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#15: Service Architectures

Computer Systems

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Service Architecture

As you build larger and larger systems, individual components can be developed within the same system or separated out.

[Monolithic Architecture]:
[Microservice Architecture]:
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[Serverless Architecture]:

Monolithic	Microservice	Serverless

Example: CoinFlip

In our game of CoinFlip, players begin with 100 IlliniCoins and spend 1 IlliniCoin each time to play CoinFlip:

- If the coin lands on "Lincoln" (heads), they get 2 IlliniCoins.
 If the coin lands on tails, they get 0 IlliniCoins.

Q: What are the different components of this system?

Configuration and Deployment Challenges

One of the most challenging bits of microservices is managing the configuration and deployment of the microservices:

- What is the location of my dependencies?
- How do I quickly update the configuration?

Solution:		

Every process on every Operating System runs with a number of **environmental variables**.

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Command to List All Environment Variables		
Linux:	env	
Windows PowerShell:	dir env:	

Common Environment Variables

Common Programming Convention: .env Files

A common, but not built-in, programming convention is to use .env files to specify deployment-specific environment variables.

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.env file

FLASK_RUN_PORT = 24000
```

...now, when we run Flask, we see it starts on a different port:

```
$ python3 -m flask run
[...]
 * Running on http://127.0.0.1:24000/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)
```

Building CoinFlip

Database:

\$ docker run --rm -it -p 27017:27017 mongo

CoinFlipGameService:

• Route:

Functionality:

IlliniCoinService:

• Route:

Functionality:

Route:

Functionality:

CoinFlip:

Route:

Functionality:

• Route:

Functionality: