

Choosing the Right Configuration Management Tool



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Agenda



How to interpret the scenarios

Scenario steps:

- Business/technical background
- YOU propose a solution
- Review the solution

Repeat steps for all different case studies



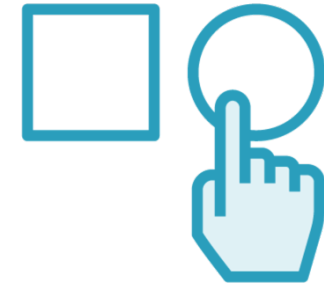
Drivers and Constraints



Growth



Profitability



Decision/pivot



Time and money



Technical skills



Human barriers

Scenario-based Challenges

More talking than
usual

Text available in
course files

Analyze first,
design second



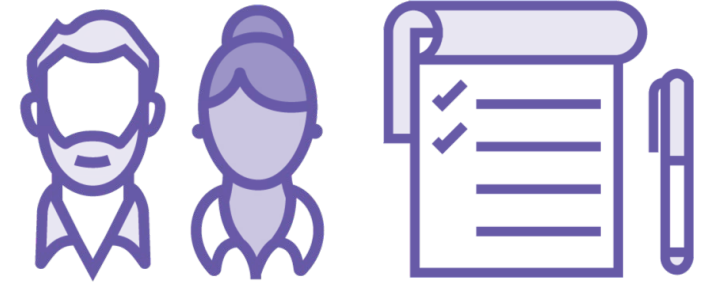
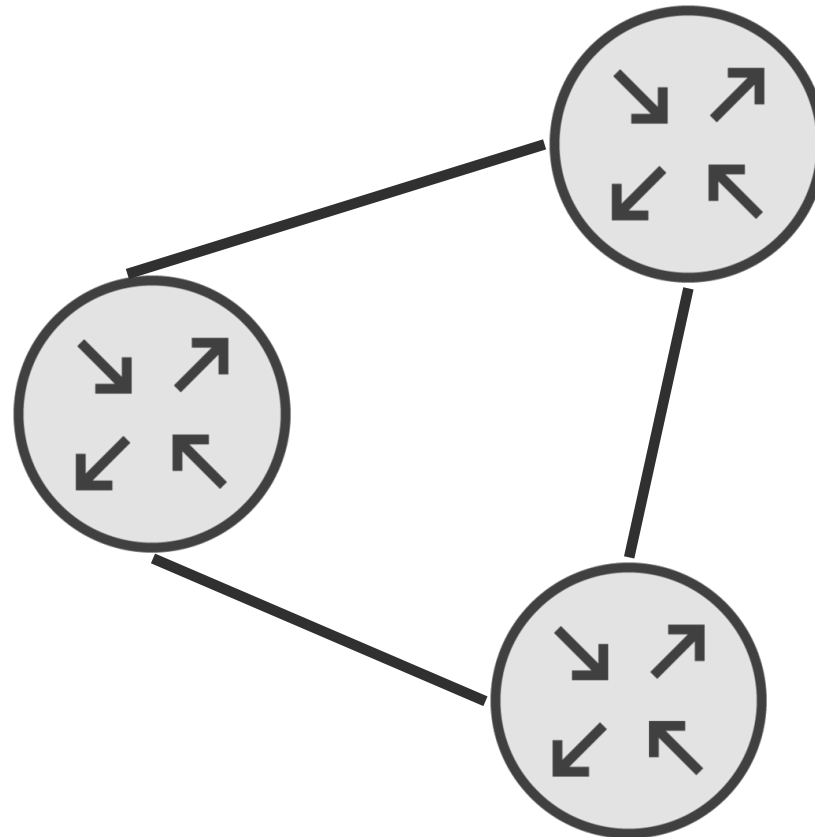
Scenario 1: Global Service Provider



Approves customer
turn-ups weekly



Approves infrastructure
changes quarterly



Admins have basic skills
and follow standard procedures



"Declarative
infrastructure?"



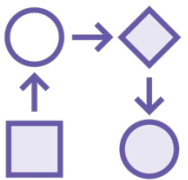
Scenario 1: Solution Analysis



Improve profitability by reducing and avoiding cost drains



Manual infrastructure changes/deployments with automated testing



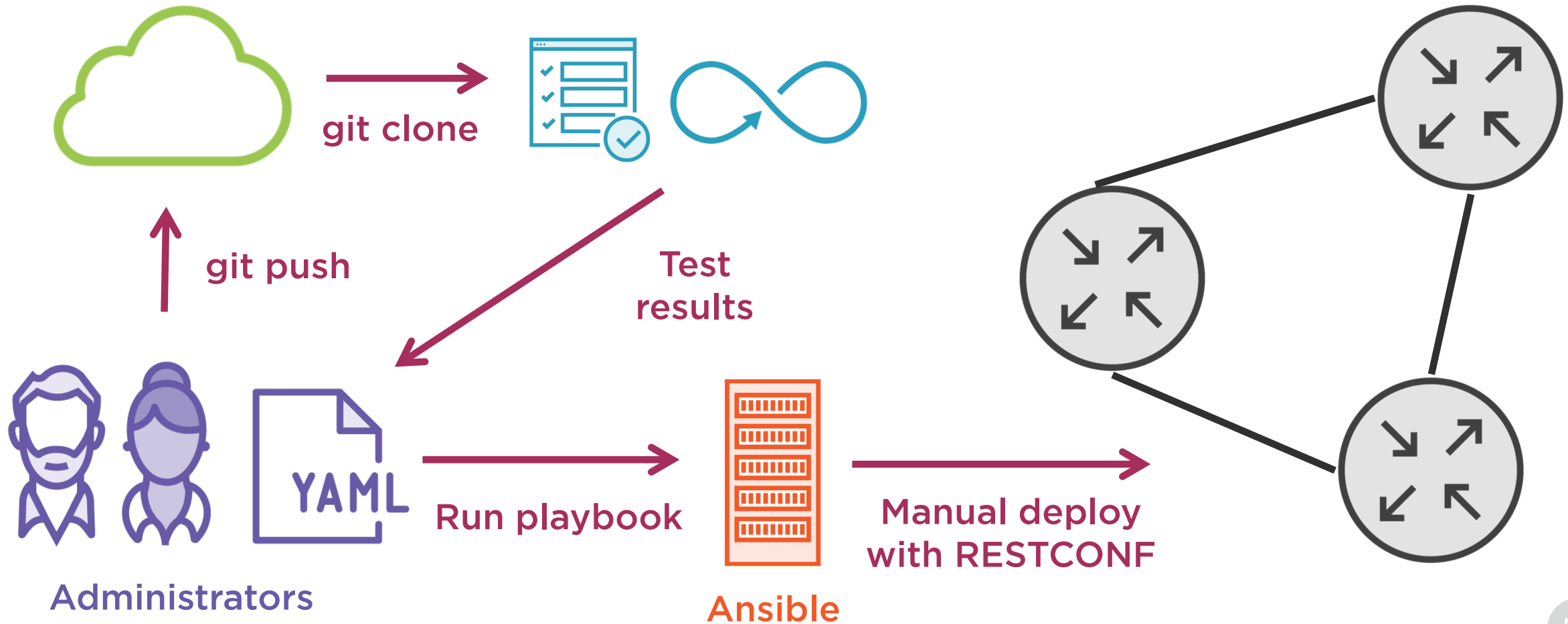
Infrastructure as code solution that is simple and easy to use



Scenario 1: Solution Design

Git repo (Github, etc)

CI Pipeline (Travis, etc)



Scenario 2: Growing a Computing Environment



Product/market
development



Admins are talented
and tests exist



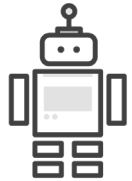
"Prove that you
need this moneybag"



Scenario 2: Solution Analysis



Growth through sales; management "driven by data" to spend money



Able to install new SW on systems and highly-skilled admins



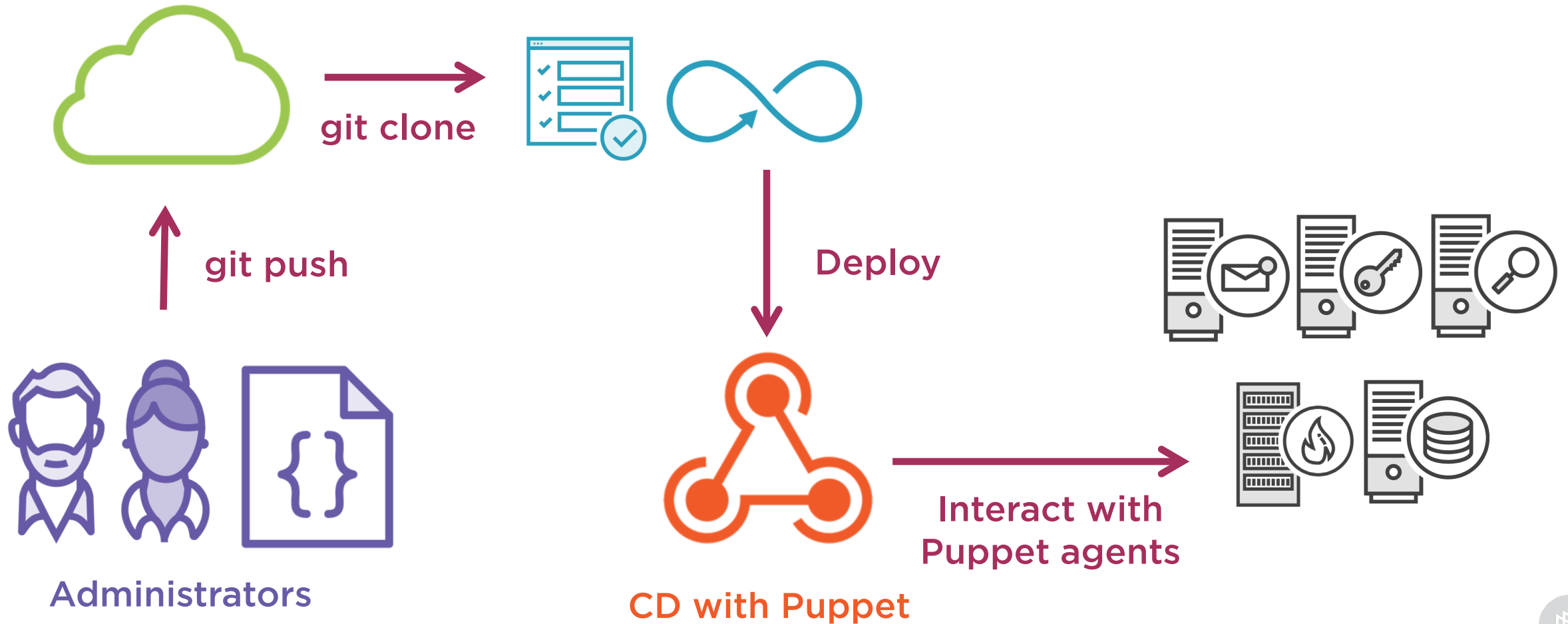
No apparent management hurdles preventing deployment



Scenario 2: Solution Design

Git repo (Github, etc)

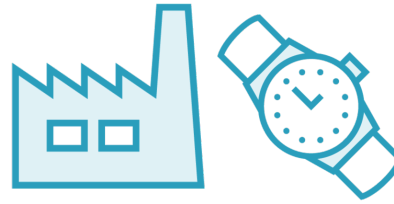
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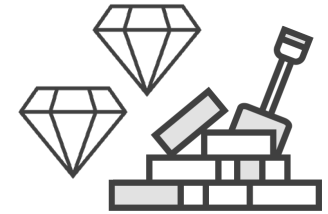
Scenario 3: Build vs. Buy



Expensive materials

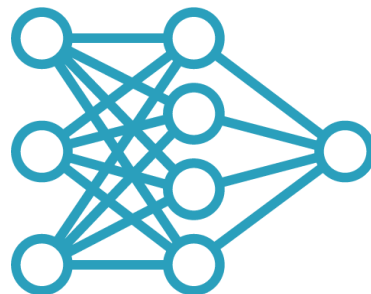


Timepiece manufacturing

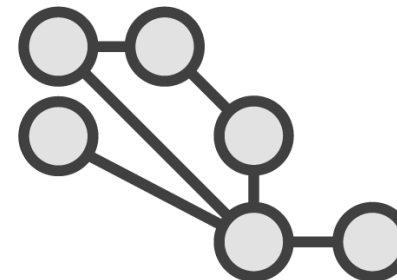


Quartz mine

Organized existing corporate network



Unified management?



Poorly organized mine network



Scenario 3: Solution Analysis



Good, cheap, fast; pick two. Customer wants good and fast



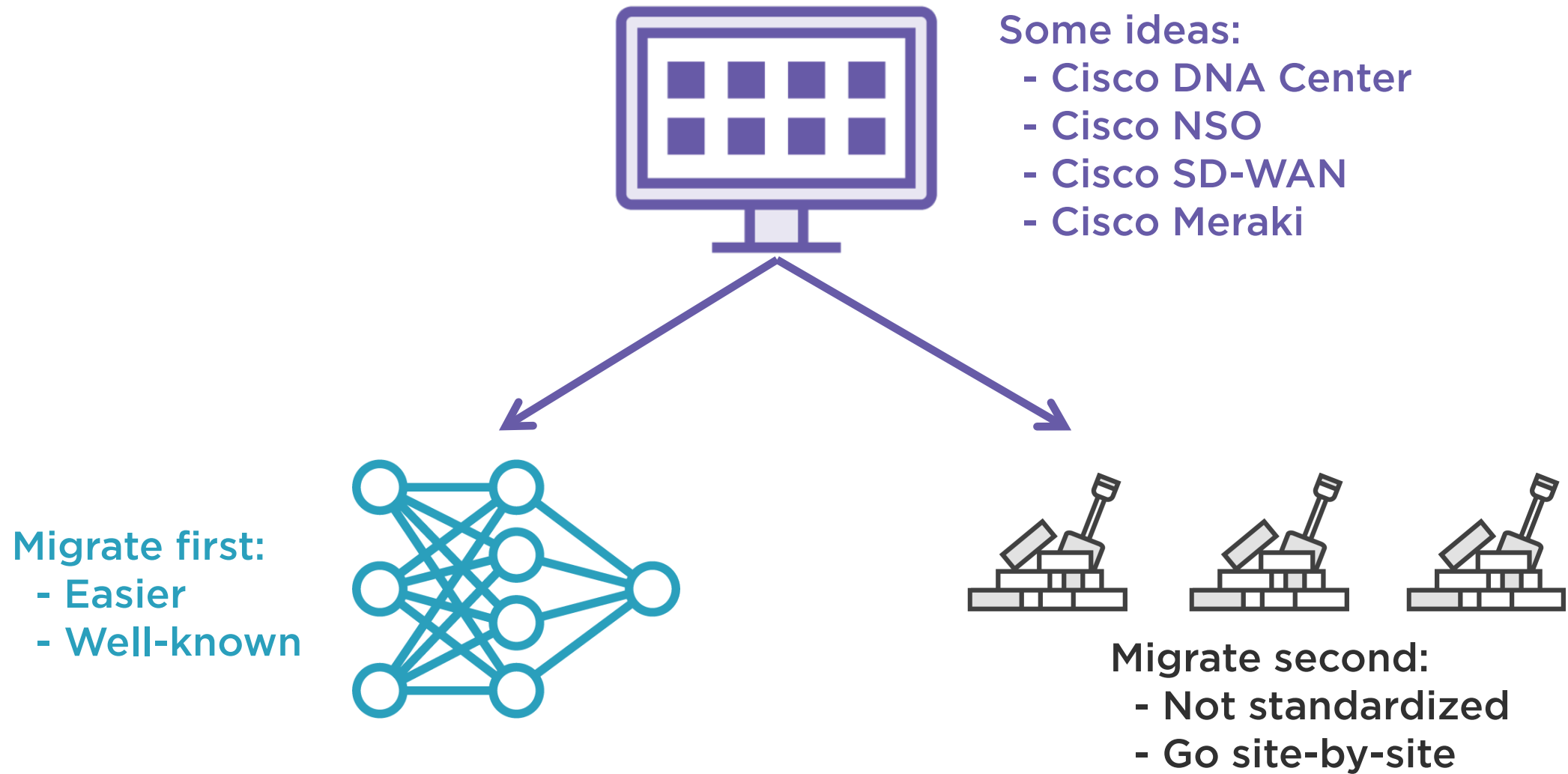
Reduce long-term operational expense (OPEX) after acquisition



Software developers primarily focused on customer products



Scenario 3: Solution Design



Summary



Infrastructure automation is the future

Model-driven telemetry and dashboards

- Provisioning and Managing Networks Using Common Automation Tools (TIG)

Choosing the right technical solution

Get your Skill IQ

- Mastering Cisco DevNet Application Design and Network Automation Techniques

Thank you!

