

IoT Plug and Play Overview

Architecture of an IoT solution

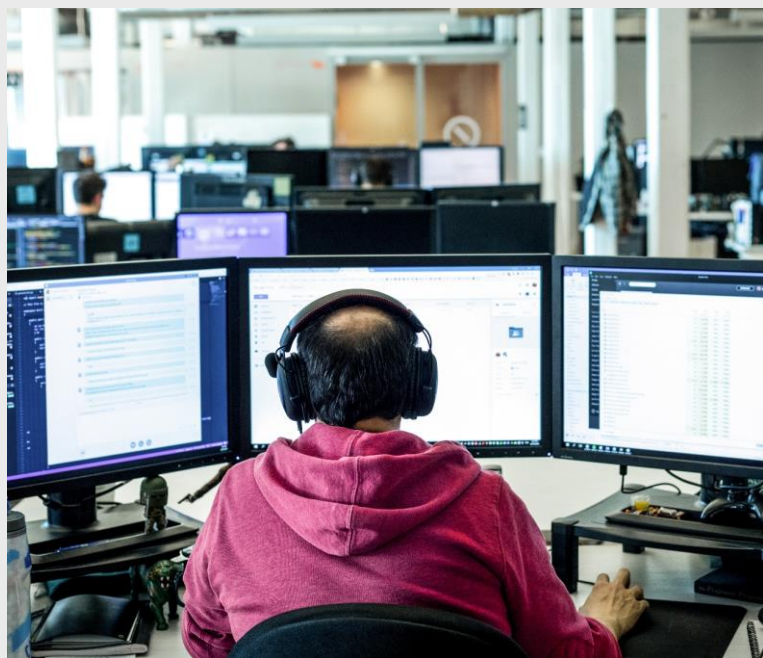


A More Realistic View...



... and why IoT needs simplifying

Plug and Play Overview - IoT device challenges for solution developers today



In-depth knowledge of embedded development is required to connect to the cloud, send telemetry, and apply configuration changes



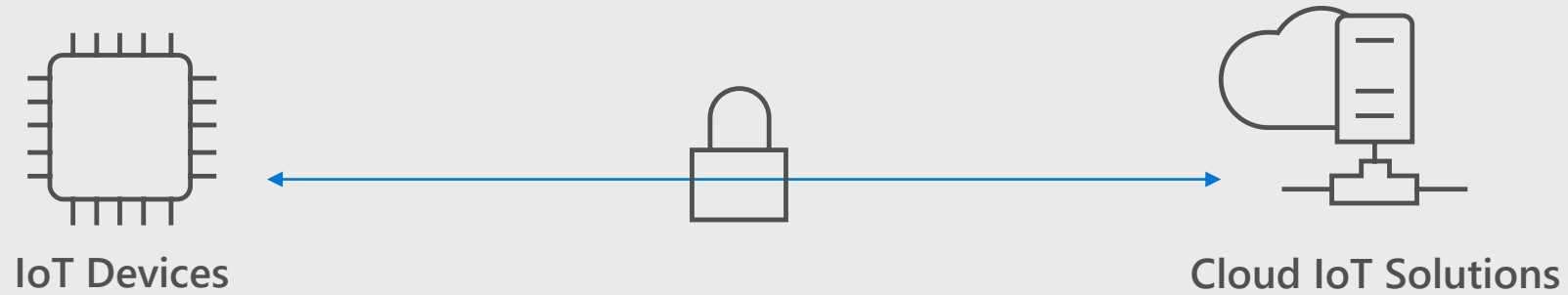
Extremely difficult for solution developers to transform low-level device messages into meaningful data, events, and workflows



Hardware sourcing, integration, and ramping to production can take months or even years for most of our customers.

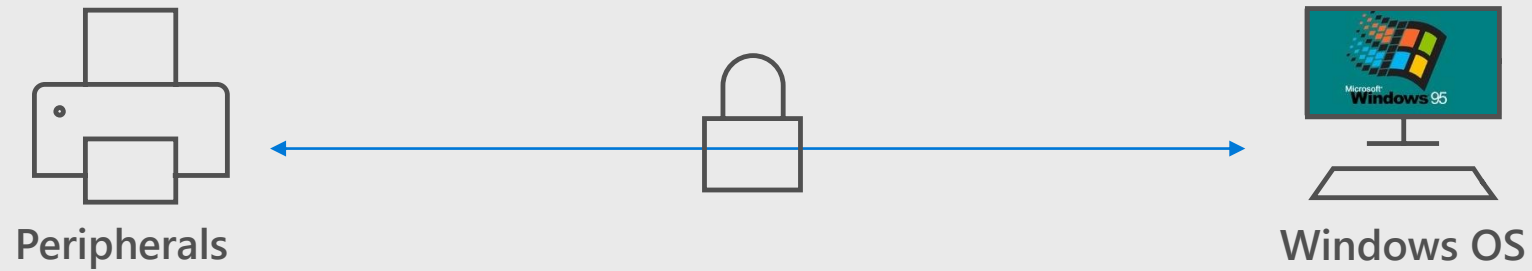
Azure IoT must simplify how IoT devices integrate with solutions built on the Azure platform

IoT Today

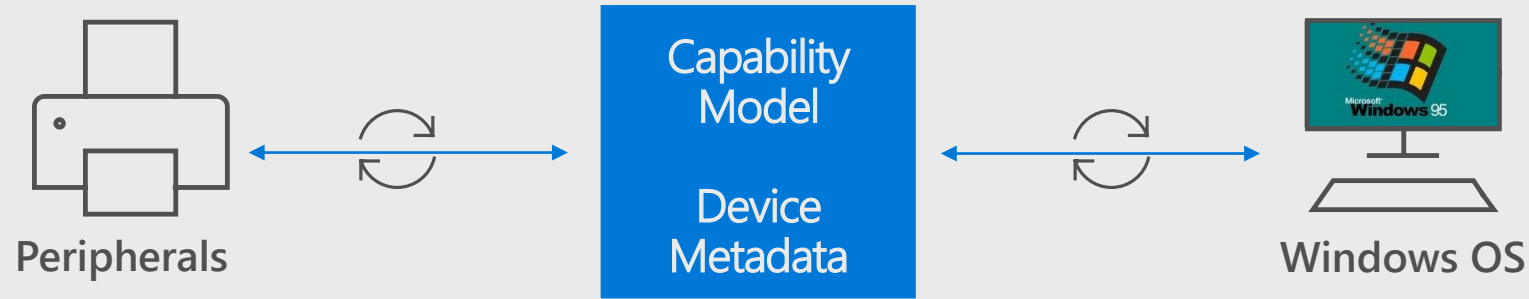


Tight coupling between software on device and IoT solution in the cloud

We had a similar challenge in the past...



That was solved with Windows “Plug and Play”



Devices published their capability models and adhered to them
Windows used the capability model to know how to interact with them

Azure IoT Plug and Play Vision

For solution developers & customers

Plug and Play simplifies IoT by allowing solution developers to integrate devices **without writing any code on the device.**

IoT solution developers can quickly prototype, pilot, and ramp up to production using Azure IoT certified devices.

Plug and Play devices **just work** with Azure IoT.

For device builders

By using Plug and Play, device builders will provide a model of their device to cloud developers to be integrated quickly into IoT Central or any solution built on the Azure IoT platform.

Devices **work out of the box** with Azure IoT services.

Device builders leverage cloud momentum by building products that are **Azure ready.**

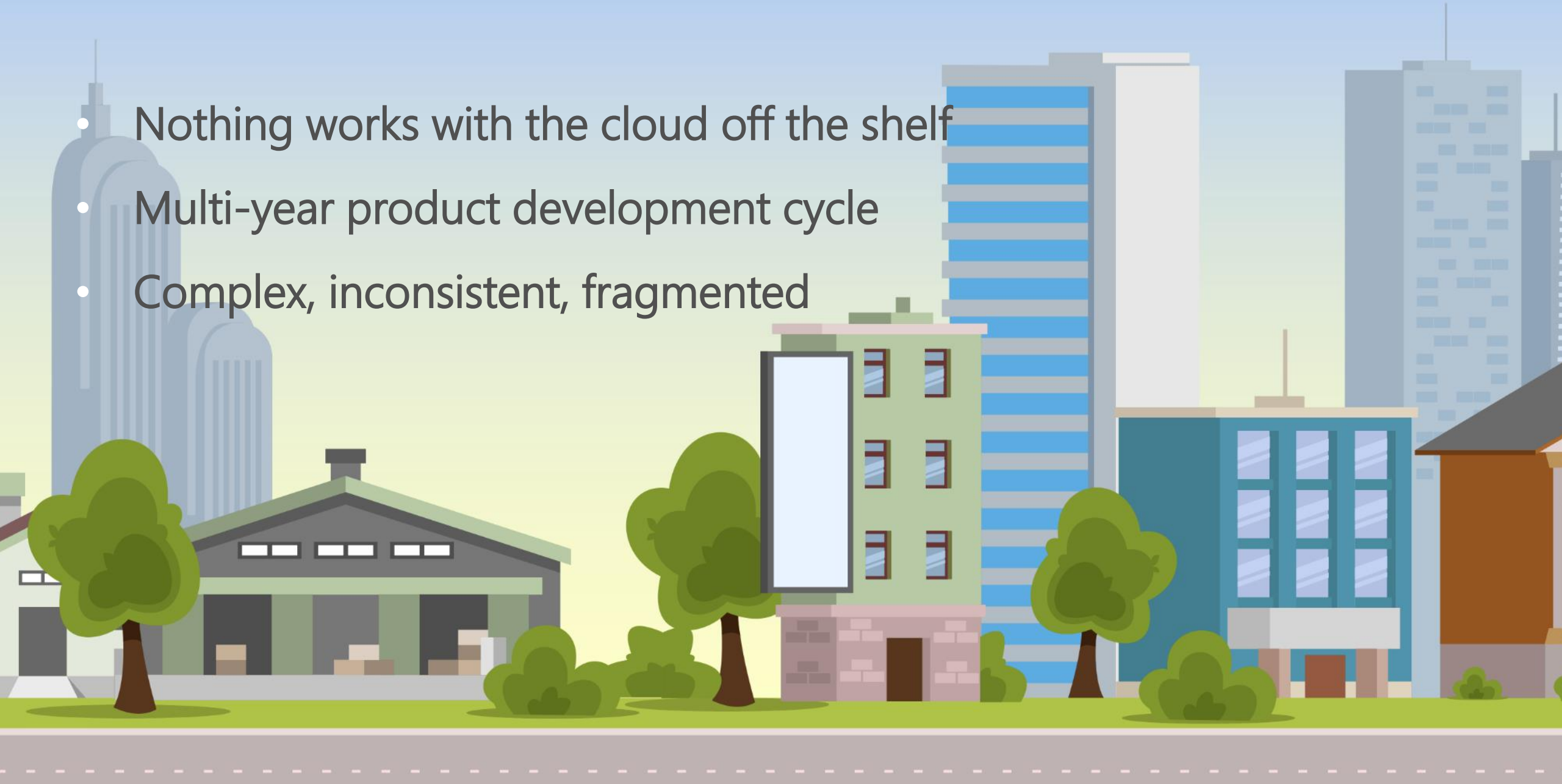
Device builders see **greater sales volumes** and **alternate revenue streams.**

Fabrikam is a manufacturer of GPS devices



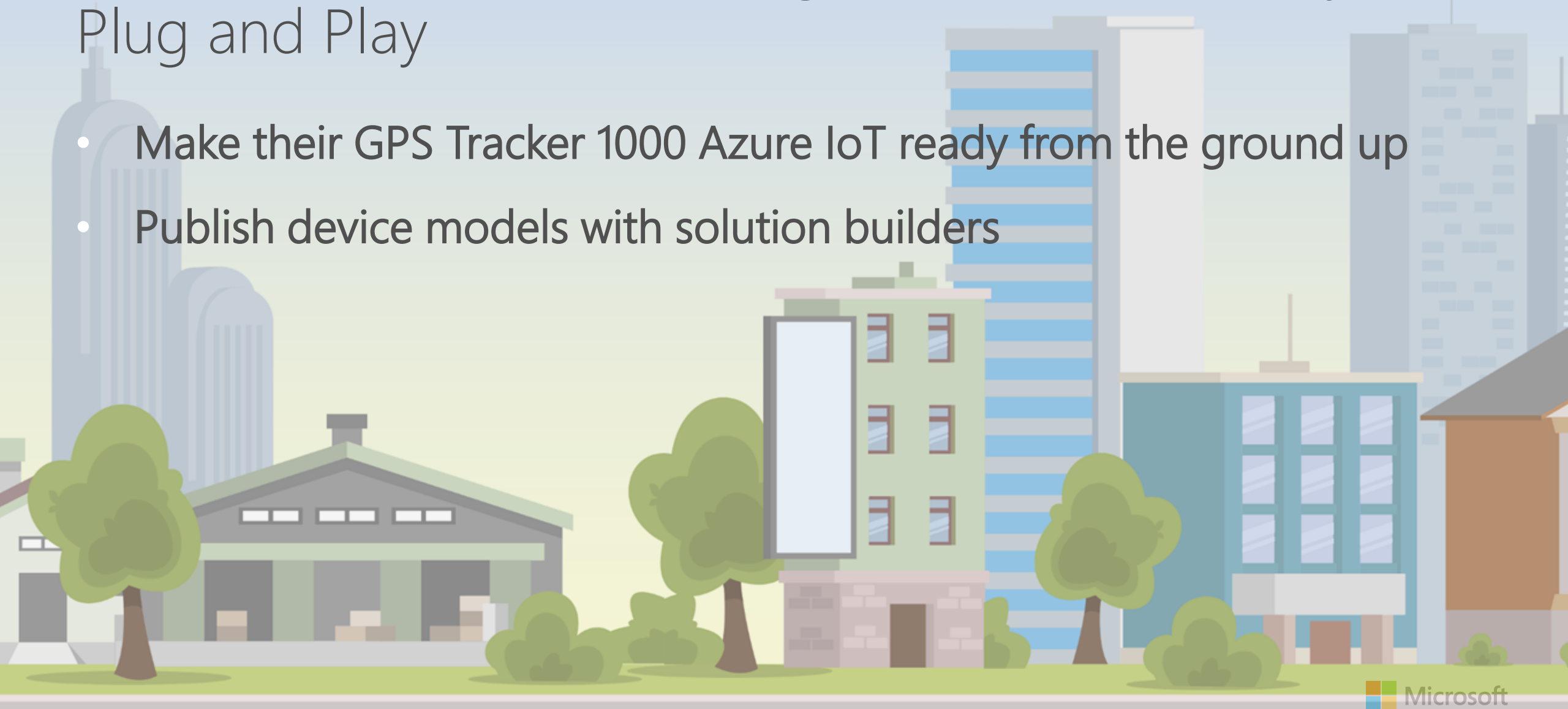
Fabrikam: current state of slowness

- Nothing works with the cloud off the shelf
- Multi-year product development cycle
- Complex, inconsistent, fragmented



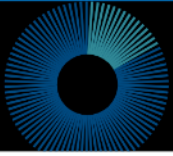
Fabrikam: New world making hardware enable by IoT Plug and Play

- Make their GPS Tracker 1000 Azure IoT ready from the ground up
- Publish device models with solution builders



Fabrikam certifies their devices for IoT Plug and Play

- Fabrikam certifies their GPS trackers for IoT Plug and Play
- IoT Plug and Play devices are featured prominently in the Azure IoT Device Catalog so solution builders can find them
- A wide range of customers can find, simulate and deploy Fabrikam devices without writing a single line of code



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Device specifications

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Industries

Multiple Industries

Operating Systems

Windows

Device Type

Prototyping device, Gateway

Languages

C, C++

Contoso is a logistics and shipping company



They want to track their shipping containers as they move around the world.

Mike is a solutions developer for Contoso

Let's track
some containers!

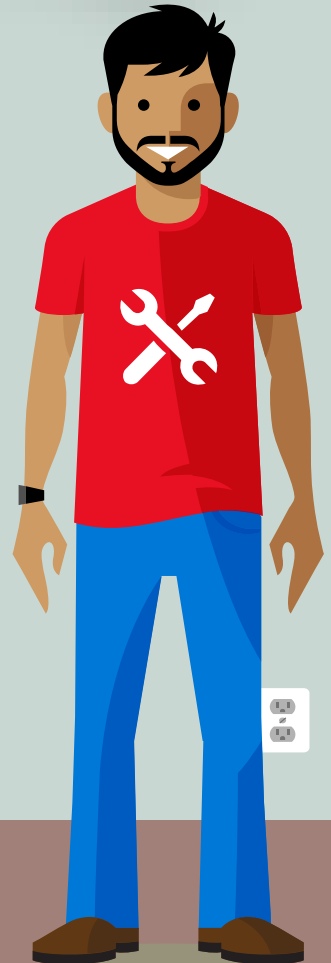
Mike wants to...


Create a solution to track shipping containers.

Build the solution on Azure IoT.

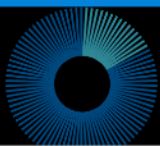
Use devices with GPS-based location information in real time.

...without writing a single line of device code



An illustration of a person with black hair and a red shirt, seen from behind, sitting at a desk. The desk has a computer monitor displaying a colorful grid, a yellow desk lamp, a pen holder, speakers, a calendar showing the number 1, and some papers. On the wall behind the desk is a round clock and a chalkboard with a yellow sticky note. To the right is a shelf with books. To the left is a window with a view of a landscape with yellow, green, and blue waves. A speech bubble points from the person towards the window.

Let's see what devices
are available from
Azure IoT Device Catalog

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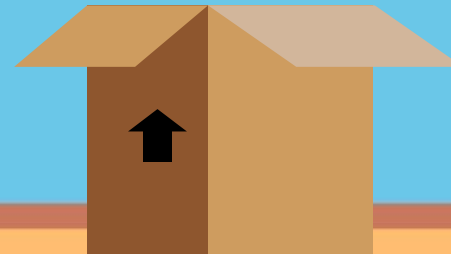
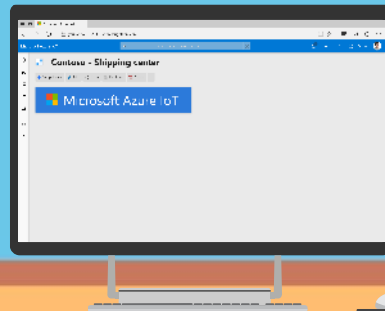
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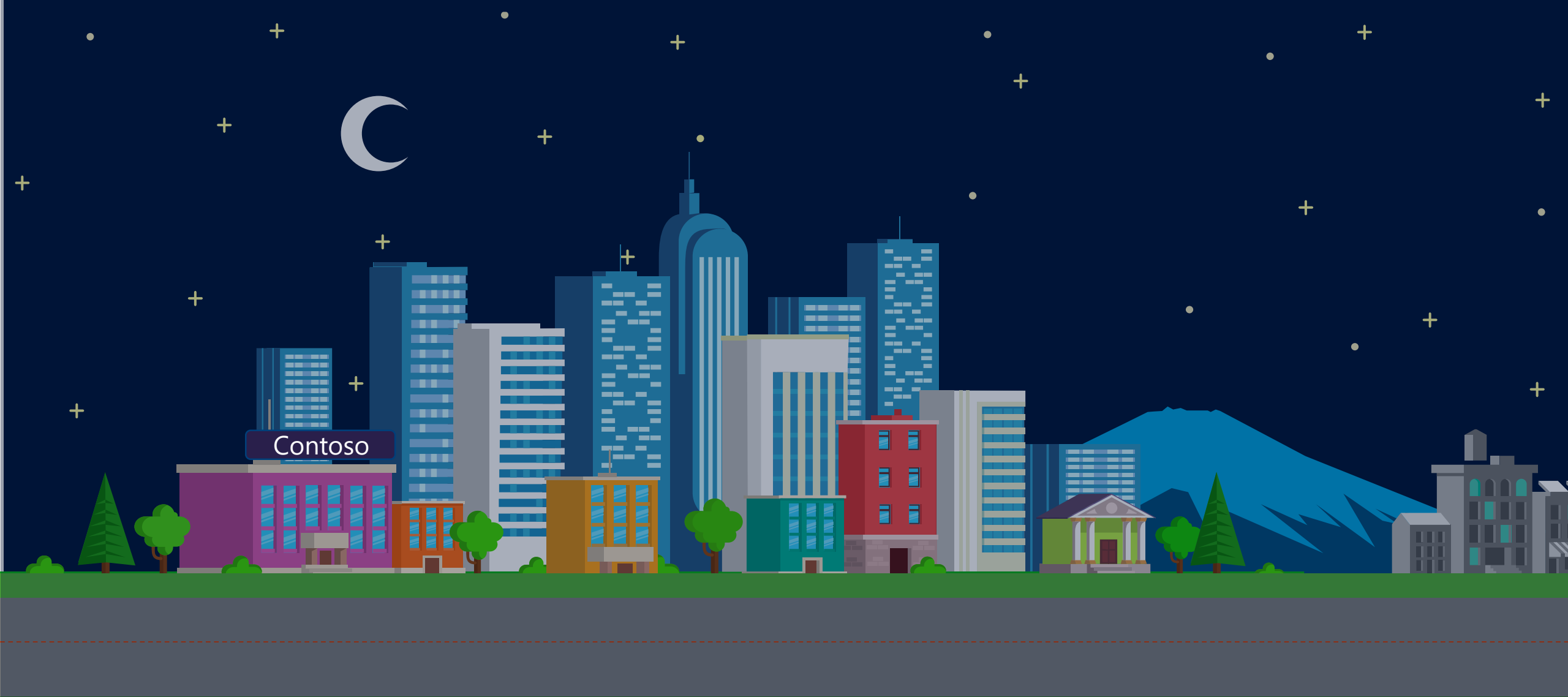
 **Contoso · Mike**

+ Setup device Edit Share Duplicate Delete ...

 Microsoft Azure IoT

Shipping center





Contoso deploys the GPS Tracker 1000 company wide

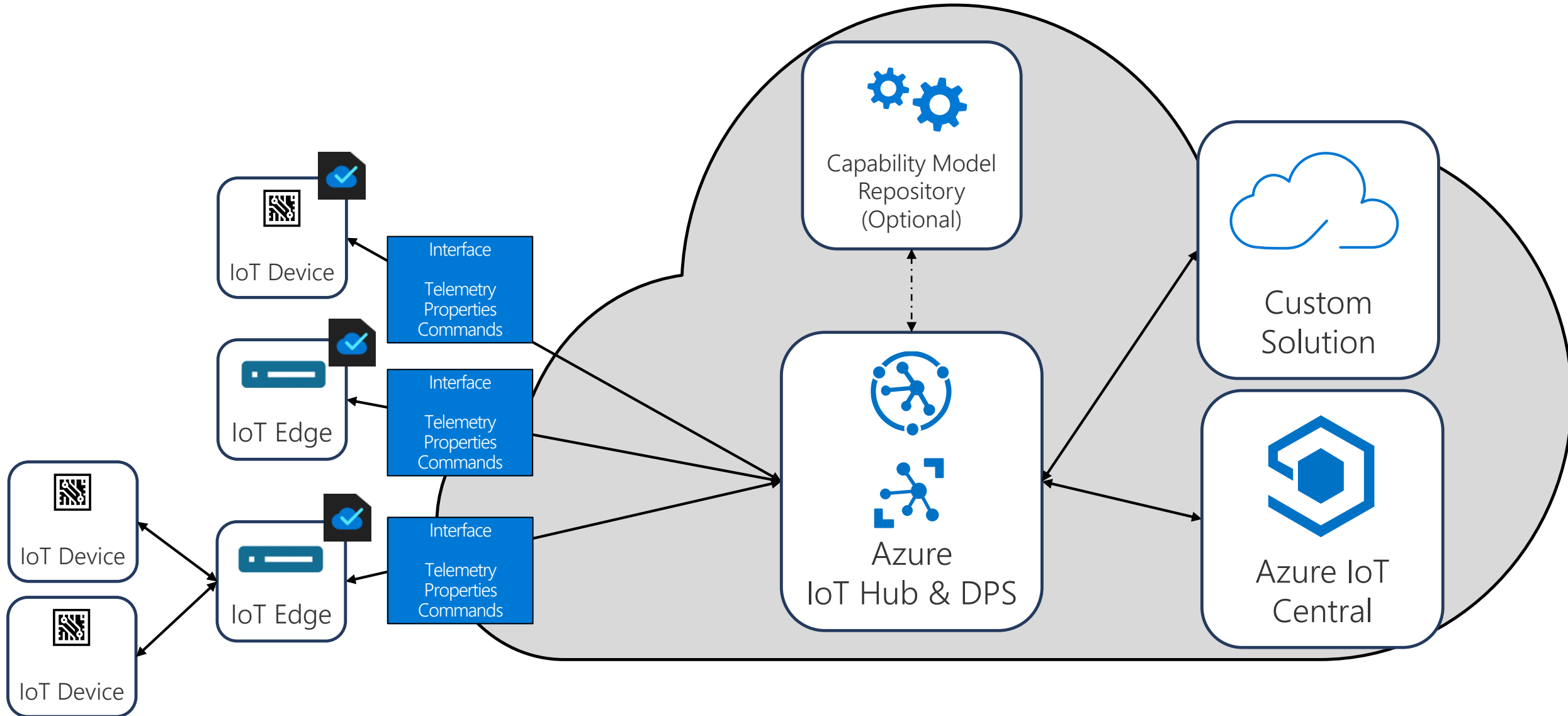




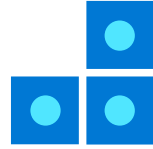
What is Plug and Play?

- **A definition language** based on the JSON-LD standard
 - A language for describing capability models and interfaces for devices and other entities that participate in IoT solutions.
 - Interface: A shared contract that uniquely identify the capabilities (expressed as Properties, Events, and Commands) exposed by a device
 - Device Capable Model: A collection of Interfaces representing a thing or entity
- **Azure IoT PnP SDK**
 - Plug and Play SDK enables solution developers to interact with device capabilities while being agnostic to the underlying Azure IoT platform.
- **Set of tools and pre-requisites**
 - VS Code plugin for authoring PnP interfaces and Capability models
 - Azure IoT PnP CLI to upload them to the Model Repository
 - VS or VS code for writing device code
 - Azure IoT Hub (+DPS for certification)

IoT Plug and Play in Platform Context

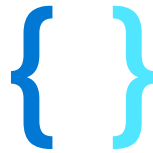


Capability Model Developer Tooling



Azure IoT Device & Service SDKs

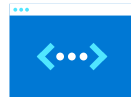
Updated with IoT Plug and Play support for all languages



Azure IoT Device Workbench extension for Visual Studio Code

IntelliSense and validation for authoring models
Generate skeleton device code from capability
models

Works with Microsoft model repository



Azure IoT CLI extension

Author / retrieve capability models & interfaces
Test device and service code



Azure IoT Device Explorer

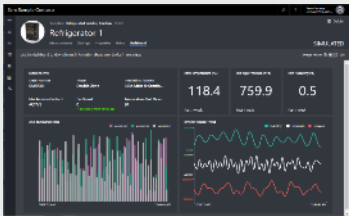
Updated to allow discovery and examination of IoT
Plug and Play devices

IoT Plug and Play

Azure IoT
Device Simulation



Partner Solutions &
Azure IoT Central



VS Code

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. It shows a code editor with a file named 'main.js' open. The code is written in JavaScript and includes comments and function definitions. The interface includes a sidebar with a file explorer and a main area with the code editor.

Easy to model
device
capabilities, easy
to generate
device software
skeleton

Device
Capability
Model

JSON-LD
Schema

IoT Plug and Play
Device Software

Generated Device Agent

Azure IoT Device SDK

Easy to develop
device software
and ensure it just
works with IoT
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Azure IoT Device Catalog
IoT Plug & Play Certified

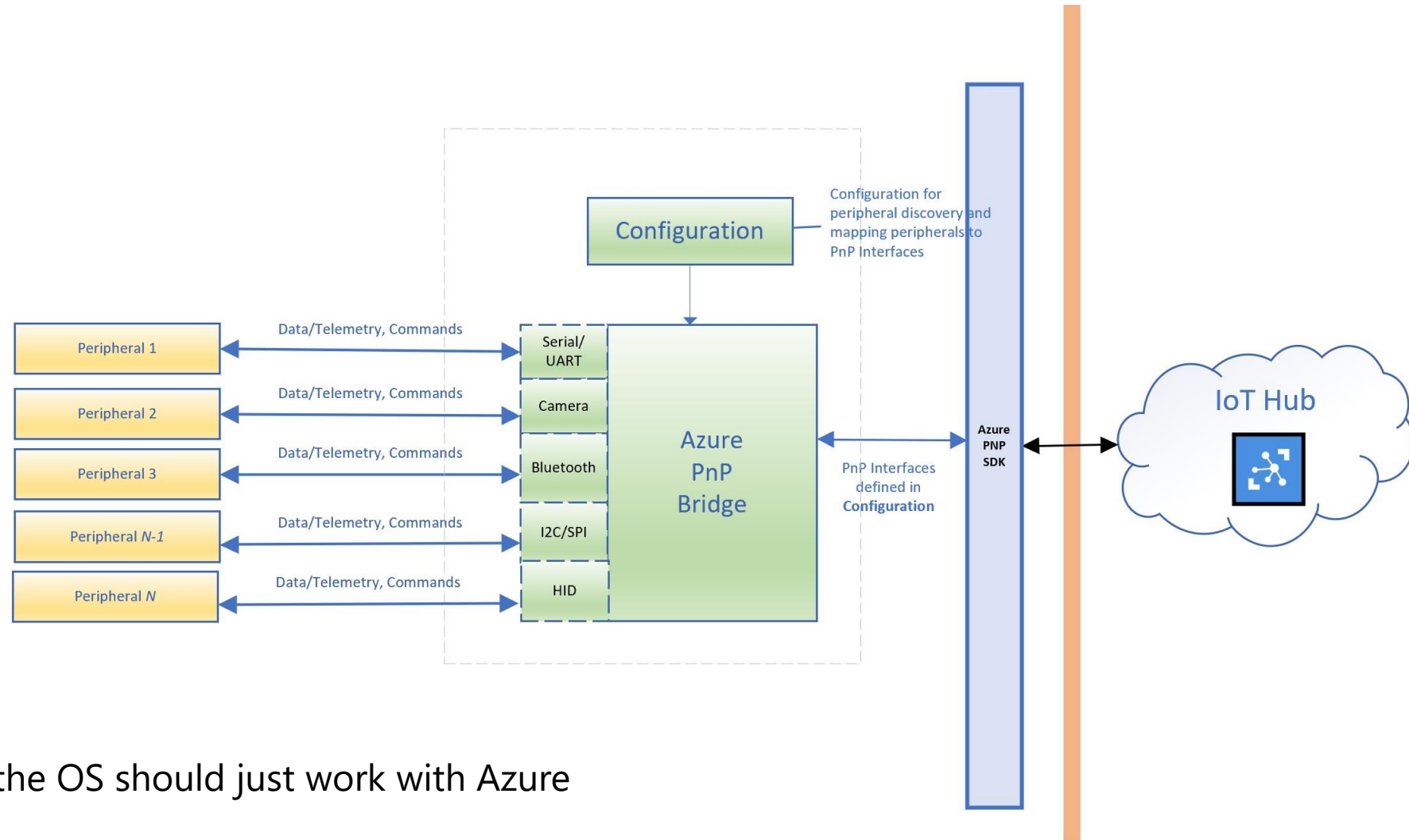


Devices that just
work out of the
box with no code
required

Easy to certify
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Easy for
customers and
partners to find
plug and play
devices that just
work

IoT PnP Bridge



Sensors already supported by the OS should just work with Azure

