

# Using Spark and Riak for IoT apps

## Patterns and Anti-patterns

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# IOT & INDUSTRY VERTICALS



## Manufacturing

35% of manufacturers already use smart sensors, 10% plan to implement them within a year, and 8% plan to implement them within three years, according to PwC.



## Oil, gas, and mining

We estimate 5.4 million IoT devices will be used on oil extraction sites by 2020. The devices will primarily be internet-connected sensors used to provide environmental metrics about extraction sites.



## Transportation

Connected cars are a top IoT device. We estimate there will be over 220 million connected cars on the road by 2020.



## Insurance

74% of insurance executives said they believe the IoT will disrupt insurance within the next five years, and 74% plan to invest in developing and implementing IoT strategies by 2016, according to an SMA Research survey.



## Defense

We estimate spending on drones will reach \$8.7 billion in 2020. In addition, 126,000 military robots will be shipped in 2020, according to Frost & Sullivan.



## Connected Home

By 2030, we expect the majority of home devices shipped will be connected to the internet due to initiatives from device makers to connect everything they produce.



## Agriculture

We estimate 75 million IoT devices will be shipped for agricultural uses in 2020, at a 20% CAGR. These devices are primary sensors placed in soil to track acidity levels, temperature, and variables that help farmers increase crop yields.



## Food Services

We estimate 310 million IoT devices will be used by food services companies by 2020. The majority of these devices will be digital signs connected throughout grocery stores and fast-food companies.



## Infrastructure

We estimate municipalities worldwide will increase their spending on IoT systems at a 30% CAGR, from \$36 billion in 2014 to \$133 billion in 2019. This investment will generate \$421 billion in economic value for cities worldwide in 2019.



## Retail

Beacons, paired with mobile apps, are being used in stores to monitor customer behavior and push advertisements to customers. In the US, we estimate \$44.4 billion will be generated from beacon-triggered messages.



## Logistics

Tracking sensors placed on parcels and shipping containers will help reduce costs associated with lost or damaged goods. In addition, robots, such as the Amazon Kiva robot, help reduce labor costs in warehouses.



## Banks

There are nearly 3 million ATMs installed globally in 2015, according to the World Bank. Some teller-assist ATMs provide a live-stream video of a teller for added customer support.



## Utilities

Energy companies throughout the world are trying to meet the rising demand in energy. To do this, they will be installing nearly 1 billion smart meters by 2020.



## Hospitality

31% of hotels use next-generation door locks, 33% have room control devices, 16% have connected TVs, and 15% use beacons throughout the hotel, according to Hospitality Technology's 2015 Lodging Technology survey.



## Healthcare

We estimate 646 million IoT devices will be used for healthcare by 2020. Connected healthcare devices can collect data, automate processes, and more. But these devices can also be hacked, thereby posing a threat to the patients who rely on them.



## Smart Buildings

43% of building managers in the US believe the IoT will affect how they run their building within the next two to three years, according to a survey from Daintree Networks.

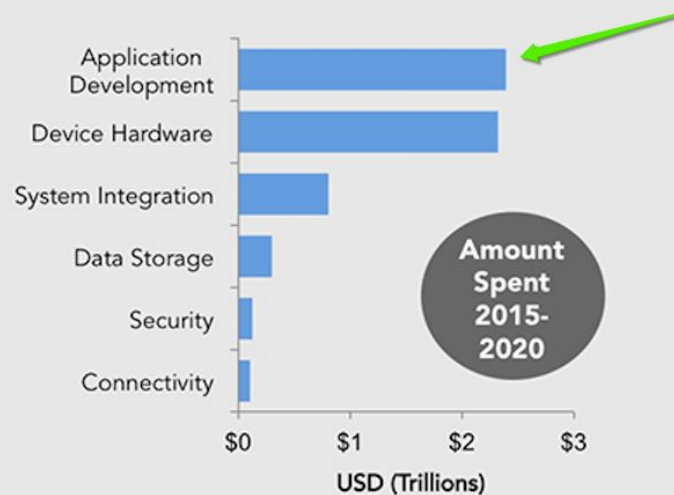
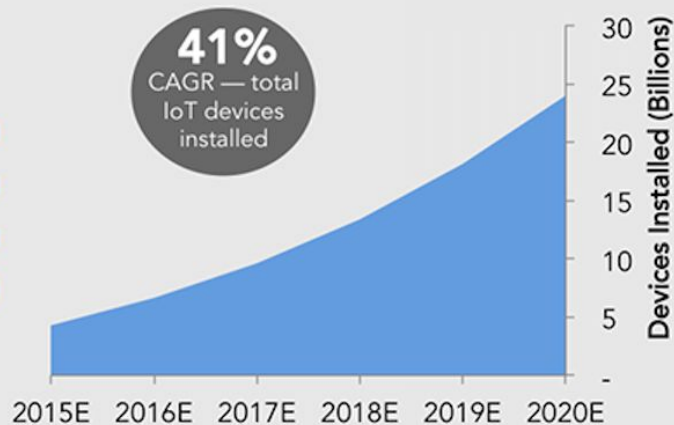
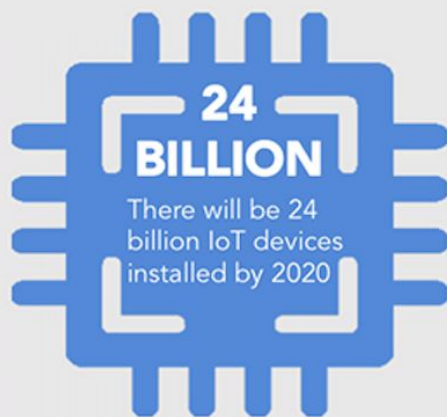
## IoT market - growth prediction

Number of connected “things”

- 2016 – about 6.4 B
  - 30% YoY growth, 5.5M activations per day
- 2020 – about 21 B

**“By 2020 more than half of new major business processes and systems will incorporate some element of Internet of Things”**

# Sizing The Market



# The IoT Technology Stack



Device  
Hardware



Device  
Software



Communications



Cloud  
Platform



Cloud  
Applications

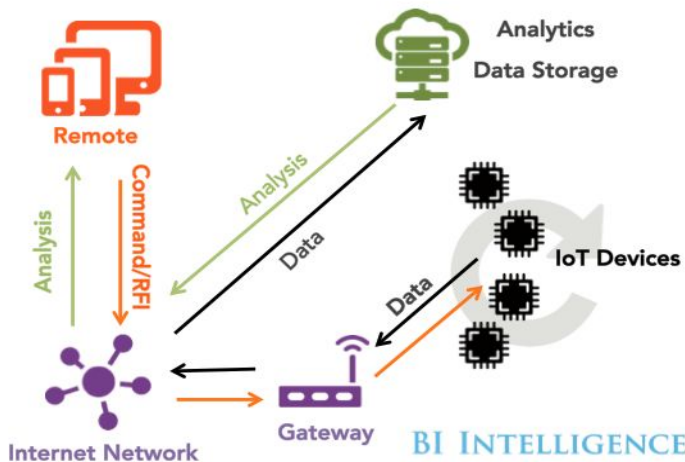
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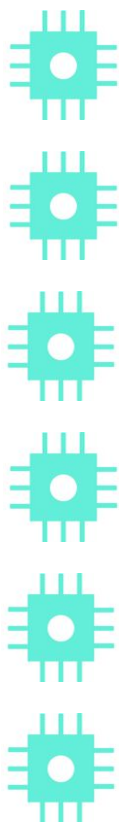
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# IoT Project Plan

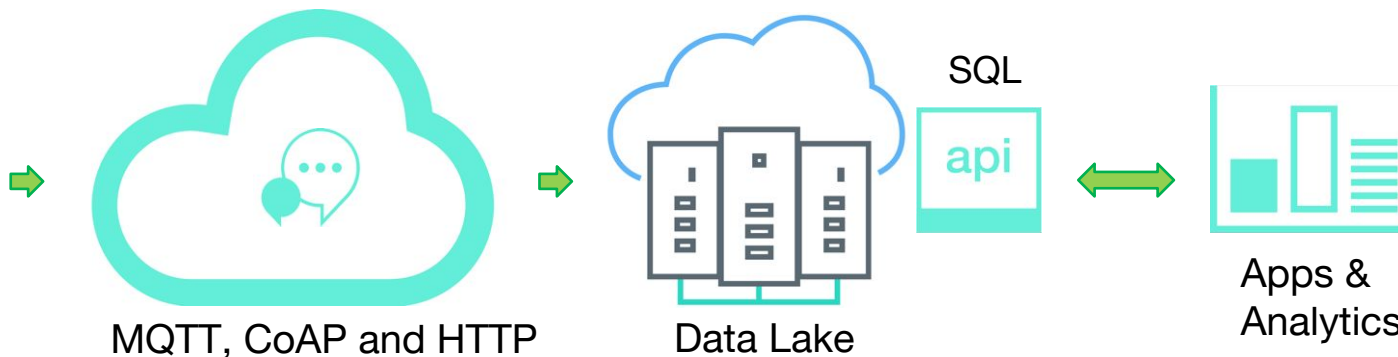
- Investigate those “things” and figure out
  - What protocols they support (CoAP, MQTT, HTTP, ...)
  - What data they generate (temperature, humidity, location, speed, ...)
- Collect this data in our data center
  - Implement protocols and parsing routines
  - Store into persistent storage (“Data Lake” architecture)
- Once stored in Data Lake
  - Analyze, summarize, “slice and dice”
  - Predict, make recommendations, discover insights
- Declare a victory (make profit, go for IPO, ...)

## The Internet of Things Ecosystem





## REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE (?)



Not so fast, my friend.

What is wrong with “Data Lake” for IoT ?

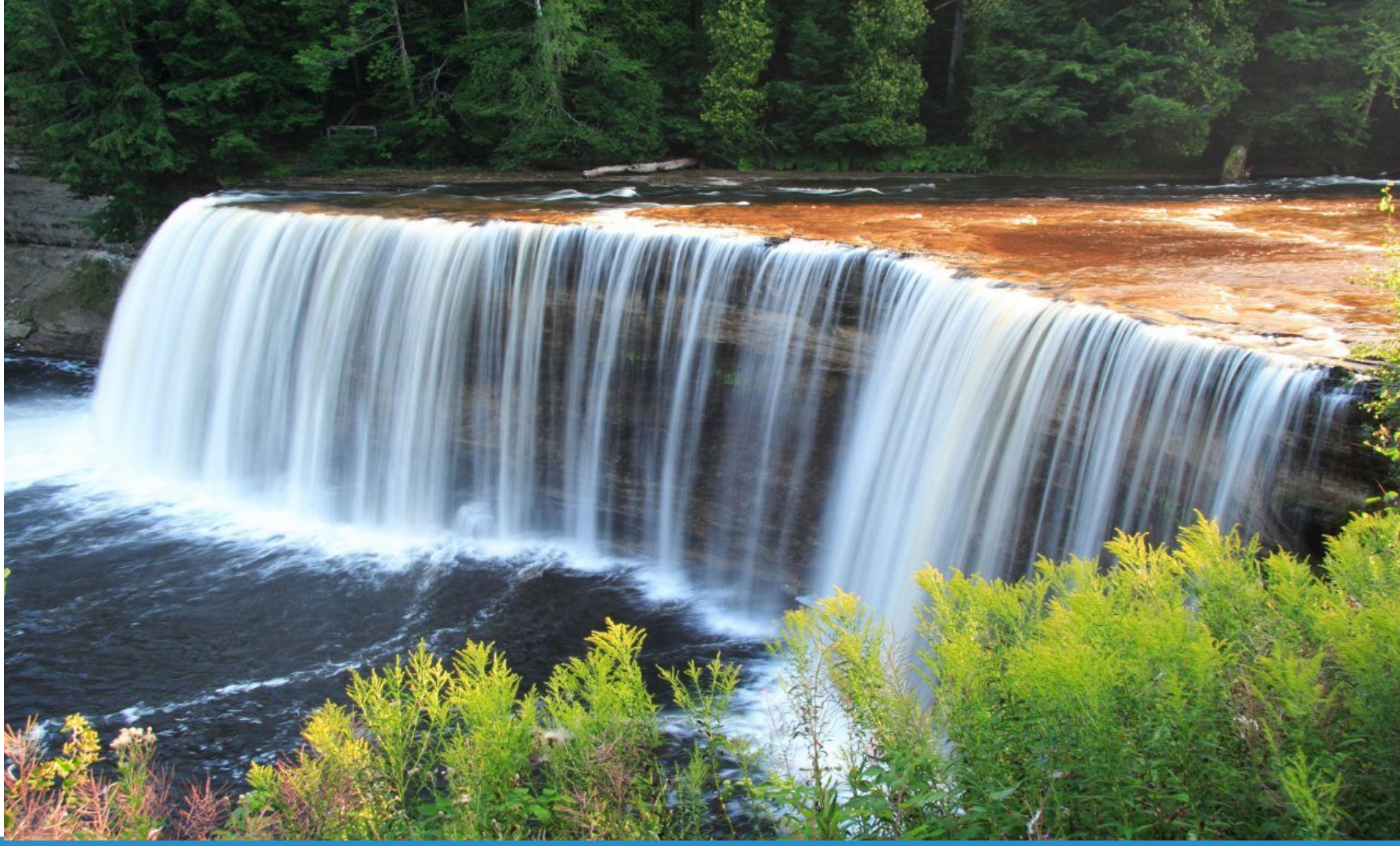
















What is different special about IoT?  
It is about the “things”... and more.



## Application Class / Type

No. of Connections  
2025

Requirement

CCTV, mHealth,  
Electronic billboards,  
automotive  
infotainment

**2 Bn**

Wired,  
WiFi, Cellular

>10Mb/s  
Not cost sensitive, fixed  
power

Telematics, smart  
home, M2M backhaul

**8 Bn**

Wired, WiFi,  
Cellular, Satellite

<1Mb/s  
Low cost (<\$15 UE), fixed  
power or regularly  
rechargeable battery

Sensors, meters,  
wearables, 'thing'  
tracking, assisted  
living, logistics

**20 Bn**

WiFi, Zigbee, Bluetooth,  
PLC, sub-GHz License-Exempt (e.g. M-Bus, etc.)

<10Kb/s  
Very low-cost (<\$5 UE),  
Ultra Low power (>10yrs  
battery life )



## IoT Networks and Protocols





## IoT Devices & IoT Network Protocols

- Wireless technologies
- Limited range
- Limited bandwidth
- Shared transmission media
- Mesh or Ad-hoc Topology
- Possible signals interference
- Low cost hardware components
- Low power radio transmitters
- Very small antennas
- “Custom-made” firmware
- Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)
- “Best Effort” QoS (“shoot and forget”)

IoT is “Big Data” - by definition.  
Actually, lots and lots of Big Data.

## IoT Data Categories

	Category	Description
Metadata & Profiles	Devices	Device info (model, SN, firmware, sensors, ..), configuration, owner, ...
	Users	Personal info, preferences, billing info, registered devices, ...
Time Series	Ingested ("Raw")	Measurements, statuses and events from devices.
	Aggregated ("Derived")	<p>Calculated data - from devices &amp; profiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rollups – aggregate metrics from low resolution to higher ones (min - hour – day) using min, max, avg, ...</li><li>• Aggregations – aggregate measurements, configuration and profiles (model, region, ...) over time ranges</li></ul>



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Complexity	Poly-structured using simple schemas and simple relations (usually implicit). Some data is treated as unstructured (“opaque”) for speed or flexibility. <i>Note: expect schema or structure changes <u>without</u> preliminary notice.</i>

**Gartner.**

**Through 2018, 75% of Internet  
of Things projects will take up  
to twice as long as planned.**

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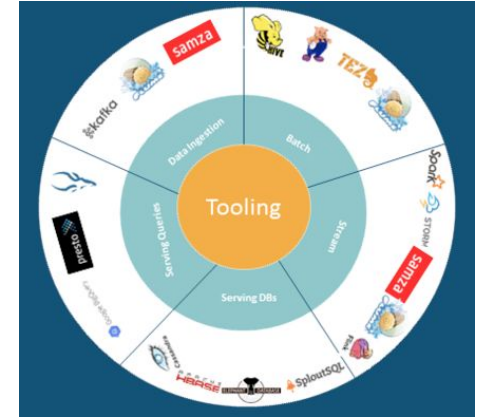
How are we going to solve it ?

## IoT Data & Processing

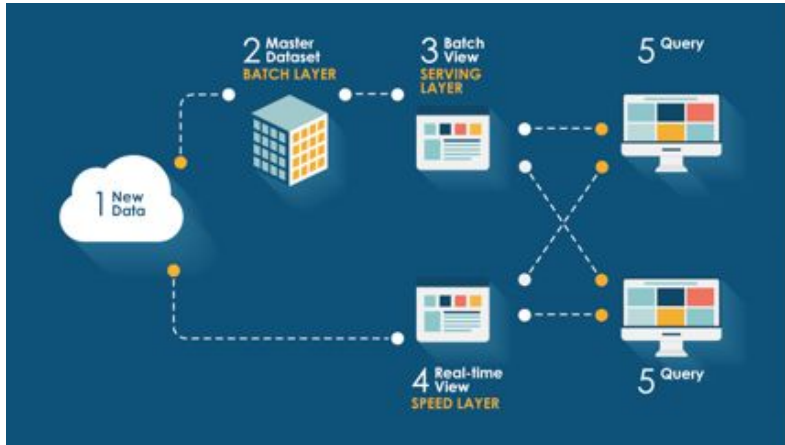
- Data
  - Huge amounts of data records - arriving 24x7x365
  - Some data records will arrive out-of-order, be late (minutes or hours) or lost
  - Expect “unexpected” - e.g. errors, nulls, schema or type changes, drops
- Processing
  - Preprocessing - validation and cleansing
  - Translation (format, type, version, ...) and enrichment
  - Aggregations - min, max, avg, sum, top or bottom N, percentile, ...
  - Grouping - device vendor and model, location, service, subscription type, ...
  - Rollups - from 10 sec raw samples to 1 min, 1 hour, 1 day, 1 week, 1 month, ..
  - Alarms (e.g. threshold crossing), anomaly detection (using ML)
  - Predefined reports (e.g. daily, weekly, ...)
  - Ad-hoc reports or exploratory queries
  - Insights, predictions, ...

# Architectural Blueprints

- **Lambda Architecture** by *Nathan Marz* (ex-Twitter)
- **Kappa Architecture** by *Jay Kreps* (Confluent)
- **Zeta Architecture** by *Jim Scott* (MapR)
- ... and their variants



Zeta



Lambda



Kappa

## Data Processing Framework for IoT

- Uses “Best of breed” OSS technologies
- Combines two paradigms
  - “Speed Layer” – pipeline for Stream Processing for “Data in Motion”
  - “Serving Layer” – analytics for “Data in Motion” and “Data at Rest”
- Every component is “Distributed by Design”
  - Collection Layer
  - Message Queue
  - Stream Processing
  - Data Storage (Database, Object System, Data Warehouse)
  - Query and Analytics Engines

## Data store for IoT – “Wish list”

- **Ingested (Raw) Time Series**
  - Very high write throughput
  - Fast slice (time range) reads
- **Aggregated (Derived) Time Series**
  - Auto-distributed + slice locality
  - SQL-like queries
  - Aggregations
  - Bulk queries (analytics)
  - Secondary Indexes (Tags)
- **Efficient Storage**
  - Auto Data Retention (TTL)
  - Build-in anti entropy
  - Compression
  - Hot Backups
- **Profiles and Metadata**
  - Many concurrent reads with low latency
  - Reliable writes (ACID or conflict resolution)
  - Unstructured or partially structured
  - Secondary Indexes + Text Search
- **Scalability and Availability**
  - Distributed architecture, no SPoF
  - Linearly scalable - up and down
- **Operational simplicity**
  - Masterless architecture
  - Automatic rebalancing
  - Metrics, logs, events
  - Rolling upgrades

What DB type is a good fit for TS use cases?



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## Database Type For IoT or Time Series

Relational	Key Value	Document	Wide Column	Graph
MySQL	Riak KV	MongoDB	Cassandra	Neo4J
PostgreSQL	DynamoDB	CouchBase	HBase	Titan
Oracle	Voldemort	RethinkDB	Accumulo	Infinite Graph

None of existing DB types was designed to handle time series data

- Wide column DBs have high write throughput, but reads and updates are not their strength
- Key Value and Document DBs handle metadata well, but struggle with heavy writes and time-slicing reads
- Relational - good with metadata (unless number of updates is high), but a bad choice for TS data
- Graph DB – not a good choice for either time series or metadata, can be added later on

**We need a new type of NoSQL database – Time Series**

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Time Series		
InfluxDB	Riak TS	Blueflood
KairosDB	Prometheus	Druid
OpenTSDB	Dalmatiner	Graphite

IoT Sensors Data – Hot to Cold

## SENSORS DATA – HOT N' COLD

Temp	Purpose	Description	Immutable?
Boiling Hot	App usage	Last known value(s) and/or for last N minutes, useful for immediate responses, very frequently accessed	No
Hot	Operational dataset	Last 24 hours to several days or weeks (rarely months), frequently accessed, dashboards and online analytics	Almost*
Warm	Historical data	Older data, less frequently accessed, used mostly for offline analytics and historical analysis	Yes
Cold	Archives	Used only in rare situations, kept in long term storage for regulatory or unpredicted purposes	Yes

## STORAGE TIERS – FROM HOT TO COLD

RAM → Database (TSDB) → Object Storage → Archive

Temp	Purpose	Storage Products	Immutable?
Boiling Hot	App usage	Internal app cache, Redis or Memcached	No
Hot	Operational dataset	NoSQL Database (preferably Time Series DB) Riak TS, OpenTSDB, KairosDB, Cassandra, HBase	Almost*
Warm	Historical data	Object storage – HDFS (Hadoop), Ceph, Minio, Riak S2 or AWS S3	Yes
Cold	Archives	Various	Yes

*Data Lake*



## STORAGE TIERS – REALITY CHECK

RAM → Database (TSDB) → Object Storage → Archive  
Elastic Cache (Redis) → Database (Postgres, DynamoDB) → AWS S3 → Glacier

Temp	AWS Service	Storage price, GB per month
Boiling Hot	Elastic Cache (Redis)	\$15-45
Hot	DynamoDB RDS (Postgres)	\$ 0.25-0.35 (SSD) from \$0.1 (Magnetic)
Warm	Simple Storage Service (S3)	\$0.024 to \$0.030
Cold	Glacier	\$0.007

*Data Lake*

## OSS technologies for scalable IoT apps

Component	Open Source Technologies
Load balancer	Ngnix, HA Proxy
Ingestion	Kafka, RabbitMQ, ZeroMQ, Flume
Stream Computing	Spark Streaming, Apache Flink, Kafka Streams, Samza
Time Series Store	InfluxDB, KairosDB, Riak, Cassandra, OpenTSDB
Profiles Store	CouchBase, Riak, MySQL, Postgres, MongoDB
Search	Solr, Elastic Search
Object Storage	HDFS (Hadoop), Minio, Riak S2, Ceph
Analytics Framework	Apache Spark (& MLlib), MapReduce, Hive
SQL Query Engine	Spark SQL, Presto, Impala, Drill
Cluster Manager	Mesosphere DC/OS or Mesos, Kubernetes, Docker Swarm

## Checklist for IoT technology stack

- ☐ Is it vendor lock-in or open source software? Are there open APIs?
- ☐ Can it be deployed in cloud? At the edge? In a data center? Using hybrid approach?
- ☐ Can it be used it for free or low cost (no big upfront investment)?
- ☐ Are the components pre-integrated or can be easily integrated together?
- ☐ Can you develop your app on your laptop? How many “moving parts”?
- ☐ Can you easily scale each component in this architecture by 2x? 10x? **50x**?
- ☐ Is there a roadmap, actively worked on, which is aligned with your vision?
- ☐ Is there a company behind the technology to provide 24x7 support when needed?

## OSS technologies for IoT apps - the “**opinionated**” choice

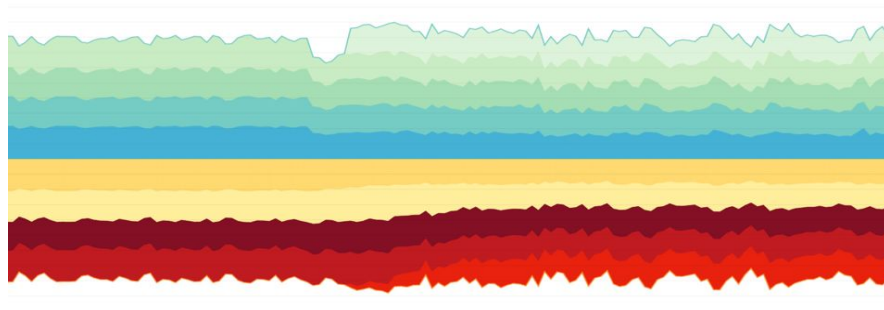
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Stream Computing	<b>Structured Spark Streaming</b>
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Profiles Store	<b>Riak (KV buckets)</b>
Search	<b>Riak Search</b> (based on Solr)
Object Storage	<b>Riak S2</b>
Analytics Framework	<b>Apache Spark (&amp; MLlib)</b>
SQL Query Engine	<b>Apache Spark SQL</b>
Cluster Manager	Mesosphere DC/OS or Kubernetes



- Riak TS (Time Series) - highly scalable NoSQL database for IoT and Time Series

... and more

- Riak **Spark** Connector for **Apache Spark**
- Riak Integrations with Redis and Kafka
- Riak Mesos Framework (RMF) for DC/OS



# Thank You!

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# MAP CHANNEL



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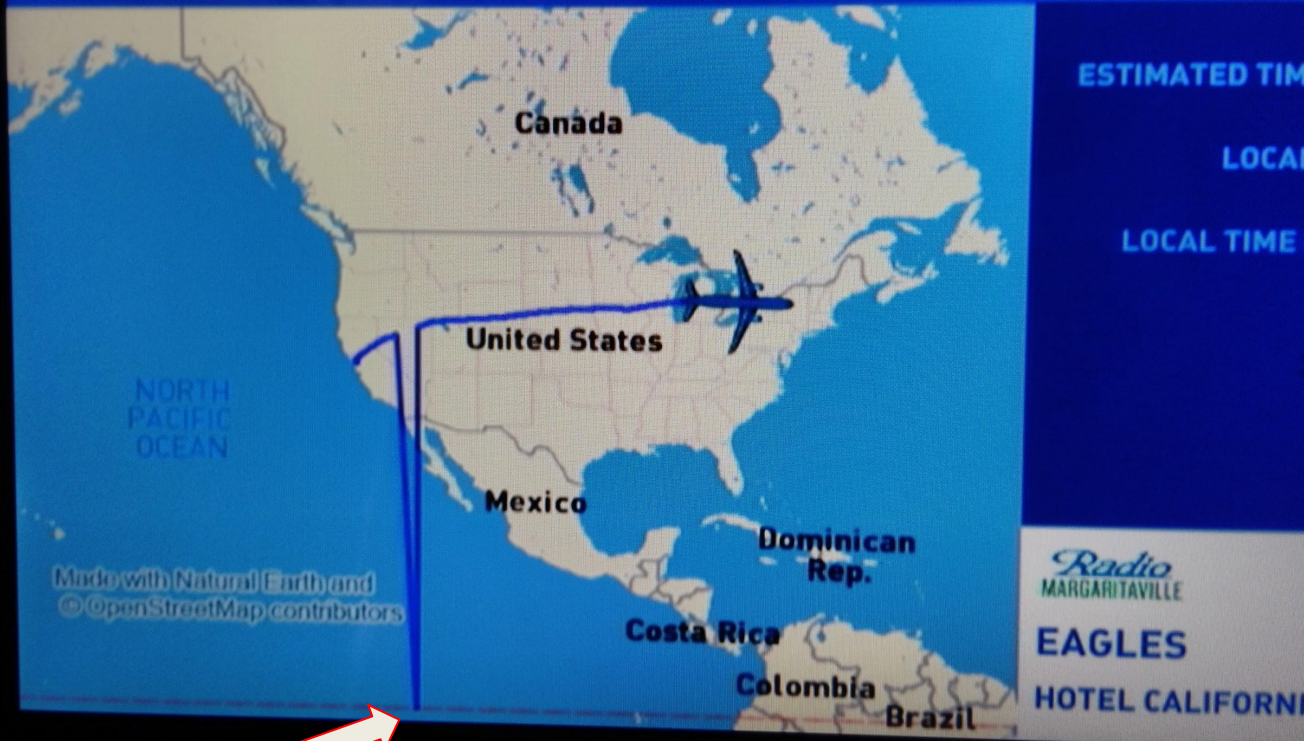
VOLUME



BRIGHTNESS



HOME



## A321



A Condor A321

Role	Narrow-body jet airliner
National origin	Multi-national <sup>[a]</sup>
Manufacturer	Airbus
First flight	11 March 1993
Introduction	1994 with Lufthansa
Status	In service
Primary users	American Airlines China Southern Airlines Turkish Airlines China Eastern Airlines
Produced	1992–present
Number built	1,447 as of 31 January 2017 <sup>[1]</sup>
Unit cost	US\$114.9 million <sup>[2]</sup>

