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# Monolithic to Microservices Application Modernization

Transforming an application from a monolithic to a microservices architecture is a daunting task, **with the challenge of determining where to begin**. Monolithic applications, combining database, client-side interfaces, and server-side elements in a single executable, are complex and hard to grasp, even for administrators.

Today's customer expectations **can't tolerate tightly coupled dependencies, deployment difficulties, or long release cycles**. Consequently, organisations are steering away from monolithic architectures and embracing event-driven microservices. However, this shift poses its own set of challenges and complexities.

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# Understand the Monolith

Vodafone needed ALERON IT to modernize their legacy monolithic platform to a Microservices-based architecture for a **Fleet Management System**. The system had to communicate with several external systems.

Creating new functionality for their monolithic application was too costly, time-consuming, and complicated. **Even minor changes dramatically affected other parts of the system, so release cycles were several weeks for even the slightest change.**

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## Identify the Scope of Project

The old, obsolete application had to be **migrated to** a system based on modern **CI/CD** technologies, **with a VueJS front-end and a Java-based Microservices back-end.**

This required simplification of **complex processes that had to be streamlined.**

Vodafone relied upon ALERON IT's guidance to make the necessary shift towards a modern software development mindset.

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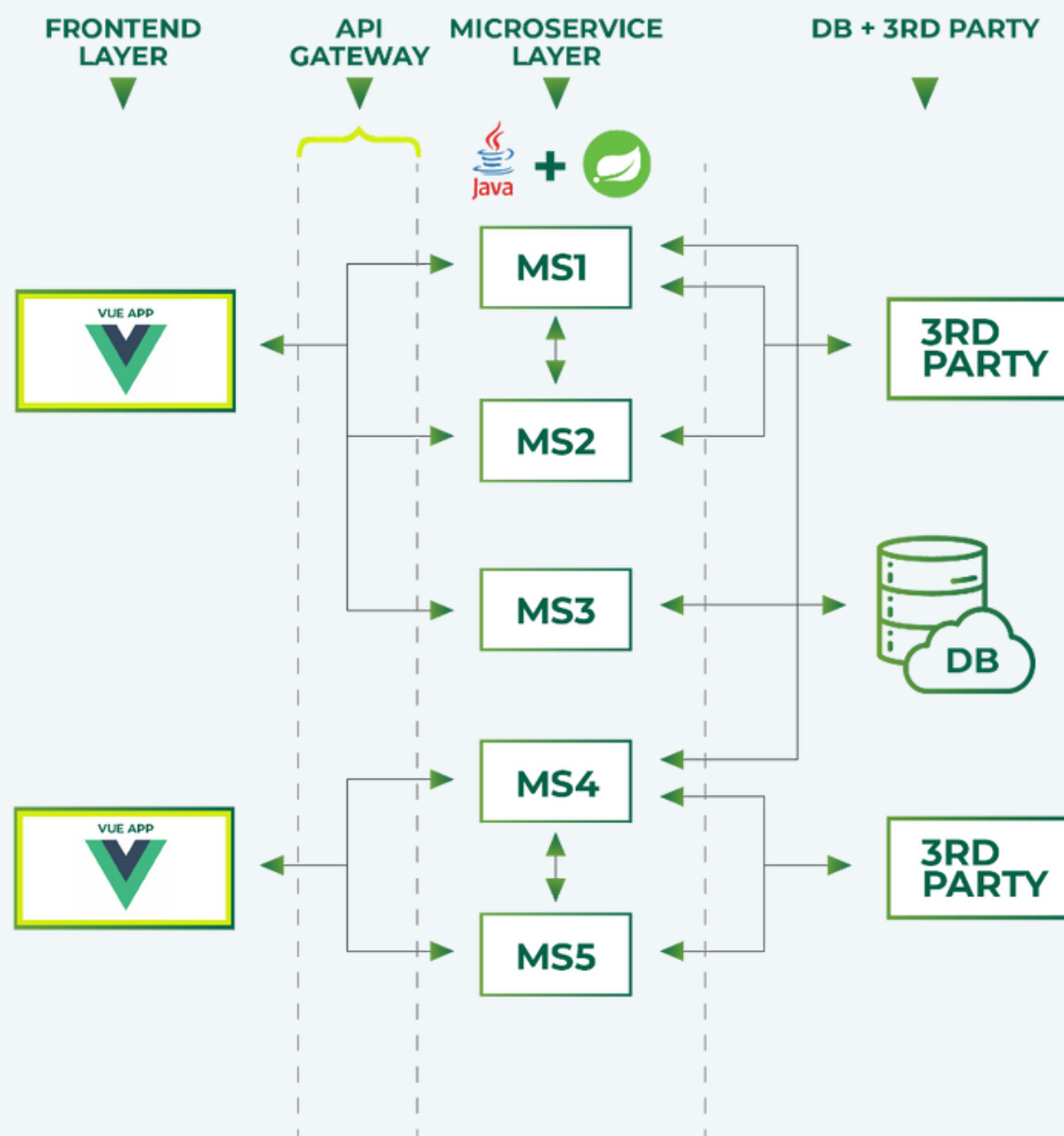
## Identify Security and Scalability Challenges

During the project, we had to work with the client's security experts, as we had to meet strict security guidelines. DevOps processes were followed, with **tight integration with the Customer Ops team.**

**The scalability requirements** of a Tier 1 Mobile Network Operator **were considerable.** The CI/CD pipeline would recognize if the load on the back-end pods was getting too high and would automatically create a new pod.

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## Create the Project Plan



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## Project Execution

**The project plan was developed over a period of 6 months** with the collaboration of 3 of our colleagues and 2 experts from Vodafone™.

The client's management team was highly involved during the entire project, which helped us to ensure that we were on the right track.

We used the **Scrum development method**, starting with the **prototype phase, which took 1 month** to complete. The prototype was presented to the management team, providing them with an **overview of the planned functionality and UI/UX**. From there, **every sprint focused on developing 1 functionality**, which was tested by the client at the end of each sprint to ensure that everything was meeting their requirements.

After demoing all the planned and developed features, the **application was launched within the planned budget and deadline**.

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## Project Outcome

Vodafone benefitted greatly from the microservices application modernization performed by ALERON IT.

- **Trivial bug fixes were added in minutes (vs. days)**
- **Deployment velocity was increased by 1000%**
- **Customer churn was reduced dramatically**
- **Operational and eng. overhead was decreased by 50%**
- **One more succesaful client project for us :)**