Edge Al and Beyond Designing Robust Al Architectures for the 6G Era

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Legacy System Refactoring

- Monolithic to Microservice
- Decision Framework for Migration
- Slicing / Decomposition

Software Quality

Open Source Evaluation

- Business Process Optimization

Cloud Architectural Quality

- Architectural Degradation - Metrics for MS Coupling and Cohesion - Service Architectural assessment - Reconstruction Tools - Organizational/architectural analysis

M3S Cloud

- EdgeAI Orchestration/Offloading Green Edge Architectural Patterns Visualizations

- License compliance
- Static Analysis tools Configuration

- Sustainability

- Life Expectance

Cloud to Edge – EdgeAl



Architectural Degradation for Cloud-Native Systems

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My Research Roadmap on Edge-Al

Edge-Al Architectures

- Best/Bad Practices
- Patterns / Anti-Patterns
- Tools pipelines
- Extremely distributed AI
- Quantum as a Service

Edge AI Orchestration

- Load balancing
- Scheduling
- Resource planning
- Optimization
- Quantum as a Service

Distributed intelligent computing

Hyperlocality, orchestration & trust



The 6GSoft Project (1.5M) ሮማ





Avision of the distant future

- Everything...
- Sensing
- Connected
- Autonomous
- Multimodal
- Personalized

Smart connected devices are omnipresent

- Assisted automatic common tasks
- Highly personalized devices
- Centralized and coordinated behaviour





Research opportunities in interactions, biometrics, analyzing behaviour, predicting intentions





INTELLIGENT, AI BASED CONNECTED DEVICES

The trend: Ultra-densification of wireless systems

(...communications had) approximately millionfold capacity increase since 1957.

Breaking down these gains shows

- a 25× improvement from wider spectrum,
- a 5× improvement by dividing the spectrum into smaller slices,
- a 5× improvement by designing better modulation schemes, and
- a whopping 1600× gain through reduced cell sizes and transmit distance

The enormous gains reaped from smaller cell sizes arise from efficient spatial reuse of spectrum or, alternatively, higher area spectral efficiency". We should expect ultradense networks !!

Near future application 1: *Road safety, overtaking cars*

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Seeing through buildings at city street corners, other vehicles and curves of the road





Near future application 2: Augmented environmental information

Super-situational awareness for an individual (and about the individual) A secure digital twin of an individual follows the person, and connects with relevant sensors in the proximity not only just environment information, but also "eyes in the back" Ultra-dense communications and sensor networks

- tracking of health related information
- continuous aggregation and personalization of models •



that supports the mobility of individuals. But how?



Implementing apparently straightforward application scenarios involves **big logistical challenges** concerning

- distribution of machine learning,
- seamless application mobility,
- information security and privacy.

Distributed Intelligence Overview

	Computing on the edge-to-cloud continuum	Distributed AI	
App 1		Weak coupling and decentralized decision-	
	Evolution of	making	
	eage-cloud continuum	Federated learning	
App 2	Serverless edge computing	Transfer learning	
		Data provenance	
App 3	Trustworthy distributed service management	Split learning	
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	and autonomy	Emergent communication	
	On-device processing	protocois	
Арр N	Edge computing extensions to 5GTN	Learning via invariant causal mechanisms	
		Semantic communication	

ULTRADENSIFICATION



Multimodal Sensing & modelling

View-to-communicate Communicate-to-view

THz imaging

Backscattering

Radar+Communication sensing using RL

Multimodal 3D modeling

Non-line-of-sigth sensing

Radio propagation simulation & modeling

Distributed vision without line of sight (seeing through walls)

Remote biosignal acquisition (rPPG & rBCG)

Radio & Vision Cooperative systems (Multimodal cameras + radios)

Drones, driving, energy, ...

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Operating Cloud Native Al based Systems



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Cloud

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Automation, Ontheguration

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Computing on the edge-to-cloud continuum

- The three-tier edge architecture helps optimizing latency, network usage and power consumption by allowing capacity-aware placement of computational tasks on different tiers.
- Time varying model splitting and compression, accounts for uncertainties in processing & communication, lowers energy consumption and CO2 emission
- Resource consumption and service deployment & initiation times on a feasible level.



Computing on the edge-to-cloud continuum





Computing on the edge-to-cloud continuum

Orchestration:

Local orchestrator deploys lightweight granular microservices in containers

Local API gateway can compose local services of on small virtual microservices (nanoservices).

Orchestrator takes care of deployment, redeployment and undeployment

New devices with new capacity can join the system and existing nodes may leave the system while service is running.

Orchestrator can be simulated !!

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Design challenges:

Derive useful system/data representations, *semantics*, for decision making

Develop architectures for the interplay between components and systems





6G Software for Extremely Distributed and Heterogeneous Massive Networks of Connected Devices Our Research on Edge Computing

"Investigate sustainable software solutions that are robust, scalable, and energy-efficient."

- Implement energy-aware (EA) orchestration and scalability models 1.
- 2. Software architecture for energy-aware extremely distributed systems



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Energy-Aware orchestration and scalability ሮሚ models

- Investigated auction-based orchestration methods
 - **Isomorphic implementations** -
- Investigated multi-layered cloud-native systems architecture reconstruction



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Energy-Aware software architecture րող

Prototypes for next generation software applications

- Decentralised deployment in the continuum -
- SW Architecture for AI-Based models -



Demo space: Multimodal Sensing Lab





[ROOM SENSORS SIGNALS]





TI IWR1443 Radar Phase signal

TI IWR1443 Radar BR values

TI IWR1443 Radar HR values



Empatica BVP signal

Empatica Temperature signal

Empatica EDA Signal























Demo Space: Office Wellbeing Use Case

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Use case of Edge-AI on office wellbeing

- Posture monitoring (cameras)
- Torso mobility (Balance Boards)
- Time Standing/seating/balance board
- Heart rate (stress)





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Architecting Edge-Al Systems





No standardized AI-based system reference architecture

- No standard tools pipeline

Ad-hoc research studies

Tools Pipelines: AlOps tool Map



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Best Practices and Bad Practices





Cognitive and Continuum Cloud

Cloud is getting more and more popular. However, beside In order to shed some light on the definition of (tive Cloud, and in

RQ1: What are the definitions of cognitive cloud

Introductio

search works to in

With this RQ we aim at understanding whether there are different definitions of cognitive cloud.

RQ2: How has the definition of cognitive cloud evolved

Via the comparison among the different definitions, we shall observe the changes from the earliest to the latest. In this way, we shall identify how the

Cloud Continuum: The Definition

Fabiano Pecorelli[†], Xiaozhou Li[‡], Sonia Naz[§], David Hästbacka

Cognitive Cloud: The Definition

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Patterns and Anti-Patterns



On the Definition of Microservice **Bad Smells**

Davide Taibi and Valentina Lenarduzzi, Tampere University of

// To identify microservice-specific bad smells, researchers collected evidence of bad practices by interviewing developers experienced with microservice-based systems They then classified the bad practices into 11 microservice bad smells frequently considered harmful by practitioners. //



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Microservices Anti-patterns: A Taxonomy

Davide Taibi, Valentina Lenarduzzi, and Claus Pahl

Abstract Several companies are rearchitecting their monolithic information syswith possib these smells tems with microservices. However, many companies migrate to microservices without experience, mainly learning how to migrate from books or from practitioners' blogs. Because of the novelty of the topic, practitioners and consultancies are learning by doing how to migrate, thus facing several issues but also several of two benefits. In this chapter, we introduce a catalog and a taxonomy of the most common microservices anti-patterns in order to identify common problems. Our and on how identified a cal anti-pattern catalog is based on the experience summarized by different practitioners pecific h we interviewed in the last 3 years. We identified a taxonomy of 20 anti-patterns, open and so dure to deriv including organizational (team oriented and technology/tool oriented) anti-patterns and technical (internal and communication) anti-patterns. The results can be useful the prace The goal to practitioners to avoid experiencing the same difficult situations in the systems practition tices alto they develop. Moreover, researchers can benefit from this catalog and further validate the harmfulness of the anti-patterns identified. more effi migrating

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Serverless: From Bad Practices to Good Solutions

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Abstract— Serverless computing is increasing its popularity in the industry. However, practitioners still have issues when using it. In this work, we identify the main bad practices experienced by practitioners during the development of serverless-based applications. We interviewed 91 experienced practitioners and analyzed the solutions they adopted to solve the issues generated by the bad practice. Moreover, we propose the most appropriate solutions based on our professional experience. The results can be helpful to other practitioners to avoid facing the same issues, or to understand how to overcome them and to researchers that can better validate them and propose alternative solutions.

Keywords-component, formatting, style, styling, insert (key

I. INTRODUCTION (HEADING 1)

Serverless computing, and in particular Function-as-a-Service (FaaS), is one of the most recent technologies that enables building cloud-based software based on components and infrastructure entirely managed by cloud providers [8].

One of the main reasons for the increased diffusion is the One of the main reasons for the increased diffusion is the support and availability of serverless computing platforms, such as AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, and Google Cloud Functions. Serverless enable developers to focus only on the business logic, leaving all the overhead of monitoring, provisioning, scaling and managing the infrastructure to the cloud service providers, and adopting the pay-as-you-go model, allowing companies to pay only for the amount of computational time they actually use [4].

During the development of serverless-based applications, practitioners often face common problems, which are due mainly to not applying best practices and patterns and anti-patterns [4]. While patterns to create serverless-based applications have been already introduced, anti-patterns are still not clear. Moreover, based on the experience we collected working in collaboration with several companies, we believe that developers might still have some wrong assumptions of serverless bad practices.

In order to help practitioners to understand the most common serveries bad practices, in this work we design and conduct a survey based on face-to-face interviews, to elicit the practices that developers considered as bad. Then, our co-authors Danilo Poccia (AWS Lambda chief architect and evangelist), and Ben

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Patterns for Serverless Functions (Function-as-a-Service): A Multivocal Literature Review

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Kehoe (CTO at IRobot) validated the bad practices proposed solutions to overcome them together with the AWS lambda core development team at Amazon. Danilo Poccia ben Kehoe and the AWS lambda core team are among the most experienced practitioners on serverless-based development, as they were involved in the original creation of Amazon AWS Lambda and they have been following more than IK customers in the development of serverless-based applications.

Our goal is to help practitioners avoid these bad practices altogether or to help practitioners to deal with these practices when developing serverless-based applications.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents related works. Section 3 described the methods we applied to collect the bad practices and review them. Section 4 presents the results while Section 5 lists and discusses the bad practices, while finally Section 7 draws conclusions and for exactly sections. future works.

II. RELATED WORKS

Different serverless patterns have been proposed by practitioners in the last years [7][9]. Practitioners also started to propose some possible issues that should be considered when developing serverless-based applications, while others proposed some anti-patterns in technical talks or technical forums.

As for anti-patterns, only non-peer reviewed works were published. Among them, Joe Emison [3] initially proposed in 2018 four anti-patterns in a practitioner talk: thick middle tier, 2018 four anti-patterns in a practitioner talk: thick middle tier, functions calling functions, multiple "spo5" (single point of failure), and custom code. In the same year, William Anderson [2] proposed four different anti-patterns in Forbes blog post: not careful usage of asynchronous calls, shared code between functions and tight coupling between functions

Rohit Akiwatkar [1], in 2019, also wrote a blog post mentioning the shared code between functions as a possible ant pattern and proposed seven new ones: distributed monolith, complex processing, big data ETL Pipeline, long processing tasks, real-time Communication with lorf, the high granularity of functions, excessive usage of communication protocols. pting Serverless, by mi-patterns for composing ons to solve the same al] In this work, we aim and reporting possible together with benefits fied as orchestration lusion] Practitioner different solutions to while others for some

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From monolithic systems to Microservices: An assessment framework

ABSTRACT

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Keywords: Microservices Cloud migration Software measurement Context: Re-architecting monolithic systems with Microservices-based architecture is a common trend. Various companies are migrating to Microservices for different reasons. However, making such an important decision like re-architecting an entire system must be based on real facts and not only on gut feelings.

Objective: The goal of this work is to propose an evidence-based decision support framework for companies that need to migrate to Microservices, based on the analysis of a set of characteristics and metrics they should collect before re-architecting their monolithic system.

Method: We conducted a survey done in the form of interviews with professionals to derive the assessment framework based on Grounded Theory.

Results: We identified a set consisting of information and metrics that companies can use to decide whether to migrate to Microservices or not. The proposed assessment framework, based on the aforementioned metrics, could be useful for companies if they need to migrate to Microservices and do not want to run the risk of failing to consider some important information.

1. Introduction

Microservices are becoming more and more popular. Big players such as Amazon,1 Netflix,2 Spotify,3 as well as small and medium-sized enterprises are developing Microservices-based systems [1].

Microservices are autonomous services deployed independently, with a single and clearly defined purpose [2]. Microservices propose vertically decomposing applications into a subset of business-driven independent services. Each service can be developed, deployed, and tested independently by different development teams and using different technology stacks. Microservices have a variety of different advantages. They can be developed in different programming languages, can scale independently from other services, and can be deployed on the hardware that best suits their needs. Moreover, because of their size, they are easier to maintain and more fault-tolerant since the failure of one service will not disrupt the whole system, which could happen in a monolithic system. However, the migration to Microservices is not an easy task [1,3]. Companies commonly start the migration without any experience with Microservices, only rarely hiring a consultant to support them during the migration [1,3].

Various companies are adopting Microservices since they believe that it will facilitate their software maintenance. In addition, companies hope to improve the delegation of responsibilities among teams. Furthermore, there are still some companies that refactor their applications with a Microservices-based architecture just to follow the current trend [1,3].

The economic impact of such a change is not negligible, and taking such an important decision to re-architect an existing system should always be based on solid information, so as to ensure that the migration will allow achieving the expected benefits.

In this work, we propose an evidence-based decision support framework to allow companies, and especially software architects, to make their decision on migrating monolithic systems to Microservices based on the evaluation of a set of objective measures regarding their systems. The framework supports companies in discussing and analyzing potential benefits and drawbacks of the migration and re-architecting process.

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Technology Assessment

My favorite example (Blockchain)

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Future Goals

- Anomaly detection
- Energy analysis
- Orchestration optimization
 - Energy
 - Performance
 - QoS
 - ...
- Quantum computing into the cloud continuum

- Visualizations



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Edge Nodes Upgrade Optimization



Conclusions



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Ai Devs and Ops need to be synchronized

- Orchestration is fundamental
- Al Deployment is expensive
 - Al-Ops is not enough!
- Al Operational costs might be unexpectedly high

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