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Repo : https://github.com/ThePhobosDeimosSuite/laboratoire-0_log430

Projet is available in production here : log430@10.194.32.176

Run `docker compose up` in projet folder which is located at `~/lab0`

Introduction and Goals

Requirements Overview

A small business composed of 5 different shops, a supply center and a main shop needs an application to operate. As such, the app needs to keep track of sales and the inventory for each shop on top of a wide array of product. There's also an online shop where users can create an account and fill in their cart with items before checking out.

Quality Goals

Data needs to be saved and shared amongst all the different users. The service has to be hosted on a VM.

Stakeholders

Name	Expectations
Manger	Create and update product.
Supply center employee	Deliver new stock to a store, see current stocks.
Store employee	Search product, create sales, search sales, cancel sales, see stocks, order more stocks.
Online customer	Create an account, add items to cart, see items in cart, checkout.

System Scope and Context

Business Context

The app has to execute 16 different use cases, each being initiated by request made to the REST API.

Technical Context

Users will communicate with the service with http request. Data will then be stored in a database for persistence.

Solution Strategy

The service has been split into 6 different parts, each being implemented into a standalone microservice:

- Product
- Stocks
- Sales
- Account
- Shopping Cart
- Checkout

These will have their own database and be able to communicate with each other when needed. (For instance: reducing stocks after a sale) An api gateway will analyse requests and forward it to the corresponding microservice.

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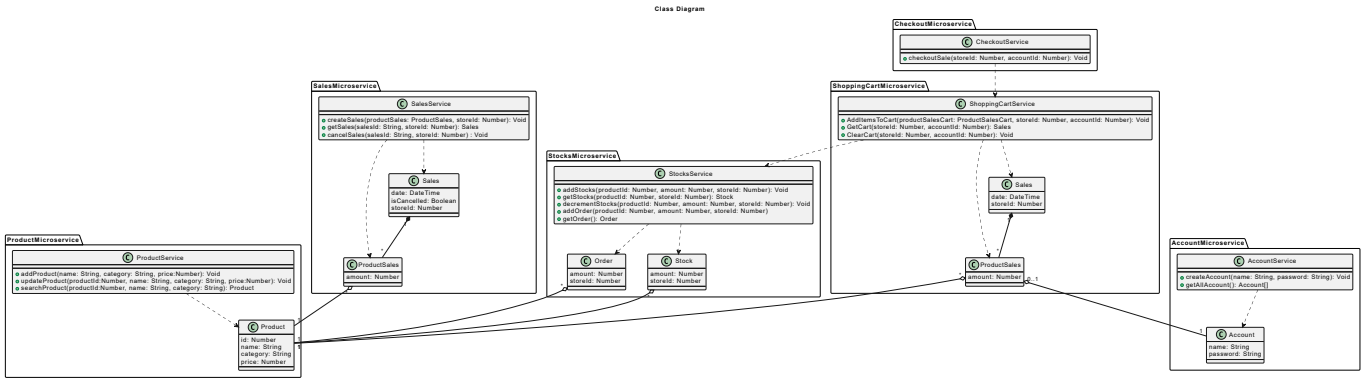
Class Diagram



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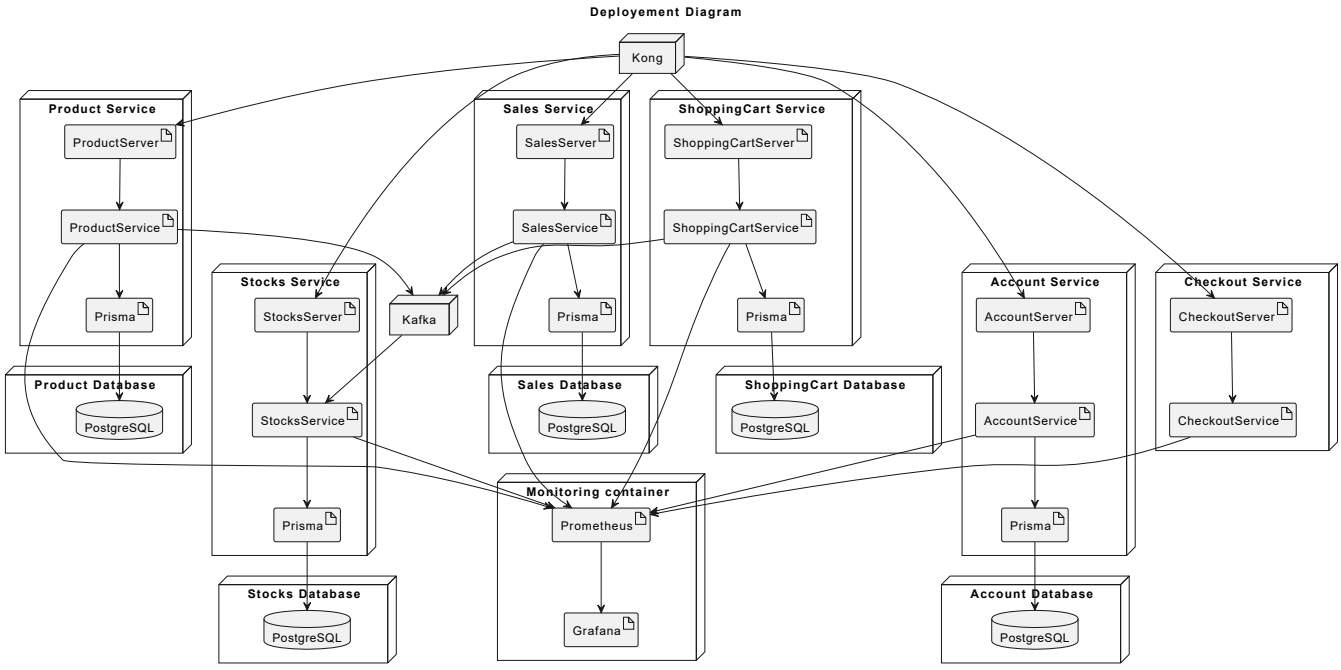

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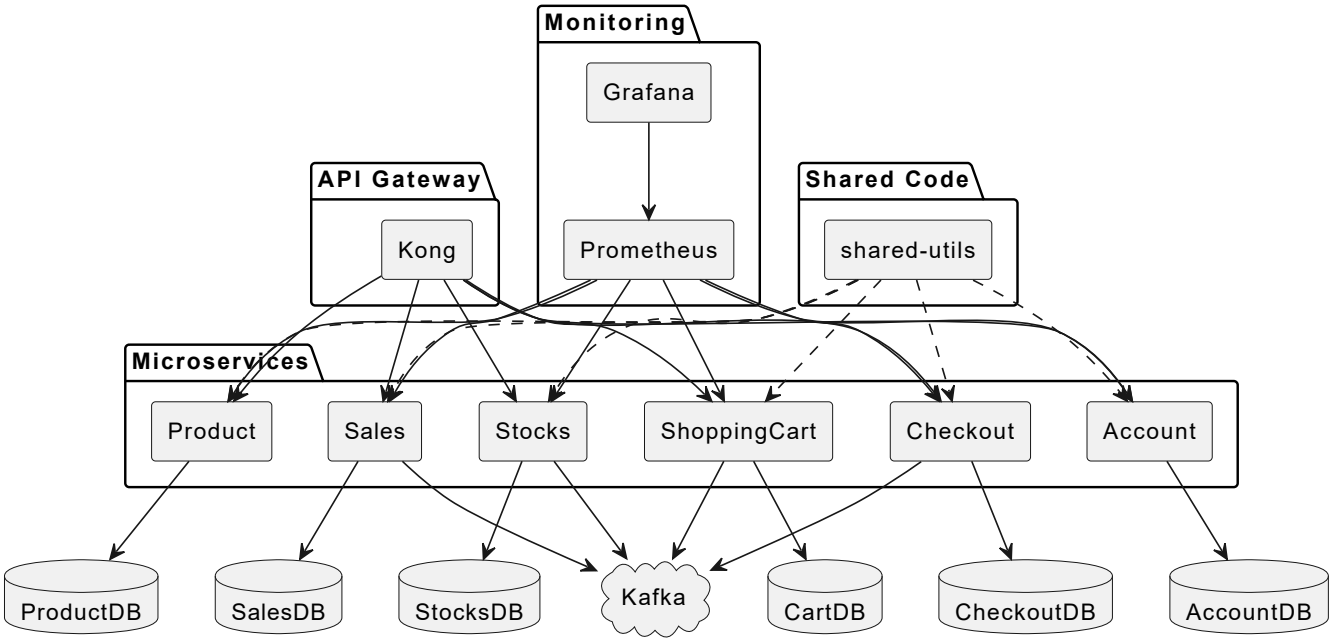

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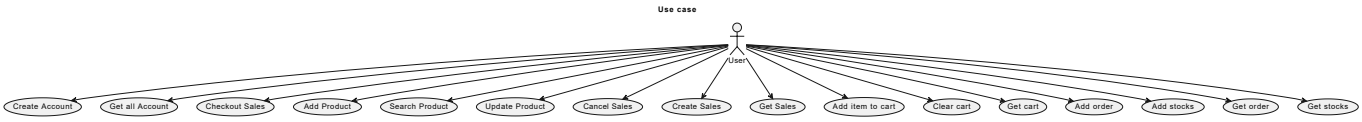

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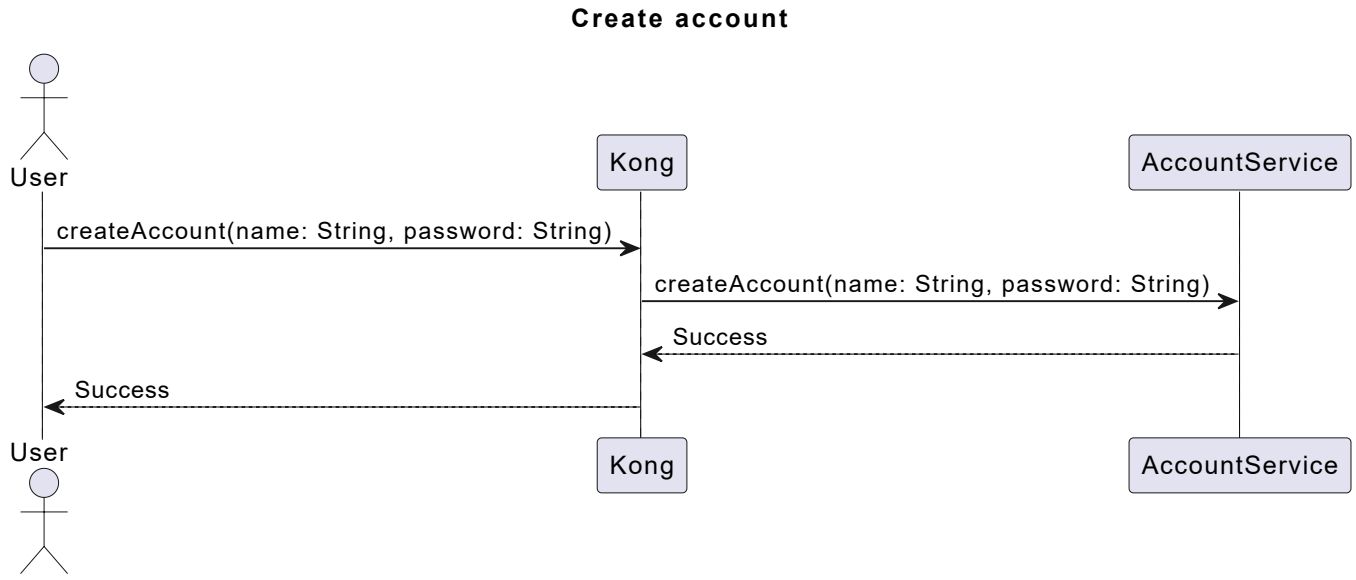
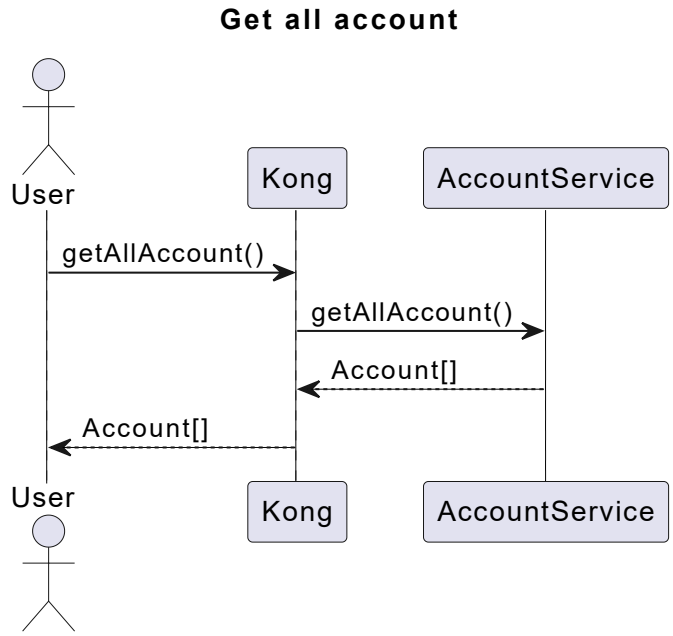
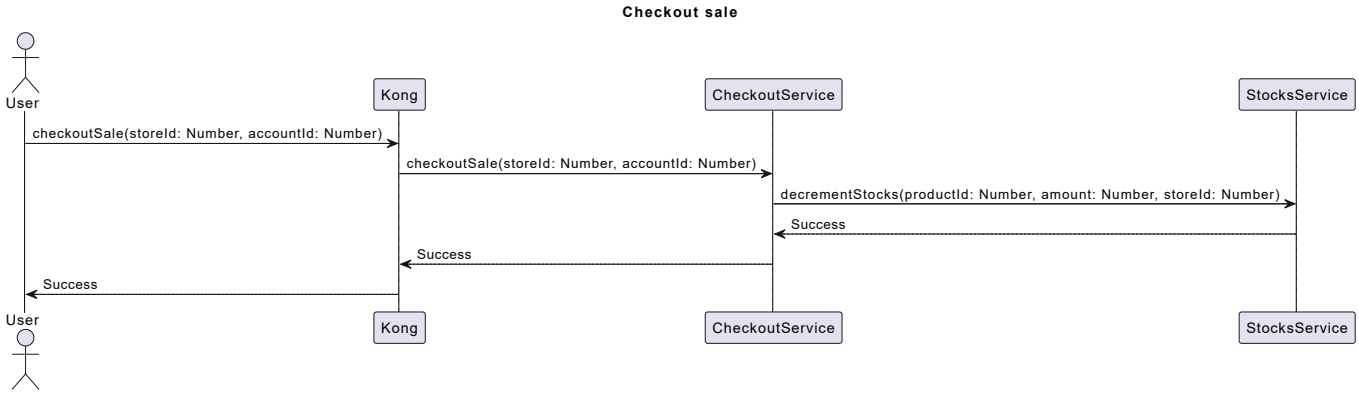


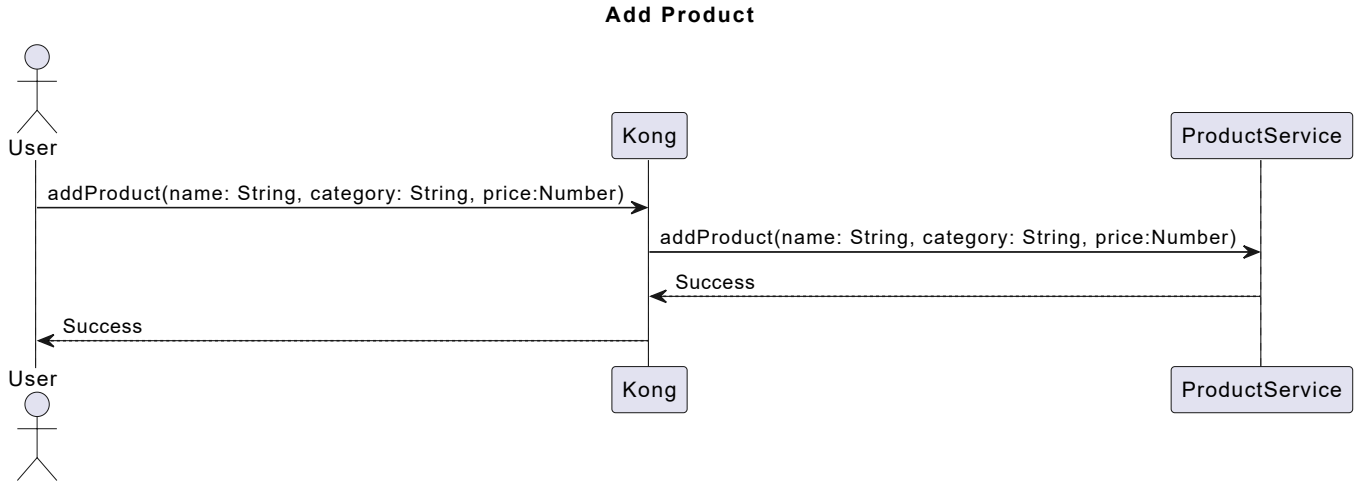
Get all account



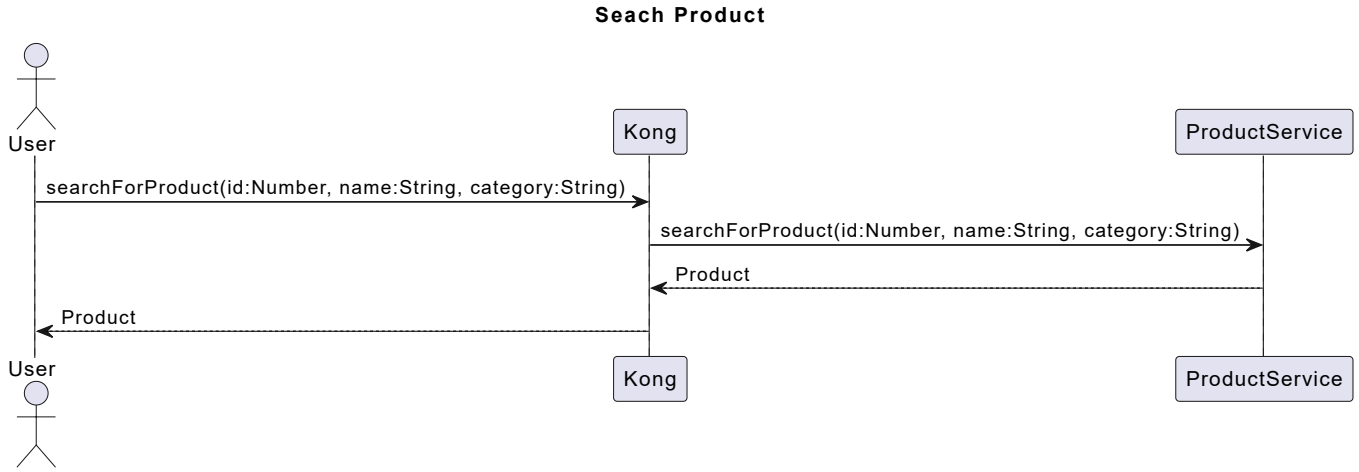
Checkout sales



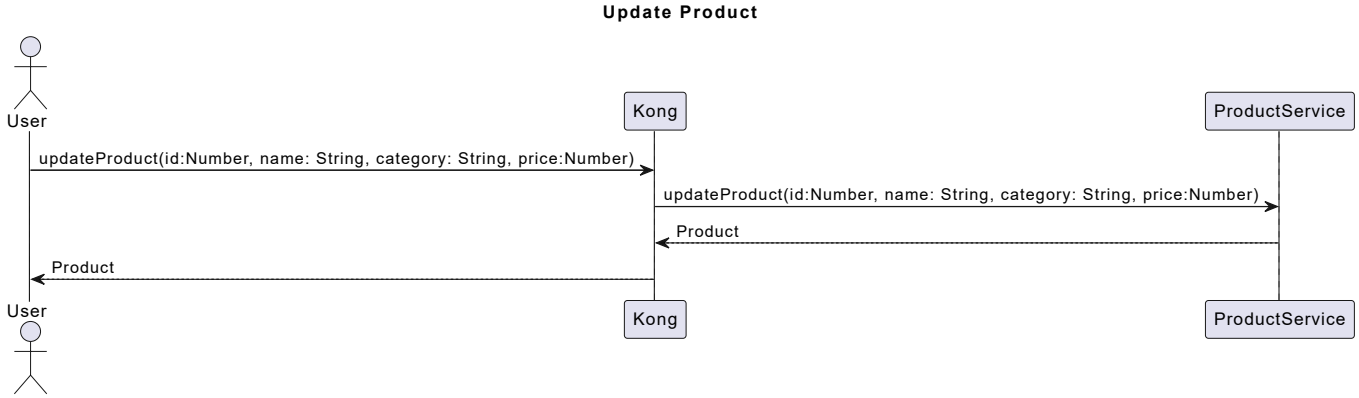
Add product



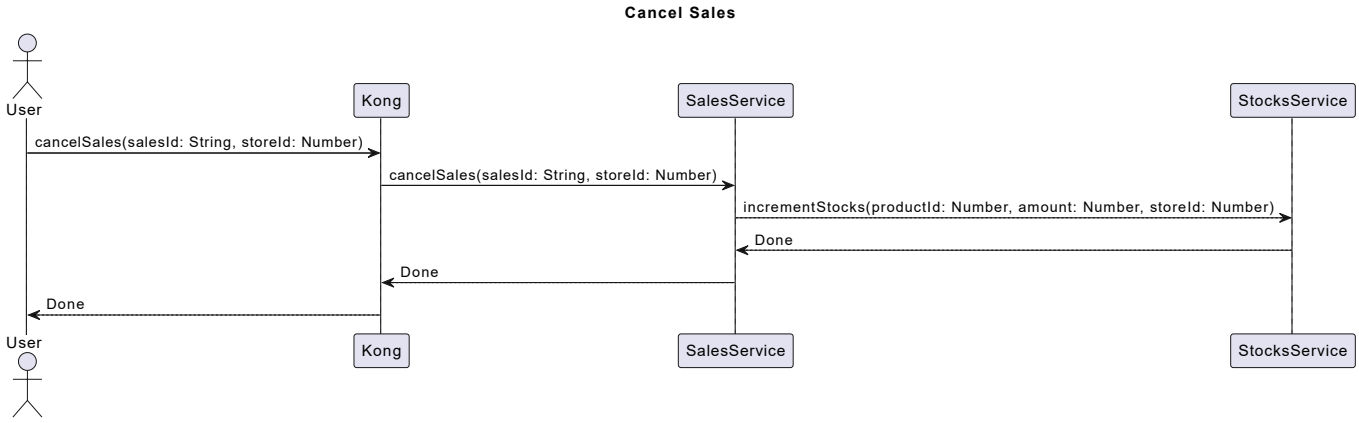
Search product



Update product



Cancel sales



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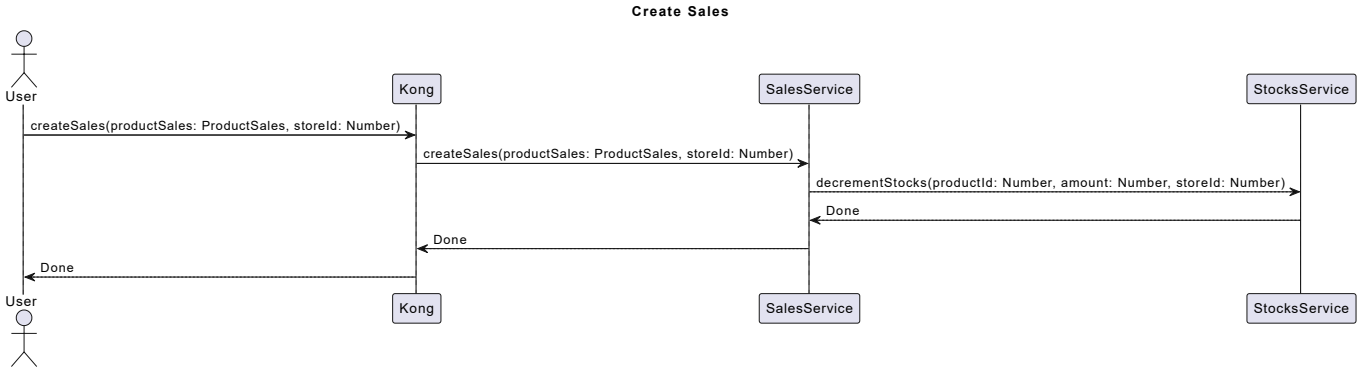
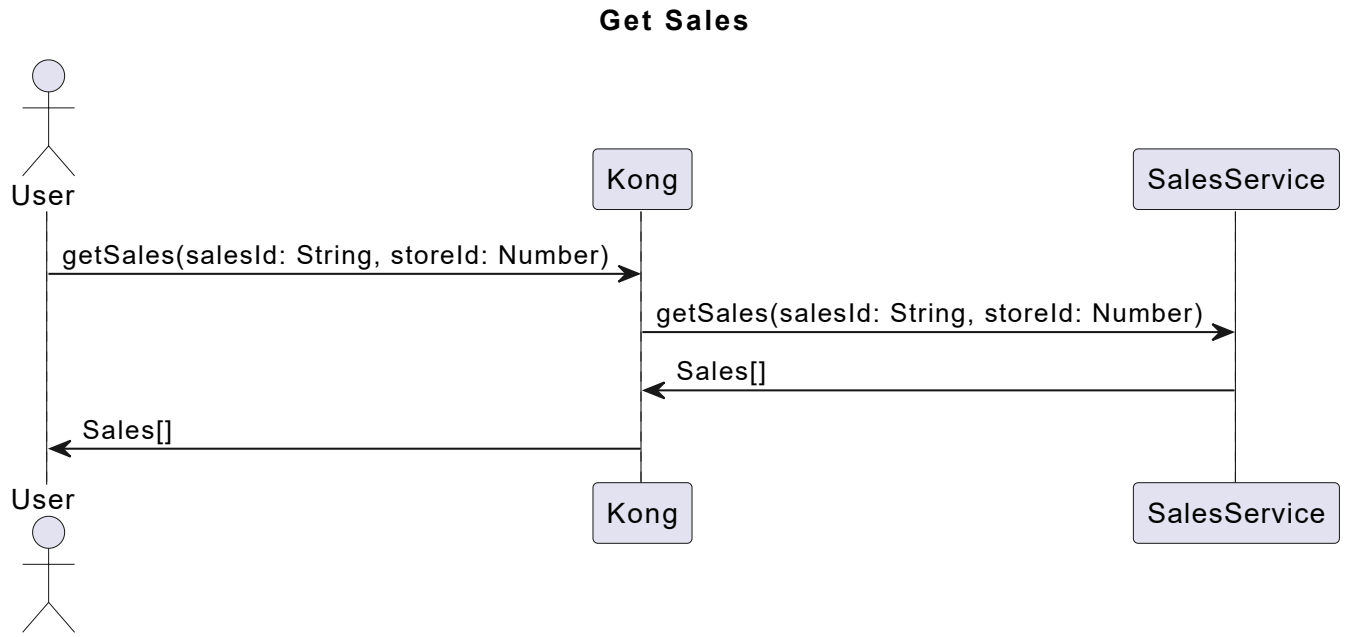
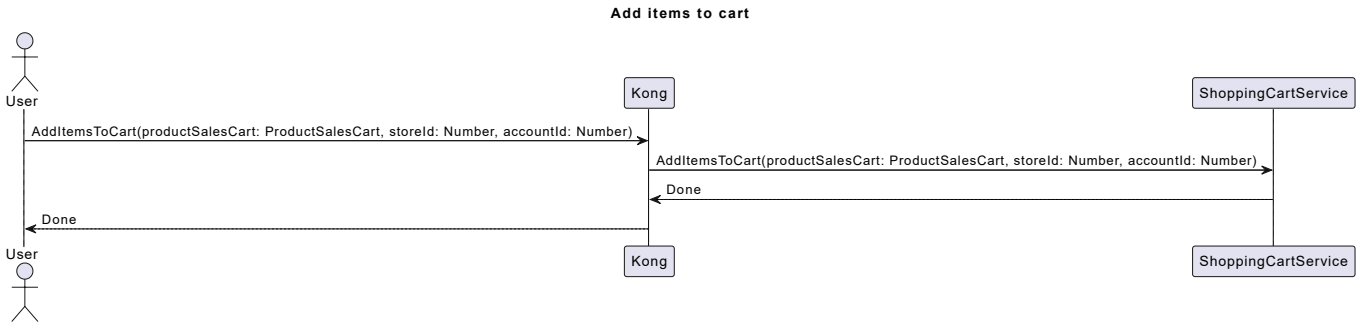


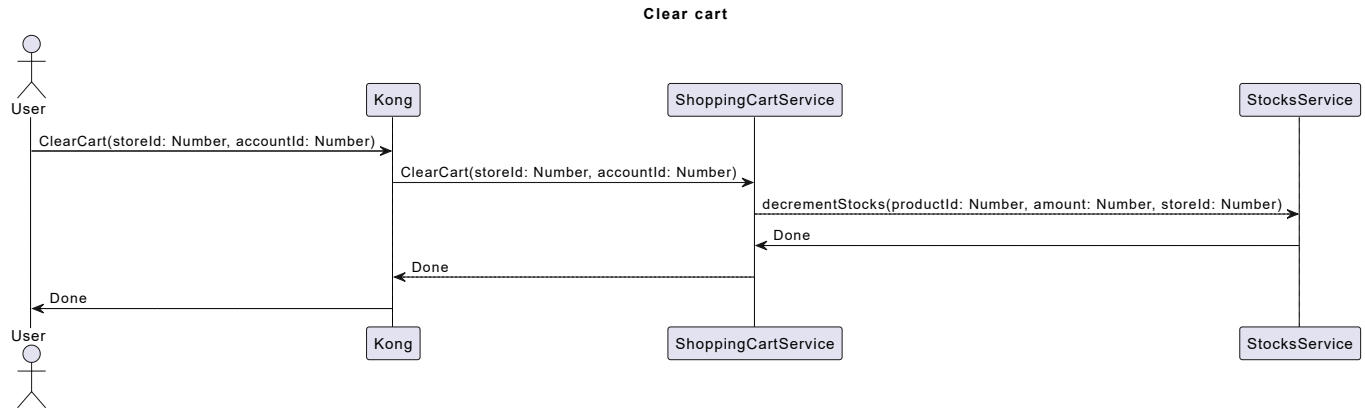
Get sales



Add items to cart



Clear cart



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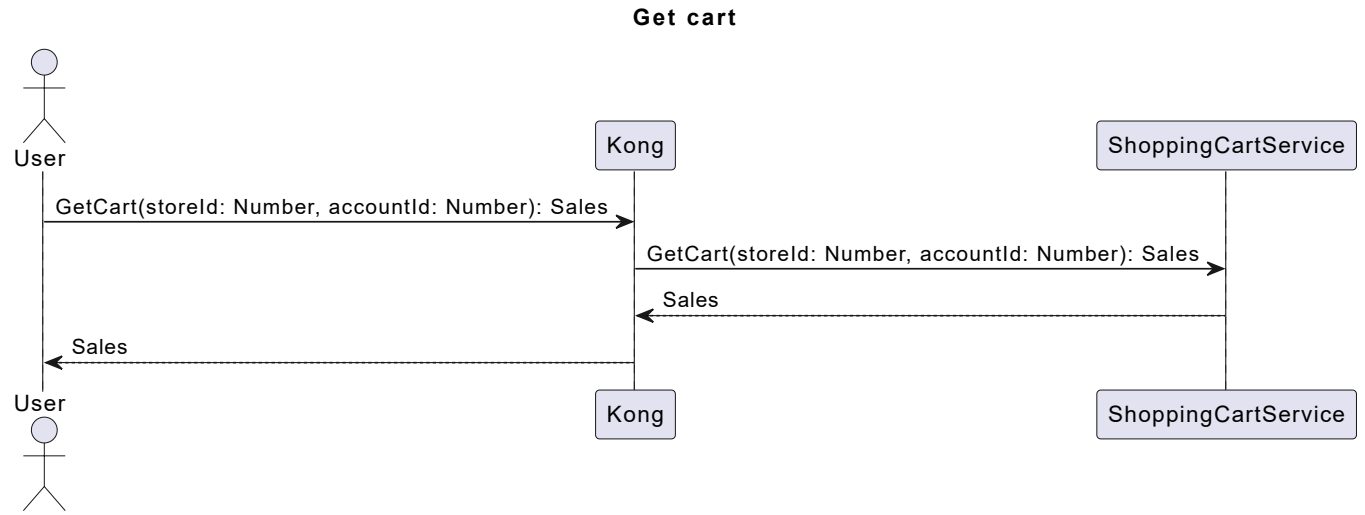
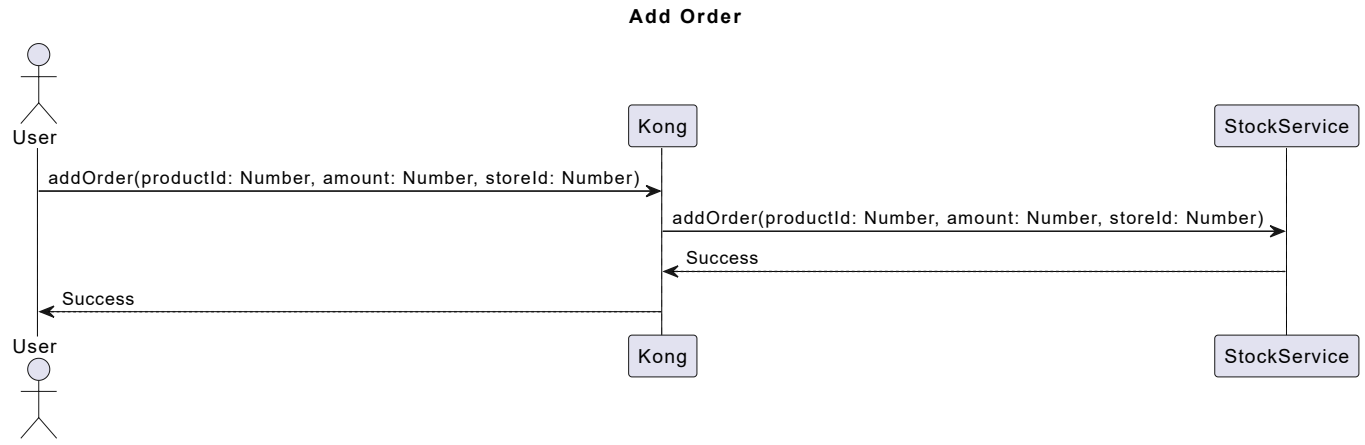
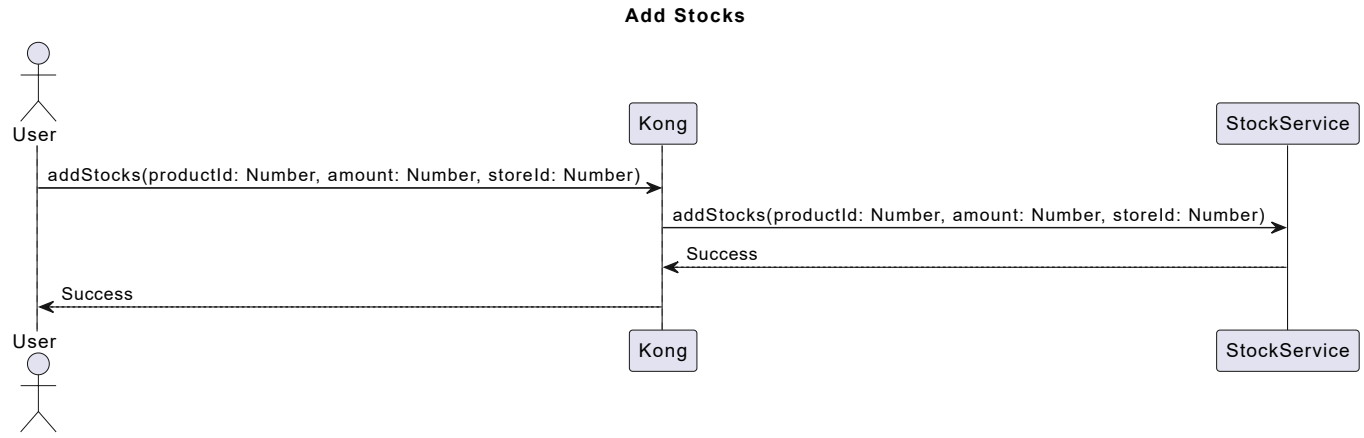


Add order



Add stocks



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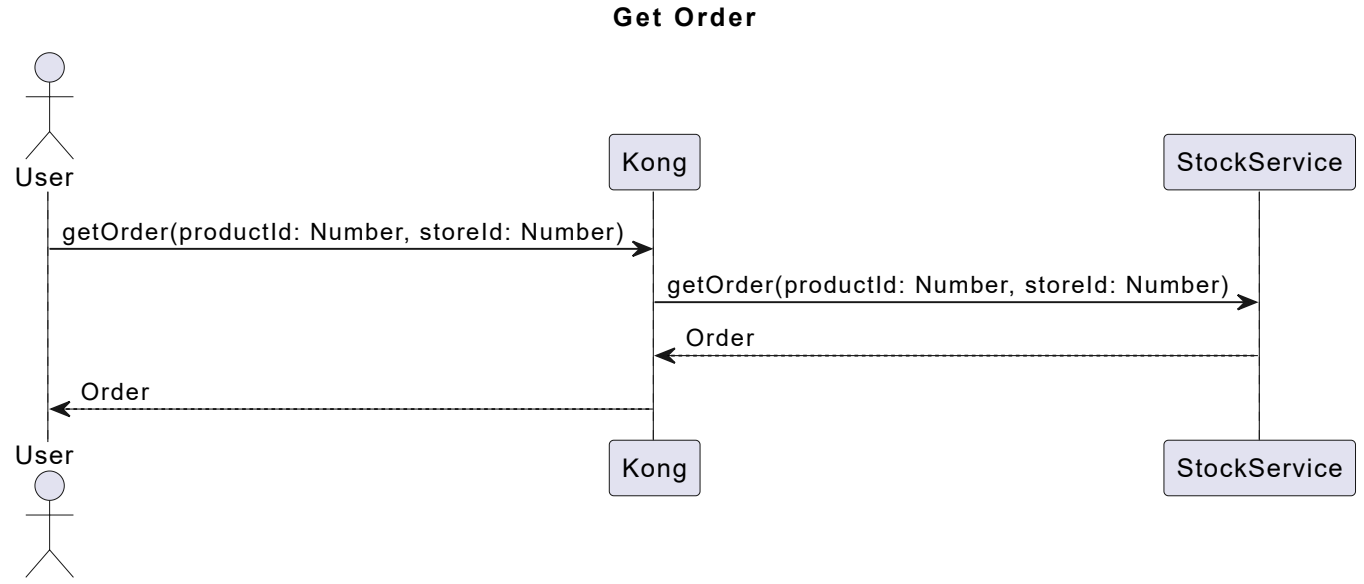

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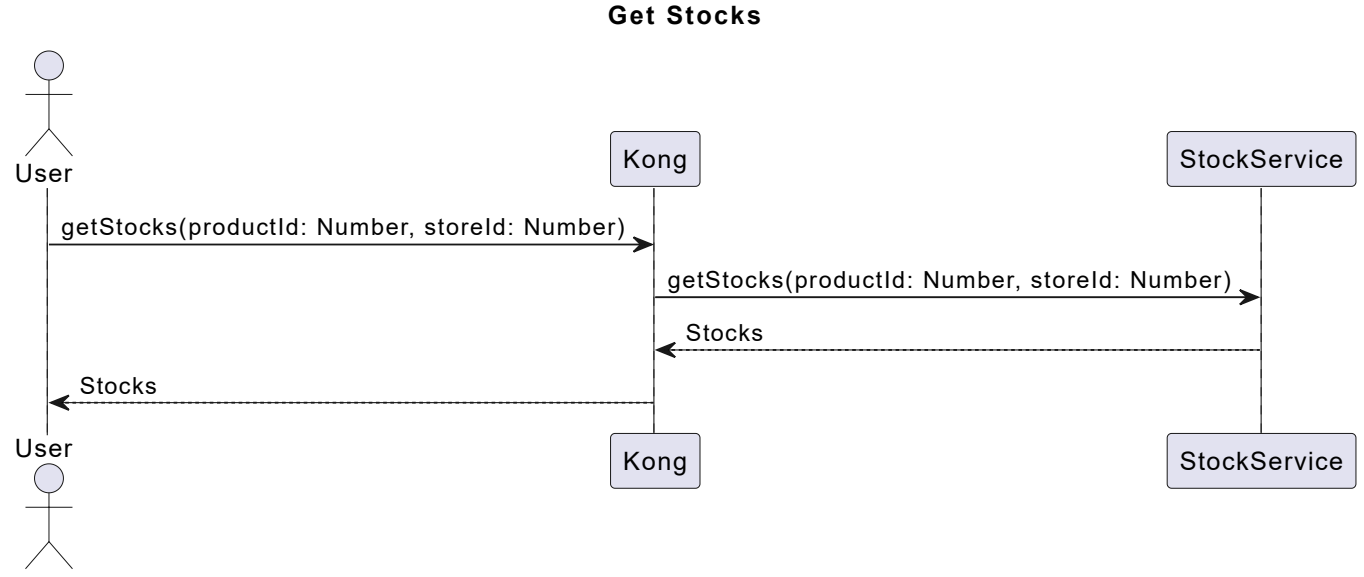

Design Decisions

Kafka

Context

Each microservice has it's own database, which means we need a way to tell the *StocksService* when a sales has been completed. We thus need a library to allow microservices to speak to each other and stay up to date.

Decision

An event based messaging system like *Kafka* would allow microservices to send messages between each other and stay in sync.

Status

Accepted

Consequence

After a sale has been complete, the *SalesService* will send an event to the *StocksService* to decrease the stock of the sold items. Same thing is done with the *CheckoutService* advising the *StocksService* after an online sale.

When starting the project using *docker-compose*, there's no way of waiting until *Kafka* has initialized before sending request to it. Hence, the microservices start sending message while *Kafka* is still down and i wasn't able to find a good way to fix this.

Shared utils

Context

The project being split into 6 smaller ones, some piece of code can be used between two or more microservices.

Decision

Using the *workspaces* feature in *npm*, it's possible to create a `/shared-utils` and import it has a package to each individual microservice. As such, code used to parse request body can be shared.

Status

Accepted

Consequence

This is great because it avoids copying code but i've had issues with the implementation. Packaging each microservice to a docker image was really difficult because the `/shared-utils` folder has to be included. Also, I've had so many issues with `rootdir` in `jest.config.ts` and to this day running *jest* on Linux still isn't working.

Risks and Technical Debts

Jest

Like mentionned previously, *jest* doesn't work on Linux because of the shared packages between microservices. It's also very annoying to test with *jest* because you need a database up and running with the correct schema. A different connection URL to *PostgreSQL* is defined in `jest.setup.js` but it's not the cleanest way in my opinion.

Docker image

Each microservice generates a huge docker image. I had a lot of issues trying to add the `/shared-utils` to each image so instead i'm copying the entire project to each image (minus what's defined in .dockerignore). This on top of `/node_modules` taking around 300MB means alot of storage and memory is taken by Docker.

Adding product description

When looking up the stocks of a store you get the productId. Before changing everything to a microservice architecture it was pretty easy to incorporate the product information to the request as such :

```
{
    "productId": "1",
    "product": {
        "name": "Orange",
        "price" : 5
    }
}
```

But now the *StocksService* doesn't have access to the product information so we get less info, which is the reason why the dashboard and sales-report are deprecated now. A way to fix this would be to have the api gateway query the *ProductService* and append the info.

Technology chosen

Node.js

Javascript is untyped so it's flexible with how it processes data. I think it's useful when creating a small app where you don't really want to pay too much attention to what type a certain field is and instead focus on making the app work.

Typescript

I still think having types is handy sometimes, of instance it can be useful when dealing with data coming from the ORM.

Prisma

I've never worked with this library before, but there seems to be a huge amount of documentation online. I'm also somewhat unfamiliar with ORMs so i just asked *ChatGPT* for the best library for this particular project.

Jest

This is what I've always used. It was my first time setting up the environment for Jest and I had a hard time making it work with *ESM* and *Typescript*.

Kafka

I've never implemented a system like *Kafka*, so i picked this one because it's well known and popular.

Kong

I used Apollo in another project which i quite liked, but this was the chance to try something new. I had a real hard time with the documentation for *Kong* so i ended up relying alot on *ChatGPT* which wasn't any better.

File structure

- `/src/module` has all of the microservices, which the structure is defined below.
- `/src/shared-utils` has common code shared between all the microservices.

Microservice

- `/test` has the unit tests.
- `/prisma` contains the database schema.
- `/src` has the source files for the microservice.