



Kubernetes at the Edge

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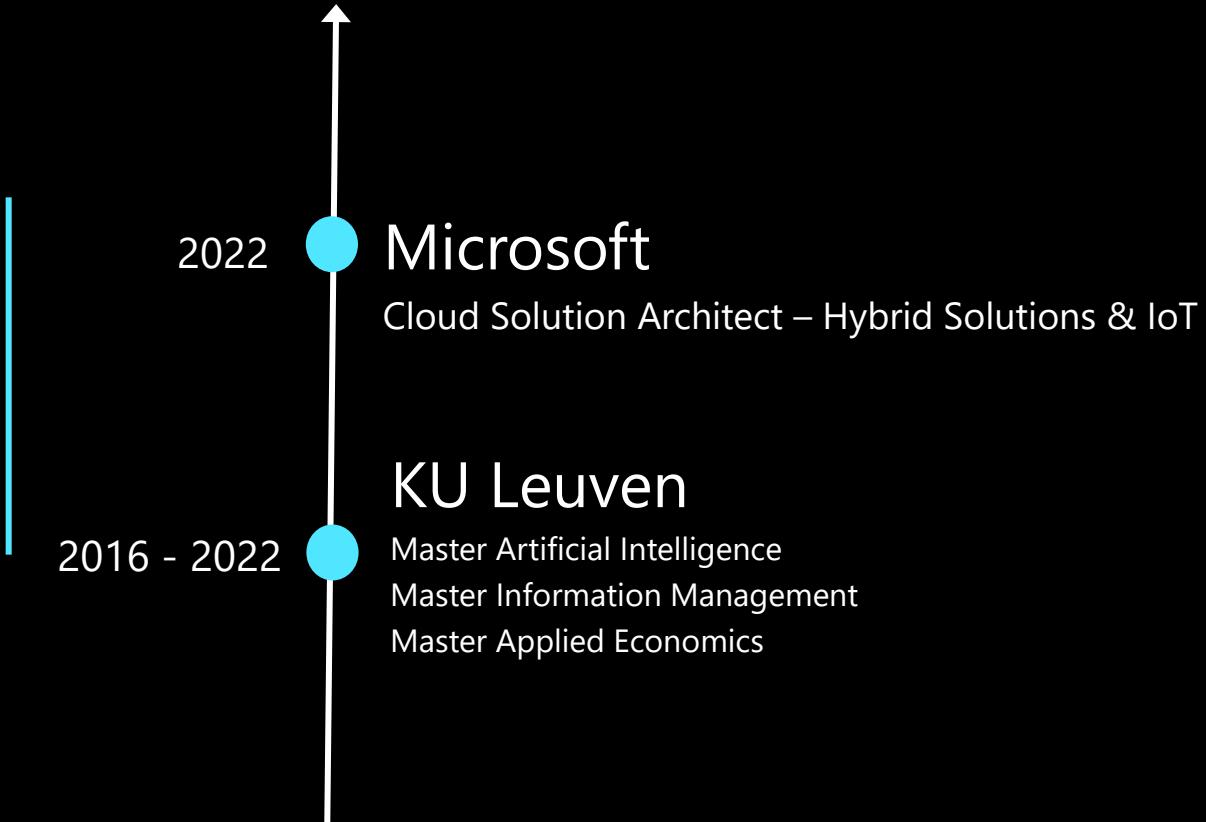




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Why Kubernetes?

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Cloud native EVERYWHERE

AKS Edge Essentials

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Benefits of Kubernetes



Container orchestration savings



Increased DevOps efficiency for microservices architecture



Deploying workloads in different environments



Automation of deployment and scalability



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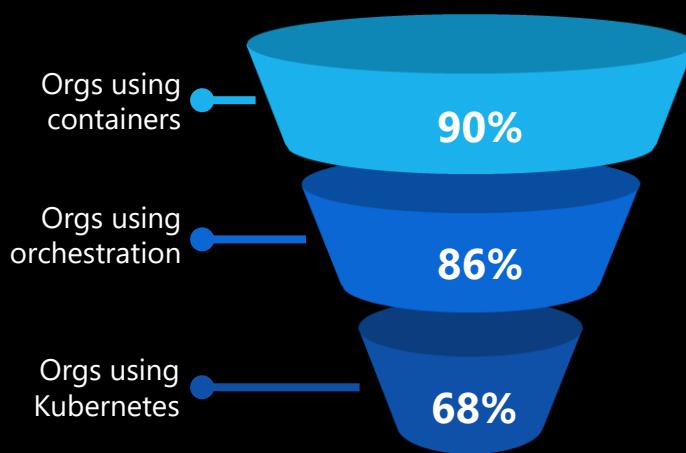
Organizations are adopting containers, Kubernetes and IoT to meet their needs

- 90% of companies use containers and 68% use Kubernetes today. An additional 19% plan to use Kubernetes in the next years.
- 81% of companies manage their Lightweight Edge devices themselves and 71% of those devices already have a path to the cloud (an additional 22% are open to providing those devices with a path to the cloud).
- 68% of companies ranked “Easier to deploy new software or software updates” among their top 3 benefits with 42% ranking it #1.

Most organizations are using containers, orchestration, and Kubernetes today

CONTAINER & ORCHESTRATION USAGE

Most organizations are using containers, orchestration, and Kubernetes today to meet their needs at the edge and cloud



Of orgs are either using Kubernetes today (68%) or plan to in the next 12 months (19%).

n=418

LIGHTWEIGHT EDGE DEVICE USAGE



72%
n=398

of organizations deploy Lightweight Edge Devices into the field at branch locations

QUANTITY OF LIGHTWEIGHT EDGE DEVICES

$$\begin{array}{r} 190 \\ \times 23 \\ \hline 4,370 \end{array}$$

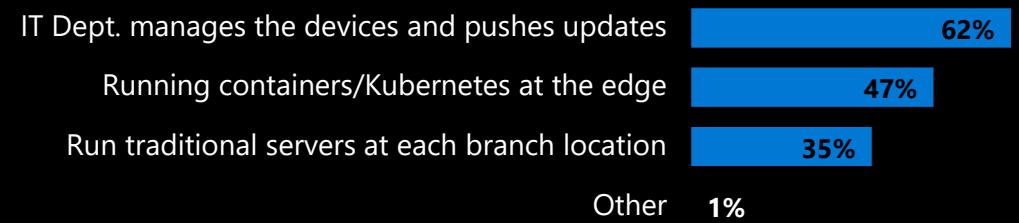
Average number of branch locations*
n=241

Average number of Lightweight Edge Devices per location*
n=241

Average total number of Lightweight Edge Devices

*Responses capped using 1.5*IQR methodology

HOW IT'S HANDLED TODAY



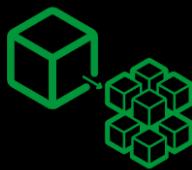
Customer Needs For OT Transformation

A common platform spanning cloud-to-edge for cloud-native workloads



Modernize Apps with Microservices

- Containerization
- OSS ecosystem
- AI/ML
- Re-use existing Windows & Linux code



Increase Developer Efficiency

- Modern software practices
 - Agility
 - Microservices
- CI/CD & GitOps

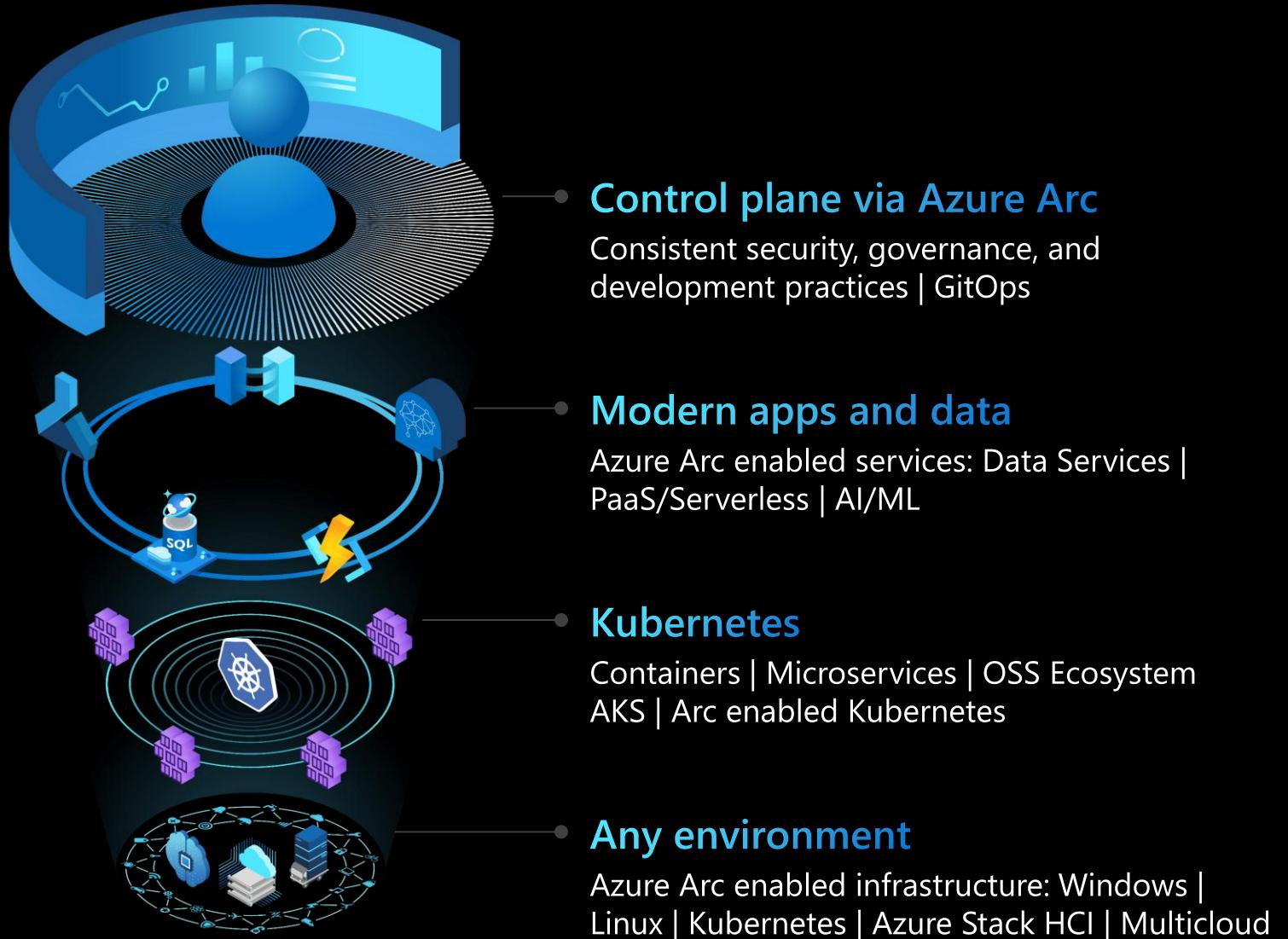


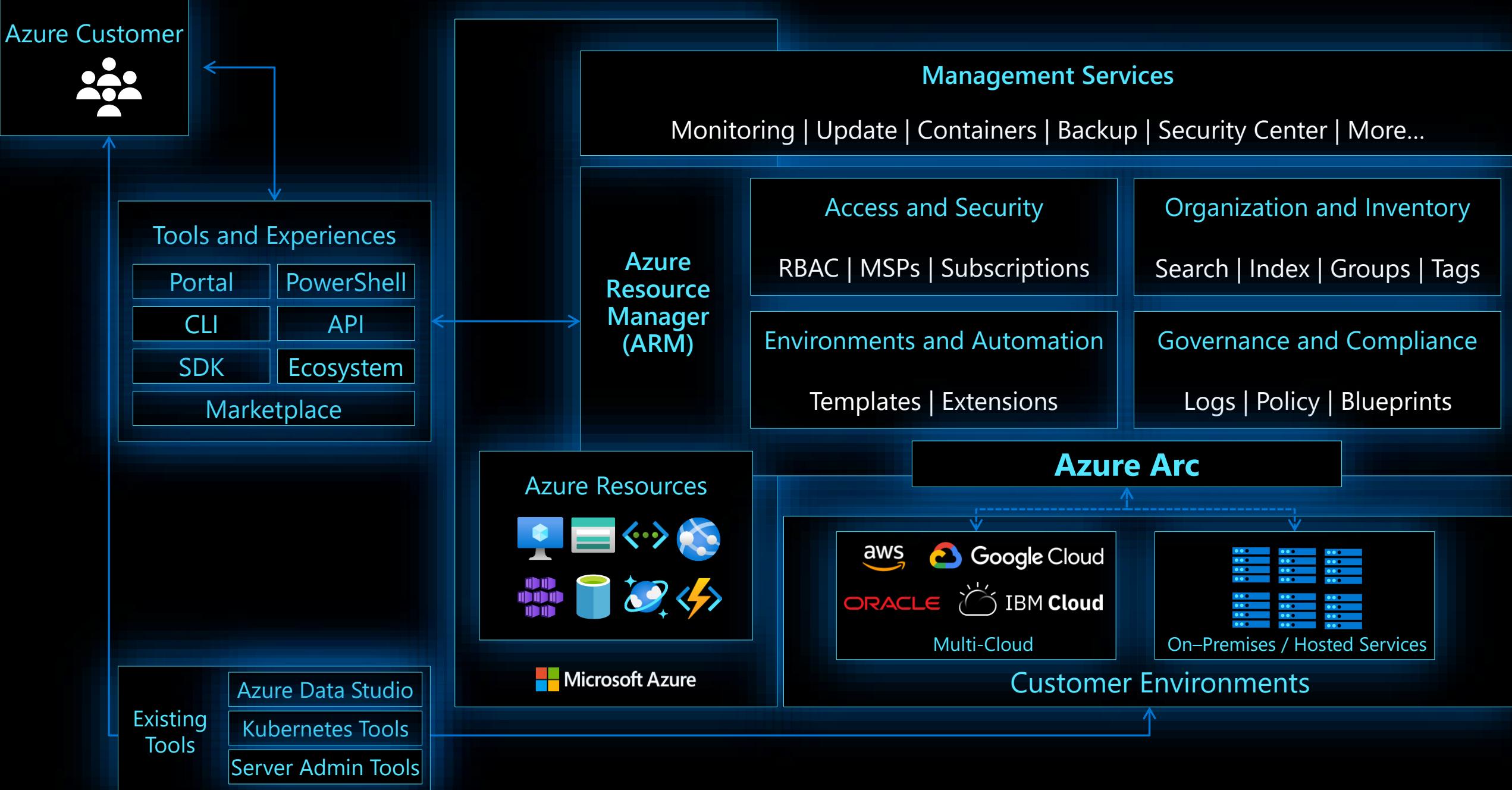
Run Cost Effective Operations

- Pre-process signals and insights before sending to the cloud
- Lowest latency
- Maximize hardware investments with existing & new machines

Cloud-native anywhere

Azure Unified Blueprint





Best practices to run Kubernetes commercially on Edge

Bring cloud-native best practices to edge



Running Kubernetes on all your platforms is difficult

You need to maintain same versions of Kubernetes distributions across cloud and edge

Technology

Keep your container infrastructure secure



Adhere to security best practices

Entire stack including host OS, clusters, worker nodes VM images need to incorporate layer specific security

Security

Deploy & Update Quickly at Global Scale

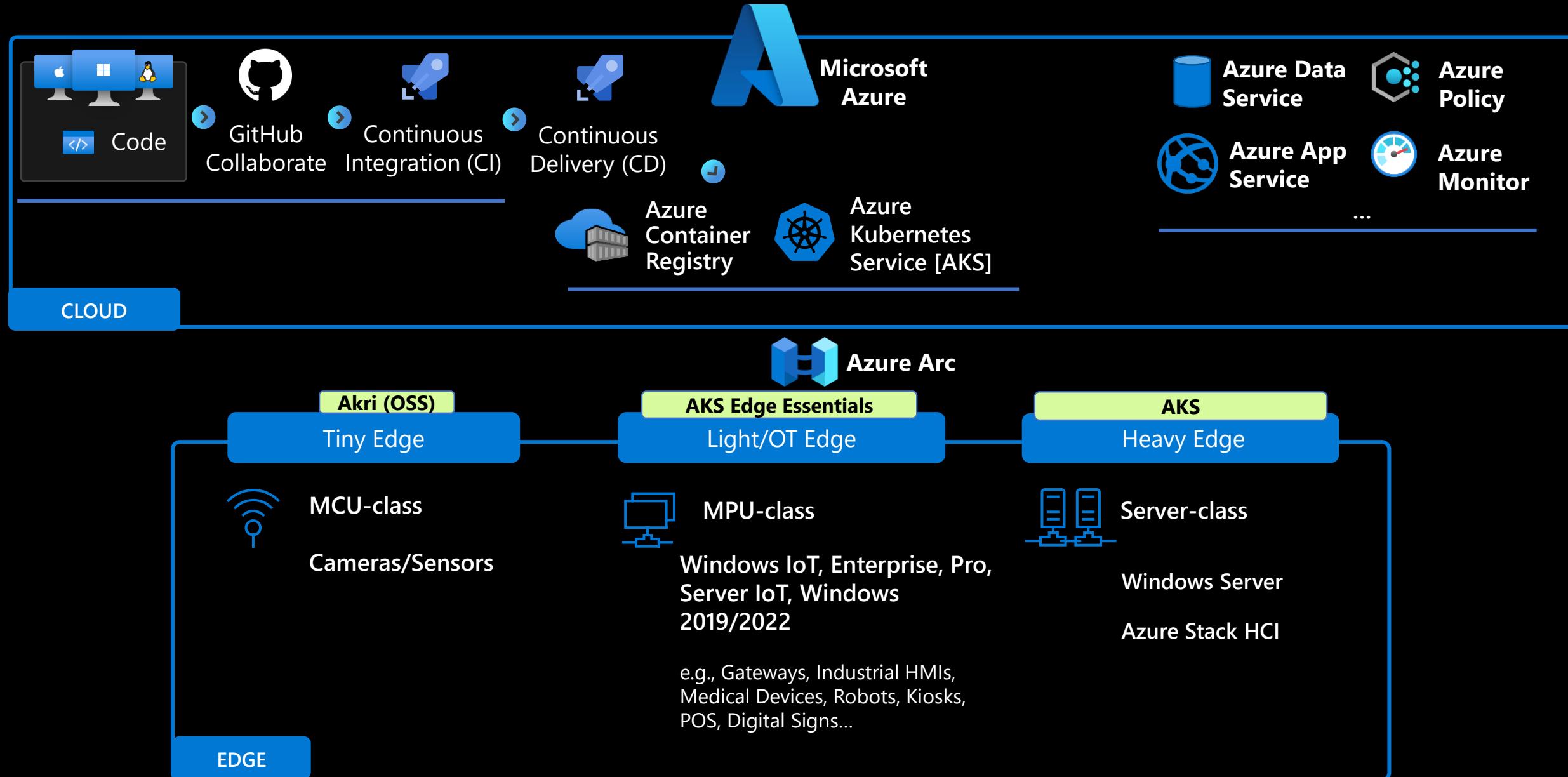


Update infrastructure and efficiency is critical

You must have the logistics and operational excellence to deliver, deploy updates globally to your machines in hours

Scale

Consistent Cloud and Edge Developer Experience



Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) Edge Essentials

Easily manage your application deployments across all clusters with Azure Arc.



Microsoft managed lightweight Kubernetes distribution runs with minimal 8GB memory and 2vCPUs compute



Simplified installation experience via an included Microsoft managed VM for easy cluster installation and configuration



Ongoing monthly security updates from Microsoft keep Linux and Windows VM images secured over time



Microsoft provides automatic updates to stay aligned with your cloud Kubernetes version



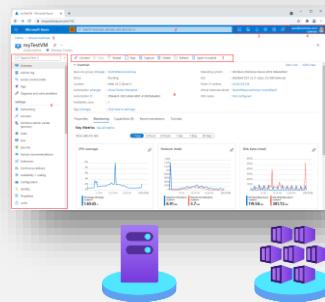
Choose to run Linux, Windows containers or both when creating a Kubernetes cluster on AKS Edge Essentials

Azure Resource Manager



Azure Portal

Build & manage everything from simple web apps to complex cloud deployments



Deploy Arc-Connected Services



Azure Monitor

Monitor servers in Azure, machines on-prem or at other cloud providers.



Azure Policy

Enforce organizational standards and assess compliance at-scale.



Azure App Service

Quickly build, deploy, and scale web apps and APIs on Kubernetes or Azure.

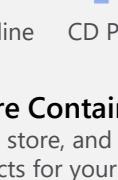
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Deploy your own workloads



GitOps

Manage the desired state of your Kubernetes cluster configurations with Git



Azure Container Registry

Build, store, and manage container artifacts for your deployments

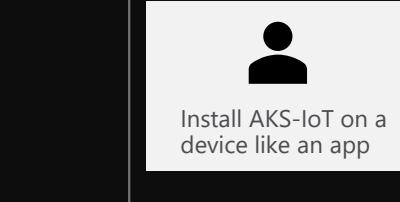
OS and VM updates



Windows Update

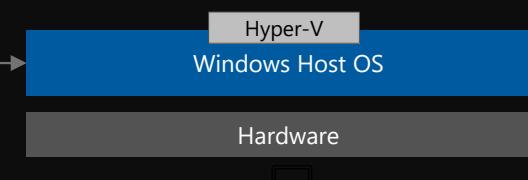
Get the latest fixes, updates and security improvements

Azure Arc



Connect via Arc-connected cluster

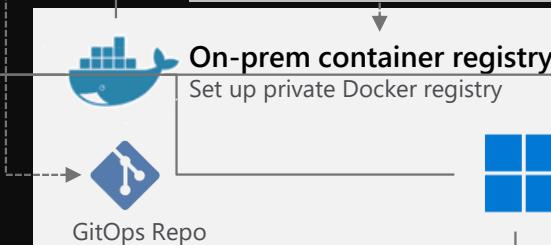
Connect via Arc for servers



Flux

Pull desired cluster state

Disconnected on-prem



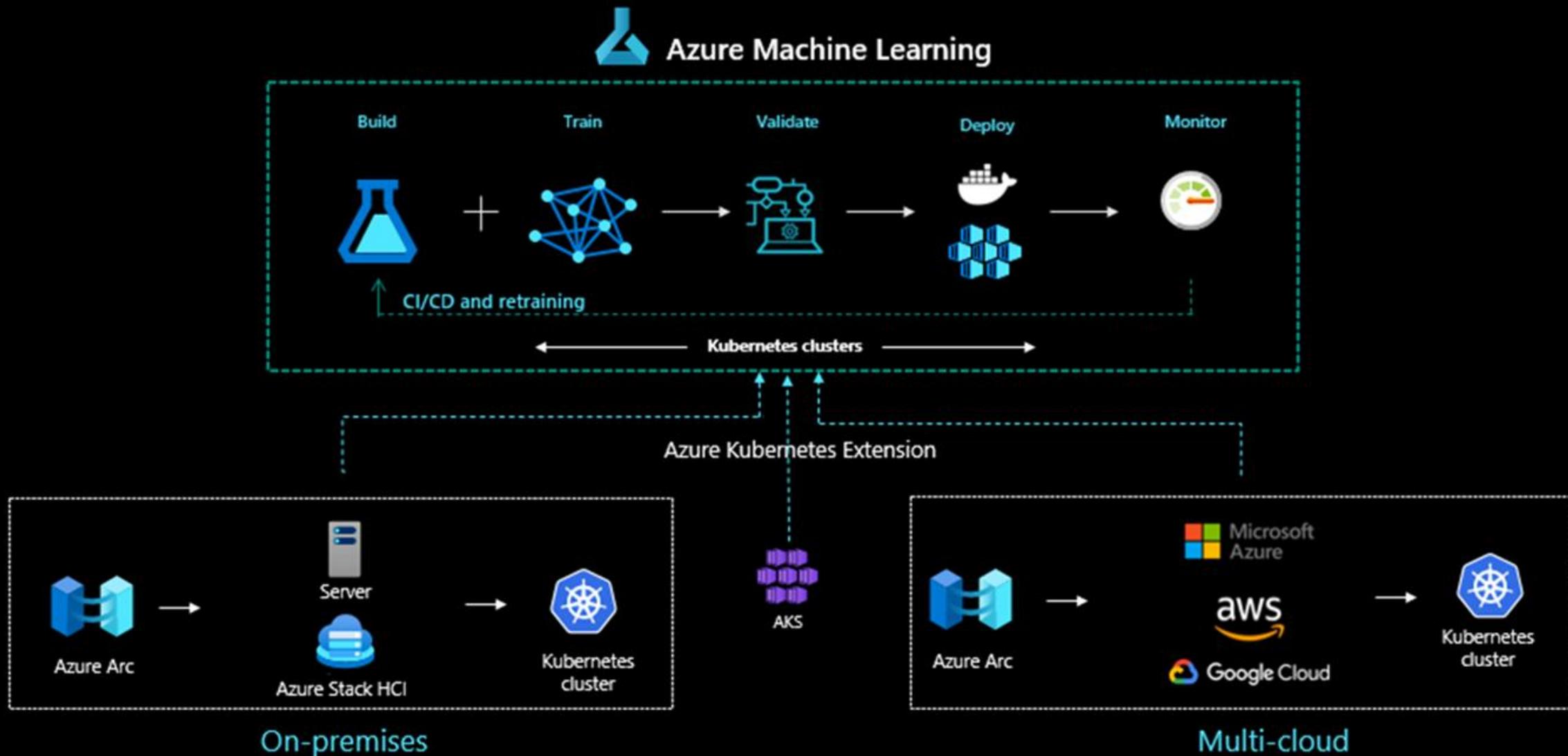
WSUS

Windows Server Update Services enables IT admins to deploy Microsoft updates.

CLOUD

EDGE

Machine learning anywhere



Use cases

Cloud to edge use cases span businesses and industries



Manufacturing

- Defect detection
- Worker safety & loss prevention
- Automated supply chain & assembly
- Damaged box detection



Retail

- Space & assortment
- Traffic patterns
- Personalization
- Inventory management
- Optimal product placement



Healthcare

- Medical imaging devices
- Digital health platforms
- Store data on prem
- Real-time analysis
- Online updates



Sustainability

- Decarbonizing the Electrical Grid
- Waste Reduction in Supply Chain Ops
- Carbon Capture & Storage

Core business systems

Marketing

- Customer insights
- Dynamic pricing

Sales

- Lead scoring
- Sales insights

Finance

- Financial forecasting
- Risk management

Workforce

- Employee insights
- Employee safety

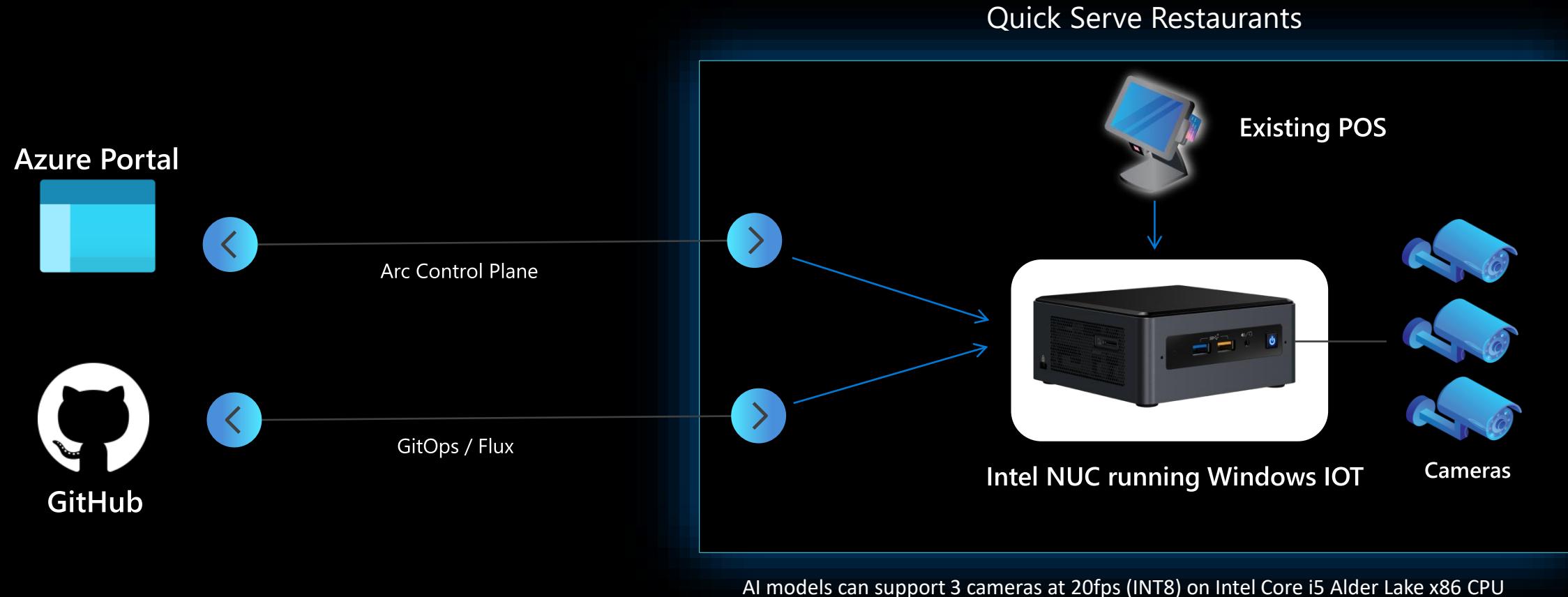
Service

- Intelligent chatbots
- Virtual assistants

Solving Order Accuracy with Edge AI

Business problem: Order Accuracy

Solution: AI to track and alert for the wrong food items added to the bags in real-time



Thank You

Resources

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[Azure Arc-enabled Kubernetes | Microsoft Learn](#)

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