

# IBM DocumentHub

Lightweight content management system, which stores documents in GitHub, in a human friendly way

- Why DocumentHub?
- Platform Architecture
- Microservices
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# Who uses DocumentHub?



300,000+  
total users



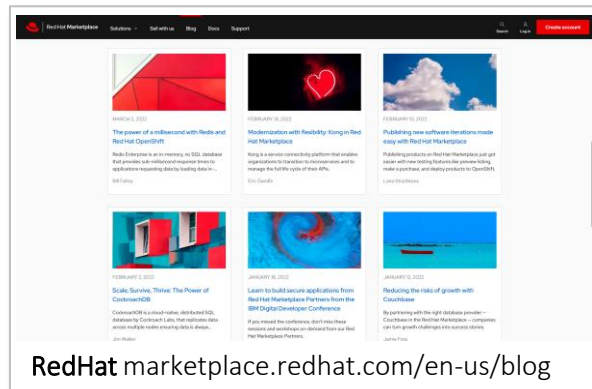
100,000+  
requests/day



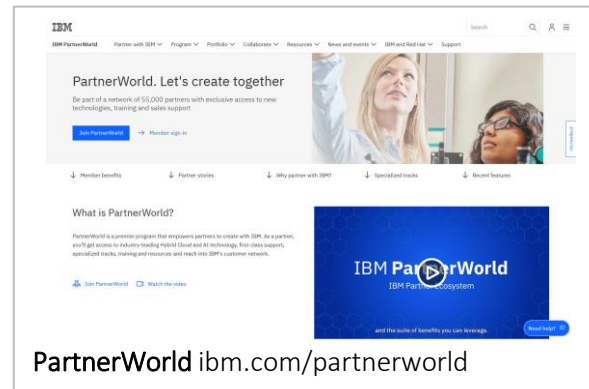
1 millisecond  
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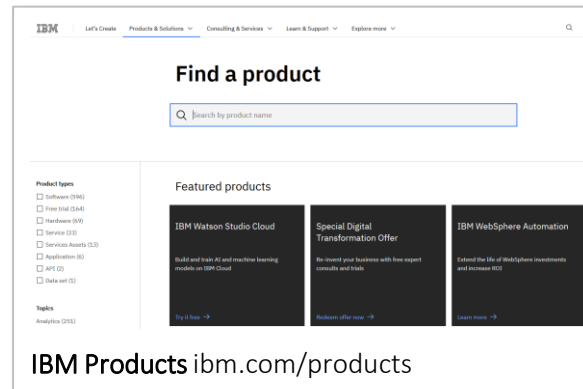
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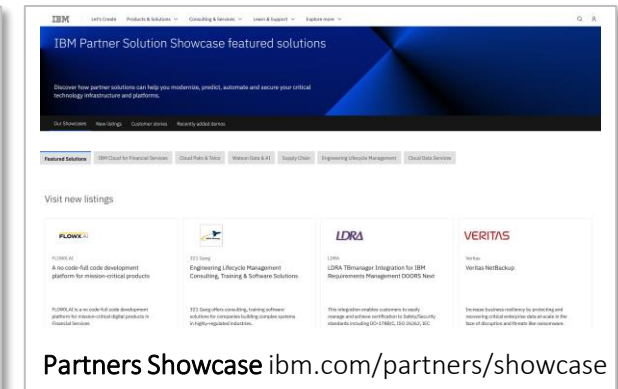
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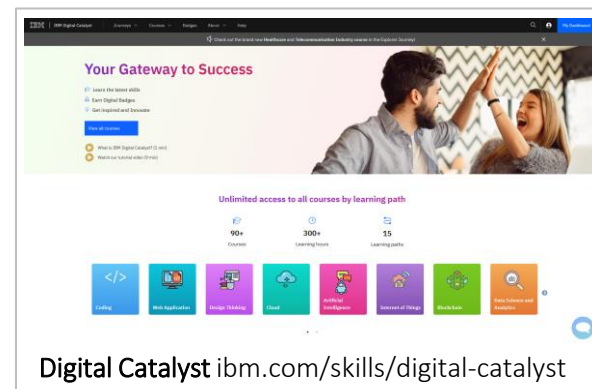
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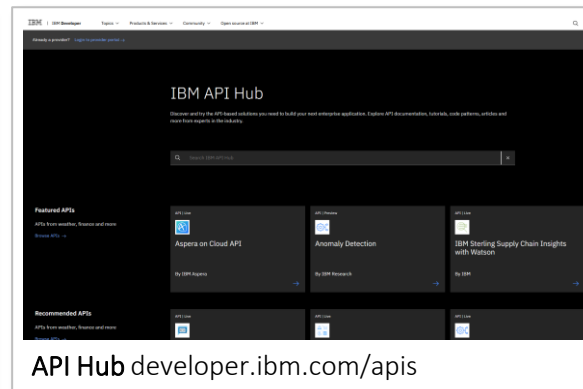
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# Why DocumentHub?

## Scenario 1/3: Choose technology stack for a new application

### An unpopular technology stack means:

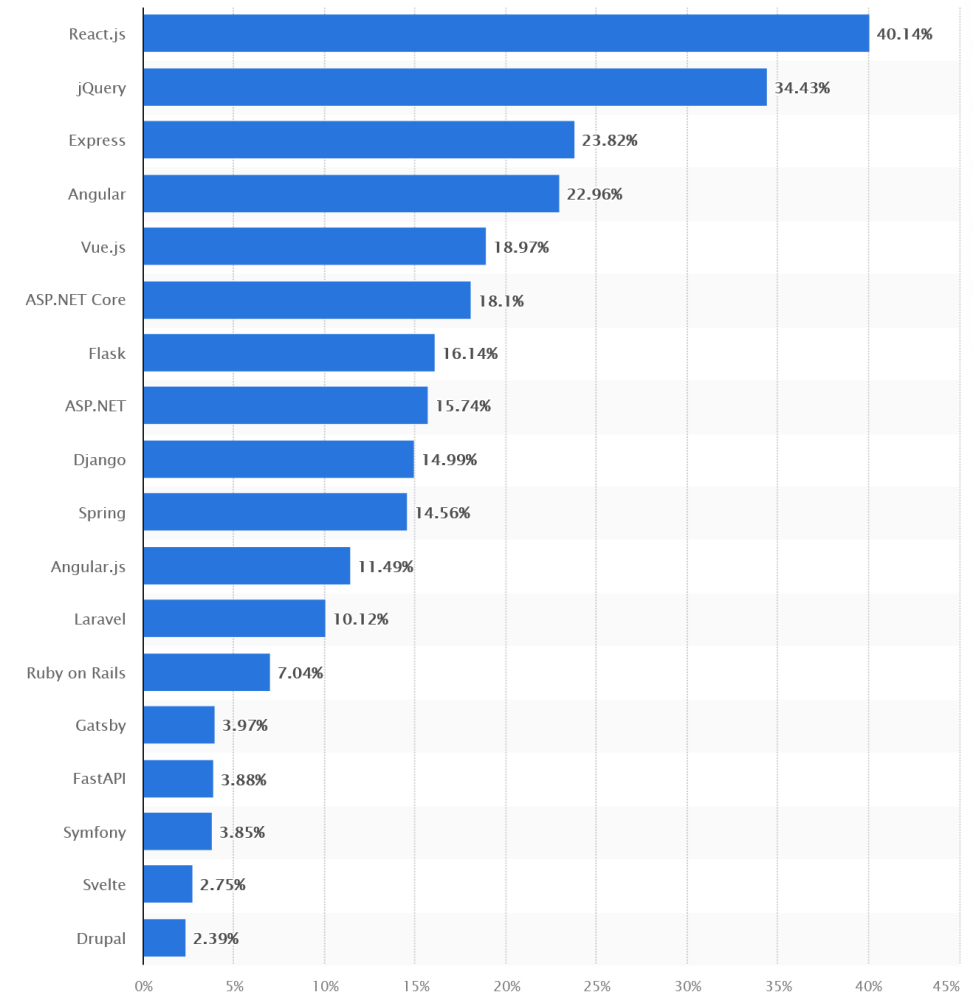
- fewer developers available
- less interest in the project
- higher learning curve
- higher costs

| Content Management System | Compatibility with web frameworks         |
|---------------------------|---|
| DocumentHub               | 100% (compatible with all top frameworks) |
| Adobe Experience Manager  | < 10%                                     |
| Salesforce                | < 10%                                     |
| WordPress/Drupal          | < 20%                                     |

### DocumentHub

- ✓ **developer friendly** – compatible with all top frameworks
- ✓ **increased productivity**
  - popular technologies
  - simplifies code and architecture

Most used web frameworks among developers worldwide, as of 2021



# Why DocumentHub?

## Scenario 2/3: A user uploads an infected file

*"It is estimated that, worldwide, cyber crimes will cost **\$10.5 trillion annually** by 2025" – Cybercrime Magazine*



Other users download the infected file



The **manager** starts receiving complains that the application is spreading malware



Most **CMS platforms** don't have virus scan

- Infected files are uploaded without scanning
- Infected files are downloaded by other users without scanning



**DocumentHub** has antivirus scanning for all uploaded and downloaded files.

# Why DocumentHub?

Scenario 3/3: A user discovers that his data suddenly disappeared



**User** blames the application for the missing data



**The manager** checks with the team to figure out if it's a user mistake or an application bug, before it escalates



**The team's** classic technology stacks can be of little help:



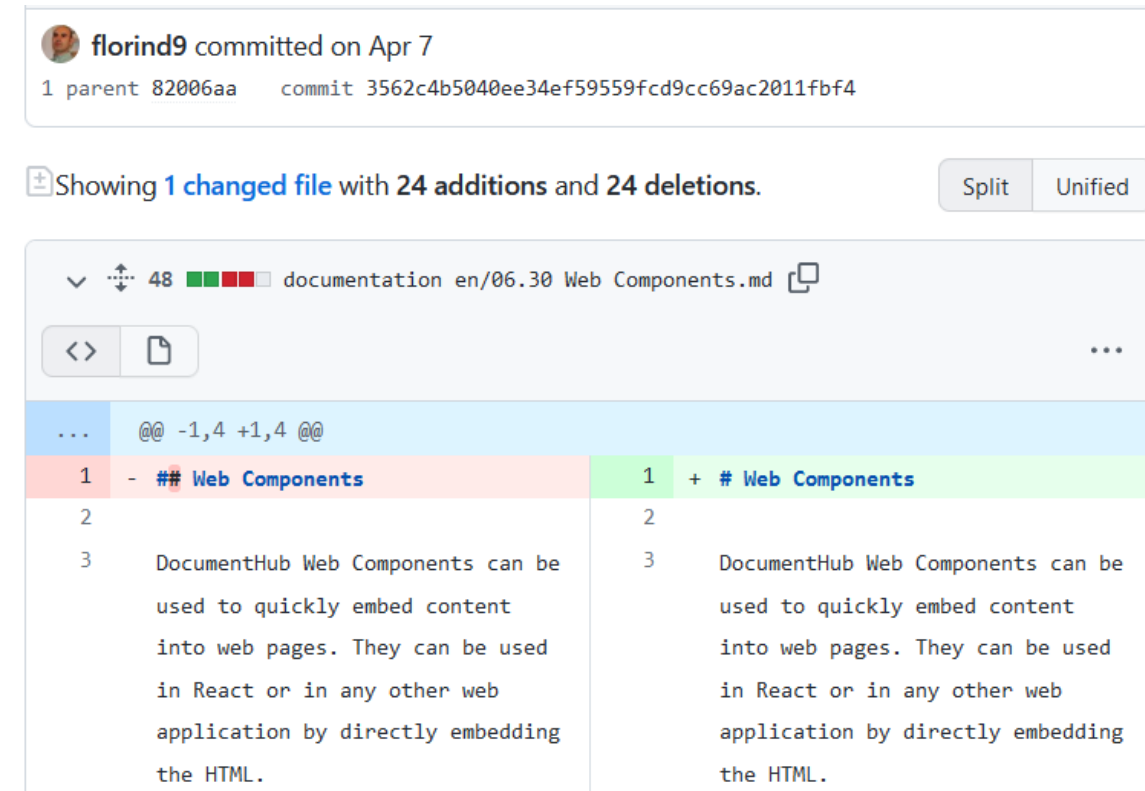
- Databases don't have a tracking system for the changes
- Databases don't correlate changes with the users
- Comparing the current database with a backup is difficult and time consuming
- Even so, the comparison will show a lot of irrelevant changes since the last backup
- Writing a complex change tracking system can be time consuming and expensive
- Even with a tracking system, only the user actions are logged but not the application bugs

How do you solve this, before it escalates?

# Why DocumentHub?

DocumentHub stores the data and the content in **GitHub**

- **GitHub** is the best content versioning system
- Change log, history and differences for all the changes
- Changes are correlated with users
- Easy to identify a change and revert it
- Content is stored in a friendly, human readable format
- Friendly UI to browse and edit the content
- No database admins to run SQL queries. Anyone can manage the content
- Edit the content in GitHub UI, your application, or any external editor
- You own the content repository. DocumentHub only syncs the content with your application
- IBM Enterprise (github.ibm.com) or public (github.com)
- No costs



# Why DocumentHub?



## Development

- Compatible with all top frameworks, which developers are interested in
- Simplifies code and architecture. Reduces complexity and risks



## GitHub

- Content is stored in GitHub which is the best content versioning system
- Content is stored in a friendly, human readable format



## Two-way Sync

- Content can be changed in GitHub, and it will be synchronized in application, or in can be changed in application and it will be synchronized in GitHub



## Search

- The fastest search engine, with accurate search for precise results and fuzzy search for finding matches even for typos



## Queries

- Query the content like in any other NoSQL database, at the same speed as in a database



## Cloud Object Storage

- Media files are automatically uploaded to IBM Cloud Object Storage



## Akamai CDN

- Media content is automatically cached around the globe and optimized for slow connections



## Cache

- Two levels of cache: memory cache and database cache
- Access to content in GitHub at the same speed as in a database



## Security

- Access control lists and access control rules for content
- Automatic filtering of the content based on the access for each user



## Antivirus

- Virus scanning on demand for specific files or automatically for all uploaded and downloaded files



## Web Components

- Available web component like a full search page, a course or a quiz
- Add IBM SSO to your application with just one line of code



## Web Templates

- Speed up development with web templates
- App starter templates for React/Angular/Vue



## Multi Language

- Multi language support for documents



## JavaScript Module

- JavaScript module for a quick and simple access to content
- Automatic handling of content types and errors at client level



## API

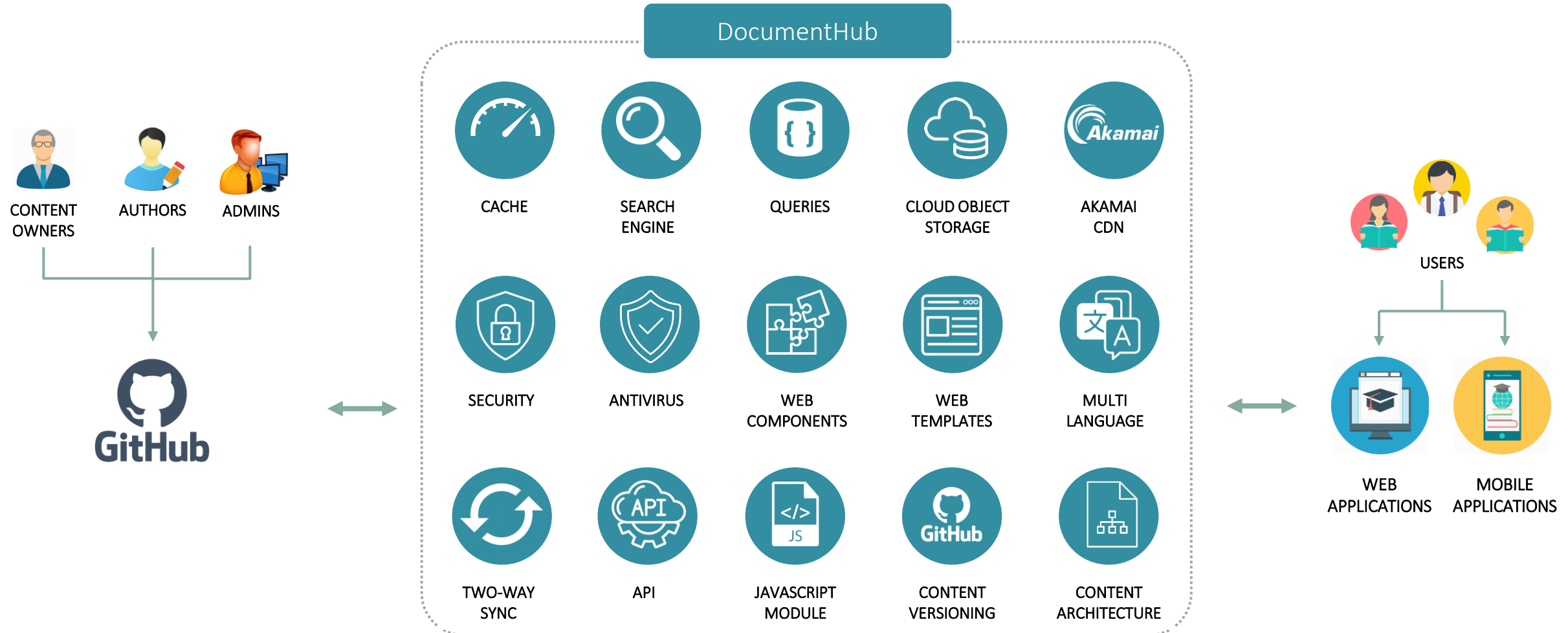
- Content can be accessed from any language or frameworks using API



## Content Architecture

- Flexible content architecture supporting flat or nested folder structures

# How it works?





# CMS Comparison - Lifecycle

UI Development

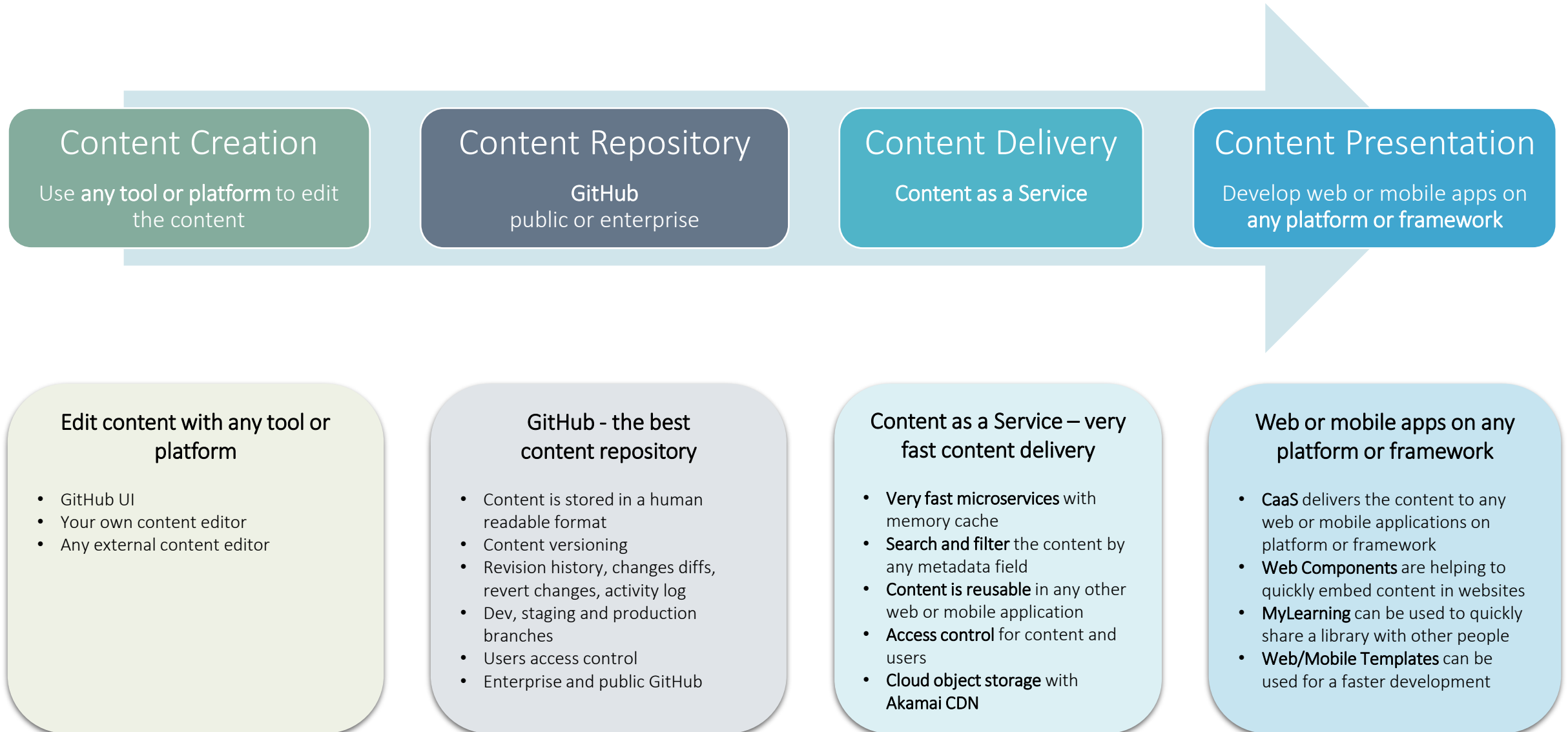
Business Logic Development

Maintenance

Migration

| Content Management System  | UI Development  | Business Logic Development  | Maintenance<br>(content and config changes) |   | Migration<br>(code or content)                         |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |   |   | Costs                                       | Resources   | Code   | Content   |
| <b>DocumentHub</b><br>* recommended for applications with custom development   | <b>Very Good</b><br>Developers can choose the latest languages and frameworks they prefer | <b>Very Good</b><br>Developers can choose the latest languages and frameworks they prefer | <b>Very Good</b><br>Cheap cloud instance    | <b>Good</b><br>No developers needed<br>Has change history | <b>Very Good</b><br>Code is developer friendly         | <b>Very Good</b><br>Content is in GitHub in a human friendly format |
| <b>Adobe Experience Manager</b><br>* recommended for large static websites     | <b>Good</b><br>Limited choices, difficult for custom components                           | <b>Poor</b><br>Very limited choices, hard to find developers                              | <b>Poor</b><br>Pay per usage, expensive     | <b>Very Good</b><br>Drag and drop, WYSIWYG editor         | <b>Poor</b><br>Code is written in a proprietary format | <b>Poor</b><br>A monolith with a proprietary format                 |
| <b>Salesforce</b><br>* recommended for applications with a common UI and logic | <b>Good</b><br>Proprietary language, difficult for custom components                      | <b>Poor</b><br>Proprietary language, hard to find developers                              | <b>Poor</b><br>Pay per usage, expensive     | <b>Very Good</b><br>Drag and drop, WYSIWYG editor         | <b>Poor</b><br>A monolith with its own language        | <b>Poor</b><br>A monolith with a proprietary format                 |
| <b>WordPress</b><br>* recommended for blogs or presentation websites           | <b>Poor</b><br>Limited to PHP, difficult for custom components                            | <b>Poor</b><br>Limited to PHP, hard to find developers                                    | <b>Good</b><br>Dedicated VM                 | <b>Good</b><br>WYSIWYG editor                             | <b>Poor</b><br>Code is written in PHP                  | <b>Poor</b><br>A monolith with a proprietary format                 |
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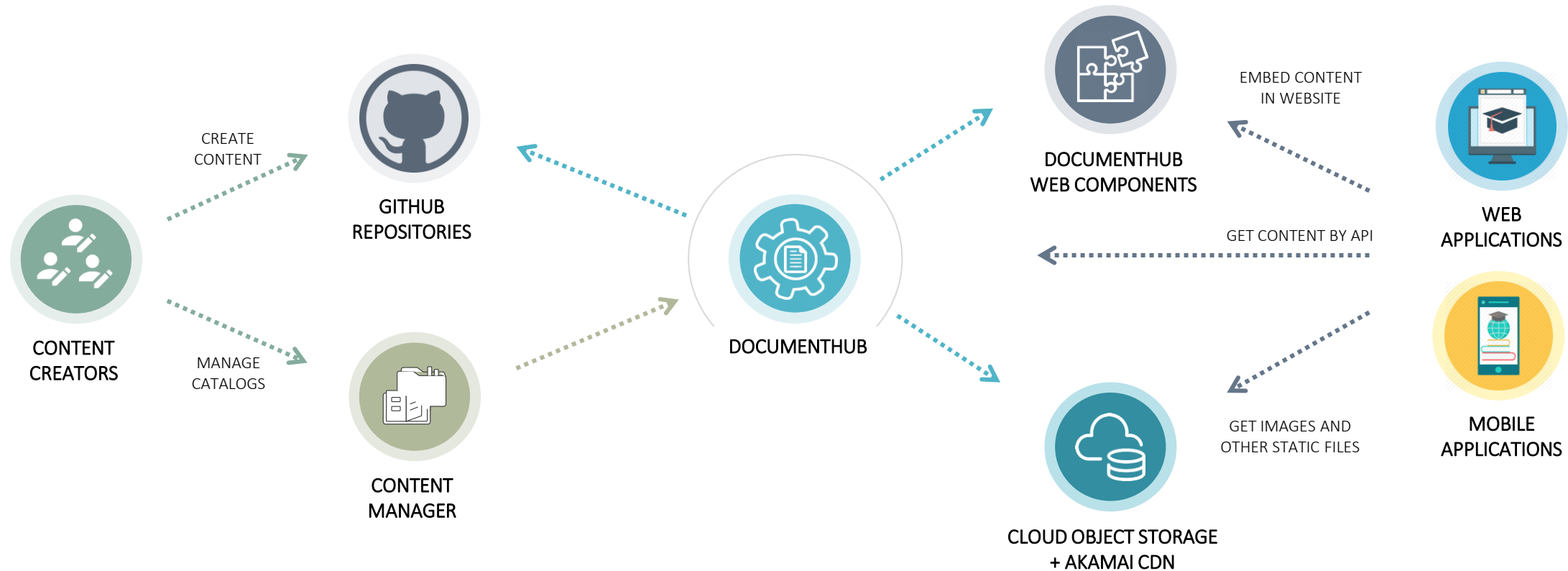
# Platform Architecture – decoupled CMS architecture



# Platform Architecture

1 Manage the content in GitHub or application

2 Show the content on web or mobile



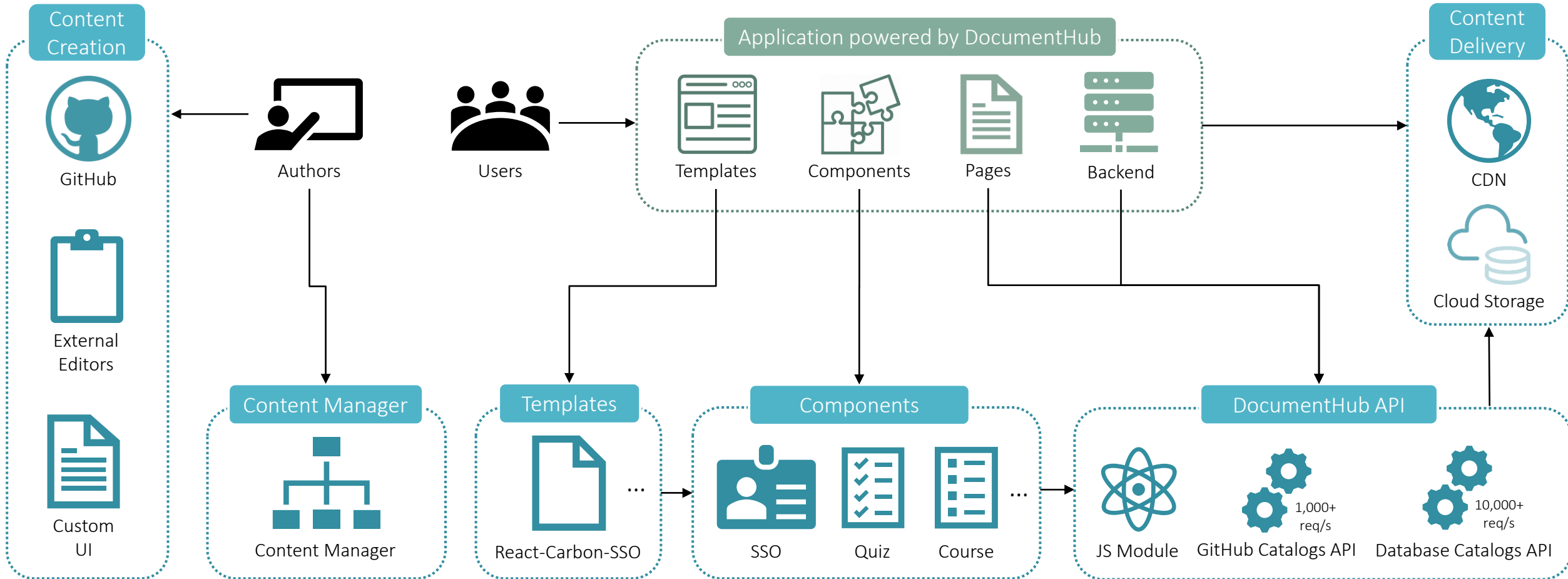
Content Creation

Content Repository

Content Delivery

Content Presentation

# Platform Architecture



# Content as a Service API



## Very fast access to content

Edge CaaS microservices are using **memory cache** to quickly respond to any content request. API execution time is usually around only a **few milliseconds**.



## Search and filter the content

Edge CaaS uses the **fastest search engine** to **search** the text content and **filter** the content by any metadata field like title, tags, keywords, type or categories.



## CDN and Cloud Object Storage

You can benefit of **Akamai CDN** to get the content cached in the nearest location. Attachments are **automatically uploaded to Cloud Storage**.



## Reuse the content on multiple websites

You can reuse the same physical document in multiple logical catalogs. In this way you can show documents on multiple websites **without cloning them physically**.



## Access control on catalogs and documents

Access permissions can be set at **user level** or at **application level** for the entire catalog or for individual documents.

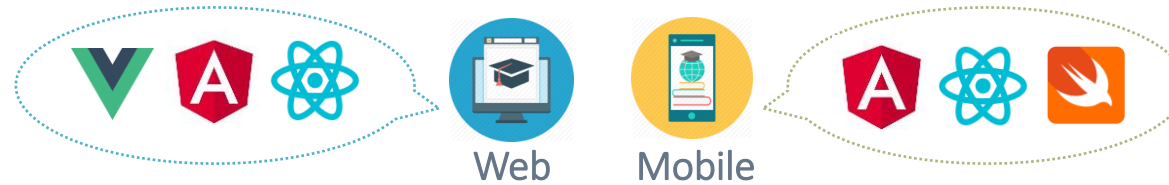


## 99.9% uptime

Edge CaaS is running in **IBM Cloud** and is using the **blue-green deployment** model to deploy updates with **no downtime**.

# Web Components

Light and flexible applications with reusable components on any platform or framework.



API

Fast access to content  
Search and filtering  
Access control



Web Components

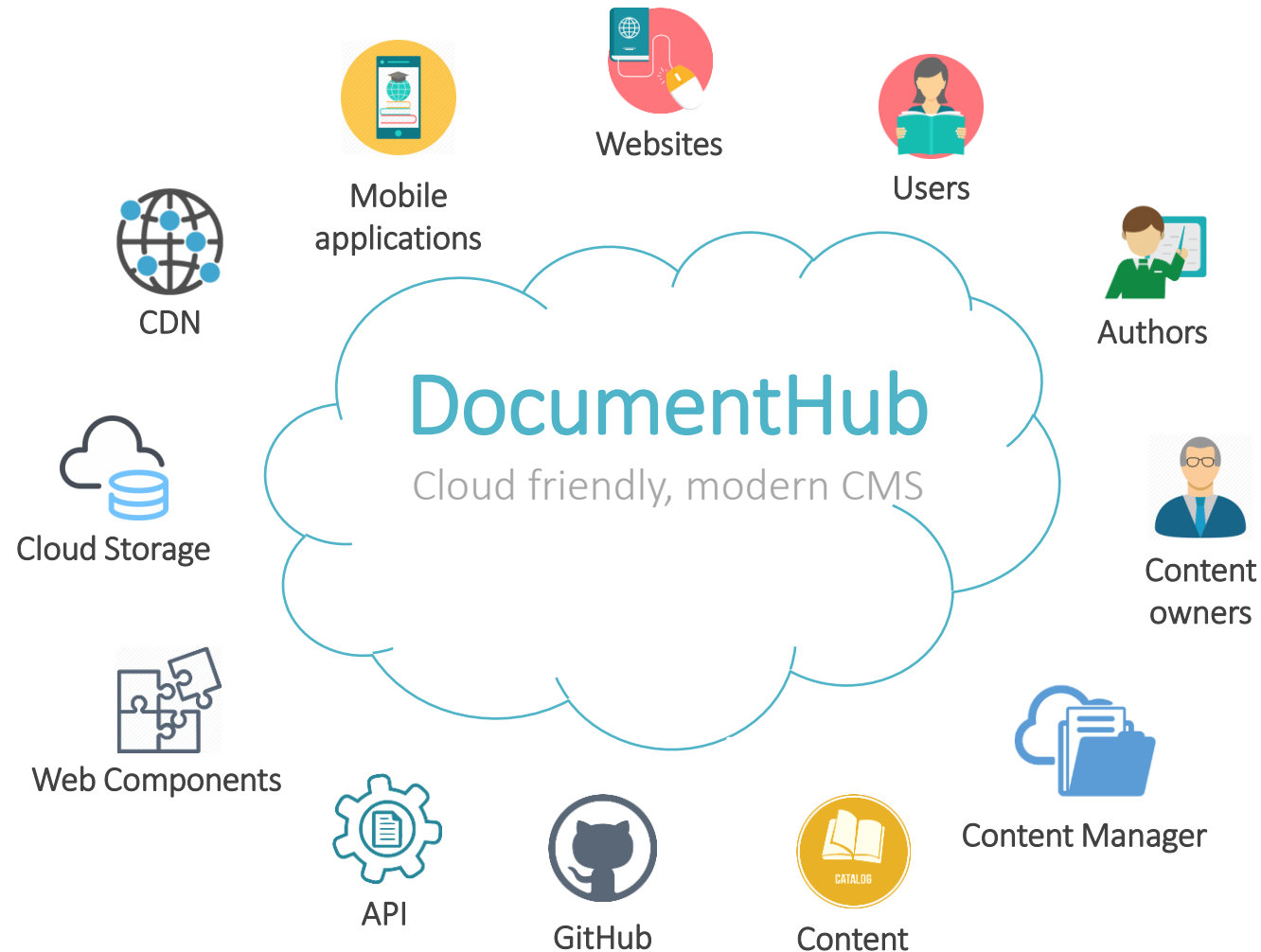
Easy embed courses,  
quizzes, articles and  
other components



CDN and Cloud Object Storage

Public media files are  
stored in Cloud Object  
Storage and delivered  
by Akamai CDN

# Summary



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