

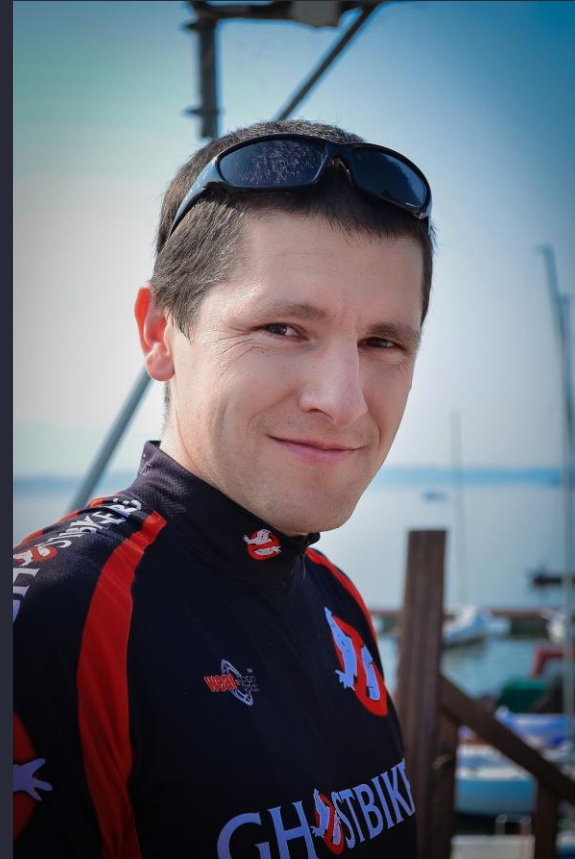
Spring Boot is Just the Beginning – Microservices' Journey to the Cloud

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Who are we?

- **Solution Architects at Capgemini**
- Designing and **delivering Cloud solutions for clients in Automotive sector**, currently working for BMW
- Specialized in:
 - Cloud migrations
 - Cloud-native solutions
 - Serverless
 - DevOps
 - Java





Who are YOU?



What will we discuss today?

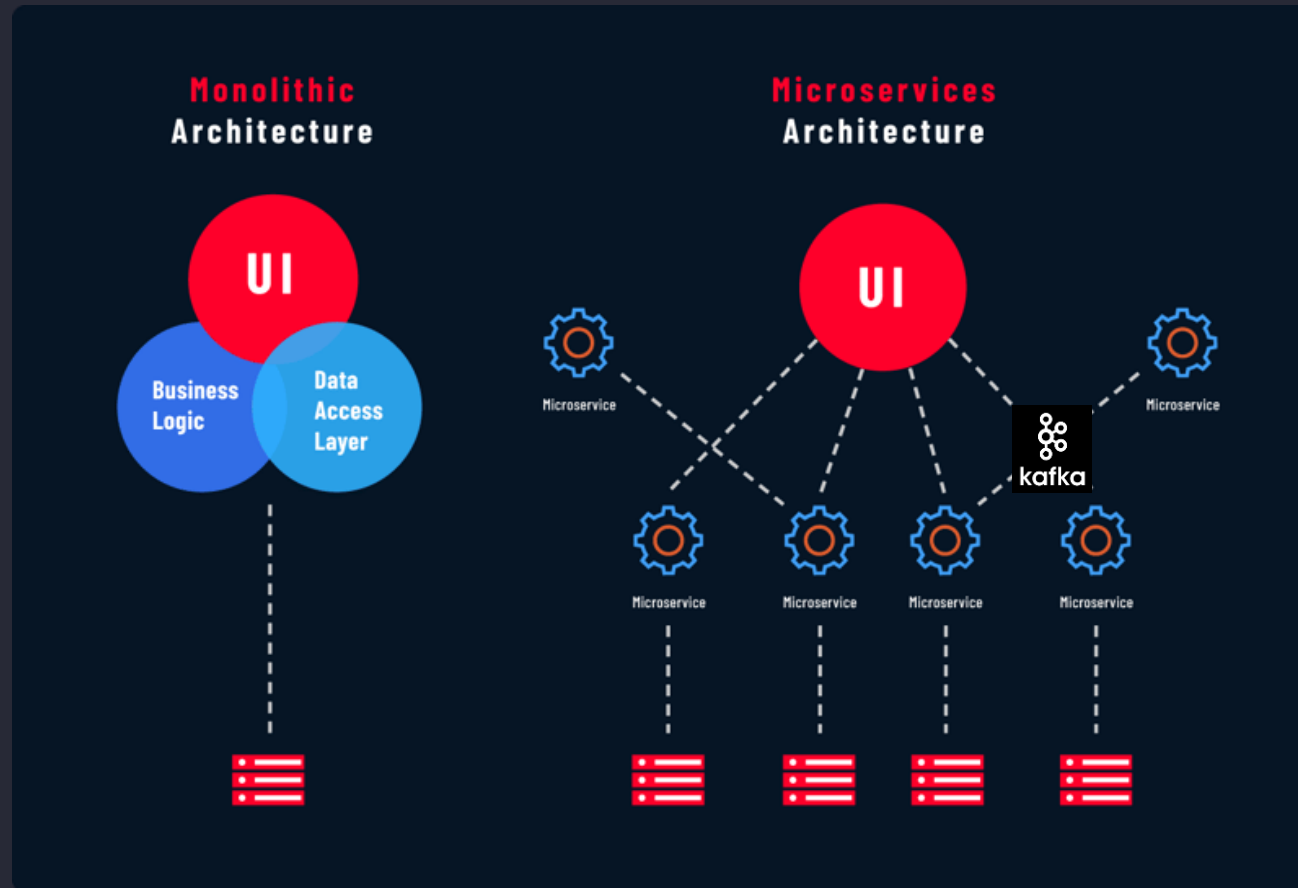
SCOPE

1. Developers & apps these days...
2. How to deploy Spring Boot application to AWS...
3. ...but is it enough?
4. Components of the modern Cloud applications...



Apps these days...

MONOLITH VS MICROSERVICES



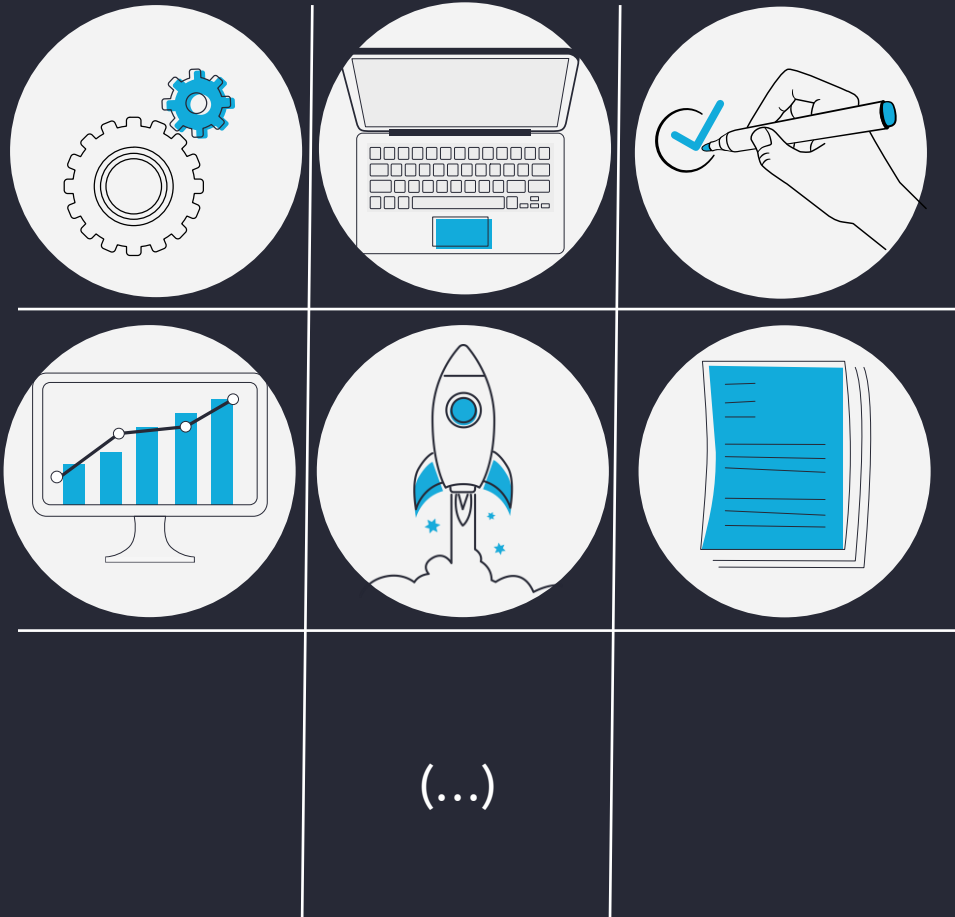
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Developers these days...

COMPETENCES

Classic competences



Modern (Cloud) competences...

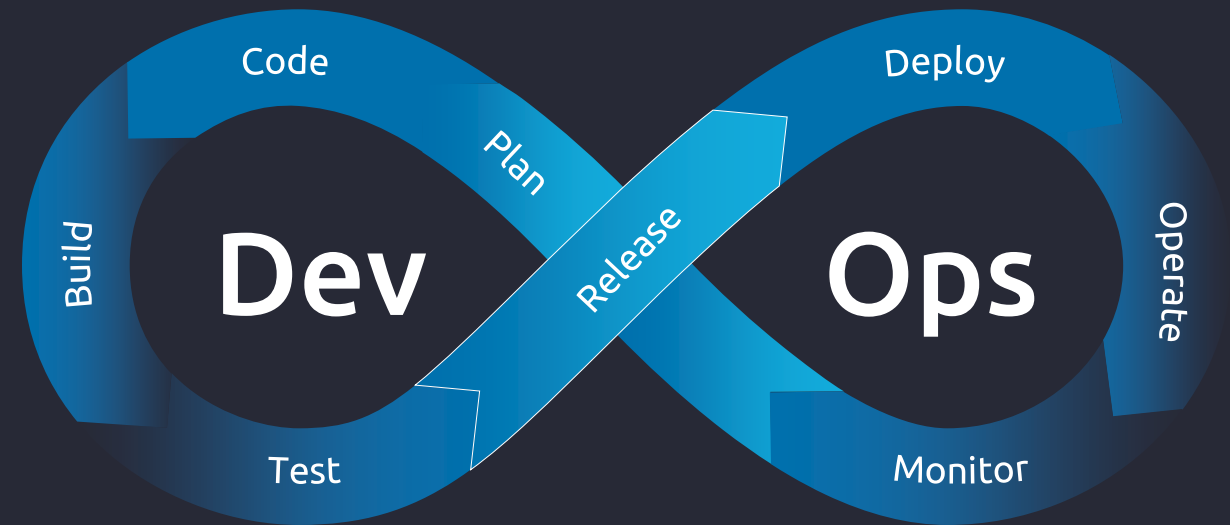




Dev(Ops) these days...

COMPETENCES

- **Dev (Developer):**
 - Focuses on writing and maintaining application code (features, bug fixes).
- **DevOps (Developer + Operations):**
 - Bridges development and operations.
 - Works across the full lifecycle of the app, not just the code.
- **DevOps Skills:**
 - CI/CD pipelines (Jenkins, GitHub Actions)
 - Infrastructure as Code (Terraform, Ansible)
 - Cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP)
 - Containerization (Docker)
 - Container orchestration (Kubernetes, ECS Fargate)
 - Version control (Git)
 - Monitoring & observability (Grafana, Kibana, CloudWatch)
 - Networking fundamentals
 - Automations, Security



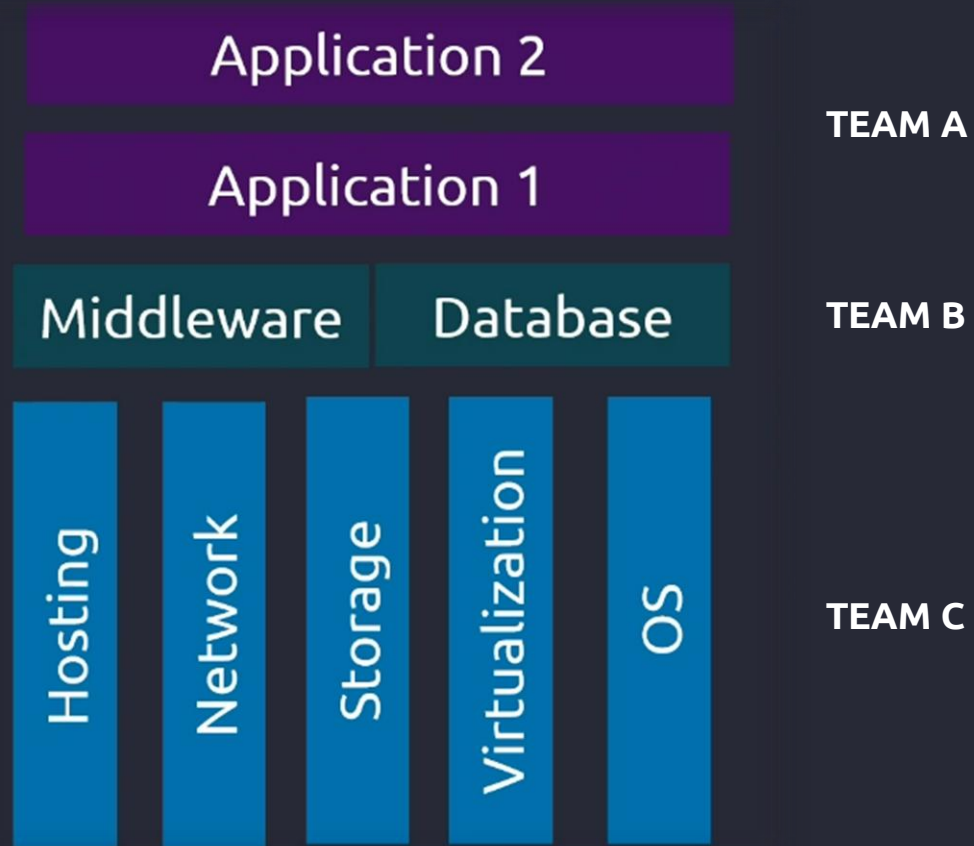


Developers these days...

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECTS



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Developers these days...

COMPARING SITUATION

Area	~2015	~2025
Depth of Knowledge	Core Java and one framework, relational DBs, SQL, testing...	Expected to know a wider tech stack , including DevOps basics, Python, asynchronous systems basics (Kafka, etc.), NoSQL databases...
Learning Curve	Companies often offered more ramp-up time	Expected to be productive quickly , often self-driven learning
Tooling	Fewer tools, simpler stack	Complex ecosystem (cloud, containers, observability, etc.) — tool fatigue is real
Entry barrier	Easier — fewer techs to learn	Higher — juniors often need knowledge of full development lifecycle , frameworks, tools
Competition	Fewer bootcamps, less global competition	Global remote competition , bootcamp grads, AI-assisted developers
Keeping up	Slower evolution of tools	Faster — monthly changes in tools/libraries/cloud platforms
AI	Not present	AI tools (e.g., Copilot) create pressure to learn meta-skills (problem-solving, code review, prompt engineering)
DevOps/CI-CD	Not expected	Knowledge of CI/CD tools (Jenkins, GitHub Actions), Docker, Cloud & IaC basics...
Soft Skills	Less emphasized	Strong focus on communication, collaboration , agile mindset, delivering value
Mindset	Focus on mastering Java	Focus on adaptability, continuous learning , and tooling around Java



Developers these days...

GenAI



ChatGPT



Copilot



Developers these days...

Lo/No-Code, Serverless





We are still programming, but the scope of the technologies is much wider!

New (exciting) trends are here, and more is yet to come...

What should we do?



Developers these days...

QUESTIONS...

Should I even be interested in learning all these new technologies?

Can't I just stay Java developer? (Code + Docker and that's it!)

Do I have not only to be a Developer, but also a DevOps & Cloud expert?



Components of the modern *Cloud Applications*



Components of the modern Cloud applications...

CLOUD

- **Ready-to-use infrastructure**
 - No upfront costs
 - **Pay-as-you-use**
 - No custom servers on-premise
- **Native services** addressing most of the IT use cases
 - Data storage
 - App hosting
 - Big Data, Data Analysis, Messaging...
- **Built-in features**
 - Encryption
 - Virtual networking
 - Security
 - Monitoring & Alerting
- **High Availability & Scalability**



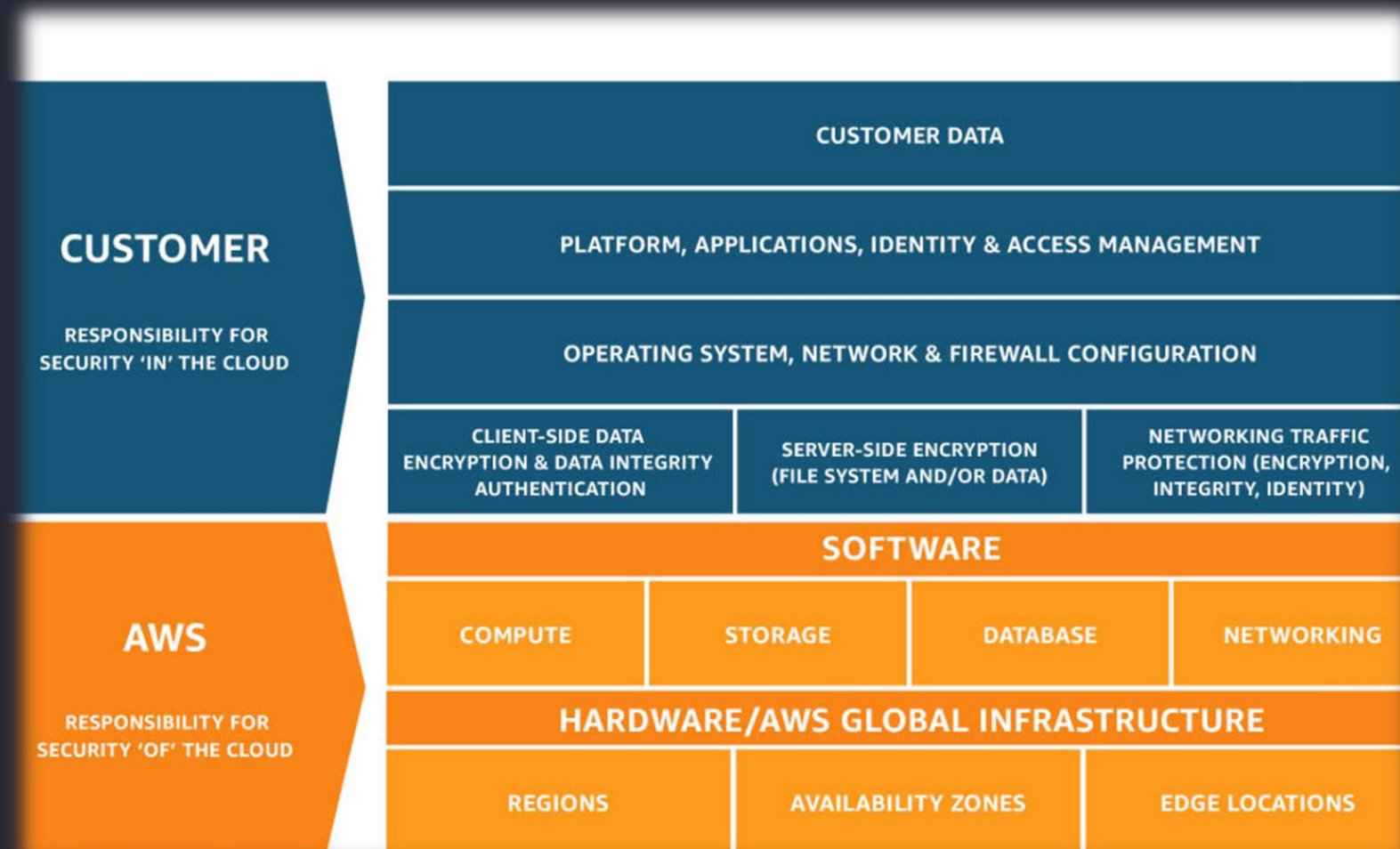
Google Cloud





Components of the modern Cloud applications...

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY MODEL





Components of the modern Cloud applications...

APPLICATION

- **Standard case – Distributed microservices architecture...**
 - REST API
 - GraphQL
 - Event-Driven-Architecture, Kafka...
- **Dockerized Spring Boot Application deployed to the Cloud...**
 - Virtual Machine
 - Dedicated Service / Platform?
- **Serverless...**
 - We just provide the code...
 - **Acutally, there are servers – we just don't care**





Components of the modern Cloud applications...

DATA

- Databases
 - SQL, NoSQL...
- Credentials, TLS certificates, encryption...
- Standard application configuration (parameters)
- Different kinds of objects...
 - Photo uploads
 - Documents, etc.

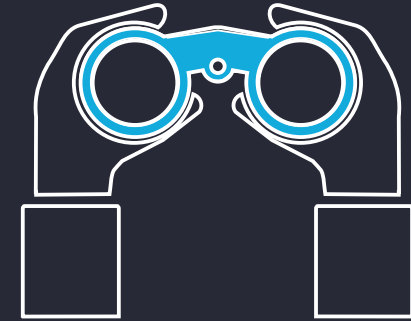




Components of the modern Cloud applications...

MONITORING & ALERTING

- **Application level monitoring**
 - Prometheus metrics & alerts
 - Grafana dashboards
 - Kibana logs
- **Cloud infrastructure monitoring**
 - AWS CloudWatch metrics & alerts
 - AWS CloudWatch Dashboards
 - AWS CloudWatch logs
- Automated reactions to alerting state
 - Autoscaling
 - „If CPU usage > 70% -> add additional virtual machine”
 - „If disk space too low in DB -> increase storage”
 - Integration with a ticketing system

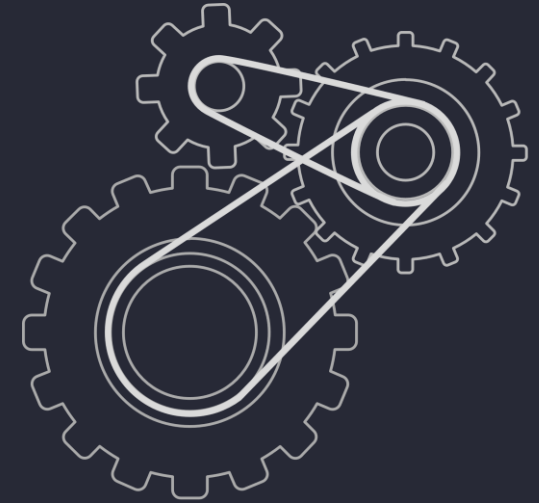




Components of the modern Cloud applications...

INFRASTRUCTURE

- So many resources in the Cloud...
 - Virtual machines, database services, networking, storage, compute...
- **Infrastructure as a Code (Terraform, CDK...)**
 - Write once
 - Deploy to multiple environments
 - Under control!
 - Code reviews
 - Testing
 - Versioning

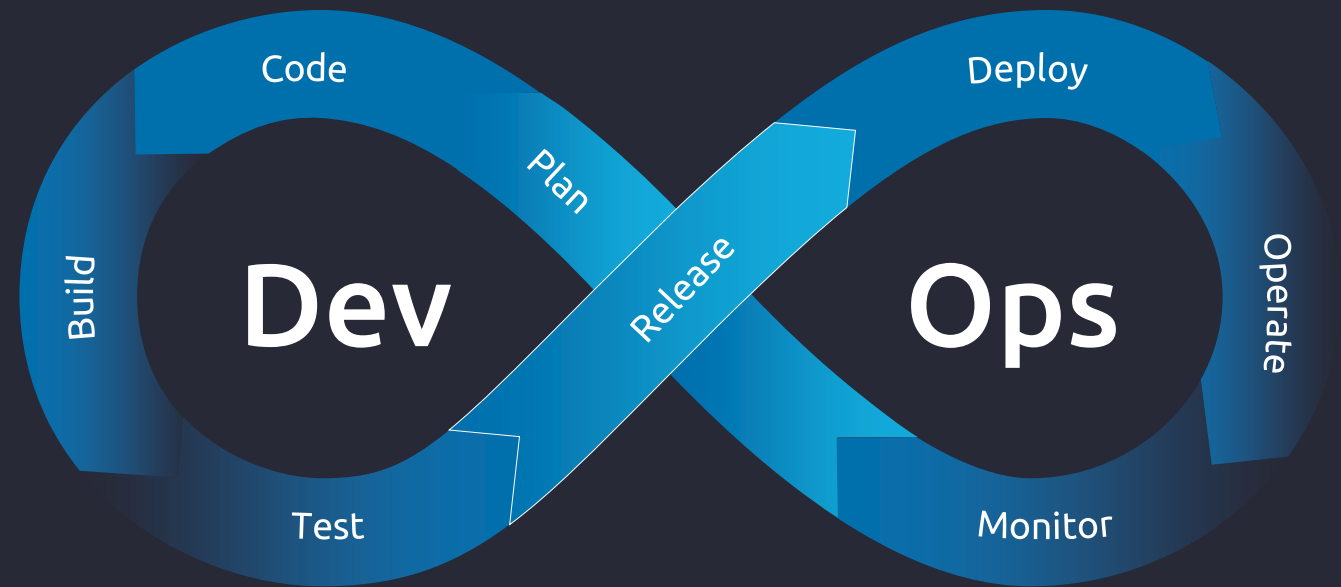




Components of the modern Cloud applications...

CICD

- Pipelines:
 - Builds
 - Tests
 - Deployments
- Jenkins, GitHub Actions, GitLab...
- Quality assurance
 - DAST
 - SAST
 - Dependencies checks

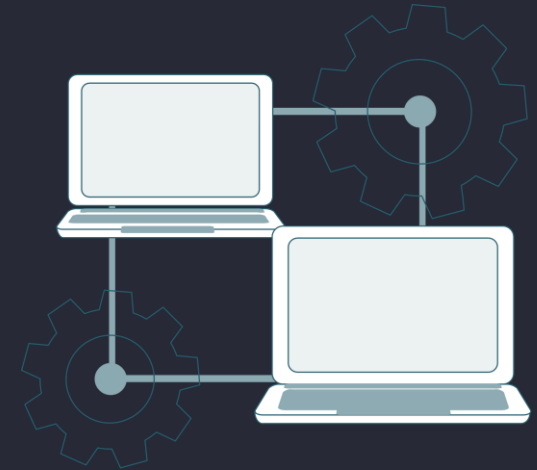




Components of the modern Cloud applications...

AUTOMATIONS

- Using CICD / serverless solutions (Lambda)
 - Automated reactions to the situation in our Cloud environment...
 - Raise ticket when someone removes encryption key accidentally
 - Raise ticket if somebody tries to change some access policy
 - Automated renewal of the TLS certificates...
 - Cost optimization...
 - Delete test environment for weekends
 - Automatically extend Confluence page after deployment
 - Who? When? What?
 - Tracking...
 - Integration of multiple APIs / ready-to-use actions
 - Or rest can be written in Bash / Python...





Components of the modern Cloud applications...

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

- FinOps
 - Infrastructure cost tracking, analysis / reports...
 - FinOps-by-design, rightsizing resources, autoscaling...
- Security
 - Continuous Monitoring & Logging...
 - Overall awareness, OWASP, encryption, secure communication, networking...
 - Access control, least-privilege...
 - Disaster recovery & resiliency





**But okay... I thought we are going to talk about Spring Boot
application deployment to AWS...**



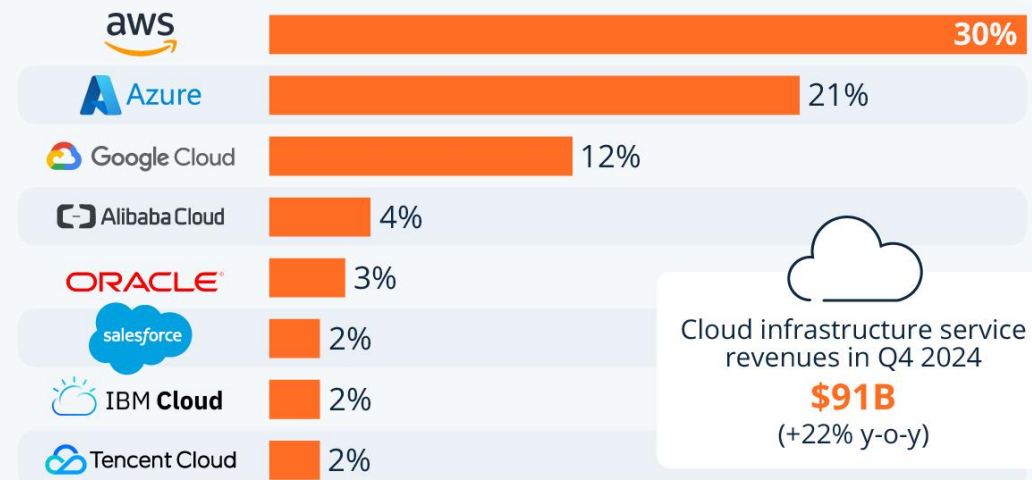
AWS Recap

Basics

- Most popular Cloud provider
- Great support
- Most companies already have partnership with AWS
- All standard Cloud benefits
 - Dedicated services
 - Globally available
 - High availability
 - AWS support

Amazon and Microsoft Stay Ahead in Global Cloud Market

Worldwide market share of leading cloud infrastructure service providers in Q4 2024*



* Includes platform as a service (PaaS) and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) as well as hosted private cloud services

Source: Synergy Research Group



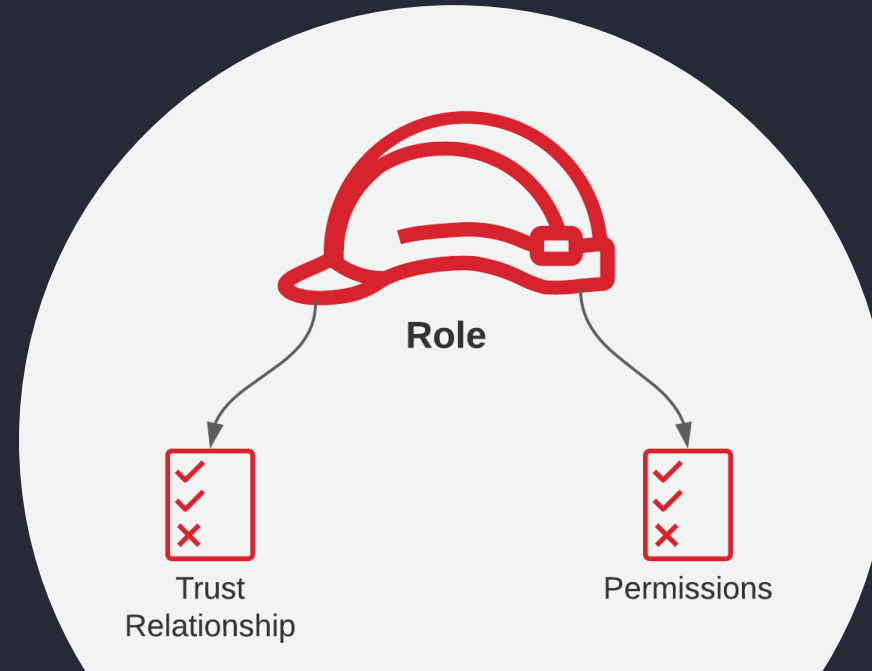
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AWS Recap

IAM – Identity Access Management

- Users
- Groups
- Policies
- Roles



- Resource-based policy
- *Who* is allowed to assume this role?

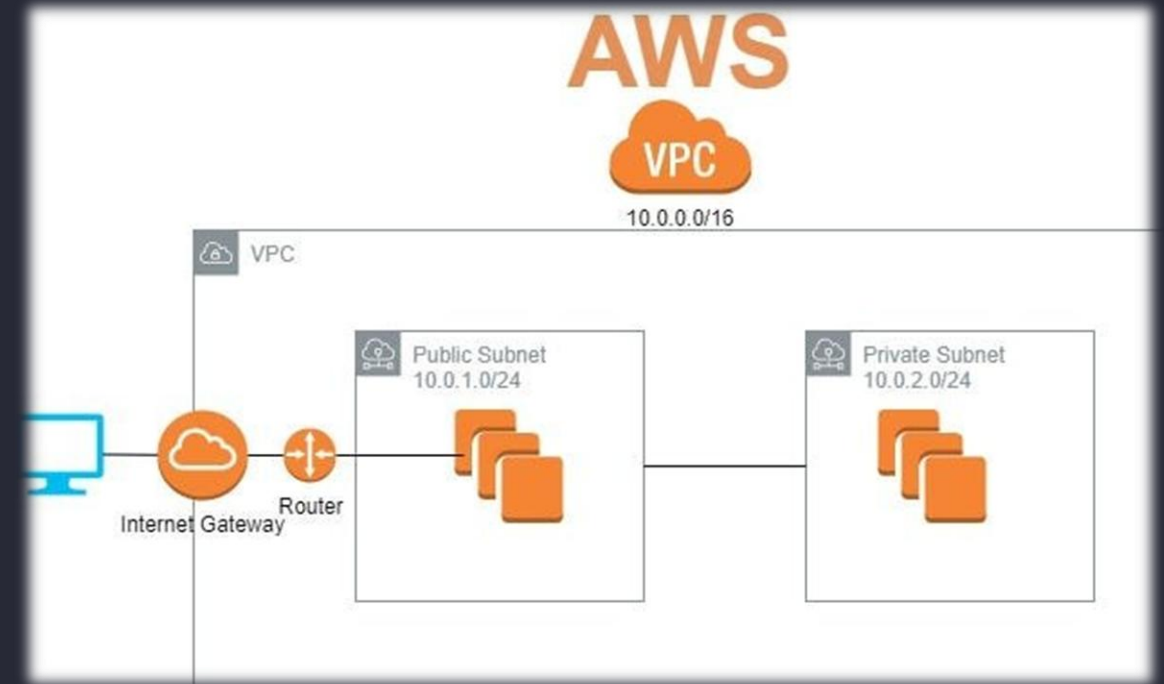
- Identity-based policy
- *What can you do* after you assume this role?



AWS Recap

VPC – Virtual Private Cloud

- Separation of AWS resources on the **network level**
- We can create **virtual network** containing:
 - Private / public subnets
 - Internet Gateway
 - Route tables
 - (...)
- Secure access
 - Security groups – attached to all network resources (enabling inbound / outbound traffic)
 - ACL (Access Control List)





AWS Recap

EC2 – Virtual Machine

- A virtual machine on which we can run any process / script / application, e.g.:
 - Java application
 - MySQL database
 - Script removing outdated entries from our database
- Maintenance overhead





AWS Recap

Lambda

- A serverless solution – you provide code (Python, Node.js, Java, etc.), and AWS runs it!
- Max execution time 15 minutes
- Great for:
 - Event-driven applications
 - Consuming REST API requests
 - Consuming events, SQS messages, Kinesis data...
 - Reacting to alerts in AWS (internal state change & reaction)
- Scales automatically
 - No maintenance overhead





AWS Recap

CloudWatch

- Centralized monitoring in AWS
 - Logging
 - Alerting
 - Dashboards
 - Metrics
- Most AWS services push standard, ready-to-use metrics to Cloud Watch





AWS Recap

RDS & DynamoDB

- Managed AWS database services
- RDS – Relational Database Service (e.g. PostgreSQL)
 - Traditional, relational database
 - Fixed schema
 - Vertical (scale up instance size)
- DynamoDB NoSQL Database Service
 - Serverless, pay-per-request (or provisioned throughput)
 - Scales automatically (horizontal scale out with partitions)
 - Massive read/write throughput with low latency
 - Simple key-value or document access patterns
 - **Not good for strongly relational data**
- Cool built-in features
 - Automated backups
 - Encryption
 - High availability, Multi-AZ





AWS Recap

Load Balancer

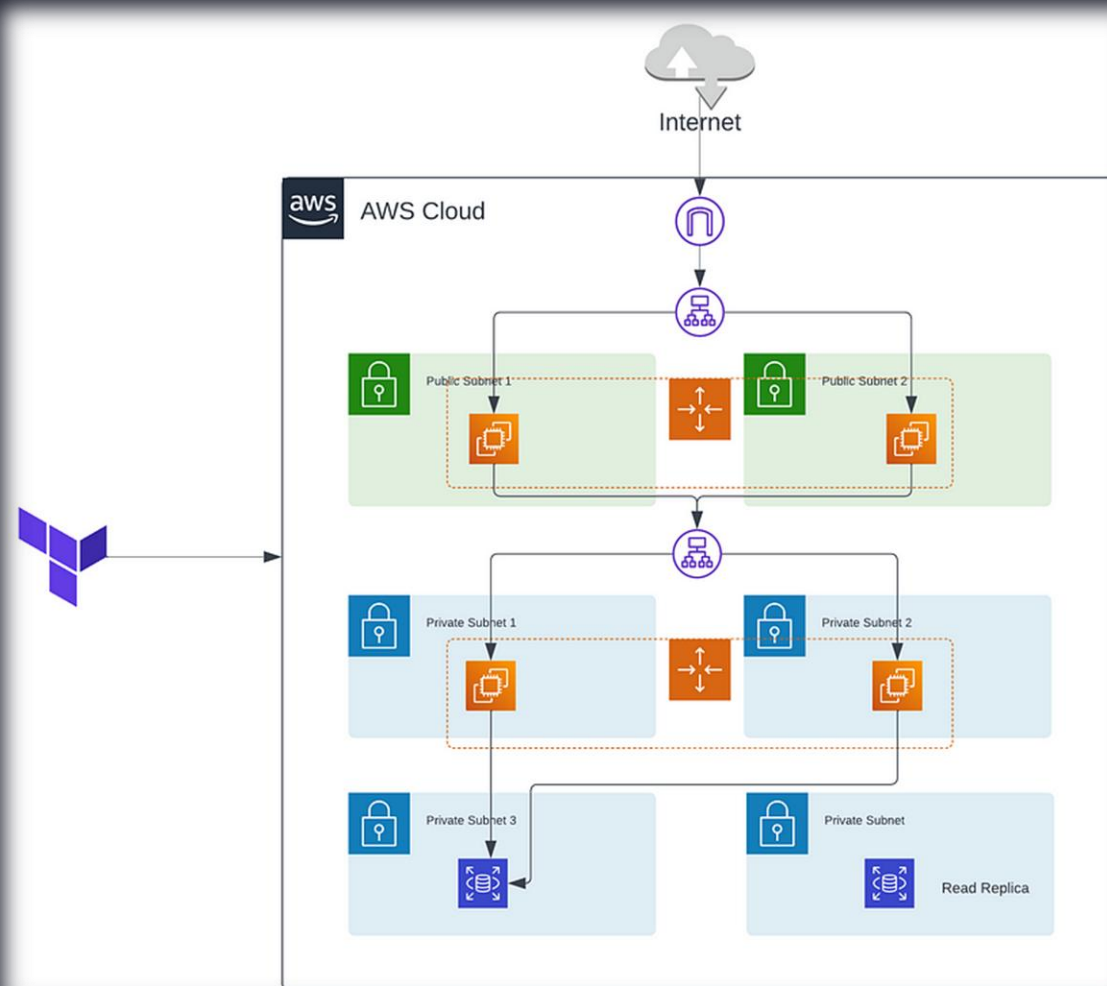
- **Evenly distributes incoming network traffic** across multiple targets (servers, instances)
- If one target is down, it will be removed and autoscaling can automatically initialize a new server to **maintain high availability**





How to deploy application to Cloud?

STANDARD ARCHITECTURE





How to deploy application to Cloud?

WHERE CAN I DEPLOY MY APPLICATION?

- AWS offers multiple services & platforms...

Service / Platform	Best Fit Use Case	Notes
Amazon EC2	Full control needed over environment or legacy systems	High flexibility; high management overhead
Amazon EKS	Kubernetes-based microservices requiring portability and full control	Great for teams already using Kubernetes; more complex to set up
AWS ECS (Fargate)	Containerized microservices with minimal infrastructure management	Serverless containers; good for small to medium-scale container-based apps
AWS Lambda	Event-driven microservices, serverless workloads, quick prototyping	Pay-per-request; no server management; limited to 15 mins execution time
Elastic Beanstalk	Simplified deployment of web apps and services (Java, .NET, Python, etc.), you push raw code	PaaS abstraction; good for fast deployment of monoliths or microservices with less ops, small apps deployed asap
App Runner	Deploy containerized applications directly from source or image repo	Simple CI/CD; abstracts infrastructure; great for smaller apps or MVPs
API Gateway + Lambda	Backend APIs with fine-grained traffic control and integrations	Ideal for microservices architecture with REST/HTTP APIs



How to deploy application to Cloud?

ECS (Elastic Container Service) Fargate

- AWS-native platform
 - You provide **Docker image** and basic setup (memory, networking, autoscaling policies, etc.)
- Serverless
 - **AWS provides and maintains the infrastructure**
- Easier to setup comparing to EKS (Elastic Kubernetes Service)
- Basically, if we have a **dockerized application image**, we can simply **host it in the ECS Fargate**
 - Fargate will spawn multiple tasks in paralel, each task hosting the same image of our application
 - When traffic increases – Fargate creates more tasks
 - When traffic goes down – Fargate removes obsolete tasks
- Rolling update deployment
 - Fargate launches new, waits for them to become healthy, and only then gradually stops the old tasks





How to deploy application to Cloud?

ECR – Elastic Container Registry

- Store for our application Docker images
- ECS Fargate consumes images out of it to run them in the tasks





How to deploy application to Cloud?

OUR APPLICATION CONCEPT

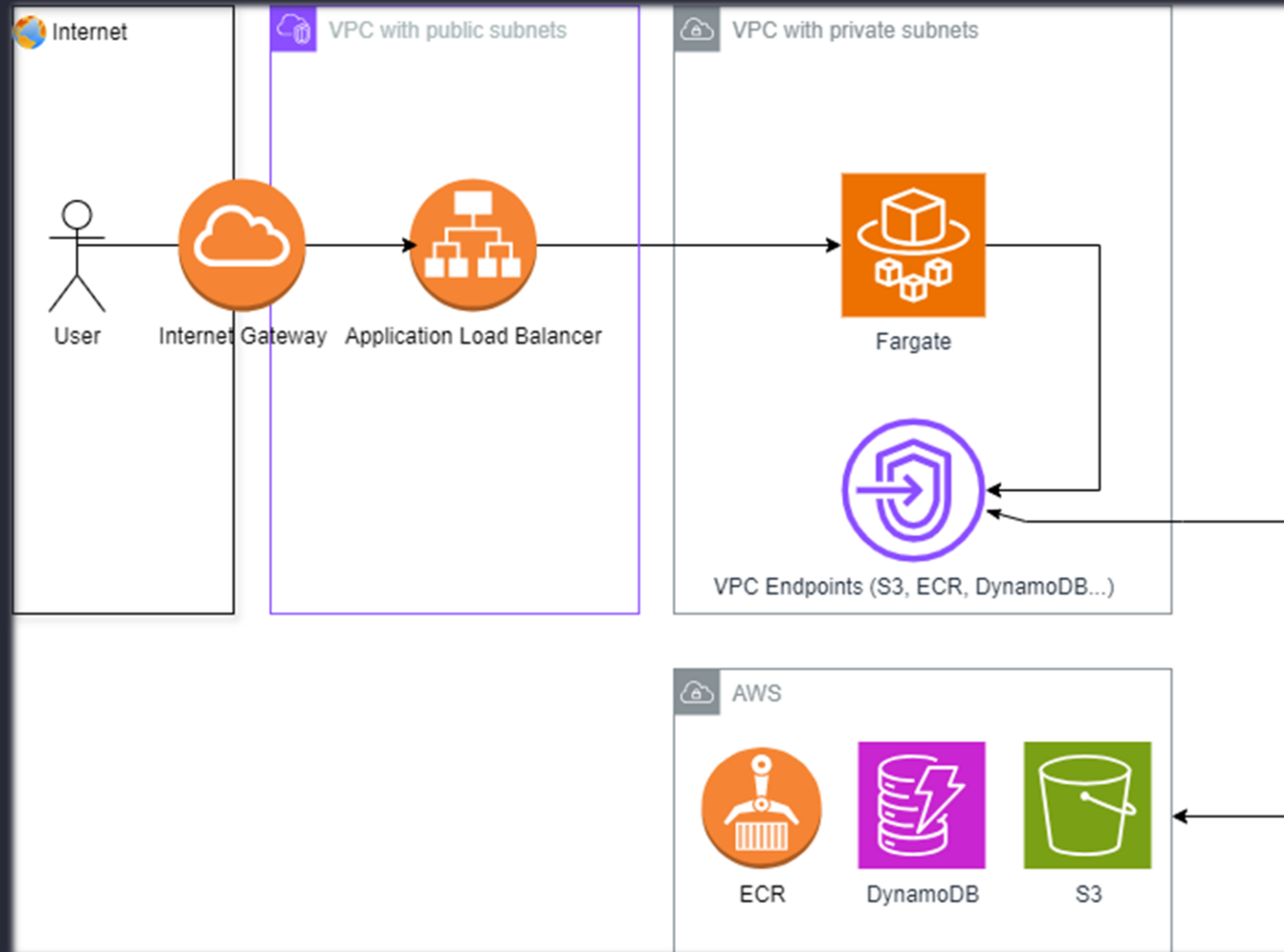
- Backend application (microservice) that allows collecting multiple measurements for devices, e.g.: CPU usage, free memory, etc.
- Java, Spring Boot application
- Integration with AWS DynamoDB, Parameter Store, Secrets Manager via **AWS Java SDK**

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{
  "measurements": [
    {
      "timestamp": 1710147050538,
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      "type": "cpu"
    },
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      "timestamp": 1710147126802,
      "value": 510.19,
      "type": "memory"
    }
  ]
}
```



How to deploy application to Cloud?

OUR APPLICATION CONCEPT





Let's take a look at the reference application!



Bonus!

Reference app repository & step-by-step instruction on how to setup everything we demonstrated during this lecture!





Thank you!

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