



3 ways to bring Power BI under Source Control

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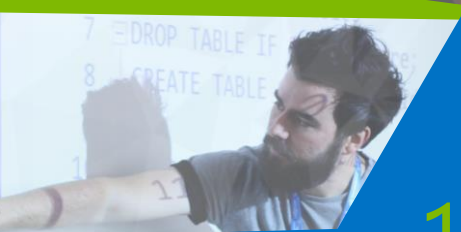


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Who is this session for?



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Power BI
Admins



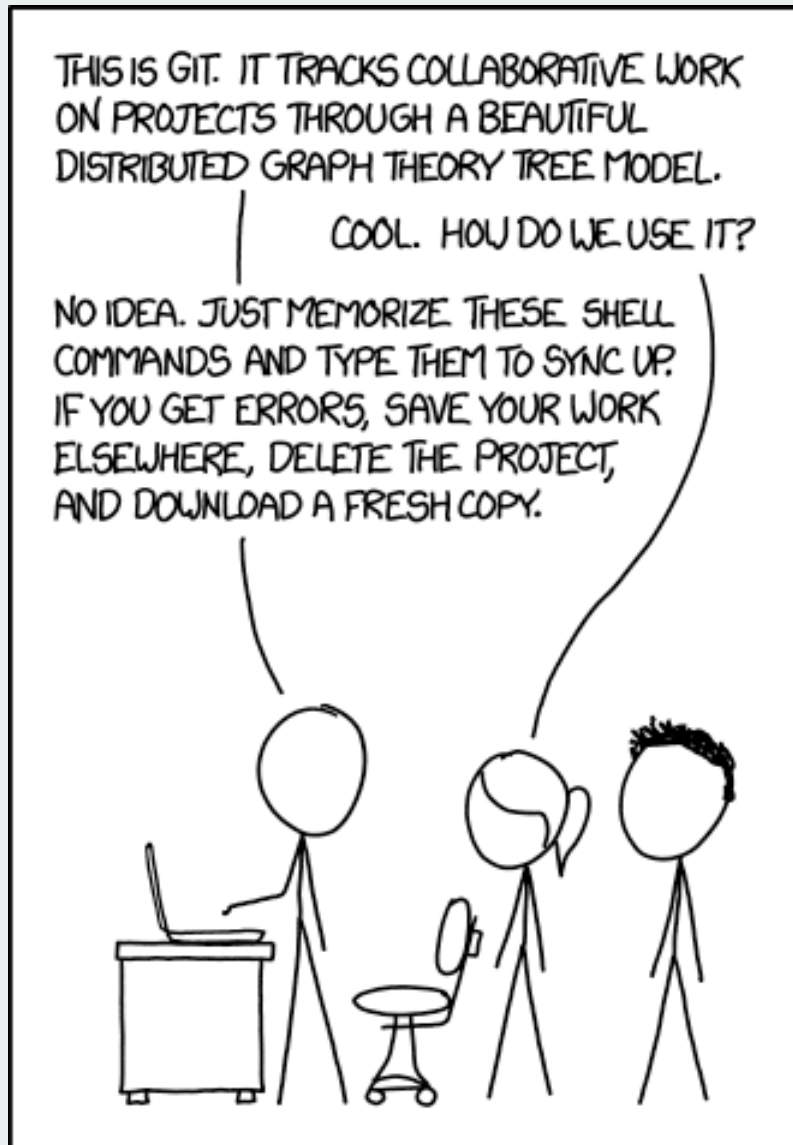
Business
Analysts

Data
Consumers

Data
Owners



What is Source Control?



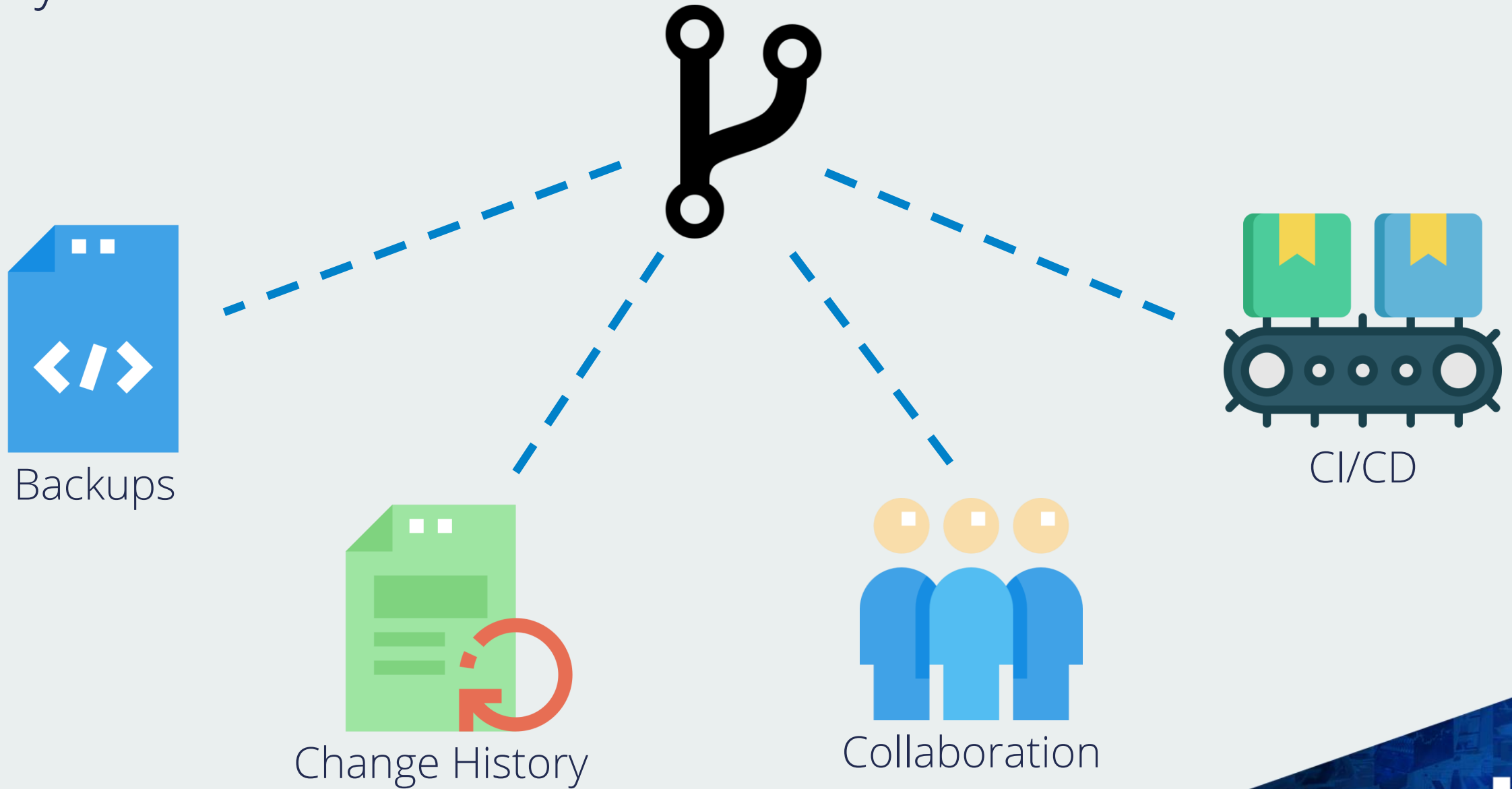
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Source Control

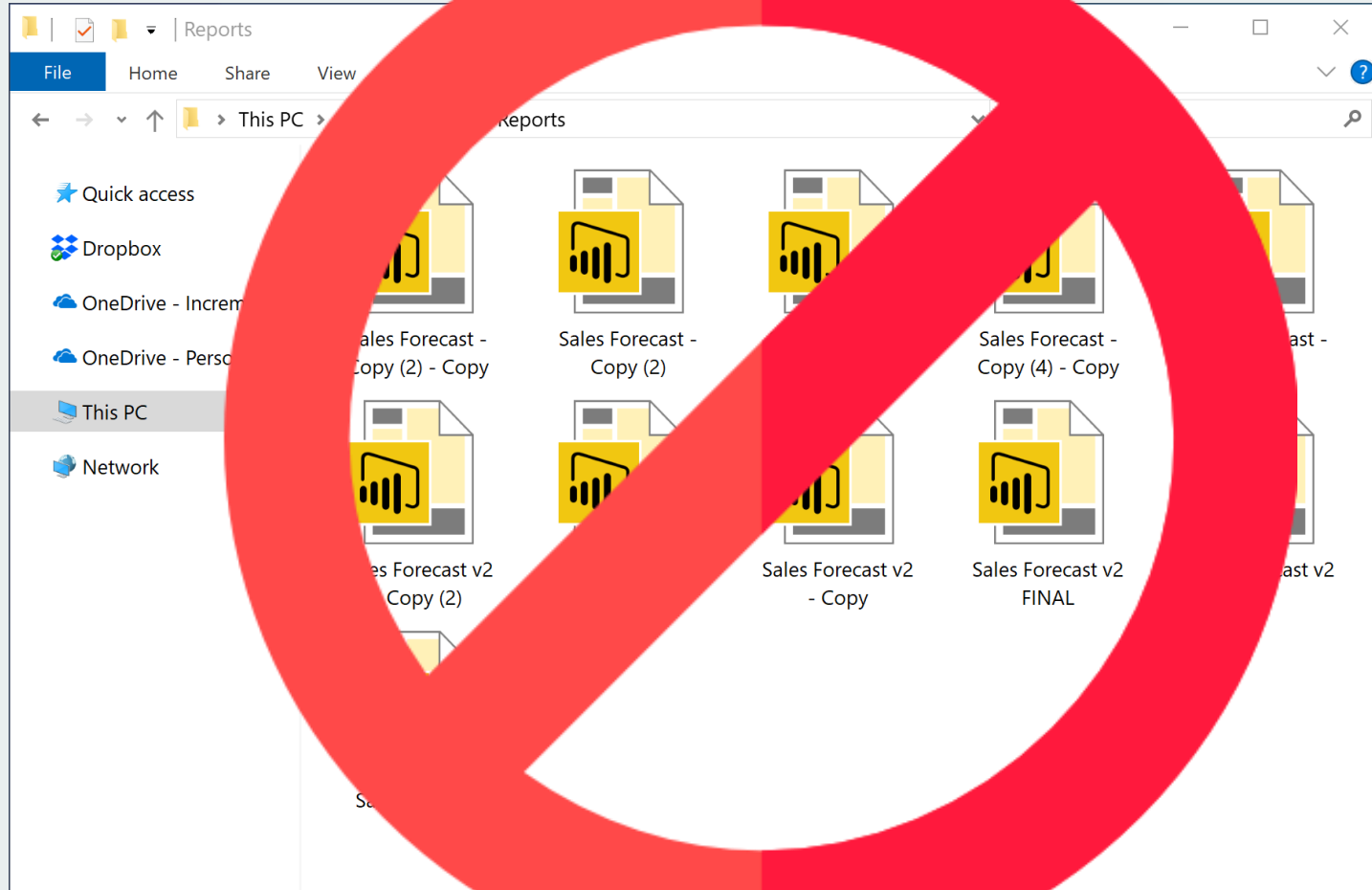
also known as revision control or version control, is the management of changes to documents, computer programs, large web sites, and other collections of information.



Why should I care?



DIY Source Control



Why it doesn't work with Power BI

Doesn't know or care about Source Control.

Don't have control over all deployed content.



Business Users



Power BI

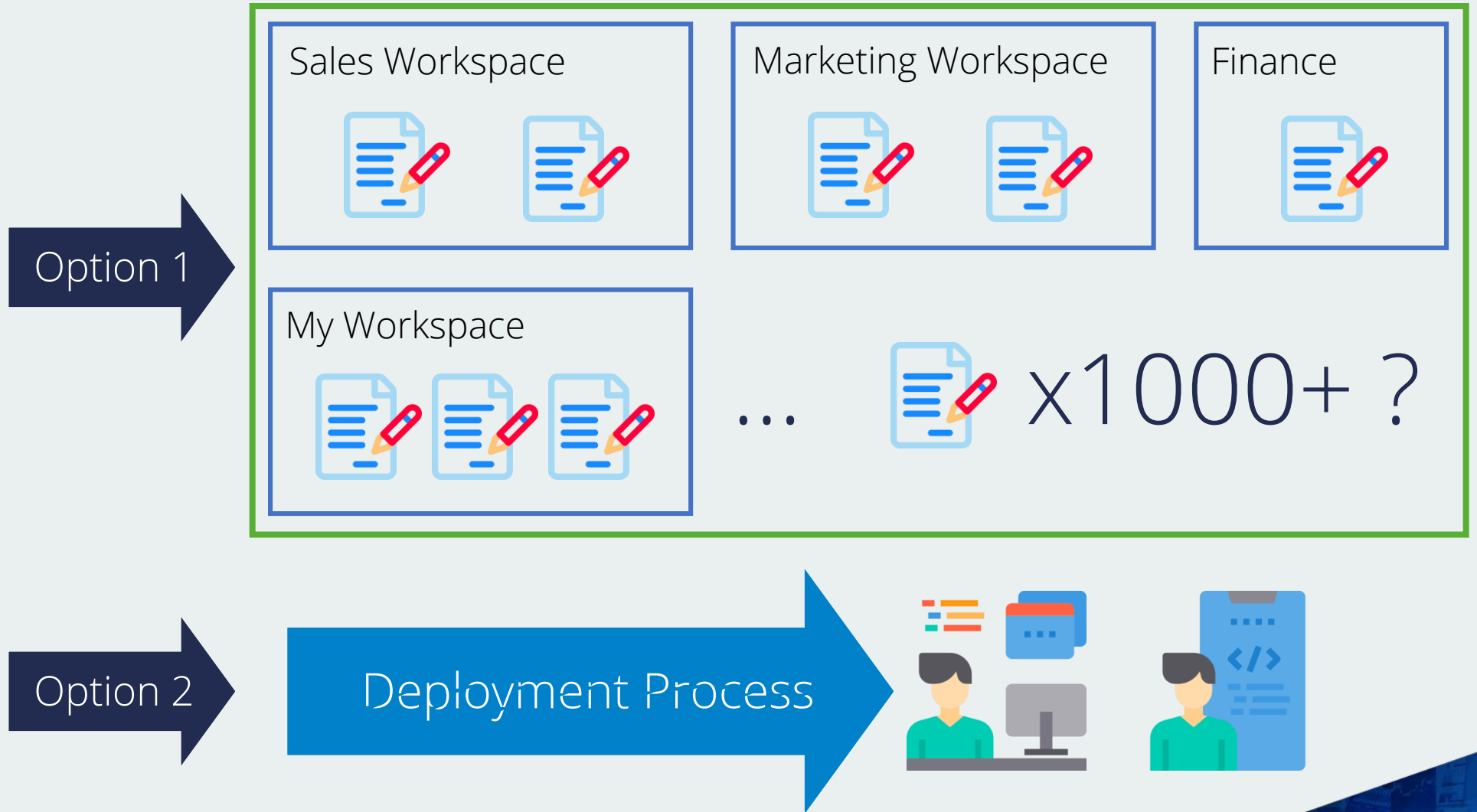


Developers

No life cycle management tools in Power BI yet



What can we do?



How do we do it?

Cloud Storage



Microsoft Flow



PowerShell



Business User

Developer / Programmer



Cloud Storage

Not real
Source
Control

File
Version
History

Backup
Silos

Automatic
Deployment
of Datasets
and Reports

*On Power BI Workspace
OneDrive. Must be
set up manually
with v2
workspaces



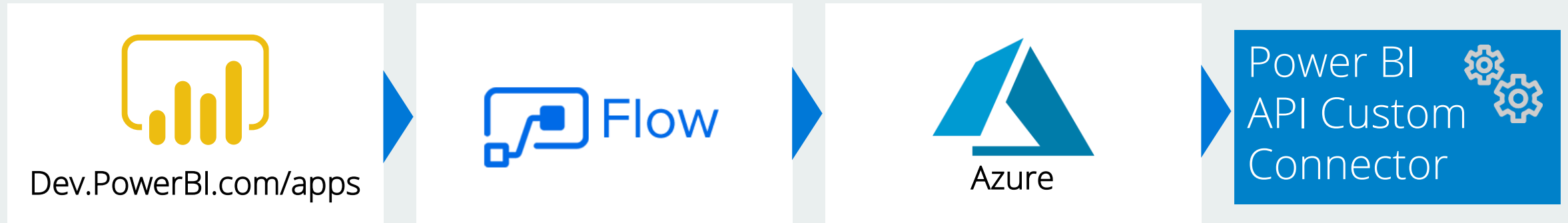
Etc...





Cloud Storage Demo

Microsoft Flow Setup



Ida Bergum

<https://www.idabergumdata.com/>



Using Microsoft Flow



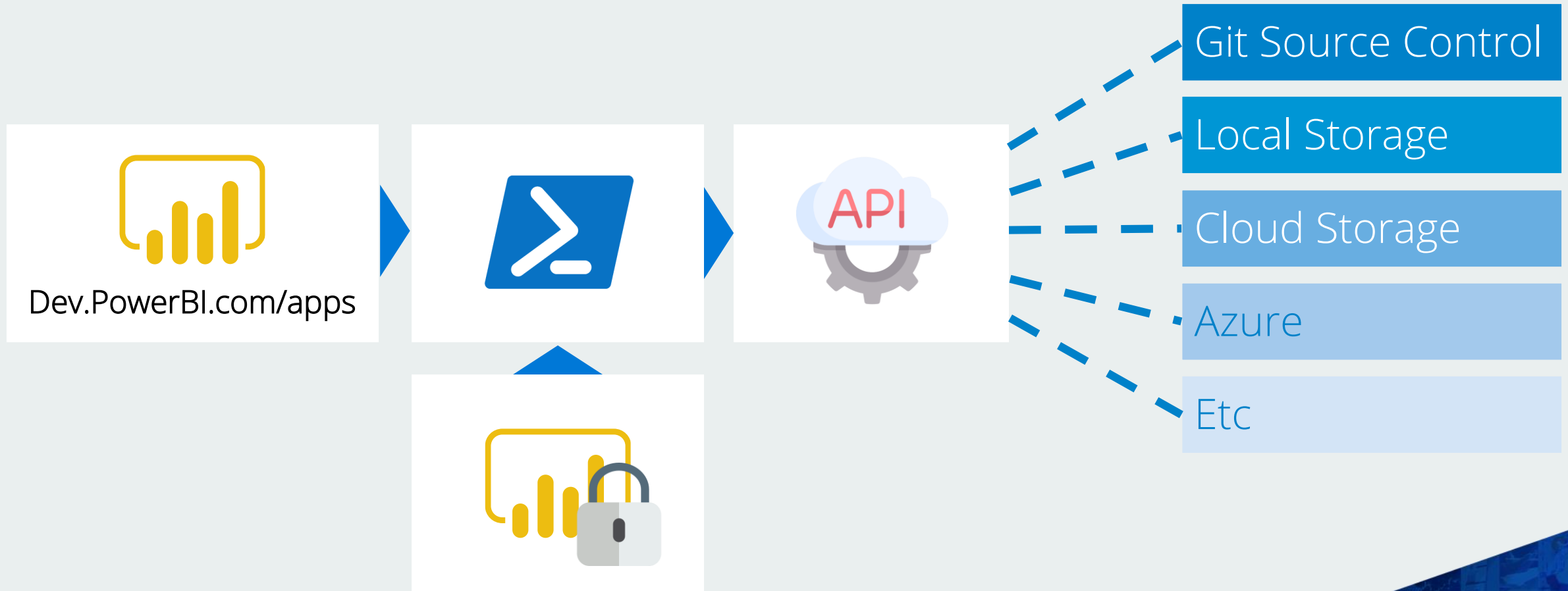
*Works best using a
Power BI Administrator





Microsoft Flow Demo

PowerShell





PowerShell Demo

Cloud Storage



Simple

Easy to Implement

*Power BI integration

Not true Source Control

Not Enterprise solution

Requires user process

Microsoft Flow



Easy to use

Powerful

Many more capabilities

Initial setup difficult

Functional Limitations

Could be easier

PowerShell



Versatile

Most powerful

Full capabilities of API






PS knowledge needed

Power BI Admin perms
provide best results

Business User

Developer / Programmer



| Cloud Storage | Power BI Sentinel | Microsoft Flow | PowerShell |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
|      | | | |
| Simple | Easy to use | se | Versatile |
| Easy to Implement | Extensive features | | Most powerful |
| *OneDrive integr | Only way to do Change Tracking | re capabilities | Full capabilities of API |
| Not true Source C | Paid Solution | up difficult | PS knowledge needed |
| Not Enterprise sc | | ns | Power BI Admin perms provide best results |
| Requires user pro | | | |

Business User


Developer / Programmer





Power BI Sentinel

| Introductory Offer | | |
|---|--|---|
| Community | Professional | Enterprise |
| Free | £10pm (~\$13) exc. UK VAT | £150pm (~\$200) exc. UK VAT |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Access Personal Workspace✗ Access Shared Workspaces✓ 10 Reports✓ Documentation✓ Change Tracking✗ PBIX Backup✗ Data Lineage✗ Admin Control✗ Multi-User✓ E-mail Support✗ No SLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Access Personal Workspace✓ Access Shared Workspaces✓ 50 Reports (Upgradeable to 200)✓ Documentation✓ Change Tracking✓ PBIX Backup✗ Data Lineage✗ Admin Control✗ Multi-User✓ E-mail Support✓ SLA: 2 Business Days | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Access Personal Workspace✓ Access Shared Workspaces✓ 250 Reports (Upgradeable to 5000)✓ Documentation✓ Change Tracking✓ PBIX Backup✓ Data Lineage✓ Admin Control✓ Multi-User✓ E-mail Support✓ SLA: 1 Business Day |
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Configuration

 Configure

 Server Config 

Use your own storage (to enable PBIX backups)

☒ Yes

Azure Connection String End point address is required 

To enable backups of your deployed PBIX files, you first need to create a 'Storage account - blob, file, table, queue' resource in your Azure Portal, ideally in the same region as your Power BI account is located. Then copy the Connection String from the Access Keys page of the storage resource, and enter it in the box above.

If you don't set up your own storage then the documentation and change tracking will still work, but your PBIX files will **not be backed up**.





Power BI Sentinel Demo

There is no golden bullet

Business Process

Technical Solution

Business Process

Technical Solution





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Thank You

Questions?