Module 11: Deploying Mule Applications

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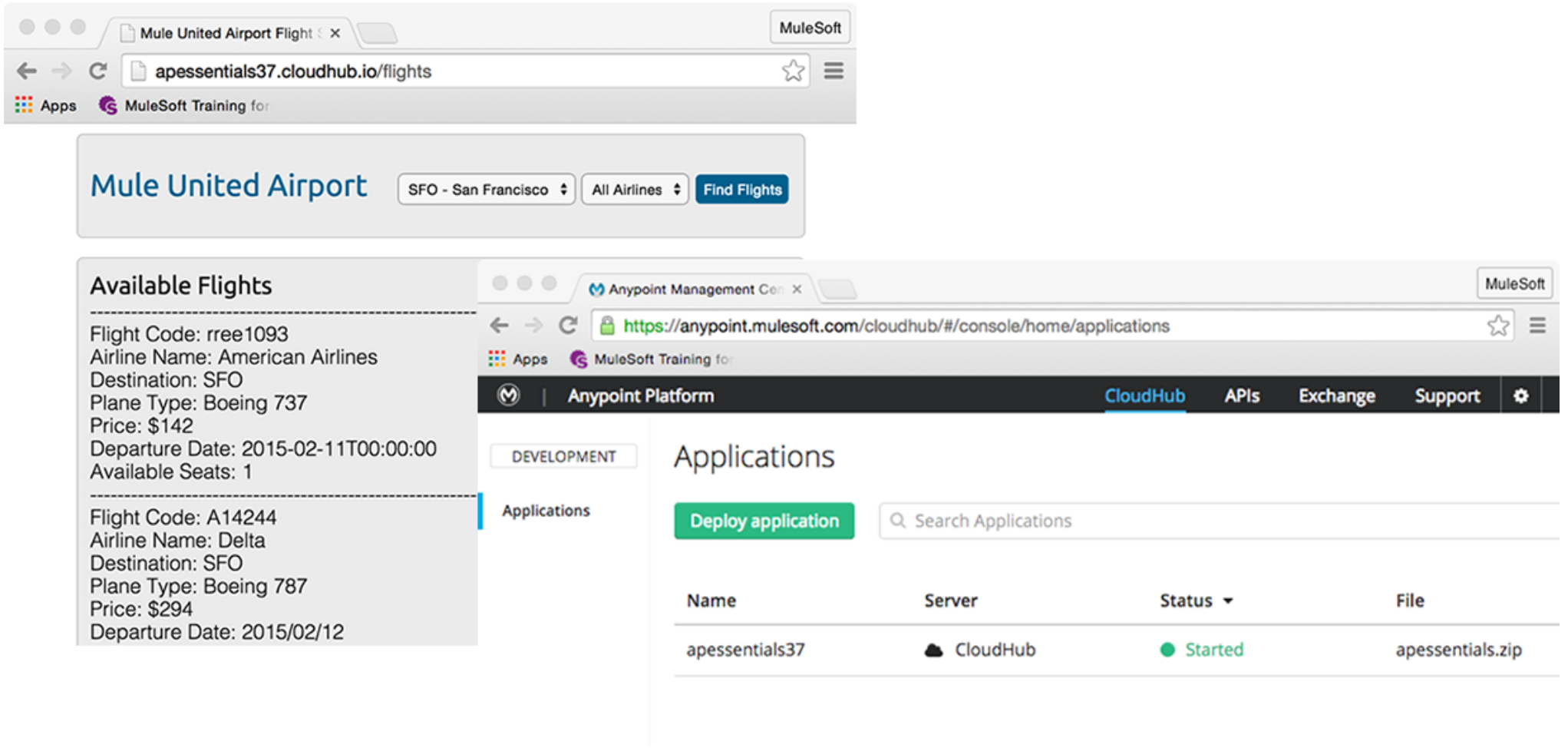

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Objectives

- In this module, you will learn:
  - About the options for deploying your applications
  - About when and how to use application properties
  - What CloudHub is
  - (Optional) To deploy and run applications in the cloud
  - (Optional) To deploy and run applications on-prem

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Introducing deployment options

Deploying applications

- During development, applications are deployed on an embedded Mule runtime in Anypoint Studio
- For everything else (testing, Q&A, and production), applications can be deployed to
  - On-prem Mule Server Runtime
    - As a standalone application to a Mule ESB (typically)
      - Simpler architecture and better performance
    - As a WAR file with an embedded Mule instance to an application server (not recommended)
  - CloudHub
    - Hosted Mule Server Runtime on AWS
    - Integration Platform as a Service (IPaaS)

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On –prem Mule runtime features

- Easy to install
- Requires minimal resources
- Can run multiple applications
- Uses a Java Service Wrapper which controls the JVM from your operating system and starts Mule
- Mule Management Console for controlling applications
  - Deploying and undeploying applications
  - Starting and stopping servers
  - Managing and monitoring applications

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What is CloudHub?

- A cloud-based integration platform as a service (iPaaS)
  - Eliminates the need to install or manage middleware or hardware infrastructure
  - Enables developers to integrate and orchestrate applications and services
  - Gives operations the control and visibility they require for mission-critical demands

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CloudHub features

- Low maintenance
  - No hardware to maintain
  - No software to upgrade
  - Redundancy with 99.99% guaranteed uptime and support
- Additional out-of-the box capabilities
  - Infrastructure for DNS and load-balancing
- Global and scalable
  - Data centers around the world
- Secure
- Future-proof for hybrid cloud architectures
- Monitoring capabilities

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Before deploying

- Think about anything in your application that might change between development and production…

```
<sfdc:config name="Salesforce" username="${sfdc.username}"
             password="${sfdc.password}" securityToken="${sfdc.token}"
             doc:name="Salesforce"/>

<db:mysql-config name="MySQL_Configuration" host="${db.host}"
                 port="${db.port}" user="${db.user}" password="${db.password}"
                 database="${db.database}" doc:name="MySQL Configuration"/>
```


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Using application properties

Application properties

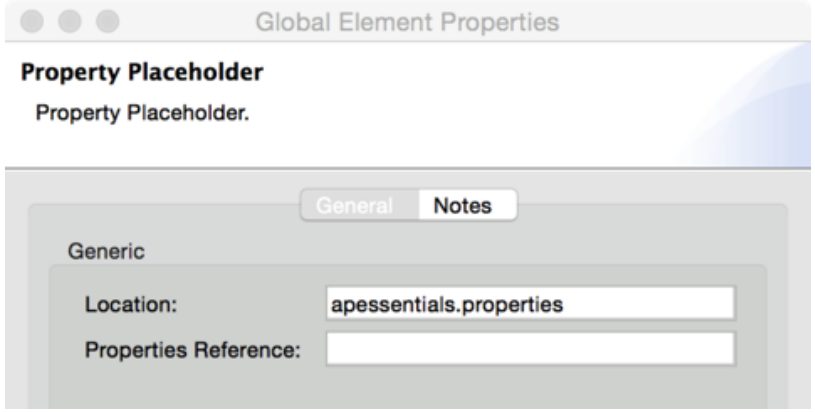
- Are an alternative to hard-coding hardcoding credentials, resources, etc.
- Are injected into the application at runtime
- Provide an easier way to manage credentials, changes, and settings
- Can be encrypted
- Are defined in .properties files
  - Separate property files can host values specific to an environment
    - app-dev.properties and app-prod.properties

Existing property files

- Mule Projects contain two property files by default
  - `src/main/app`
    - `mule-app.properties`
    - `mule-deploy.properties`
- mule-deploy is the deployment descriptor
  - Describes how the application should be deployed
- mule-app
  - Initially blank and is for custom application properties
    - Inherently loaded into CloudHub as environment variables when deploying from Anypoint Studio
    - For Mule standalone, must be passed to Mule runtime when it starts

Defining application properties

- Create a custom properties file anywhere in the project
  `apessentials.properties`
- Define properties in the properties file
  `db.account = ReaderAccount`
- Create a
  Properties Placeholder
  global element



- Use the properties in the application
  `${db.account}`

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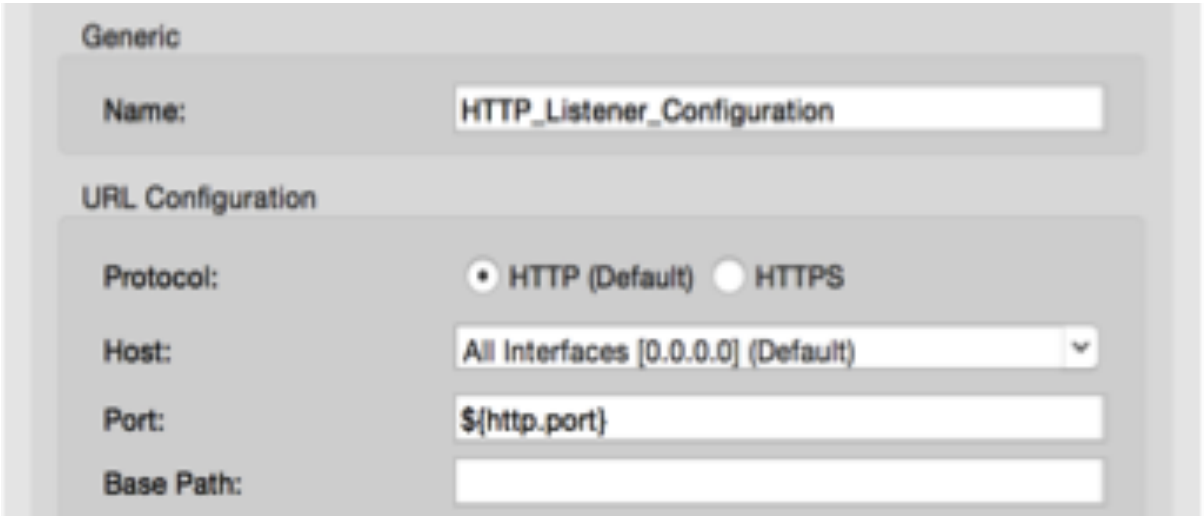
Parameterizing the HTTP Listener port

- `http.port=8081`



- If deploying to CloudHub, you must name this application property http.port
  - http.port is a reserved CloudHub property
  - Traffic on port 80 to a CloudHub application domain URL will be routed to the port set by this property
  - By default, http.port is 8081

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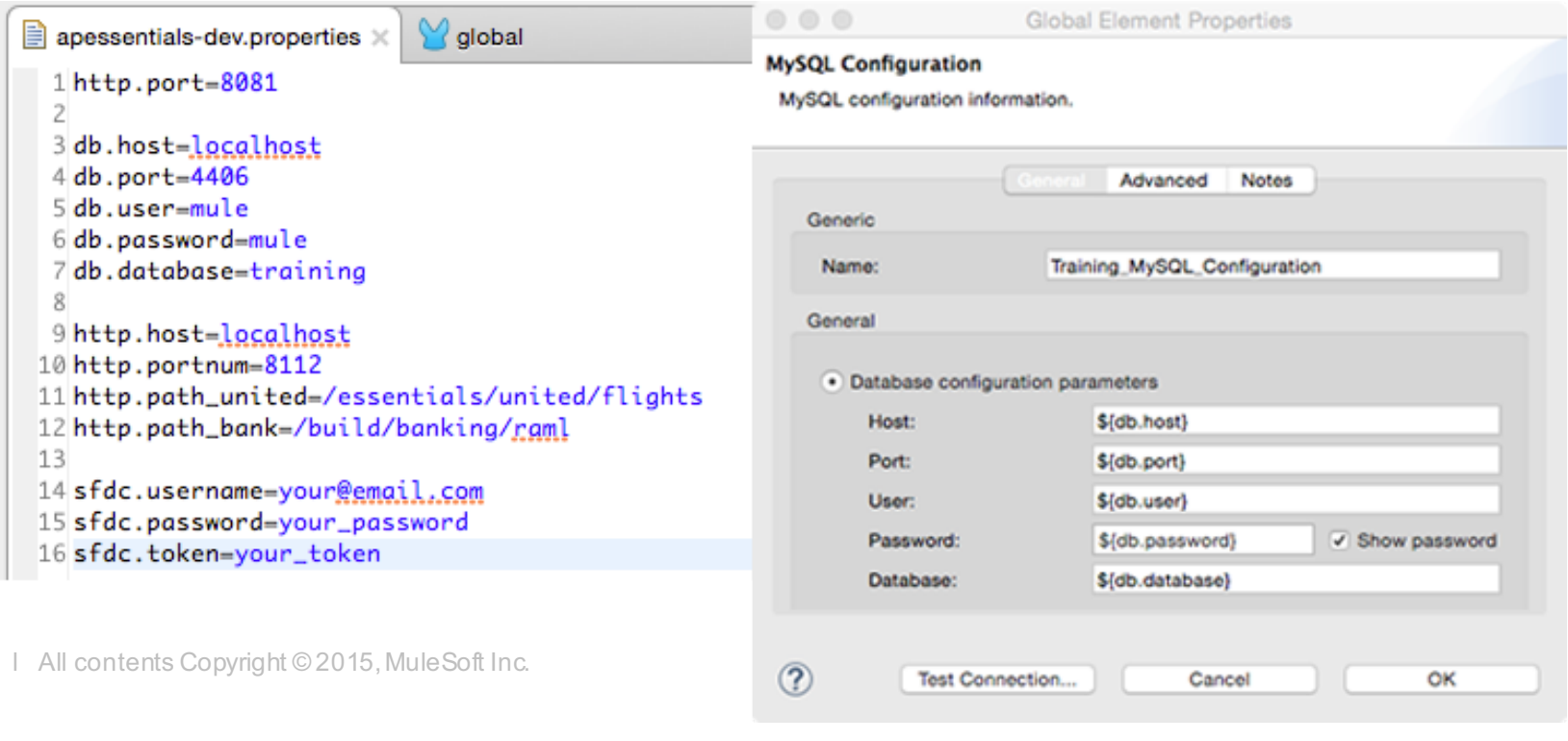
Walkthrough 11-1: Use application properties

- Create a properties file for your application
- Create a Properties Placeholder global element
- Parameterize the HTTP Listener connector port
- Define and use Database connector properties



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Dynamically specify property files

- Resources and credentials often vary from development to production environments
- You can use a property for the location value in the Property Placeholder

Property Placeholder
(Global Element)

```
<context:property-placeholder
location="appname-${env}.properties" />
```

- For development, set env in mule-app.properties

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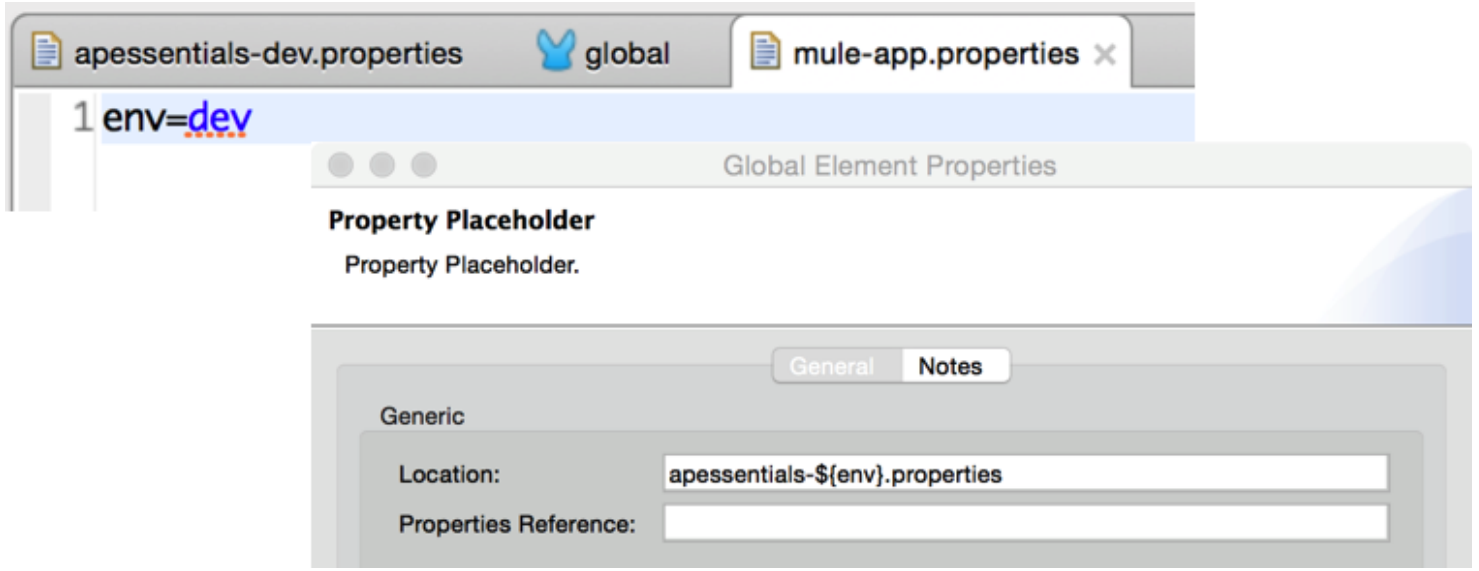
Walkthrough 11-2: Dynamically specify property files

- Create a Define an environment property value in mule-app.properties
- Use the environment property in the Property Placeholder



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Setting environment variables

- For development, set env in mule-app.properties
- For deployment to CloudHub
  - Automatically loaded into CloudHub as environment variables
  - Can be modified in the CloudHub management console
- For Mule standalone
  - Must be passed to Mule runtime when it starts
  - Set in wrapper.conf file before starting Mule

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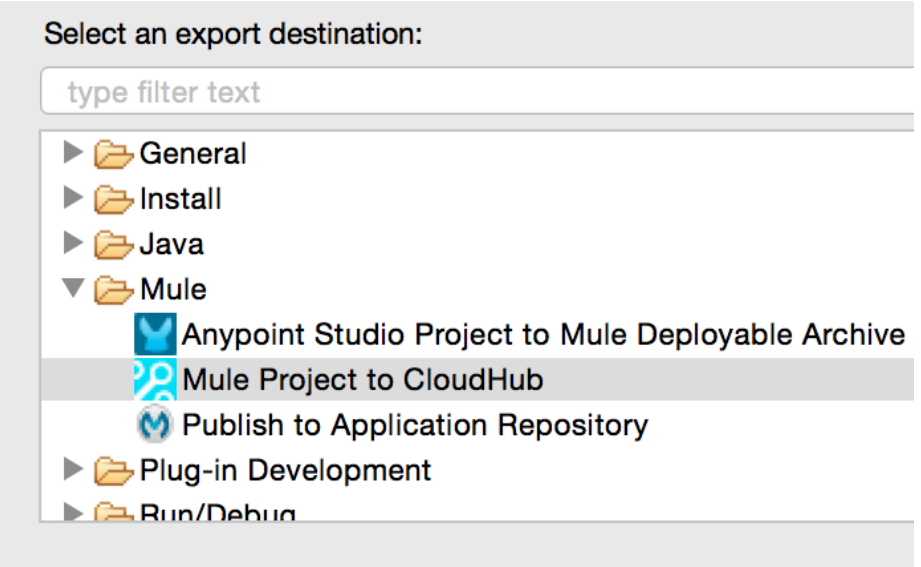
Deploying applications to the cloud

Deploying applications to CloudHub

- From Anypoint Studio
  - Export Mule Project directly to CloudHub
    - Enter Anypoint Platform credentials
- From CloudHub
  - In Anypoint Studio, create a Mule Deployable Archive
  - On CloudHub, add an application and then upload a Mule Deployable Archive



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CloudHub environment variables

- Environment variables can be set from the CloudHub console after deployment
- Variables set here will override values set in .properties file

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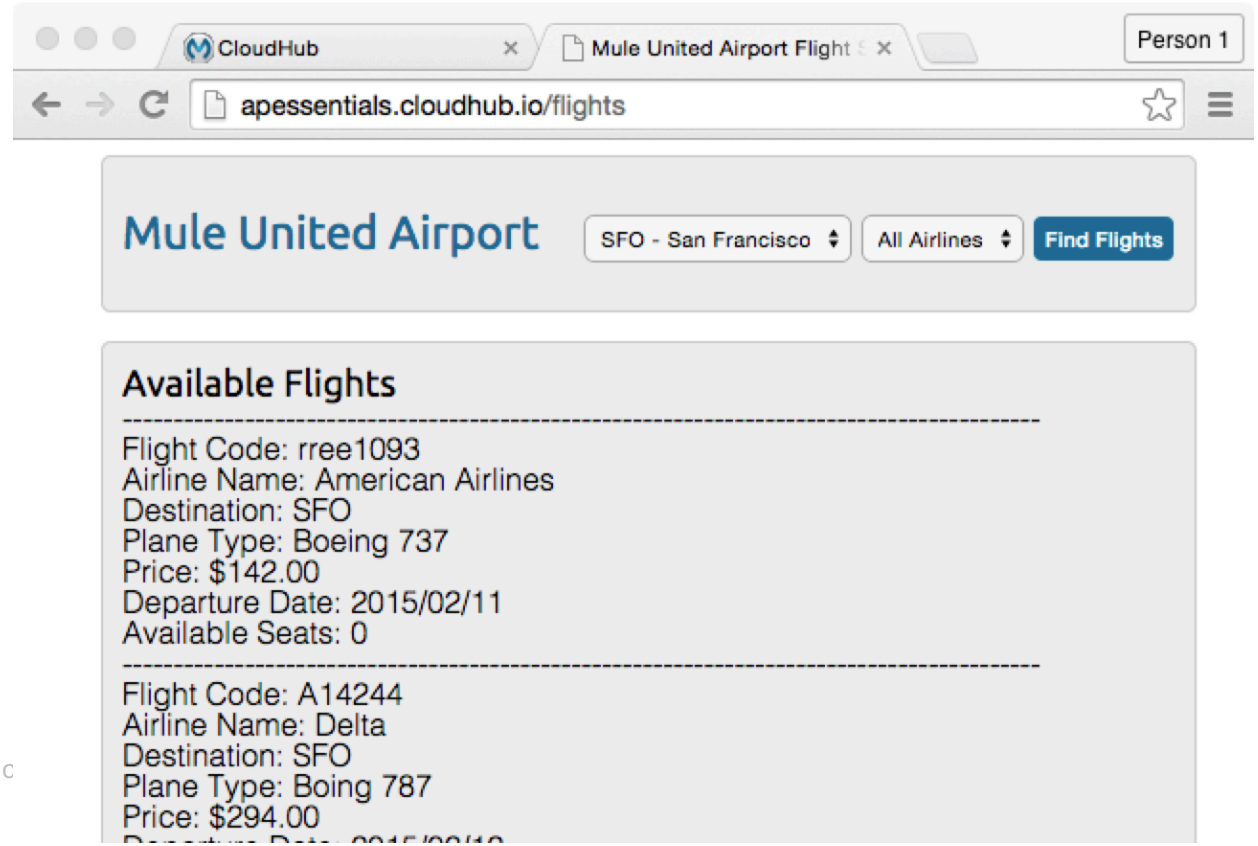
Walkthrough 11-3: (Optional) Deploy an application to the cloud

- Deploy an application to CloudHub from Anypoint Studio
- Run the application on its new, hosted domain
- View application data in CloudHub



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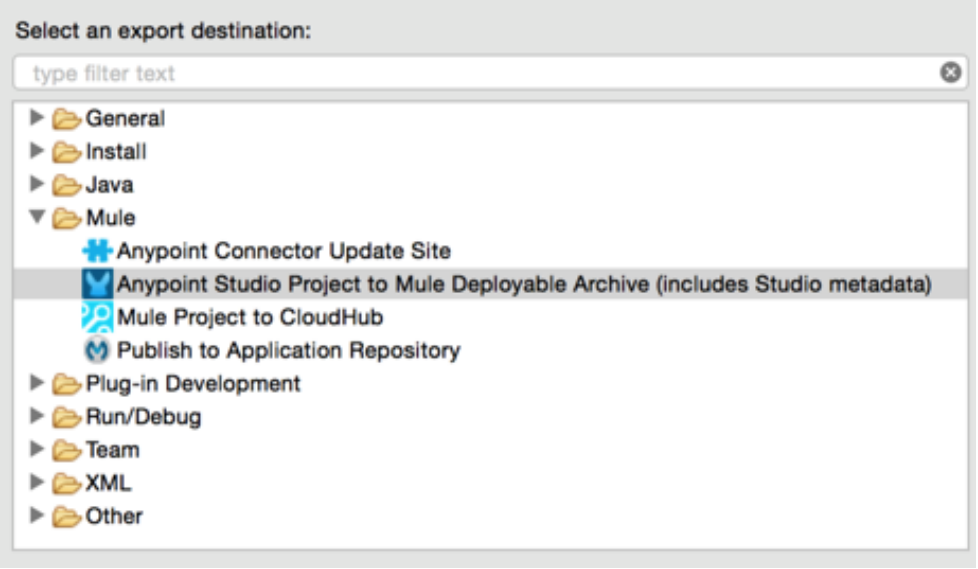
Deploying applications on-prem

Deploying applications to an on-prem Mule runtime

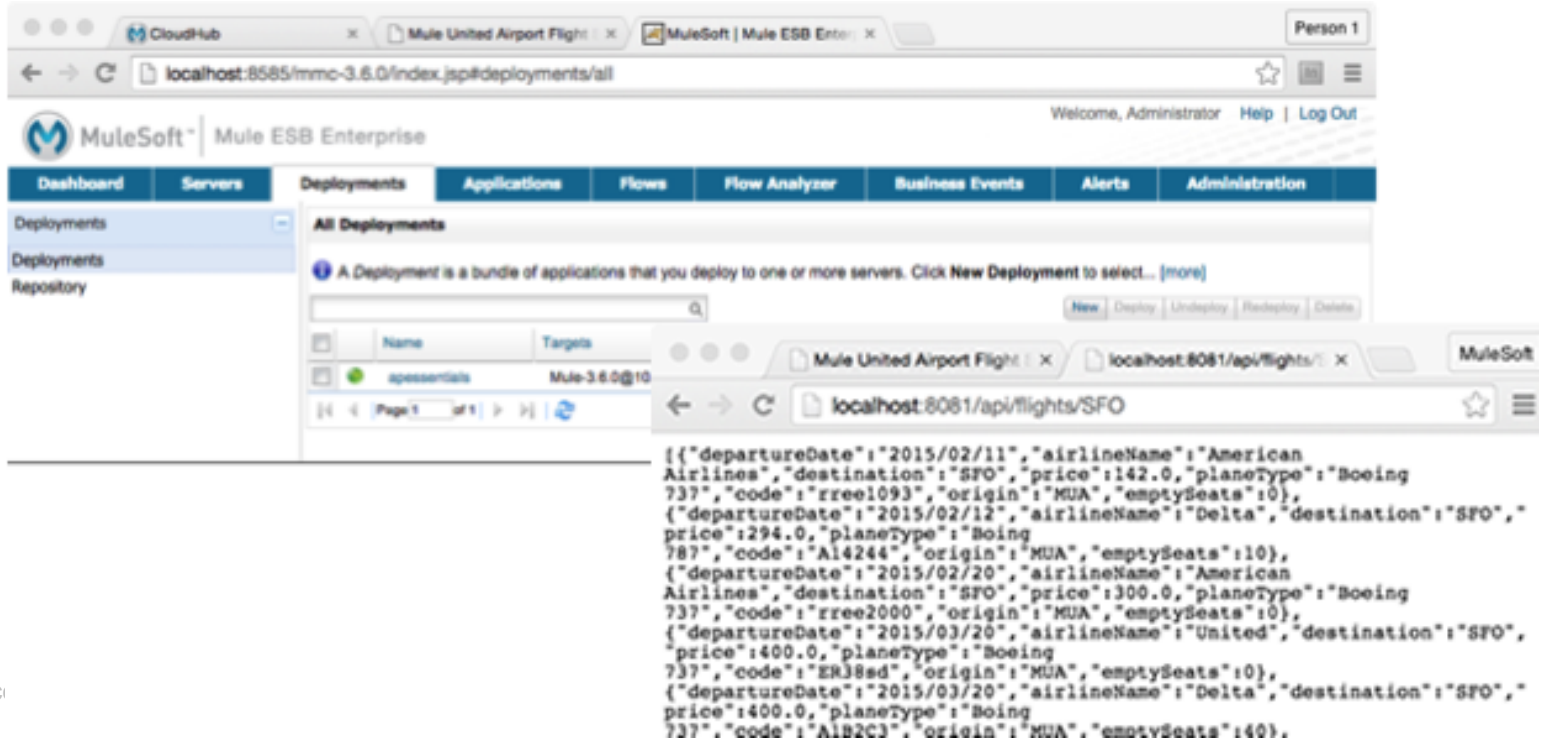
- In Anypoint Studio, create a Mule Deployable Archive

- Install standalone Mule runtime
- Modify wrapper.conf (to pass in environment variables)
- Start Mule
- Start Mule Management Console (MMC)
- Use MMC to deploy the application



Walkthrough 11-4: (Optional) Deploy an application on-prem

- Package an application as a Mule deployable archive
- Start Mule runtime and MMC
- Deploy an application to an on-prem Mule runtime
- Run the application



Summary

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- In this module, you learned to deploy Mule applications
- Use application properties to avoid hard-coding endpoint properties, credentials, resources and so on
- Define application properties in a .properties file whose location is specified in a Properties Placeholder global element
- Dynamically specify a properties file when the application starts by parameterizing its name and setting the variable
  - As an application property with the CloudHub console
  - As an argument in the Mule standalone wrapper.conf file

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Summary

- Deploy an application to the cloud
  - Directly from Anypoint Studio by exporting a project and entering your Anypoint Platform credentials
  - From the CloudHub console by creating a deployable archive in Anypoint Studio and then uploading the archive to a CloudHub application
- Deploy an application on-prem
  - By creating a deployable archive in Anypoint Studio and then uploading the archive using the Mule Management Console (MMC)

