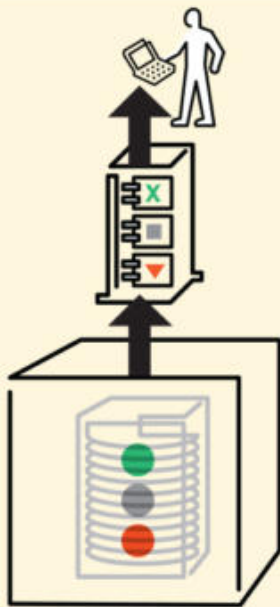# A database for every service

In a conventional architecture, a single database supports one monolithic application. In microservices architecture, each service has its own database, which could be an RDBMS or a NoSQL database depending on the requirements. Together, these services and their databases deliver the user experience.

Monolith - Single database

Microservices - Application databases