

SERVERLESS APPLICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

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MY GOAL THIS MORNING

What is Serverless?

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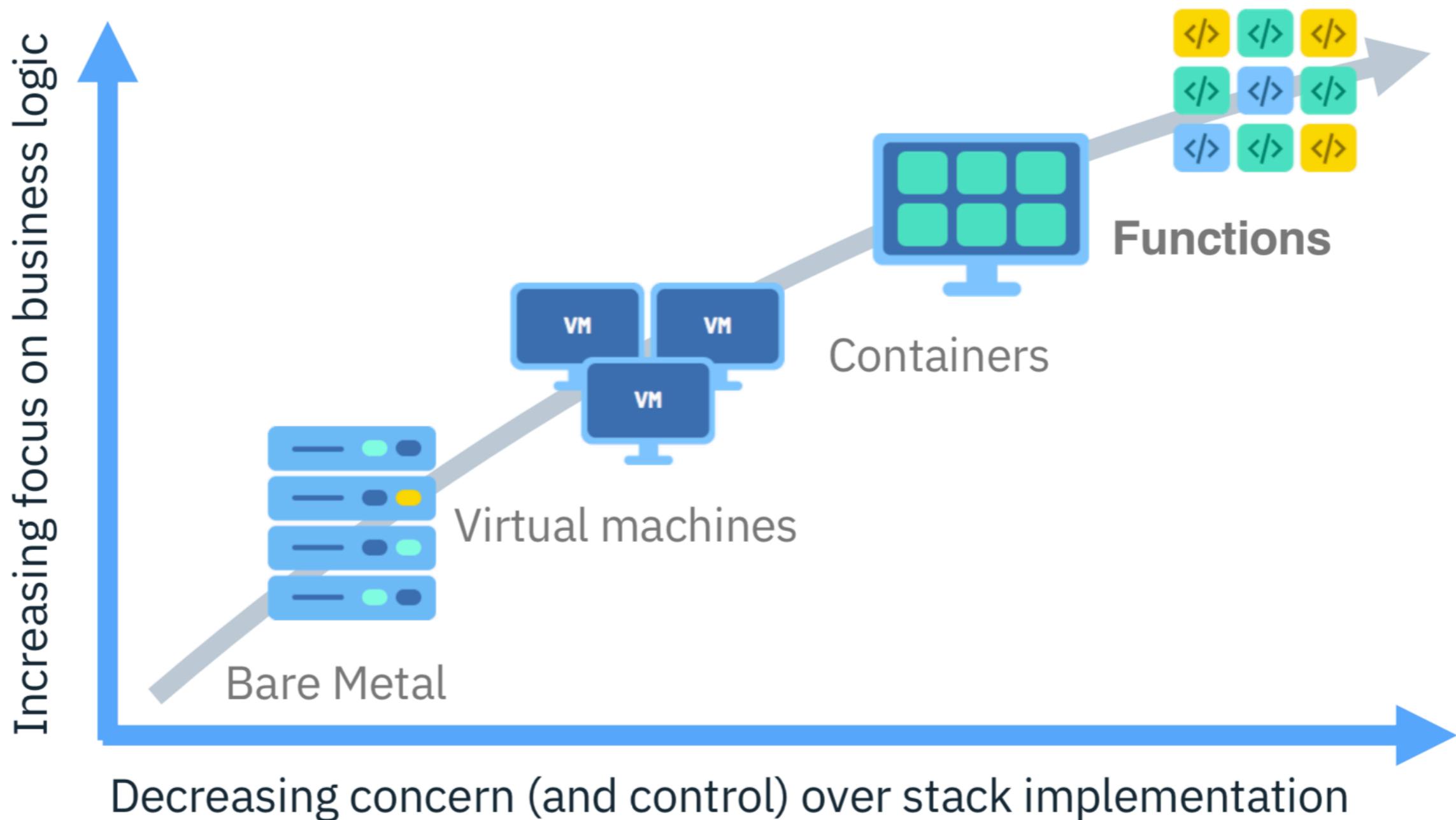
Serverless computing refers to the concept of building and running applications that **do not require server management**.

It describes a finer-grained deployment model where applications, **bundled as one or more functions**, are uploaded to a platform and then **executed, scaled, and billed** in response to the **exact demand needed** at the moment.

It refers to the idea that consumers of serverless computing no longer need to spend time and resources on **server provisioning, maintenance, updates, scaling, and capacity planning**. Instead, all of these tasks and capabilities are handled by a serverless platform and are completely abstracted away from the developers

<https://github.com/cncf/wg-serverless/tree/master/whitepapers/serverless-overview>

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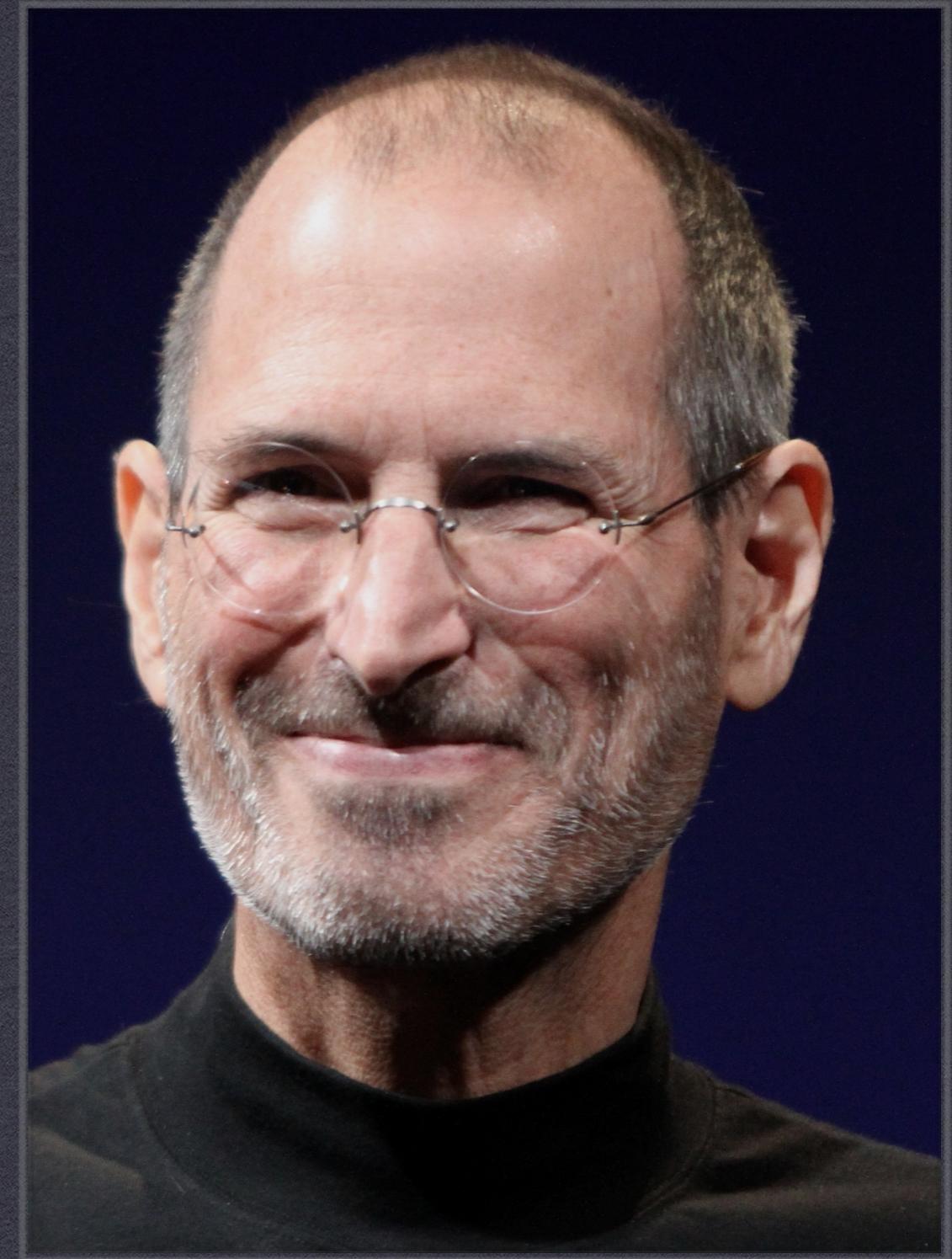


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machine.. literally _lost_.
it responds to ping, it works
completely, I just can't
figure out where in my
apartment it is.

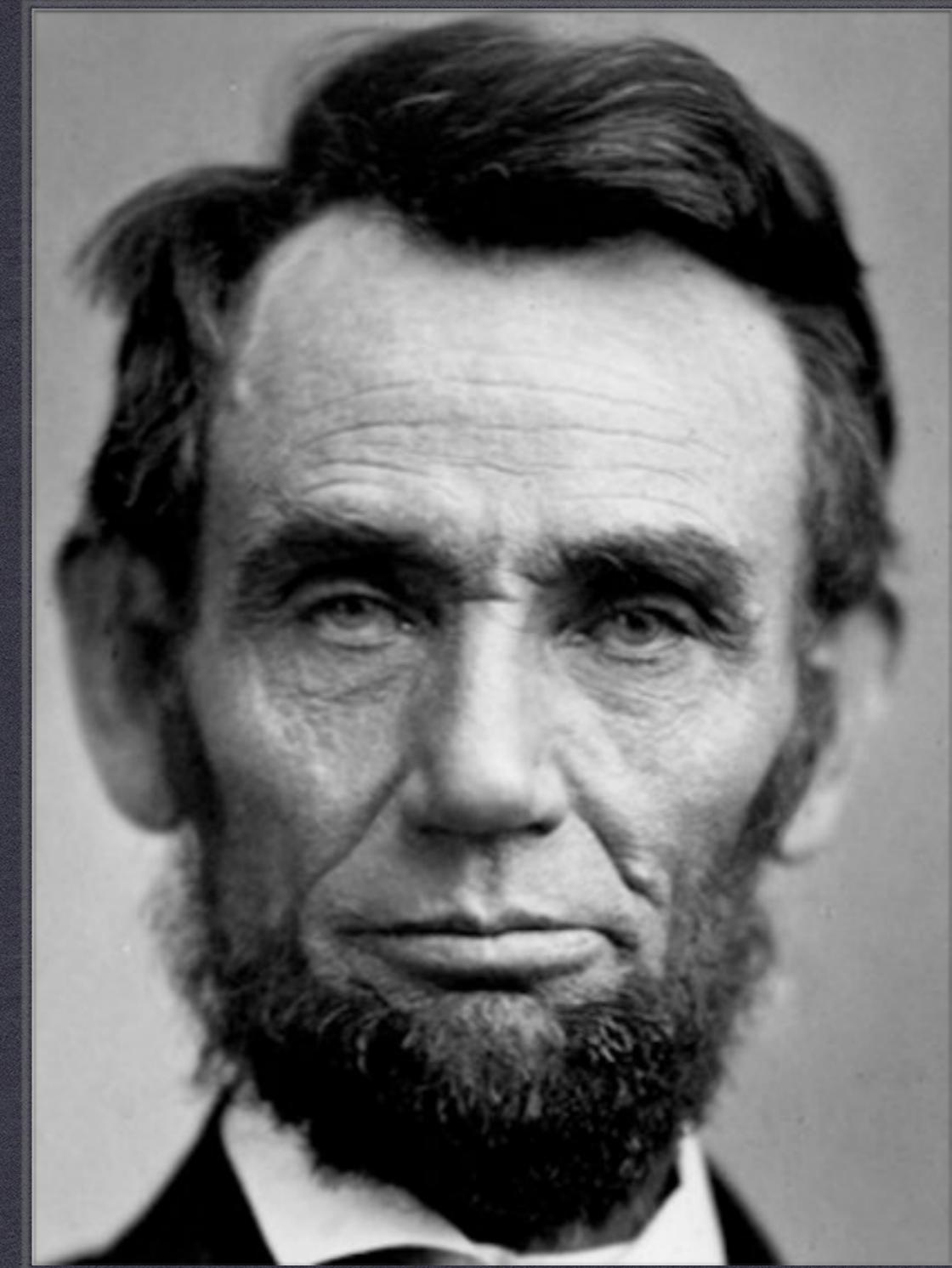
**“IF YOU CALL IT
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PLANNING, YOUR SALARY
GOES UP BY 50%.”**

-STEVE JOBS*



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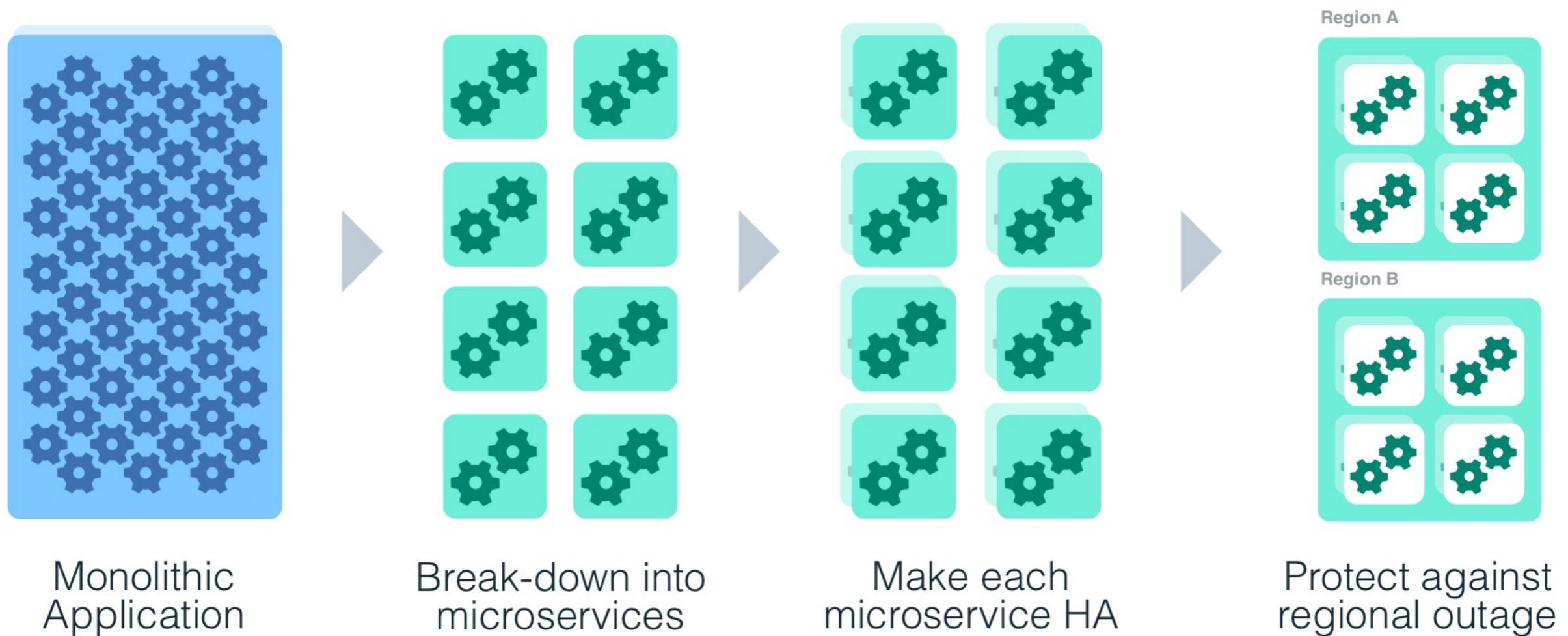
-ABRAHAM LINCOLN



What is Serverless?

Run Code without
Provisioning or
Managing Servers

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What is Serverless?

Runs code **only** on-demand on a per-request basis

Serverless deployment & operations model



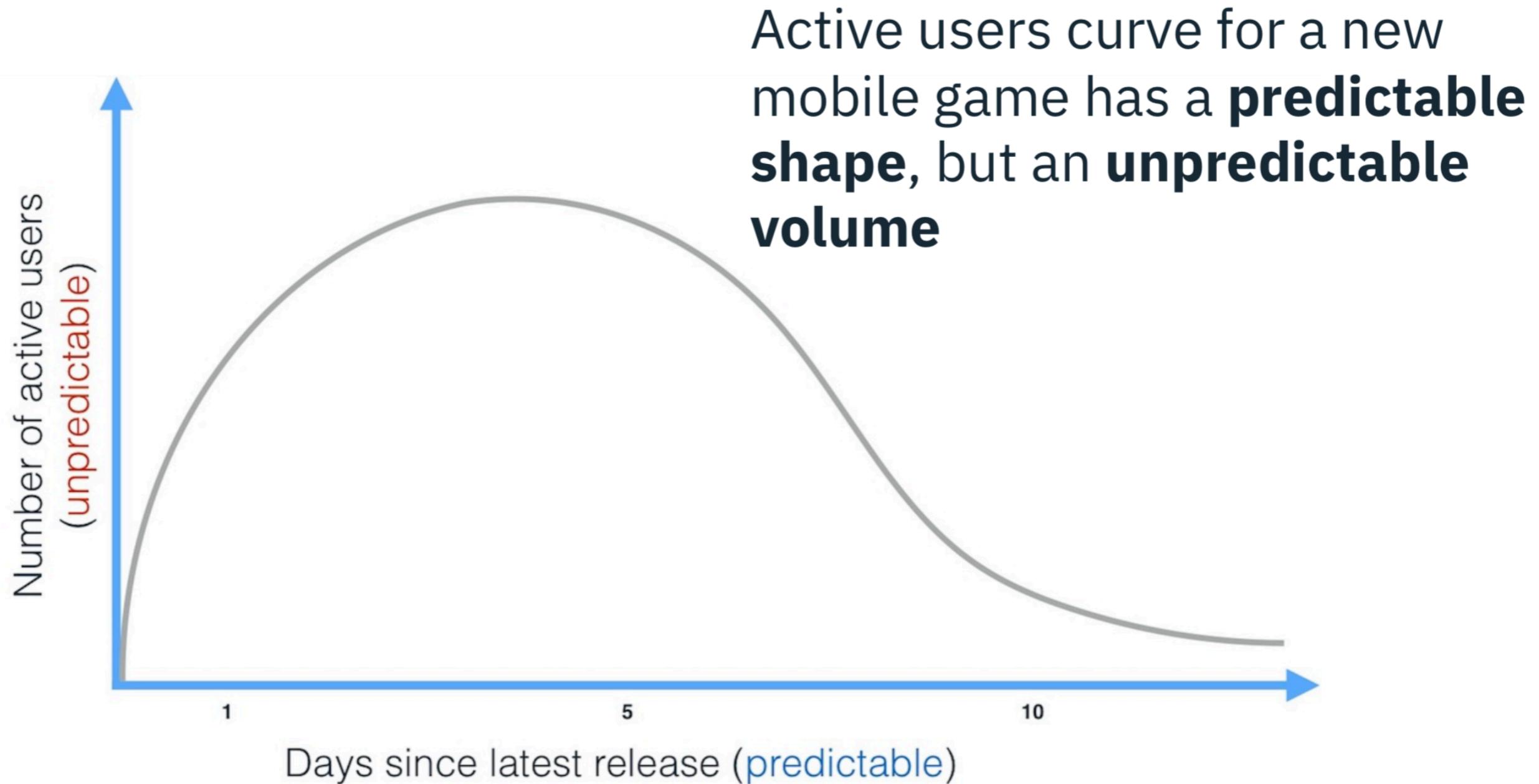
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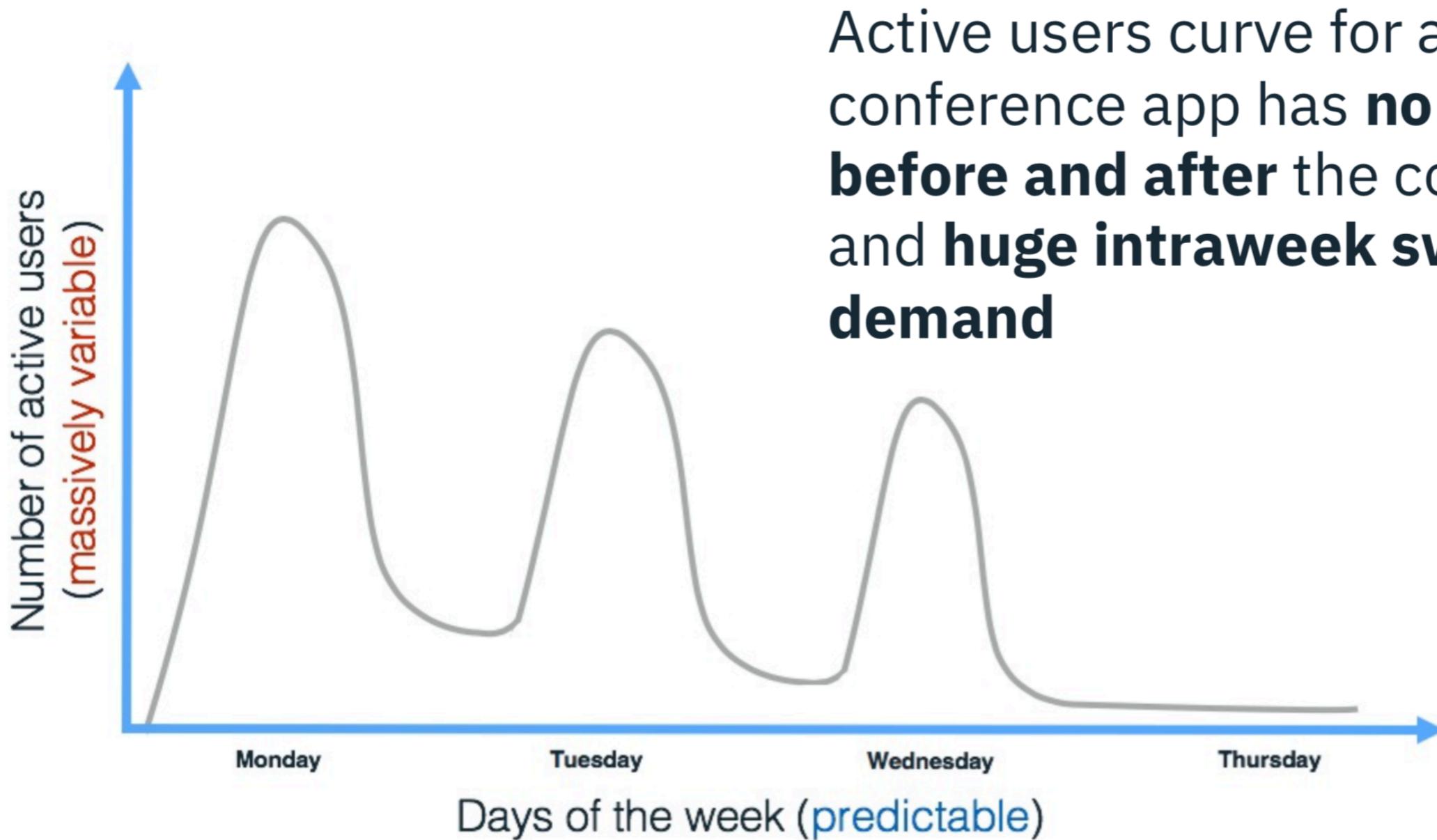
Focus on CODE

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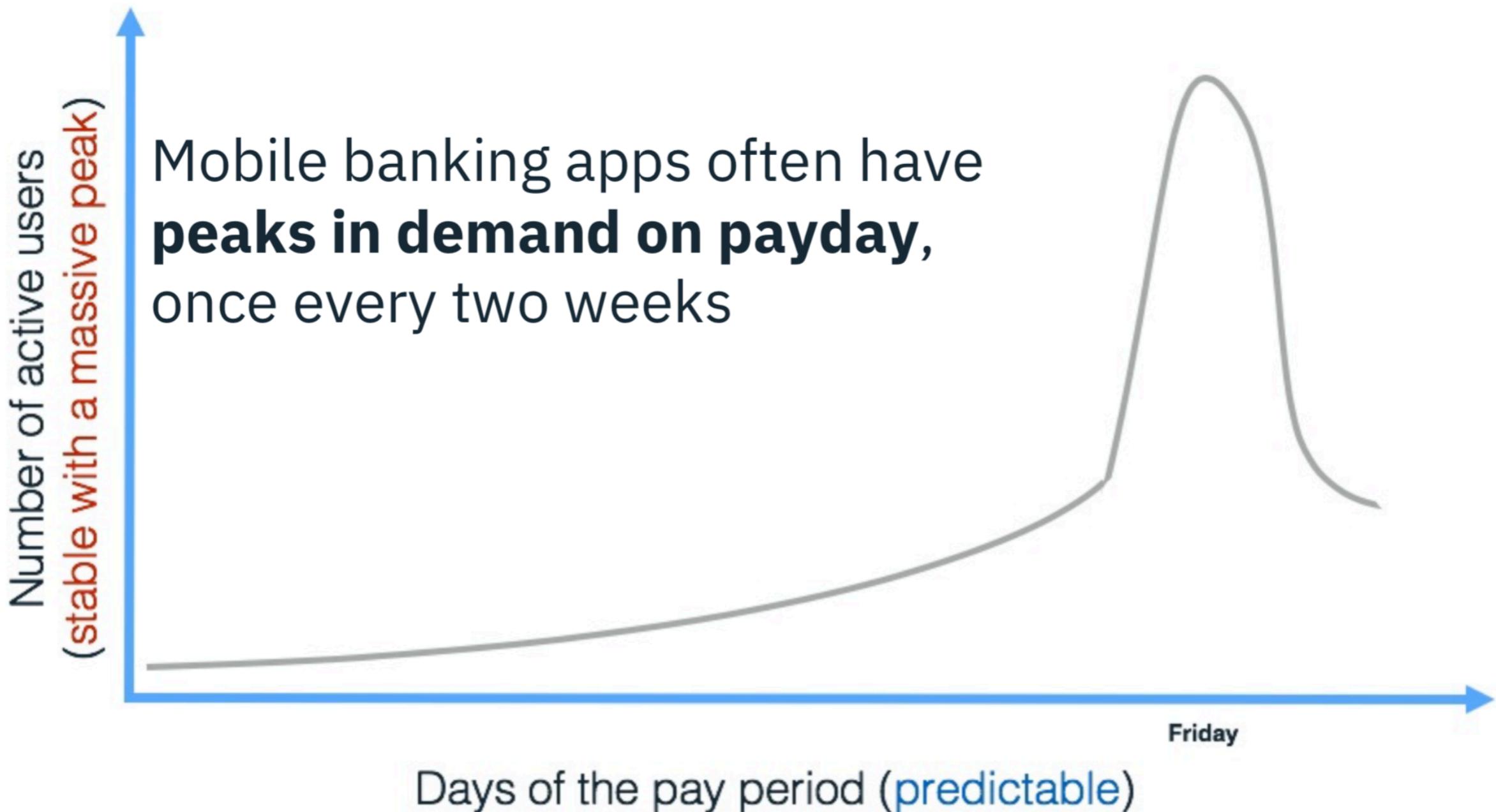


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Active users curve for a mobile conference app has **no demand before and after** the conference, and **huge intraweek swings in demand**

Why Serverless?



Serverless Use Cases

Serverless Backends



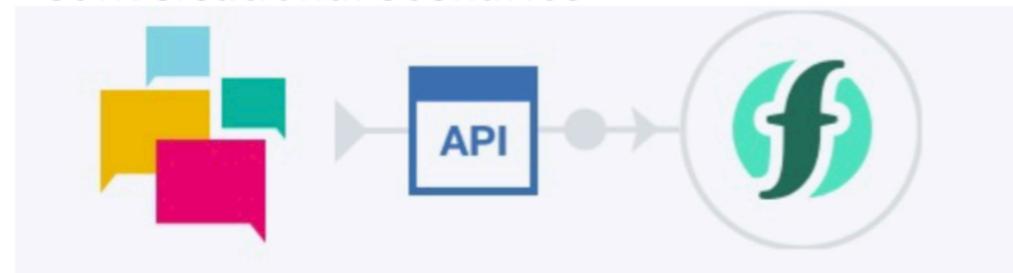
Mobile Backend



Data Processing



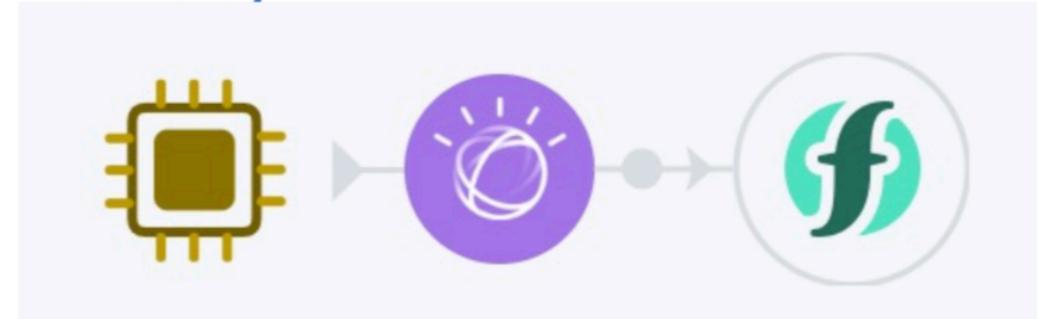
Conversational Scenarios



Cognitive Data Processing



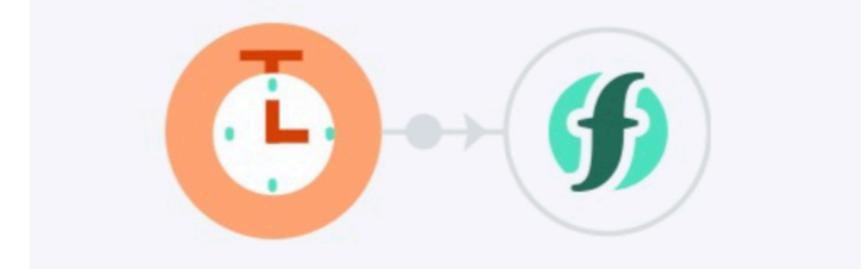
IoT Ready



Event Stream Processing



Scheduled Tasks



Serverless Use Cases

- * Asynchronous, concurrent, easy to parallelize into independent units of work
- * Infrequent or has sporadic demand, with large, unpredictable variance in scaling requirements
- * Stateless, ephemeral, without a major need for instantaneous cold start time
- * Highly dynamic in terms of changing business requirements that drive a need for accelerated developer velocity

Serverless Use Cases

- * Static web sites (Contact forms)
- * Automated backups
- * Bots
- * Tasks like uptime checks, policy enforcement
- * Background jobs
- * Prototypes

Serverless Use Cases

Amazon Lambda

Node.js, Python, Java, C#, PowerShell, Ruby and Go

IBM Cloud Functions

Node.js 8, Node.js 6, Python 3.6.4, Python 3.6.1, PHP 7.1, PHP 7.2, and Swift 4, Swift 3.1.1, Ruby, Other languages can be added via Docker container (for example Java)

Based on open source OpenWhisk serverless platform. Can create your own serverless platform based on OpenWhisk

Microsoft Azure

C#, F#, Node.js (in GA) Java, Python, PHP, TypeScript, Bash, PowerShell (experimental mode)

Google Cloud Functions

Node.js, Python, Go

Execution Time Limit

Amazon Lambda

15 minutes (prev. 5 minutes)

IBM Cloud Functions

10 minutes

Microsoft Azure

10 minutes

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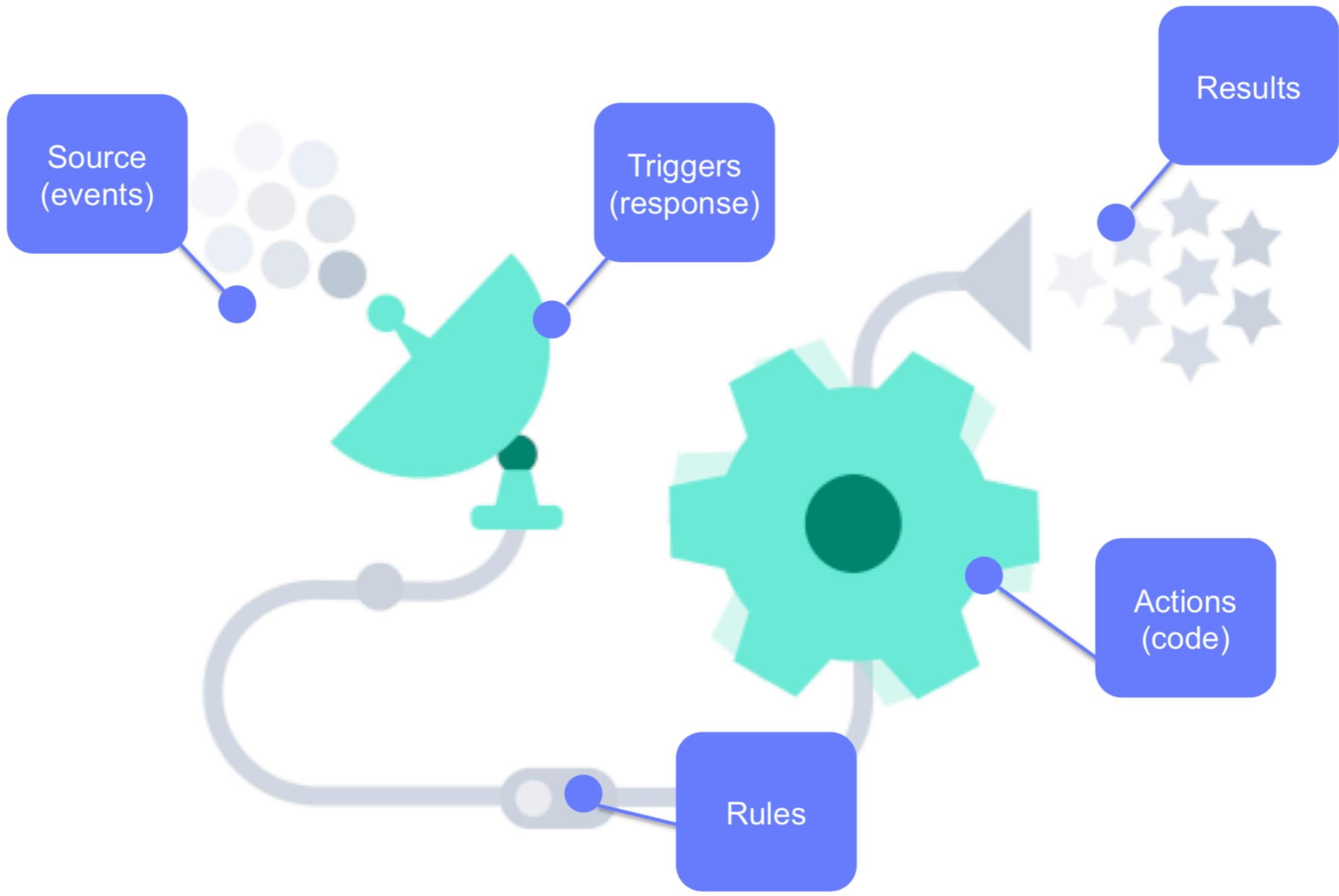
9 minutes

Serverless Latency

- * Cold Start (when functions start after a long time, it may take longer)
- * Workaround: keep your function warm with schedule invocations
- * Type of application you're building is important.
 - * Cold start may be OK for a backend app
 - * Not if you're sending a rocket into space

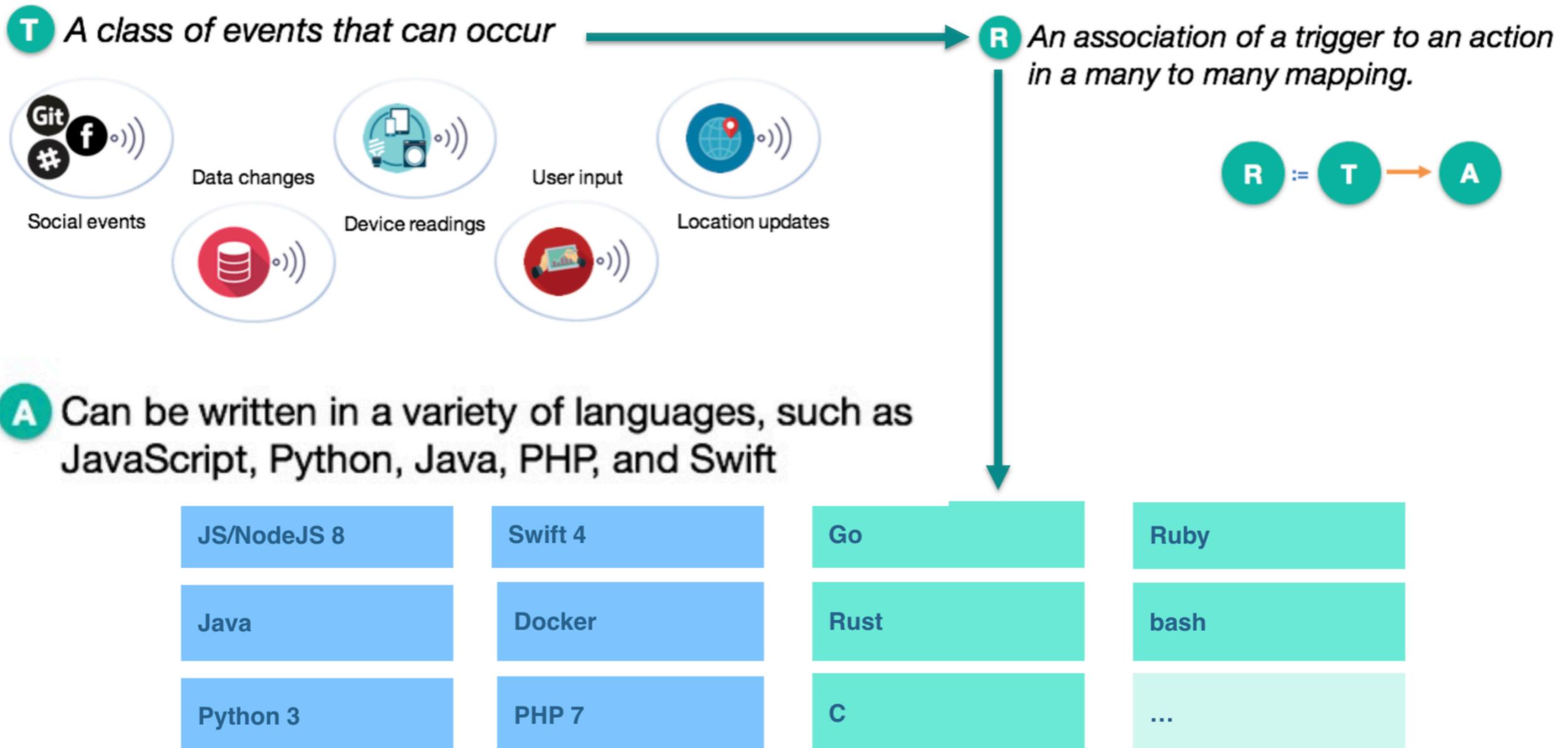
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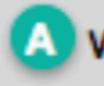
A shared collection of triggers and actions



IBM Cloudant*



A read



A write



T changes



IBM Watson



A translate



The Weather Company



A forecast

Open
Source



A post
T topic

Third
Party

Git

T commit

Yours



A myAction
T myFeed

IBM Cloud Functions

(Apache OpenWhisk)

	Open source	Hosted service
Serverless engine	Apache OpenWhisk	IBM Cloud Functions
API Gateway	LoopBack	IBM API Gateway
Databases	Apache CouchDB MySQL	IBM Cloudant IBM Compose
Message streams	Apache Kafka	IBM Message Hub

IBM Cloud Functions

(Apache OpenWhisk)

- * Functions are stateless. Need some sort of persistence between runs.
- * Are you able to test and develop locally? `ibmcloud fn` CLI
- * Can you easily version your functions? Source control?
- * Can you easily monitor your functions?
- * Security and API gateway
- * Avoid long-running loops / mini-monoliths?
- * Latency (cold, warm and hot loads)
- * How do you track dependencies?

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