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# Start your journey with **Serverless on Azure**

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# The evolution of application platforms



On-Premises



IaaS



PaaS



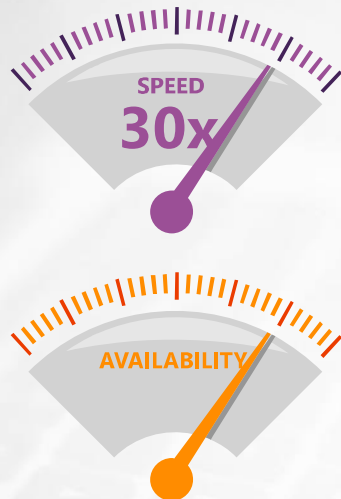
Serverless



# What is serverless?



Abstraction  
of servers



Event-driven /  
instant scale



Micro-billing

# Serverless application platform components

## Development

 IDE support

 Integrated DevOps

 Local development

 Monitoring

 Visual Debug History

## Platform

 Functions

- ✓ Developer productivity
- ✓ Triggers and Bindings
- ✓ Flexible deployment options

 Logic apps

- ✓ Visual designer
- ✓ 100+ connectors
- ✓ Functions orchestration

 Event Grid

- ✓ Manage all events in one place
- ✓ Near real-time delivery
- ✓ Broad coverage

Database



Storage



Security &  
Access Control



IoT



Analytics

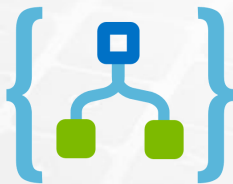


Intelligence



# When should I consider serverless?

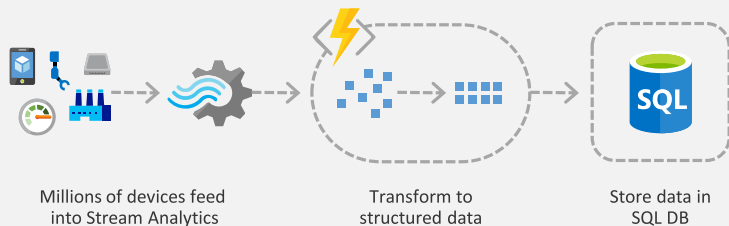
- You need some action to occur whenever an event happens
- This is a task I don't need full control of the underlying system
- Have some acceptance of latency variability



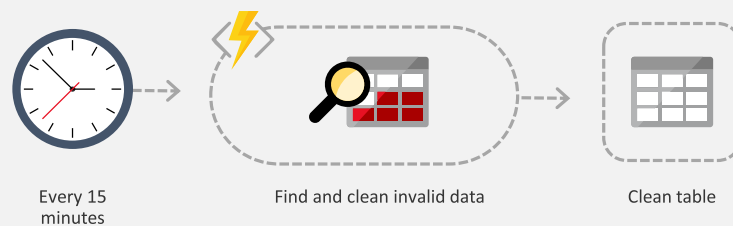
# Scenarios for Serverless

Anything that needs to respond to events!

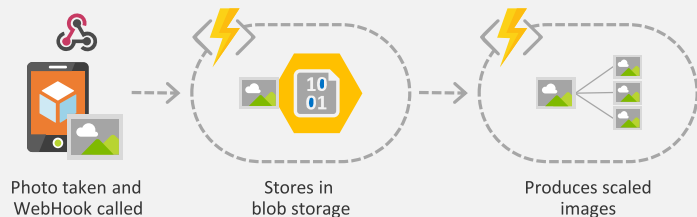
## Real-time stream processing



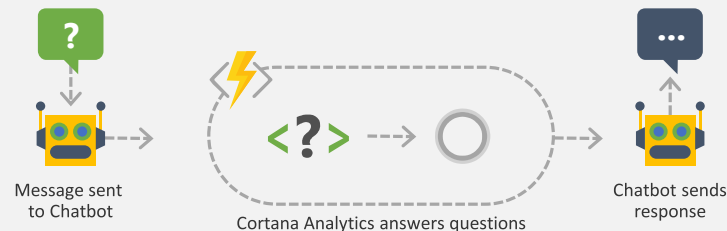
## Timer-based processing

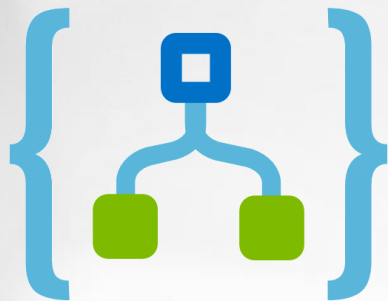


## Backends (Mobile/IoT/Web)



## Real-time bot messaging





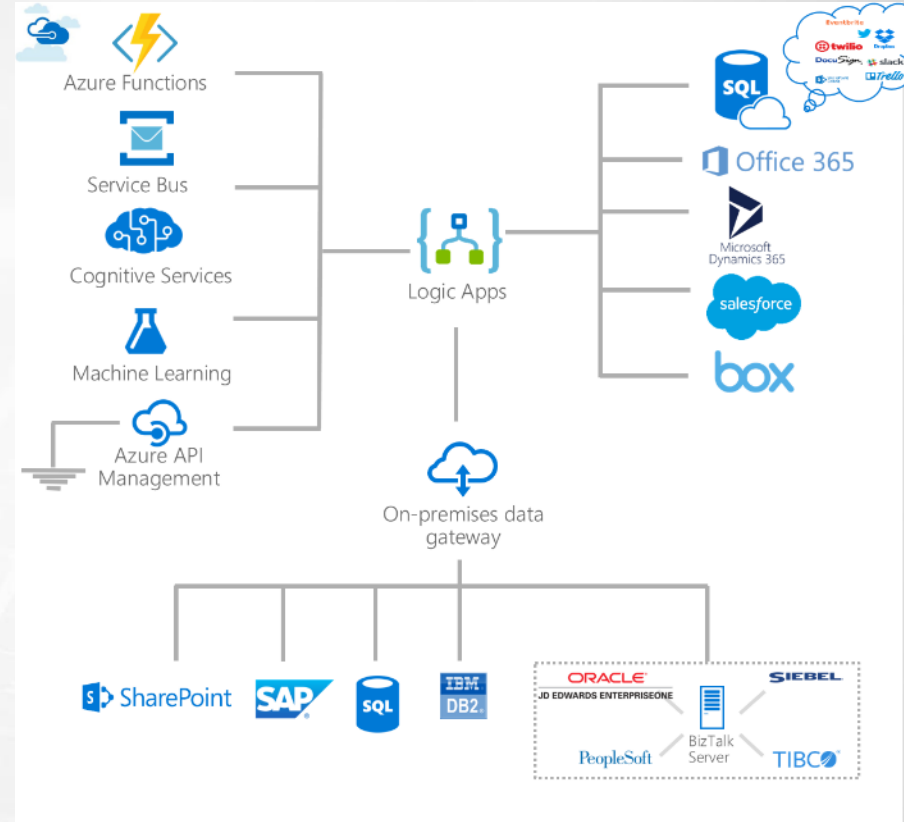
# Azure Logic Apps

Automate the access and use of data across clouds  
without writing code



# Azure Logic Apps

- Connect on-premises, hybrid and cloud applications
- Run mission-critical, complex integration scenarios with ease
- Build “smart” integrations leveraging Machine Learning/Cognitive Services



# Triggers and Actions

## Triggers

- Recurrence / Schedule
- Polling
- Webhook
- Request

## Actions

- Invoke services
- Control behavior
- Message Handling
- Flow Control

# Connected with over 200 connectors



## Cloud APIs and platform functionality

Over 200 out of box connectors

SaaS, on-prem, protocols, B2B and message  
manipulation

Hybrid connectivity

Hosted and managed within the platform

Scales to meet your needs

First class designer experience



## Custom Connectors

Access any REST/SOAP API

Cloud or on-premises

Simple creation wizard

Connections and managed secrets

First class designer experience



## API connections

Authenticate once and reuse

Differentiate connection configuration

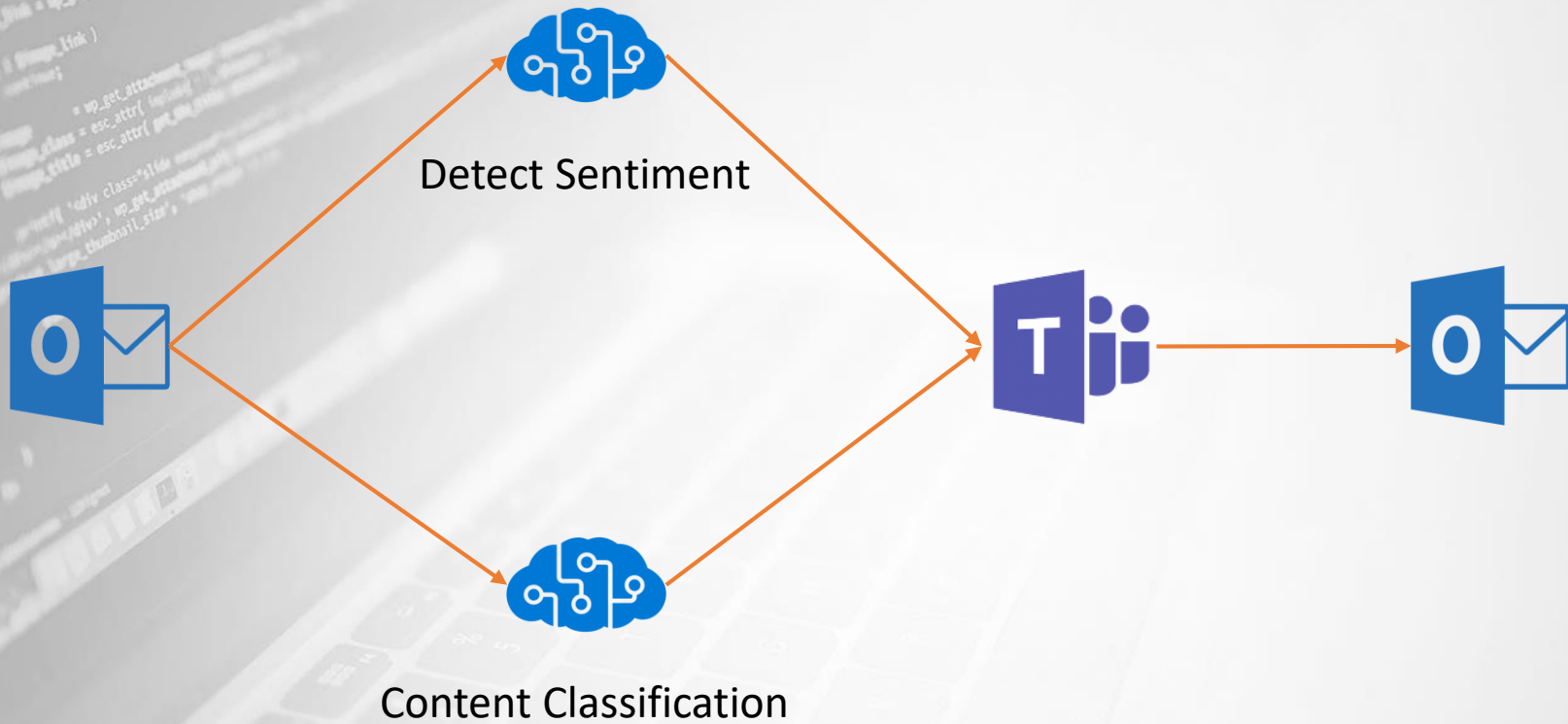
Simple to deploy

Portal experience for managing API  
Connections



# DEMO

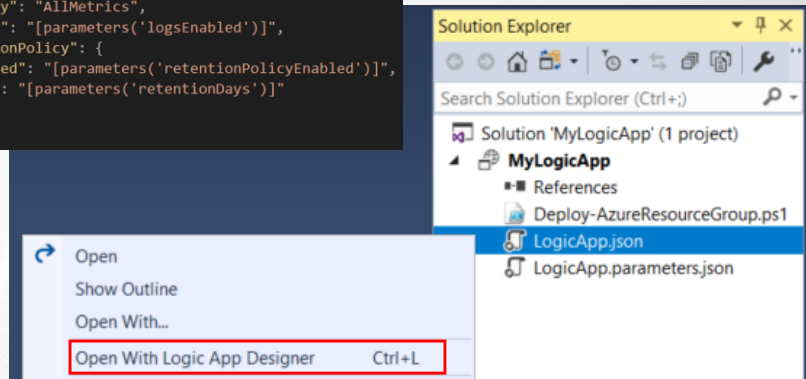
E-mail sentiment analysis and content classification



# Useful stuff

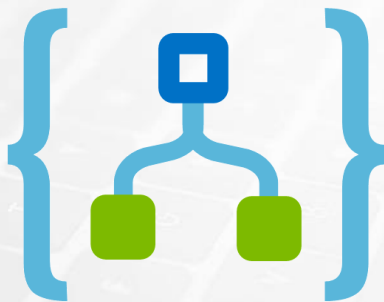
- Monitoring
  - Azure Log Analytics
  - ARM Template
- Development
  - Azure Resource Group project
  - Azure Logic Apps Tools for Visual Studio 2015/2017

```
"resources": [  
  (  
    "apiVersion": "[parameters('diagnosticsApiVersion')]",  
    "type": "providers/diagnosticSettings",  
    "name": "[variables('diagnosticName')]",  
    "properties": {  
      "storageAccountId": null,  
      "serviceBusRuleId": null,  
      "workspaceId": "[variables('omsWorkspaceResourceId')]",  
      "eventHubAuthorizationRuleId": null,  
      "eventHubName": null,  
      "metrics": [  
        (  
          "timeGrain": "AllMetrics",  
          "category": "AllMetrics",  
          "enabled": "[parameters('logsEnabled')]",  
          "retentionPolicy": {  
            "enabled": "[parameters('retentionPolicyEnabled')]",  
            "days": "[parameters('retentionDays')]"  
          }  
        )  
      ]  
    }  
  )  
],
```



# References

- Logic Apps Documentation: [aka.ms/LogicApps-docs](https://aka.ms/LogicApps-docs)
- Logic Apps Ideas: [aka.ms/LogicApps-wish](https://aka.ms/LogicApps-wish)





# Azure Functions

Process events with stateless serverless code



# Functions

Develop locally using best of class developer tools

Boost productivity through triggers and bindings

Choose from a variety of programming languages

Integrate with existing DevOps processes

Code



Azure Functions



Events & Data



# Triggers and Bindings

## Triggers

- Event source that starts the function. One per function.

## Bindings

- **Input** – Data that is pulled in at the start of an execution. Can have multiple.
- **Output** – Data that is pushed out after an execution. Can have multiple.

# Azure Functions programming model

Trigger & Inputs

Output binding

The Code

```
public static async Task<ActionResult> Run(
    [HttpTrigger(AuthorizationLevel.Function, "post", Route = null)] HttpRequest req,
    [CosmosDB("%dbName%", "%collectionName%", ConnectionStringSetting = "cosmosDbCS")] IAsyncCollector<object> documents,
    TraceWriter log)
{
    log.Info("C# HTTP trigger function processed a request.");

    string requestBody = new StreamReader(req.Body).ReadToEnd();

    await documents.AddAsync(requestBody);

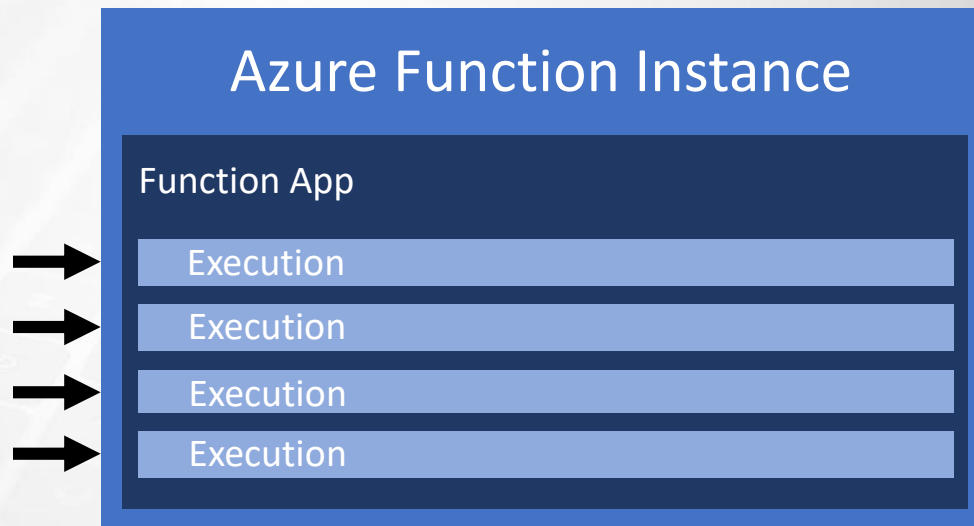
    dynamic data = JsonConvert.DeserializeObject(requestBody);
    string name = data?.name;

    return name != null
        ? (ActionResult)new OkObjectResult($"Hello, {name}")
        : new BadRequestObjectResult("Please pass a name in the request body!");
}
```

Outputs

# Share resources across executions

- Azure Functions automatically adds **instances** as needed
- A single **instance** can process multiple requests (over time and at once)
- Leverage this by sharing certain code resources across executions (HttpClient, EventHubClient, etc.)



# Share resources across executions

- Every single execution has to instantiate and dispose of HttpClient
- This is a **very** common anti-pattern
- Will result in function running out of available sockets
- [aka.ms/antipattern](https://aka.ms/antipattern)

```
public static void MyFunction(...) {  
    using(var client = new HttpClient()) {  
        client.PostAsync(...);  
    }  
}
```

# Share resources across executions

- Single HttpClient instantiated once when a function is initialized
- Can be re-used safely across executions (over time and in parallel)
- Same pattern holds true for other state or clients shared across executions

```
private static HttpClient client = new HttpClient();

public static void MyFunction(...) {
    client.PostAsync(...);
}
```

# DEMO

Image processing on a blob storage





# References

- Functions Documentation: [aka.ms/Functions-docs](https://aka.ms/Functions-docs)
- Functions Ideas: [aka.ms/Functions-wish](https://aka.ms/Functions-wish)
- Try Functions [functions.azure.com/try](https://functions.azure.com/try)





# Azure Functions Proxies

Single endpoint for multiple resources

# Azure Functions Proxies

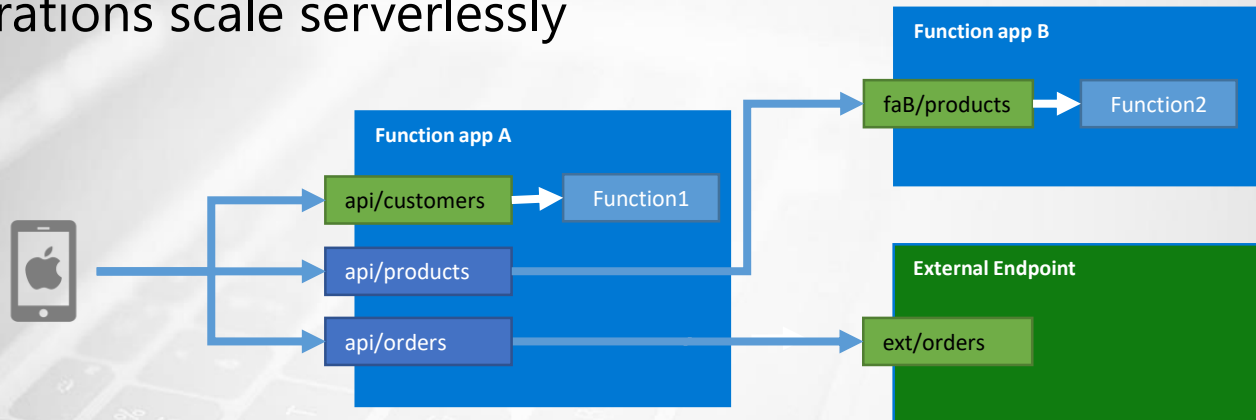
- Lightweight reverse proxy built into a Function App
- Full control over the API surface
- Ability to modify request/responses

# Deployment and management isolation



# Simplify your APIs

- Proxies recap
  - Break down your API into multiple function apps (microservice architectures)
  - Routing operations scale serverlessly

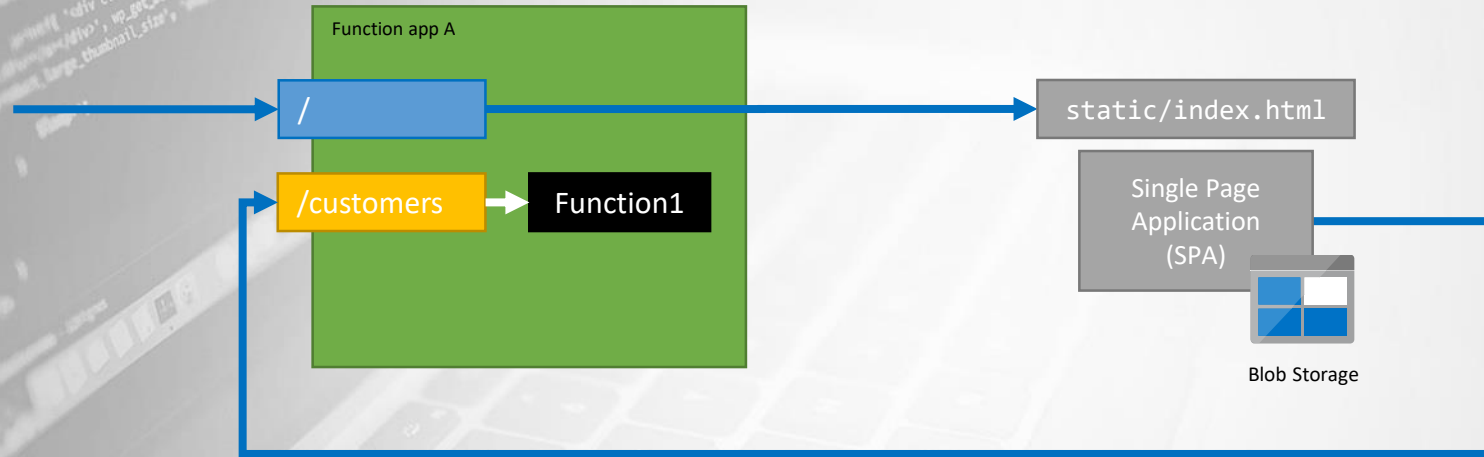


- Proxies in V2 runtime
  - Now available in West US 2 region, very soon worldwide

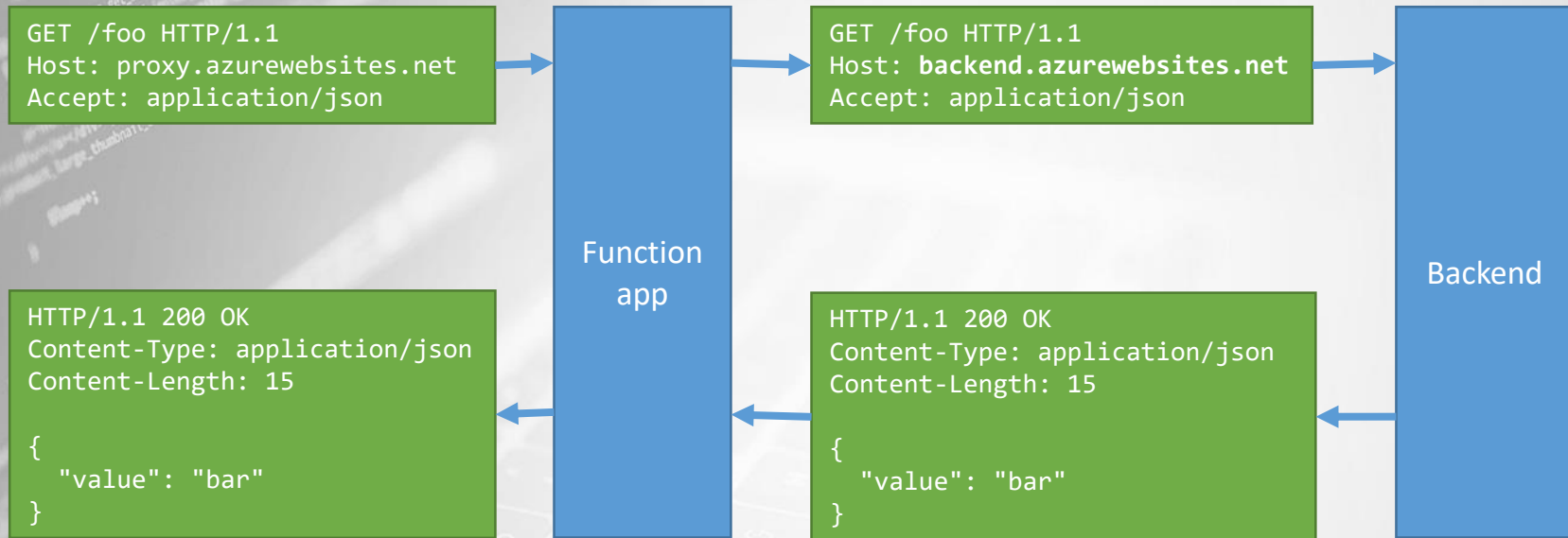
# New file on site root: **proxies.json**

```
{
  "$schema": "http://json.schemastore.org/proxies",
  "proxies": {
    "proxy1": {
      "matchCondition": {
        "methods": [],
        "route": "/api/{test}"
      },
      "backendUri": "https://contoso.azurewebsites.net/api/{test}"
    }
  }
}
```

# Serverless UI

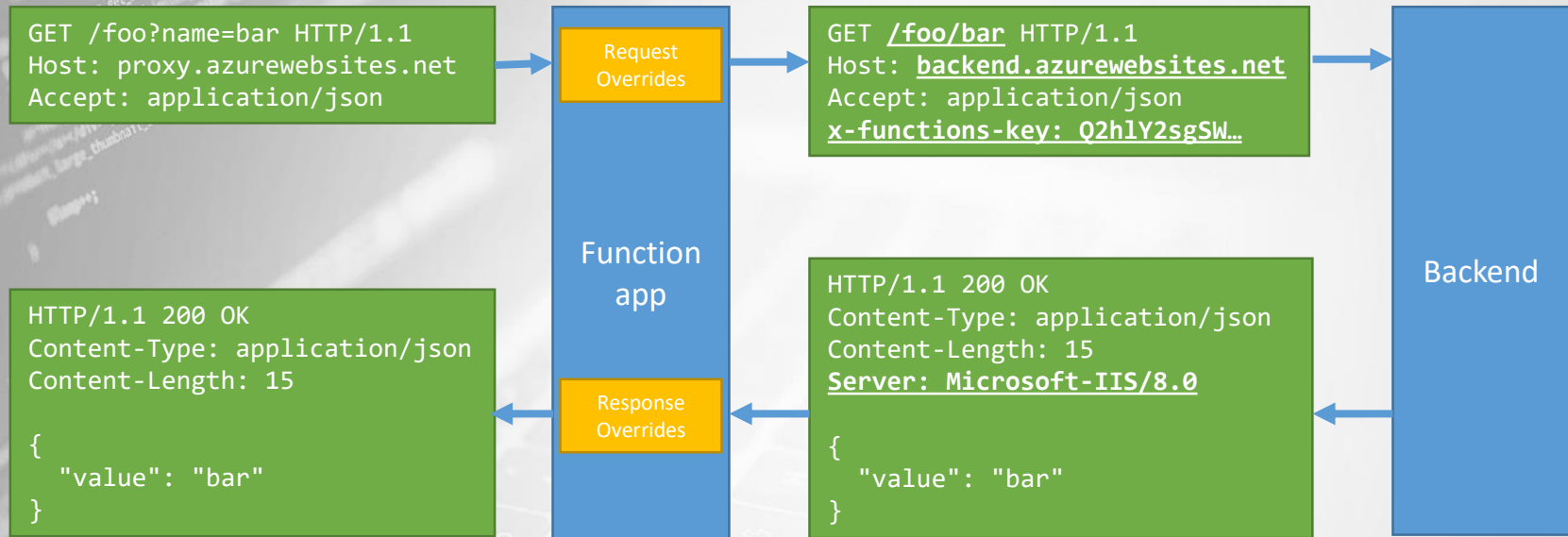


# Proxy execution pipeline





# Transforming request / response data



# Creating mock APIs

GET /hello HTTP/1.1  
Host: proxy.azurewebsites.net

Function  
App

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Length: 15  
  
Hello from mock

```
{
  "$schema": "http://json.schemastore.org/proxies",
  "proxies": {
    "HelloProxy": {
      "matchCondition": {
        "route": "/hello"
      },
      "responseOverrides": {
        "response.headers.Content-Type": "text/plain",
        "response.body": "Hello from mock"
      }
    }
  }
}
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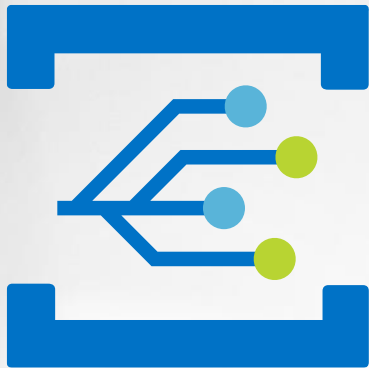
# DEMO

One serverless endpoint for various backends

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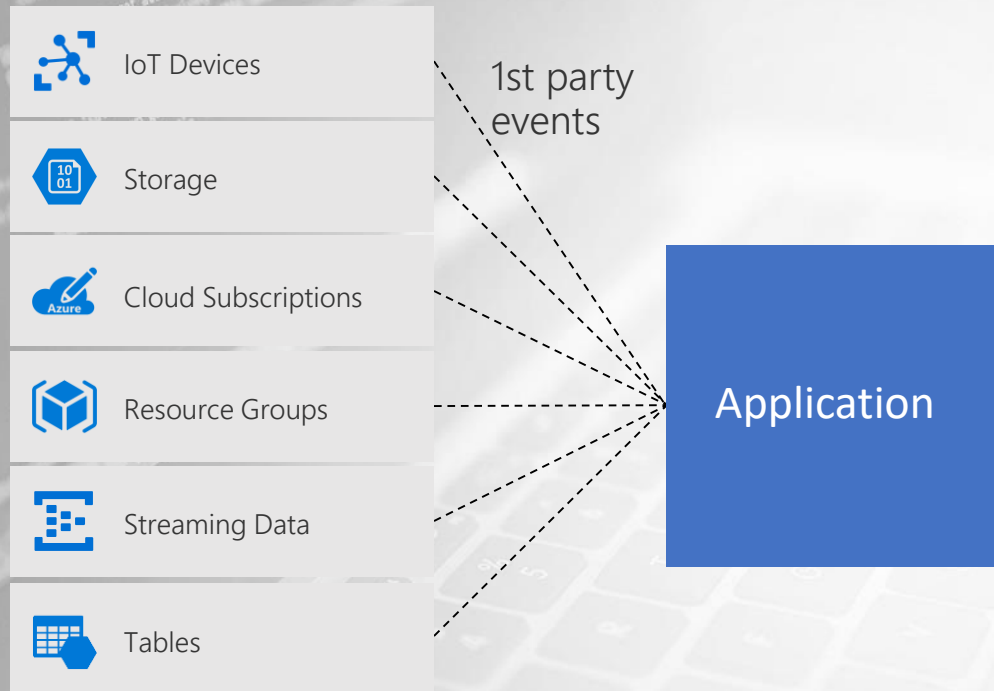




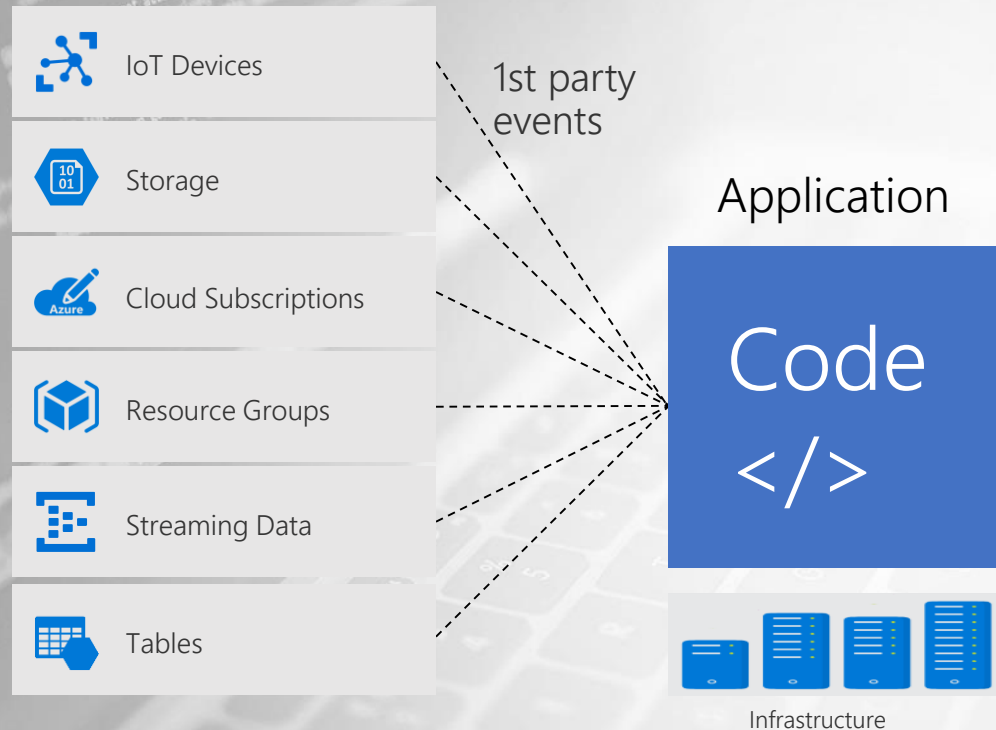
# Azure Event Grid

Backbone of event-driven computing

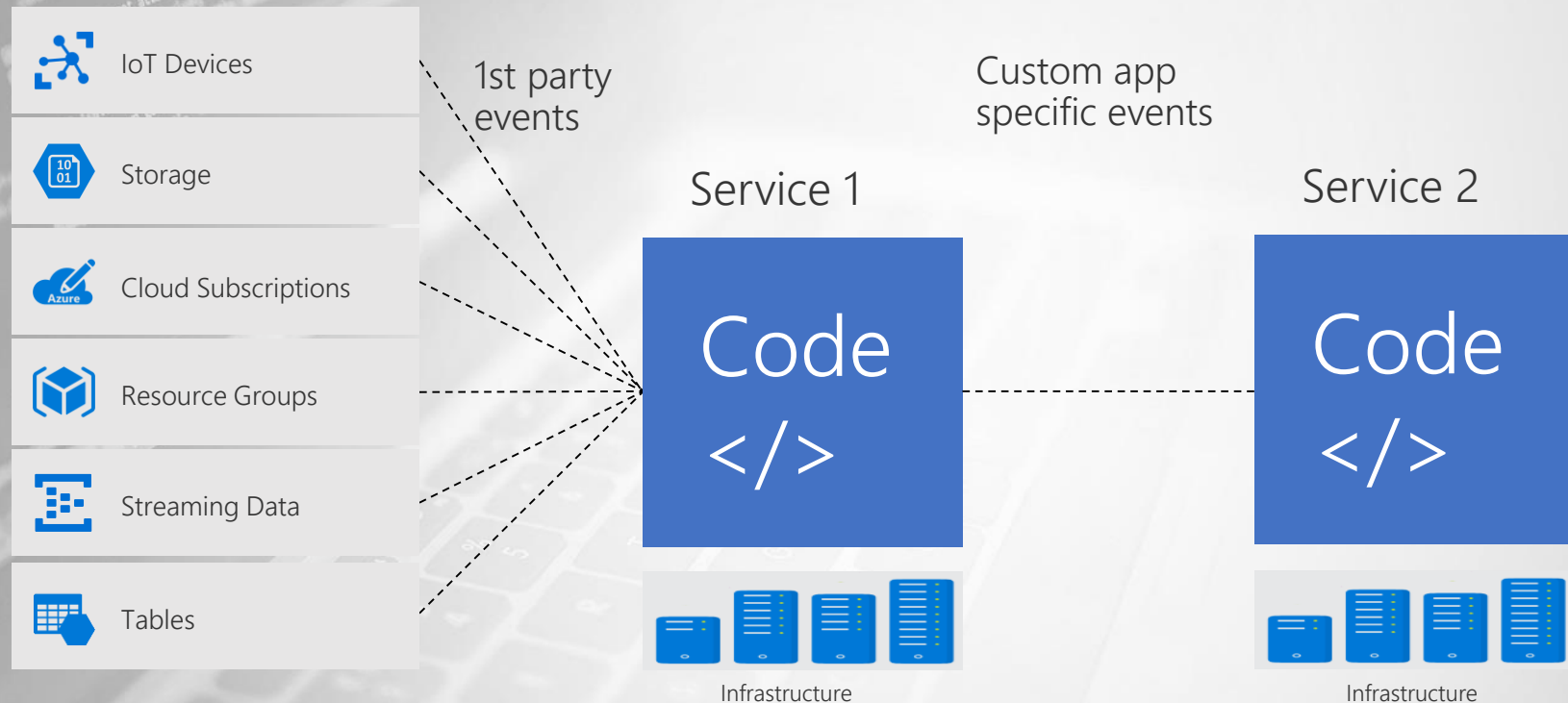
# Discovering events is expensive



# Processing events is cumbersome



# Communication between app components is complicated





# What if it could be simpler?



IoT Hub



Blob Storage



Azure Subscriptions



Resource Groups



Event Hubs



Storage (GPv2)

1st party  
events

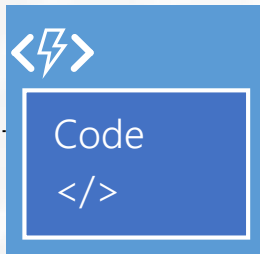
Custom app  
specific events

Serverless  
Function 1

Serverless  
Function 2



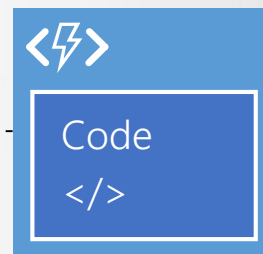
Event Grid



Functions



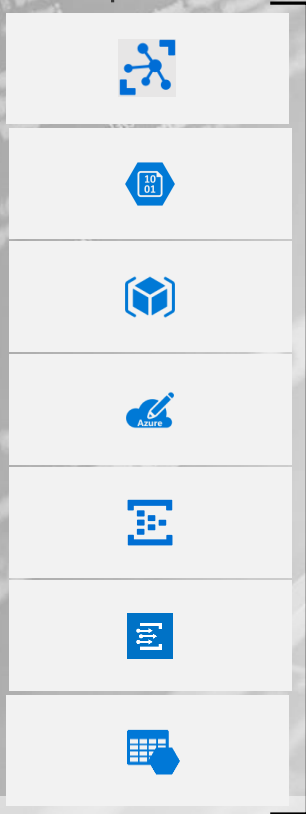
Event Grid



Functions

# Manage all events in one place

## Event publishers



Subscribe to pre-defined system events in Azure or create your own custom topics

Route events to any end-points, Azure or even beyond

Enable filtering and efficient routing of events

Create Event Subscription  
Event Grid - PREVIEW

Name

Subscription  
Azure Event Grid - Test

Resource group  
☐ Use existing

Topic Type  
Storage Accounts

Event Types  
Raised when a blob is created.

Subscriber Type  
Web Hook

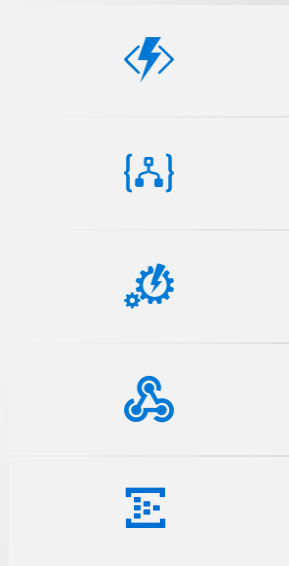
Prefix Filter  
Sample-workitems/{name} Optional

Suffix Filter  
jpg Optional

☐ Filter Case Sensitive

Create

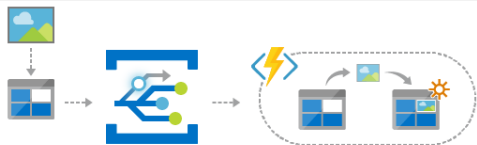
## Event handlers



# Scenarios

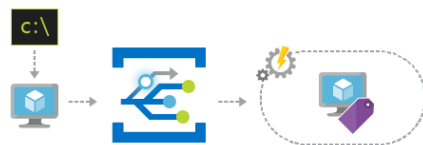
## Serverless apps

Instantly trigger a serverless function to run analysis when a new file is added to a blob storage container.



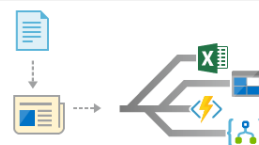
## Ops automation

Speed up automation and simplify policy enforcement by notifying Azure Automation when underlying infrastructure is provisioned



## Application integration

Connect your app with other services. Create an application topic to route your app's event data to any desired destination



# DEMO

One event, multiple actions – focus on logic

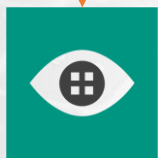
Create or delete  
event



Create thumbnail



Delete thumbnail



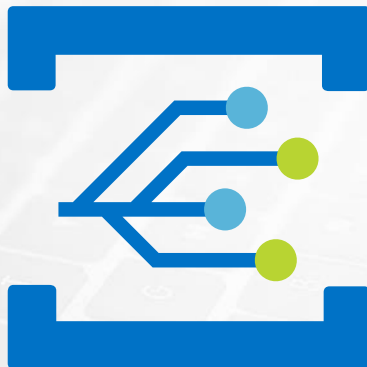
Computer Vision



Blob metadata

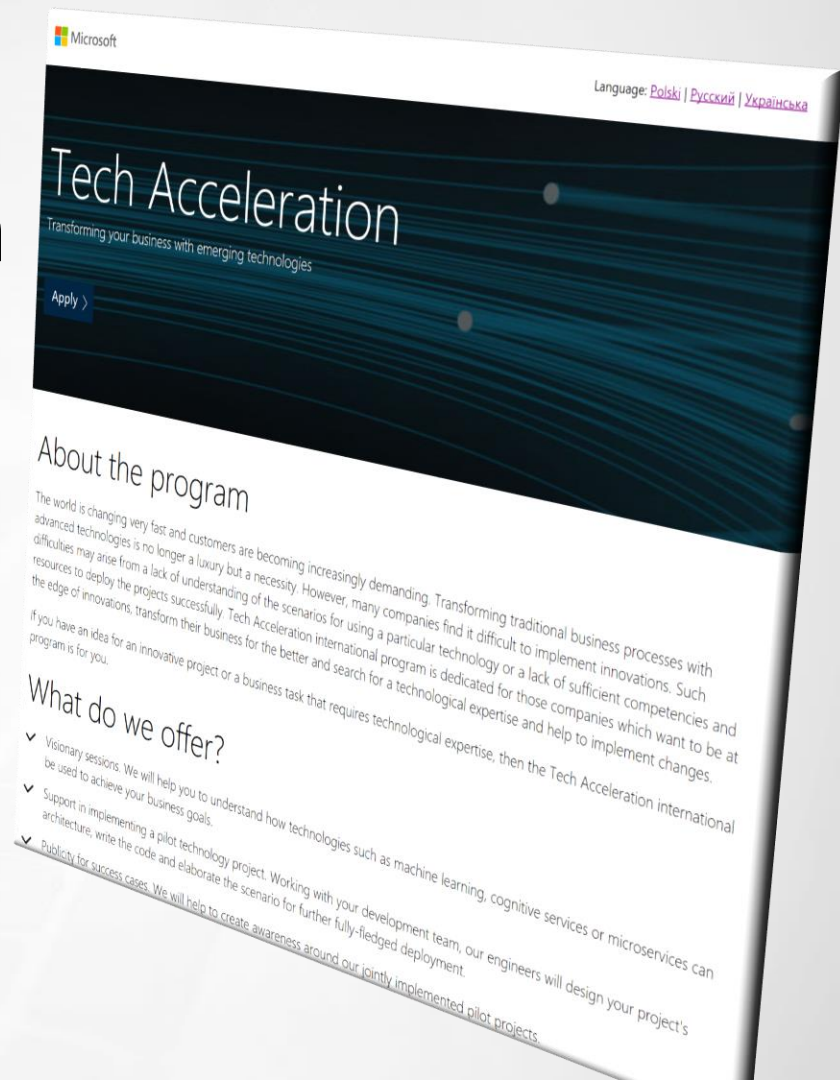
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# Tech-Acceleration.com

- Containers and Microservices
- Serverless
- Artificial Intelligence and Bots
- Internet of Things
- Machine Learning and Big Data







## OpenHack Serverless

- 5 – 7 June 2018, London
- 3 days challenge-based hands on hacking with **Azure Serverless** technologies

[aka.ms/OpenHackServerlessLondon](https://aka.ms/OpenHackServerlessLondon)







- May 2 – August 2, 2018
- Azure IoT Hub + Azure Functions
- Prizes
  - **1<sup>st</sup> US\$ 10.000**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> US\$ 6.000
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> US\$ 3.000
  - Popular: US\$ 1.000

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