



Review of Methods For Migrating Software Systems to Microservices Architecture

Paper Received: 03.10.2021.

Paper Accepted: 21.11.2021.

Keywords: Microservices; Microservices architecture; Software architecture; Reengineering; Migration methods.



Contents

- Basic concepts
 - Monolith Systems
 - Microservices Architecture
 - Reengineering
- Microservices vs Monolith Systems
- Why should migration be preferred?
- Research Methods
- Migration Algorithms
- Migrating Steps

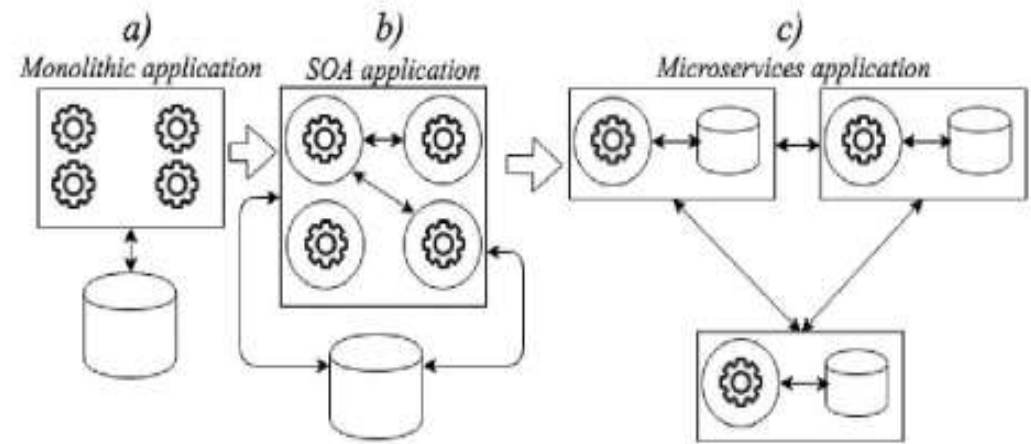
Basic Concepts

Monolith Systems

- All functionality in one system
- Not standalone modules
- Good for startup projects but just first times
- Difficult deployment process

Microservices Architecture

- Standalone modules
- Availability for DevOps and CI/CD process
- Like advanced SOA but not same
- When there is a problem in the system, only the relevant part is affected
- Communicate between network/HTTP API



- Loose coupling and high cohesion
- Independent services + different technologies
- SOA: share-as-much-as-possible

Microservices: share-as-little-as-possible

- **SOA**

An approach in which the functions of more than one application are designed to be used by other applications

- **DevOps**

An approach to systematize the software lifecycle



Company	Deploy Frequency	Deploy Lead Time	Reliability	Customer Responsiveness
Amazon	23,000 / day	minutes	high	high
Google	5,500 / day	minutes	high	high
Netflix	500 / day	minutes	high	high
Facebook	1 / day	hours	high	high
Twitter ²	3 / week	hours	high	high
typical enterprise	once every 9 months	months or quarters	low/medium	low/medium

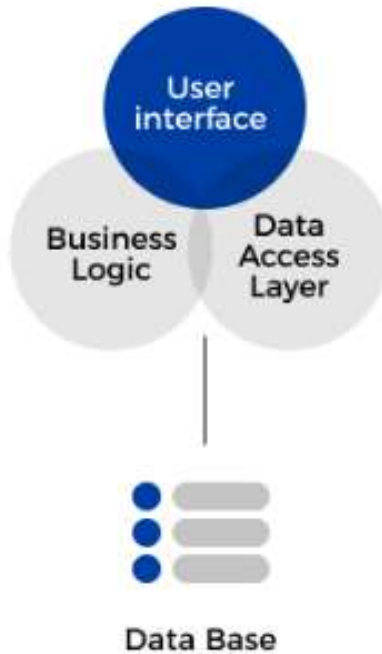
Reengineering

- Same functionality but transformed old system to new architectural model
- Should start when system becomes too complex when upgraded new features
- Main task is determination of system functions

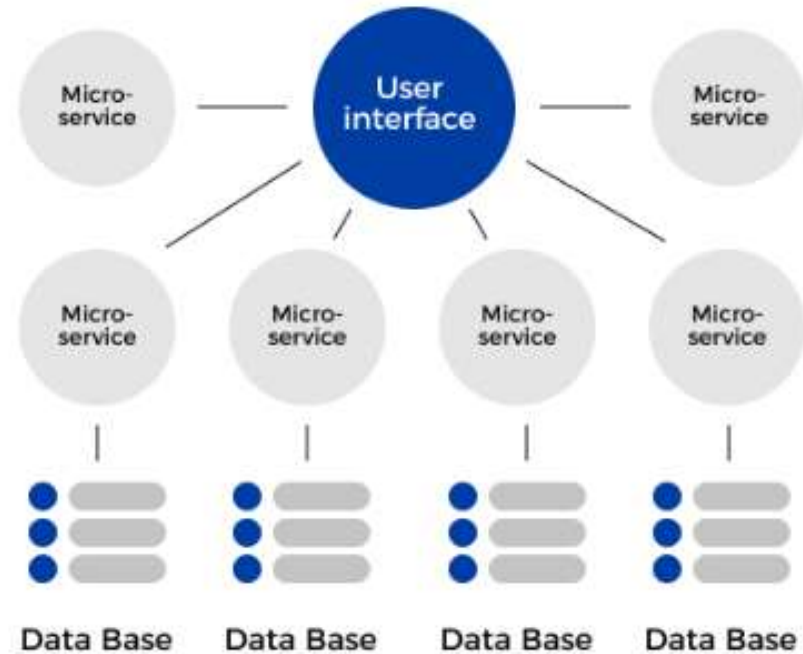
Microservices vs Monolith Systems

Category	Monolith	Microservices
Time to market	Fast in beginning, slow in growing	Slower in beginning, faster later
Refactoring	Hard, change affect multiple places	Easier change just inside service
Deployment	Deploy all system	Deploy just one service
Scaling	Deploy whole monolith	Done per service
Implementation	Written one language	All service can difference languages for performance

MONOLITHIC ARCHITECTURE



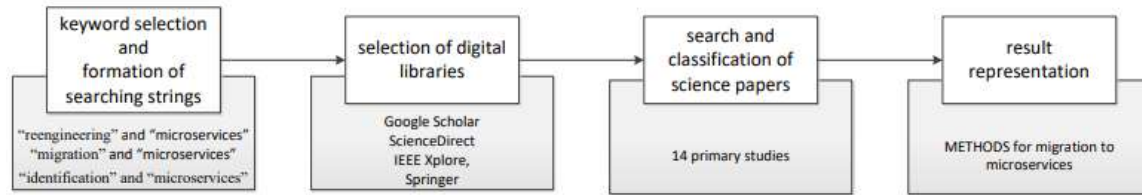
MICROSERVICE ARCHITECTURE



- Why should migration be preferred?

- Easier Maintenance/Change System
- High Scalability/Availability
- Easier Team Management
- Multiple and fast deployments
- Reducing programmatic development risks

Research Methods



- **Purpose of paper:** To collect, organize and analyze migration techniques in the literature.
- What are the migration algorithms used in the literature?
- Are there difficulties in transitioning from monolithic architecture to microservice architecture?

Domain of use	Software type
Banking system	monolithic system
Cargo Tracking System	
industrial application	
renting bikes	
Learning System	monolith mobile application
web store	monolithic web application
software quality measurement and visualization tool	monolithic enterprise systems
web crawling project	
business system	legacy enterprise system
ferry booking system	
web-based monitoring and visualization tool	legacy system
IT company	legacy web system
Spring Boot Pet Clinic	open-source application
Forum	messaging boards application
Blog	blogging website

Migration Algorithms

- **Decomposition:** OpenAPI is used. Allows to separate functionality with similar concept into a group.

OpenAPI: Used to define RESTful services. Allows to extract the functionality of the program.

- **Semantic Assessment:** Analyzes the processes in the software system.
- **Fast Community Graph Clustering:** Software system is represented as a graph. Identifies microservice candidates.

- **NSGA II. Nondominated Sorting Generic Algorithm:** Sorts and compares all solutions for detecting microservices.
- **SarF, Software Clustering Algorithm:** Aggregates software in clusters without human interaction.
- **Determination of microservices boundary:** Creates graphs according to functions. Classification is made by creating a matrix according to the application behavior.

- **AMI, Automated Microservices Identification:** Discovers key objects and splits them into microservices by extracting their connections to classes.
- **Colloborative Clustering:** Allows partitioning into microservices based on storage dependencies.
- **Affinity Propagation:** Based on the measurement of data similarity.

- Although the inputs in the algorithms differ, their purposes are basically the same.
- Divided into automatic, semi-automatic and manual.
- Common to software is that they use a monolithic system.

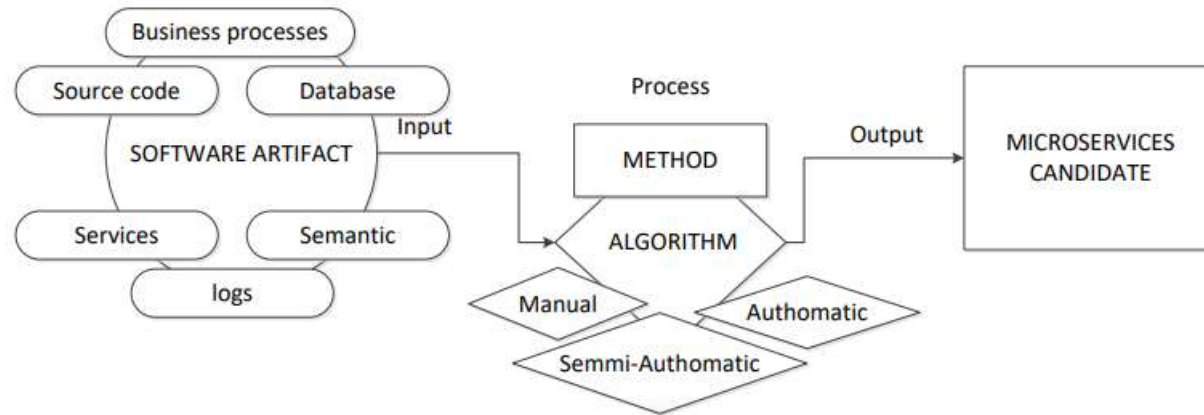


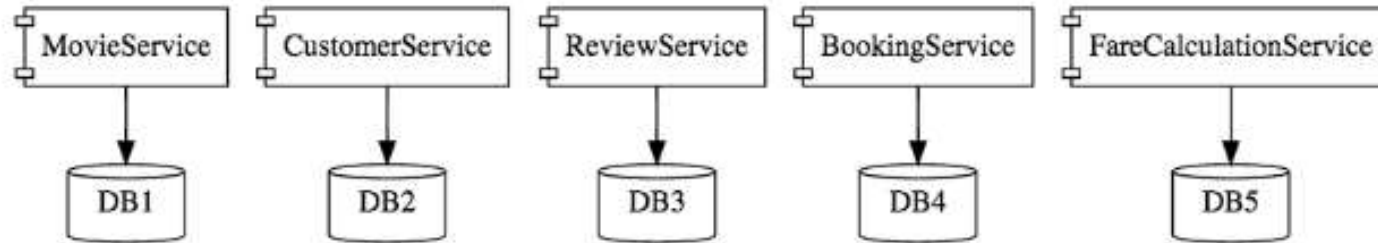
Figure 2: General migration process

Challenges in migrating from monolithic to microservice architecture

- Separating business logic into sub-business logic
- Need professional developers
- Resource Management
- Adaptation of software teams

- **Database Migration**

- According to the survey, more than half of the participants stated that the existing data during the migration was not migrated.
- Not moving the database prevents services from developing independently.
- Database migrations are still a problem, according to research.



Migrating Steps

1. Identify logical components
2. Flatten and refactor components
3. Identify component dependencies
4. Identify component groups
5. Create an API for remote user interface
6. Migrate component groups to macroservices (move component groups to separate projects and make separate deployments).
7. Migrate macroservices to microservices.
8. Repeat steps 6-7 until complete.

1. Identify logical components

Modules should be categorized for use in the next steps.

Operations with data objects can be determined more easily.

2. Flatten and refactor components

In the final system, there should be only one microservice that performs any specific function.

3. Identify component dependencies

The source code is analyzed and visualized in a hierarchical order.

4. Identify component groups

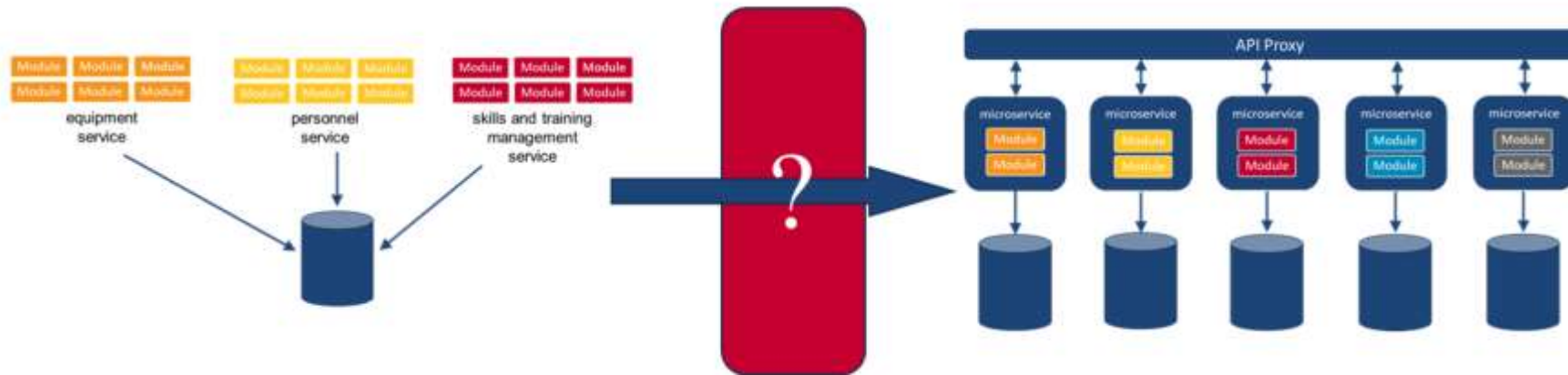
The goal is to identify a small set of objects that should be logically separated in the final system and their key actions.

5. Create an API for remote user interface

The remote user interface is designed as the only mode of communication between the system, its components and system users. Services use API to process data and to communicate

6. Migrate component groups to macroservices

The key goal at this step is to move component groups into separate projects and make separate deployments.



7.Migrate macroservices to microservices.

Each microservice maintains its own datastore and performs only a small set of actions on the data objects within that datastore.

8.Deployment and Testing

User interfaces should be tested to test migration accuracy. It is checked that there is no relationship with the old architecture.

Reference

- <https://insights.sei.cmu.edu/blog/8-steps-for-migrating-existing-applications-to-microservices/>
- <https://blog.javan.co.id/micro-services-versus-monolithic-architecture-what-are-they-e17ddc8d3910>
- https://pure.ulster.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/78494479/Paper_39_Matrix_Clustering_Based_Migration_of_System_Application.pdf

Teşekkürler