

# Interview Guide

## Phase 1: Preamble

- Small talk
- Introduce us and our research context
- Information about confidentiality and data handling
- Which language preferred? English vs. German?
- Audio recording ok?

## Phase 2: Warm-up Questions

- Please present yourself, your role and responsibilities at your company.
- Since when are you using microservices?
- What is a microservice for you?
- Why should you use microservices? Why should you not?

## Phase 3: Definition Microservice Integration

- What is microservice integration to you?

## Phase 4: Microservice Integration Techniques

For each topic identified in phase 3:

- Why is this topic important?
- What are the goals in that topic?
- How do/did you achieve these goals?
- Which problems are/were preventing you from achieving these goals?
- What are solutions you found to these problems?
- What else is important for that topic?

## Phase 5: Cool-down

- What aspect was not mentioned in this interview that you would like to be part of our research?
- Can you recommend someone equally knowledgeable in microservices that we could contact for our research?