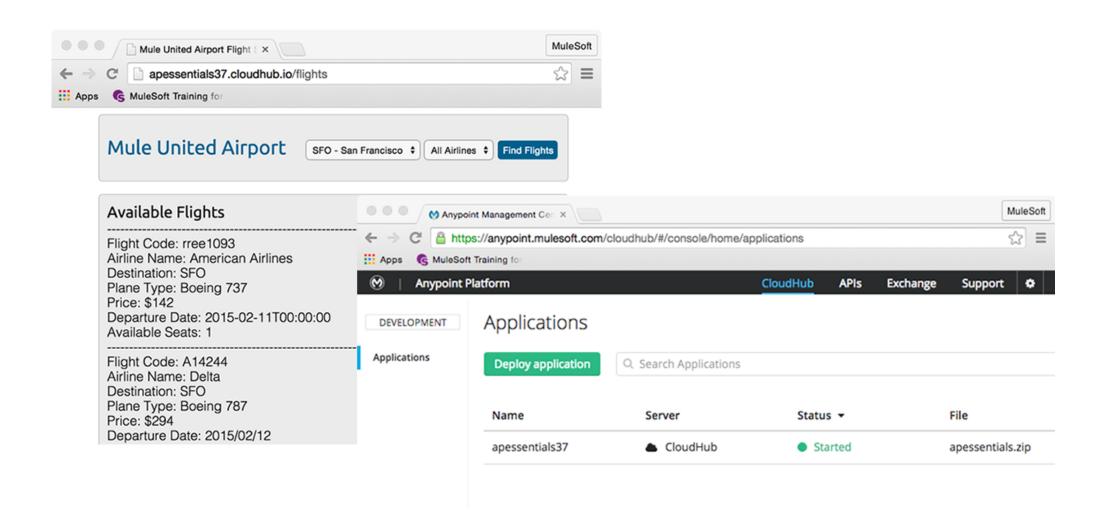


Module 11: Deploying Mule Applications

Goal





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



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)



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



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



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



Before deploying

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



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



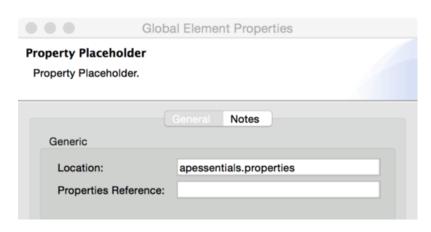
Existing property files

- 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

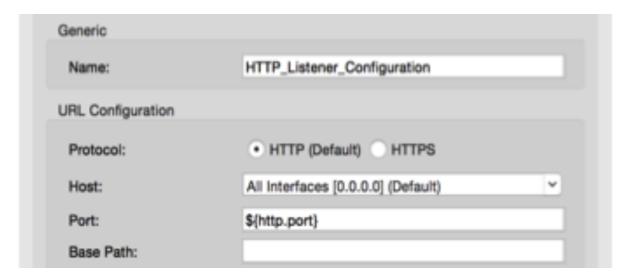


Use the properties in the application



Parameterizing the HTTP Listener port

http.port=8081

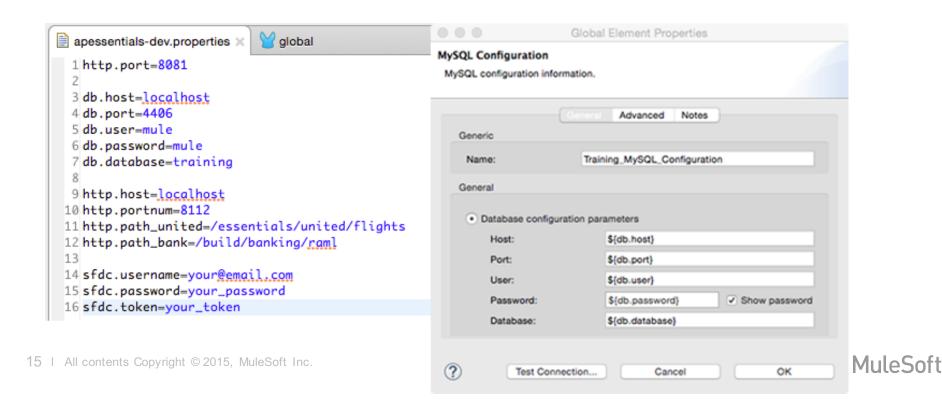


- If deploying to CloudHub, you must name this application property http.port
 - http.port is a reserved CloudHub property
 - Traffic on port 80 to a CloudHub application domain URL will be routed to the port set by this property
 - By default, http.port is 8081



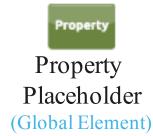
Walkthrough 11-1: Use application properties

- 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



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



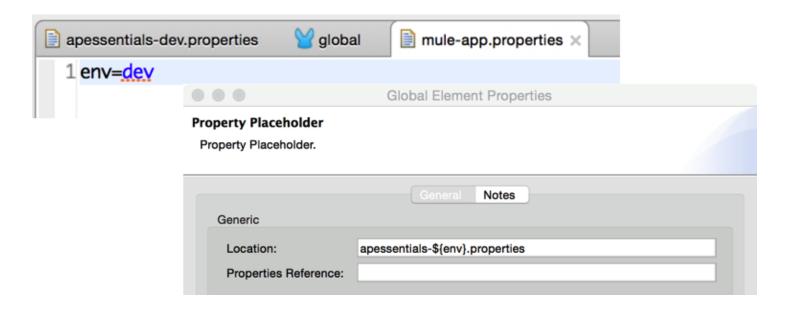
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<context:property-placeholder
location="appname-${env}.properties" />
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For development, set env in mule-app.properties



Walkthrough 11-2: Dynamically specify property files

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





Setting environment variables

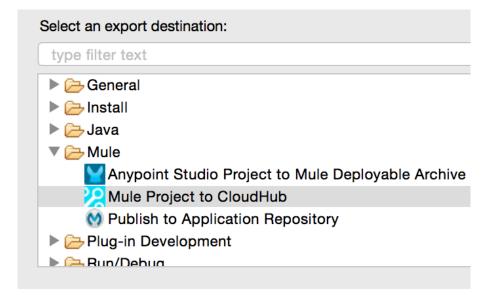
- For development, set env in mule-app.properties
- For deployment to CloudHub
 - Automatically loaded into CloudHub as environment variables
 - Can be modified in the CloudHub management console
- For Mule standalone
 - Must be passed to Mule runtime when it starts
 - Set in wrapper.conf file before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



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





CloudHub environment variables

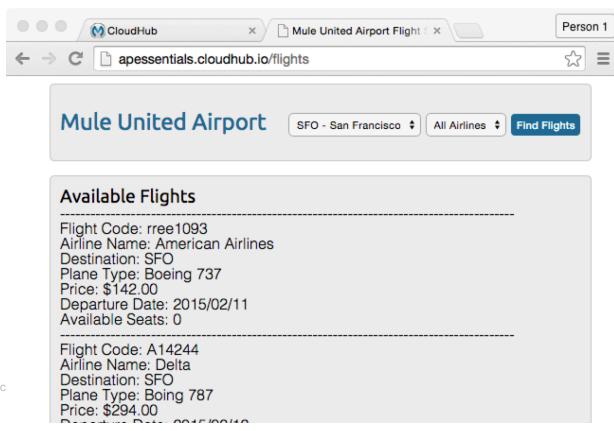
- Environment variables can be set from the CloudHub console after deployment
- Variables set here will override values set in .properties file





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

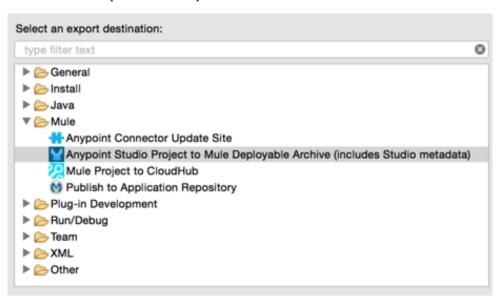




Deploying applications on-prem

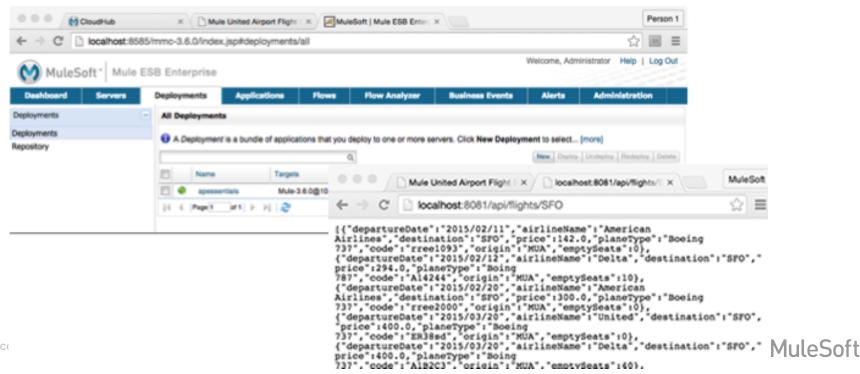
Deploying applications to an on-prem Mule runtime

- 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



Summary

- 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



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)

