

- Intro to Serverless



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# What is “Serverless” computing?

FaaS, Event-Driven, Functions, Lambda, OpenWhisk and Jeff!

# What is Serverless?



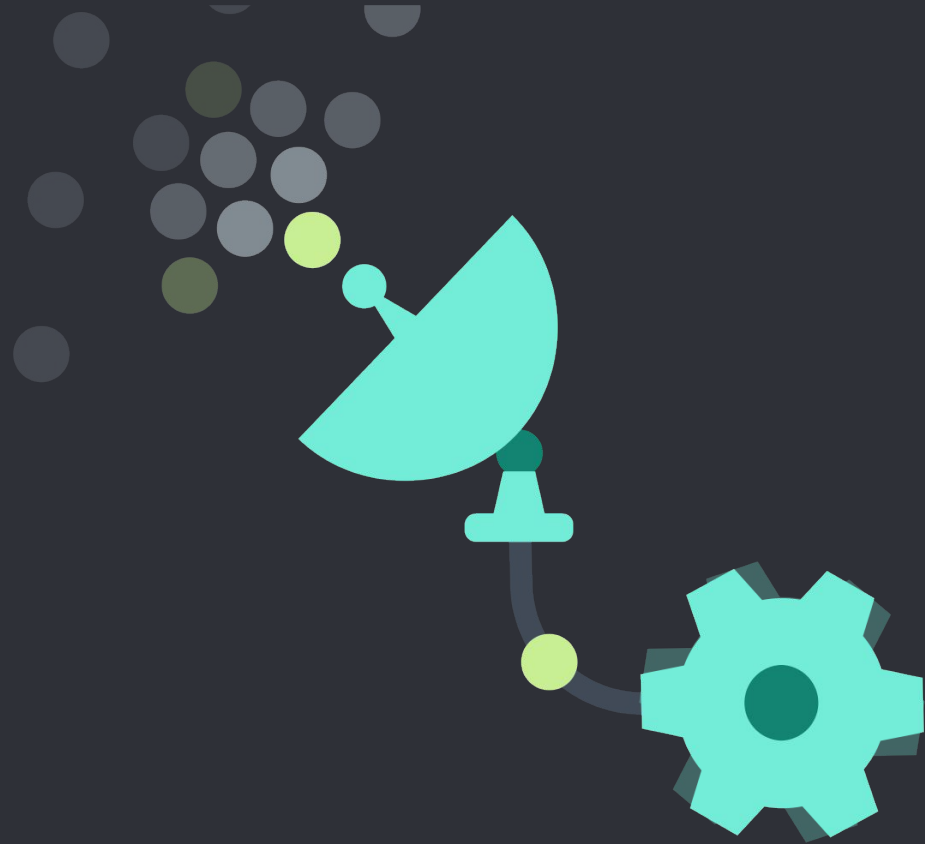
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Just Code

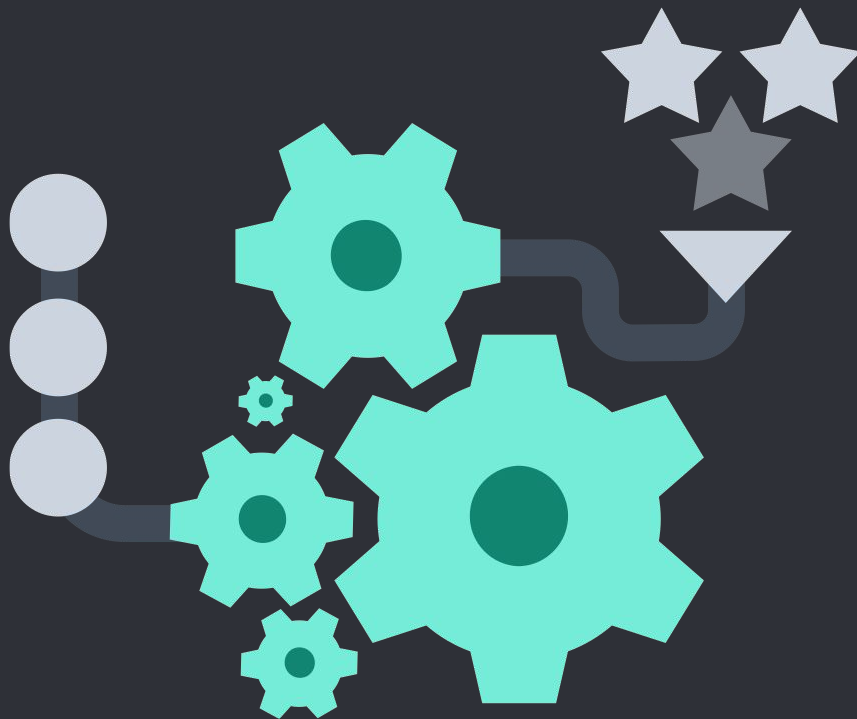
# What is Serverless?

Runs that code  
**On Demand**



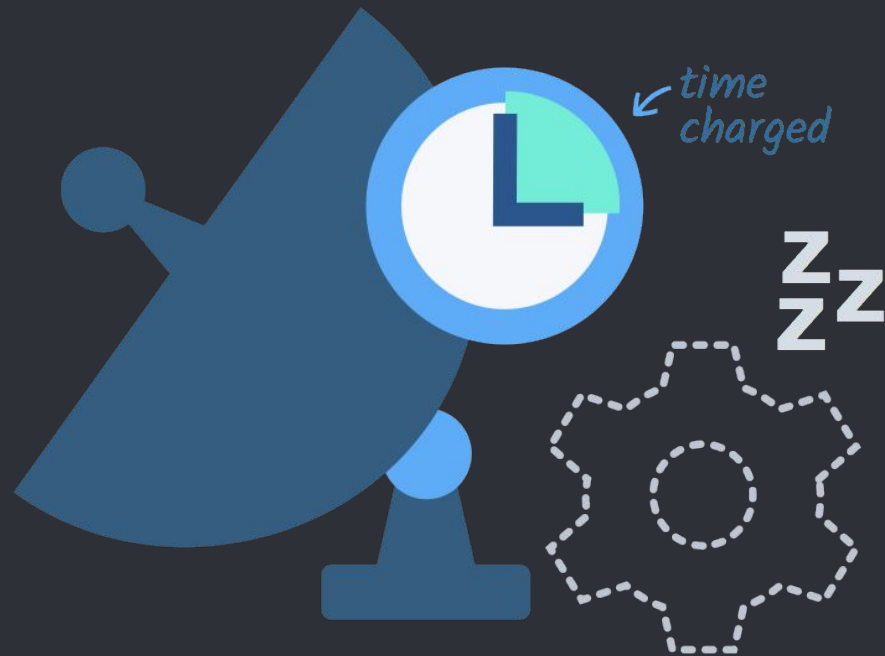
# What is Serverless?

Scales on a  
**Per-request**  
basis



# What is Serverless?

Only billed for the  
resources used





# Example

An Internet Enabled Alarm



# Advantages of Serverless

Why serverless is worth using

## Advantages of Serverless

- No infrastructure to manage
- Scaling is built in
- Only pay for used resources
- High availability built in
- Easy to use

# Disadvantages of Serverless

What makes serverless computing challenging

## Disadvantages of Serverless

- Need to trust the provider
- New architecture to learn
- Debugging, Monitoring, Logging tools
- Performance
- Unpredictable costs

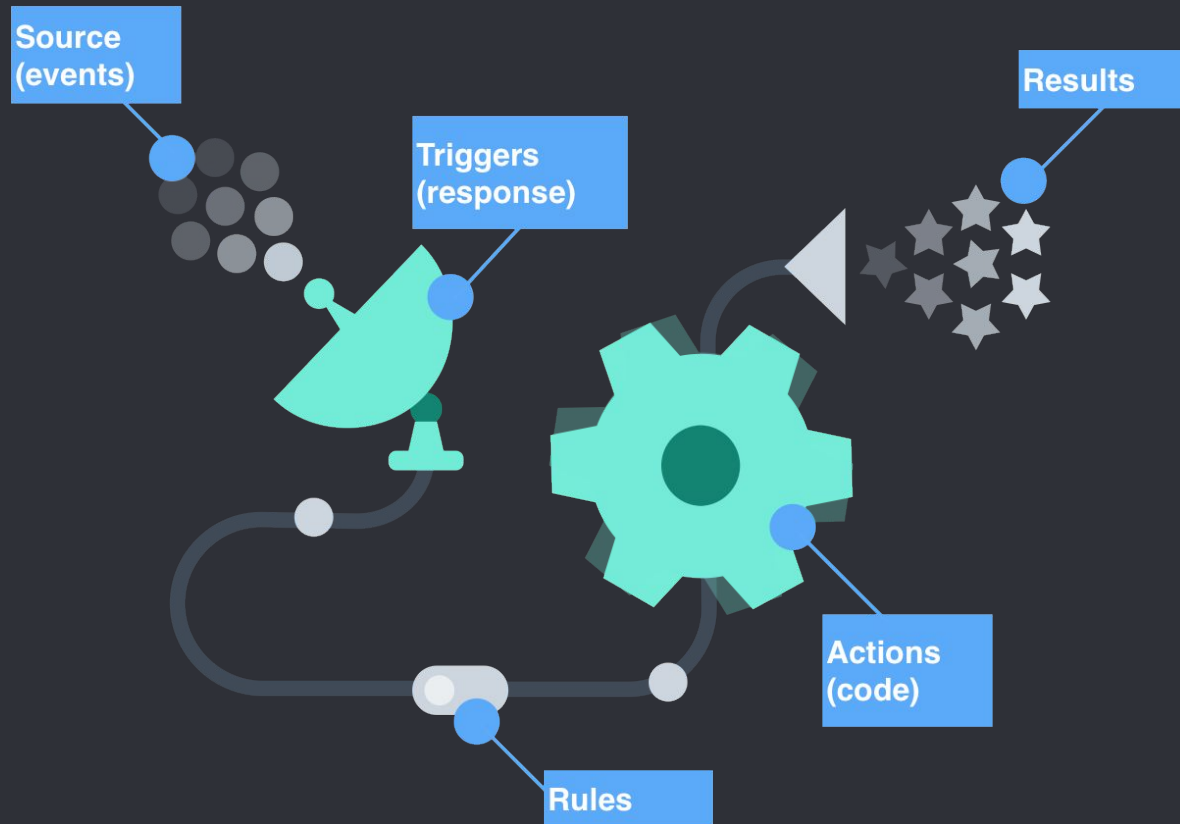
## Serverless Providers



# Apache OpenWhisk

[openwhisk.org](https://openwhisk.org)

# Apache OpenWhisk





# Apache OpenWhisk

## Event Sources

Event sources, such as devices, queues, databases, and webhooks, emit classes of events in the form of triggers.

# Apache OpenWhisk

## Triggers

Triggers are the class of events (including device readings, published messages, and data changes) that are emitted by event sources.

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## Actions

Actions are functions that encapsulate code – written in any supported language by implementing a single method signature – to be executed in response to a trigger.

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## Rules

Rules represent the declarative association between a trigger and an action, defining which action(s) should be executed in response to an event

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## Sequences

Sequences allow to chain together a sequence of actions in a declarative fashion.

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## Packages

Packages encapsulate external services in a reusable manner and assemble them into triggers and actions.

# Apache OpenWhisk

## Supported Languages

**JS/NodeJS 8**

**Swift 3**

**Java**

**Docker / Binary**

**Python 3**

**PHP**

**Go**

**Scala**

**Rust**

**Haskell**



**[github.com/IBMDeveloperUK/serverless-voice-assistants](https://github.com/IBMDeveloperUK/serverless-voice-assistants)**

Work through at your own pace.  
Give us a shout if you need help!



**Thanks!**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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