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Introduction to Microservices Travel from Monolith to Microservices

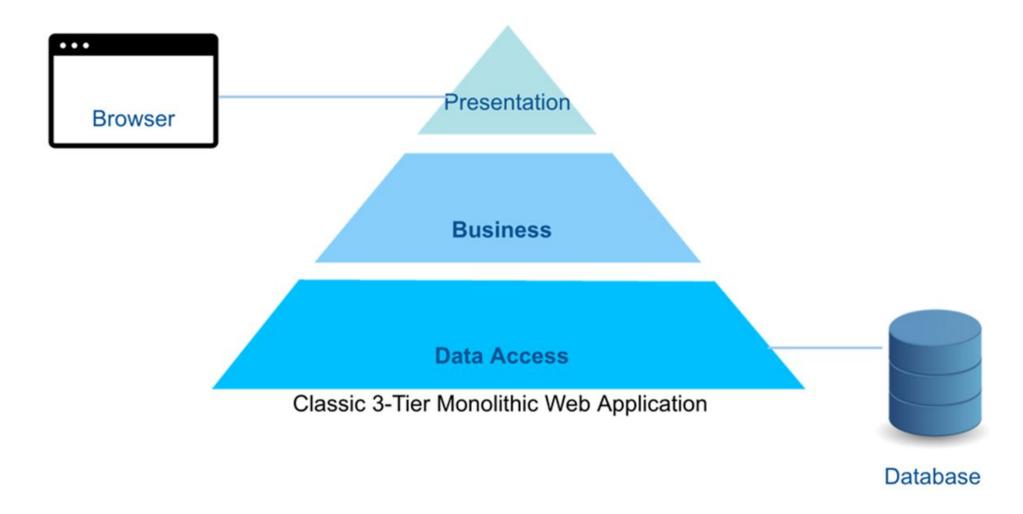
### Microservice Architecture





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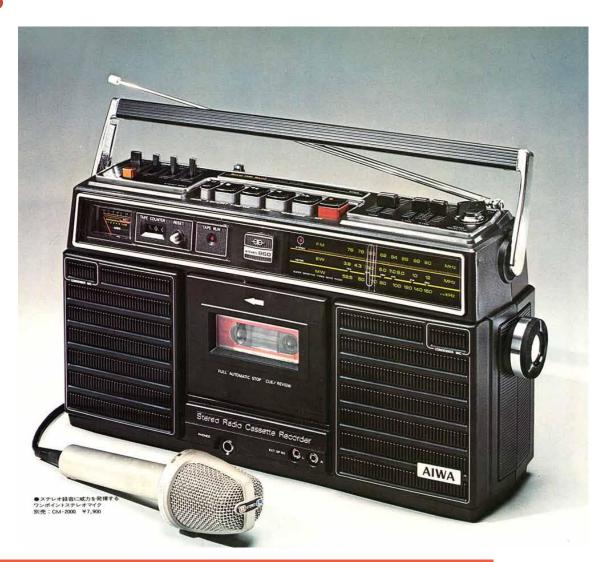


### Traditional Applications

Everything is integrated

But what happens if we want to:

- · We want a double cassette
- Or a CD player
- Or a digital radio
- Or... anything else?



### With Modular Applications on the other side

- Each part is independent
- Do you need a CD Player?
- Do you need a digital input/output



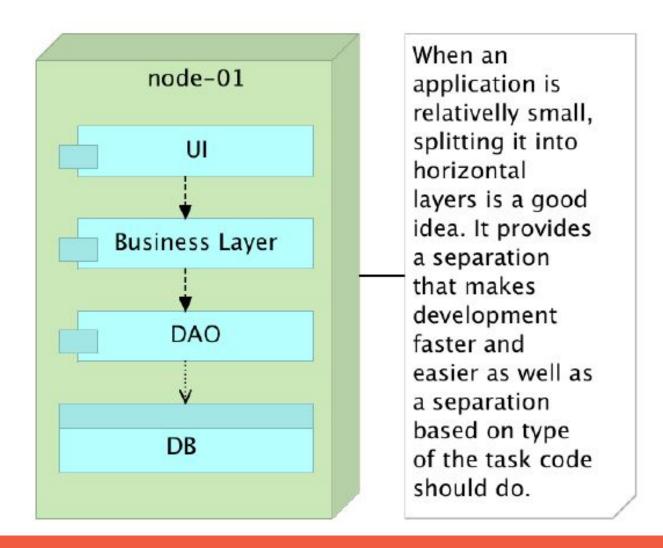
### Monolithic Style

- An application built as a single unit, 3 main parts
  - a client-side user interface
  - a database
  - and a server-side application that handles HTTP requests, execute domain logic, retrieve and update data from the database, and select and populate HTML views to be sent to the browser
- This server-side application is a monolith
  - a single logical executable
  - any change requires building and deploying a new version

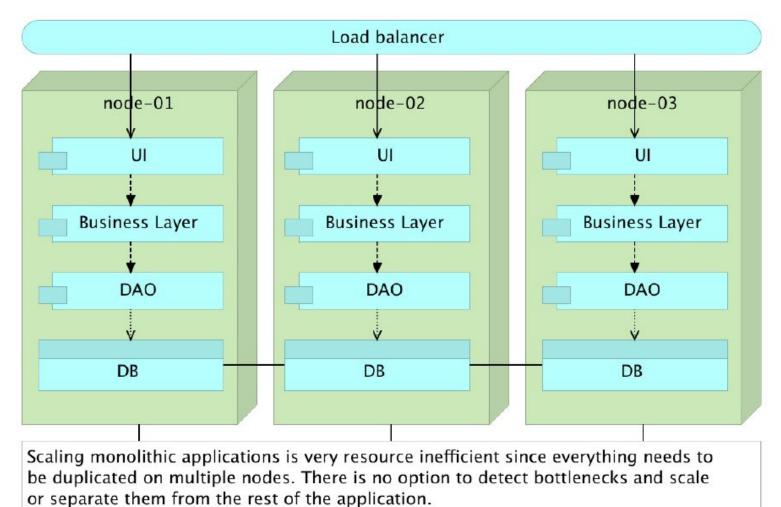
### Monolithic Style

- Natural way to build a system
  - Code specific to each layer (UI, Logic, DB)
  - Generally required a minimum of 3 languages
  - Divided into classes, functions and namespaces
- Locally built and tested on developers' machines and in development environment
- CI/CD pipeline to secure production
- Single deployment
- Single runtime
- Single codebase
- Interaction between classes is mostly synchronous

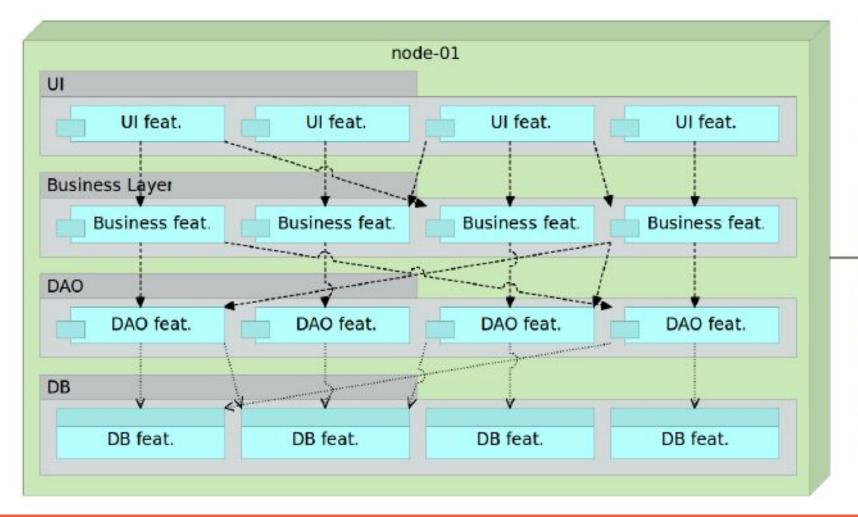
### Monolithic Applications



### Scaling a Monolithic Application



# Monolithic Application with Increased Number of Features



When an application becomes bigger and the number of features increase, initial design based on horizontal layers becomes less efficient. Tight coupling between separate features, longer paths for potentially simple solutions. increased complexity, increased development and testing time, and so on.

## Scaling a Monolithic Application

- Several Monolith instances behind a Load Balancer
- Pros
  - Quickest path to scale
  - High availability
- Cons
  - Routing traffic complexity
  - Very large code base
  - Change cycles tied together
  - Limited scalability
- Overall... Lack of modularity

#### Monolith Downsides

- Spaghetti code
- Full deployment even for the slightest change
- Developers often violate the layer boundaries
- Classes often "leak" their implementation
- Hard to work with multiple teams
- Hard to manage

- System complexity increases
- Support is getting more complex
- No Tests or Testing is limited
- Bugs
- Tech stack becomes outdated
- Release/Testing process

### Service Oriented Architecture

#### Service Oriented Architecture

Let's talk about tomatoes! How to buy tomatoes?





- 1. Look for tomato sellers
  - Yellow Pages as it contain companies that are selling tomatoes, their location, and contact information
- 2. Find the service offered according to my needs
  - Where, when and how can I buy tomatoes?



Do the transaction





#### Service Oriented Architecture

#### How to access the service?

- 1. Lookup the Service Provider
  - Registry: contain providers that are selling services, their location, and contact information
- 2. Find the service offered according to my needs
  - Where, when and how can I get the service?
- 3. Access the service
  - Do the transaction

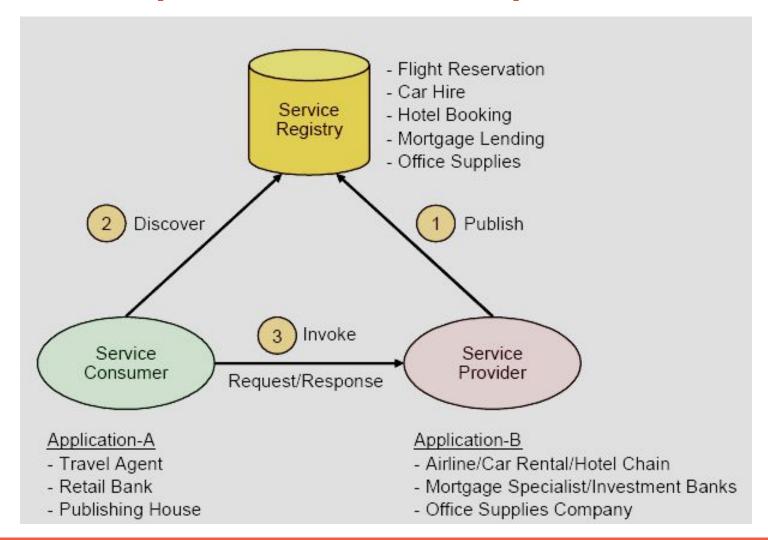
#### What is Service Oriented Architecture?

- Service Oriented Architecture is an architectural approach in software development where the application is organized as "Services".
- Services are a group of methods that contain the business logic to connect a DB or other services. Methods have clearly defined and published methods for use by the clients as a black box.
- So, what is a black box? It's nothing but a system or an object that can be viewed in terms of its input, output and transfer characteristics without knowledge of its internal workings.
- Across the platforms these methods can be accessed, no matter what your client developing a UI in C# or Java or any other technology.
- It decouples the business services from the technical services, in other words the service methods having the business logic is not coupled with the specific programming language, both will react independently.

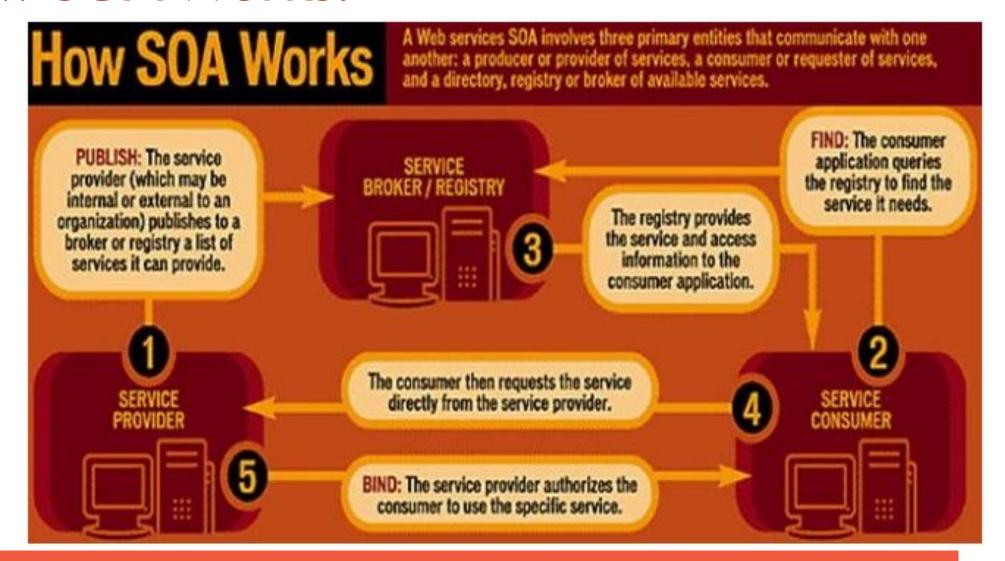
#### **SOA** Overview

- A Service Oriented Architecture is based on four key abstractions:
  - An Application Front End
  - A Service
  - A Service Repository
  - A Service Bus

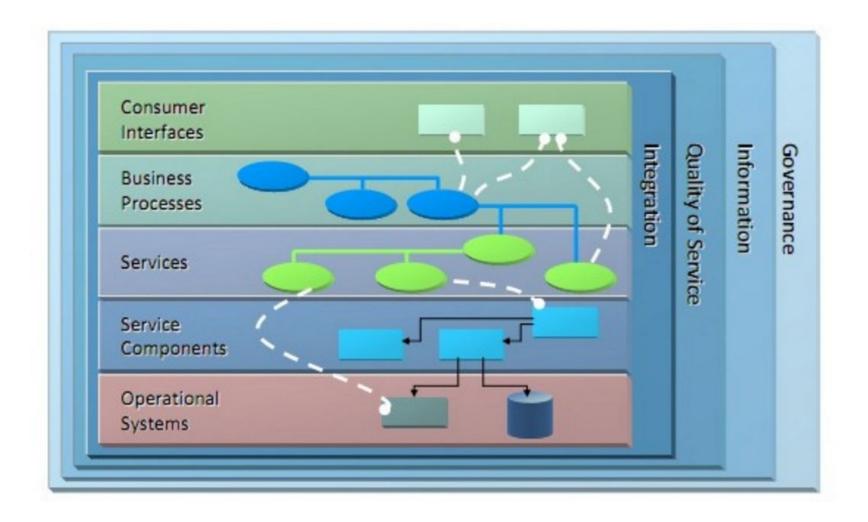
### SOA Components and Operations



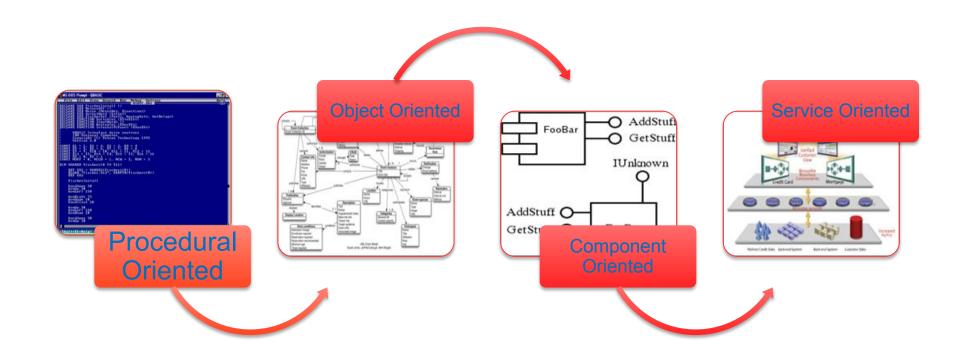
#### How SOA Works?



### Open Group SOA Reference Architecture (SOA RA)



## How did we get to SOA?



### **SOA Challenges**

#### **SOA Alphabet Soup**

What Would You Choose?





### Evolution of Application Integration Patterns

SOA builds flexibility on your current investments

... The next stage of integration

Messaging Backbone



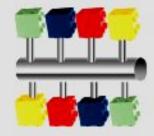
- Point-to-point connection between applications
- Simple, basic connectivity

Enterprise Application Integration (EAI)



- EAI connects applications via a centralized hub
- Easier to manage larger number of connections

#### Service Orientated Integration



- Integration and choreography of services through an Enterprise Service Bus
- Flexible connections with well defined, standards-based interfaces

Flexibility

As Patterns Have Evolved, So Has IBM





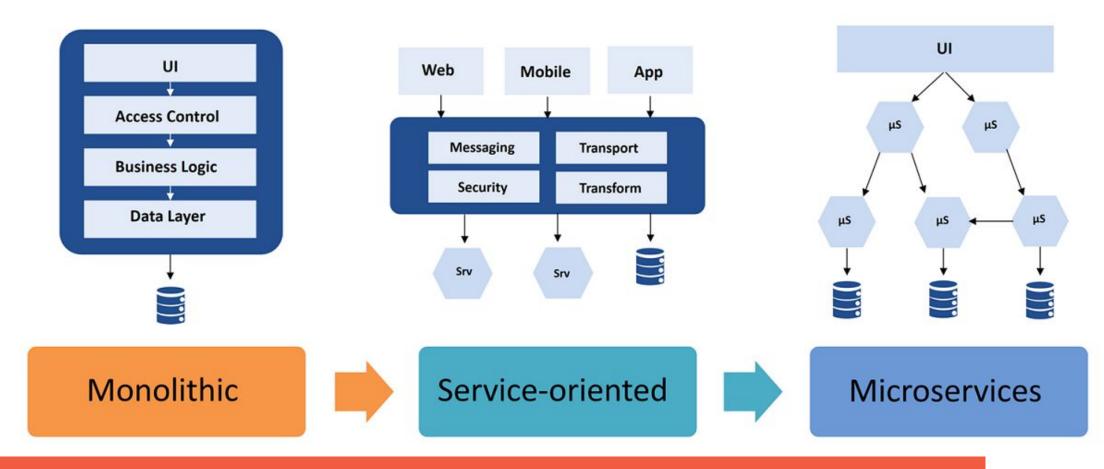


#### Road to Microservices

1990s and earlier 2000s 2010s Coupling Traditional SOA Pre-SOA (monolithic) Microservices Tight coupling Looser coupling Decoupled

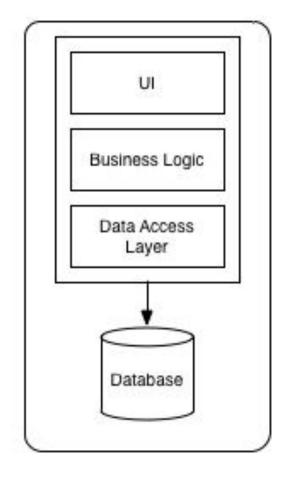
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#### **Evolution of Software Architectures**

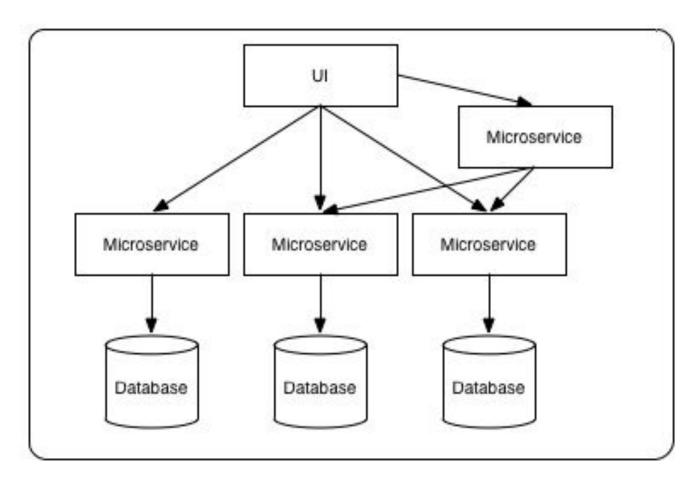


- In short, the microservice architectural style is an approach to developing a single application as a suite of small services, each running in its own process and communicating with lightweight mechanisms, often an HTTP resource API.
- These services are built around business capabilities and independently deployable by fully automated deployment machinery.
- There is a bare minimum of centralized management of these services, which may be written in different programming languages and use different data storage technologies.

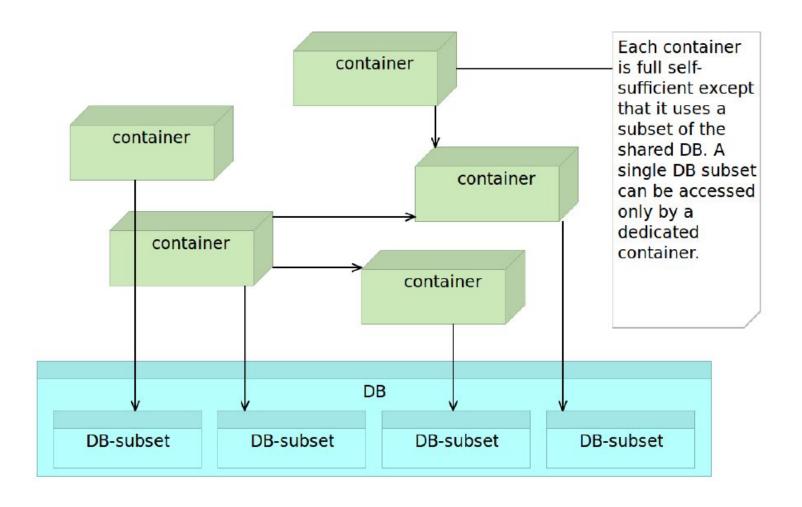
Martin Fowler, James Lewis



Monolithic Architecture



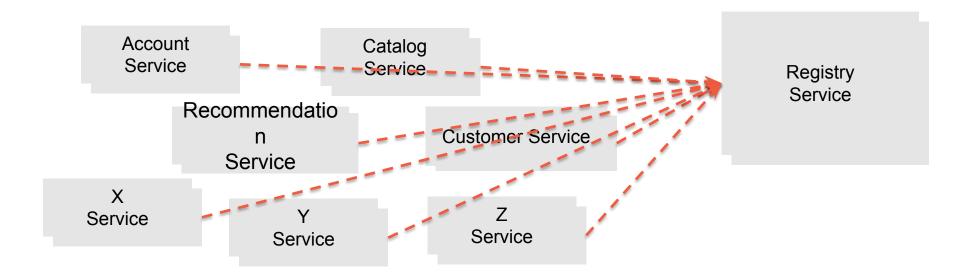
Microservices Architecture



- Many small modules with specific functionality
- More than one codebase
- Every microservice is a separate deployment
- Every microservices has its own Database service, or not...
- Communication based on well known protocols and data serialization mechanisms
- Module independence

### Microservices Discovery

- 100s of Microservices
- Need a Service Metadata Registry (Discovery Service)

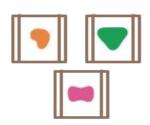


## Monoliths Scalability vs Microservices Scalability

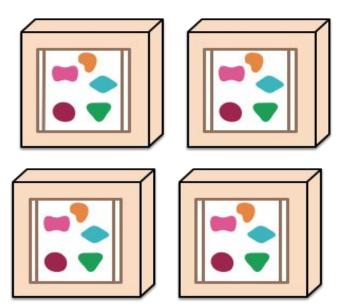
A monolithic application puts all its functionality into a single process...



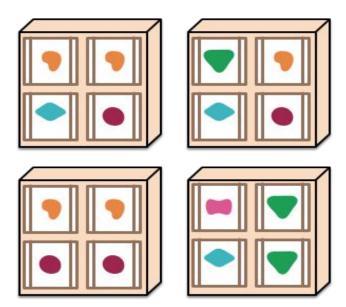
A microservices architecture puts each element of functionality into a separate service...



... and scales by replicating the monolith on multiple servers



... and scales by distributing these services across servers, replicating as needed.



#### Microservices Benefits

- Modelled around the business domain
- Deployment automation culture
- Hides implementation details
- Decentralization
- Option to use multiple languages and/or frameworks
- Separate deployment, Separate monitoring
- Problem isolation
- Enables the continuous delivery and deployment of large, complex applications
- Eliminates any long-term commitment to a technology stack

#### Microservices Drawbacks

- · Developers must deal with the additional complexity of creating a distributed system.
- Deployment complexity. In production, there is also the operational complexity of deploying and managing a system comprised of many different service types.

## When to Choose a Monolithic Approach

- New business domain, lack of knowledge
- Proof of Concepts
- Lack of qualification
- Fast or Throw-away solutions
- Low budget

## When to Choose a Microservices Approach

- Needs to scale
- You understand business domain
- Big budget
- Ready to invest into infrastructure and CI/CD processes
- Experienced and highly qualified team

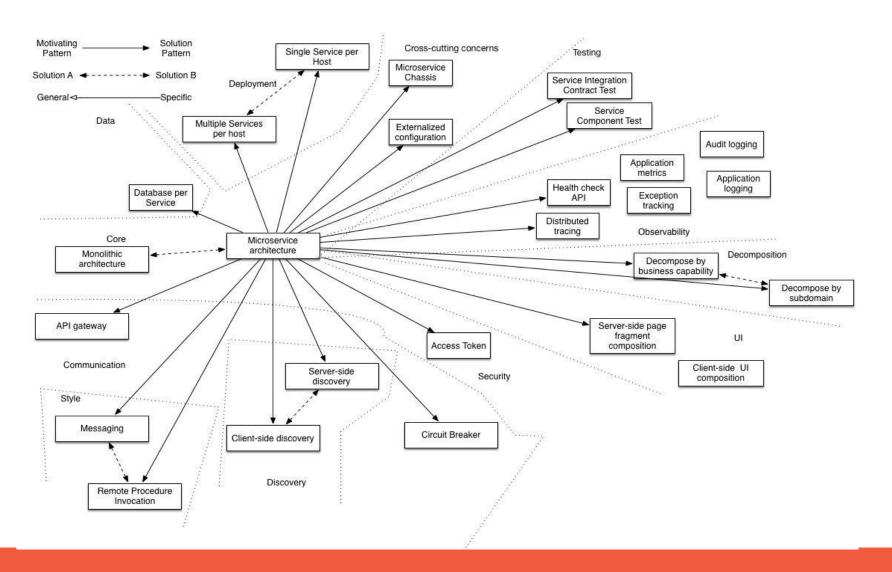
## Monolith – Microservices Comparison

for less-complex systems, the extra baggage required to manage microservices reduces productivity as complexity kicks in, productivity starts falling rapidly the decreased coupling of microservices reduces the attenuation of productivity Productivity Microservice Monolith Base Complexity

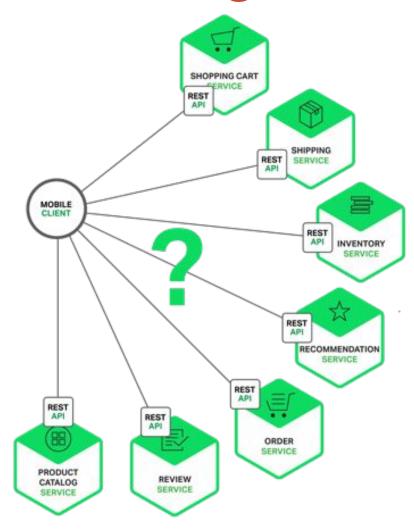
Source: Martin Fowler

but remember the skill of the team will outweigh any monolith/microservice choice

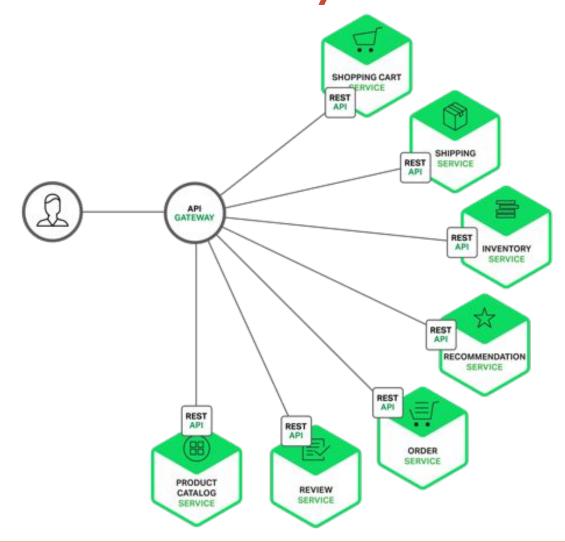
### Microservices Architectural Patterns



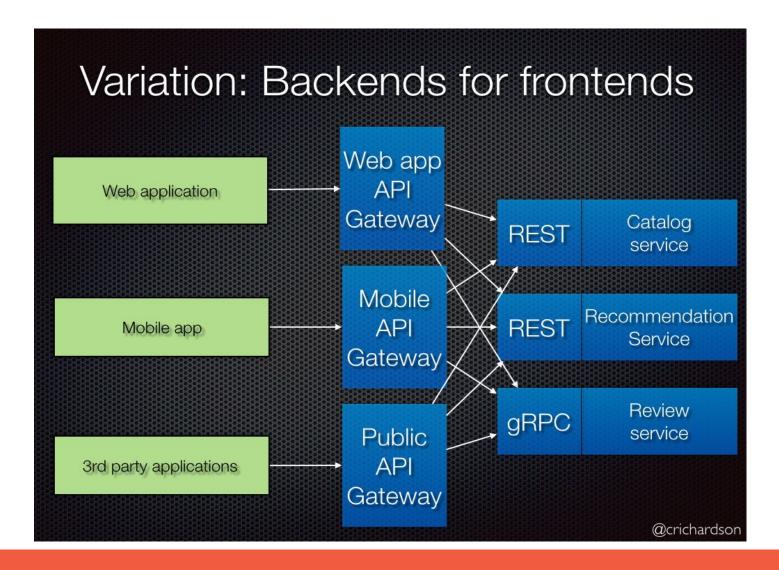
# Microservices Client Configuration vs



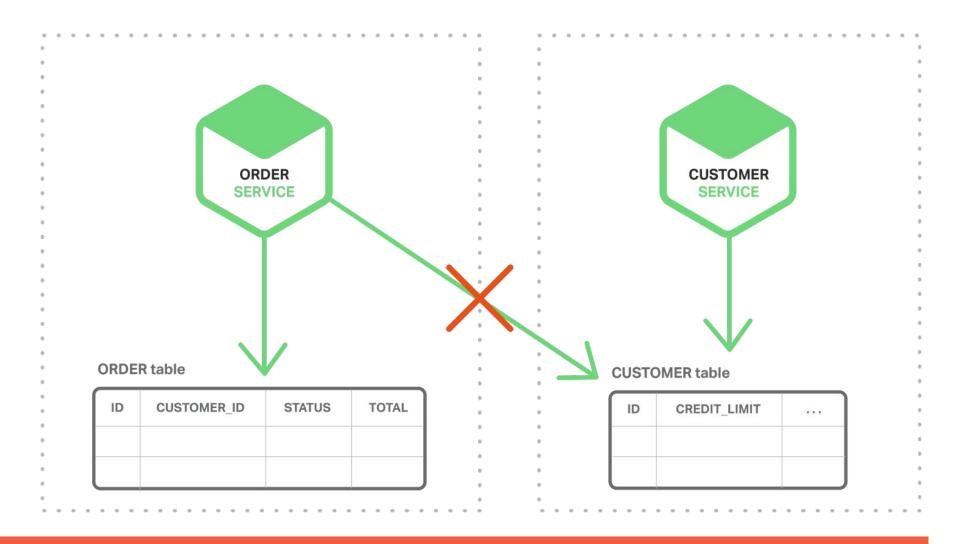
# Microservices API Gateway

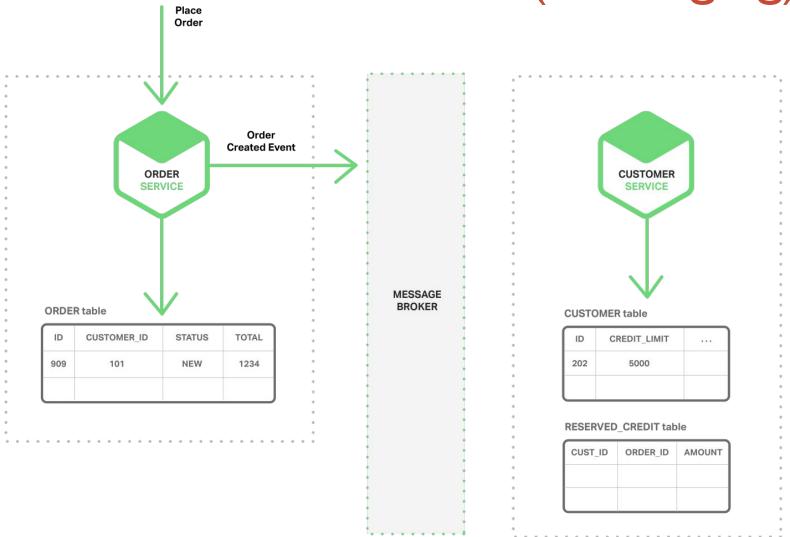


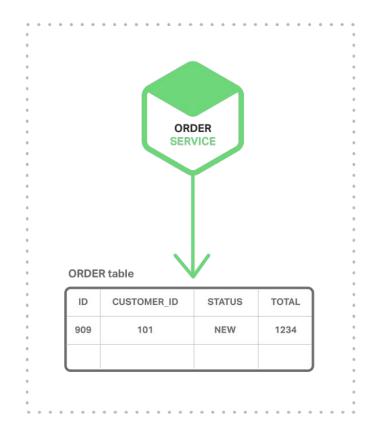
#### Microservices Backend for Frontend

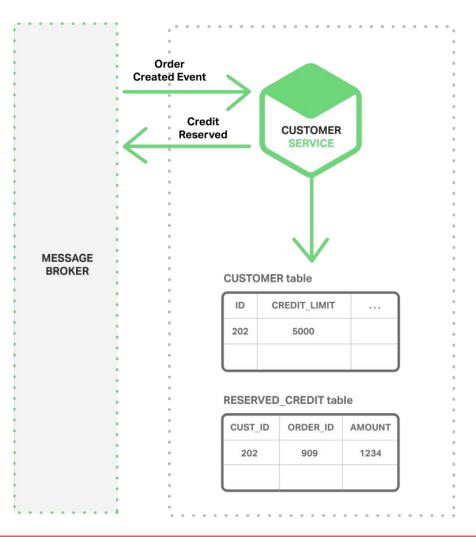


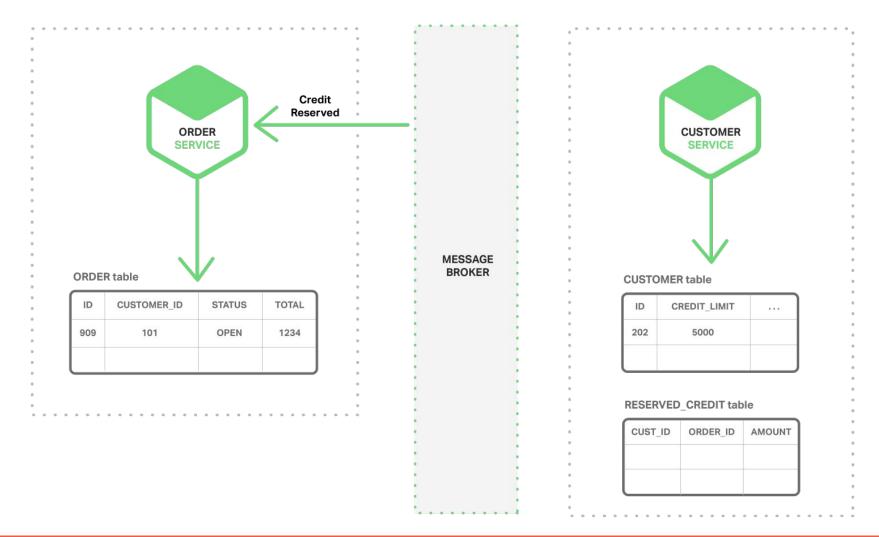
#### Communication between Services











#### Benefits:

- Loose coupling since it decouples client from services
- Improved availability since the message broker buffers messages until the consumer can process them
- Can scale well
- Lots of market solutions

#### Drawbacks:

- Additional complexity of message broker, which must be highly available
- Requires qualification
- Deployment and support complexity(monitoring and tools)

# Designing for Microservices

#### Common Characteristics

- Componentization via Services
- Organized around Business Capabilities
- Products not Projects
- Smart endpoints and dumb pipes
- Decentralized governance
- Decentralized data management
- Infrastructure automation
- Design for failure
- Evolutionary design

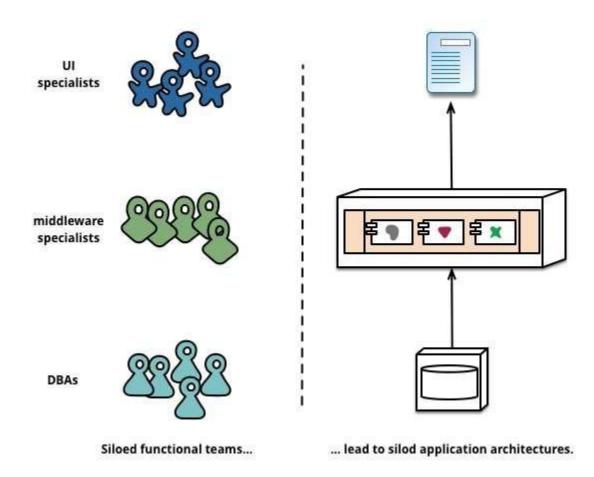
### Componentization via Services

- Services as components rather than libraries
- Services avoid tight coupling by using explicit remote call mechanisms
- Services are independently deployable and scalable
- Each service also provides a firm module boundary
  - business or technical
  - even allowing for different services to be written in different programming languages
  - they can also be managed by different teams
- A Microservice may consist of multiple processes
  - that will always be developed and deployed together
  - Ex: an application process and a database that's only used by that service

## Organized around Business Capabilities

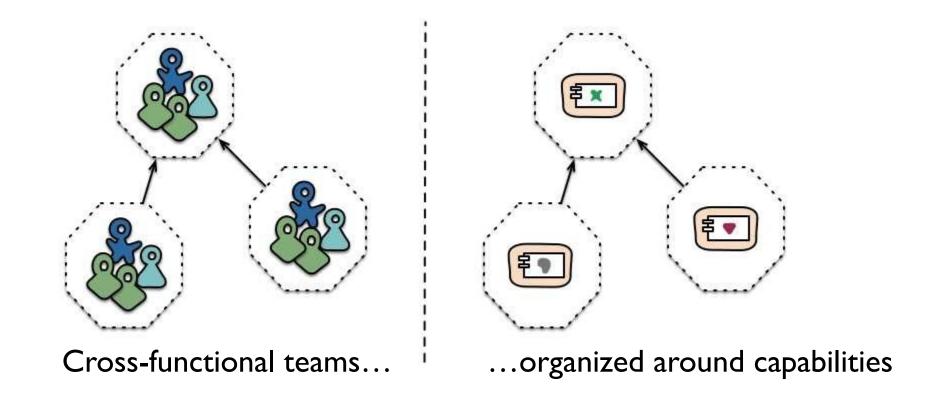
Any organization that designs a system will produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organization's communication structure.

Melvyn Conway, 1967



## Organized around Business Capabilities

Microservices to solve Conway's anti-pattern



### Products not Projects

- Standard project model:
  - · deliver pieces of software which are then considered to be completed,
  - hand over to a maintenance organization and disband the project team
- The Microservices style
  - a team should own a product over its full lifetime
- Amazon : You build => You run it

## Smart endpoints and dumb pipes

- Be as decoupled and as cohesive as possible
  - own domain logic,
  - act more as filters in the classical Unix sense
  - using simple RESTish protocols and lightweight messaging
- Smarts live in the services, not in-between the endpoints
  - No central tool / bus that includes sophisticated routing, transformations, process, business rules
- Pre-requisite: turn the chatty in-process communication of the monolith into coarser-grained network messaging

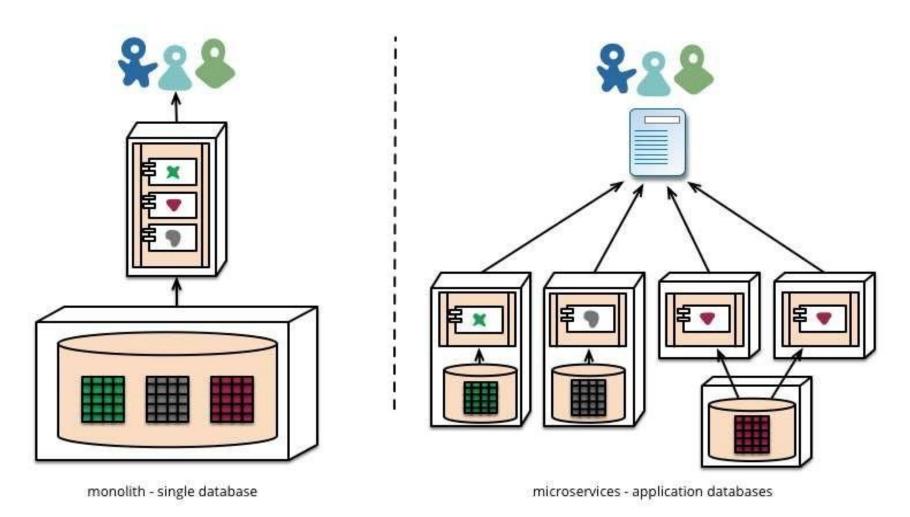
#### Decentralized Governance

- The common microservices practice is to choose the best tool for each job
- Tools are shared inside and outside the organization
- Focus on common problems: data storage, IPC, infrastructure automation
- E.g.: Netflix opensource libraries
- Favor independent evolution
  - Consumer-driven Service contracts
  - Tolerant Reader Pattern
- Minimal over-heads create an opportunity to have teams responsible for all aspects
- Build their microservices and operate with 24/7 SLAs

## Decentralized Data Management

- No unique data model approach
  - the conceptual model differs between microservices
  - Reinforce the separation of concerns
- Decentralized data storage
  - Polyglot persistence is frequent in microservices architectures
- Manage inconsistencies via the business practices in place throughout the organization
- · Common design: reversal processes versus 2PC distributed transactions

## Decentralized Data Management



#### Infrastructure Automation

- CI/CD, Real-time monitoring, global system and fine-grained resources dashboards,
- Has become a standard practice
- thanks to public cloud providers,
- but also opensource tools
- a QA stake for monoliths
- a pre-requisite for microservices

## Design for Failure

- Any service call can fail
  - Circuit Breaker pattern,
  - Async consumption
    - Best practice: I to ZERO sync call
  - E.g.: Netflix Stack
    - Hystrix / Eureka / Ribbon
  - /!\ PRovide interop & implementations for various languages
- Infrastructure prerequisites
  - Monitor and restore at scale
  - Dedicated tooling for simulation
  - Netflix Simian Army (Chaos Monkey)

## Evolutionary Design

- More granular release planning
- Goal: change tolerance
  - Identify change impacts quickly (via automation, service contracts, automated dependency maps)
  - Fix rather than revert
  - In case of mandatory breaking change, use versioning (a last resort option in the microservices world)

## How Big Should my Microservice Be?

- Microservices ownership implies that each team is responsible for the entire lifecycle
  - functional vs divisional organizations
  - product management, development, QA, documentation, support
- Sizing depends on the system you're building
  - Amazon 2PT principle Two Pizza Teams
  - 6 to 10 people to build/deploy/maintain a microservice
  - an average microservice consists of 2000 lines of code, 5 source files, and is run on 3 instances in production

#### **RESTish Microservices?**

#### REST

- Web lingua franca, 100% interoperable
- Development cost is generally higher
- Best practices: provide client SDKs, (e.g. generated from Swagger/RAML or other API description languages)
- Performance issues if not well-designed (chattiness)
- Best practices: experience based and coarser grained APIs

#### RPC

- Optimized communication via binary formats
- Automated generation from IDL, polyglot by default
- Integrated support multiples scenarios: request/response, streaming, bi-directional streaming

#### **RESTish Microservices?**

- RPC vs REST style depends on the system you're building and teams existing skills set
- Whatever the style, your microservices architecture must provide
  - Services Discovery,
  - Reliable Communications,
  - Operational insights (logs, monitoring, alerts, real time analysis)

#### Got It, But Isn't It SOA?

- SOA so what ?
  - Enterprise SOA
  - Event-driven architecture (Pub/Sub)
  - Streaming Services (real-time time series, bidirectional)
  - Container-Services (ala Docker)
  - Nanoservices (ala AWS Lambda)
- Simply stated: Microservices are a SOA style for systems whose first goal is to scale
- · In details, let's see how microservices differ from...

## Microservices vs Enterprise SOA

- Enterprise SOA is often seen as
  - multi-year initiatives, costs millions
  - complex protocols with productivity and interoperability challenges
  - central governance model that inhibits change
- Enterprise SOA is more about integrating siloed monoliths
  - Generally, via a smart and centralized service bus
- Microservices is scalable SOA
  - an architectural style to design, develop and deploy a large and complex system, so that it is easier to scale and evolve

#### Microservices vs Event Driven Architecture

- EDA fits well with Document oriented systems and information flows
- Communication between microservices can be a mix of RPC (i.e., P2P calls) and EDA calls
- See EDA as a communication pattern for your microservices
- Can address choreography, orchestration, pipeline requirements

#### Microservices vs Container Services

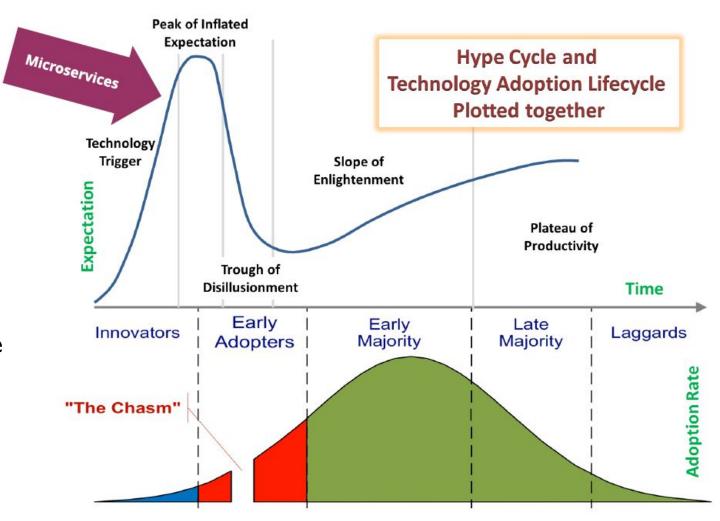
- Containers provide the infrastructure to deploy your microservices independently one from another
- See Container Services as a building block of your global microservices architecture

#### Microservices vs Nanoservices

- Nanoservices are small pieces of code (functions)
- E.g.: AWS Lambda, Auth0 Webtasks
- A microservice may leverage I+ nanoservices

# Gartner Hype Cycle

- Gartner Hype Cycles provide a graphic representation of the maturity and adoption of technologies and applications, and how they are potentially relevant to solving real business problems and exploiting new opportunities.
- Gartner Hype Cycle methodology gives you a view of how a technology or application will evolve over time, providing a sound source of insight to manage its deployment within the context of your specific business goals.



# Thank you!