

AWS re:Invent

NOV. 28 – DEC. 2, 2022 | LAS VEGAS, NV

Samsung SmartThings powers home automation with Amazon MemoryDB

Tim Farber-Newman (he/him)

Senior Staff Software Engineer
SmartThings

Kent Bredeson (he/him)

Senior Software Engineer
SmartThings

Abhay Saxena (he/him)

Principal Product Manager
AWS



Agenda

What is SmartThings?

Core requirements of a home IoT platform

Where we are and where we are going

Why SmartThings chose Redis and Amazon MemoryDB for Redis

What is MemoryDB?

SmartThings new architecture

Q&A





About SmartThings



200+
global partners



4.3 App rating



4.5 App rating

7

ORIGINAL
FOUNDING
MEMBERS



SmartThings

10 YEARS

SMARTTHINGS INTEGRATES WITH THOUSANDS OF DEVICES

800+

talented people across Samsung
are dedicated to SmartThings

15 DEVICE CATEGORIES



VOICE
ASSISTANTS



WINDOW
TREATMENTS

9 ADD-ON SERVICES



Air Care



Clothing



Cooking



Energy



Home



Pet



Smart Lock



Find



Monitor

SmartThings' original
kickstarter raised over

\$1.2M

The kickstarter was
supported by over

5,700
BACKERS

2014

The year SmartThings
was acquired by Samsung

v1



v2



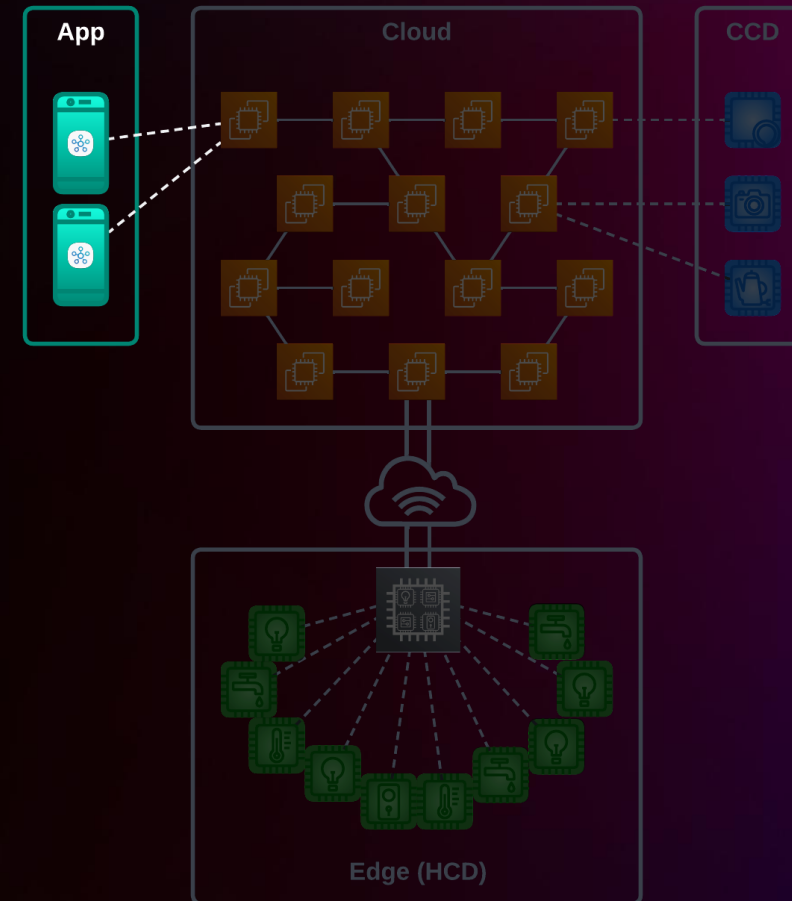
v3



The SmartThings Hub was
released in 3 versions

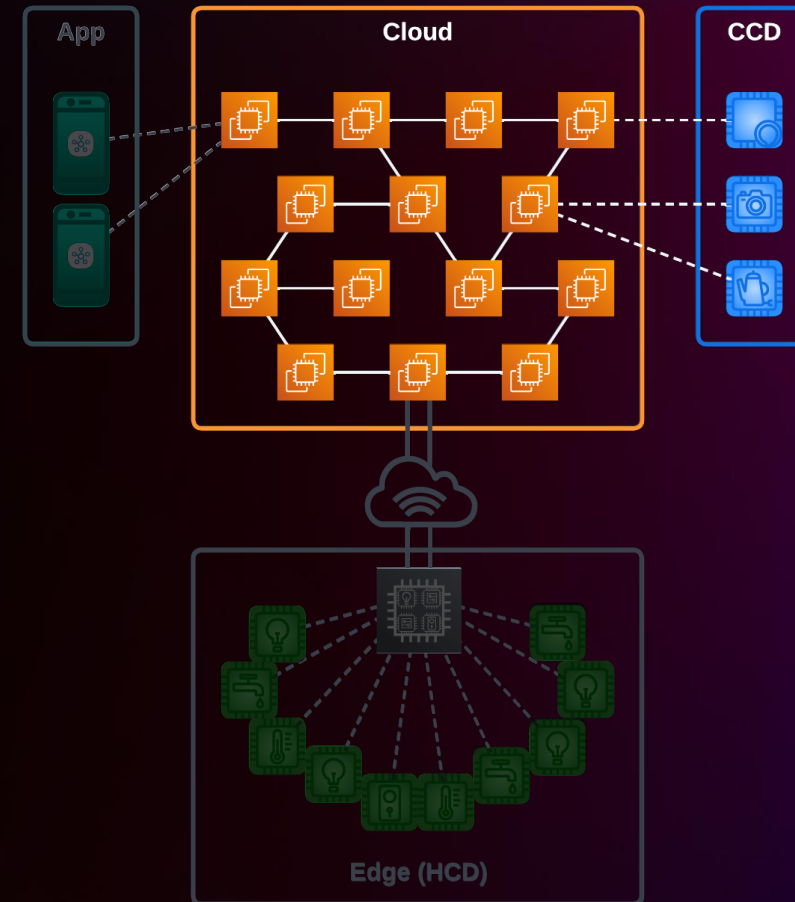
SmartThings ecosystem

- **SmartThings app**
 - User experience



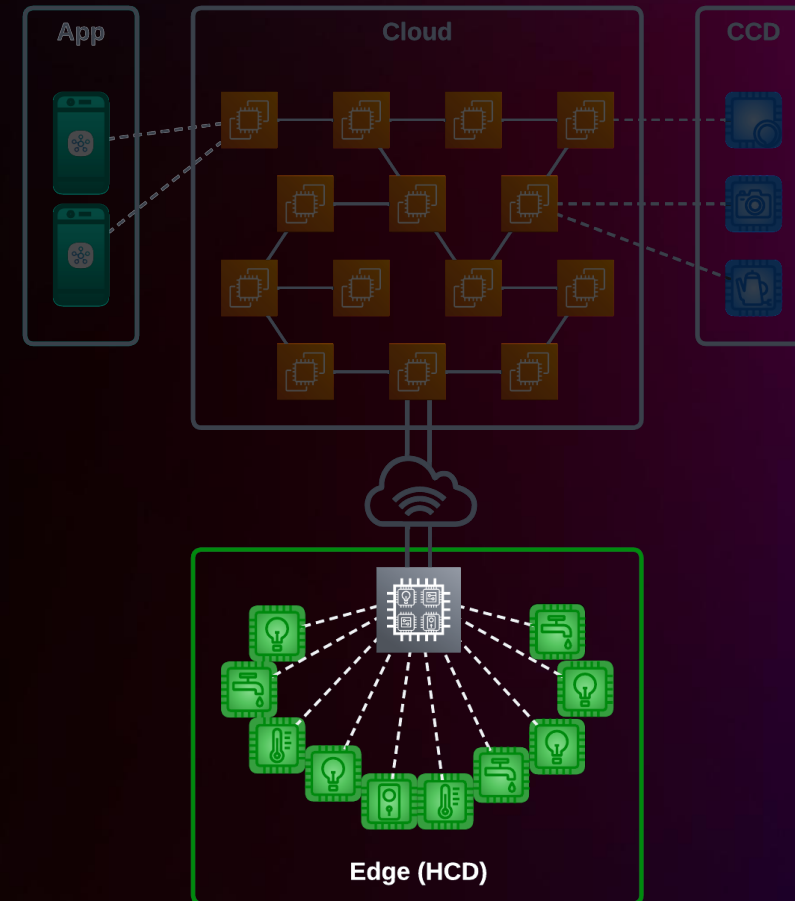
SmartThings ecosystem

- **SmartThings app**
 - User experience
- **SmartThings cloud**
 - Cloud-connected devices (CCD)
 - Automations



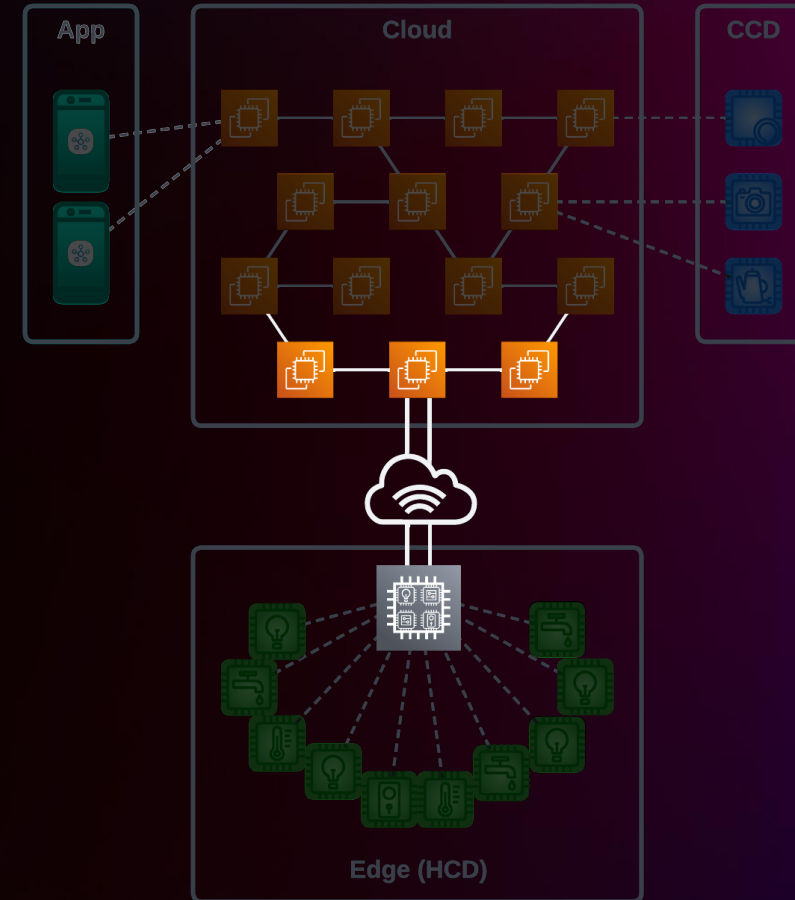
SmartThings ecosystem

- **SmartThings app**
 - User experience
- **SmartThings cloud**
 - Cloud-connected devices (CCD)
 - Automations
- **SmartThings edge**
 - Hub-connected devices (HCD)
 - Automations



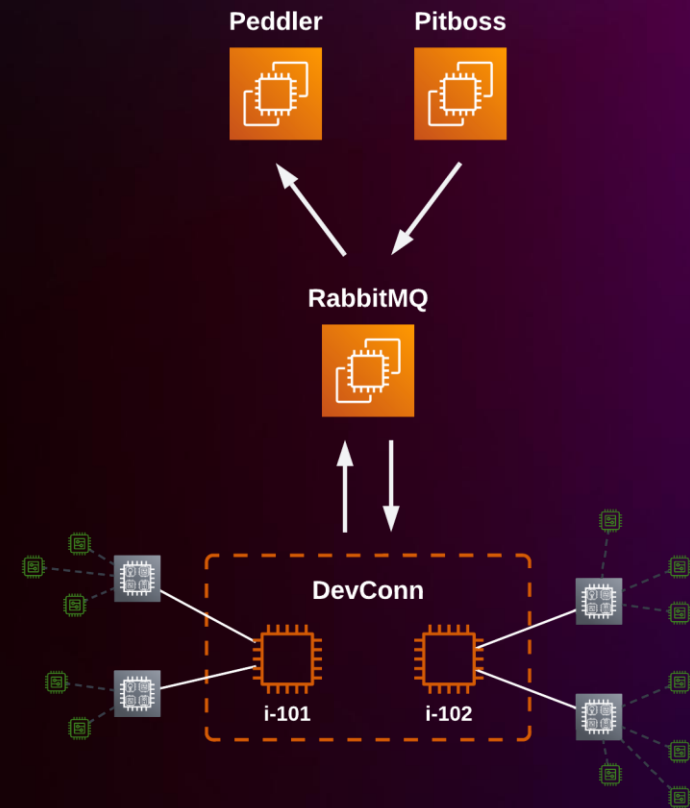
SmartThings ecosystem

- **SmartThings app**
 - User experience
- **SmartThings cloud**
 - Cloud-connected devices (CCD)
 - Automations
- **SmartThings edge**
 - Hub-connected devices (HCD)
 - Automations
- **Hub Connectivity Platform**
 - Bridge between cloud and edge



Hub Connectivity Platform

- Hundreds of thousands of hub connections
 - Long-lived connections
 - Custom binary data format
- Bidirectional communication
- One of the oldest parts of SmartThings



Hub Connectivity Platform 1.0

- Shard architecture
- Aging infrastructure
- Growth outpacing architecture

Core principles



Ultra-fast performance



Reliable



Scalable



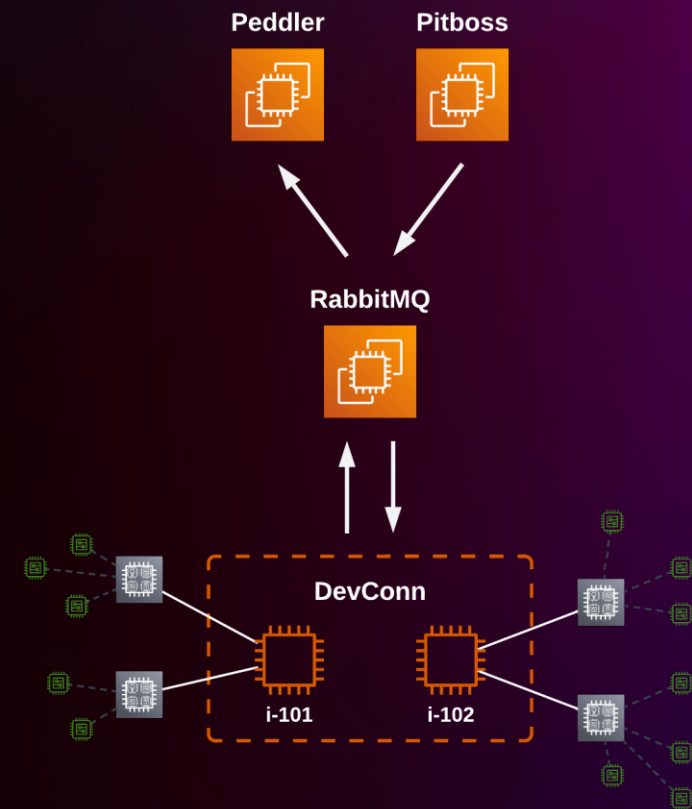
Easily maintainable

Hub Connectivity Platform 1.0

CORE PRINCIPLES CHECKLIST

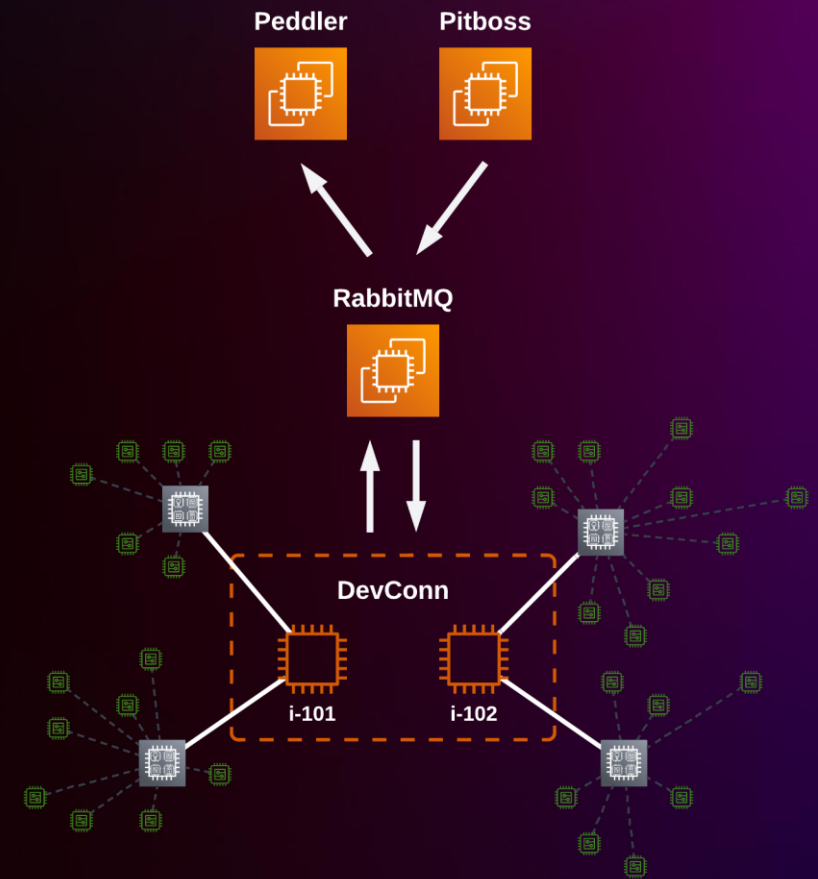
	Natural growth		
Low latency	Pass		
Reliable	Depends		
Scalable	Barely		
Maintainable	Fail		

Future of home IoT



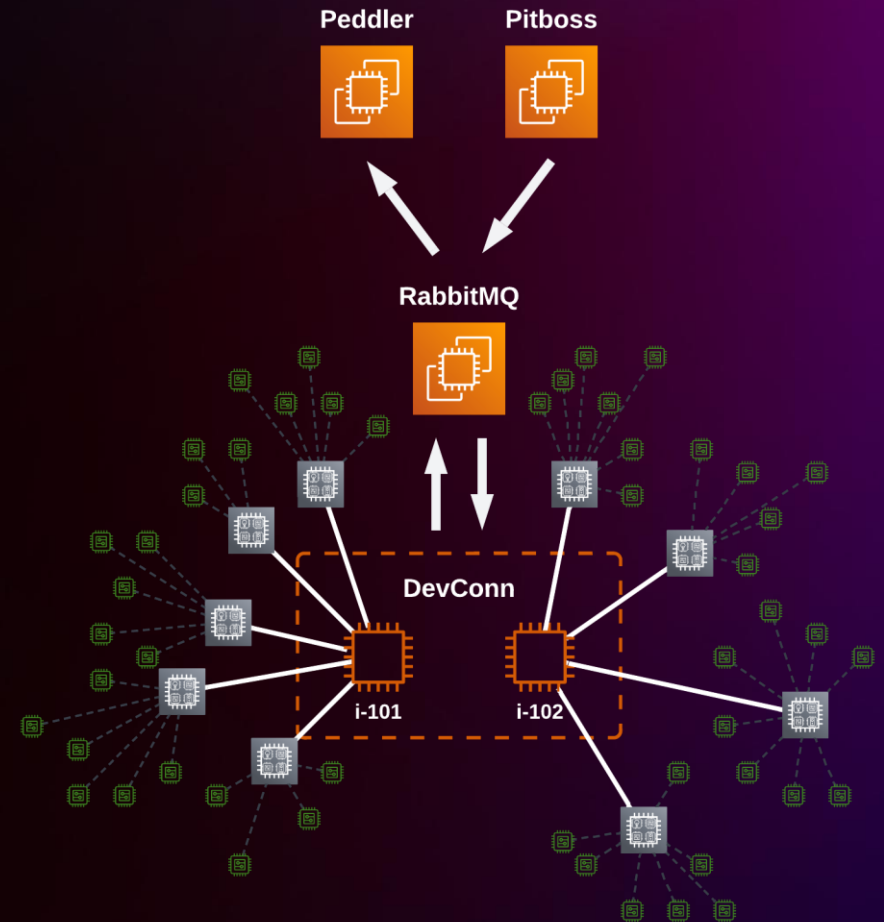
Future of home IoT

- Matter
 - Billions of devices by 2030
 - More devices per hub



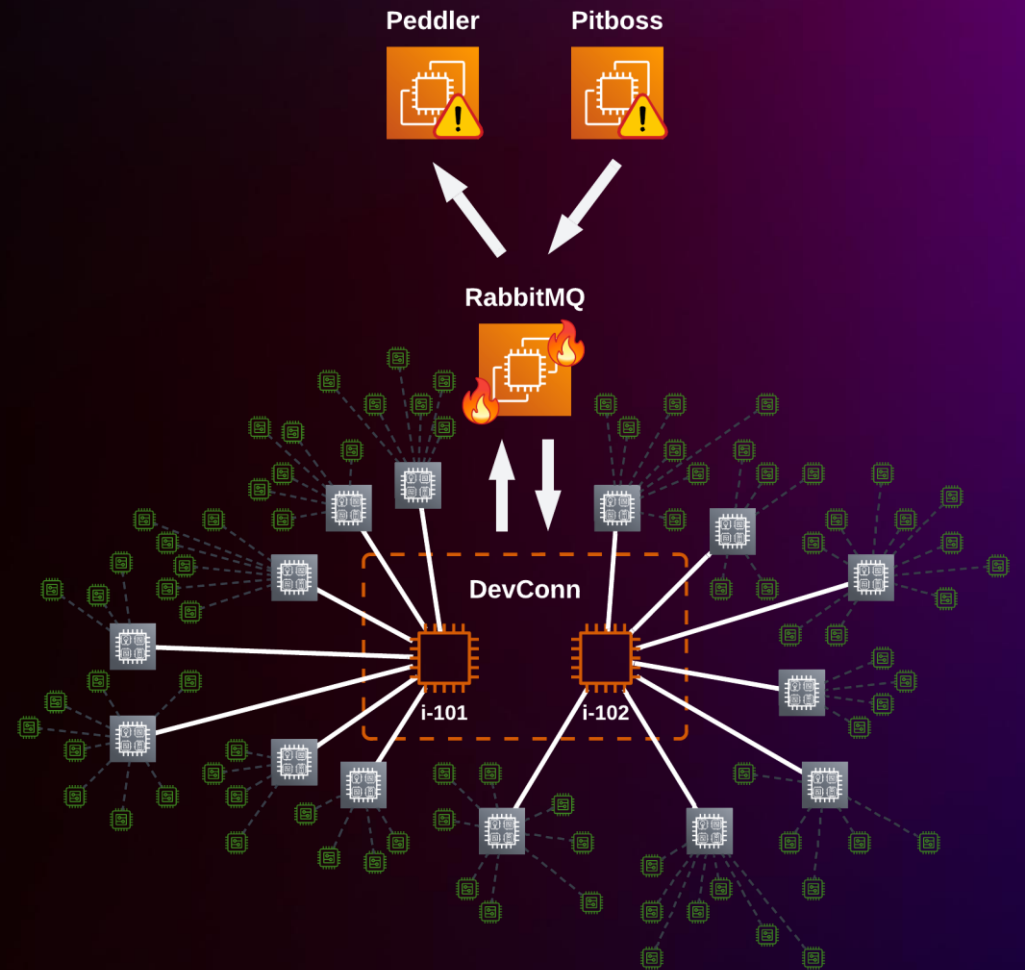
Future of home IoT

- Matter
 - Billions of devices by 2030
 - More devices per hub
- Hub Everywhere
 - Hubs in more devices (for example, TVs)
 - Massive increase in connected hubs



Future of home IoT

- Matter
 - Billions of devices by 2030
 - More devices per hub
- Hub Everywhere
 - Hubs in more devices (for example, TVs)
 - Massive increase in connected hubs
- Actual future is unknown
 - 500 million users in the next three years
 - What's the impact? 5x increase? 100x increase?



Hub Connectivity Platform 1.0

CORE PRINCIPLES CHECKLIST

	Natural growth	Matter + Hub Everywhere	
Low latency	Pass	Depends	
Reliable	Depends	Fail	
Scalable	Barely	Fail	
Maintainable	Fail	Fail	

Requirements



- Ultra-fast performance
 - <10 ms for each hop



- Reliable
 - Fail fast, tolerate multiple failure scenarios



- Scalable
 - Support 100 million hubs and beyond



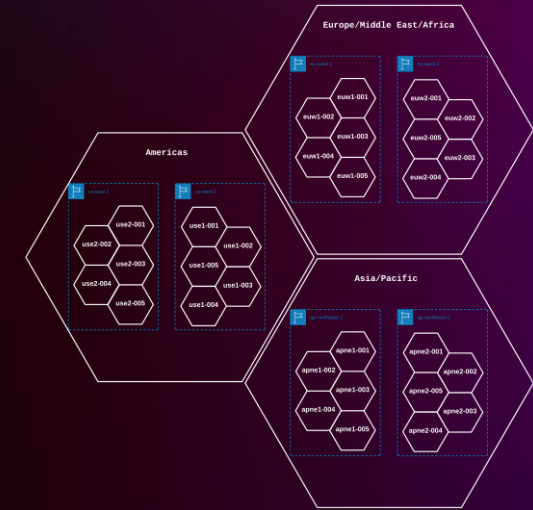
- Easily maintainable
 - Less time on infrastructure

Hub Connectivity Platform 2.0



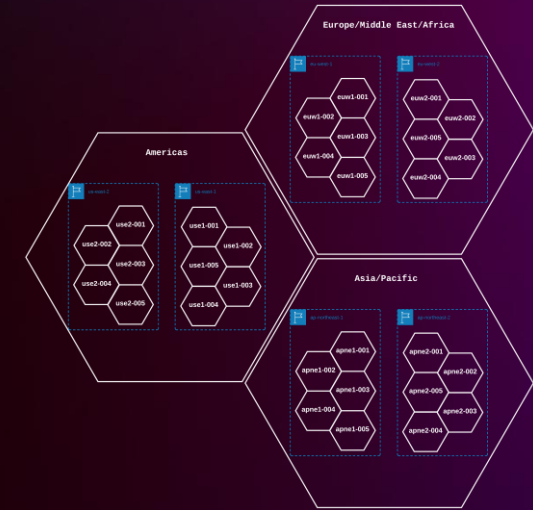
Hub Connectivity Platform 2.0

- Cell topology
 - Smaller blast radius (fixed number of hubs per cell)
 - Greater fault tolerance (AZ and Region fail-over)
 - Need more capacity? Add more cells



Hub Connectivity Platform 2.0

- Cell topology
 - Smaller blast radius (fixed number of hubs per cell)
 - Greater fault tolerance (AZ and Region fail-over)
 - Need more capacity? Add more cells
- Amazon MemoryDB for Redis



Why Amazon MemoryDB for Redis?

- Multiple uses
 - Streams, hashes, sorted sets, etc.
- Fast
 - Testing over 155,000 messages/second (using MemoryDB)
 - Mean round-trip time: <7 ms
 - p99 round-trip time: <25 ms
- Massively scalable
- Elastic clients

Why Amazon MemoryDB for Redis?

- Durable
- Managed service
- Easy self-service
- Existing Amazon partnership

What is MemoryDB for Redis?



Redis-compatible, highly durable, in-memory database service



Access data with microsecond reads, process more than 160 million requests per second



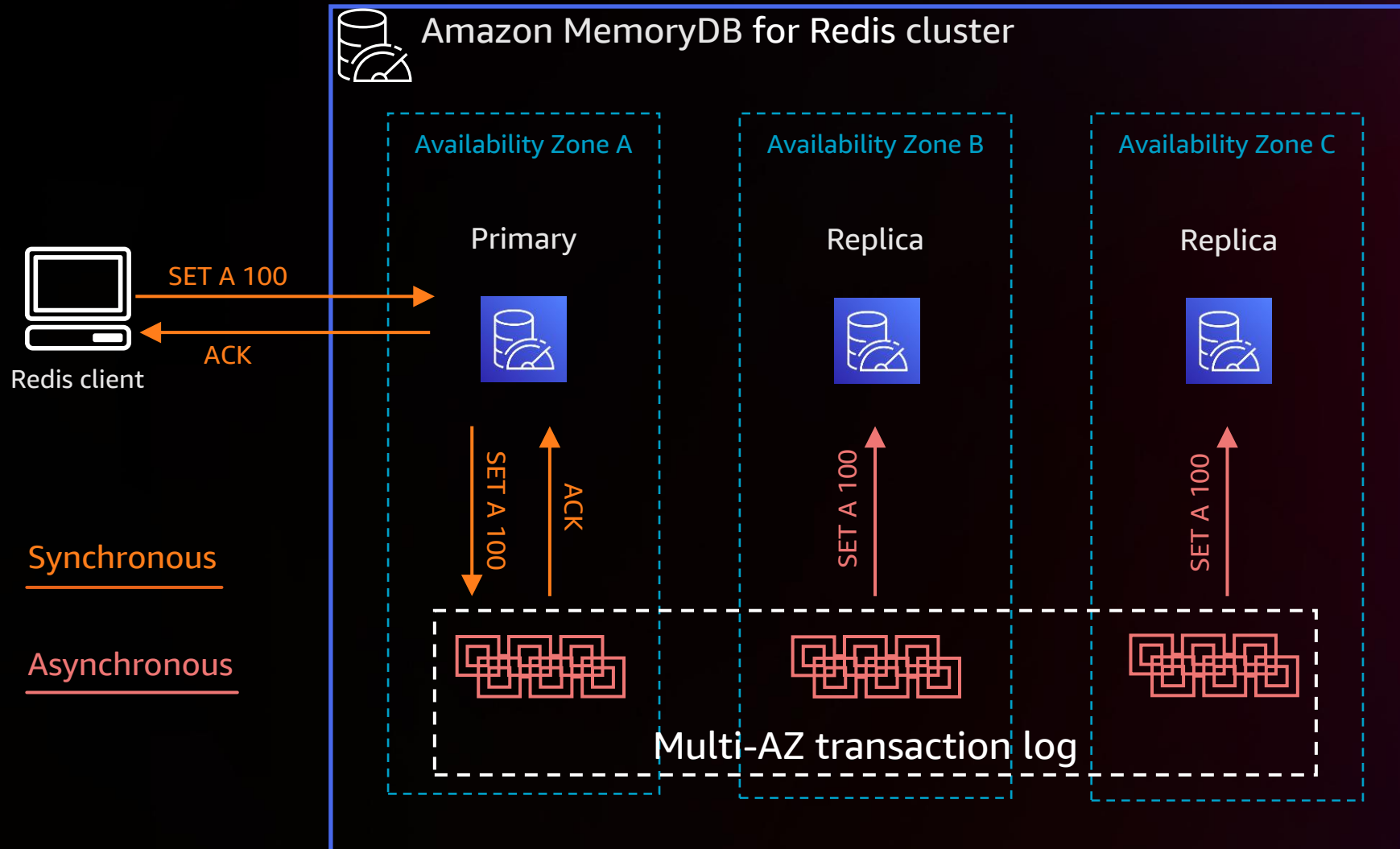
Multi-AZ data durability using distributed transactional log

In-memory performance, Multi-AZ durability



- **Performance and durability**
 - Microsecond reads, single-digit millisecond writes
 - Multi-AZ data durability
- **Designed for scale**
 - Scale horizontally and vertically
 - Online scaling
 - High availability with read replicas
- **Features**
 - Expand storage with data tiering
 - HIPAA, PCI-DSS, and others
 - Automatic failovers

Multi-AZ durability



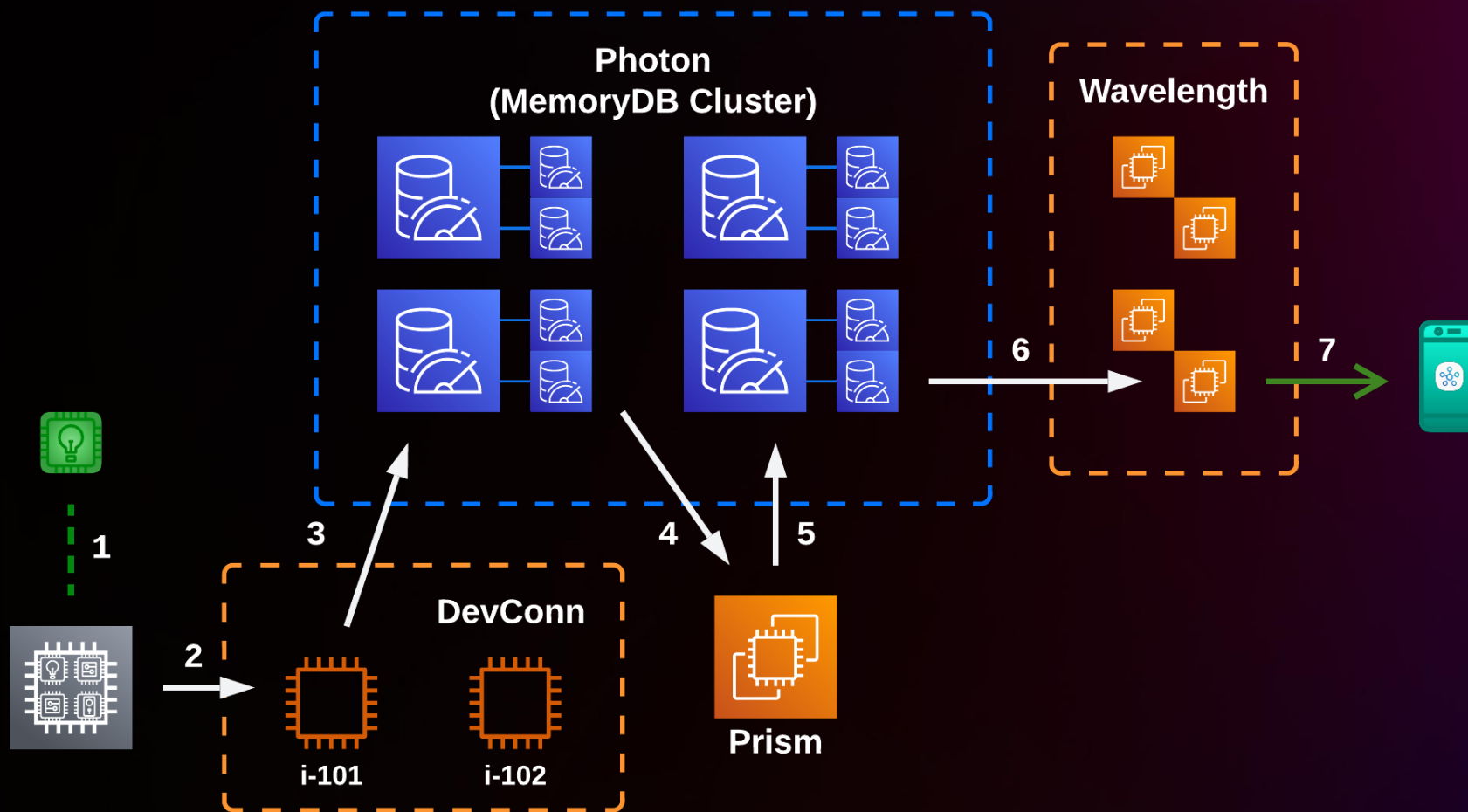
Automatic multi-AZ durability

No data loss, even in case of node or AZ failure

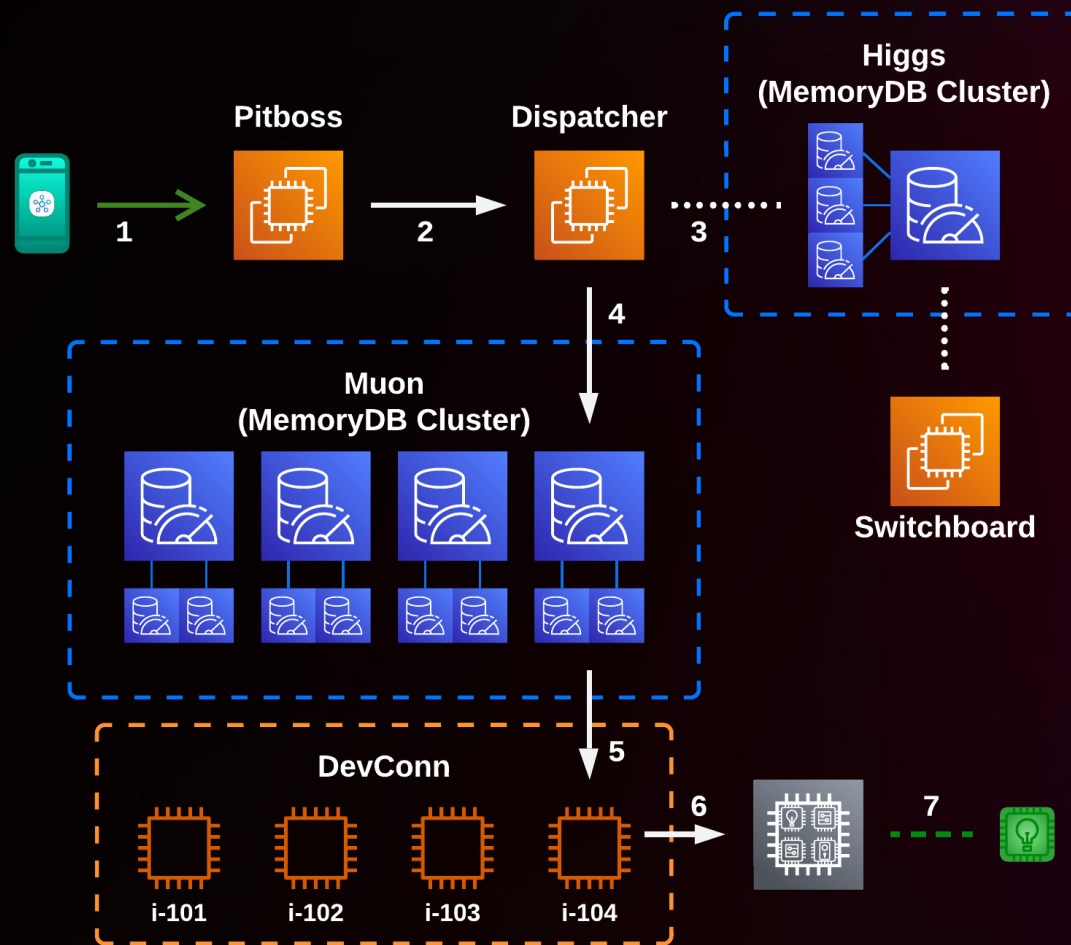
Architecture



HCP 2.0 – Ingress



HCP 2.0 – Egress



HCP 2.0 with Amazon MemoryDB

CORE PRINCIPLES CHECKLIST

	Current architecture		HCP 2.0
	Natural growth	Matter + Hub Everywhere	All future growth
Low latency	Pass	Depends	Pass
Reliable	Depends	Fail	Pass
Scalable	Barely	Fail	Pass
Maintainable	Fail	Fail	Pass



What's next

- Explore compression and/or other serialization
 - Currently uncompressed JSON strings
 - Using a more tightly packed payload can save money
- Better stream consumer health awareness
 - Current consumer “idle time” does not include all interactions
 - Needed for better stream/consumer cleanup
 - Redis changes are coming!

Additional resources



Get started with a 2-month free trial of MemoryDB



MemoryDB service documentation



Contact the MemoryDB team for more questions or help



Learn more about Samsung SmartThings and Matter

Thank you!

Tim Farber-Newman

tim.farber-newman@smarththings.com

Kent Bredeson

kent.bredeson@smarththings.com

Abhay Saxena

abhays@amazon.com



Please complete the session survey in the **mobile app**

