Introducing to Microservice using Moleculer Framework

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Before We Start

- Goal
 - You will understand what microservice is/is not
 - You know how microservice works
 - You can implement minimal microservice using moleculer.js
- Non Goal
 - Building enterprise application

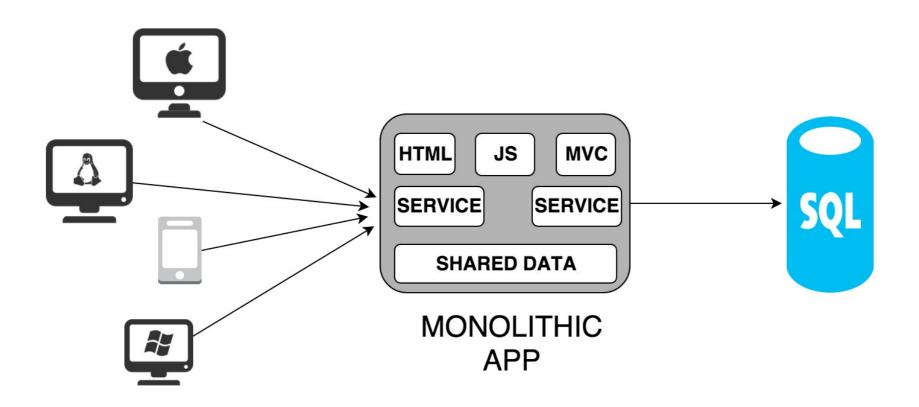
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Architecture (Monolithic)



Monolithic

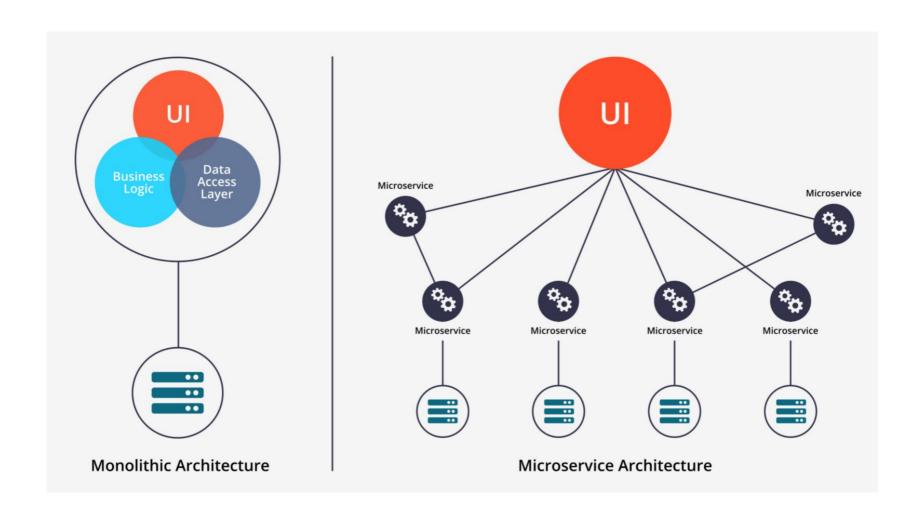
Pros

- Easy to develop
- Easy to deploy
- Easy to debug

Cons

- Difficult for Horizontal Scalling
- Tightly coupled
- Framework-centric

Architecture (Microservice)



Microservice

Pros

- Built for Horizontal scalling
- Independent
- Each service can be written in different programming language

Cons

- Difficult to develop
- Difficult to deploy
- Difficult to debug

Monolithic vs Microservice Which one is Better?





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It's depend

Monolithic vs Microservice Best-cases

Monolithic

- Few users
- Single fighter
- Shared hosting

Microservice

- A lot of users
- Teams of remote workers
- PaaS / laaS

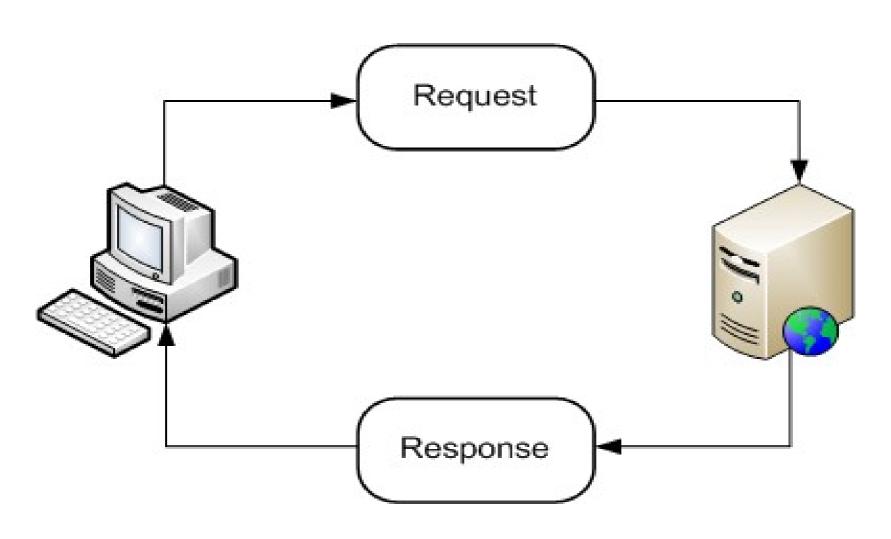
Communication Pub/Sub vs Client/Server

Communication Req/Res vs Pub/Sub





Req/Res Request/Response



Req/Res

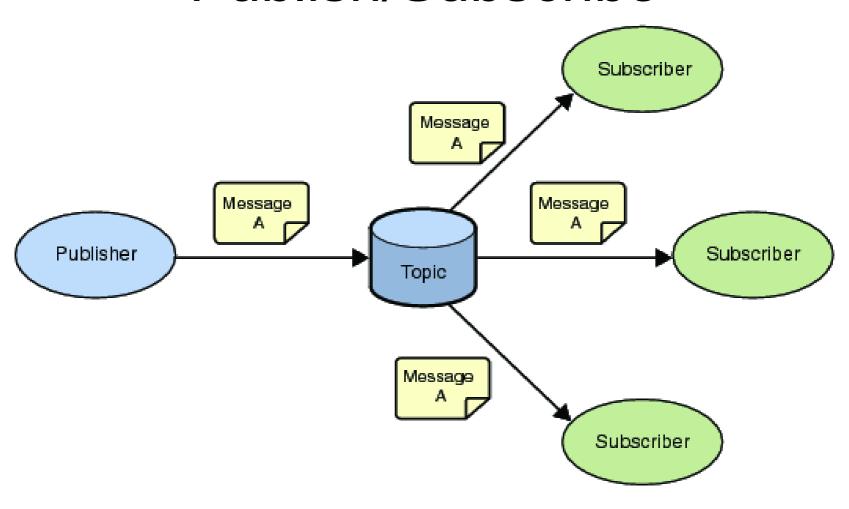
```
curl http://localhost:3000
```

Client

```
const express = require('express');
const app = express();
app.get('/', function(req, res){
    res.send("Hello world!");
});
app.listen(3000);
```

Server

Pub/Sub Publish/Subscribe



Pub/Sub

```
const NATS = require('nats');
const nats = NATS.connect();

// Simple Publisher
nats.publish('foo', 'Hello World!');
```

Publisher

```
const NATS = require('nats');
const nats = NATS.connect();

// Simple Subscriber
nats.subscribe('foo', function(msg) {
  console.log('Received a message: ' + msg);
});
```

Subscribers

```
const NATS = require('nats');
const nats = NATS.connect();

// Another Simple Subscriber
nats.subscribe('foo', function(msg) {
   console.log('Got: ' + msg);
});
```

Reg/Res vs Pub/Sub **Best-cases**

Req/Res

Pub/Sub

- Immediate response
- No response needed
- Tight coupled services
 Independent services

Single Listener

Multiple Listeners

Moleculer

Progressive microservices framework for Node.js.

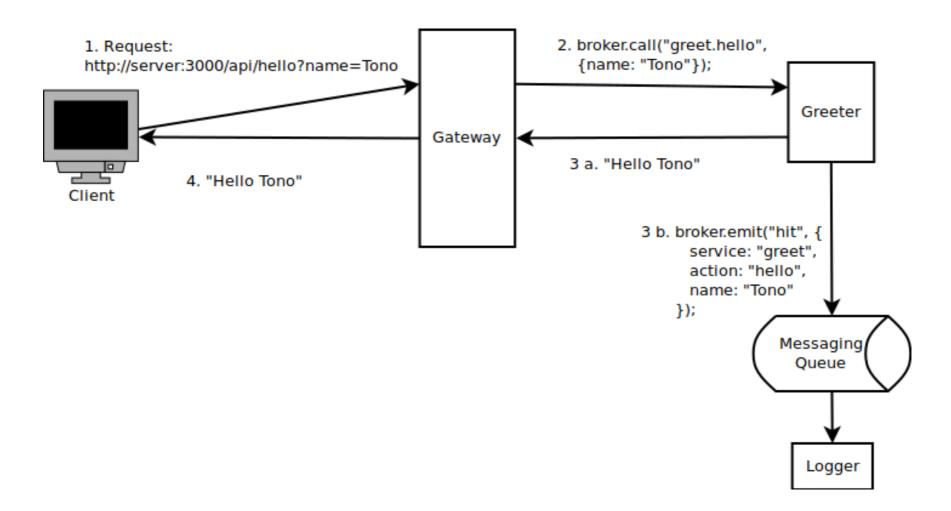
Moleculer Service Broker

- Create Service
 - broker.createService(serviceConfig);
- Start
 - broker.start();
- Req/Res
 - await broker.call("service.action", payload);
- Publish
 - broker.emit(event, payload);

Let's Make It

Gateway → Greeter → Logger

The Blue Print



Gateway

```
const { ServiceBroker } = require("moleculer");
const ApiService = require("moleculer-web");
const broker = new ServiceBroker({
    transporter: "nats://0.0.0.0:4222",
});
broker.createService({
    mixins: [ApiService],
    settings: {
        port: 3000,
    },
    name: "api",
    actions: {
        async hello(ctx) {
            return await broker.call("greet.hello", {name: ctx.params.name});
});
broker.start();
```

Greeter

```
const { ServiceBroker } = require("moleculer");
const broker = new ServiceBroker({
    transporter: "nats://0.0.0.0:4222",
});
broker.createService({
   name: "greet",
    actions: {
        hello(ctx) {
            broker.emit("hit", {
                service: "greet",
                action: "hello",
                name: ctx.params.name,
            });
            return "Hello " + ctx.params.name;
    }
});
broker.start();
```

Logger

```
const { ServiceBroker } = require("moleculer");
const broker = new ServiceBroker({
    transporter: "nats://0.0.0.0:4222",
});
broker.createService({
    name: "log",
    events: {
        "hit": {
            handler(payload) {
                console.log(payload);
        }
});
broker.start();
```

It's Done!!!

Conclusion

- Microservice is more complex than monolithic
- Two Common way to communicate between services:
 - Req/Res
 - Pub/Sub
- Progressive microservice framework (like moleculer) make things easier
- Moleculer was built for Node.Js. Using golang / python / other languages is not going to be easy
- There is no silver bullet

Further Reading

- https://moleculer.services/
- https://microservices.io/
- https://www.martinfowler.com/articles/microservices.html

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