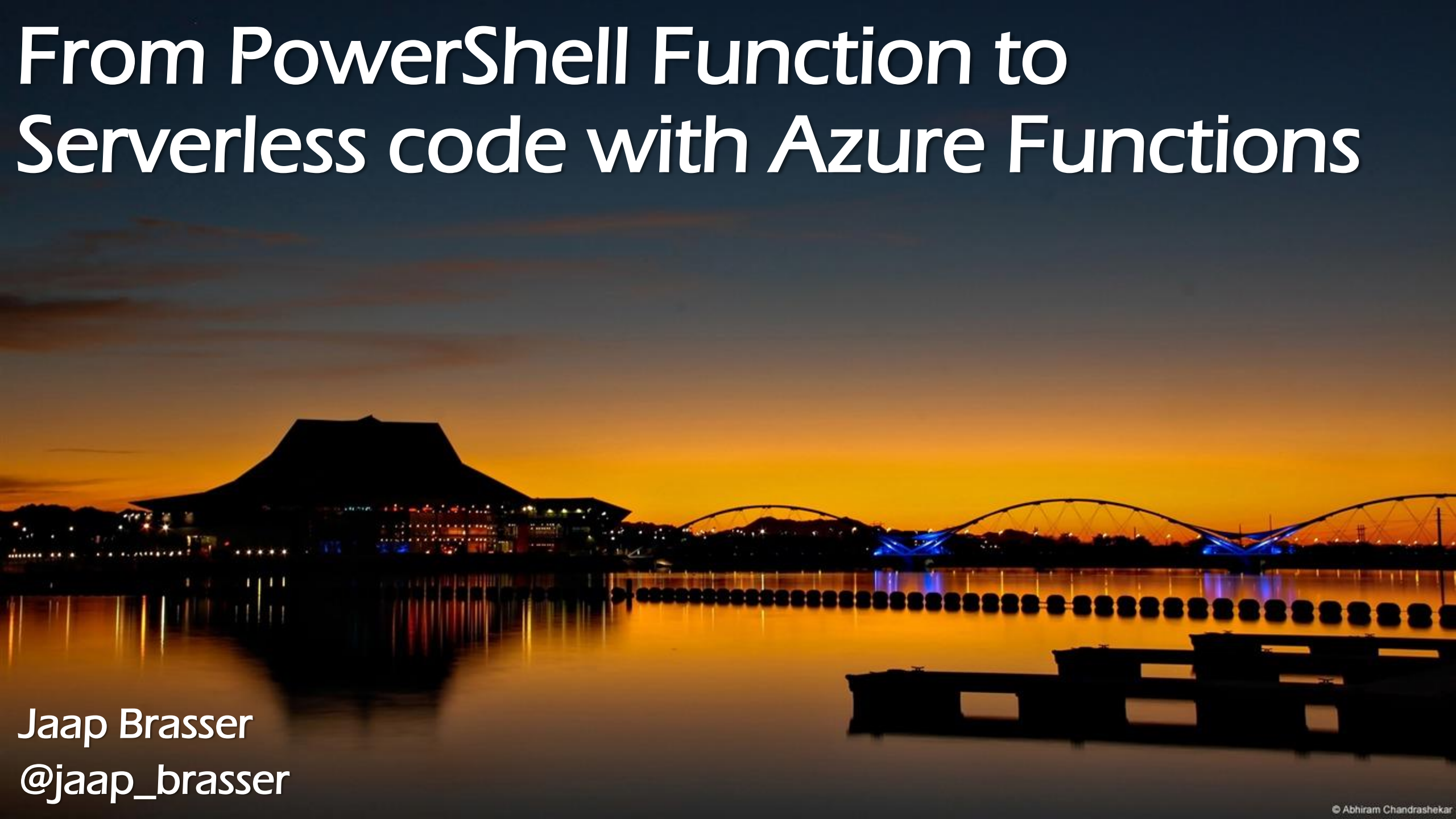
From PowerShell Function to Serverless code with Azure Functions



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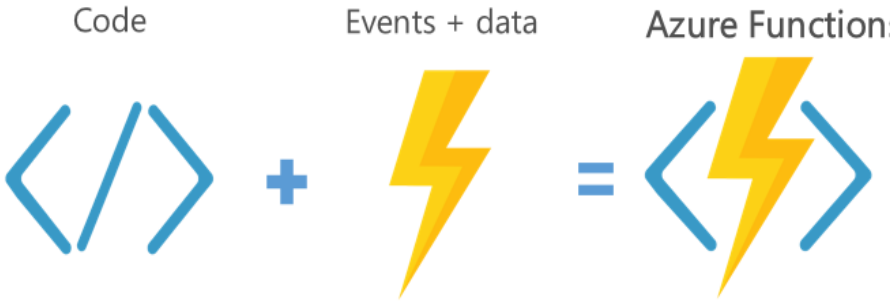
Agenda

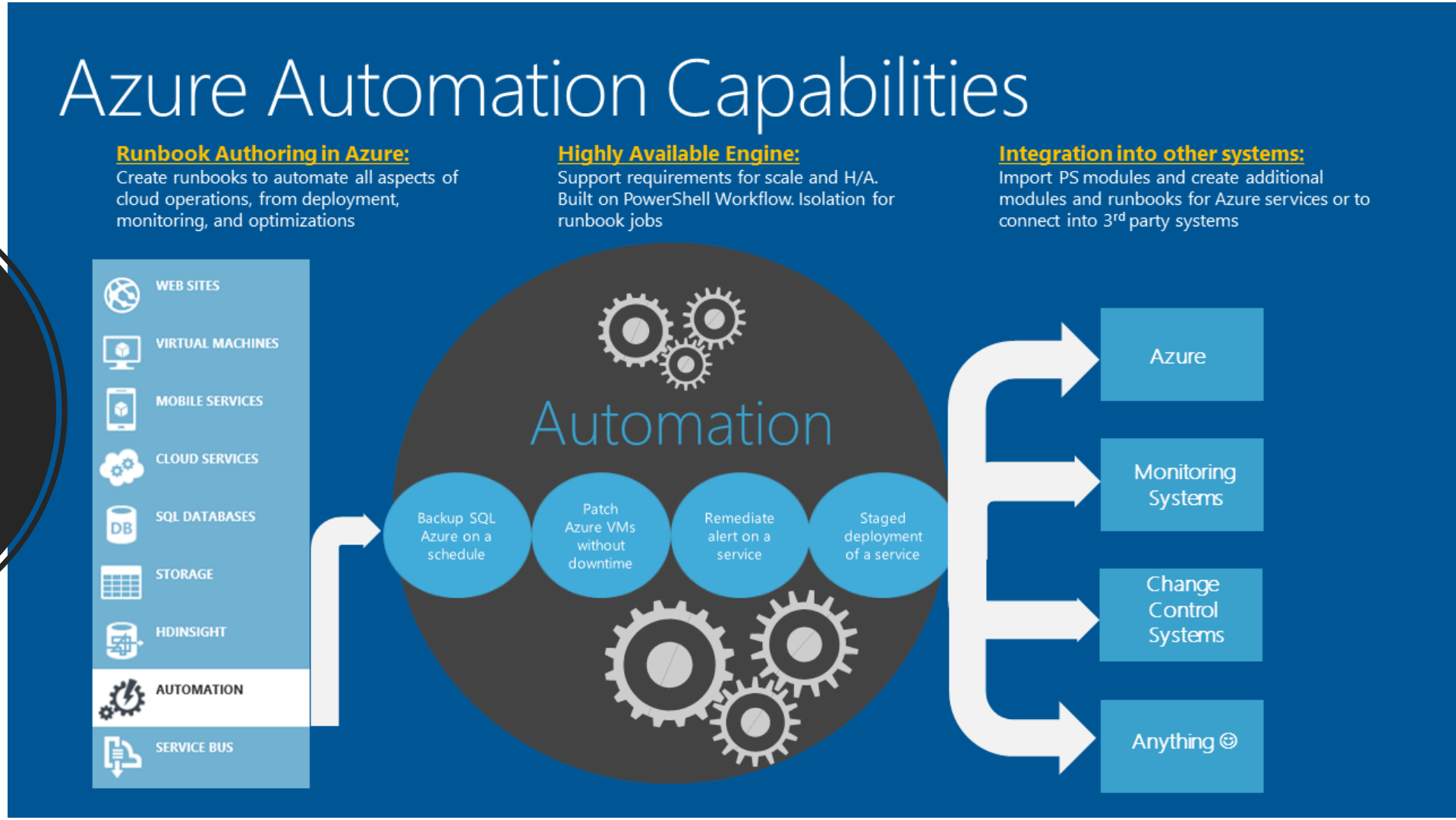
- Introduction to Cloud Automation
- Azure Automation
- Microsoft Flow
- Azure Functions
- Demos!

Cloud Automation

Microsoft Flow



Azure Automation



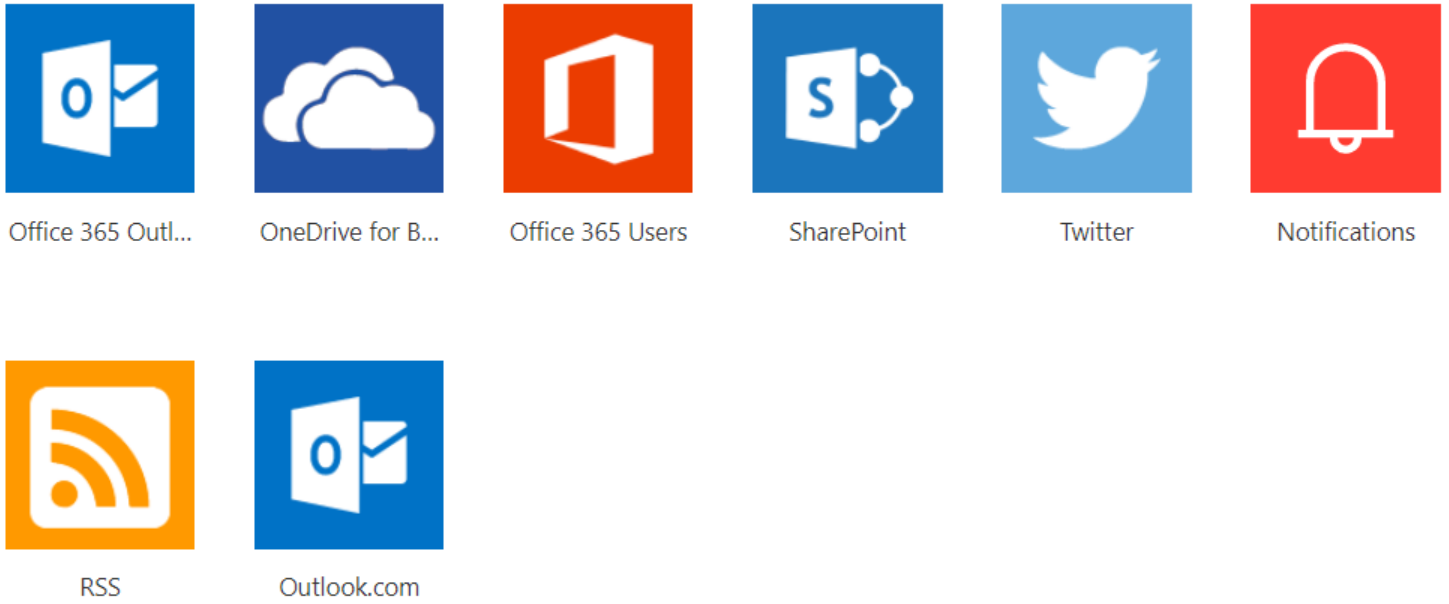
Azure Automation Summary

- Automate processes
- Cross-platform configuration management
- Download example runbooks and scripts
- Event grid integration
- Hybrid Runbook Worker
- 500 free minutes

What is Microsoft Flow

Microsoft Flow

Connectors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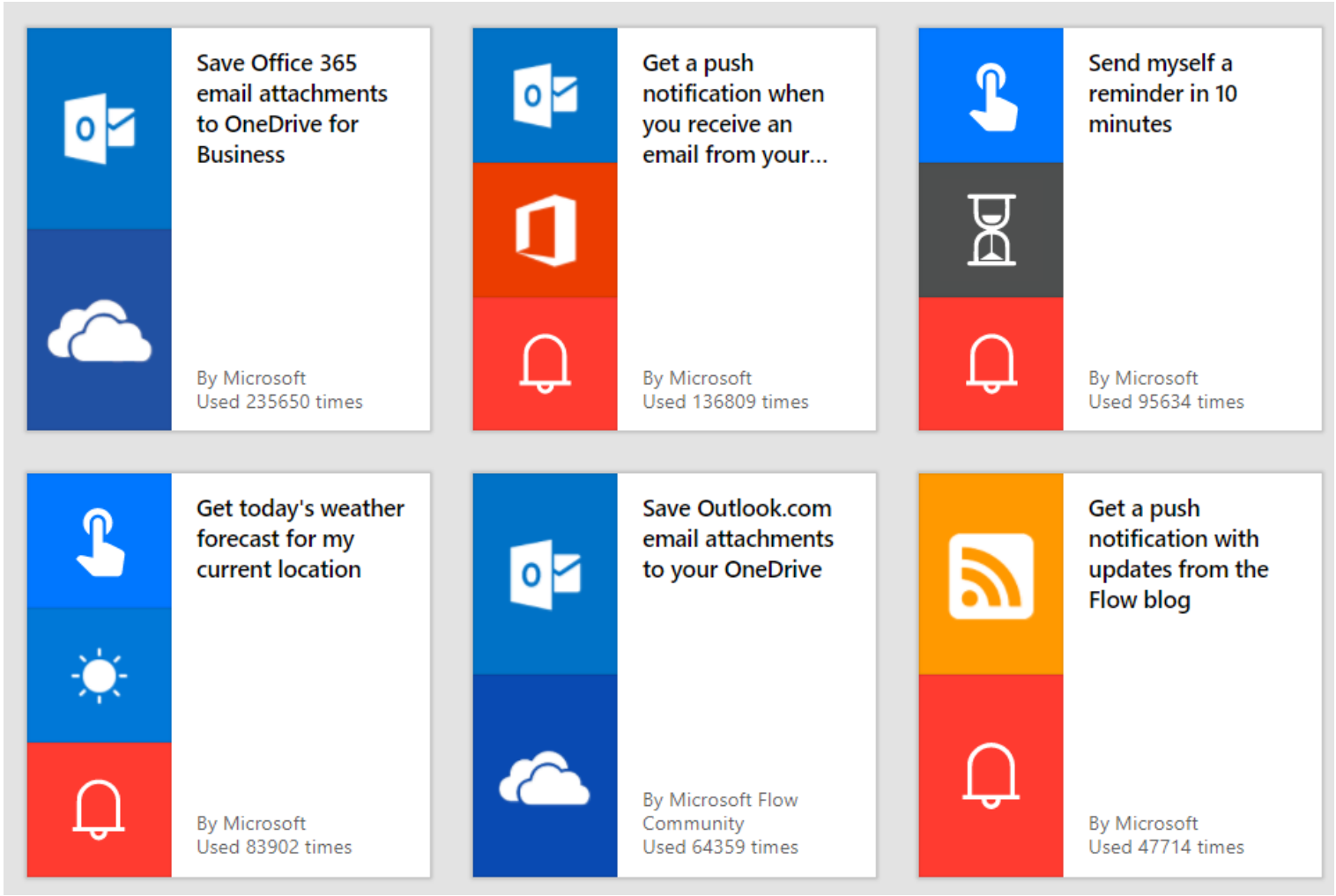
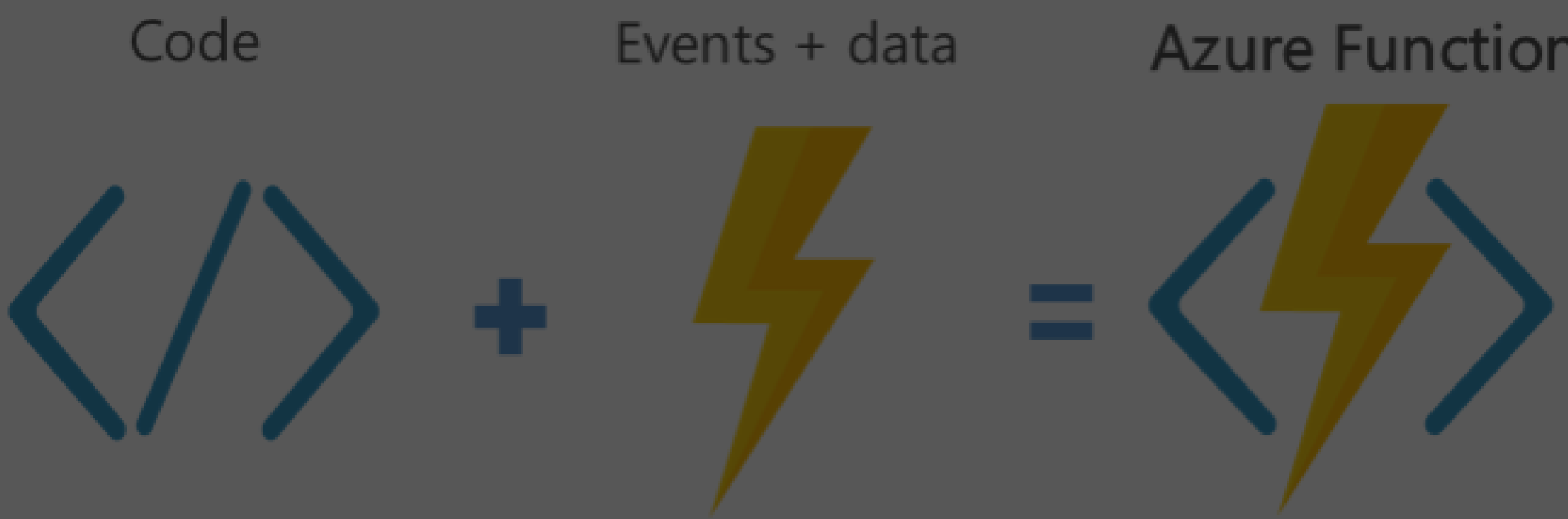
Flow Templates



Microsoft Flow Summary

- Use Connectors to get data
- Create triggers based on this data
- Build workflows
- Integrate and combine different services
- Approval flows
- Long runtime of flows

What are Azure Functions



What is serverless?

Azure Web Apps

Advantages of Azure Functions

- Pay for what you use
- No Infrastructure to manage
- No maintenance of servers
- Can be placed in existing subscriptions
- Simplify code writing

What are we trying to solve?

Using our scripting skills in the cloud

Re-using existing code / scripts

Faster deployment

Less maintenance

Demo 1

Exploring Azure Functions

Demo Summary

- Triggers available
- Scenarios available
- Experimental flag
- How to create Azure Function
- Delete Azure Function

Experimental Language Support: Enabled

PowerShell language support is still experimental

Demo 2

Create timed function

Demo Summary

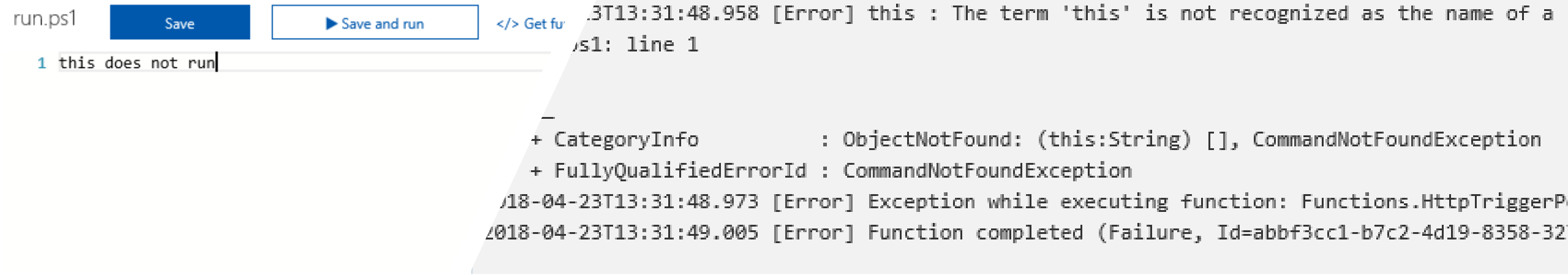
- Create PowerShell function
- Used cron notation

Demo 3

Azure PowerShell Function

Demo Summary

- Which PowerShell version
- What variables are defined
- Saw the variables & files
- Reconfigured function.json
- Used Invoke-RestMethod to run



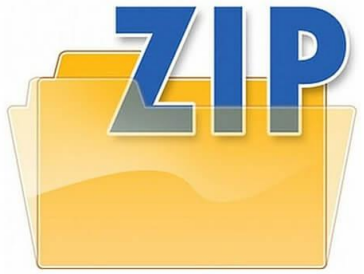
Error handling

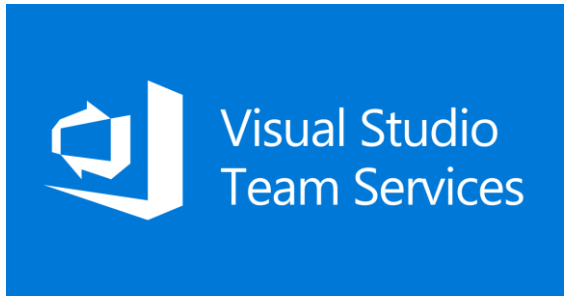
Demo 4

Azure Function Errors

Demo Summary

- Had our function fail
- Looked at different error logs
- Fixed the code based on output





Other Deployment methods

Summary

Use existing PowerShell skills

Develop serverless code

Interact with other services

Free tier

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Questions?