

# Application Development Frameworks

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*Java EE vs Spring Boot & Spring Cloud*

“Compare & contrast  
the use of **Spring**  
and tell me why  
**Spring Boot / Cloud**  
is important”



**Brief**

# Outline

- Choosing a Framework
  - What's Important?
  - Cloud-native apps
  - Microservices
  - Spring Boot vs Java EE
  - Cloud features
  - Adoption
- Summary

Developers need  
**frameworks** to help  
them do their work

They simply want to  
**Build, Ship & Run** their  
code



# Choosing a Framework

What's important?

***Build, Ship & Run** means:*

- ***Develop it***
- ***Test it***
- ***Package it***
- ***Deploy it***
- ***Monitor it***
- ***Scale it***

*There's a lot to do, and it's complex work*

*Good frameworks make it  
**fast and easy***

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# Choosing a Framework

What's important?

*For businesses, **fast** and **easy** development also means:*

**Increased productivity** ✓

**Better quality** ✓

**More frequent releases** ✓

**Greater engagement** ✓

**Easier experimentation** ✓

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**Cloud** is now vital part  
of application delivery  
and scalability

Apps need to be  
“**cloud-native**” by  
default



# Choosing a Framework

Cloud-native apps

*Cloud-native apps are*

- *Self contained*
- *Robust*
- *Self-healing*
- *Elastic*

*Cloud-native apps can be deployed into the cloud and scaled with ease*

*So how do you build a cloud-native app?*

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# Choosing a Framework

Cloud-native apps

*The current best option for building **cloud-native apps** is **Microservice** architecture*

*Modern frameworks support microservice architecture **out of the box***

***But what constitutes a microservice?***

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# Choosing a Framework

## Microservices

***Microservices** are services that are...*

- ***Small***
- ***Isolated***
- ***Reusable***
- ***Disposable***

*Because they're small you may need **hundreds** so they must be easy to make and manage!*

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# Choosing a Framework

## Microservices

*In **Java** there are two competing service development frameworks...*

- ***Java Platform Enterprise Edition [JEE]***
  - ***Spring Framework [inc Boot & Cloud]***
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**Java Enterprise Edition**  
is an Application Server  
specification for full-  
stack monolithic web-  
apps



**Spring Boot** is a  
Java based  
framework for  
building  
microservices



Let's compare  
**Spring Boot** and  
**Java EE** when  
developing  
microservices



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# Choosing a Framework

## Spring Boot vs JEE

*Scenario: **The boss wants a “hello-world” microservice and she wants it now...***

*Let's compare the effort required to meet this challenge using **Java EE** vs **Spring Boot***

*> Note the number of steps for each and the time required to complete them*

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1. Choose a JEE Application Server with the right mix of features, standards support, etc. (weeks\*)
2. Install the JEE application server on the target machine
3. Add the vendors JEE JARs to your Maven Repository
4. Create a new WAR project (mvn archetype)
5. Add the Jar dependencies you need to your POM (i.e. the vendors JEE jar)
6. Open the project in your IDE
7. Create a new Controller class
8. Add @Path to your class
9. Add @GET to your method
10. Add your servlet-mapping url-pattern instructions to your servlet.xml file
11. Build and package your WAR file
12. Take your WAR file to the application server
13. Install it in the correct folder on the app server
14. Reboot / restart the app server
15. Check the log / console to see if your particular service has started successfully
16. Call localhost to check your message is returned

Congratulations, your service is up!

**Elapsed Time 2-4 hours\***



## Spring Boot

1. Go to **start.spring.io** and download a starter project
2. Open the project in your IDE
3. Create a new Controller class
4. Add @RestController to your class
5. Add @RequestMapping to your method
6. Build your JAR (mvn package)
7. Run `java -jar <filename>`
8. Check your message is returned

Congratulations, your service is up!

Elapsed **Time 15 mins**



# Choosing a Framework

## Spring Boot vs JEE

### **Spring Boot:**

***Builds easier*** thanks to pre-configured dependencies and auto-configuration

***Ships easier*** thanks to simple JAR packaging

***Runs easier*** thanks to embedded servers

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Microservice  
developers find  
**Spring Boot** easier,  
cleaner, and more  
productive



***“Spring Boot blew  
my mind! I used to  
spend days getting  
a service running”***

(Real quote from a Java developer on Reddit)



But what about the  
**cloud?**



# Choosing a Framework

Cloud features

*Microservices need a supportive environment, one with cloud specific features...*

- **API Gateway**
  - **Service Discovery**
  - **Load balancing**
  - **Externalised Config**
  - **Metrics & Monitoring**
  - **Persistence & Messaging**
  - **Etc...**
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**Spring Cloud** adds  
several cloud-native  
features to Spring Boot



You don't get any of  
these features with **JEE**



~~Service Discovery~~ ❌

~~External Config~~ ❌

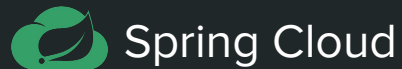
~~API Gateway~~ ❌

~~Circuit Breakers~~ ❌

~~Load Balancers~~ ❌

~~Event Bus~~ ❌

~~Monitoring & Logging~~ ❌



Service Discovery ✅

External Config ✅

API Gateway ✅

Circuit Breakers ✅

Load Balancers ✅

Event Bus ✅

Monitoring & Logging ✅

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Spring Boot is **trending!**

Adoption is growing  
**rapidly** across all  
sectors and industries

Meanwhile, **JEE** adoption is in decline





Compare Search terms ▼

**Java Platform, Enterprise Edit...**

Computer software

**Spring Boot**

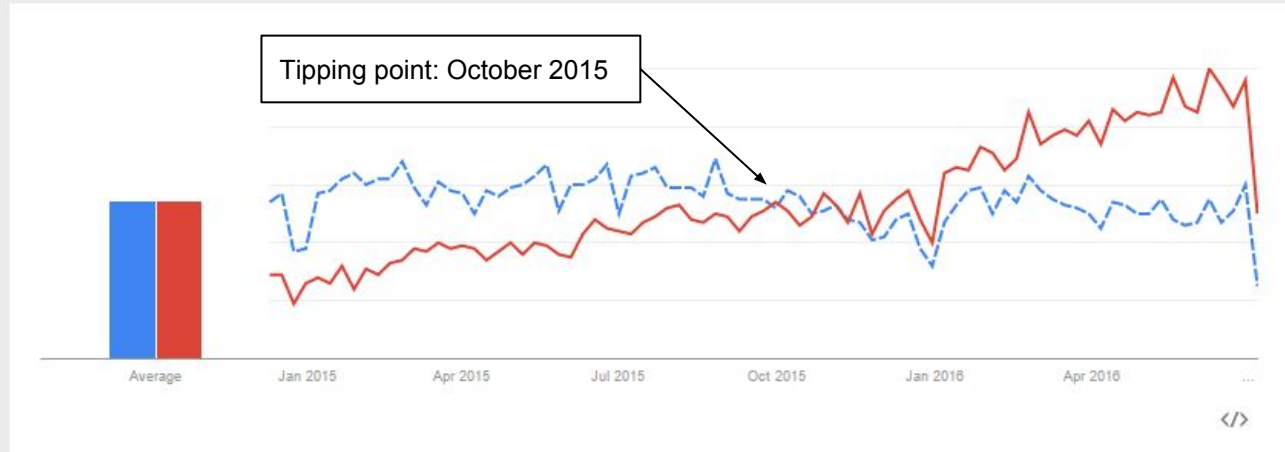
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Beta: Measuring search interest in *topics* is a beta feature which quickly provides accurate measurements of overall search interest. To measure search interest for a specific *query*, select the "search term" option. ?

Interest over time ?

☐ News headlines ? ☐ forecast ?



Google Trends (JEE vs Spring Boot)

# Summary

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# Java Enterprise Edition

- JEE is ill-equipped for cloud-native microservice development
- JEE is missing several crucial cloud capabilities
- JEE config & packaging slows Build, Ship and Run cycles
- JEE adoption is in decline



# Spring Boot & Spring Cloud

- Spring Boot & Spring Cloud accelerate your cloud development
- Building microservices with Spring Boot is easier, cleaner and more productive than in JEE
- Spring Cloud adds powerful cloud-native capabilities
- Adoption of Spring Boot and Spring Cloud is growing rapidly

# Like to know more?

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Check out my Spring Boot & Spring Cloud **CQRS Microservice** project...

On Wordpress: <https://goo.gl/ijjREg>

On GitHub: <https://goo.gl/uGGISx>

On SlideShare: <http://goo.gl/gnoy6j>