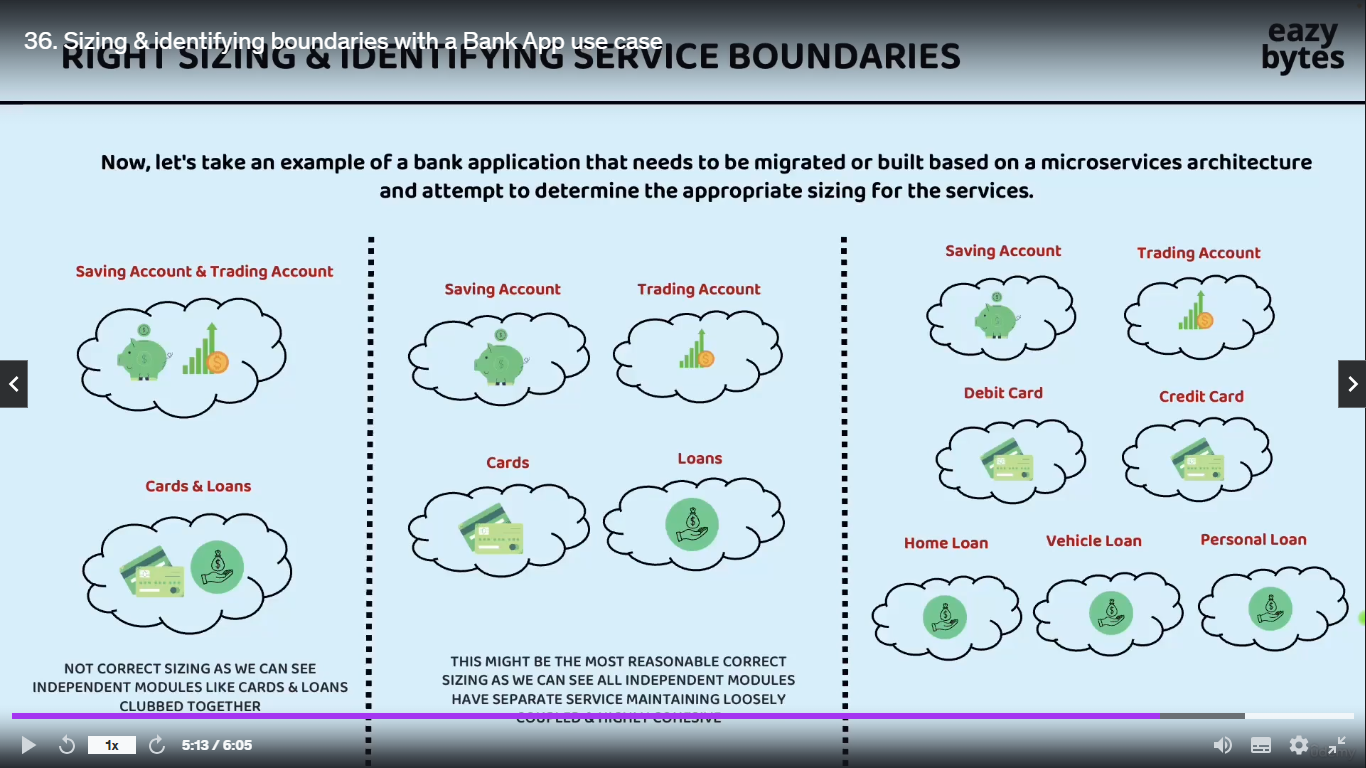
**Payment Processing**: Manages payment-related events.

**Inventory Management**: Responsible for inventory updates and stock management.

**Microservice Boundaries:**

Each bounded context corresponds to a microservice, allowing teams to work independently on their respective areas without affecting others.

This structured approach not only helps in sizing microservices effectively but also enhances collaboration among teams, leading to a more agile development process.

Now Sizing and identifying boundaries with a Bank App use case  
  


**Team Two**

**Team One**

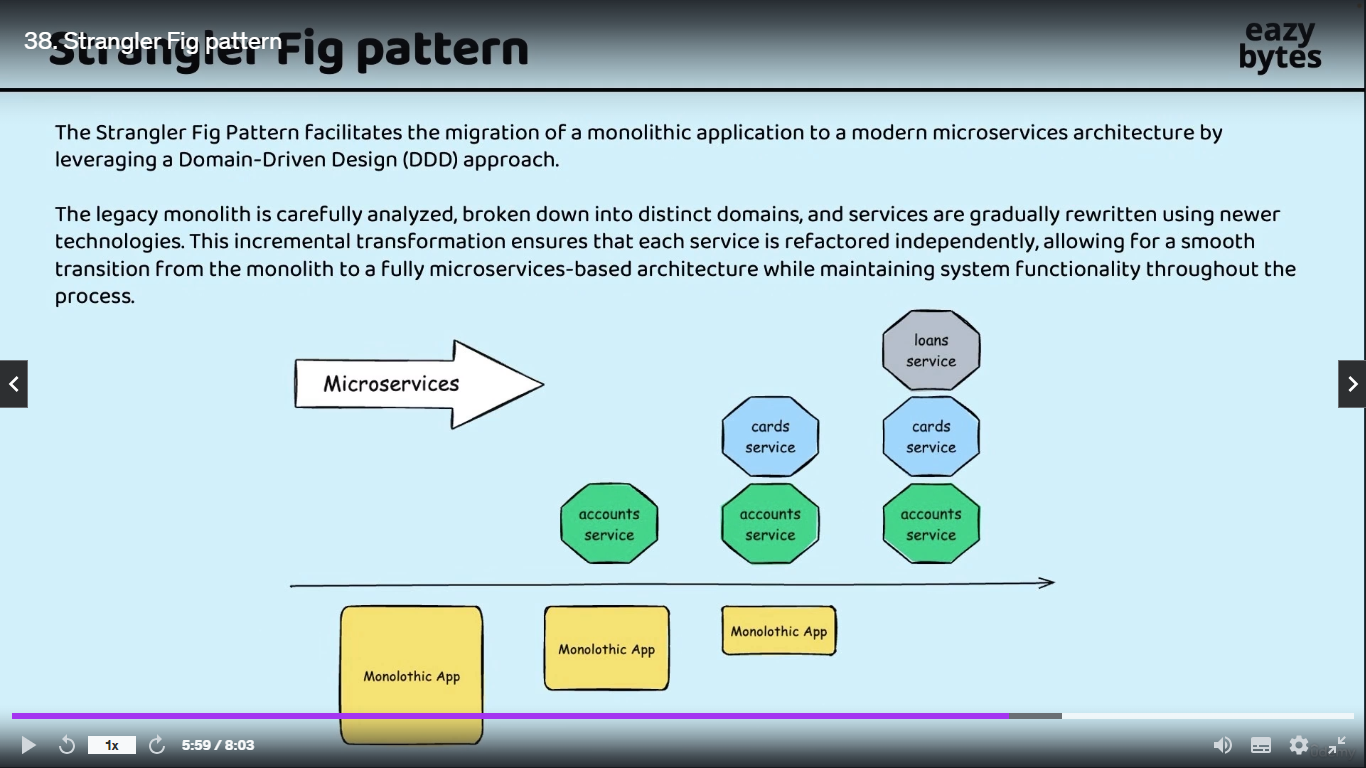
**Team Three**

**Coupled And Highly Cohesive**

Overall summary is no sizing Is right sizing initially and if there r some issues we should continously follow sizing your microservices till we reach to safer and correct sizing infact the expectation also is not identify the right sizing on the day one itself company or organization they will have their own learning with their own microservices sizing based on their learing they always try to right size and identifying service boundaries for their microservices.   
for now team two is winner as a cto/ceo to identify sizing and boundaries

**Strangle Fig Pattern** :- The Strangler Fig Pattern is a software migration strategy where a legacy system is gradually replaced by a new system by incrementally building new features alongside the old system and routing requests to the new components, allowing for a smooth transition without a complete rewrite at once.  
**When to use the Strangler Fig Pattern: -**

* **When** you need to modernize a large or complex legacy system
* When you want to avoid the risk associated with a complete system rewrite or “big bang” migration
* When the legacy system needs to remain operational during the transition to the new system

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What are Containers & How they are different from VMs(EasyByte Notes)**

**Create jar file from the springboot microservices**

1. Add this line in pm.xml file :- <**packaging>jar</packaging>**

<groupId>com.ms</groupId>  
<artifactId>accounts</artifactId>  
<version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>  
<packaging>jar</packaging>

1. Delete all the files of target folder
2. Check maven install or not :- mvn –version if not then should add in system path directory like java
3. Open microservices folder in cmd and run below command ,

Example: - **account> mvn clean install** to compile springboot application account is our springboot application now we can see in our target path of account microservice jar file of account microservice created.

1. Now using maven cmd we can run this jar file   
   cmd :- **mvn spring-boot:run**
2. Run jar using java command   
   **Command :- java –jar target/accounts-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar**

**Create a docker file of account microservice**

1. Create a docker file inside the accounts microservice . Right click on account microservice select new file and Dockerfile (bcoz they don’t have any extention)
2. Write below command

#start with a base image containing java runtime  
From openjdk:17-jdk-slim  
  
#information around who maintains the image  
LABEL maintainer="MsBoss.com"  
  
#Add the Application's jar to the image   
Copy target/accounts-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar accounts-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar  
  
#execute the application  
ENTRYPOINT ["java","-jar","/accounts-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar"]

3. Now our docker file is ready . now we will create the docker image of our account mircroservice using docker server by following below instruction

1. Firstly run docker bulid command   
   **docker build . -t boss215/accounts:s4**:- means we are telling to docker create the docker image using dockerFile which is present in account folder with the name Boss215/account:s4 , where Boss215 our docker user name and s4 is tag. We are execution this command from account folder so no need to specify the location so we are only using
2. Our image is created or not we can see using the below command  
   **docker images** :- below we can see info about newly created image  
   . **boss215/accounts s4 e3e3787b9659 2 minutes ago 167MB**
3. **I**f we are try to inspect this image we need to use below cmd  
   **docker image e3e7(image id first few char) :-**
4. **Now**  we are ready to convert this docker image to the docker container**Docker run** (using this we can create any number of container from dokcer image) **-p 8080:8080**(using this we need to provide port mapping bcoz by default all the docker container they are going to start insider their on isolated network and we can not access the services inside our docker n/w bcoz since it is deployed inside own private n/w so that’s y not them to access from the external n/w like from our local sys or any other sys so we need expose them explicitly with the help of this port mapping, that’s y we r giving the port first 8080 means expose the container at 8080 and second 8080 means container will running in 8080 inside private n/w) **boss215/accounts:s4**(This is our docker image from this we r trying to convet img to container)  
   **Final Cmd :- docker run -p 8080:8080 boss215/accounts:s4**

**Now** we can see our accounts microservices is running at port 8080 but we are not able to run any other cmd in same console so overcome this inconvience we will start the container in detach mode in detach mode(-d)   
Cmd :- **docker run -d -p 8080:8080 boss215/accounts:s4  
now we can run any other cmd inside our terminal  
7. Using** this command we can see how many container is in running mode   
**docker ps**

**Output :-**

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

6d02363828c2 boss215/accounts:s4 "java -jar /accounts…" 55 seconds ago Up 50 seconds 0.0.0.0:8080->8080/tcp nice\_tu

1. **docker ps –a :** using this we can see all container lists
2. **docker start 6d02363828c24bb4adc3bf8bc1f3d828176aa3142bd8c7(container id )**using this cmd we can run already created container
3. **docker stop 6d02363828c24bb4adc3bf8bc1f3d828176aa3142bd8c** to stop the running container

**Disadvantage of creating container using docker file**

Dockerfiles can become complex and difficult to maintain, especially as applications grow in size and dependencies.

In previous example we are using only four command but in future if we are using 100 of micrservices and command then it will be difficult to remember the all the command so , we will use the approach where dockerfile will created automatically without writing any low level instruction inside docker file .We have solution like  
**buildpacks** and **google jib**

**Generate Docker image of Loans microservice with Buildpacks**

Using Buildpacks we can transform our application source code into docker image that can run on any cloud there is no need to writing low level instruction with the help of docker file with a single maven command we can generate a docker image very easily.

**Step1**:- add these lines inside the maven dependency in pom.xml

<image>  
 <name>msbank/${project.artifactId}:s4</name>  
</image>

**${project.artifactId :- this means,it is getting name from project artifact**

**Step2** :- run this command :- **mvn spring-boot:build-image**

Based upon all the details and dependencies that we have mentioned in pom.xml is going to scan all the dependencies and files is going to generate the docker image

The command **mvn spring-boot:build-image** is used in the context of a Spring Boot application to build a Docker image of the application using the Spring Boot Maven plugin. This command simplifies the process of creating a Docker image by automatically configuring the necessary settings based on your Spring Boot application.

**Breakdown of the Command**

**mvn**: This is the command-line interface for Maven, a build automation tool used primarily for Java projects. It manages project dependencies, builds, and other project-related tasks.

**spring-boot**: This specifies that you are using the Spring Boot Maven plugin. This plugin provides various goals for building and managing Spring Boot applications.

**build-image**: This is a specific goal of the Spring Boot Maven plugin. It is responsible for building a Docker image of your Spring Boot application.

**Behind the Scenes**

When you run mvn spring-boot:build-image, several actions take place behind the scenes:

**Dependency Resolution**: Maven resolves all the dependencies specified in your pom.xml file. This includes Spring Boot dependencies and any other libraries your application needs.

**Application Packaging**: The Spring Boot application is packaged into a JAR or WAR file. This is usually done using the mvn package phase, which is part of the build lifecycle. The resulting artifact is typically located in the target directory.

Docker Image Creation:

**Base Image Selection**: The Spring Boot Maven plugin selects a suitable base image for your application. By default, it uses a minimal image that includes the necessary components to run a Spring Boot application.

**Configuration**: The plugin configures the Docker image based on the application properties and dependencies. This includes setting environment variables, exposing ports, and defining the entry point for the application.

**Copying Files**: The built JAR/WAR file is copied into the Docker image, along with any other necessary files (like configuration files).

**Dockerfile Generation**: The plugin generates a Dockerfile dynamically based on the configuration in your pom.xml and the properties of your application. This Dockerfile specifies how to build the image.

**Building the Image**: The generated Dockerfile is then used to build the Docker image using the Docker Engine. This process involves running Docker commands to create a new image layer by layer.

**Tagging the Image**: The resulting Docker image is tagged according to the specifications in your pom.xml or the command-line options provided (like -Dspring-boot.build-image.imageName).

**Example pom.xml Configuration**

To use the Spring Boot Maven plugin, you typically have a configuration section in your **pom.xml** like this:

<build>

<plugins>

<plugin>

<groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>

<version>3.4.0</version>

<configuration>

<image>

<name>msbank/loans:s4</name>

</image>

</configuration>

</plugin>

</plugins>

</build>

**Conclusion**

The mvn spring-boot:build-image command streamlines the process of creating a Docker image for a Spring Boot application by handling dependency resolution, application packaging, Dockerfile generation, and image building. This automation allows developers to focus on writing code rather than managing the complexities of Docker image creation.

**Step 3** :- We will check our docker image is created or not

**Docker images**:- using this cmd we can see our image is created or not in our case our image is created with the name of loans

**Step 4**: Now we will generate the container from the loans image using below cmd

**docker run -d -p 8090:8090 msbank/loans:s4**

we can see at docker dashboard .our container is running on port 8090

“A **buildpack** is a set of scripts and tools that automate the process of transforming application source code into a runnable container image by providing the necessary dependencies, configuration, and runtime environment. Buildpacks are commonly used in platforms like Cloud Foundry and Heroku, as well as in the Spring Boot Maven plugin for building Docker images”

**Create a docker container using jib(jib only used for java application only )**

**Step1** :- add packaging details after versioning in pom.xml

<version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>  
<packaging>jar</packaging>  
<name>cards</name>

And add the new dependencies under the build in pom.xml ….shown below

<plugin>  
 <groupId>com.google.cloud.tools</groupId>  
 <artifactId>jib-maven-plugin</artifactId>  
 <version>3.3.2</version> *<!-- Check for the latest version -->* <configuration>  
 <to>  
 <image>msbank/${project.artifactId}:s4</image>  
 </to>  
 </configuration>  
</plugin>

**Step 2**:- run the command to generate the docker image   
**mvn compile jib:dockerBuild** :- if we try to run this cmd it will scan all the details inside our pm.xml and it is going to generated docker image for our card microservices this is faster than **Buildpacks**

**We can see the our card docker image is created**

msbank/cards s4 af26c0fd6255 54 years ago 325MB

**Step 3**: docker run –d –p 9090:9090 msbank/cards:s4  
now our container is started

Now we can try to hit carts api using post man and we can see our application is running at 9090 port properly ……**BOOM**

**We can directly created the docker image and push into docker hub or cloud(gcp , aws) without installing the docker in our local sys . but we have to need give the credentials and change some line in our bulid dependencies**

<plugin>  
 <groupId>com.google.cloud.tools</groupId>  
 <artifactId>jib-maven-plugin</artifactId>  
 <version>3.3.2</version> *<!-- Check for the latest version -->* <configuration>  
 <to>  
 <image> your-dockerhub-username/your-app-name </image>

Or

<image> gcr.io/PROJECT\_ID/IMAGE\_NAME</image>

Or

<image> your-aws-account-id.dkr.ecr.REGION.amazonaws.com/IMAGE\_NAMEimage>  
 </to>  
 </configuration>  
</plugin>

Run this command to create the image :- **mvn compile jib:build**

**Pushing Docker images from local to remote docker hub repository**

**Cmd to push the img to docker hub**:- **docker image push docker.io/boss215/accounts:s4**

Now we can see at dashboard of docker our project successfully upload/push to the docker hub :- click on images -> hub , inside hub we can see the our images successfully pushed into the docker hub

**Note :-** if we are not using our username of docker hub as a project name at the time of creating the image then we will not able to upload/push image to docker hub so , we are using username before the image name at the time of creating the docker image :- which is **boss215**

**Using below command we can pull the image from docker hub**

**docker push boss215/accounts:s4**

**Docker Compose**

Previously we have created the three docker images of our microservices if we want to start these microservices/images we have to write cmd three time to run all three container. writing the cmd for every images is very time consuming if we have lots of image .To overcome this problem docker provide Docker Compose

**Docker Compose** is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications using a simple YAML configuration file

**Real-Time Example**: For a web application that consists of a front-end service (e.g., a React app), a back-end service (e.g., a Node.js API), and a database service (e.g., PostgreSQL), you can define all three services in a **docker-compose.yml** file. When you run **docker-compose up**, it will automatically start all the containers, set up their networking, and ensure they can communicate with each other seamlessly.

Step 1 : Check docker compose is install or not docker compose version

Step 2: -create a configuration file we can create anywhere in our project but we r going to create in accounts microservice. Create a new file in accounts microservice with the format. .yml bcoz we r going to provide all our project configuration inside this … our file is

**docker-compose.yml**

services:  
 accounts:  
 image: "boss215/accounts:s4"  
 container\_name: accounts-ms  
 ports:  
 - "8080:8080"  
 deploy:  
 resources:  
 limits:  
 memory: 700m  
 networks:  
 - msbank  
 loans:  
 image: "boss215/loans:s4"  
 container\_name: loans-ms  
 ports:  
 - "8090:8090"  
 deploy:  
 resources:  
 limits:  
 memory: 700m  
 networks:  
 - msbank  
  
 cards:  
 image: "boss215/cards:s4"  
 container\_name: cards-ms  
 ports:  
 - "9090:9090"  
 deploy:  
 resources:  
 limits:  
 memory: 700m  
 networks:  
 - msbank  
  
networks:  
 msbank:  
 driver: "bridge"

Explanation :-

This YAML file is a Docker Compose configuration that describes a multi-container application with three services: `accounts`, `loans`, and `cards`. Each service corresponds to a different microservice in a banking application and is organized under the `services` key. Below is a breakdown of each section:

### Services

Each service is defined under the `services` key and contains various settings:

**1. Accounts Service:**

**imag**e: Specifies the Docker image to use for this service. In this case, it's `boss215/accounts:s4`, where `s4` denotes a specific version or tag of the image.

**container\_name**: This sets a specific name for the running container, which is `accounts-ms` here.

**ports**: Maps port `8080` on the host to port `8080` on the container, allowing external access to the service via the mapped port.

**deploy**: Indicates deployment configuration, specifically resource limits.

**resources**: It specifies the limits for the resources the container can use.

**limits**: In this case, it restricts the memory usage to 700 MB for the service.

**networks**: Connects the service to the `msbank` network.

**2. \*\*Loans Service:\*\***

- Similar to the accounts service, this service uses the image `boss215/loans:s4` and has the container name `loans-ms`.

- Exposes port `8090` on the host to port `8090` in the container.

- Has the same memory limit configuration (700 MB) under the `deploy` key.

- Is also connected to the `msbank` network.

**3. Cards Service:**

- Again, similar to the previous services, this one utilizes the image `boss215/cards:s4` and has the container name `cards-ms`.

- Exposes port `9090` on the host to port `9090` in the container.

- Includes the same memory limit (700 MB) in the `deploy` section.

- Connects to the `msbank` network.

**### Networks**

**msbank**: This section defines a custom network named `msbank`.

**driver**: Specifies the network driver to use, in this case, it is set to `bridge`, which creates a private internal network for containers to communicate with each other while being isolated from the host network.

**### Summary**

In summary, this Docker Compose file sets up three microservices (`accounts`, `loans`, and `cards`) for a banking application. Each service has its own container configuration, resource limits, and network settings. They can communicate with each other through the custom `msbank` network. The specified ports allow external access to these services. The memory limits help to ensure that the services do not consume more than the specified amount of memory, which can be crucial for maintaining performance and resource management in a production environment.  
**NOTE :- Using the same network for all microservices allows seamless intercommunication, enabling them to call each other efficiently and effectively share data within our banking applicatio**and effectively share data within our banking application.

**Step 2 :-** Now .we will Run All the microservices containers using Compose command. Please make sure this docker cmd should run from the location where our **.yml** file is located. Our file is located at accounts.

E:\Microservices\section2\accounts> **docker compose up –d**  
**using** this single cmd our all the microservices is running we can see in docker container as well as in console ….Boom

**Step 3**:- To delete all the container we can use below   
**Delete cmd**:- **docker compose down ……**This cmd will delete the container which is best practice …..but we don’t want to deltete the container just want to stop the container then we will use the below cmd **Stop Cmd :-docker compose stop**

**Docker Extention and logs Explorer:- we** can add and downloads the extention which in docker after click on add extension link . we are downloading the log Explorer using this we can see all the logs related to our containers . According to need we can add any extentions which will make easy our work



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**Native Application**

**What are cloud native application** :- A cloud-native application is a software application designed to take full advantage of cloud computing architectures, leveraging microservices, containerization, continuous integration and deployment (CI/CD), and scalability to deliver enhanced performance, flexibility, and resilience.

“**A cloud-native application is an application that is built specifically to run in cloud environments, utilizing cloud services and technologies to achieve scalability, resilience, and flexibility**.”

**Real-Time Example**

**Netflix**: Utilizes a cloud-native architecture to deliver streaming services to millions of users globally. This allows Netflix to scale its services dynamically based on user demand, ensuring high availability and quick updates without downtime.

**Characteristics of cloud Native App**

Cloud-native applications possess several key characteristics that enable them to thrive in cloud environments. Here are some of the main attributes along with real-time examples:

**Microservices Architecture**: These applications are built as a collection of loosely coupled services, allowing for independent deployment and scaling.

\***Example** : Spotify uses microservices to manage different functionalities like music streaming, user accounts, and playlists, enabling rapid updates and scalability.

**Containerization**: Cloud-native applications are often packaged in containers, which provide a lightweight and portable environment for running applications.

Example: Docker is widely used by companies like Airbnb to deploy their applications in containers, ensuring consistency across different environments.

**Dynamic Scaling**: These applications can automatically scale up or down based on demand, optimizing resource usage and cost.

**Example**: Amazon Web Services (AWS) allows applications like Snapchat to scale dynamically during peak usage times, such as during major events.

**DevOps Practices**: Cloud-native applications are developed and deployed using DevOps methodologies, promoting collaboration between development and operations teams for faster delivery.

**Example**: Etsy employs DevOps practices to continuously integrate and deploy new features, enhancing user experience and reducing time to market.

**API-Driven Development:** They utilize APIs for communication between services, enabling flexibility and integration with other applications.

**Example**: Twitter provides APIs that allow third-party developers to build applications that interact with its platform, enhancing functionality and user engagement.

**Resilience and Fault Tolerance**: Cloud-native applications are designed to handle failures gracefully, ensuring high availability.

**Example**: Google Cloud services are built with resilience in mind, allowing applications like YouTube to remain operational even during server outages.

**Infrastructure as Code (IaC):** This approach allows for automated management and provisioning of infrastructure, leading to consistent environments.

**Example**: Netflix uses IaC tools like Terraform to manage its cloud infrastructure, enabling rapid deployment and scaling of services.

These characteristics collectively enable cloud-native applications to be agile, efficient, and responsive to changing business needs, making them ideal for modern software development.

**Cloud Native vs. Traditional Enterprises App**

**Architecture**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Built using microservices architecture, where applications are composed of small, independent services that can be developed, deployed, and scaled independently.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: Typically monolithic, meaning they are built as a single, unified unit. Changes or updates often require redeploying the entire application.

2. **Deployment and Scalability**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Designed for dynamic scaling and can automatically adjust resources based on demand. They are often deployed in containers, allowing for quick and efficient scaling.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: Scaling often requires significant manual intervention and can involve complex processes, such as adding more hardware or reconfiguring existing systems.

3. **Development Practices**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Embrace DevOps practices, enabling continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD). This allows for rapid iteration and faster time to market.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: Development cycles are typically longer, with more rigid processes and less frequent updates, often leading to slower response times to market changes.

4. **Infrastructure Management**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Utilize Infrastructure as Code (IaC) for automated provisioning and management of infrastructure, leading to consistency and repeatability.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: Often rely on manual configuration and management of physical or virtual servers, which can lead to inconsistencies and increased operational overhead.

5. Resilience and Fault Tolerance

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Built with resilience in mind, often incorporating features like automatic failover and self-healing capabilities to ensure high availability.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: May not be designed for fault tolerance, leading to potential downtime during failures or maintenance.

6. **Cost Structure**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Typically follow a pay-as-you-go model, allowing organizations to pay only for the resources they use, which can lead to cost savings.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: Often involve significant upfront capital expenditures for hardware and software licenses, along with ongoing maintenance costs.

**7. User Experience and Accessibility**

**Cloud-Native Applications**: Designed for accessibility from anywhere, often providing a better user experience through responsive design and cloud-based features.

**Traditional Enterprise Applications**: May be limited to specific environments (e.g., on-premises) and can be less user-friendly, often requiring specific hardware or software configurations.

**Real-World Examples**

**Cloud-Native Application:** Netflix is a prime example of a cloud-native application, utilizing microservices and cloud infrastructure to deliver streaming services efficiently and at scale.

**Traditional Enterprise Application**: SAP ERP systems are often considered traditional enterprise applications, typically deployed on-premises and requiring significant resources for maintenance and updates.

In summary, cloud-native applications are designed for the cloud environment, emphasizing agility, scalability, and resilience, while traditional enterprise applications are often more rigid, monolithic, and resource-intensive.

15 factor methodology

**Configuration Management in Microservices**

**Configuration Challenge** :- The challenge may we faced while building microservice this challenge is about configuration management inside the microservices

**C1** :- inside microservices how do we separate the configuration/properties from the our business logic bcoz without separating the configuration/properties from our microservices business logic we can not reuse the same docker image across multiple environment  
if we club all our business logic and configuration together then for each environment we need to create a separate decker image along with the relevant properties/configuration . this is not recommended approach to create docker image again and again for each environment . **make sure we will using the same docker image for all type of environments including the production with such requirement** …… how we will separate he configuration from the business logic this is very first question that we have

**C2** :- how do we inject configuration/properites at run time that are needed by our microservice during the start up of our microservices .Some of the sensitive properties like credentials we can not mention them inside any configuration or any inside any business logic such sensitive properties/configuration we need to make sure we are injecting them into microservice during the start up of micrservice…

**C3** :- In the very similar line whenever we r dealing with configuration/properties we need to make sure we are maintaining all this in a single   
In a centralize repository along with a versioning of them bcoz inside monolithic app we only one or two application and it is very easy to maintain all our configuration whenever we want .. whereas 100 of microservices it is going to be super complex to maintain all the properties of all the microservices manually that why when we try to build microservice we need to make sure we are maintaining all properties in the centralize repository along with versioning of them.

**we have all these chanllages in term of configuration management in microservices**

There is multiple solution available in springboot ecosystem to handle this challenge Below are the solutions . let’s try to identify one suites for microservices

* Configuration spring boot with properties and profile
* Applying external configuration with Spring boot
* Implementing a configuration server with spring cloud config server

**How configuration Handled in traditional APPs & Microservices**

**When** we are trying to build traditional app or monolithic app all our source code along with the configuration file they we will be bundled together and with that whenever there is a different configuration is needed for a different environment we need to rebuild the application code again with the required configuration so with this there is no guarantee that application would behave consistently boz the main buiseness logic may differ from one environment to other environment when we r trying to build the application this approach might have work for a monolithic application bcoz there is only one application and they can do multiple build based upon the environment whereas

with **microservice** since they will have 100s of microservice doing multiple build again and again for each environment with the required configuration data is going to be super2 complex that why as per the 15 factor methodology all the configuration which are going the change between deployment such as credentials service urls or resource handle all such configuration data we need to provide outside our build component so all such configuration that are likely changed we need to maintain oustside our business logic so that the application artefact will be immutable across all environment once we do build and generate a docker image for our microservice the same image we can use across environment and the configuration has to be injected from the external location this way the application build remain unchanged across all the environment

**How Configuration work in Spring boot**

Springboot lets us externalize our configuration so that we can work with the same application code in different2 environments. We don’t have to rebuild our application again again ther are different approaches that springboot follow to externalize the configuration sources and these approaches include with the help of properties file and yml file where we can define all the require configuaration nd properties that our app/microservice need during the startup of the service apart from this property/yml file we can also inject the configuration/propertied during the startup of the service with the help of env. Variable and command line argument

By default our spring boot application is going to look configuration/properties that we have mentioned inside the application.properties/application.yml file . apart from these default name we can also have other property file name and we can make our springboot to read from them during the start up of the application but if we try to mentioned the property/configuration inside our property file we are clubbing everything along with the source code so this approach may not work to great action that why springboot also support override the default value that we have defined inside the application.properties file may be for development environment we might have mentioned the default database credentials but at run time inside our QA or production deployment we want to override the default value like username, password, url, details of database during the startup of the application that s why to overcome this challenge we can always override the properties with the other approaches like command line argument environment variables so

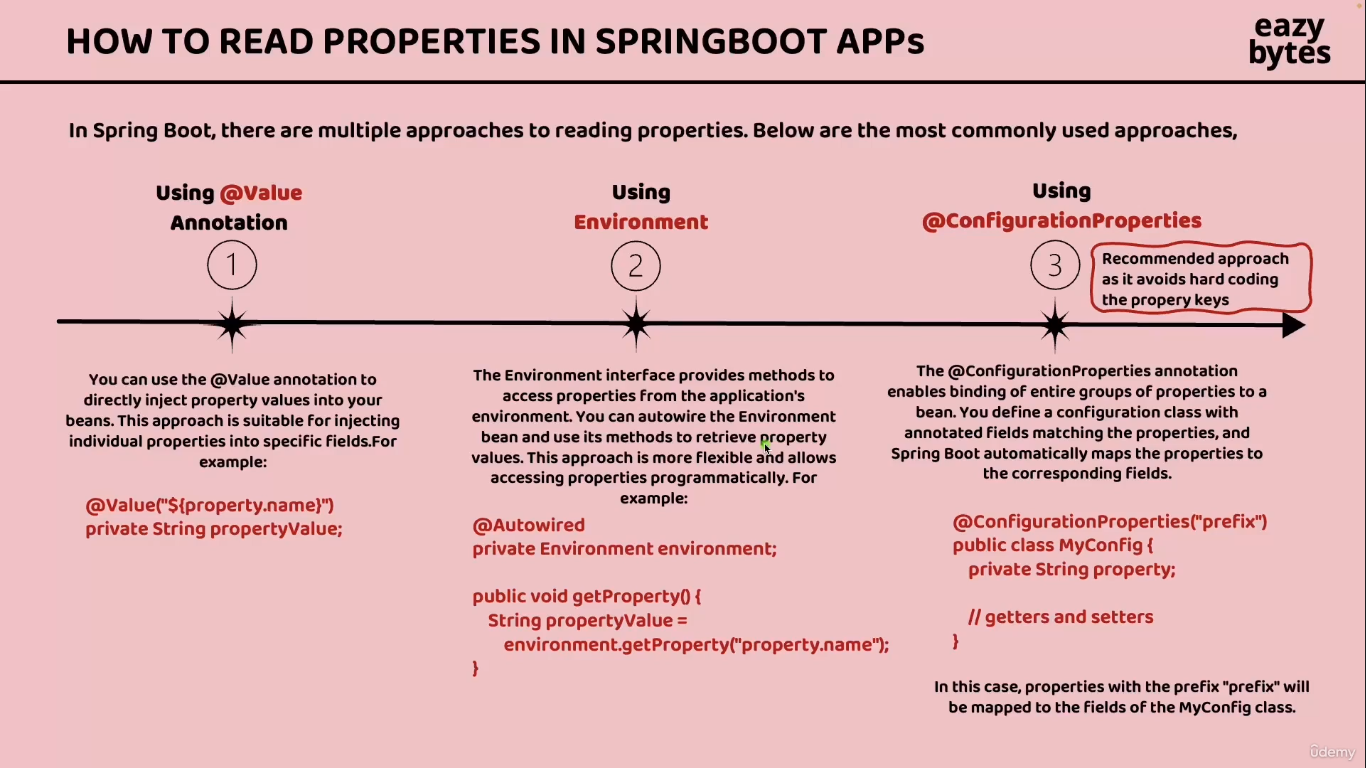
here may have a question like if I mentioned the same properties in multiple location will they we any preference or priority that springboot follows we can see below all the most commonly approaches to provide the configuration inside our springboot applications

**priority** :- lower items overriding earlier ones

* Application.properties
* OS Environmental variables
* Java sys properties (System.getProperties())
* JNDI attributes form java:comp/env
* ServletContext init parametes
* ServeletConfig init parameters
* Command line arguments

Whereas application.properties having lowest priority and command line argument having highest priority

**How to Read properties in springboot Apps**



**Reading Configuration using @Value Annotation**

Step 1:- add/define the string or something in application.yml  
Example :-

build:  
 version: "1.0"

Step 2 :- Fetch in Controller using @Value annotation

*@Value*("${build.version}")  
*private* String buildVersion;

Now build version value will store in buildversion variable and we can use this value

If we have 100s of microserices and have 100 different properties then r we going to create 100s of different filed inside our microservices that not a viable solution and same time in this approach for injecting the java field we have need to hard coded the property name like build.version ..creating a java filed and mentioning a hardcoded property value for every microservice is not going to be feasible option that’s why this approach Is only if we have only one or two property…

**Reading configuration using Environment Interface**

This approach is help us to read the environment properties defined inside the environment  
Where we have deploy our microservices.

**Why we have to need to define some properties as environment variable why cant we directly defined them inside the application.yml** .  
Bcoz some sensitive information like password or any other information we can not define them inside the applicaition.yml or any other place where it will expose our sensitive information with that reason it is always advisable to define the sensitive configuration details as a environment variable only so that no one can see those value they not have access to our production server only the server admin they will have access this way we can trying to secure our application whenever dealing with the sensitive information

This approach involves interface with the name environment So  
**Step1** :- autowired the environment interface inside controller

*@Autowired  
private* Environment environment;

**Step 2**:- call the properties using environment object like below

*@GetMapping*("/java-version")  
*public* ResponseEntity<String> getJavaVersion() {  
 *return* ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.OK)  
 .body(environment.getProperty("JAVA\_HOME"));  
 }

This environment is system environment : like we have set path at system environment from where it is fetching the java path...  
output :- **users/ms/skman/cndidaes/java/current** …this simply giving the JAVA\_HOME folder location

Using this approach we can only read the environment property not the properties which I have define inside our applications,yml .so This approach also have disadvantage like we can only read one property at a time and same time we need to hard code the property key name inside our java code this approach also going to work only we have one or two properties if we have higher number of environment properties that we want to read then definitely this approach is not recommended will see some advance options that we have in third approach

**Reading Configurations using @Configuration**

Using this approach we can read multiple properties at a time with a single POJO Class.  
All the limitation that we have with the previous two approaches will be handled with this third approach limitation are like where we hard coded the property key name inside the java code and the same time we can only read one property at a time with that two approaches that we have discussed so to demo to third approach we are going to create a set of properties that are required for our account mircrosevices wheneve we r trying to use   
**@Configurtion propert** approaches first we need to make sure all our properties have a common prefix name for the same we going to create a prefix name with the name accounts(inside this property we can define any number of property see in step 1) we can see in step one

**Step 1** :- write a proeprties in Appication.proeprties

accounts:  
 message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related local APIs "  
 contactDetails:  
 name: "John Doe - Developer"  
 email: "john@msbank.com"  
 onCallSupport:  
 - (555) 555-1234  
 - (555) 523-1345

**Step 2** :- Create a POJO Record for the **accounts** properties which we have write in application.property

*@ConfigurationProperties*(prefix="accounts")  
*public record* AccountContactInfoDto(String message, Map<String,String> contactDetails, List<String> onCallSupport) {  
}

this POJO record map the accounts property with java record (we can not change the value of the record filed we can only fetch the data using the getter ) and configuraionproperties map the properties with this POJO

**Step 3** :- at the application class enable the configuration for this record/class using below

*@EnableConfigurationProperties*(value={AccountContactInfoDto.*class*})

**Step 4**:- Inject the POJO record and write a API for fetching contact details

*@Autowired  
private* AccountContactInfoDto accountsContactInfoDto;

*@Operation*(  
 summary = "Get Contact Info",  
 description = "Contact Info details that can be reached out in case of any issues"  
)  
*@ApiResponses*({  
 *@ApiResponse*(  
 responseCode = "200",  
 description = "HTTP Status OK"  
 ),  
 *@ApiResponse*(  
 responseCode = "500",  
 description = "HTTP Status Internal Server Error",  
 content = *@Content*(  
 schema = *@Schema*(implementation = ErrorResponseDto.*class*)  
 )  
 )  
}  
)  
*@GetMapping*("/contact-info")  
*public* ResponseEntity<AccountsContactInfoDto> getContactInfo() {  
 *return* ResponseEntity  
 .status(HttpStatus.OK)  
 .body(accountsContactInfoDto);  
}

Hit the url and get the output boom :- <http://localhost:8080/api/contact-info>

Output

{

    "message": "Welcome to MsBank accounts related local APIs ",

    "contactDetails": {

        "name": "John Doe - Developer",

        "email": "john@msbank.com"

    },

    "onCallSupport": [

        "(555) 555-1234",

        "(555) 523-1345"

    ]

}

If we have need to different version for different environment then we will use **profile** concept for that

**Profile**

The challenge with previous application.property file reading approach is if we try to deploy this code into various environment the set of property they r going to use will be same what if we have requirement where we should used different property value inside different2 environment we will be seen such requirement very often inside real project for example take database credentials itself . The properties related to database credentials they should not have the same value inside all the environment based upon the environment they should have different 2 properties so let see how to overcome this challenge and how springboot is going to help in this scenario inside springboot we have concept **Profile**

“**Spring provides a great tool for grouping configuration properties into so-called profiles(Dev ,QA, prod)”** which means we can create different set of file and properties that will get activated based upon the current execution environment if we create three different profile like dev, prod, Qa this will give flexibility to us to have different values for our configuration and the same will be activated based upon the current active profile on based upon the current executing env using this profile we can perfectly set our application that will run in different environment with the same code but are application is going to use different properties or configuration using the same profile also we can control the bean creation process we can write logic such a way that our bean has to be created only when a particular profile is active this way this profile concept inside springboot it can influence the application properties that will load and the bean that will get created inside the spring context

By default inside the springboot framework the default profile is always active whatever properties and configuration we have defined inside our application.propeties and applications.yml they will go into the default profile and these profile will always be activated by default and based upon our requirement we can create another profile by creating properties file or yml files by folooowing a naming conventions like we can see if we want to create two more profile for the production environment and QA environment we can create the files like applications.prod\_properties or applications\_qa.properties

In our case we will create file with the .yml extentions   
once we create these two extra profile files then inside our application they will be total three profiles  
one is default   
second is production  
third is QA  
This way we can create any number of profile based upon our business requirement

**How to activate an specific profile**

We can activate a specific profile using spring.profiles.acitve property like below

**Spring.profiles.active=prod**

**Demo of Springboot profiles inside accounts microservices**

**Step1** :- create the **application\_prod.yml** and **application\_qa.yml** inside the resources application now we have 3 application files (qa , prod, default(application.yml))

**Application.yml**

server:  
 port:8080  
  
spring:  
 datasource:  
 url: jdbc:h2:mem:testdb  
 driver-class-name: org.h2.Driver  
 username: sa  
 password: ''  
 h2:  
 console:  
 enabled: true  
 jpa:  
 database-platform: org.hibernate.dialect.H2Dialect  
 hibernate:  
 ddl-auto: update  
 show-sql: true  
  
  
  
build:  
 version: "1.0"  
  
accounts:  
 message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related local APIs "  
 contactDetails:  
 name: "John Doe - Developer"  
 email: "john@msbank.com"  
 onCallSupport:  
 - (555) 555-1234  
 - (555) 523-1345

In the default properties file we are using database and port number as a same in all of the files but we will using different account properties (like message account details etc….)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Application\_qa.yml** | **Application\_prod\_.yml** | **Application.yml** |
| spring:  config:  activate:  on-profile: "qa"  build:  version: "2.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related QA APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Smitha Ray - QA Lead"  email: "smitha@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (666) 265-3765  - (666) 734-8371 | spring:  config:  activate:  on-profile: "prod"  build:  version: "1.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related prod APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Reine Aishwarya - Product Owner"  email: "aishwarya@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (453) 392-4829  - (236) 203-0384 | server:  port: 8080 spring:  datasource:  url: jdbc:h2:mem:testdb  driverClassName: org.h2.Driver  username: sa  password: ''  h2:  console:  enabled: true  jpa:  database-platform: org.hibernate.dialect.H2Dialect  hibernate:  ddl-auto: update  show-sql: true  config:  import:  - "application\_qa.yml"  - "application\_prod.yml"  profiles:  active:  - "prod"   build:  version: "3.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to EazyBank accounts related local APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "John Doe - Developer"  email: "john@eazybank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (555) 555-1234  - (555) 523-1345 |

By default our application.properties file will be our property file we can change using below code which is also written in application.property file

config:  
 import:  
 - "application\_qa.yml"  
 - "application\_prod.yml"  
profiles:  
 active:  
 - "prod"

but if we want to change this **prod** to **qa** then we have to need to change in application property file and re-generate the docker image so over come this process we will change using from another value like …using **cmd** line **JVM** & environment options

**Externalization configuration using command line argument**

Springboot automatically converts command-line arguments into key/value pairs and adds them to the environment object. In a production application this becomes the property source with the highest precedence**. We can** customize the application configuration by specifying command line arguments when running this JAR you built earlierwe will use the below cmd to externalization configuration

**java –jar accounts-serivice=0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar --build.version=”1.1”**

The command-line argument follows the same naming convention as the corresponding spring property with the familiar **--prefix** for CLI argument

**How to externalized configuration using JVM system properties**

This jvm system property having less precendence as compare to command line argument but it has more precedence compare to the normal property files like application.yml file

**Java –Dbuild.version=”1.2” –jar aacounts-service-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar**

if we have same proeperty in command line and jvm sys then precendence will comes to the picture . In the scenario where both a jvm and system property and a command line argument are specified the precendence rules dictate that spring will prioritize the value provide as a command line argument. This means that the value specified through the CLI will be utilize by the application taking precendece over the jvm proeprties

**How to externalized configuration using environment variables**

Environment variables are widely used for externalize configuration as they offer portability across different operating system as they are universally supported .Most programming languages including java provide mechanism to access environment variables such as the System.getevn() method.

We can access this env variable inside the java code with the help of Sytem.getenv()  
TO map a spring property key to an environment variable we need to convert all letters  
to uppercase and replace any dots or dashed with the underscores. Spring Boot will handle this mapping correctly internally. For example an environment variable name BUILD\_VERSION will be recognized as the property build.version. This feature is known as relaxed binding

For example if we want provide the property of build.version as an environment variable the we need to make sure we are following this upper standard .

**Windows  
env:BUILD\_VERSION=”1.3”; java –jar accounts-service-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar**

**Linux based OS   
BUILD\_VERSION=”1.3”; java –jar accounts-service-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar**

**Activating the profile using command line JVM & Environment options**

**1. Activating the profile using command line** :- right click on our application file from where our springboot application will start and click on modify Run configuration file and write this cmd in Program argument **--spring.profiles.active=qa --build.version=1.1**

**Output :-** activate the **qa** profile and changing the build version to 1.1

2. **Activating the profile using JVM System Variable** :- right click on application main file from where our app will start and click on modify Run configuration file and then click on modify options and then select Add VM options after click on that we can see one blank text box shown on the screen with the placholder VM options here write the same value and change one thing add D before the command shown below

**-Dspring.profiles.active=prod -Dbuild.version=2.0** make sure before add this remove the cmd line setting bcoz cmd line have more precedence as compare to jvm system and we can re run application after that we can see profile will change into prod

3. **Activating the profile using environment variable** :- right click on modify run configuration remove the jvm system setting which we r write for the jvm sys  
and write the this line/cmd in environment variable   
**SPRING\_PROFILES\_ACTIVE=prod;BUILD\_VERSION=3.0 :- now** prod profile activated and build version is 3.0

If we are writing cmd in all the three like in cmd line and sys variable and environment the command line approach will update the profile bcoz cmd line have higher precedence if

we have jvm sys and environment approach then jvm sys one updated bcoz jvm have high precedence as compare to environment approach

**Drawbacks of externalized configuration using Springboot alone**

**Complexity in Configuration Management**

**Challenge**: As applications grow and require numerous configurations (database, API endpoints, feature flags, etc.), managing these configurations can become complex. Multiple files for different environments can lead to confusion.

**Example**: An application with separate application-dev.yaml, application-test.yaml, and application-prod.yaml files can be challenging to manage, especially if the configurations differ greatly between environments. Developers may accidentally apply the wrong configuration file.

**Difficulty in Debugging**

**Challenge**: Debugging issues related to configuration can become difficult, particularly when configurations are loaded from multiple sources (properties files, environment variables, command-line arguments). Identifying where a config is set can take time.

**Example**: If a database connection fails in production, it might be due to a configuration value being set incorrectly in the environment variable. Tracing where that variable was set or if it was overridden by the command-line arguments can be cumbersome.

**Sensitive Data Exposure**

**Challenge**: Externalized configurations often include sensitive information (e.g., API keys, database passwords). If not managed properly, these can be exposed, especially in version control systems.

**Example**: A application.properties file containing database credentials might get accidentally committed to a public Git repository. This can lead to security vulnerabilities, including unauthorized access to the database.

**1.** We trying to externalize configuration using the approaches like CLI argument and JVM properties and environment variables they are the effective way to aexternialize the configuration and they also support to maintain the immutability of our application build we don’t have to regenerate the docker image again and again for different environment until this point everything is perfect now

We saw whenever we r trying to use this approach it often involves to executing separate command with the help of java command or manually setting up the application which means we need to inject the cli argument or jvm properties environment variable manually at some point of time may be inside the CI/CD pipeline so this process again may introduce potential errors during the deployment again we can see we need to dependent on someone like they should be some human setting up all these externalize configuration during the startup of the application and doing that for all instances for all the microservices is going to be super challenging we can automate most of this task with the help of CI/CD pipeline like github action or Jenkins but still there is chance that some one can meshup this process so that a very first limlitation that we have here

2. if we have 100s of microservice then we will also have 100s of configuration properties that will evolve and changes on day to day bases just like how our application code we should also follow the strategies to store and maintain the versioning of our configuration and proeprties based upon a release and same time we should also support the auditing functionaliy like who access our configuration which client access our configuration data with the springboot profle alone we are putting all our configuarion inside the source code itself so anyone who has access to our source code or docker image they can easily understand all our configuration and it is not a vice decision to expose the the configuration to any one that why it is always recommended to store our configuration seperatly inside a centeralzed repository where it support all kind of versioning tracking reviosion of auditing the configuration right now springboot profile can not profile this configuration that’s why we can this as limitation and

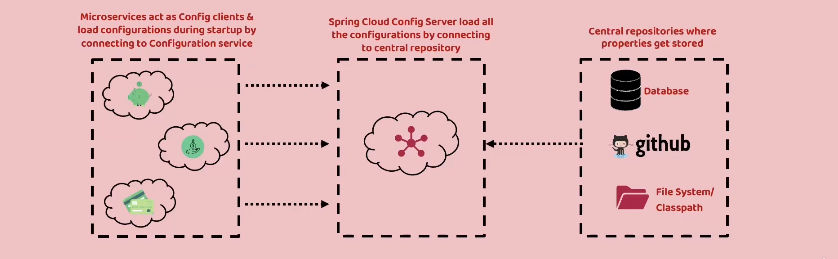
**3** . whenever we try to use environment variables they lake granular access like whoever has access to our production server like all the server admins we see our environment variable may be we are trying to config the database credentials or some senetive properties with the help of environment variables bcoz we don’t want to mentions them inside the application.yml file or inside the profile file directly since that is going to expose our sensitive info to everyone but even we try to follow the environment variable with this approach also our server admin will be seeing our environment variable that why this is consider as a series security limitation inside the microservices we will deploy multiple instances of a single microservice like we have there microservices like accounts ,loans and cards but if we decided to deploye three instances of each microservices than there will be total nine instances will be running inside our production in such scenario providing all these externalize configuration with the CLI argument jvm properties or any other approach is going to be super super challenging and here just talking about three microservices where each one has three instances think like 100 microservice where each has atleast 5 instances then the number of instances are going to run inside our production is going to be 500 hunddred instances we can imagine even if we have a single manual task involve for a microservice is the same has to be repeated in all he microservice that why this approach is not going to work when we are trying to deploy multiple instances of our microservices ……..WE can overcome this challenges using the **spring Cloud Config**

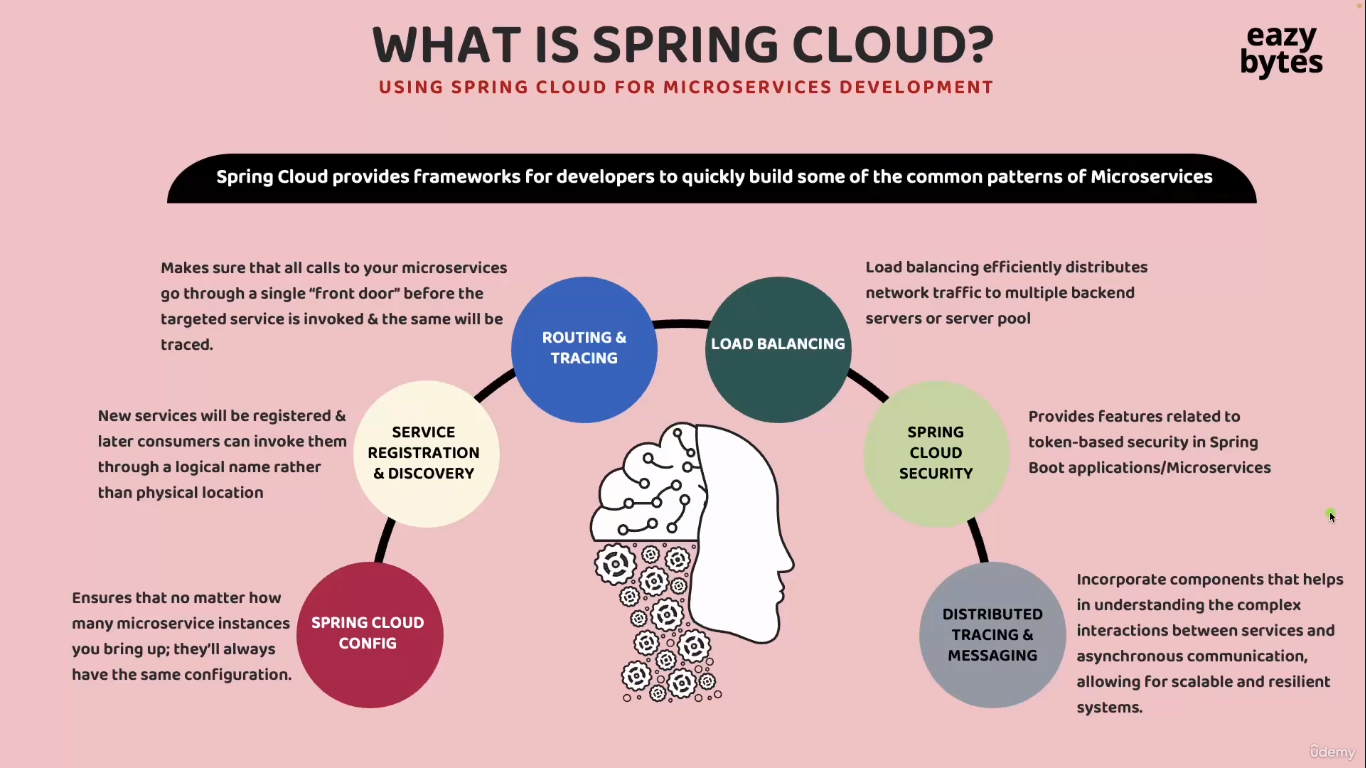
**Introduction to Spring Cloud Config**

To handle the configuaration inside any cloud native sys like microservices or any cloud application that we r trying to build in this approach we are going to have a centeralize configuration server which means we need to build a separate application that is going to act as a configuration server with the help of spring cloud configuration using this centralized configuration server we can overcome all the limitation and drawback that we discuss in the previously and whenever we are using this approach our centralize configuration server is going to provide server and client side support for externalize configuration in a distributed sys like microservices which means all our individual microservice they can register as a client with the spring cloud config serve rand this spring cloud config server can act as a centralized configuration server it will be more clear when we start implementaing this inside our microservices …

This configuration server which we are going to build with the help of spring cloud config it is going to act as a central place to manage all our external proeprties or configuration for all our mircoservices acroos all the environment the centralize config server that we are going to build with the help of spring cloud config revolves around to core elements

1. We are free to store all our configuaraiton or property file inside any location like we can store inside github repo or inside a file sys or inside a database we choose a location where we want to store all our configuration and properties securely once we store all our properties or configuration then this configuration
2. server is going to oversees the configuaration data with in the datastore facilitating its management distributing to multiple applications like microservices





**Building Config Server Using Spring Cloud**

1. Create a new springboot project with the help of spring initializer and add  
    **config server** and **springboot actuator** dependency

We have 2 different verison inside our pom.ml file but we have two different version for both springboot and config server bcoz springboot and spring cloud are two different project inside the spring eco sys they will their own version number so when we try to create a springboot project from starter sprig.io the automatic mapping of the springboot version to the spring cloud version will happen automatically inside this website and it is also going to add a dependency to add this spring cloud dependency along with the version that we have defined inside the top (under config server)

If we dont use spring.io and having already created springboot project and want to add spring cloud related dependency to an existing springboot application In such scenario we can go to the below link   
<https://spring.io/projects/spring-cloud> they mention the version compatibility with the springbooot version

1. And open the main class of config server application add the annotation to enable the config server **(@EnableConfigServer**)
2. Go to application.properties and we will change to yml bcoz we are using the yml format for this project and open this server-config app **application.yml** file and write the cofigurtion like below
3. server:  
    port:8071

**we** config server running inside our microservice n/w but as of now there no place for our config server to read the configuration that’s why we need to move all the required configuration of our microservices to a centralize location and we need to configure that centralize location inside this config server so that our config will start reading from the centralize location and there r multipleo option that we have when we try to store all our configuration inside a centralize location write from classpath to file sys ,github repository database and the sme time we can also store the inside cloud like aws ,s3 there are manyi option but inside this project we are going to learn three approaches

1. **will store all the configuration of the microservices inside the classpath of this config server**
2. **we can store inside a file sys. We can store any where insider our server or insider our local sys and we can read the configuration from the particular folder insider our file sys**
3. **store with the help of github**

**Reading configuration from the class path location of config server**

Create a **config** folder inside the resources folder under the confiserver microsrvice where we will store the configuration of all of the microservices configuration(loans,cards,accounts) and create the three .yml files for all the microservices which is inside our project (.yml,prod,Qa) we have three microservices inside our project so will creating three files for our all three microservices inside the **config** folder

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| loans-prod.yml | loans.yml | loans-qa.yml |
| build:  version: "1.0"  cards:  message: "Welcome to MsBank cards related prod APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Sandra Harald - Product Owner"  email: "sandra@Msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (617) 432-2356  - (936) 564-872 | build:  version: "3.0"  loans:  message: "Welcome to EazyBank loans related local APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Amaal Grega - Developer"  email: "amaal@eazybank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (452) 456-2176  - (546) 764-8934 | build:  version: "2.0"  loans:  message: "Welcome to MsBank loans related QA APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Cyrano Marita - QA Lead"  email: "cyrano@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (785) 545-6565  - (853) 546-3467 |
|  |  |  |
| **cards-prod.yml** | **cards.yml** | **cards-qa.yml** |
| build:  version: "1.0"  cards:  message: "Welcome to MsBank cards related prod APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Sandra Harald - Product Owner"  email: "sandra@Msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (617) 432-2356  - (936) 564-8721 | build:  version: "3.0"  cards:  message: "Welcome to EazyBank cards related local APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Dragos Lech - Developer"  email: "dragos@eazybank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (412) 419-3491  - (915) 382-1932 | build:  version: "2.0"  cards:  message: "Welcome to MS Bank cards related QA APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Cherryl Pankaj - QA Lead"  email: "cherryl@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (310) 875-4367  - (201) 236-1267 |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **accounts\_prod.yml** | **accounts.yml** | **accounts\_qa.yml** |
| build:  version: "1.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related prod APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Reine Aishwarya - Product Owner"  email: "aishwarya@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (453) 392-4829  - (236) 203-0384d | build:  version: "3.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to EazyBank accounts related local APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "John Doe - Developer"  email: "john@eazybank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (555) 555-1234  - (555) 523-1345 | build:  version: "2.0"  accounts:  message: "Welcome to MsBank accounts related QA APIs "  contactDetails:  name: "Smitha Ray - QA Lead"  email: "smitha@msbank.com"  onCallSupport:  - (666) 265-3765  - (666) 734-8371 |

Now open the application.yml file of springconfig microservice and write the configurations

spring:  
 application:  
 name: "configserver"  
 profiles:  
 active: native  
 *#active: git* cloud:  
 config:  
 server:  
 native:  
 search-locations: "classpath:/config"  
  
server:  
 port:8071

**active:** native(means we are trying to activate native profile of spring cloud config server)

**spring.profile.config.server.native** :- giving the location where our properties is stored right now our property store in the class path (**classpath:/config)**  
**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**now start the serverconfig app and it is running on port **8071**

**Invoke various get api path that r expose by the config server**

[**http://localhost:8071/cards/prod**](http://localhost:8071/cards/prod) **:- this** url will give the prod file and default file data of cards from the config folder

**{**"name": "cards","profiles": **[**"prod"**]**,"label": **null**,"version": **null**,"state": **null**,"propertySources": **[{**"name": "classpath:/config/cards-prod.yml","source": **{**"build.version": "1.0","cards.message": "Welcome to MsBank cards related prod APIs ","cards.contactDetails.name": "Sandra Harald - Product Owner","cards.contactDetails.email": "sandra@Msbank.com","cards.onCallSupport[0]": "(617) 432-2356","cards.onCallSupport[1]": "(936) 564-8721"**}}**,**{**"name": "classpath:/config/cards.yml","source": **{**"build.version": "3.0","cards.message": "Welcome to MSBank cards related local APIs ","cards.contactDetails.name": "Dragos Lech - Developer","cards.contactDetails.email": "dragos@msbank.com","cards.onCallSupport[0]": "(412) 419-3491","cards.onCallSupport[1]": "(915) 382-1932"**}}]}**

**http://localhost:8071/cards/qa :- this** url will give the qa file and default file data of cards from the config folder

**localhost:8071/cards/default:- this** url will give the default file data of cards from the config folder

So all the profiles are loaded into our spring cloud config server like whatever configuration we have store inside the classpath all of them loading during the startup of config server

**Establish the link between config server and our microservices and reading configuration from the class path location of config server**

Go to the accounts microservices and delete the **application\_prod.yml** and **qa**.**yml**  file bcoz we no more needed them bcoz we are right now storing inside the config server

Now adding the config client dependency Go to spring initializer and search the config client and add into the pom file like below instruction

1. Copy the property and paste after java version like below (bcoz we are adding server config dependency in account microservices )
2. <properties>  
    <java.version>17</java.version>  
    <spring-cloud.version>2024.0.0</spring-cloud.version>  
   </properties>
3. And now add the dependency management after dependencies tag and dependency also

<dependency>  
 <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>  
 <artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-config</artifactId>  
</dependency>

<dependencyManagement>

<dependencies>

<dependency>

<groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>

<artifactId>spring-cloud-dependencies</artifactId>

<version>${spring-cloud.version}</version>

<type>pom</type>

<scope>import</scope>

</dependency>

</dependencies>

</dependencyManagement>

We need to communicate accounts microservice about the end point url details of config server . That’s why we need to go to the application.yml of accounts mircroservice

Here we need to create an property which is **spring.config.import**

spring

config:  
 import: "optional:configserver:http://localhost:8071/"

we are using optional becoz if we are not able to connect(or our config server is not started before the account microservice we can see our client microservice) with the config server for whatever reason it can still continue start the microservice application ….if we have important properties inside config server without them we can not proceed then we can remove the optional from here .

**accounts(application.yml)**

server:  
 port: 8080  
spring:  
 application:  
 name: "accounts"  
 profiles:  
 active: "prod"  
 datasource:  
 url: jdbc:h2:mem:testdb  
 driverClassName: org.h2.Driver  
 username: sa  
 password: ''  
 h2:  
 console:  
 enabled: true  
 jpa:  
 database-platform: org.hibernate.dialect.H2Dialect  
 hibernate:  
 ddl-auto: update  
 show-sql: true  
 config:  
 import: "optional:configserver:http://localhost:8071/"

**spring:  
 application:  
 name: "accounts" :- this is our accounts microservice name and all the properties file related to accounts which is stored inside configserver app should have name accounts.yml or accounts-prod.yml or accounts-qa.yml**

previously we are added all the yml file(prod ,qa, for all the three microservices accounts and loans and cards) inside the resource of config server microservices

**configserver.yml**

spring:  
 application:  
 name: "configserver"  
 profiles:  
 active: native  
*# active: git* cloud:  
 config:  
 server:  
 native:  
 search-locations: "classpath:/config/"  
  
server:  
 port: 8071

**search-locations: "classpath:/config/" :- T**his is defining the path means all the properties files of all three microservices are in the config folder (under resource of configserver micro service)

**name: "configserver" :**using this name we can configure in the other microservice from where we want to access the properties files   
like in accounts we are connecting the config server using this name in previous page(client microservice where we want to connect configserver microservice to fetch the centralize properties files)

configserver:http://localhost:8071/"

now we are ready to read the properties from the config server   
Hit :- [**http://localhost:8080/api/contact-info**](http://localhost:8080/api/contact-info)

**output :-** {

    "message": "Welcome to MSBank accounts related prod APIs ",

    "contactDetails": {

        "name": "Reine Aishwarya - Product Owner",

        "email": "aishwarya@msbank.com"

    },

    "onCallSupport": [

        "(453) 392-4829",

        "(236) 203-0384"

    ]

}

**This is coming from the config server** we are getting the prod proeprties bcoz we are activating the prod profile in the accounts microservice property file

But if we try to activate the different profile from external configuration and see our microservice is able to fetch the relevant profile properties from the configserver microservice   
Right click on microservice app and click on MoreRun->Modify run configuration and write inside argement input box :- **--spring.profiles.active=qa**

**Now we can see our qa profile active and we are able to fetch the qa propeties**

{

    "message": "Welcome to MsBank accounts related QA APIs ",

    "contactDetails": {

        "name": "Smitha Ray - QA Lead",

        "email": "smitha@msbank.com"

    },

    "onCallSupport": [

        "(666) 265-3765",

        "(666) 734-8371"

    ]

}

**Reading configuration from a file system location**

And here you may have a question like why some projects they prefer to use file system approach.

**Using file system approach**.

You are going to maintain all the required properties inside the server location where your microservice is deployed. And this approach has an advantage like your server admins, they can enforce some security restrictions.

Like no one can open that folder and no one can see the content of that folder except your config server application.So that's why few projects they follow this approach as well.

**Now let's try to understand how to store all our configurations inside a file system location.**

So behind the scenes what I have done is I have taken all the files inside my config folder.You can see all these files that I have highlighted. I have copied to a location inside my local system.So this is the location where I have copied.

And here if I try to show you the path where I have stored, you can see I have stored under the **users/ms/documents**, config. So this is the folder location like where I have copied.If I try to navigate outside there is a config folder and this config folder is present inside the documents.And this documents is present inside the ms and this ms is present inside the users,which is the root location inside my system.So now I have the configurations successfully copied into a file system.As a next step I need to open the application.yml inside my config server.As of now you can see we have mentioned the search location as classpath.Instead of this we need to provide a new search location.

Here I'll try to comment this existing one for your reference post that I'm going to copy the same search location property and mention the same here inside the native element.So now here instead of classpath path, I should mention file after the file I need to give the colonand after the colon, I need to make sure I'm giving three forward slashes followed by what is a folder path or the file system path where I have stored my configurations inside my local system or inside my local server.So you can see user, ms, documents, config.

This is the folder location**.:- "file:///C://Users//User//Documents//config"**

And we need to make sure we are mentioning two forward slashes between every folder and after this file colon prefix, we need to make sure we are mentioning three forward slashes.

With this now my config server will point to a new search location and this new search location is following the approach of file system.

Now I can stop all my microservices including the config server and do a build. As a next step,first I can start my config server because like we know before we try to start all the individual microservices we need to start the config server.So the config server started successfully post that

I'm going to start my accounts application followed by loans application and at last cards application.So all my microservices are also getting started successfully.First, I can quickly try to test my config server URLs. So first I'll try to test prod profile of loans microservice. **http://localhost:8071/loans/prod**

I'm able to fetch the properties.You can see the location it is showing as

**file:/C:/Users/User/Documents/config/loans-prod.yml.**

This confirms we are successfully able to load the configurations from a file system location.Very similarly, I can randomly test for cards as well, followed by accounts as well.So accounts microservice profile is also getting loaded properly.Now as a next step, let's try to test the integration between our individual microservice with the config server. I'm not going to test all the APIs. Let's try to test randomly for cards Microservice

by invoking this contact-info, you can see we are getting the prod related properties because by default for all of our microservice we have activated the prod profile.I hope you are clear with the changes that we have done inside this lecture to read the configurations from a file system location.The only change that we have done is to change the value inside the search location from classpath to file along with the folder location(putting the folder in our local sys directory like c driver or e or anywhere in the sys).The profile has to be native only inside your spring cloud config server.

spring:  
 application:  
 name: "configserver"  
 profiles:  
 active: native  
*# active: git* cloud:  
 config:  
 server:  
 native:  
*# search-locations: "classpath:/config/"* search-locations: "file:///C://Users//User//Documents//config"  
  
server:  
 port: 8071

**Reading configuration from a Github Repository**

GitHub repo. Using the same GitHub repo,

my config server can try to load and read all the properties during the startup. And this GitHub approach

is the most recommended approach because when you try to store your properties inside GitHub repo you

will get multiple advantages like you can properly secure your GitHub repo. So that no one can access it.

And at the same time it is also going to support versioning, auditing, in future maybe down the line

after one two years if you want to understand what is the property that we use to have two years back or one year back, you can always see the history inside the GitHub repo, whereas other approaches like file system and classpath it is nearly impossible to track such versioning changes.

So in order to get started with the GitHub approach, first we need to move all our properties into

a GitHub repo. Behind the scenes I have created a GitHub repo.You can see this is the GitHub repo with the name eazybytes-config. Inside this GitHub repo,like you can see, I have uploaded all the properties related to the accounts, cards and loans microservice.And apart from that you may also see other Yaml files like Eureka server, Gateway server.So for now don't worry about them.We are going to use them in the coming sections.So please focus on only the accounts, loans and cards microservice Yaml files.

If you try to open any of them, the same content is present, whatever we have discussed previously.

So now you can see as of now I made these repository as public so that my students can access these

and they can also use inside their microservice while they are practicing.In real world,we can't make our GitHub repo as a public.Instead, we are going to make it as private repo, which means our config server has to authenticate with the GitHub repo whenever it is trying to connect during the startup.

I'll give some directions on how to provide security details,whenever you are trying to interact with a private GitHub repo from your config server.For now first let's try to connect with this public GitHub repo. For the same inside your public GitHub repo,first, please copy the value of https URL.

So this is my https url value.So I'm just copying this post that we'll go to the application.yml of config server.Here inside the config server as of now we have activated the profile native and this native profile

we should activate only when you are using the approaches like classpath, location and file system

location.Whereas if we are using GitHub repo we need to activate the profile with the name git.

So that's why I'm going to mention active post that I'm going to mention the profile name as Git.

So please make sure you are mentioning this active under the profiles only. So I have mentioned this correctly.Like you can see this is the child under profiles. I just commented this so that it will be here for your reference.

Now under the spring.cloud.config.server.native.We have provided the search locations, but right now we are not following the native approach or native profile.That's why.Please comment all these native related configurations.I'm trying to comment the search locations as well. Now inside this server, let's create a new child element with the name Git.You can see the same value we have to provide here.

Under the git we need to create one more child element, which is uri. To this Uri,

we need to pass the GitHub repository URL details.So this is my GitHub repository URL details.

After mentioning these details, we should also mention one more child element under the gate which is default-label. Like you know, inside the GitHub repo we'll be having a label name for our branches.

Inside my GitHub repo you can see the default branch name right now I'm using is main.

That's why I have to mention the same.This default label element is going to helpful if you have multiple branches inside your GitHub repo. To avoid such confusion we need to always mention what is the default label or what is the default branch that your config server has to connect. After this property

I'm going to mention one more property which is timeout. Under this timeout I'm going to give a value as five.So this represent that my config server should wait only for maximum five seconds and after the five

seconds if it is not able to connect to my GitHub repo for whatever reasons, the config server should immediately throw an exception.So this will allow my config server to fail immediately and that will give an exception to the operations team or the developers team to understand if the GitHub repository is down or if the configurations that we have done related to the uri or any other properties is wrong or not, we can validate all such details. After the timeout,the next property that we need to mention is, clone-on-start.

Start with the value

true.With this property I'm telling to my config server.Please try to clone the GitHub repo into local system during the startup itself.If you don't mention these value as true, the cloning of the GitHub repo will happen only when the very first request come to your config server and this may result into some issues like your config server may get started properly, but when the very first request coming towards your config server like in the form of accounts microservice or cards or loans microservice, then it cannot clone and it cannot read the configurations.And in such scenarios it is going to create some issues on the accounts microservice.That's why we need to make sure we are cloning the GitHub repo during the startup of the config server itself. And the last property that I want to provide here is, force-pull.

So to this force-pull. I'm going to mention the value as true. Sometimes you might have changed some local changes inside the local repo that got cloned inside your config server. By mentioning this force-pull as true. We are telling to override all the local changes whenever you are trying to start or restart

your config server. This will make sure your config server always reading the properties from the master location which is GitHub repo.After making these changes we should be good from the code changes perspective.

spring:  
 application:  
 name: "configserver"  
 profiles:  
*# active: native* active: git  
 cloud:  
 config:  
 server:  
*# native:  
# search-locations: "classpath:/config/"  
# search-locations: "file:///C://Users//User//Documents//config"* git:  
 uri: "https://github.com/Shakir-Ali01/msbytes-config.git"  
 default-label: main  
 timeout: 5  
 force-pull: true  
server:  
 port: 8071

Let me save this changes and do a build post that I'm going to stop all my microservices including the config server. After all my services are stopped. As a next step I can first try to start my config server application.So let me start in debug mode and you can also check in the console that your config server will try to use the git profile and that's what happened here.

Now as a next step, I'm going to start my AccountsApplication. Once the AccountApplication is started, I'm going to start my LoansApplication and after the LoansApplication I'm also going to start the CardsApplication. With this we have started all our services.First, let's try to understand if our config server is reading from the GitHub repo or not. Here I'm trying to load this URL, which is [**http://localhost:8071/loans/prod**](http://localhost:8071/loans/prod)

**Output**

**propertySources": [**

**{**

**"name":"https://github.com/Shakir-Ali01/msbytes-config.git/loans-prod.yml",**

**"source": {**

**"build.version": "1.0",**

**"loans.message": "Hey, welcome to EazyBank loans related prod APIs ",**

**"loans.contactDetails.name": "Pelias Sudhir - Product Owner",**

**"loans.contactDetails.email": "pelias@eazybank.com",**

**"loans.onCallSupport[0]": "(723) 656-8709",**

**"loans.onCallSupport[1]": "(156) 342-0956"**

**}},**

Here you can see as soon as I refresh the page I'm able to get the properties from the GitHub repo, the same you can confirm by looking at this GitHub url link that my config server is using to pull the properties. So these are the accounts prod related properties.

As a next step, let's try to test the integration between the individual microservices and config server.

Here I'm going to invoke the cards related contact-info. You can see I'm getting a successful response from the cards microservice, which means my cards microservice during the startup it might have connected to the config server and asked for the properties related to the prod profile.

With this right now our config server is pointing to the GitHub repo and this is the most recommended

approach and this approach has many other advantages which we are going to discuss in the coming lectures.Throughout this course,we are going to use this GitHub approach. Now you may have a question here.Are there any other approaches that we can use because different projects may have different requirements.So let's try to understand the same by looking at the official documentation of the spring cloud config server.Here inside the spring website, you can click on this spring cloud config.

So I'm just clicking on this which will open the spring cloud config related information.

Now in order to check the official documentation details, you can click on this learn and post that

you can click on this reference doc of the latest version.With that, you will be redirected to the official documentation.If you can click on this spring cloud config server and scroll down there is a lot of information about the spring cloud config server. If you ask me to talk about spring cloud config server, I can talk for ten more hours.So this subject is very huge.That's why if you have any questions, any time, I would always recommend you to come to this page and check for the information available about the spring cloud config server. Suppose if you are trying to look for the information on how to use a private GitHub repository, then you can come to this git backend and here there'll be a section explaining about authentication. You can see and this authentication we have the information on how to pass a username and password of your GitHub repo. But if you are not comfortable mentioning the username and password, you can also make this work by following the SSH standards. So please read this official documentation for more details. Now, very similarly, if you are using AWS codecommit just like how we are using GitHub repo in such cases you can refer to this section and similarly Google cloud source

if you are using you can refer to this section and git SSH configurations you can achieve with the help of these properties. Like what is your what is the host key? What is the host key algorithm?

What is your private key. Post that if you can scroll down, we have various approaches explained like

file system backend, which we already discussed. And if you are using some vault, you can refer to this vault backend.

And similarly, if you can scroll down, there is also information about CredHub server, AWS secret manager and very similarly parameter store Jdbc backend in case if you have plans to use database to store all your properties, you can refer to these Jdbc backend. This way this official document has a lot of information. My request is whenever you have some requirements which we have not discussed inside this course, this documentation can be a great resource for you to get started. I want you to be empowered always. Like you don't have to depend on others. You can always refer to the official documentation to get most of the information. Whatever courses that you find inside Udemy or YouTube or any other place, they will only make you the subject simple and they will try to explain the concept.

Once you are clear with the subject and concept, any complex scenario that you have, you can always

try to achieve by referring to the official documentation most of the times. That's how you can try to get promoted yourself from junior developer to senior developer. Always remember your number of years of experience doesn't matter. The knowledge that you carry only is a matter. I hope you are clear with all the information that we have discussed inside this lecture.

**Encryption & Decryption of properties inside config server**

As of now, we have all the configuration properties inside the GitHub repo and right now we are in

a good position because we are following the most recommended and production standard approach. But sometimes we may want to store our properties in an encrypted format.

Currently inside our GitHub repo we stored all the properties in a plain text.

What if you have a scenario where you want to store the property value in an encrypted format so that even if someone has access to your GitHub repo or if someone by accidentally open your GitHub repo, they should not be able to see your sensitive property details.

That's why it is always advisable to encrypt sensitive properties like passwords or any URL details,

folder structures or any other sensitive information.

Inside this lecture, let's try to understand how spring cloud config server is going to help in this

scenario. For the same, first, we need to go to the application.yml of config server. Here we need to create a property with the name encrypt. Post that encrypt,we need to mention a child element with the name key. So to this encrypt.key we need to provide what is the secret that my spring cloud config server canuse to encrypt the properties and to decrypt the properties?

Always remember whenever you are trying to provide a secret key, it has to be super complex so that it is going to be very tough for the hackers to guess it. If you just keep some simple keys like one, two, three, four, five or password or Abcdef. So such keys are very dangerous to use inside any application. We should use a key, which is very complex to guess.That's why here I'm going to mention some complex key.And the key like you can see it is a very complex key and it is really impossible for anyone to guess this key. And this is completely random key.You can create your own key.There are many websites also online which will help you to generate a complex key for your encryption process.So this key can be any value, but please make sure it is complex in nature.

Once we create this property inside our config server, it is going to expose, encrypt and decrypt

related APIs. Using which it is going to encrypt or decrypt all our properties.

So let's try to understand those properties. For the same,

spring:  
 application:  
 name: "configserver"  
 profiles:  
*# active: native* active: git  
 cloud:  
 config:  
 server:  
*# native:  
# search-locations: "classpath:/config/"  
# search-locations: "file:///C://Users//User//Documents//config"* git:  
 uri: "https://github.com/Shakir-Ali01/msbytes-config.git"  
 default-label: main  
 timeout: 5  
 force-pull: true  
encrypt:  
 key: "6SD893HFHJK399JFJFHJF88"  
server:  
 port: 8071

I'm going to save these changes and do a build post that I'm going to stop all my applications and for

now I'm going to start only the config server application. So here, let me start in debug mode.

Once our config server is started, we can go to the postman.

Here inside the postman you can see under the config server folder.I have provided a new request with the name encrypt and this is going to support Http method post and the URL has to be your config server port number which is 8071 and encrypt is the path. To this path

you can pass any kind of plain text value and it is going to give the encrypted value. And this encryption

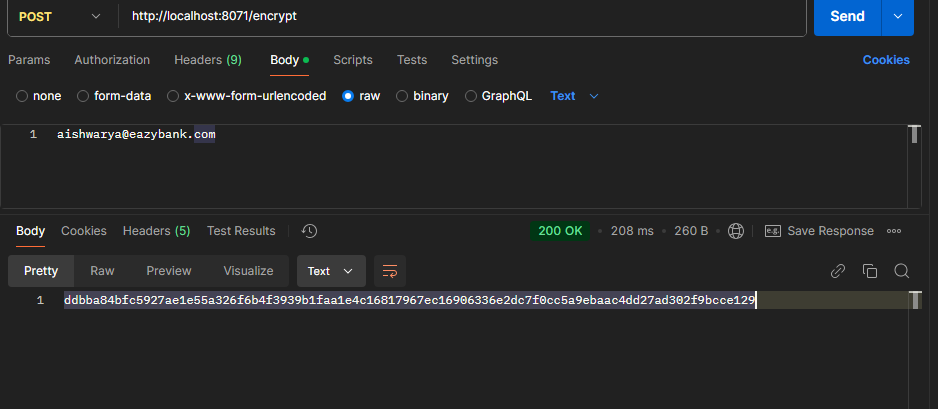
process is going to use the secret key that you have defined inside the application.yml of config server. So here I'm trying to encrypt a property which is the email inside my accounts prod profile.

As of now you can see inside my accounts-prod.yml, under contact details,

the email value is mentioned in a plain text value, so anyone who has access to my GitHub repo they can see the email value.Think like I want to encrypt this value inside my GitHub repo. In such scenarios, first you need to understand what is the encrypted value of your plaintext value.

That's why I'm trying to take this plain text value from here. Now, inside the body of this post request, I need to select this raw option and please make sure you

are selecting this text option because I'm just trying to send a simple text value. So here I have mentioned the email in a plain text. Now if I try to click on the send button,



I will get an encrypted value.Now we have the encrypted value of the plain text value(**aishwarya@eazybank.com**).We can copy this, encrypt value and go to the  
 GitHub repo. Inside my GitHub repo

like you can see as of now we have the email using the plain text value. Since we have the requirement to encrypt this email value, what I can do is, I can click on this, edit

this file, and in the place of plain text value I'm going to mention the encrypted value. Please make sure you also have this double quotes. But here there is a challenge for my spring cloud config server.How it is going to differentiate between a plain text value and a encrypted value. To help spring cloud config server

around this scenario, I need to make sure for the encrypted values I'm mentioning a prefix which is

inside the curly braces, I have to mention cipher.

build:  
 version: "1.0"  
accounts:  
 message: "Hey, welcome to EazyBank accounts related webhook APIs"  
contactDetails:  
 name: "Reine Aishwarya - Product Owner"  
 email: **"{cipher}**ddbba84bfc5927ae1e55a326f6b4f3939b1faa1e4c16817967ec16906336e2dc7f0cc5a9ebaac4dd27ad302f9bcce129"  
onCallSupport:  
 - (453) 392-4829  
- (236) 203-0384

So whenever my spring cloud config server sees this cipher which is a prefix to an value, then it assumes whatever value of the cipher is an encrypted value. So during the when it is trying to send these properties to the actual microservice, it is going to decrypt and send the values in a plain text value. This way, even if someone is trying to see the properties inside my GitHub repo, I'm fine because these are encrypted values.

They cannot know what is the encrypted value until unless they know the secret key that I have mentioned inside the config server. As of now, the secret key we have simply configured inside the application.yml of config server. But in real production applications the secret key can be configured with the help of environment variables or CLI arguments or any other approach.

So now let me commit these changes and commit directly into the master branch. As a next step,

let's try to restart our config server so that it reads these latest values.

So here I will stop my config server first post that I'm going to start my config server in a debug

mode.Once my config server is started, we can validate if the config server is able to decrypt the value or not by invoking the application slash prod API inside the config server.

So here I'm trying to invoke this API which is account slash prod available inside the config server.

You can see I'm getting a response and here the email is decrypted

**http://localhost:8071/accounts/prod**

**output** :-

"**build.version": "1.0",  
"accounts.message": "Hey, welcome to EazyBank accounts related webhook APIs",  
"accounts.contactDetails.name":"ReineAishwary-Product-Owner",  
"accounts.onCallSupport[0]":"(453)392-4829",  
"accounts.onCallSupport[1]": "(236) 203-0384",**

**"accounts.contactDetails.email": "aishwarya@eazybank.com"**

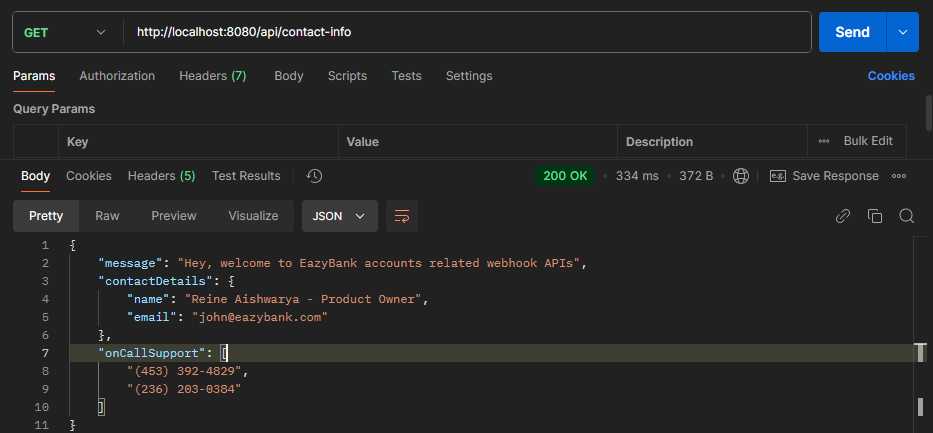
.

So this is the email which we initially encrypted.

By the time config server is returning to the clients, it is going to decrypt with the secret key that

we have mentioned. Now as a next step, let's try to start our accounts microservice and validate if my accounts microservice is receiving this email value in a plain text or in an encrypted value.

So I'm trying to start my accounts microservice in a debug mode and I'll go to the postman. Inside my postman you can see this is the API that we need to invoke to get the contact-info details from the accounts microservice. As soon as I click on the send button, you can see I'm getting the prod profile related properties



because by default the prod profile is activated. And the important check that we need to do here is,

this email is coming in a plain text value instead of encrypted value.

This way we can store any number of sensitive properties inside the GitHub repo using encrypted format.

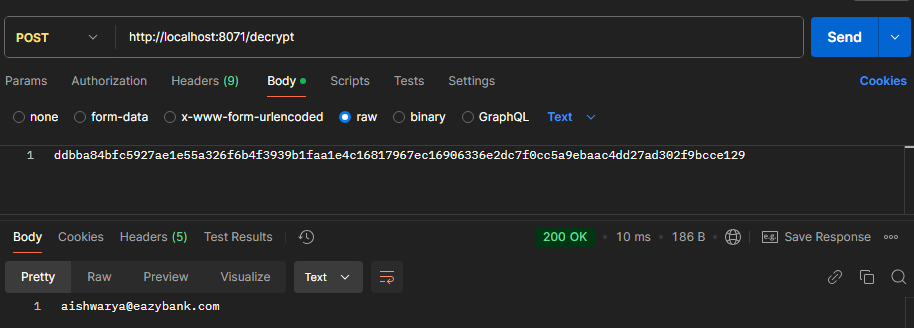
Like I said before, just like encrypted API path, the config server is also going to expose decrypt

API as well. Let's try to test that decrypt by taking this value.

So here I'm going to create a new request and the request will support post and the url is,

**localhost:8071/decrypt**.

Here for this API, we need to go to the body and make sure you are clicking on this raw and the format is text and mention the encrypted value. If I try to click on the send button



you can see I'm getting a plain text value. Here I don't have to mention the cipher before my encrypted value because since we are already invoking the decrypt API, my config server knows that my developer or end user or the client application is going to pass the encrypted value only.

Here again, you may have a question like if someone can easily decrypt my encrypted properties then what is the use of encrypting it? Like you said, inside production applications, your config server will work in a very different manner. Here we are able to invoke any API against config server very easily, but inside production applications, your platform team, they are going to deploy your config server behind the firewalls of your organization. That means no one can invoke the APIs of config server directly .Only the applications which are deployed within the firewall of the organization

they can only communicate with your config server.On top of that, if you want to secure your config server, you can secure it with the help of spring security framework, just like any other spring boot application .I hope you are clear like how to encrypt and decrypt the properties.

**Refresh configurations at runtime using refresh actuator path**

 we have three different microservices and there is a

config server and we are able to read the properties from the config server during the startup of the microservices applications.

So everything is working perfectly and you may think this is the end of the spring cloud config server and we may not face any other challenges in terms of configuration management. But inside this lecture I want to introduce a new problem that we may face inside the microservices environment in terms of configuration management. Think like you have your config server setup and all your microservices started by connecting to the config server they loaded the properties perfectly. All of a sudden you want to change a particular property inside your config server and the same you want to be reflected runtime without restarting your microservices(bcoz without restarting microservices changes will not reflected we need to restart our m icroservices to get changes properties from the config server ).

**Here you may have a question, what is the problem that I have if I restart my microservices**.

Inside microservice It's not one microservice there are hundreds of microservices and there will be multiple instance for each microservice. So restarting your instances of microservices is again a manual task that someone has to take care. Whenever you bring some manual task inside microservice, then it is going to make your microservices setup very complex. That's why we should look for an option on refreshing the properties without restarting the microservices instances.

**For example**, think like you have a feature flag which you have configured inside the config server. So based upon a feature flag like a boolean flag, you want to control the behavior of your microservice business logic. When the flag is disabled, you want to execute some other piece of code. These flags you want to change anytime inside the config server and you want the same to be reflected immediately inside your individual microservices without restart.So this is the most common scenario that projects will try to achieve inside their microservices network. That's why inside this lecture, let's try to focus on

**how to refresh the configurations or properties inside the microservices without restarting the instances.**

**Step 1**. :- first we need to make sure all our individual microservices, they have the spring boot actuator dependency defined inside the pom.xml

<dependency>  
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>  
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-actuator</artifactId>  
</dependency>

**Step 2:-** As a next step, we need to go to our Dto classes where we are trying to hold all our property details. So here we have inside accounts microservice there is a record class with the name AccountsContactInfo which holds all the properties that my microservice is going to read during the startup from the config server. With this setup we have a problem whenever we are using a record class,

that means once the object of this AccountContactInfoDto is created during the startup. We cannot change the property values at runtime by invoking the setter method. Whenever you are using record class, all your fields are going to be final.  
changing the record to class we can see below

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Class** *@ConfigurationProperties*(prefix="accounts") *@Getter @Setter public class* AccountContactInfoDto {  *private* String message;  *private* Map<String,String> contactDetails;  *private* List<String> onCallSupport; } | **Record**  *@ConfigurationProperties*(prefix="accounts") *public record* AccountContactInfoDto(String message, Map<String,String> contactDetails, List<String> onCallSupport) { } |

So we have made these dto related changes in all the microservices.  
So this will allow our microservices to change the property values at runtime.

After making these changes, I need to go to my application.yml of Accounts Microservice. Inside this application.yml, we need to enable the actuator API paths by default actuator is not going to expose all the management related API paths. That's why we need to specifically enable them by introducing a property here. So the property that I want to mention here is, management since we want to enable the management related

APIs

management:  
 endpoints:  
 web:  
 exposure:  
 include: "\*"

our accoutns application is running on the por no 8080 so   
[**http://localhost:8080/actuator**](http://localhost:8080/actuator)

after hitting this url we can see all the endpoint related to actuator is showing   
becoz we r using \* if we want to start only specific endpoint then specify the name like refresh  **for** refreshing the microservices we have need to use this url which is provide by the actuator [**http://localhost:8080/actuator/refresh**](http://localhost:8080/actuator/refresh)

**this is post endpoint so we will hit inside the postman**

**Step 3 :-** Change the values on the config server and try to get the updated value without restarting our microservices change the message value at github accounts-prod.yml file (prod to production )  
**message: "Hey, welcome to EazyBank accounts related to production APIs"**

Now want to access in account microservices but getting previuos value prod to get the updated value we have to hit this url [**http://localhost:8080/actuator/refresh**](http://localhost:8080/actuator/refresh)

**After refreshing we are getting updated values   
Output**

"message": "Hey, welcome to EazyBank accounts related to production APIs",

**So using this approach we can get updated value without restarting the microservices**

So this is super, super perfect.

But there is a serious drawback that we have inside this approach. The drawback is think like you have 100 microservices and each of them has five different instances,which means there will be total 500 microservices instances running inside your production.And for some reason you're trying to change the property in all the microservices.Then you need to invoke the refresh endpoint against all the 500 instances running inside your production.And doing this manually is going to be super, super cumbersome process.Some operations team are some platform team,they will try to automate this process by writing some scripts inside the CI/CD pipelines or they will try to write a Jenkins jobs or CI/CD jobs, which will invoke all the microservices instances, refresh and points. But still, it may not be a convenient solution for many projects. That's why let's explore this further and try to identify is there any better option that we have to refresh the properties dynamically without invoking this refresh endpoint for each and every microservice

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