

Monolith to Microservices - A Decision Framework

Not every monolith should be split. Here is how we decide for enterprise clients.

Stay monolithic when

Team < 20 devs, single deploy cadence is fine, no independent scaling needs.

Extract services when

Deployment independence (a team needs 10x faster shipping), scale isolation (one component needs 100x compute), or technology diversity is justified.

Pattern of choice

Strangler Fig: build the new service alongside the monolith, route traffic with feature flags, retire the old code last.