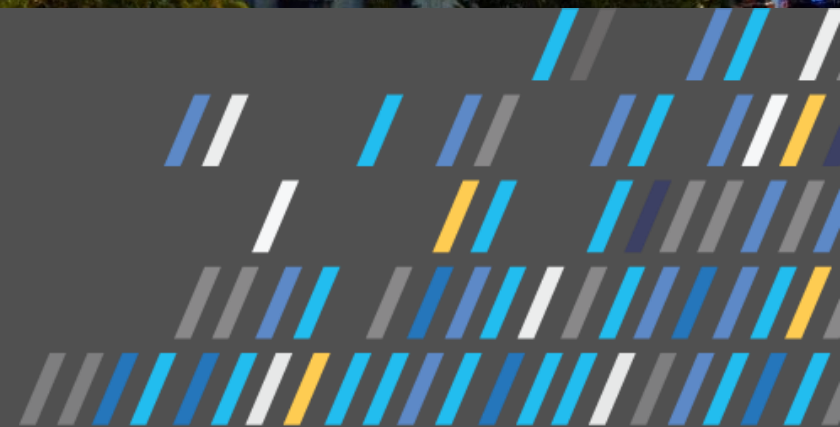




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Project Fortis: Accelerating UN humanitarian aid planning with GraphQL

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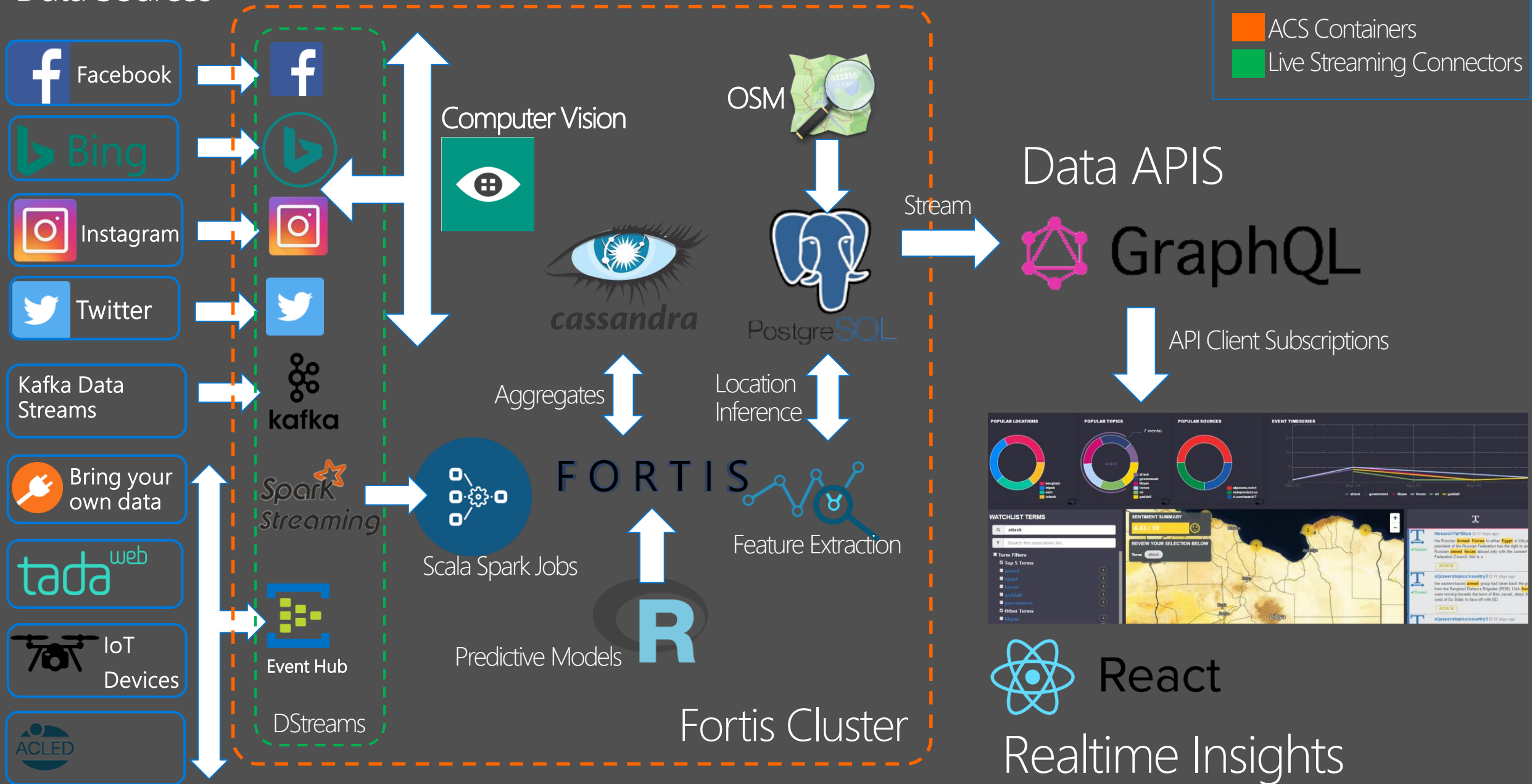


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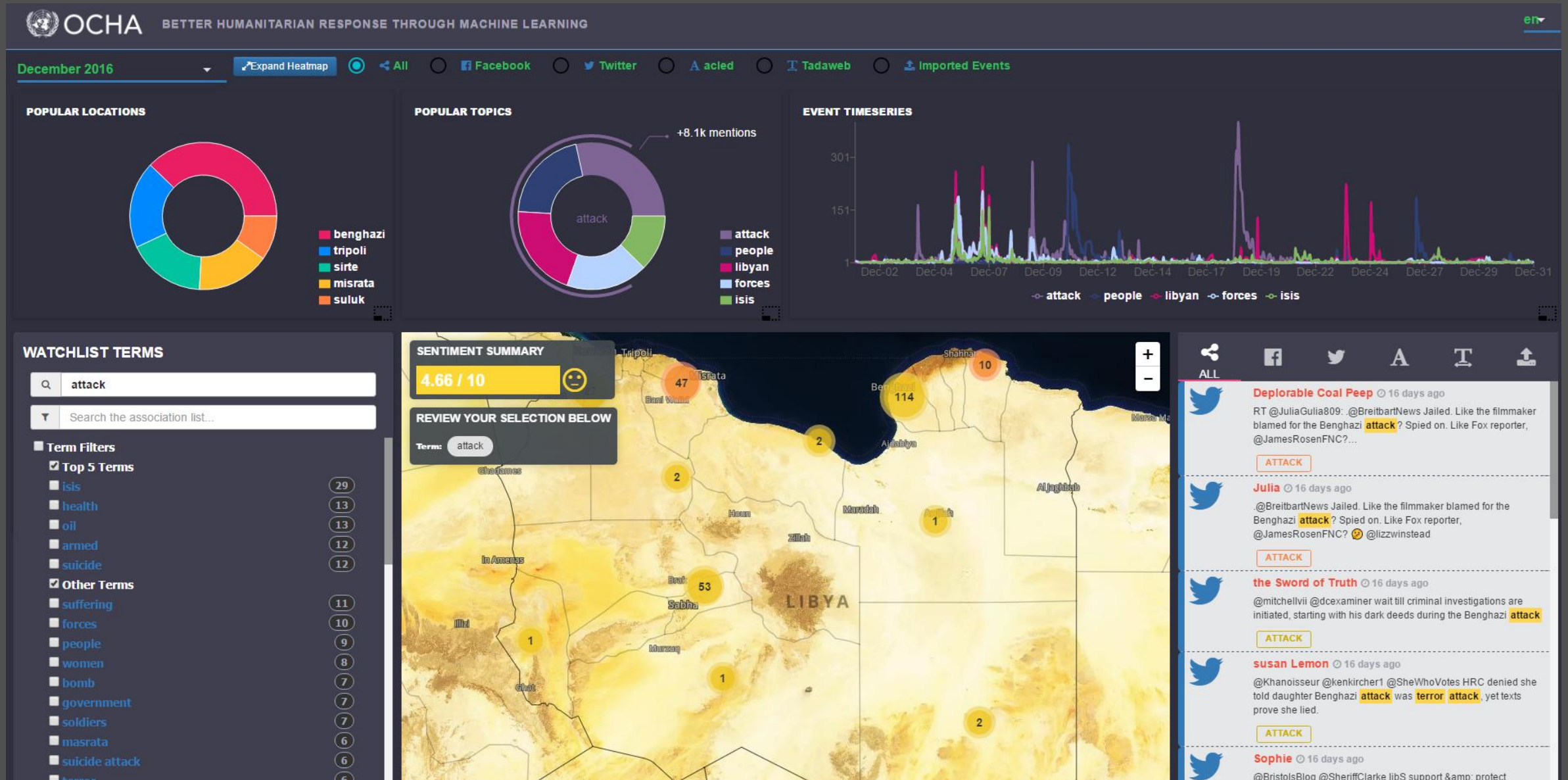
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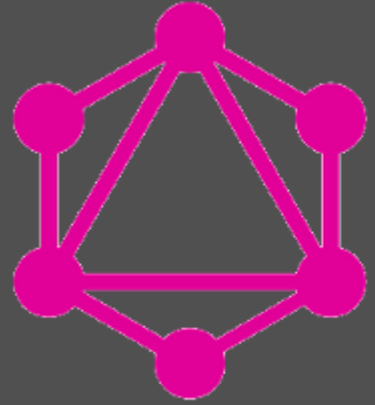
Partnering with the humanitarian community

Data Sources



Fortis: Demo Time





GraphQL

A querying framework for APIs and an alternate for REST

Created by Facebook in 2012 to address mobile data latency

GraphQL Query Structure

Request  Response

```
{
  Traveller(id: "cj0s7y9tl4ewt013911iirwfm") {
    name
  }
}
```

```
{
  "data": {
    "Traveller": {
      "name": "Erik Schlegel"
    }
  }
}
```

GraphQL query with complex values

```
query FetchEvent {  
  event(site: "ocha", messageId: "542890", dataSources: ["acled"])  
  {  
    edges {  
      type  
      feature  
    }  
    locations {  
      coordinates  
      type  
      name  
    }  
    createdtime  
    sentiment  
    fullText  
    language  
    source  
    originalSources  
    title  
  }  
}
```

GraphQL Request → Response

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "event": {  
      "edges": [  
        {  
          "type": "topic",  
          "feature": "attack"  
        },  
        {  
          "type": "topic",  
          "feature": "militants"  
        },  
        {  
          "type": "topic",  
          "feature": "suicide"  
        }  
      ],  
      "locations": [  
        {  
          "coordinates": [32.758794, 22.6079885],  
          "type": "locality",  
          "name": "Derna"  
        }  
      ],  
      "createdtime": "12/27/2016 12:17:04 AM",  
      "sentiment": 0.439732,  
      "fullText": "Two IS militants were killed on Monday by fighters of Derna Shura Council, after they attempted to infiltrate into the city from Al-Fatayah mountains. The two militants were wearing women's full-face veils and explosive belts. The Shura Council said the two were planning to carry out a suicide attack inside Derna.",  
      "language": "en",  
      "source": "acled",  
      "originalSources": [  
        "Libya Observer"  
      ],  
      "title": "2016-01-18 - Libya Observer - Battle-No change of territory"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Flow: Static Type System

```
enum ShapeType {
  Locality
  City
  Town
}
type Edge {
  type: EdgeType
  feature: String
}
type SpatialShape {
  type: ShapeType
  name: String
  coordinates: [Float]
}
type Event {
  edges: [Edge],
  locations: [SpatialShape],
  messageid: ID,
  createdtime: String,
  sentiment: Float,
  retweetCount: Int,
  fatalaties: Int,
  userConnecionCount: Int,
  title: String,
  originalSources: [String],
  sentence: String,
  language: String,
  source: String,
  link: String,
  originalSources: [String],
  fullText: String
}
type Query {
  event(site: String!, messageId: String!, dataSources: [String]!, langCode: String) Event
}
schema {
  query: Query
}
```

Schema Definition

```
query FetchEvent {
  event(site: "ocha", messageId: "542890", dataSources: ["acled"])
  {
    edges {
      type
      feature
    }
    locations {
      coordinates
      type
      name
    }
    createdtime
    sentiment
    fullText
    language
    source
    originalSources
    title
  }
}
```

Client Query

Selection Set Resolvers

```
event(parentResponse, args){
  let response = res.res;
  const messageId = args.messageId;
  const site = args.site;
  const langCode = args.langCode || DEFAULT_LANGUAGE;
  const dataSources = args.dataSources;

  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    postgresMessageService.FetchEvent(site, messageId, dataSources, langCode,
      (error, results) => {
        if(error){
          let errorMsg = `Internal tile server error: [${JSON.stringify(error)}]`;
          reject(errorMsg);
        }else{
          resolve(results);
        }
      })
  });
},
```

Handling Data Writes in GraphQL

```
type Mutation {  
  publishEvents(input: NewMessages): Int  
}  
  
input NewMessages {  
  messages: [IncomingMessage]!  
}  
  
input IncomingMessage {  
  RowKey: String!  
  created_at: String!  
  message: String!  
  language: String!  
  link: String  
  source: String  
  retweetCount: Int,  
  fatalaties: Int,  
  title: String  
}
```

GraphQL: a tool to build other tools

GraphiQL

< Docs

```
1 # Welcome to GraphiQL
2 #
3 # GraphiQL is an in-browser IDE for writing, validating, and
4 # testing GraphQL queries.
5 #
6 # Type queries into this side of the screen, and you will
7 # see intelligent typeaheads aware of the current GraphQL type schema and
8 # live syntax and validation errors highlighted within the text.
9 #
10 # To bring up the auto-complete at any point, just press Ctrl-Space.
11 #
12 # Press the run button above, or Cmd-Enter to execute the query, and the result
13 # will appear in the pane to the right.
14
```

```
{
  "errors": [
    {
      "message": "Syntax Error GraphQL request (15:1) Unexpected EOF\n\n14: \n15: \n    ^\n      "locations": [
        {
          "line": 15,
          "column": 1
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

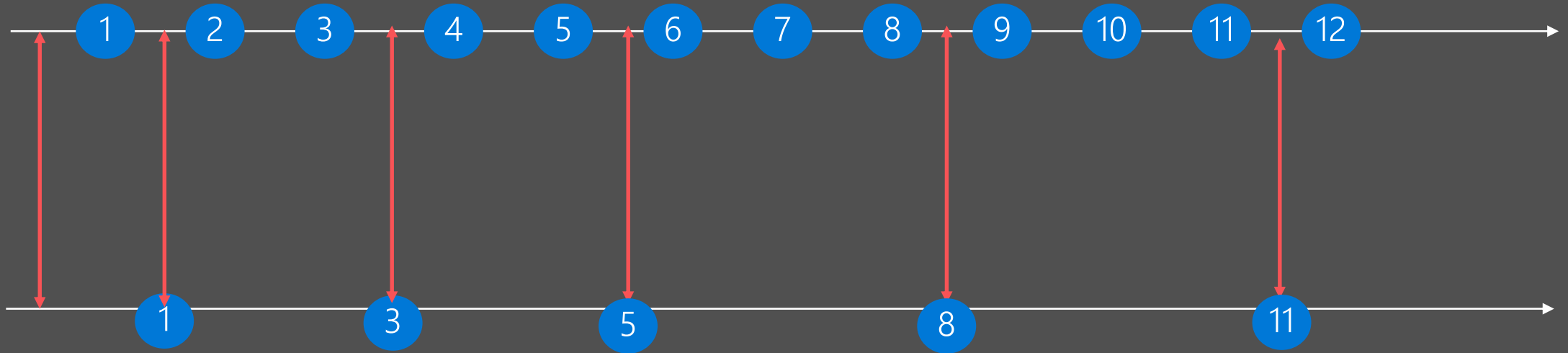
QUERY VARIABLES

Why are real-time apps interesting?

Polling vs Subscription Pattern

Polling – News Feed

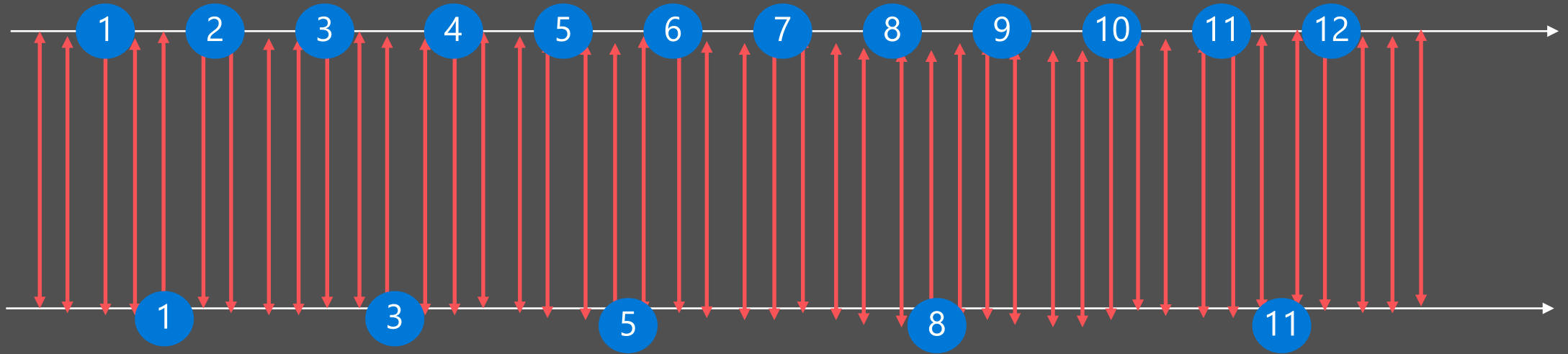
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Client Polling Requests

Polling – News Feed

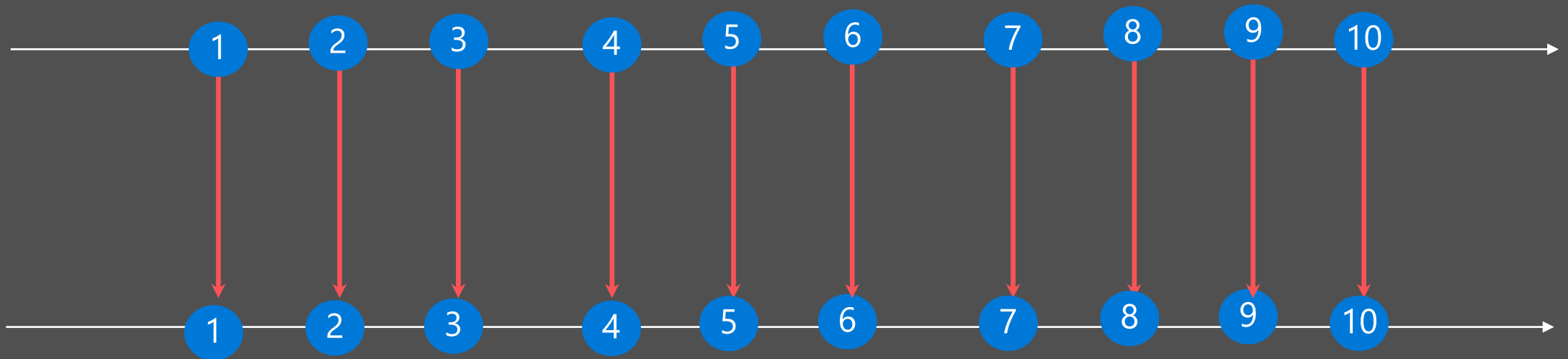
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Client Polling Requests

Subscriptions– News Feed

News Feed - Mutations from GraphQL API



Client Side - Incoming state mutations(pushed)

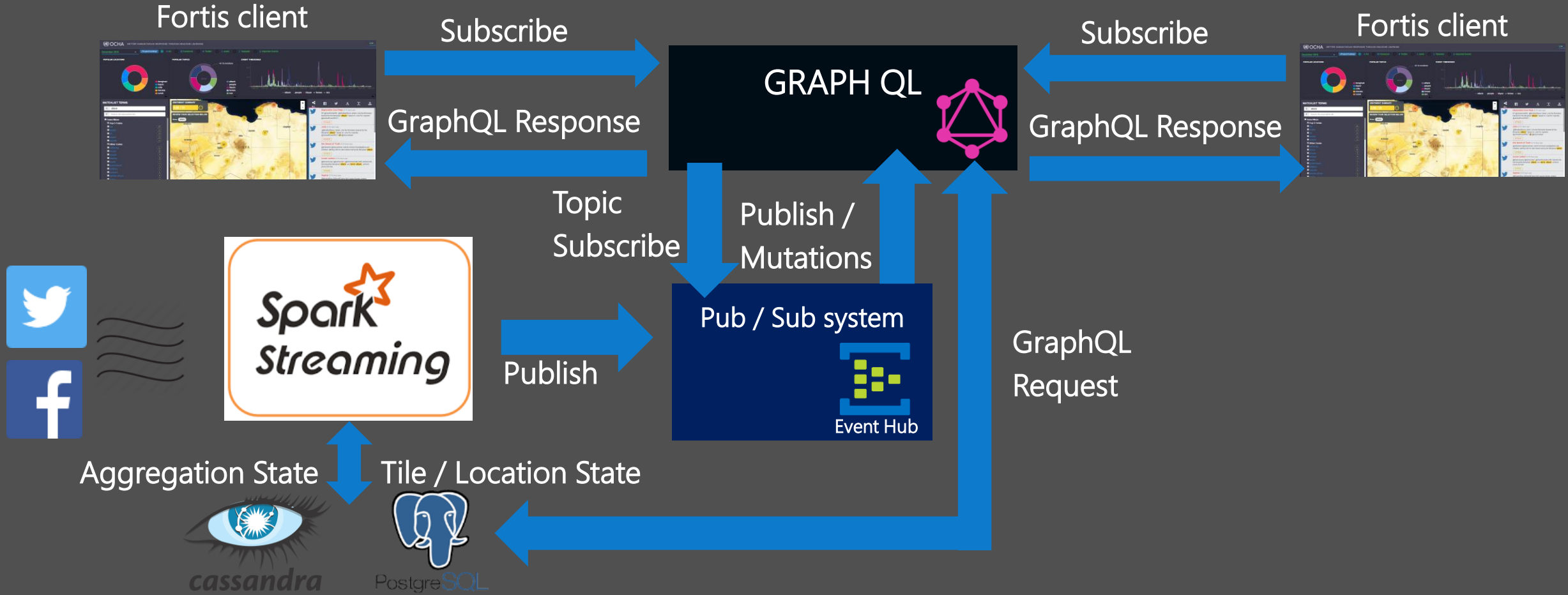
Defining Subscriptions in GraphQL

```
type Subscription {  
  eventsAdded(site: String!, dataSources: [String]!): [Event]  
}  
  
schema {  
  query: Query  
  mutation: Mutation  
  subscription: Subscription  
}
```


Using Subscriptions in GraphQL

```
subscription eventChannel {  
  eventsAdded(site: "ocha", dataSources: ["all"]) {  
    edges {  
      type  
      feature  
    }  
    locations {  
      coordinates  
      type  
      name  
    }  
    createdtime  
    sentiment  
    fullText  
    language  
    source  
    originalSources  
    title  
  }  
}
```

Fortis Realtime Event Flow



Call to Action

Demo Video: <https://aka.ms/fortis-demo>

Source Code: <https://aka.ms/fortis-code>

Code Story: <https://aka.ms/fortis-story>

Thank You!

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