



# Building Event-driven Architectures in Azure

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# Working With Event-Driven Data in Microsoft Fabric



Matt

Catalog Your Data In Motion With Fabric  
Real-Time Hub & Eventstreams



Wednesday, 19 Nov



11.30 AM – 12.30 PM



Abhi

Analyze Your Real-Time Data With Fabric  
Eventhouse & KQL



Thursday, 20 Nov



10.15 AM – 11.15 AM



Kristyna

Unlock Real-Time Insights With Fabric Real-Time  
Dashboards and Kusto-Powered Power BI Reports



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2.30 PM – 3.45 PM



Frank

Activator and Further Functionality Within  
Fabric Real-Time Intelligence



Friday, 21 Nov



10.15 AM – 11.15 AM



Johan

Building Event-Driven Architectures in  
Azure and Fabric



Friday, 21 Nov



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# Agenda

- Key terminology
- Event-driven Architecture
- Azure & Fabric event services
- What to choose when
- Some event-driven architectures

# Key Terminology

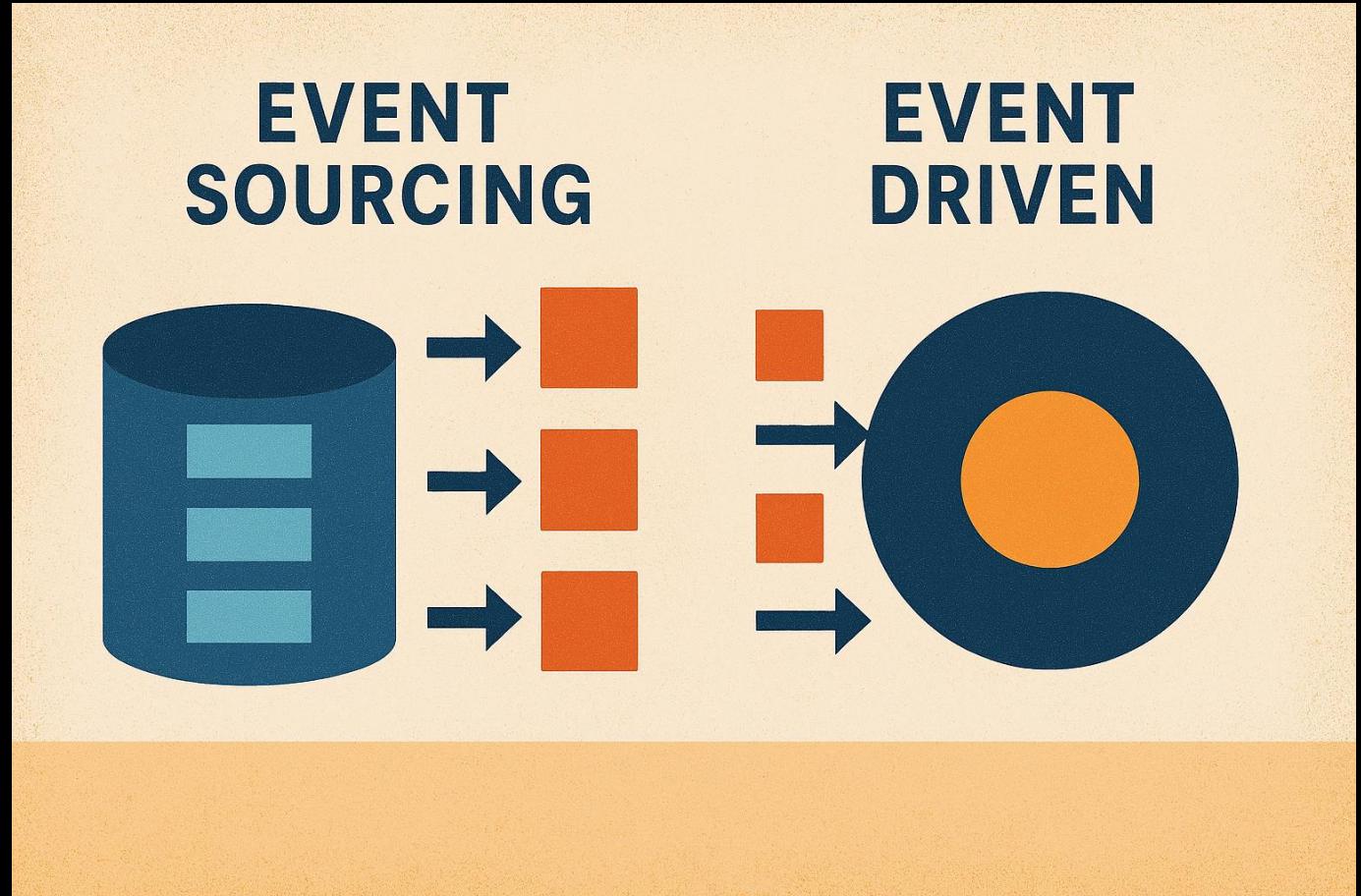
- Message: Generic payload of information from one system to another
- Event: A significant change of state
- Event Notification: Often called an «event» but is the immutable, historic message about an event
- Command: A message from one system to another with information on action to be taken



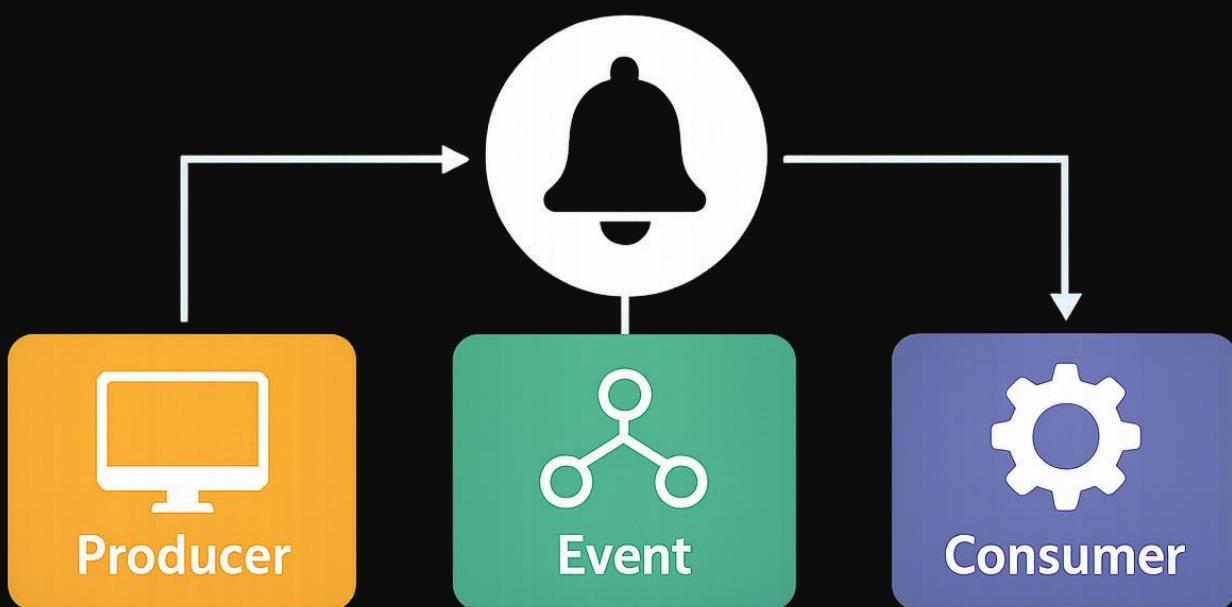
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Event Sourcing: A data-persistence pattern where events are the source of truth for state

Event-driven Architecture: A design pattern focusing on communication between services/components



# EVENT-DRIVEN ARCHITECTURE



Event-driven architecture is not just for analytics

Three main components:

- Producer
- Event Channel
- Consumer

Asynchronous, decoupled communication between systems.

Central enabler of microservices and other distributed systems

# Event-Driven Architecture

Producers are decoupled

Every consumer is decoupled

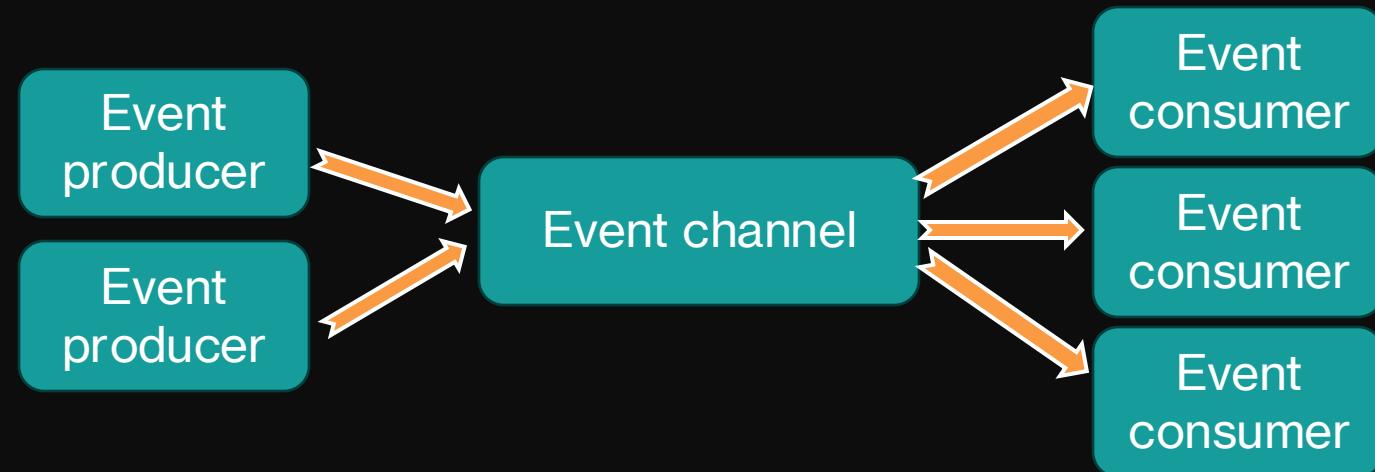
Event channels allow all consumers to see all events

The opposite of Competing Consumer pattern

Two event models:

Publish-Subscribe – or PUB/SUB

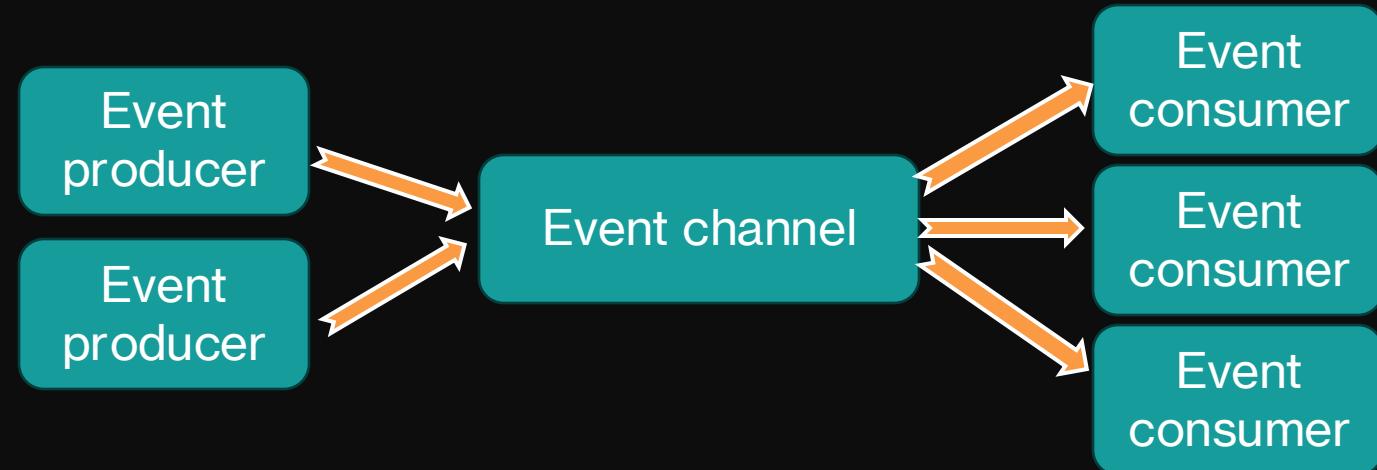
Eventstreaming



# Event-Driven Architecture

Consumer side variations

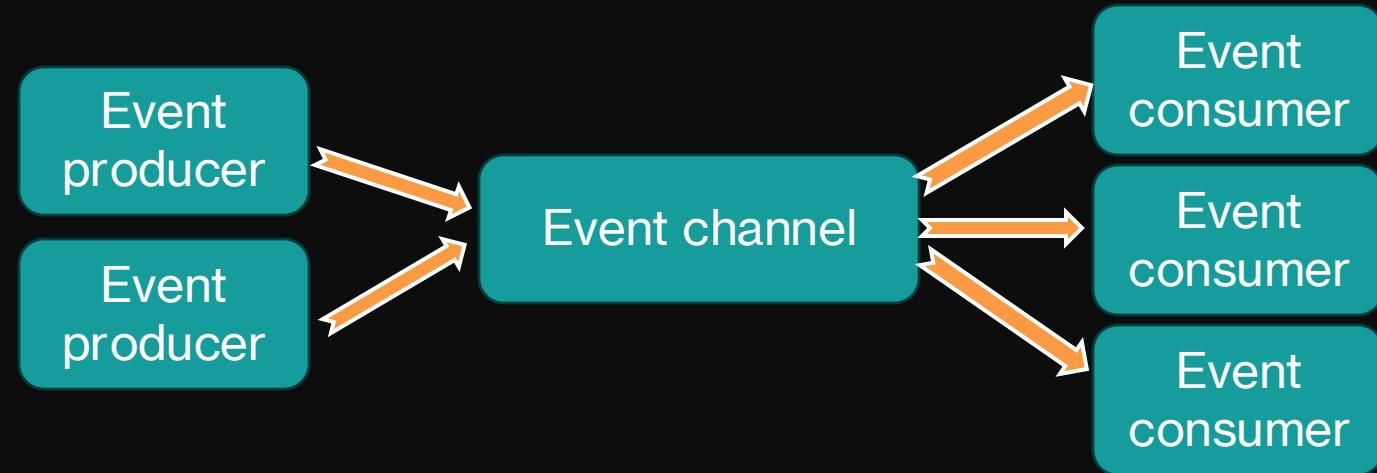
- Simple event processing
- Basic event correlation
- Complex event processing
- Event stream processing



# Event-Driven Architecture

## Primary topologies

- Broker topology
  - Broadcast events to everyone
  - Highly decoupled
  - For simple event processing
- Mediator topology
  - Event mediator manages and controls flow
  - Maintains state
  - Broadcasts commands, not notifications
  - Broadcasts only to designated channels



# Event-Driven Architecture

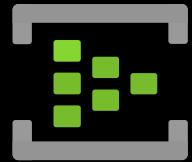
When to use Event-driven architecture

- Multiple systems needs the same events
  - Real-time processing
  - Complex event processing
  - High volume + high velocity
  - Need for decoupling for scalability and reliability
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- Have analytical workloads that don't fit in traditional scheduling





# Event Services in Azure



Eventhubs – for Eventstreaming scenarios. High throughput, messages up to 5 MB



Eventgrid – for PUB/SUB scenarios. Supports both PULL and PUSH scenarios. Can communicate over MQTT and HTTPS



Servicebus – Enterprise Messaging service. Not the most used in event-driven architectures



IOT Hub – for Eventstreaming scenarios with specific needs. High throughput, small messages.



# Event Services in Azure



Functions – flexible and powerful. Can be used in analytical workloads on event triggers as well as simple event processing with Eventgrid or Servicebus.



Logic Apps – low code/no code alternative to Functions.



Stream Analytics – stream processor. Often used in complex event processing scenarios and sometimes in event stream processing



Data Explorer – powerful event store. Fits both event sourcing and event-driven architectures. Can be used for simple event processing and analytical loads as well as event stream processing...



# Event Services in Fabric



Eventhouse / KQL DB – powerful event store. Fits both event sourcing and event-driven architectures. Can be used for simple event processing and analytical loads as well as event stream processing...



Eventstream – Swiss Army knife... Works both for PUB/SUB and event streaming. And for most variations



Data Activator – takes action. Triggers on specified commands or events. Low code/No code

# What services should I use?

Azure or Fabric?

For Azure:

Event channel: Default choice of Event hub unless need for PUB/SUB or IoT specific functionality

For complex event streaming – Stream Analytics

Simple event processing and analytical workloads – Functions unless need for no code/low code

Simple processing and need for event store Data Explorer can be a fit

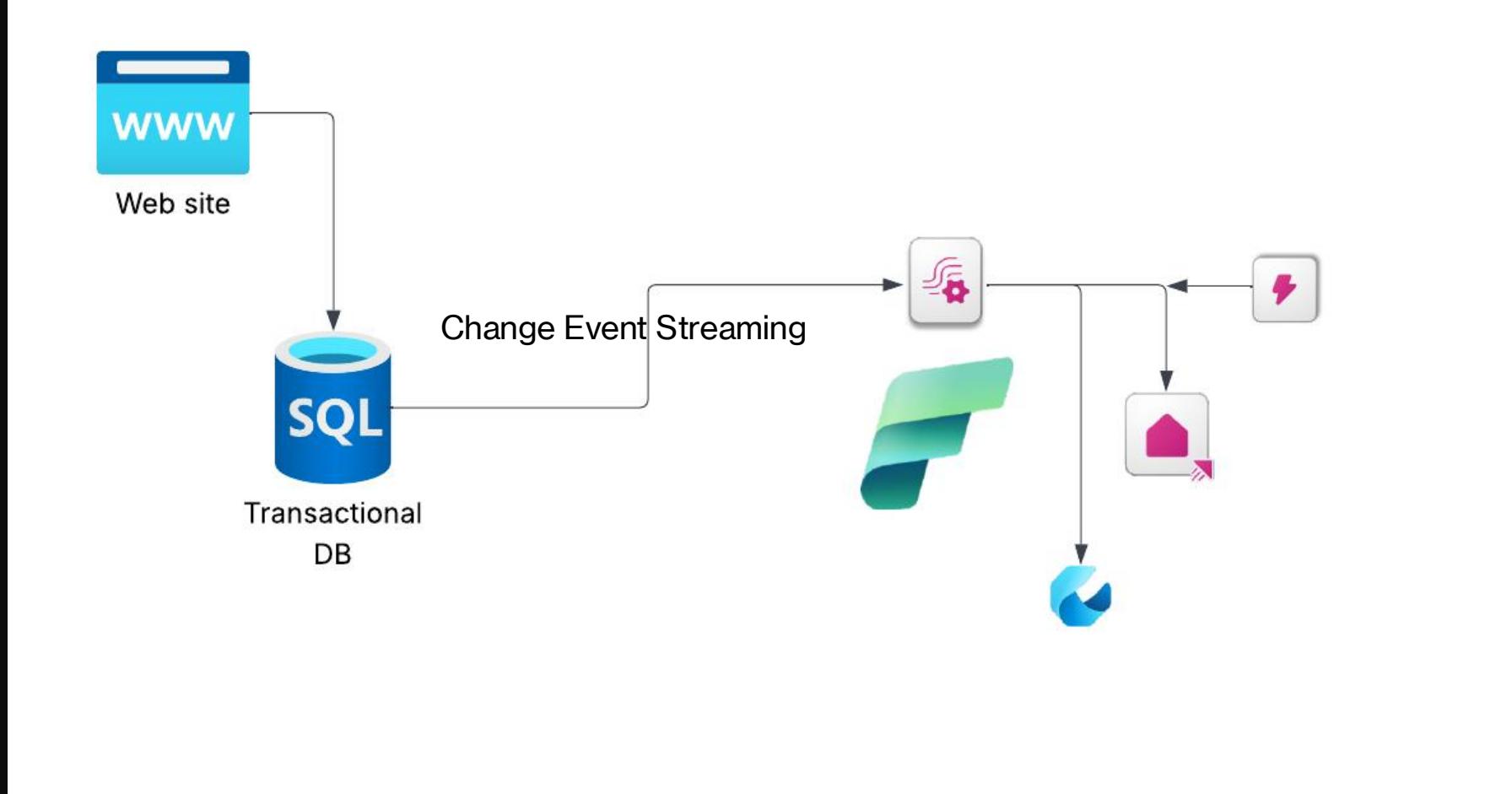
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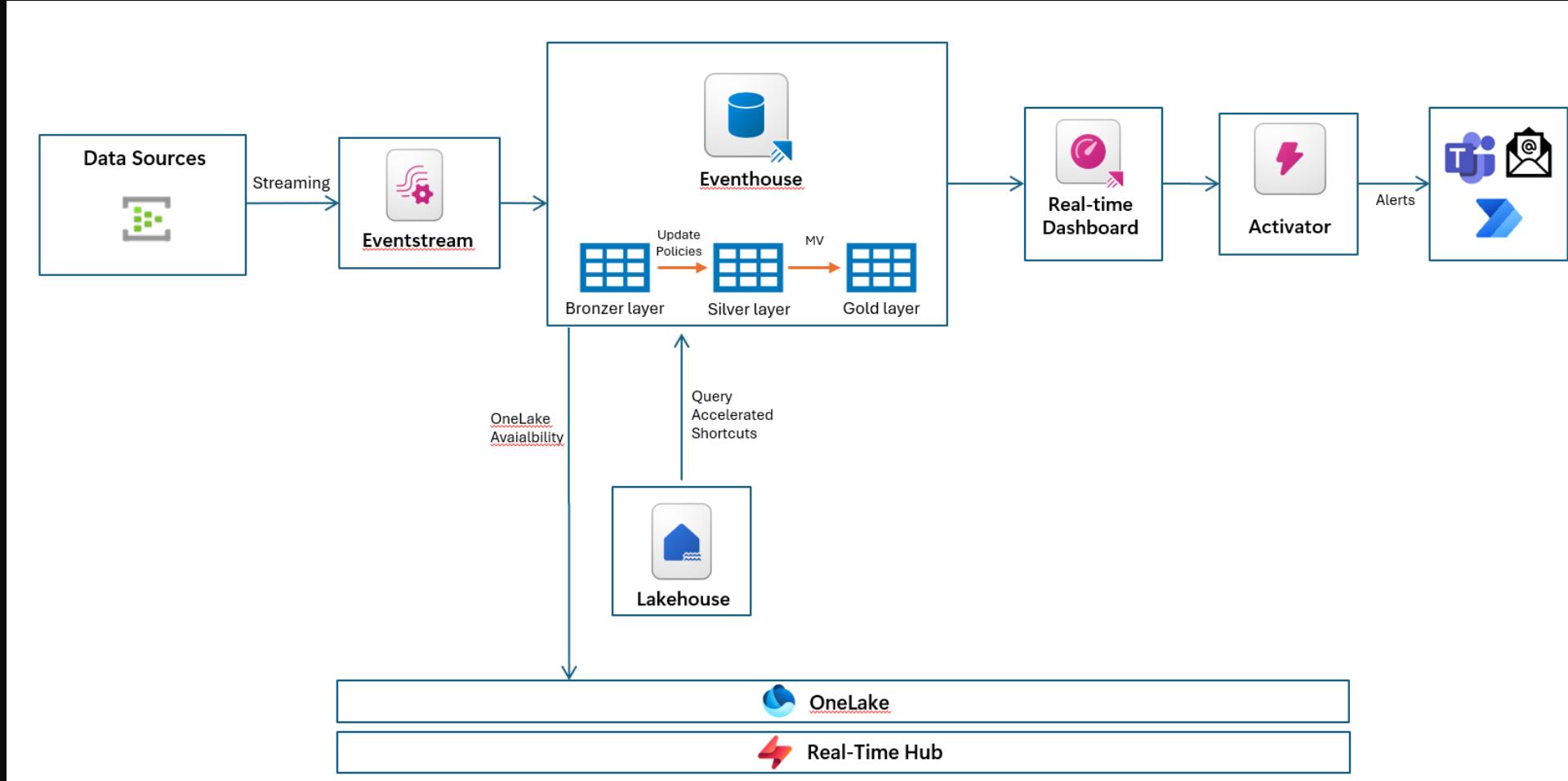
For Fabric the services rarely overlap.

- Do I have an external event channel?
  - Which consumer variation patterns do I have?
  - Do I need to take action on events?
  - Do I need an event store?
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- If no external event channel, complex or event stream scenarios – then Eventstream has a place
  - If external event channel and need for an event store KQL DB can be a good fit
  - Taking actions on events – such as triggering a pipeline then Activator

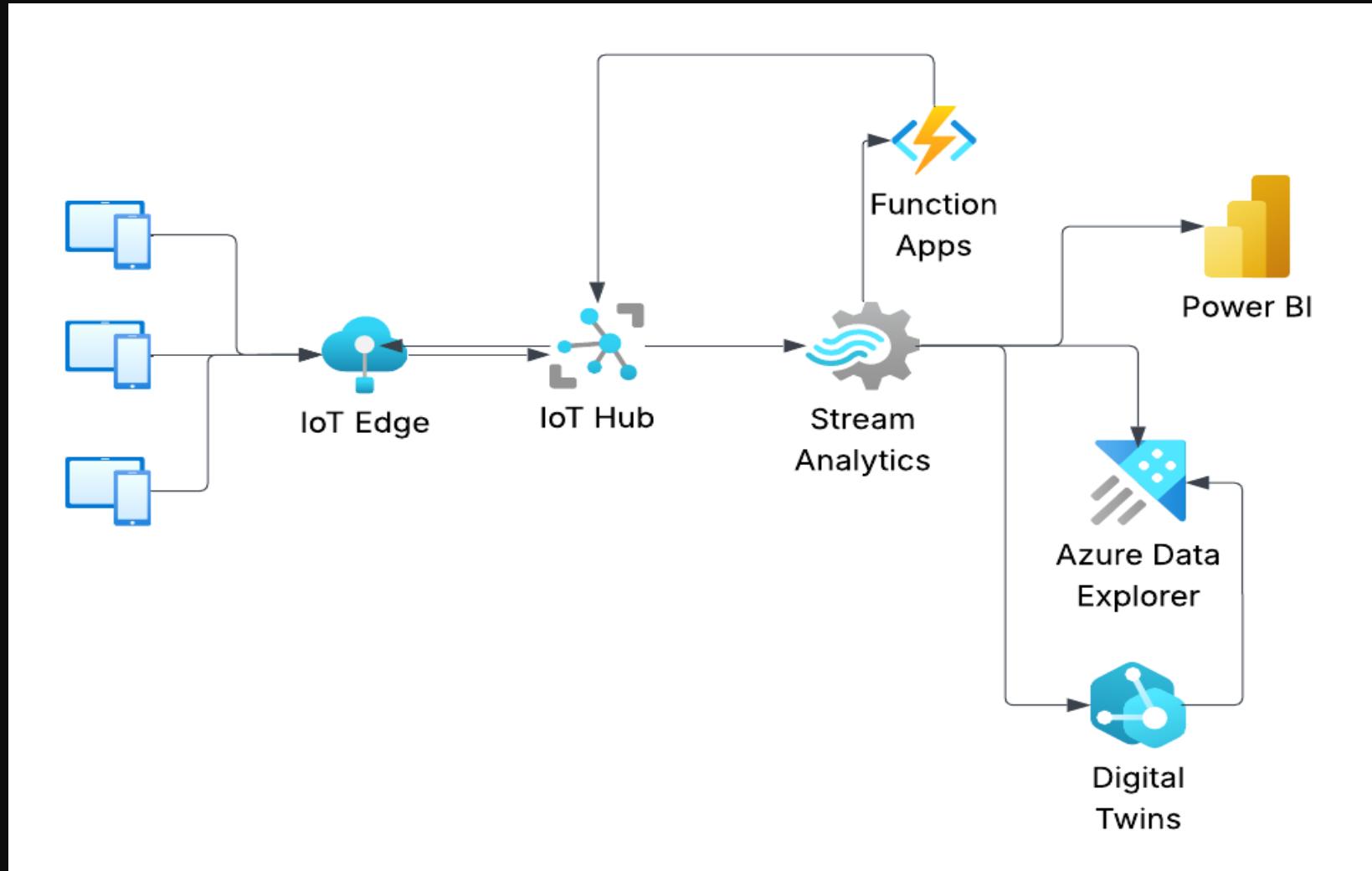
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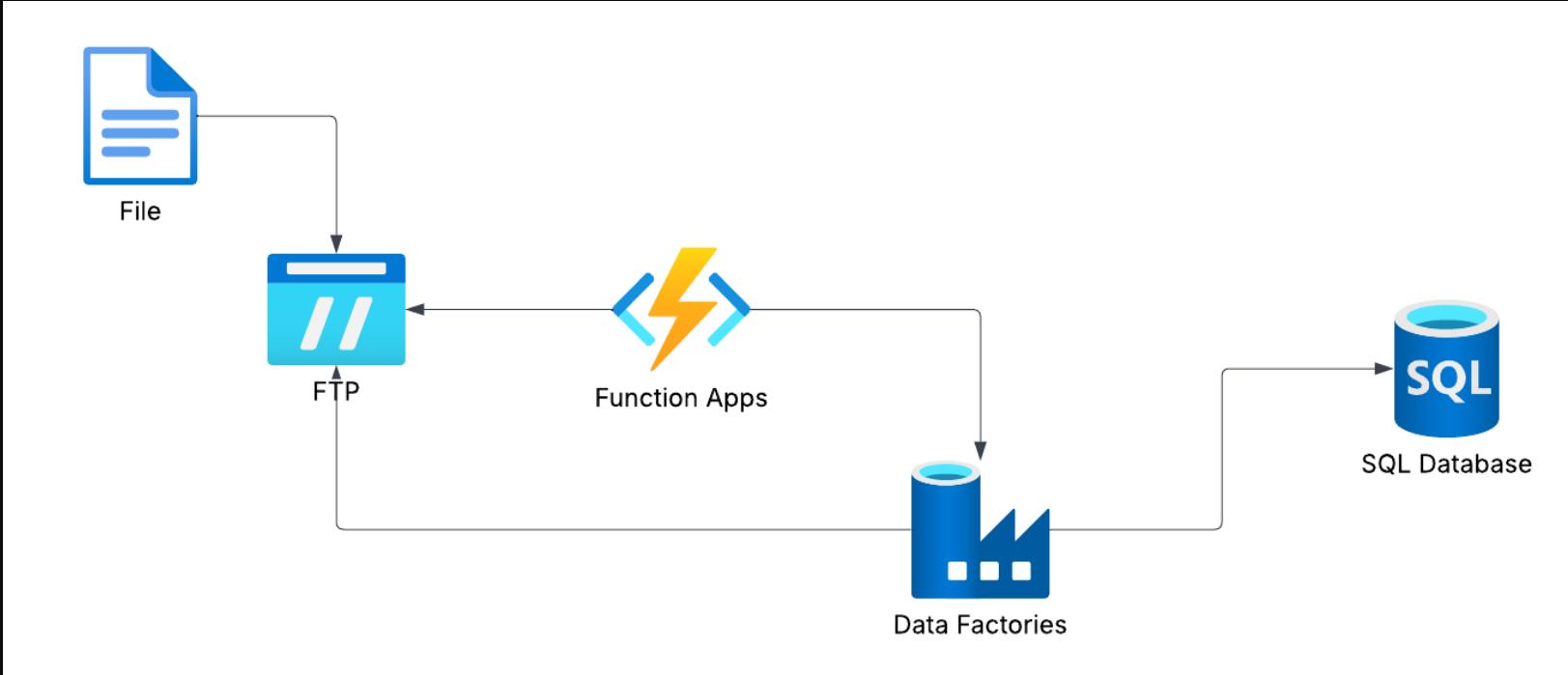
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# Event-Driven Architecture – IoT



# Event-Driven Architecture – Analytical workload



# Demo





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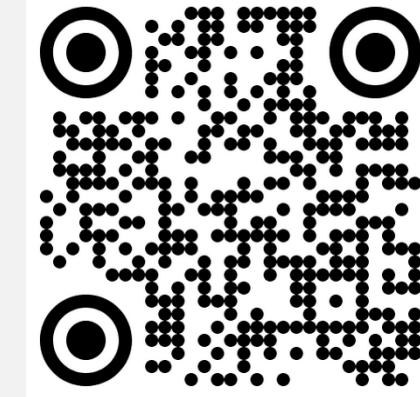
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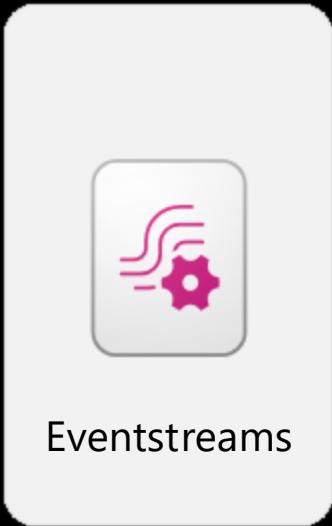
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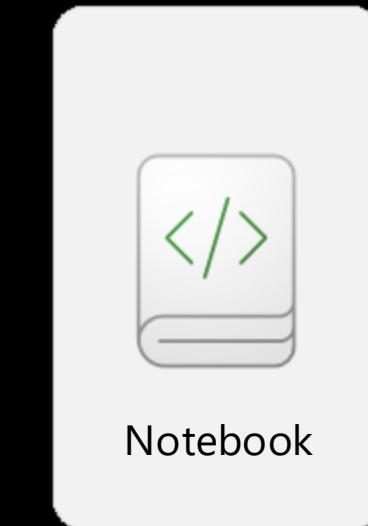
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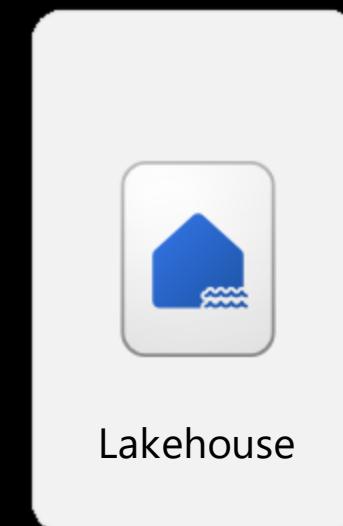
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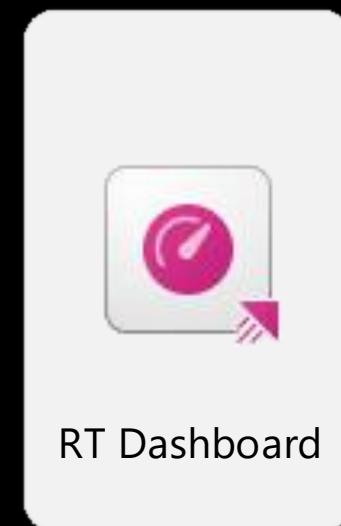
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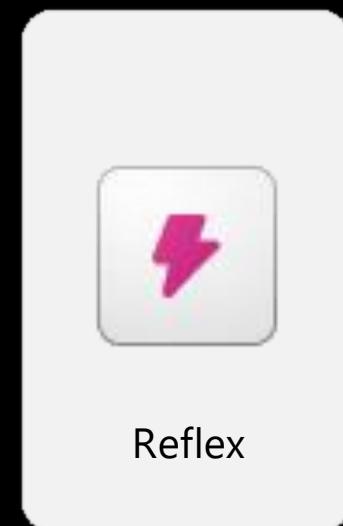
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