

# Spring Boot for Microservices: Operation

In this lesson, we'll be looking at how the Spring framework handles the operation of microservices. Let's begin!

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- Operation
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## Operation #

Spring Boot also has some interesting approaches for operation.

## Deployment in Spring #

- To deploy a Spring Boot application, it is enough to just copy the **JAR file** to the server and start it. Deploying a Java application can't be further simplified.

## Configuration in Spring #

- Spring Boot offers numerous options for the [configuration](#). For example, a **Spring Boot** application can read the configuration from a configuration file or from an environment variable. **Spring Cloud** offers support for **Consul** as a server for configurations. The examples in this course use `application.properties` files for configuration because they are relatively easy to handle.

## Logs in Spring #

- Spring Boot applications can generate [logs](#) in many different ways. Usually, a Spring Boot application displays the logs in the console. Output

to a file is also possible. A Spring Boot application can also send the logs as **JSON** data to a central server instead of using a simple human-readable text format. JSON facilitates the processing of log data on this server.

## Metrics in Spring #

- For metrics, Spring Boot offers a **special starter**, namely the [Actuator](#). After adding a dependency to spring-boot-starter-actuator, the application collects metrics, for example about the HTTP requests. In addition, **Spring Boot Actuator** provides **REST endpoints** under which the metrics are available as JSON documents.

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In the *next lesson*, we'll discuss Spring Boot with regards to resilience and the creation of new microservices.

Stay tuned!