



***UNLEASHING EXTREME SCALABILITY
WITH AZURE FUNCTIONS***

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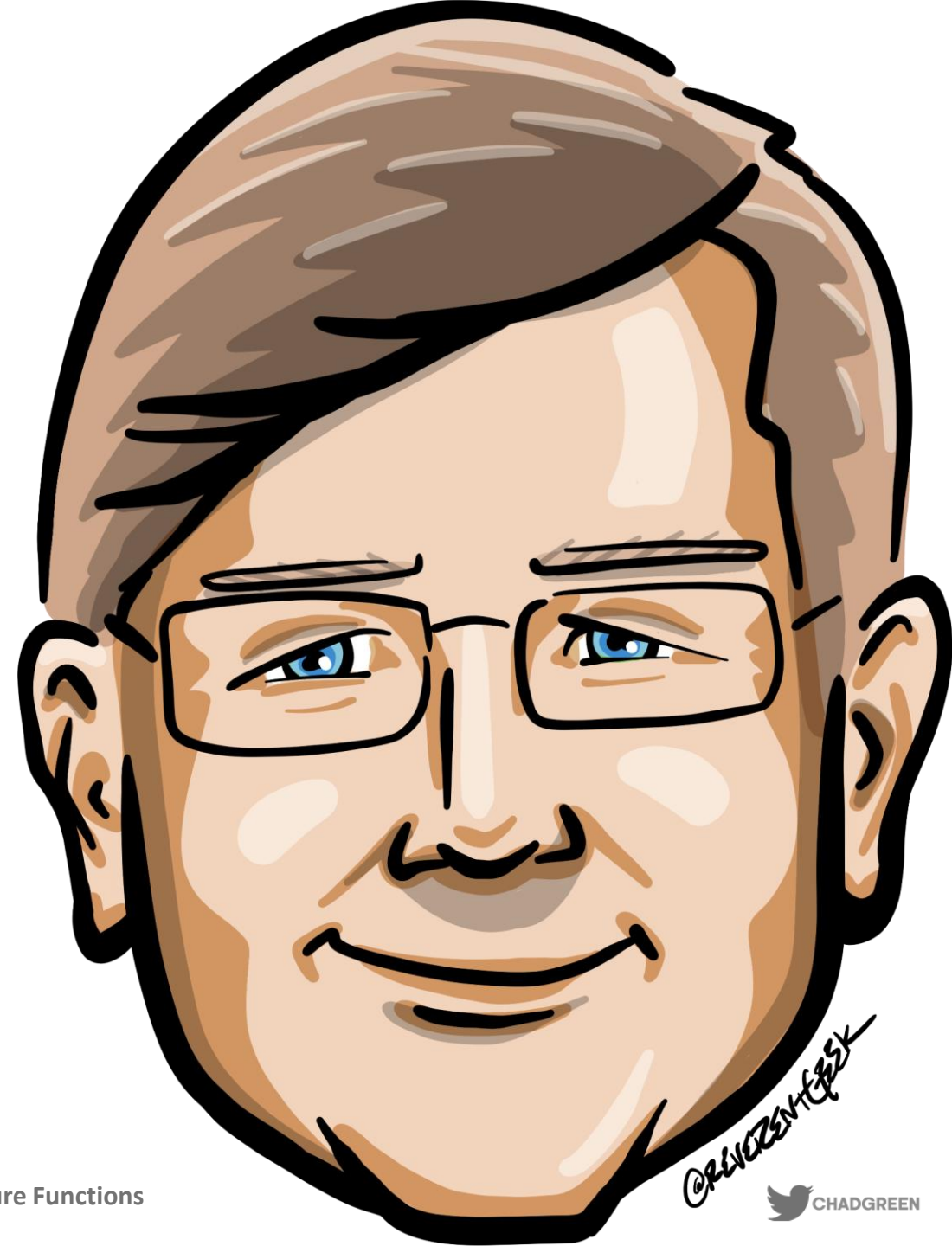
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Scenic City Summit

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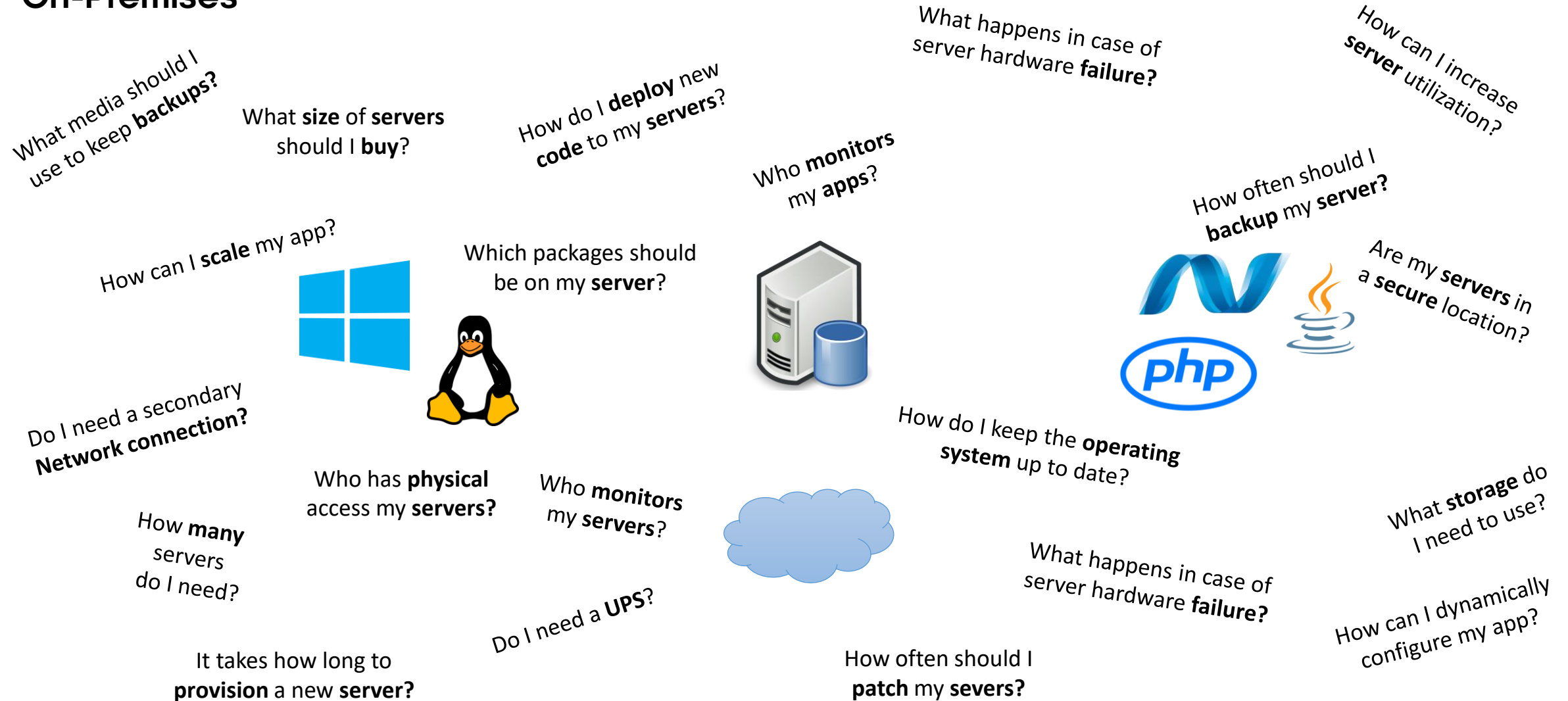


Prelude

Unleashing Extreme Scalability
with Azure Functions

The evolution of application platforms

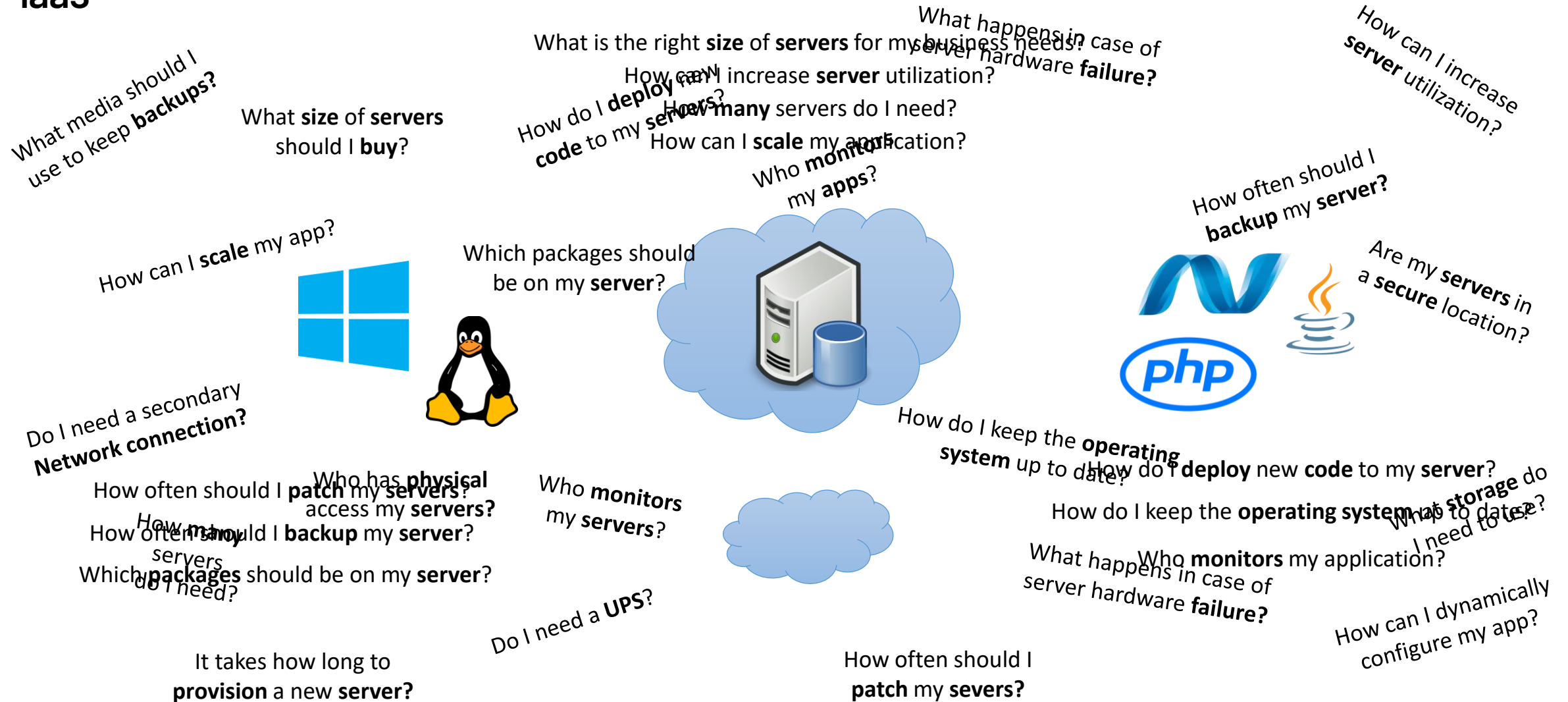
On-Premises



It takes how long to **provision** a new **server**?

The evolution of application platforms

IaaS



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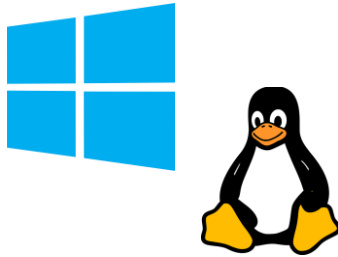
PaaS

What is the right **size** of **servers** for my business needs?

How can I increase **server** utilization?

How **many** servers do I need?

How can I **scale** my application?



How do I **deploy** new **code** to my **server**?

How do I keep the **operating system** up to date?

Who **monitors** my application?

How often should I **patch** my **servers**?
How often should I **backup** my **server**?
Which **packages** should be on my **server**?

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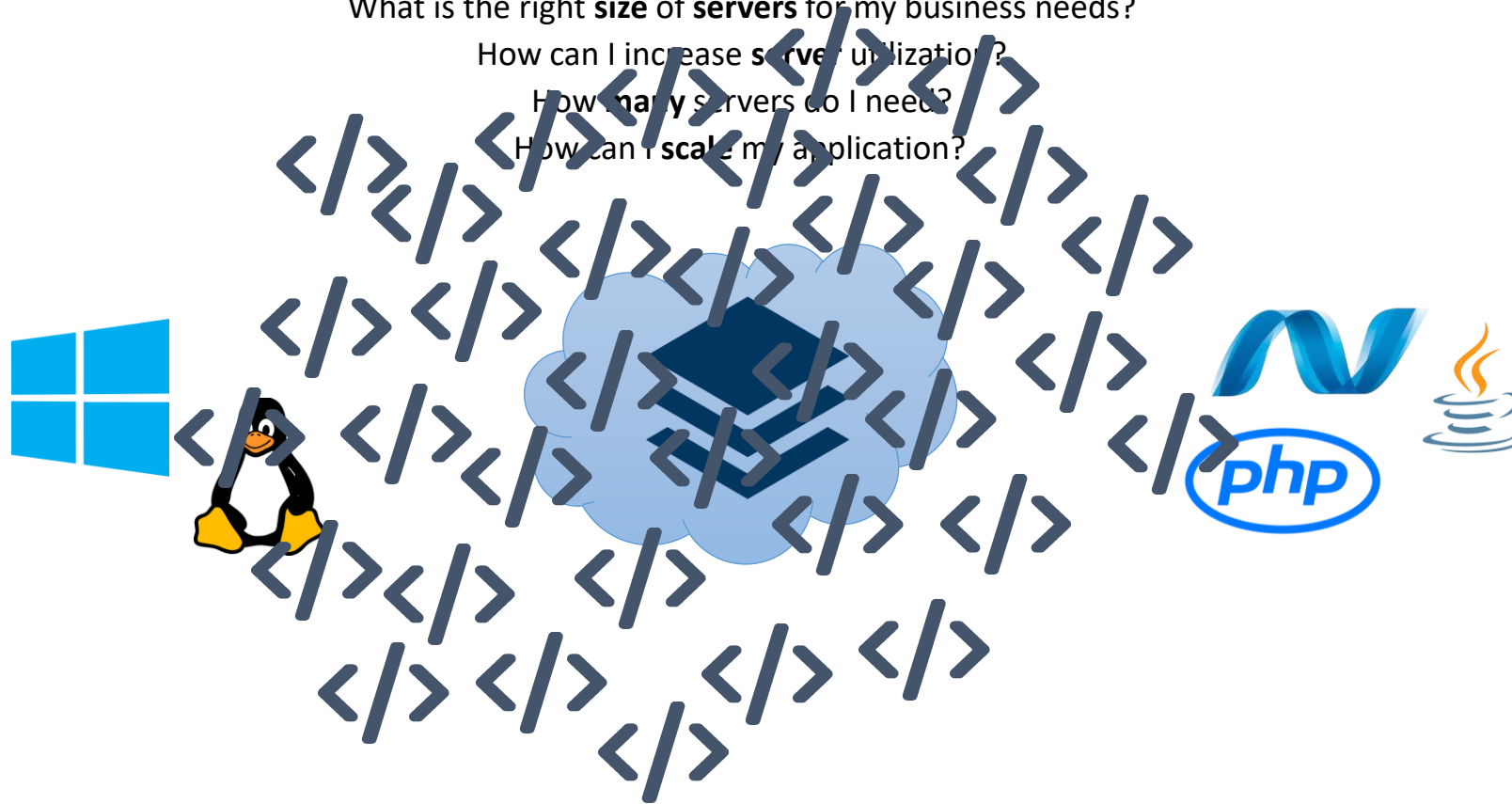
Serverless

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Not there isn't servers

Just, you can think about the servers less

~~Server Configuration~~

~~Server Scaling~~

Types of Serverless Architecture

**Function as a Service
(FaaS)**

**Backend as a Service
(BaaS)**

Function-as-a-Service

Event-Driven

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Short-Lived

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**Automatic
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**Abstraction of
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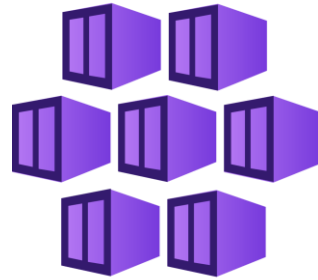
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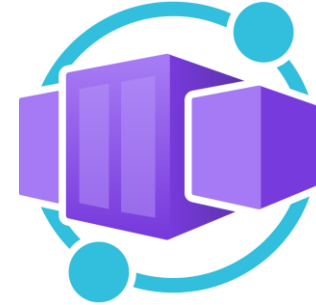


Azure Serverless

Compute



Azure Kubernetes Service



Azure Container Apps



Azure App Service



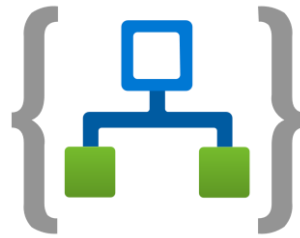
Azure Functions

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Azure Serverless

Workflow and Integration



Azure Logic Apps



API Management

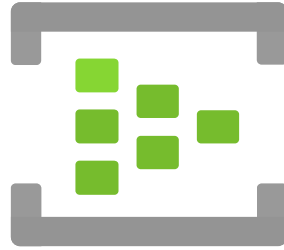


Azure Event Grid



Azure Serverless

Data Processing and Analytics



Azure Event Hubs



Azure Stream Analytics



Azure Synapse Analytics



Azure Data Lake Analytics

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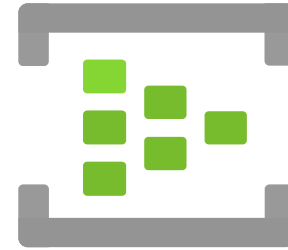
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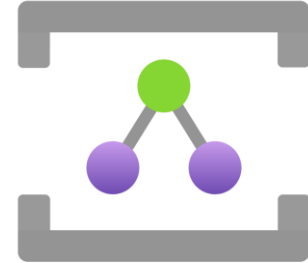
Messaging



Azure Service Bus



Azure Event Hubs



Azure Relays



Azure Event Grid



Azure Storage
Queues



Azure Serverless

Data Storage



Azure SQL Database



Azure Cosmos DB



Azure Storage

Azure Functions

Code



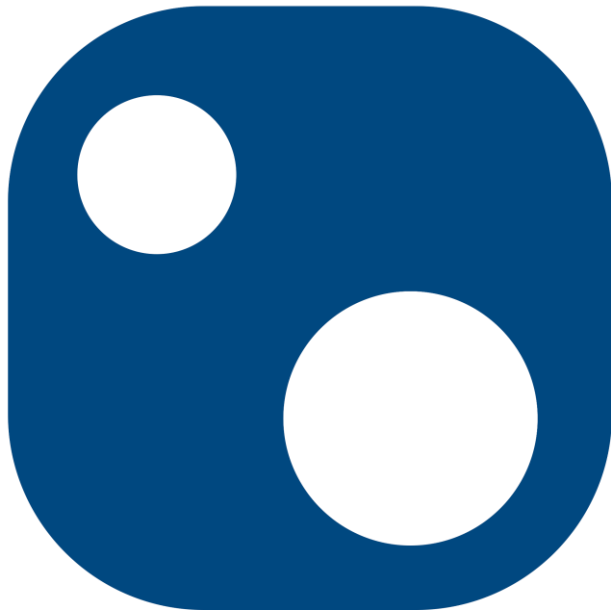
Events + data



Choice of Language



Bring your own dependencies



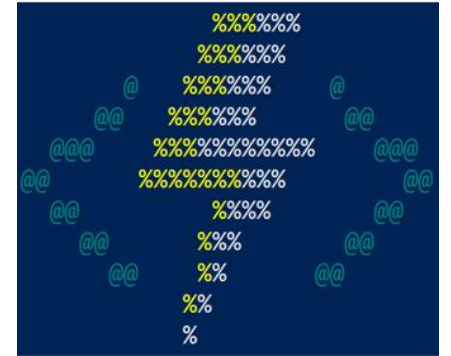
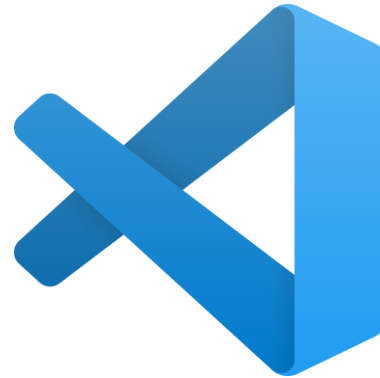
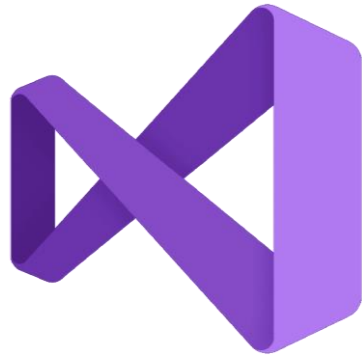
Simplified Integration



 RabbitMQ



Flexible Development



Many Hosting Options

Consumption



Serverless

App Service Environment



Network Isolation

Premium



Sort of Serverless

Azure Stack



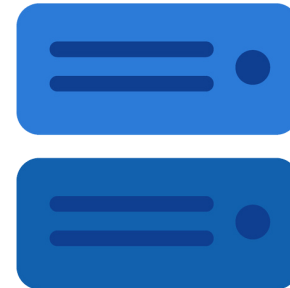
On Premises

Dedicated



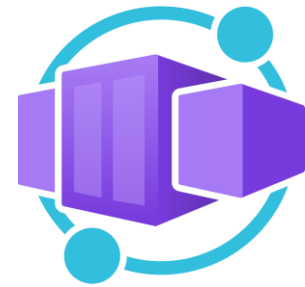
App Service Plan

Functions Runtime



Your Server

Container Apps



Consumption, Dedicated

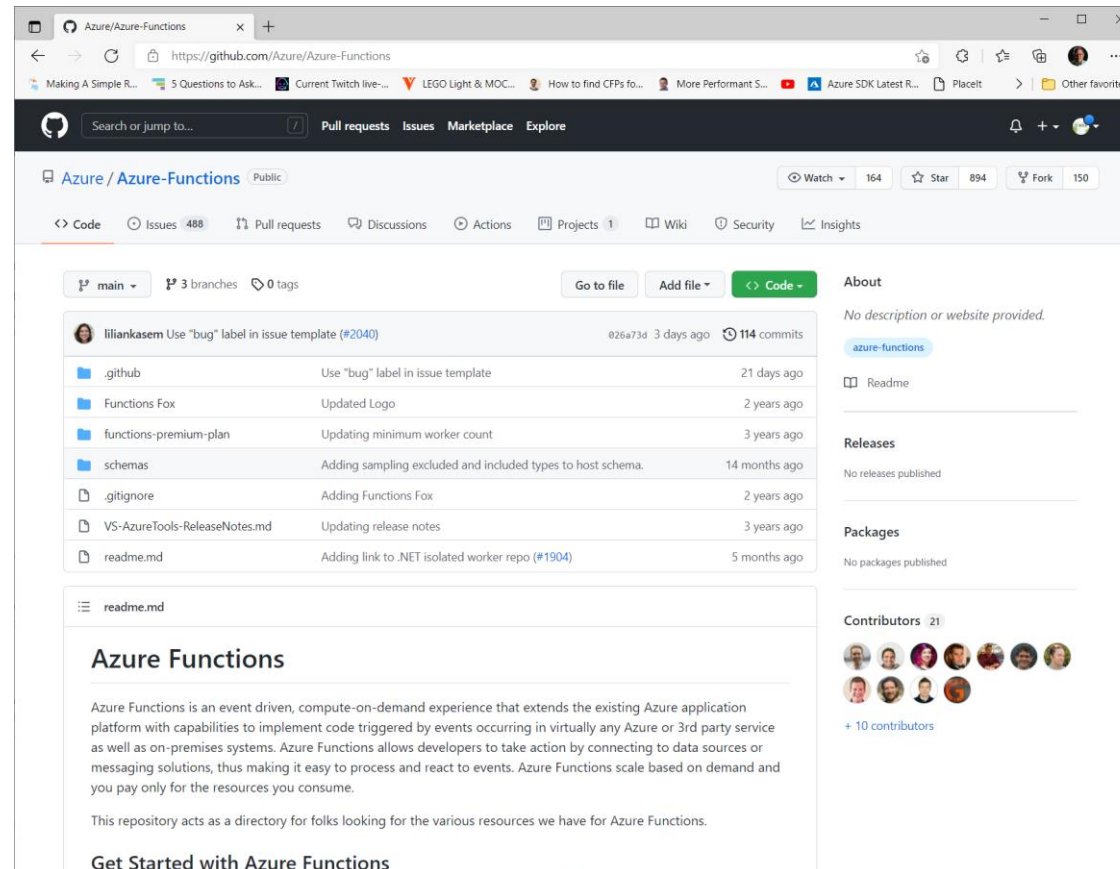
Azure IoT Edge



On Devices

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Open Source



Azure Functions

- Choice of Language
- Bring Your Own Dependencies
- Simplified Integration
- Flexible Development
- Many Hosting Options
- Open Source

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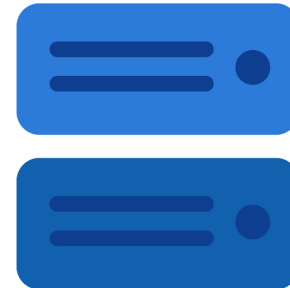
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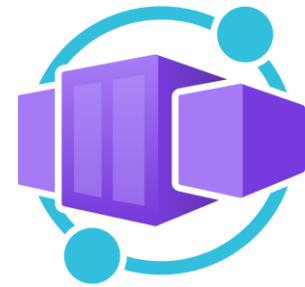
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Flex Consumption



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#1 Issue in Serverless: Cold Starts



Cold Start Solutions

Premium Functions

Always Ready

Consumption Functions

You wait

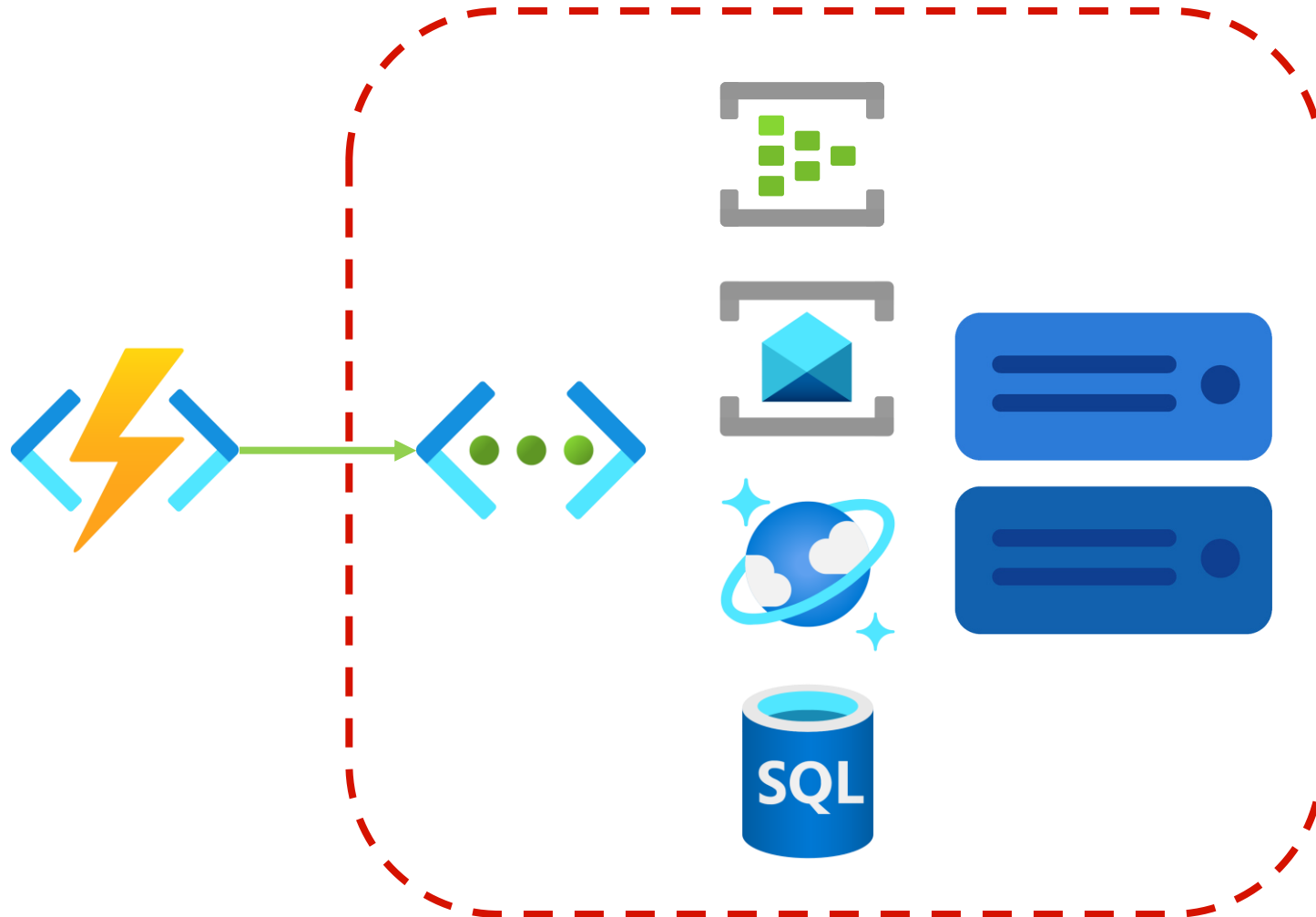
Flex Consumption
(Optional) Always Ready

Always Ready Instances

- Choose instances that are always running
- Set minimum number of instances always ready

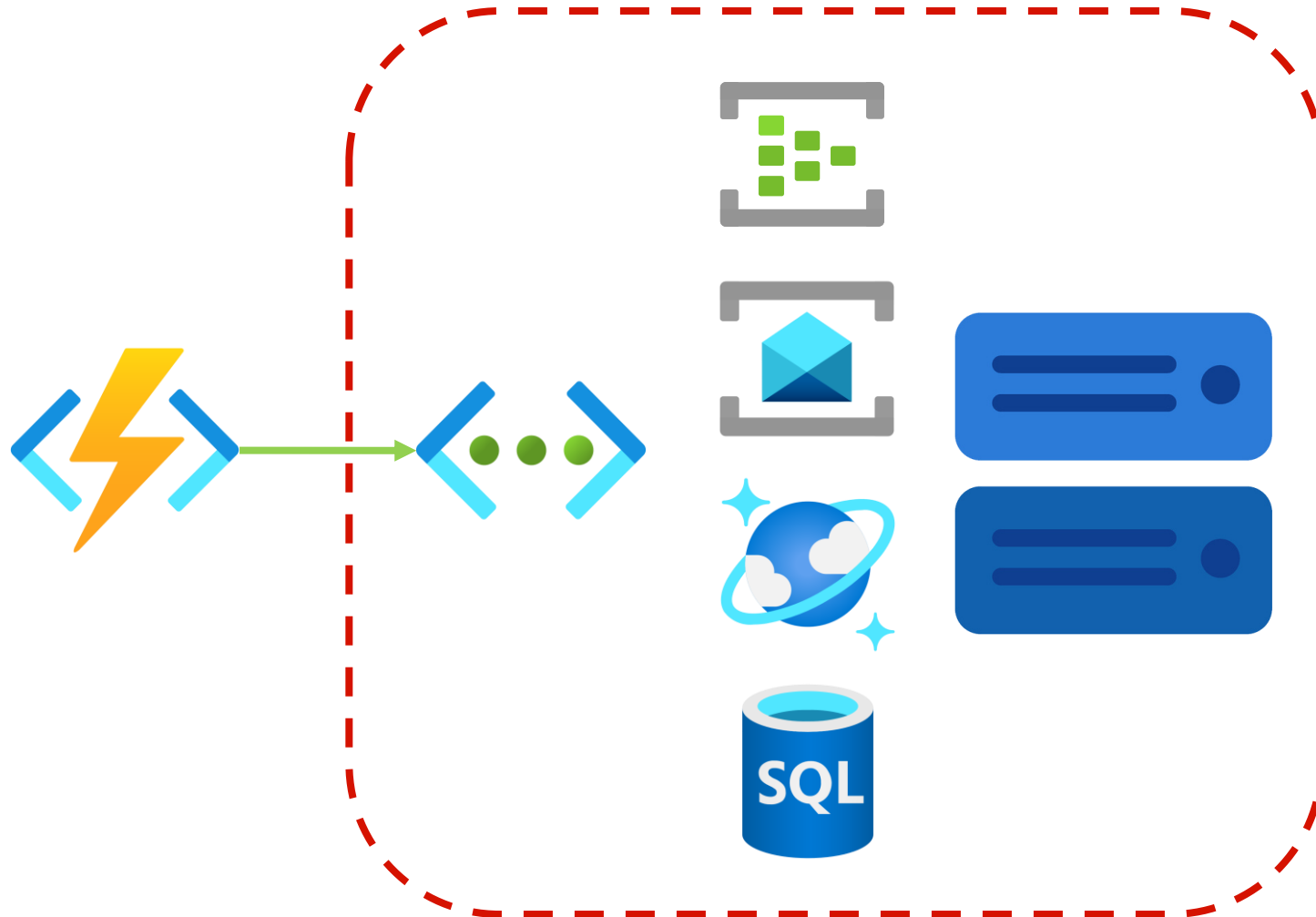


Virtual Network Support



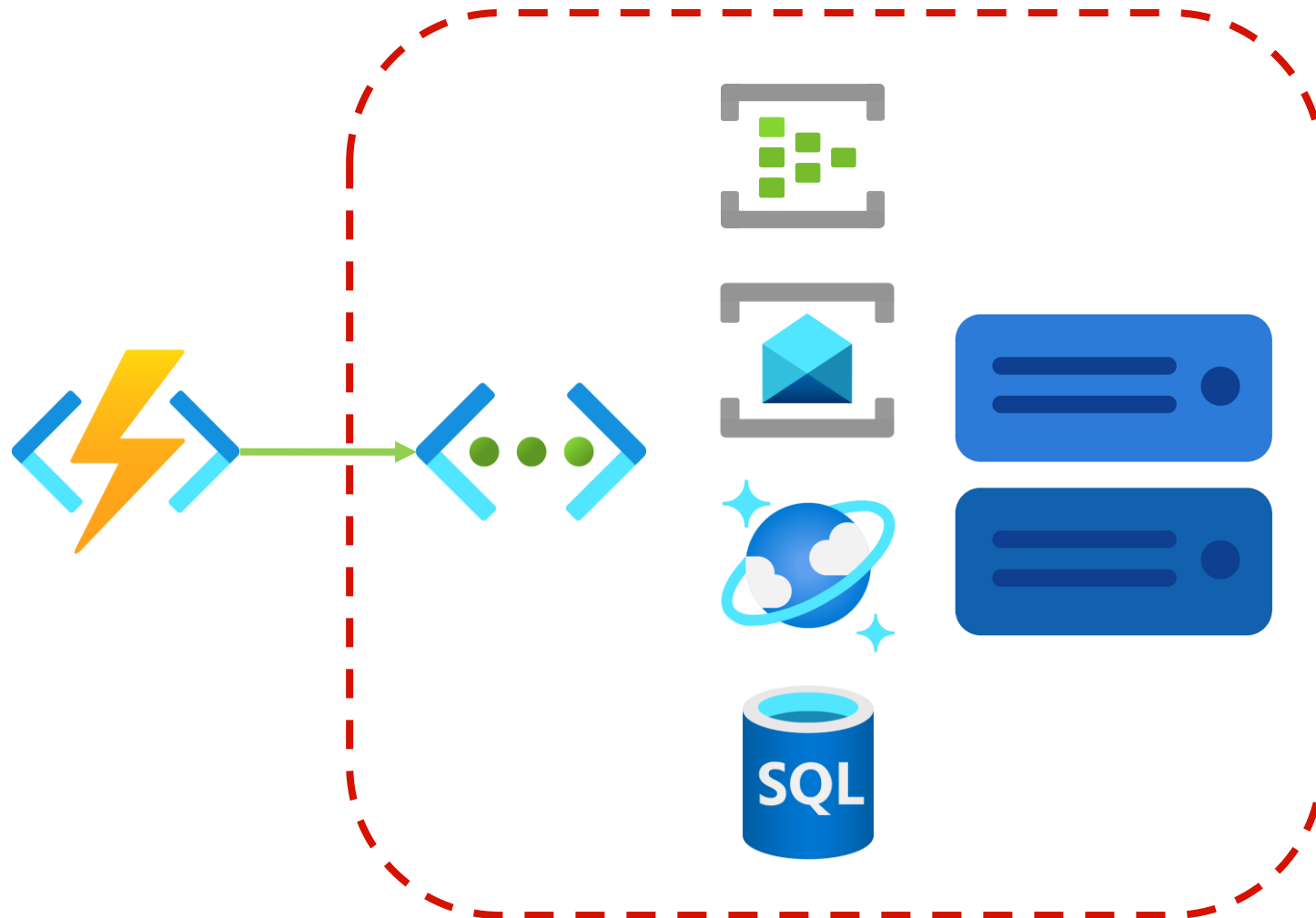
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Virtual Network Support



- Inbound Private Endpoints
- Virtual Network Integration
- Virtual Network Triggers (non-HTTP)
- Hybrid connections (Windows only)

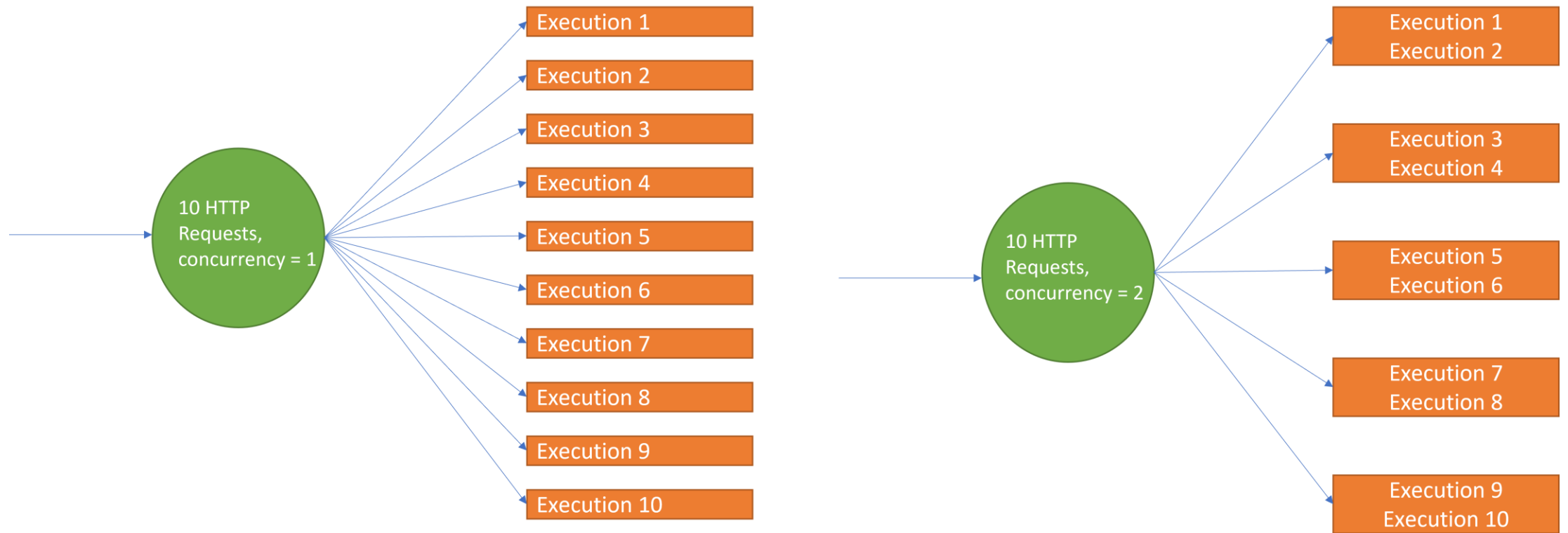
Instance Memory Choice

- 2048-Mb and 4096-Mb (more options coming)
- Default is 2048-Mb
- Change instance memory size at any time
- More memory means more can be done

Per-Instance Concurrency

- Number of parallel executions
- Can set concurrency level per instance
- Has a direct effect on how your app scales

Per-Instance Concurrency



Per-Instance Concurrency Defaults

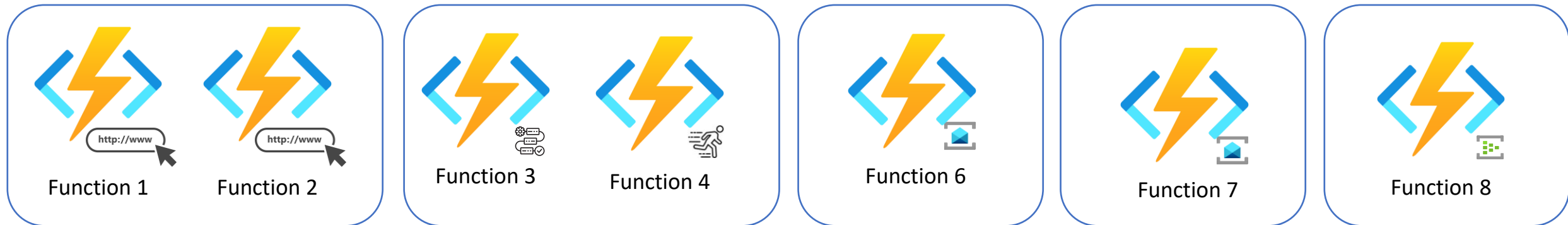
- Python – 1
- Other languages
 - 512-Mb: 4
 - 2048-Mb: 16
 - 4096-Mb: 32

Per-Function Scaling

- Deterministic way of scaling your app on a per-function basis
- No code changes
- Special cases: HTTP, Blob (Event Grid), and Durable trigger

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Scale Out Further

- Default is 100 instances
- Highest is 1000 instances
- Lowest is 40 instances

Region Subscription Memory Quota
512,000 MB per region per subscription

Extreme Scalability



Even More Benefits

- Azure Load Testing Integration
- Open Telemetry Opt-In
- Long Execution Times

Flex Consumption Features and Benefits

- Always Ready
- Virtual Network Support
- Instance Memory Choice
- Per-Instance Concurrency
- Per-Function Scaling
- Scale-Out Further
- Extreme Scalability
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Pricing

Pricing

On-Demand

Always Ready

Meter	Free Grant (per month)	Pay as you go
On Demand Execution Time	100,000 GB-s	\$0.000016/GB-s
On Demand Total Executions	250,000 executions	\$0.20 per million executions
Always Ready Baseline		\$0.000004/GB-s
Always Ready Execution Time		\$0.000009/GB-s
Always Ready Total Executions		\$0.20 per million executions

Billing

My Standard Scenario

3 million executions per month; each execution using 512 Mb and running for 1 second

Consumption: \$18.00

Billing

Azure Function Scenario

3 million executions per month; each execution using 512 MB and running for 1 second

Consumption: \$18.00

Premium: \$155.27

Flex Consumption (w/o Always Ready): \$20.60

Billing

Flex Consumption with Always Ready Scenario

3 million executions per month; each execution using 512 MB and running for 1 second; 1% of executions performed while idle

Consumption: \$18.00

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Flex Consumption (w/o Always Ready): \$20.60

Flex Consumption (with Always Ready): \$33.70

Billing

Actual Scenario

434k executions per month; each execution using 2048 MB and running for 400 milliseconds; VNet connectivity needed no Always Ready (cold starts acceptable)

Consumption: N/A

Premium: \$155.27

Flex Consumption: \$4.16



Demonstrations

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Demonstrations

- Deploying your first Flex Consumption Azure Function
- High-Scale HTTP Function App to Event Hubs via VNet



Considerations

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Considerations

- Not all triggers fully supported (yet)

Unsupported Triggers

Kafka

Azure SQL

SignalR

Not-Fully Supported

Blob (only supports the Event Grid source)

Considerations

- Not all triggers fully supported (yet)
- Not all regions are supported (yet)

Flex Consumption Regions

- East US
- North Europe
- Southeast Asia
- East Asia
- East US 2
- South Central US
- Australia East
- North Central US
- West US 2
- UK South
- West US 3
- Sweden Central

Considerations

- Not all triggers fully supported (yet)
- Not all regions are supported (yet)
- Deployment options limited (currently)

Unsupported Deployment Methods

- Azure DevOps Task (AzureFunctionApp@2)
- GitHub Actions (function-action@v1)
- Deployment Slots

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- Not all triggers fully supported (yet)
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- Scaling limitations (currently)

Scaling Limitations

- Lowest maximum scale is 40
- Highest maximum scale is 1000

Considerations

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- Scaling limitations (currently)
- Limited Support – Preview Functionality





Decisions

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Hosting Decisions

Consumption

Flex Consumption

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Container Apps

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Benefits

- Pay only when your functions are running (pay-as-you-go)
- True serverless hosting
- Automatic scaling during high load

Use case

Ideal for sporadic workloads with varying demand

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Benefits

- High scalability with compute choices
- Support virtual networking for added security
- Specify pre-provisioned instances to reduce cold starts
- Connects to virtual networks

Use case

- When you need more control over concurrency and what to pay-as-you-go
- When you need VNet support for sporadic workloads

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Benefits

- Automatically scales based on demand using prewarmed workers
- Suitable for continuous or nearly continuous workloads
- Connects to virtual networks

Use case

- Multiple functions apps on the same plan with event-driven scaling
- Need for more compute power
- When you need VNet support for high-use workloads

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Benefits

- Dedicated compute resources for your app
- Ideal for complex applications with customization needs
- Fully utilize existing App Service Plans

Use case

- Get full utilization of an existing App Service Plan
- Long-running scenarios where Durable Functions cannot be used

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Benefits

- Run your function app in a container
- Fully managed environment
- Dapr Support

Use case

- Mixing with other Container Apps and/or need Dapr support
- Migrating code execution from on-premises or legacy apps



Summary

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