



# Lesson 1

Jump Start with Nimbella

<https://www.nimbella.com>

# Requirement for Certification

- complete the exercises
  - to be delivered at the end
- complete a final online survey
  - link delivered at the course completion

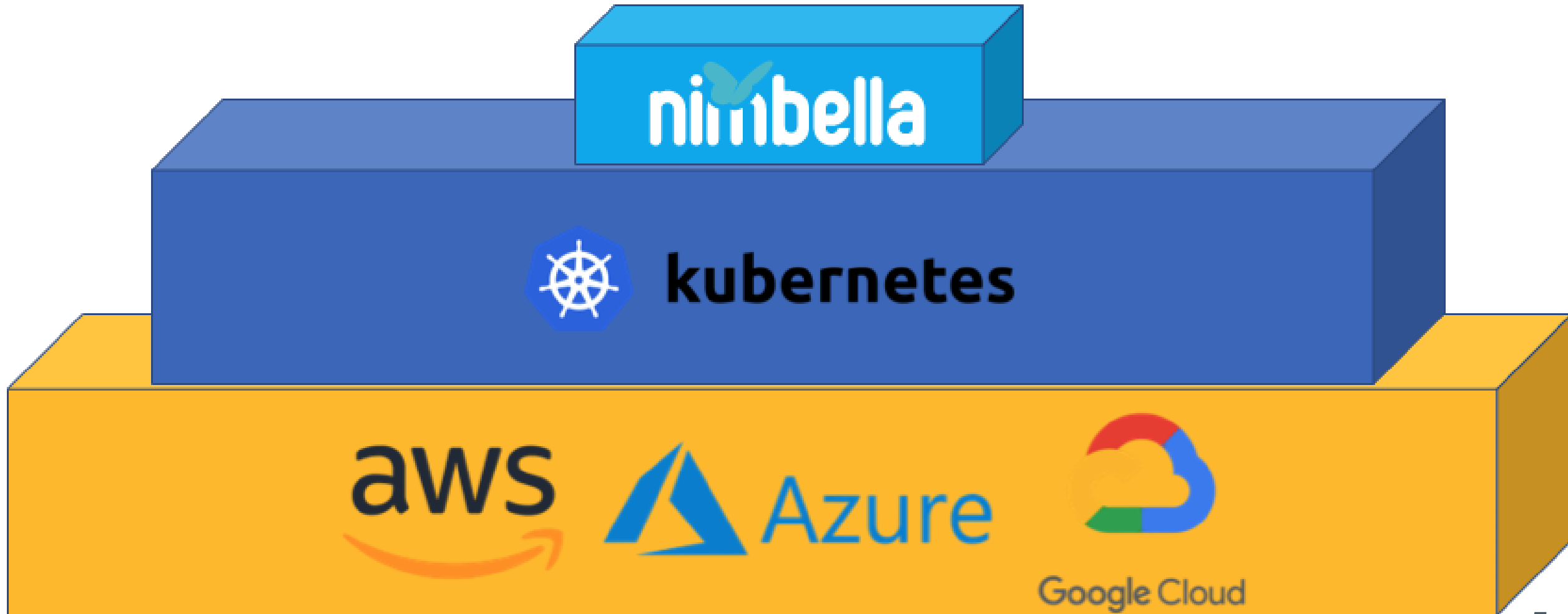
# Plan

- Setup
  - signup with nimbella
  - installing using the `nim` cli
- Actions and Activations
  - creating an action with FAAS Wars
  - checking activation logs and results
- Triggers and Rules
  - a sample using slack
  - timed execution

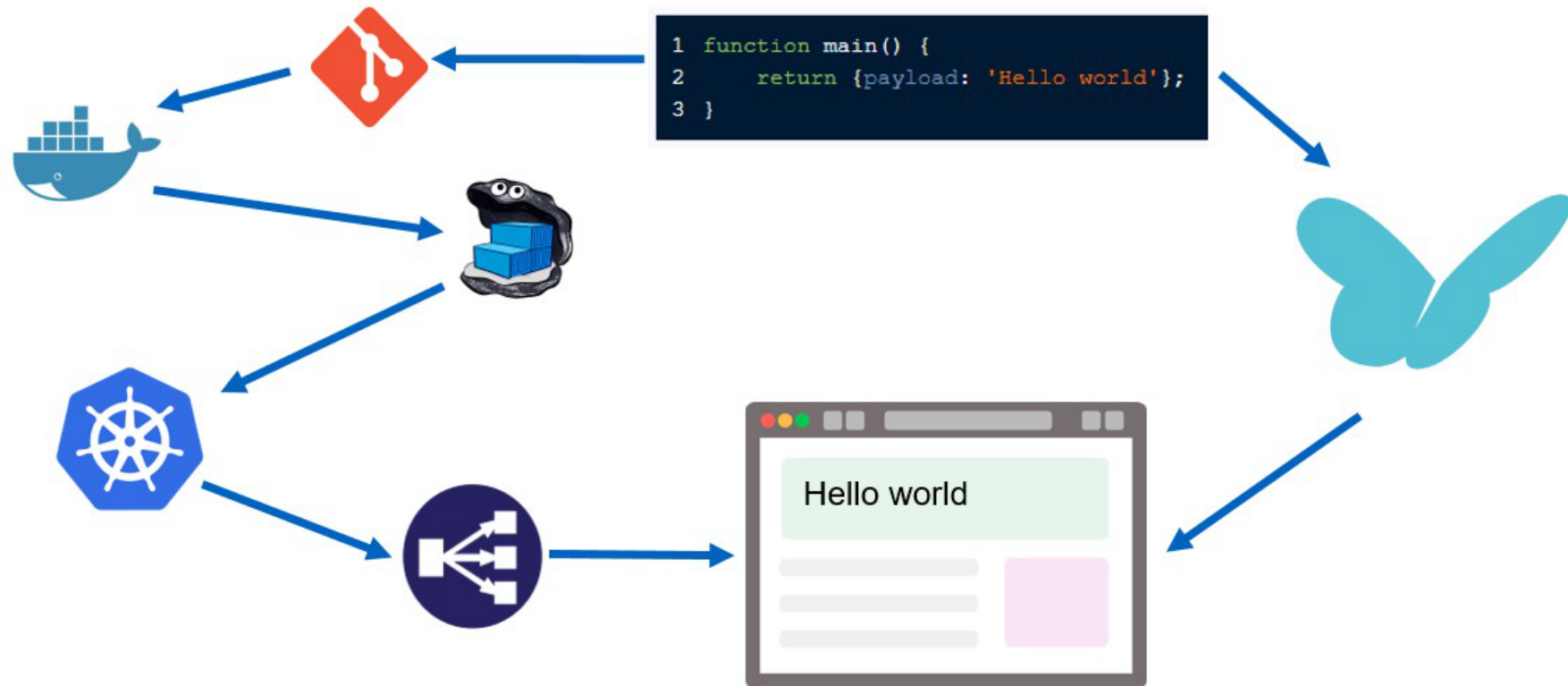
# Nimbella in a nutshell

- Serverless Development Platform
- Cloud-Native made easy
- Microservice architecture
- Awesome developer experience
- Multi-cloud and "in your cloud"

# Nimbella vs Kubernetes vs Cloud



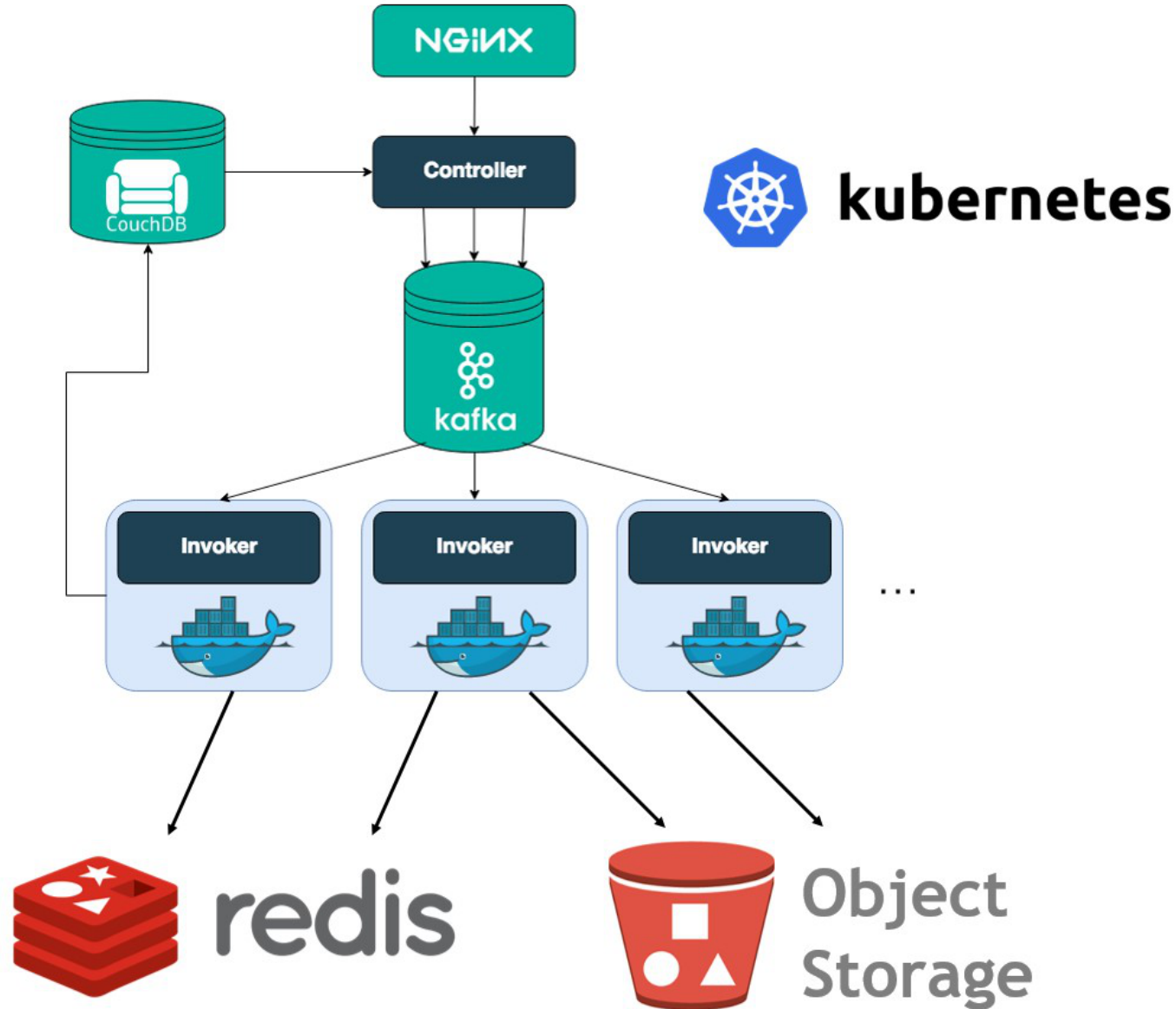
# Kubernetes vs Nimbella



kubernetes

nimbella

# Nimbella Architecture





# The simplest way to build and run serverless applications.

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**Get Started in 60 seconds**

## Nimbella CLI

Nimbella  
Workbench

## Deploy Starter Projects from GitHub

Log Out

## Get Started in 60 seconds

1. Download **CLI** and login to nim with the auth token.

```
nim auth login eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWJqZWN0Ijoj
```

- ## 2. Deploy one of the [Demo Projects from GitHub](#)

3. Clone a [starter project from GitHub](#) or Create your own project  
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# Install nim cli

## Nimbella CLI

The **Nimbella CLI** is called `nim`. It helps you organize and deploy your applications to the Nimbella cloud, to a secure domain that is unique to your projects. Select your platform below to download and install the CLI, then enter the following command to login and get stated.



### Nimbella CLI

for Mac

Download



### Nimbella CLI

for Linux

Download



### Nimbella CLI

for Windows

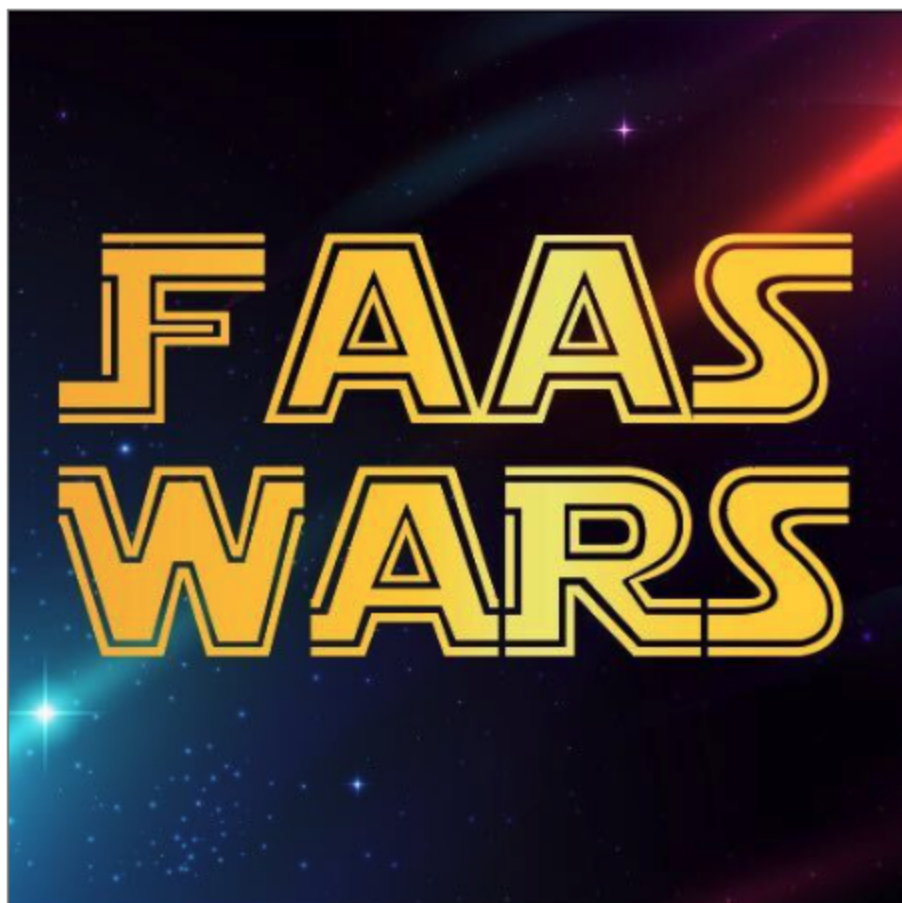
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# Login

- `nim auth login`  
open the browser and log into your github account
- `nim auth current`  
show your namespace
- `nim namespace get`  
show what you have in the namespace
- `nim namespace clean`  
cleaning your namespace

# Authentication

```
# authentication  
nim auth login  
nim auth list  
nim auth current  
nim namespace get  
nim namespace clean
```



## Leaderboard

Red Fighter (Enemy)

andreati/shraduk

START THE BATTLE

Cyan Fighter (You)

vverrast/codename

1 LOGIN TO NIMBELLA

Red Fighter (Enemy)

matteo/retry

START THE BATTLE

2 CREATE NEW FIGHTER

SUBMIT TO FAAS WARS

Cyan Fighter (You)

Terminator

EDIT MY FIGHTER

Jedi

JavaScript

```

1  function main(args){
2      let actions = []
3      switch(args.event) {
4          case "idle":
5              actions.push({"turn_turret_left": 45, "move_forwards": 50})
6              actions.push({"turn_left": 45})
7              break;
8          case "wall-collide":
9              actions.push({"move_opposite":10})
10             actions.push({"turn_left":90})
11             break
12         case "hit":
13             actions.push({"yell": "Ooops!"})
14             break
15         case "enemy-spot":
16             actions.push({"yell": "Fire!", "shoot":true})
17             break
18         default:
19             console.log(args)
20     }
21     return { "body": actions}
22 }

```

# Inspecting Actions

- `nim action list`  
list actions
- `nim action get <name>`  
get informations about an action
- `nim action get <name> --url`  
get the public url of an action

# Inspecting the action

```
# Inspecting the action  
nim action list  
nim action get Jedi  
nim action get Jedi --url
```

# Action invocation with nim

with **action invoke**:

- `nim action invoke <action-name> <parameters>`

**<parameters>** :

- `-p <name> <value> ...`  
can be repeated multiple times
- `-P <file>.json`  
you need a file in json format

# Invoking an action with parameters

```
# Invoking an action with parameters  
nim action invoke Jedi -p event idle  
nim action invoke Jedi -p event hit  
nim action invoke Jedi -p event enemy-spot  
nim action invoke Jedi -p event wall-collide  
  
# invoking an action with json  
echo '{ "event": "idle"}' >args.json  
nim action invoke Jedi -P args.json
```



# Action invocation with `curl`

## only for web actions!

- `--web true`
  - web public it is the default with `nim`
  - **not** all the actions are web public

## use url-encoded parameters

- `curl -X GET <url>?event=hit`
- `curl -X POST -d event=hit <url>`

# Using **curl** for web actions

```
# Using Curl for web actions
```

```
URL=$(nim action get Jedi --url)  
echo $URL
```

```
# use GET and url parameters
```

```
curl "$URL?event=hit"
```

```
## use POST and form data (url-encoded)
```

```
curl -X POST -d event=enemy-spot "$URL"
```

# Updating an Action

- `nim action update <name> <file>`
  - works also if the action does not exists
  - some people only uses `update`

# Simple Action

```
function main(args) {  
  console.log(args.event)  
  return { body: [  
    {"turn_turret_left": 15,  
     "shoot": true}  
  ]}  
}  
/*  
nim action update Jedi jedi.js  
nim action invoke Jedi  
*/
```

# Checking Activations

- `nim activation list [--limit <n>]`  
list actions, you can limit them
- `nim activation logs [<id>]`  
show logs of an activation
- `nim activation result [<id>]`  
show logs of an activation

# Activations

```
# Activations  
nim activation list  
nim action invoke Jedi -p event idle  
nim activation list --limit 3  
  
nim activation logs  
nim activation result
```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  1:1
```

```
(base) $ wsk activation poll
Enter Ctrl-c to exit.
Polling for activation logs
█
```



(base) \$ nim activation list

Datetime	Status	Kind	Version	Activation ID	Start	Wait	Init	Duration	Entity
01/10 12:36:11	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	c85ff06f059440ce9ff06f059450cee1	warm	157	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:10	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	a07ac392c08144c2bac392c081a4c297	warm	117	0	3ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:10	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	ef8aad1f5ac643ca8aad1f5ac6f3ca8e	warm	112	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:09	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	b120ecdf4e044c50a0ecdf4e04bc507a	warm	107	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:09	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	8df6bb9bd5db43afb6bb9bd5dba3af28	warm	4	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:09	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	413e21a0b2e740d1be21a0b2e740d110	warm	127	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:08	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	ece609ea66104d5fa609ea6610ad5f40	warm	118	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:08	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	00fe6f225ad74f7ebe6f225ad78f7e1f	warm	108	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:07	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	6b55ac272c80407095ac272c800070ac	warm	126	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:07	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	01aaac0df5e74e70aaac0df5e7ee70a5	warm	119	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:06	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	cd800a5132dd4b7f800a5132dd7b7f96	warm	187	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:06	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	bb386ea6d524443bb86ea6d524443b38	warm	405	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:05	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	444b50255c3140618b50255c3120617a	warm	208	0	3ms	Jedi
01/10 12:36:05	success	nodejs:10	0.0.6	59cd6479ef6e4a258d6479ef6e1a255a	cold	39	42	51ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:25	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	485d5c87bebc4b819d5c87bebcbb81e0	warm	125	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:24	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	525533b61f0040289533b61f0050288b	warm	118	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:24	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	d24b03100dd141868b03100dd1c18600	warm	4	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:24	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	7d1fe404a8ff4d3c9fe404a8ff9d3c2c	warm	110	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:23	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	4591162193734e8991162193732e8926	warm	5	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:23	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	e5dba7651cd7400b9ba7651cd7a00b86	warm	108	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:23	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	b1385677fab54f0db85677fab55f0db3	warm	4	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:23	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	2cf69bc8e8ea4815b69bc8e8ea8815b9	warm	124	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:22	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	290a1137d74c40668a1137d74c306614	warm	113	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:22	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	7212100811ce414e92100811ce414ef0	warm	106	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:21	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	0035e6c8d1c64363b5e6c8d1c6536376	warm	109	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:21	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	e1cf44c9776540138f44c97765301386	warm	112	0	2ms	Jedi
01/10 12:32:20	success	nodejs:10	0.0.5	8254bafcf845440e94bafcf845440ed0	warm	109	0	2ms	Jedi



# Managing Packages

**package = "collection of actions"**

- `nim package create greetings`  
create a package
- `nim action create greetings/hello hello.js`  
create an action in the package
- `nim action delete greetings -r`  
remove package and all its actions

# Create package with 2 actions

```
# create package with 2 actions
nim package list
nim action list
nim package create greetings
nim action create greetings/hello hello.js
nim action create greetings/hi hi.js
# check and clean
nim package list
nim action list
nim package delete greetings
nim package delete greetings -r
nim package list
nim action list
```

# Package variables

- `nim package update <package> -p name Mike`
- available to all actions in package

# Action variables

- `nim action update <action> -p name Mike`
- useful to share configurations
- action variables overrides package variables

# Create package without variables

```
# create package without variables  
nim package create greetings  
cat hello.js  
nim action create greetings/hello hello.js  
cat hi.js  
nim action create greetings/hi hi.js  
  
# no variables, default  
nim action invoke greetings/hello  
nim action invoke greetings/hi
```

# Override variables

```
# override package variables  
nim package update greetings -p name Mike  
nim action invoke greetings/hello  
nim action invoke greetings/hi  
  
# override action variable  
nim action update greetings/hi -p name Michele  
nim action invoke greetings/hello  
nim action invoke greetings/hi
```

# Shared Packages in **whisk-system**

- you can share your package with others:

```
nim action create <package> --shared=yes
```

- shared (system) packages:

```
nim packages list /whisk-system
```

Datetime	Access	Kind	Version	Packages
06/18 22:16:37	public	package	0.0.11	alarms
02/21 13:35:18	public	package	0.0.2	utils

# Inspect **whisk-system**

```
# inspect whisk-system  
nim package list /whisk-system  
nim action list /whisk-system/alarms  
nim action get /whisk-system/alarms/interval
```

# Example: a "slack" notification action

1. Creating a slack URL
2. Passing the URL as package variable
3. Writing messages in the url with an action
4. Profit!



**Nimbella Community** ▾

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Nimbella Community - employees, dev

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**1**

#faaswars channel  
blog facebook 800x360 copy.png

**2**

**Incoming Webhooks**  
Post messages from external sources into Slack.

**4**

**5**

**Create a Slack App**

**3**

**App Name**  
Notifications  
Don't worry; you'll be able to change this later.

**Development Slack Workspace**  
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Your app belongs to this workspace—leaving this workspace will remove your ability to manage this app. Unfortunately, this can't be changed later.

**Activate Incoming Webhooks** ☒ On  
Incoming webhooks are a simple way to post messages from external sources into Slack. They make use of normal HTTP requests with a JSON payload, which includes the message and a few other optional details. You can include [message attachments](#) to display richly-formatted messages.  
Adding incoming webhooks requires a bot user. If your app doesn't have a [bot user](#), we'll add one for you.

**Notifications is requesting permission to access the sciabarra Slack workspace** generated.  
will not be generated when  
ess to existing Webhook

**Where should Notifications post?**  
# Notifications requires a channel to post to as an app  
# notifications ▾

**6**

# Writing in Slack

```
# writing in slack  
source $HOME/.ssh/secret.sh  
curl -X POST -d '{"text": "Hello"}' $NOTIFICATIONS  
curl -X POST -d '{"text": "How are you"}' $NOTIFICATIONS
```

# notify.js

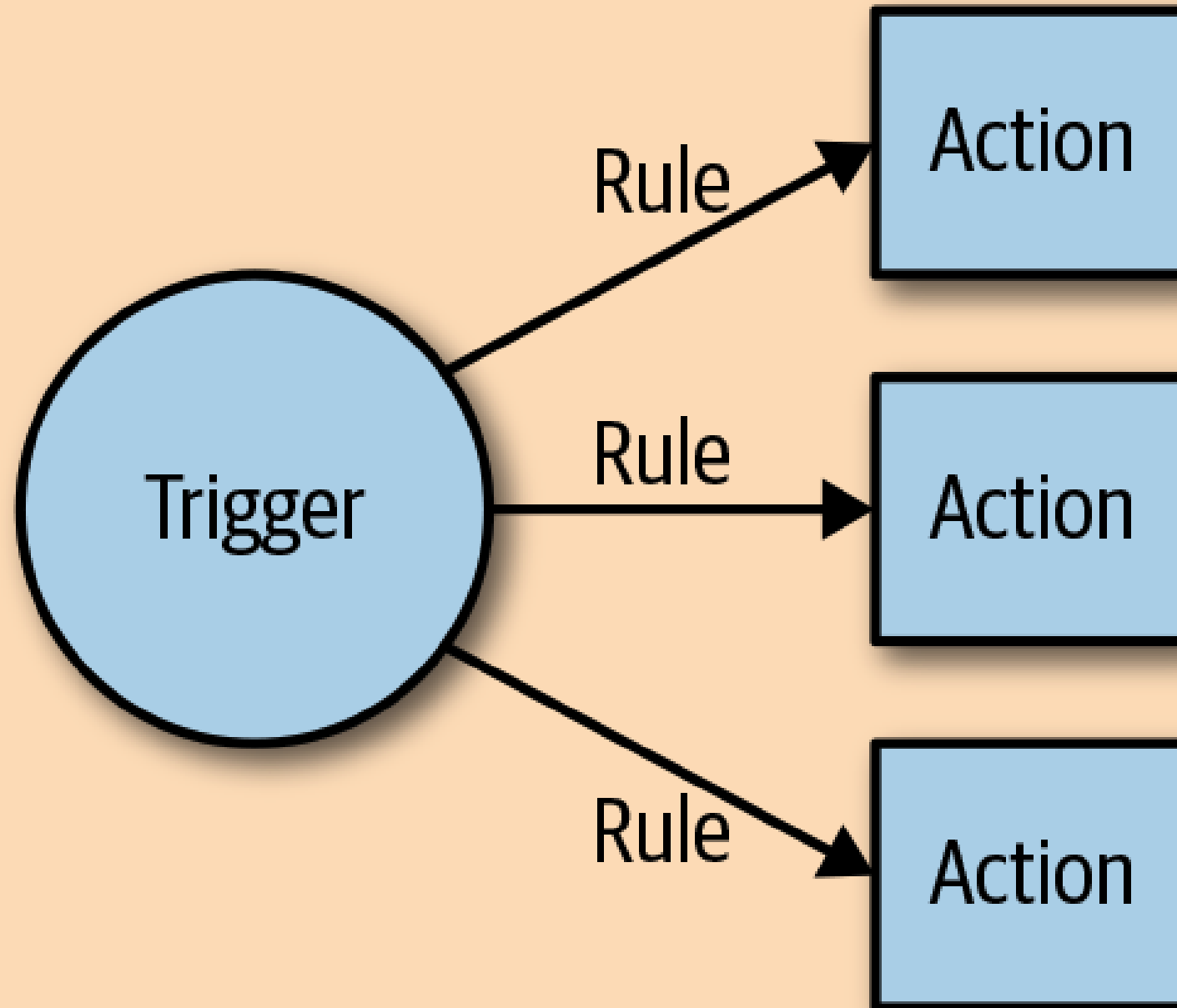
```
// notify.js
const axios = require('axios').default;

function main(args) {
  return axios.post(args.notifications, {
    text: args.text
  }).then(r => {
    return {
      "body": r.data
    }
  })
}
```

# Notifications

```
# notifications  
nim package update slack -p notifications $NOTIFICATIONS  
nim action update slack/notify notify.js  
nim action invoke slack/notify -p text hello  
nim action invoke slack/notify -p text hi
```

# Triggers and Rules



# Creating a trigger

- `nim trigger create <name>`  
create a trigger with the given `<name>`
- `nim trigger fire <name> <parameters>`  
fire a trigger with parameters
- `<parameters>`:
  - `-p <name> <value>...`
  - `-P <file>.json`

# Creating and enabling rules

- `nim rule create <name> <trigger> <action>`
  - create a rule `<name>`
  - ...to invoke the `<action>`
  - ... when firing the `<trigger>`
- `nim rule enable <name>`  
`nim rule disable <name>`  
enable or disable rules

# echo.js

```
// echo.js  
function main(args) {  
    console.log(args)  
    return args  
}
```



# Inspecting Trigger Invocation

```
# inspecting trigger invocation  
nim trigger create echoer  
nim action create echo echo.js  
nim rule create echoer-echo echoer echo  
nim trigger fire echoer -p hello world  
nim activation logs  
nim activation result
```

# notify2.js

```
// notify2.js
// prefixed message, parameters from trigger
const axios = require('axios').default;

function main(args) {
  let prefix = args.prefix || ""
  let text = args.parameters[0].value
  return axios.post(args.notifications, {
    text: prefix + text
  }).then(r => {
    return {
      "body": r.data
    }
  })
}
```

# A trigger with 2 actions, first

```
# create two actions with different prefixes  
nim trigger create slacker  
nim action update slack/first notify2.js -p prefix '[first] '  
nim rule create slacker-first slacker slack/first  
nim rule enable slacker-first  
nim trigger fire slacker -p text from-trigger-1
```

# A trigger with 2 actions, second

```
nim action update slack/second notify2.js -p prefix '[second] '  
nim rule create slacker-second slacker slack/second  
nim rule enable slacker-second  
nim trigger fire slacker -p text from-trigger-2  
nim rule disable slacker-first  
nim trigger fire slacker -p text from-trigger-3
```

# Feed

- a feed is a source of events for a trigger
  - it will fire when an event occurs

## Alarms

- predefined Nimbella feed
- generate periodically trigger invocations

- ```
nim trigger create every-minute \  
--feed /whisk-system/alarms/interval -p minutes 1
```

# Checking parameters

```
# Inspecting packages  
nim package list /whisk-system/  
nim action list /whisk-system/alarms  
nim action get /whisk-system/alarms/interval
```

# tick.js

```
// tick.js
const axios = require('axios').default;

function main(args) {
  let text = new Date().toISOString()
  return axios.post(args.notifications, {
    text: text
  }).then(r => {
    return {
      "body": r.data
    }
  })
}
```

# Enable Ticker

```
# enable ticker  
nim trigger create ticker --feed /whisk-system/alarms/interval -p minutes 1  
nim action update slack/tick tick.js  
nim rule create ticker-tick ticker slack/tick  
nim rule enable ticker-tick
```



# Exercise for certification

- create a web site monitor
  - checks if a site is up and running
  - notifies in slack if something is wrong
  - it is executed every minute