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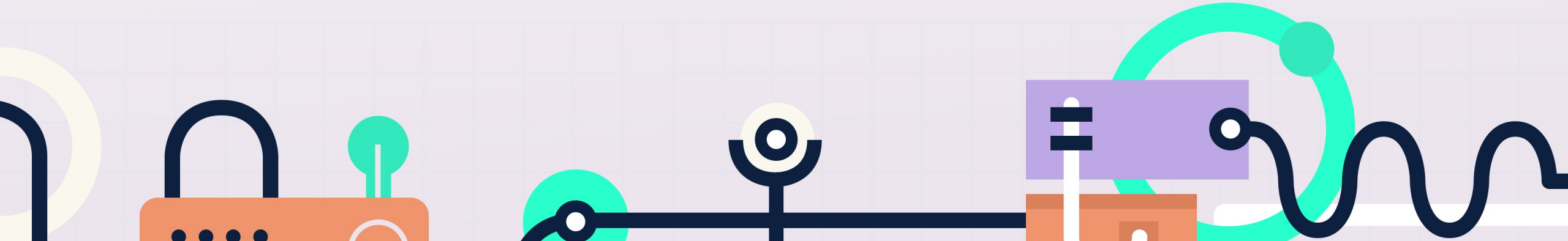
Microservices with Rust, WebAssembly, and the component model



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I am the co-founder and CTO of Fermyon, passionate about WebAssembly, distributed systems, and artificial intelligence.

When I am not around computers, I enjoy classical music, cycling, and bubble tea.

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A few months ago, we launched Spin, Fermyon's first major open source project.

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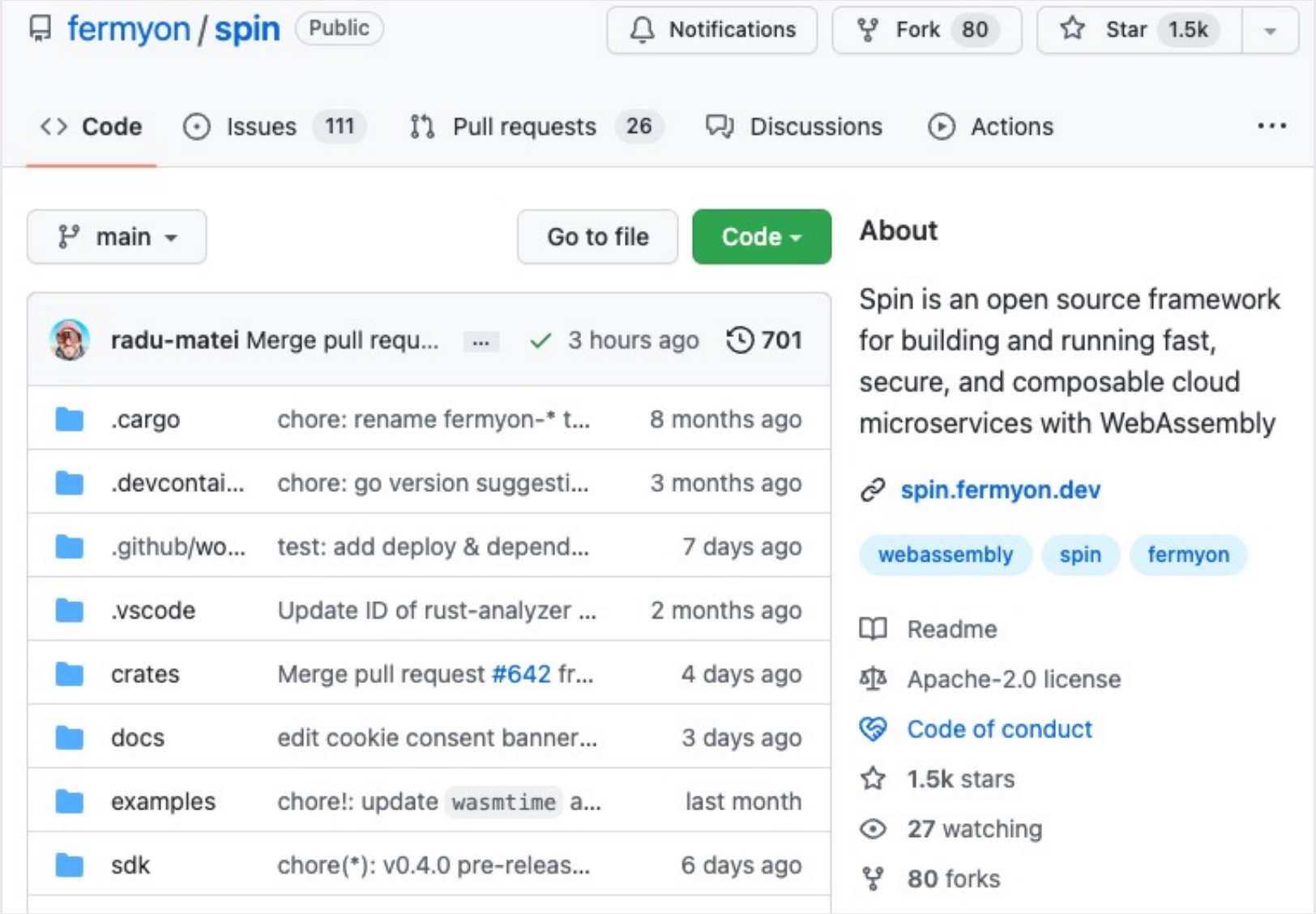

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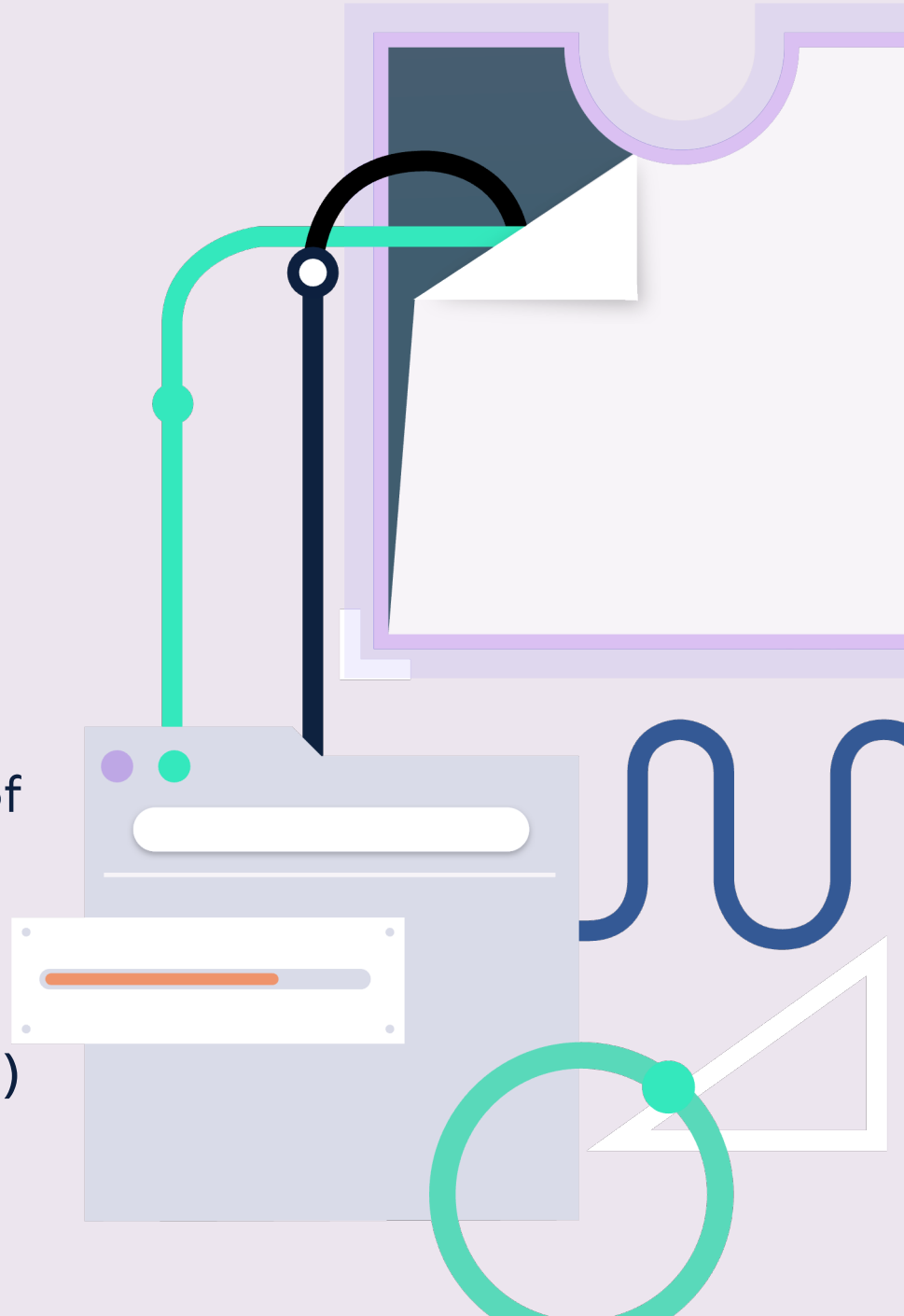
Fermyon Spin

https://github.com/fermyon/spin

- an open source framework for building and running fast, secure, and composable microservices with WebAssembly

- with Spin, we want to make it easier to get started with WebAssembly on the server, so you can take advantage of the portability, security, and speed of Wasm.

- written in Rust, lets you write microservices written in Rust (and other languages that compile to WASI)



Your first Spin application in Rust

```
# create a new application based on the Rust HTTP template
$ spin new http-rust hello-world
# build it and start the application locally
$ spin build --up
```

```rust
#[spin_sdk::http_component]
fn hello_world(req: Request) -> Result<Response> {
    Ok(http::Response::builder()
        .status(200)
        .body(Some("Hello, RustAU!".into()))?)
}
```

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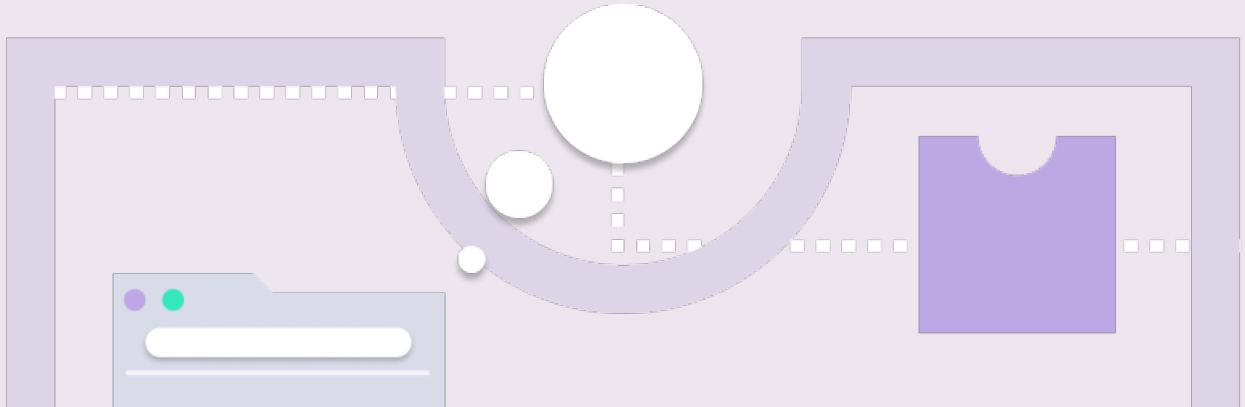
"WebAssembly... defines a portable, size- and load-time-efficient format and execution model specifically designed to serve as *a compilation target* for the Web."

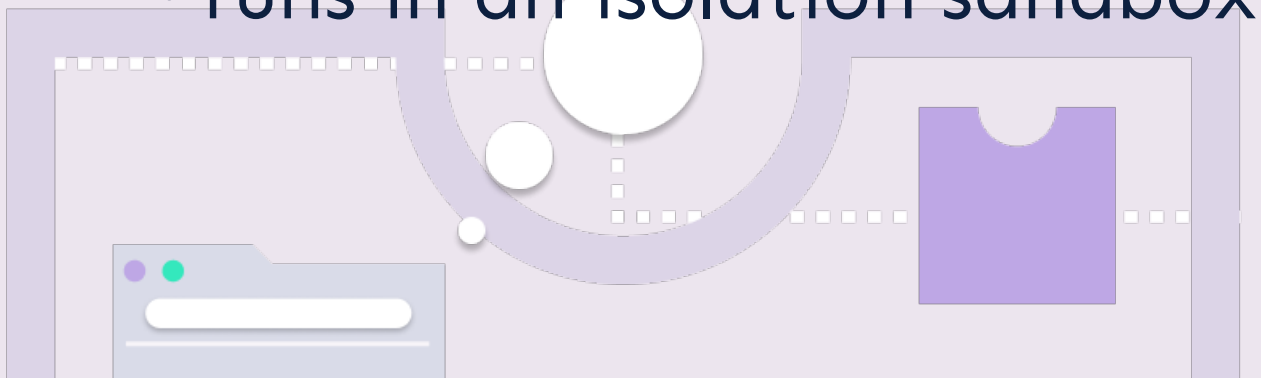
- Luke Wagner



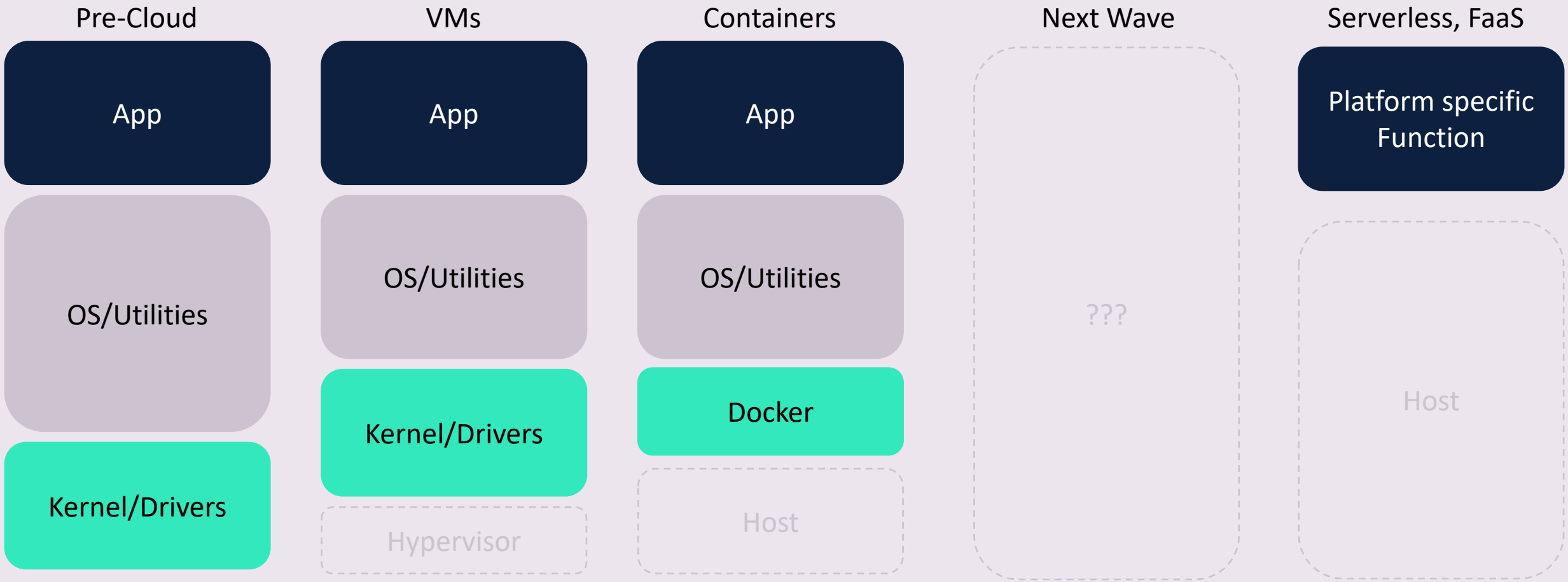
https://blog.mozilla.org/luke/2015/06/17/webassembly/

WebAssembly

- cross platform, cross architecture
- compact binary size
- fast startup times
- runs in an isolation sandbox

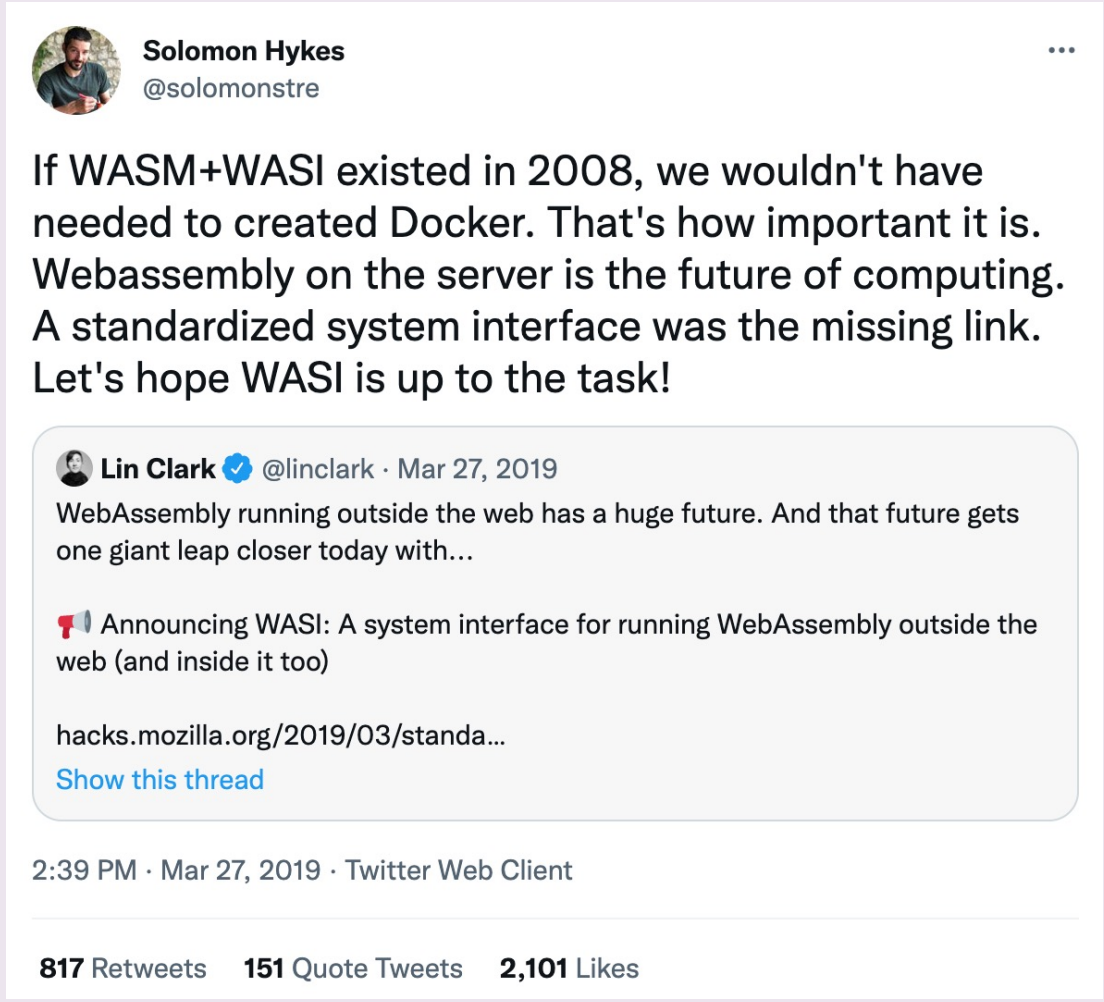


Cloud Computing



Wasm: Good for the browser, great for the cloud

- Cross platform, cross architecture, multi-language
- Small binary sizes
- Security sandbox
- Fast startup times, near-native speed
- Scalable from zero to N (and back again)



Solomon Hykes
@solomonstre

If WASM+WASI existed in 2008, we wouldn't have needed to created Docker. That's how important it is. Webassembly on the server is the future of computing. A standardized system interface was the missing link. Let's hope WASI is up to the task!

Lin Clark @linclark · Mar 27, 2019

WebAssembly running outside the web has a huge future. And that future gets one giant leap closer today with...

📢 Announcing WASI: A system interface for running WebAssembly outside the web (and inside it too)

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Demo Time!

Building and running your first Spin app

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How does Spin work?

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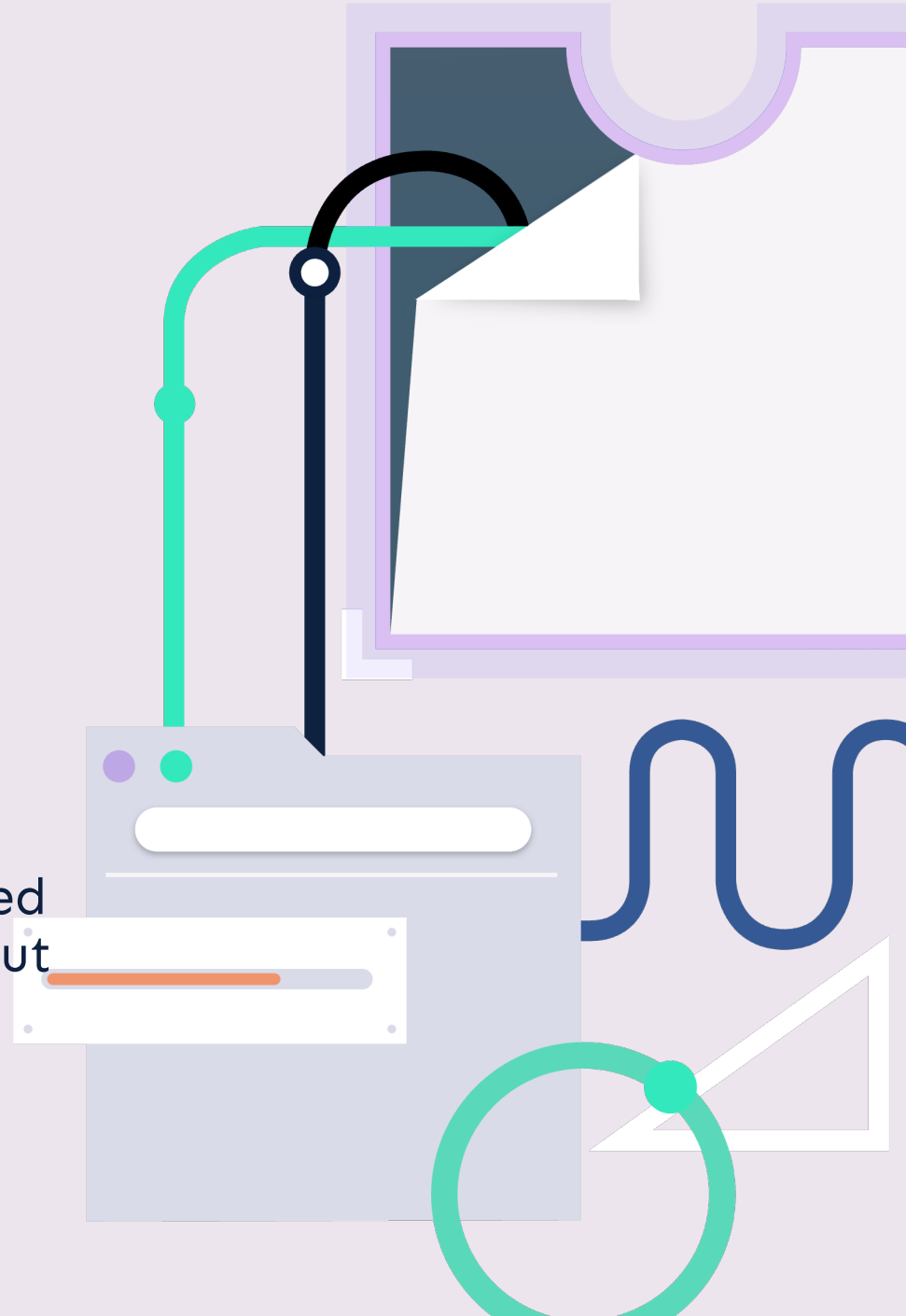
- built on Bytecode Alliance tooling such as the WebAssembly component model and Wasmtime
- you build your application into a WebAssembly component, and publish it to a registry
- for each new request, Spin will create a new, isolated WebAssembly instance, handle the request, then shut it down



Not just HTTP!

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- Spin also has built-in support for pub/sub with Redis
- your component gets instantiated and invoked for each new message on a Redis channel
- you can extend the Spin application model to build your own triggers! It is open source, built on THE WebAssembly standard.
- new models and triggers we know people want to build with Spin — WebSockets, MQTT, timer based triggers, and more!

Not just Rust!

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- Spin is written in Rust, and Rust has EXCELLENT support for WebAssembly
- but Spin lets you run components written in any language that compiles to WASI (the WebAssembly System Interface)!
- Spin has language SDKs for Rust and Go, and we are planning on adding more languages!

Not just a developer tool!

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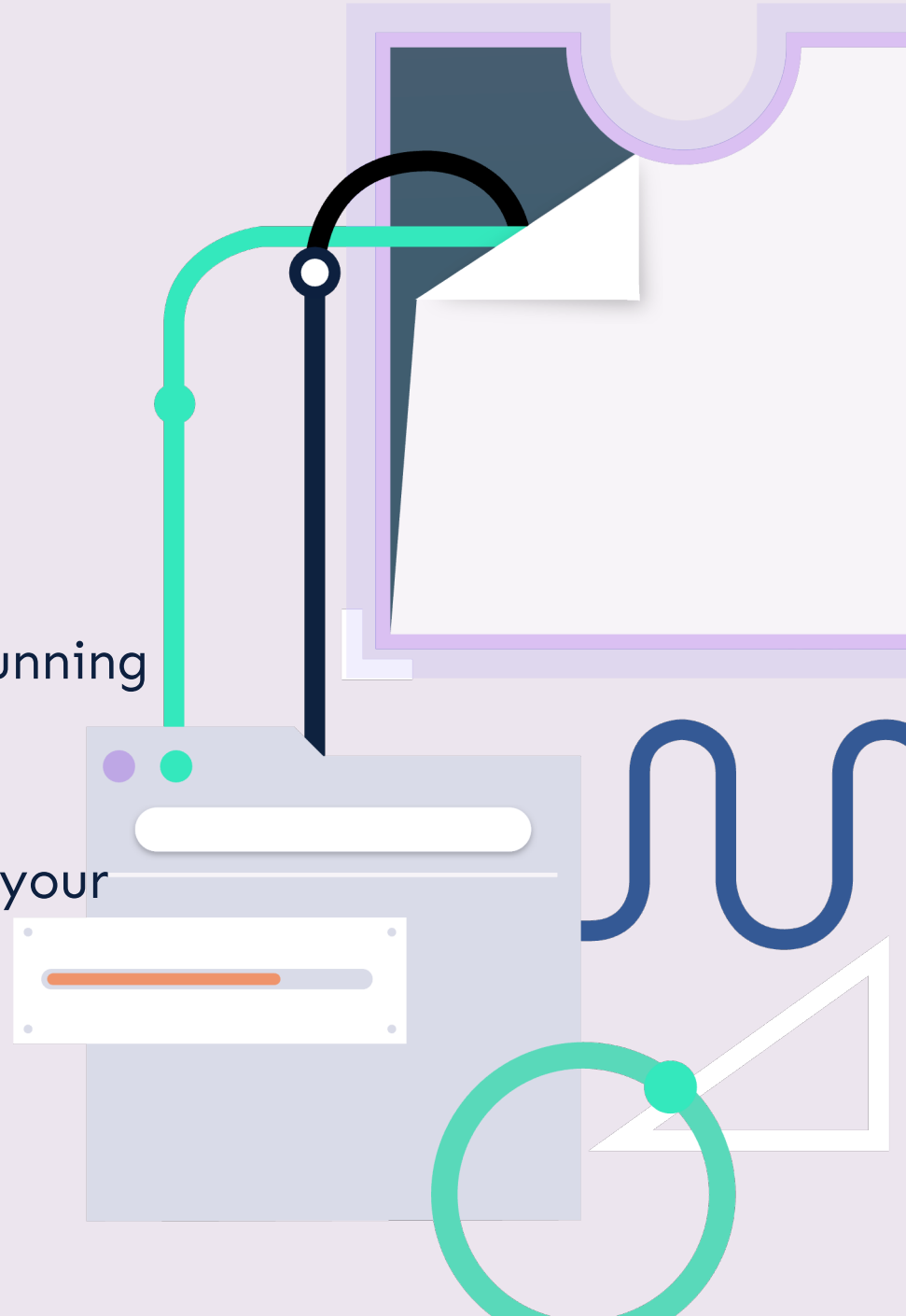
```
# create a new application based on the Rust HTTP template
$ spin new http-rust hello-world
# deploy your application to the Fermyon platform!
$ spin deploy
```

- we recently released the open source platform for running your Spin applications!
- `spin deploy`, and your application is now running in your infrastructure
- what is next?



Not just WebAssembly!

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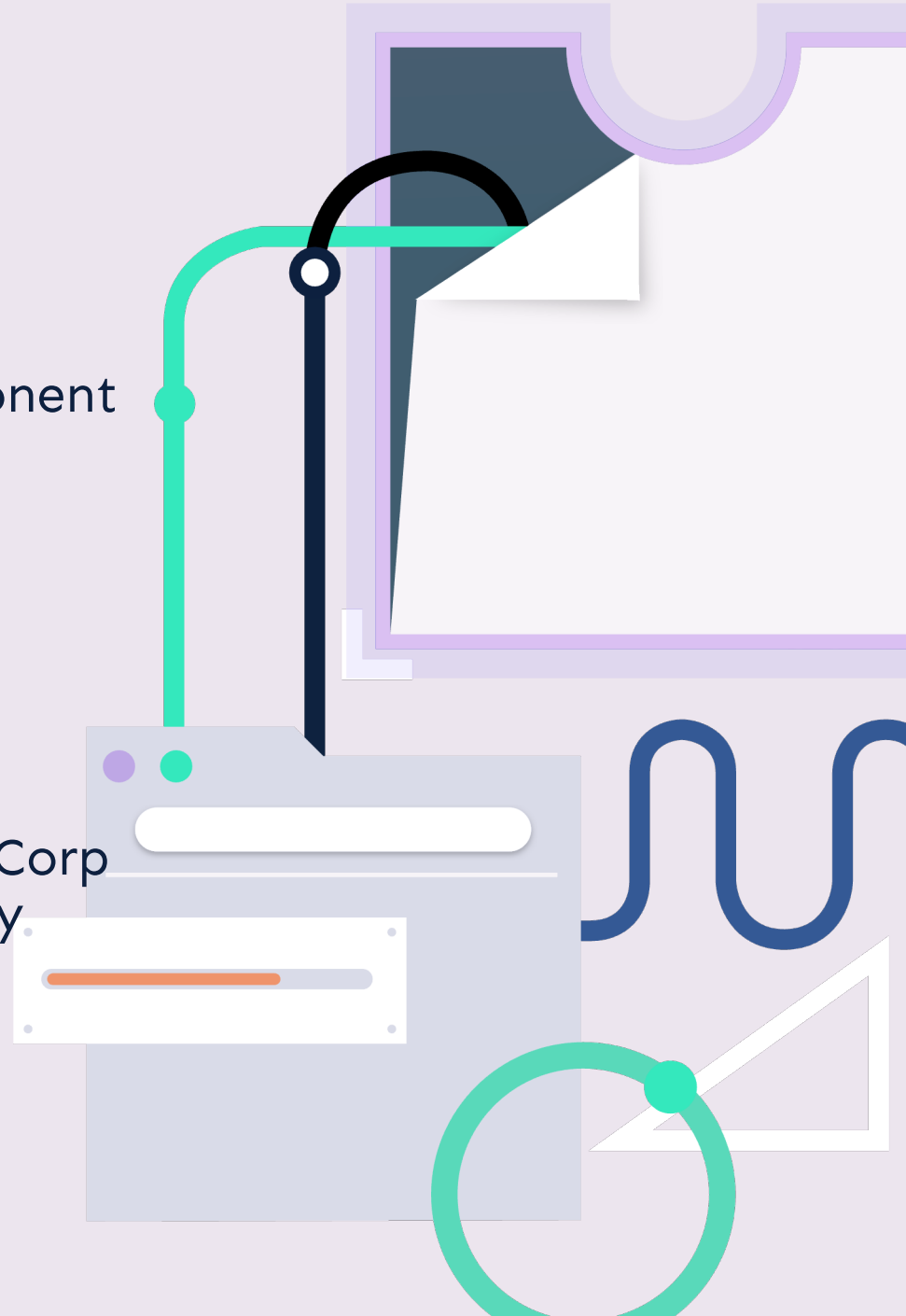
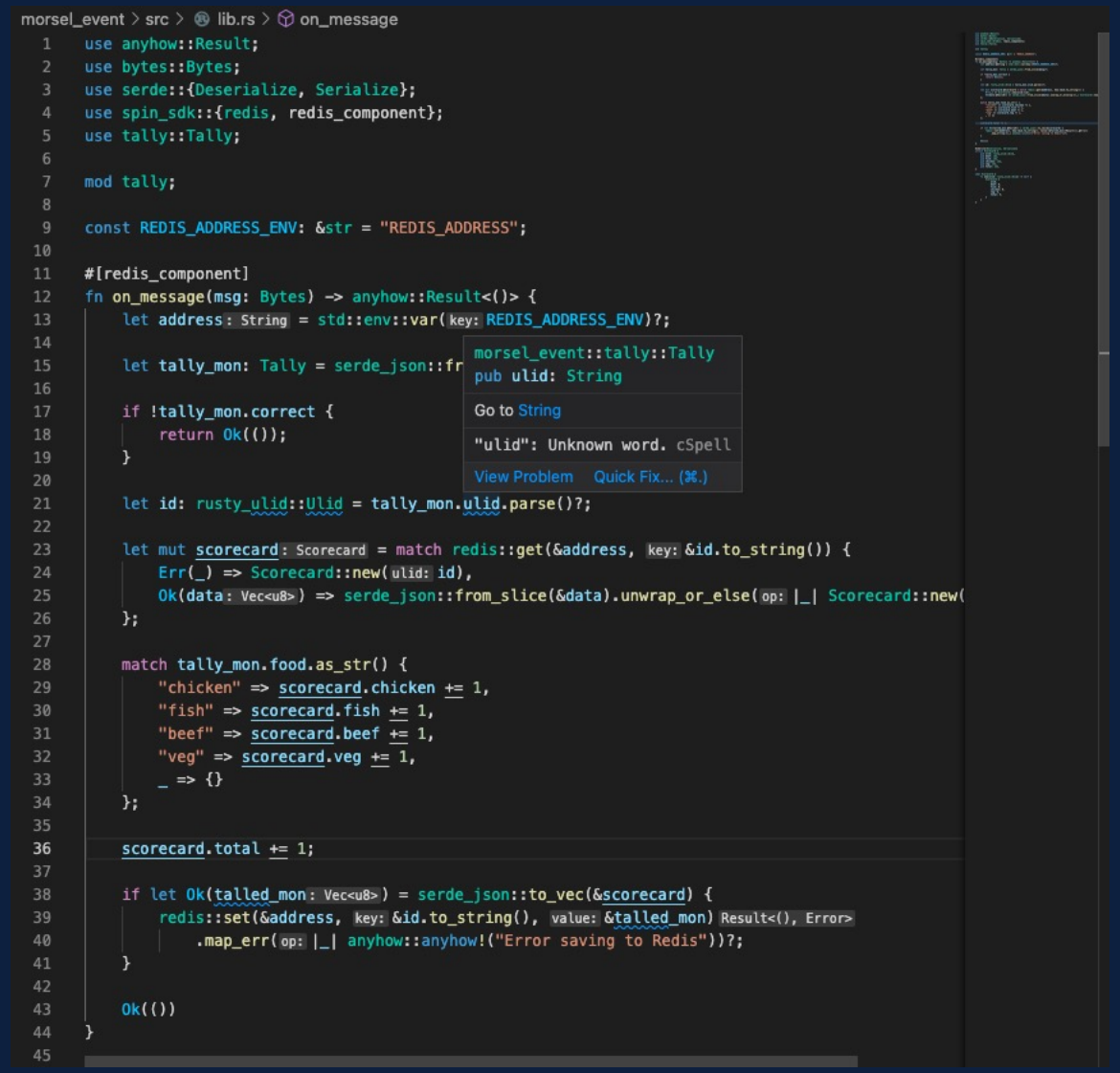
- we wholeheartedly believe the WebAssembly component model is the future of distributed computing!
- but containers will still be around for a long time...
- the open source Fermyon Platform is built on HashiCorp Nomad, so you can run containers and WebAssembly microservices side by side



Finicky Whiskers is Wasm + Containers

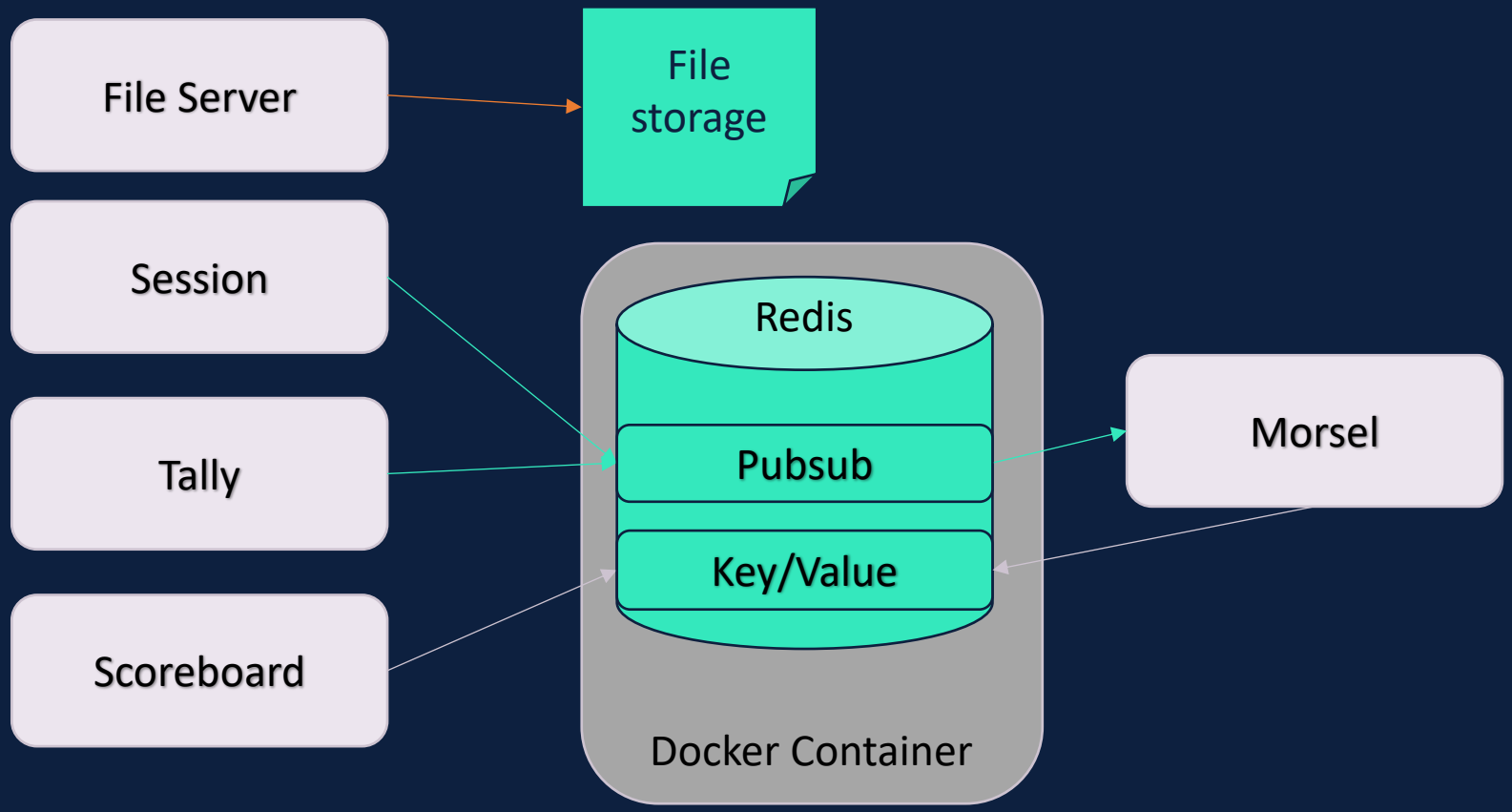


https://finickywhiskers.com is a small game designed to give a glimpse into our vision of the future.

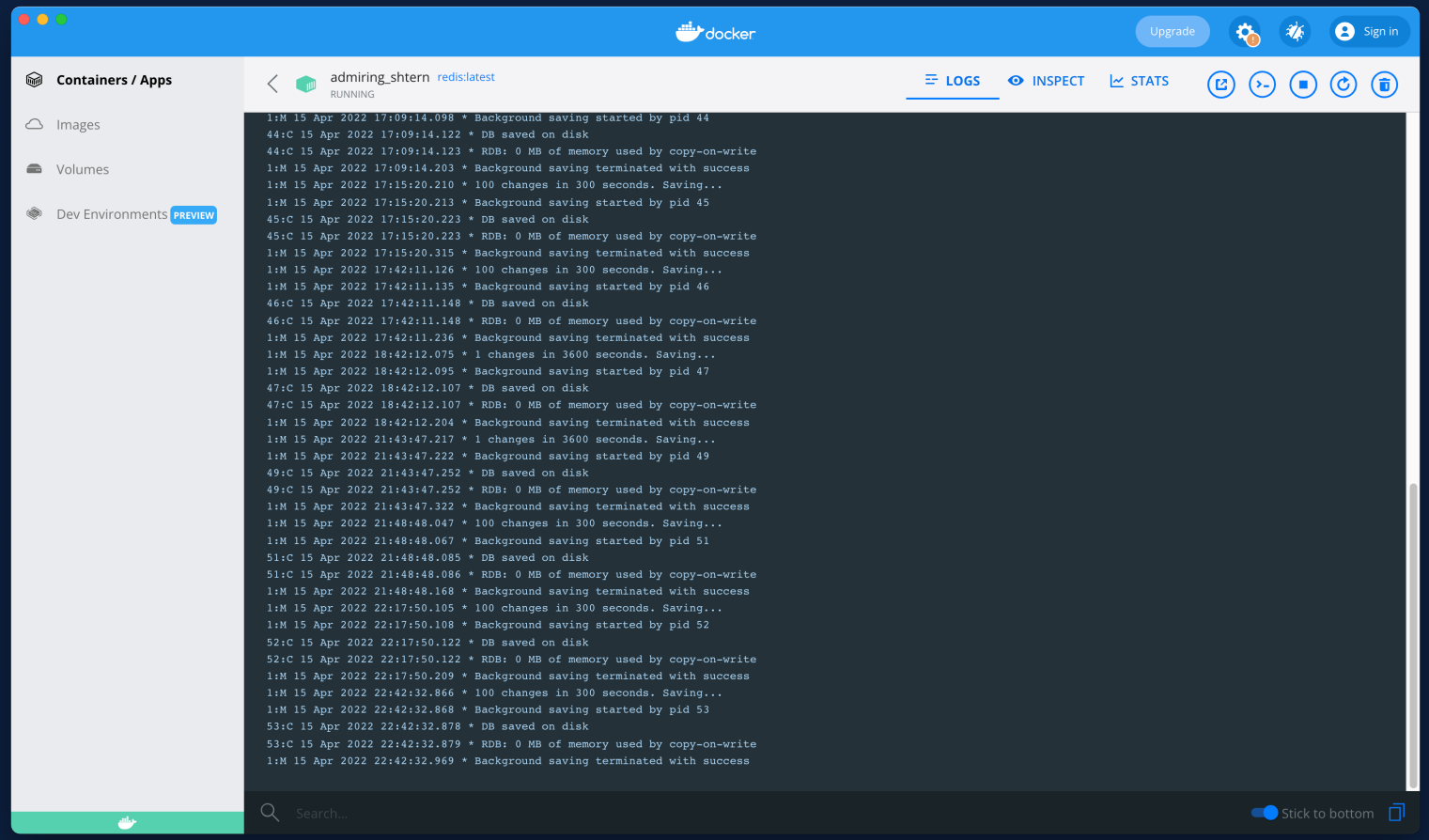
The game is composed of:

- One static front-end
- Six WebAssembly microservices
- Redis running in as a containerized service

Architecture



Behind the Game



As we click the buttons to feed the cat, we're executing request to Spin, which is spinning up a new WebAssembly instance to handle each request.

The faster you click, the more Wasm modules you start.

Finicky Whiskers is the world's most adorable manual load generator.

A big THANK YOU to the entire WebAssembly community!

- None of the work we have seen today would be possible without all the amazing people working on standardizing and implementing WebAssembly.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Slats