

Why Microsoft is the #1 Company

For Developers to be Watching

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Cross-Platform Development

Web Development

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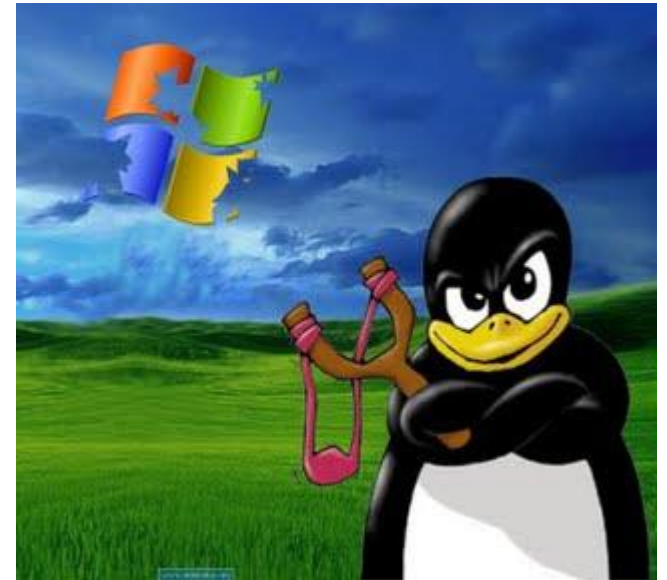
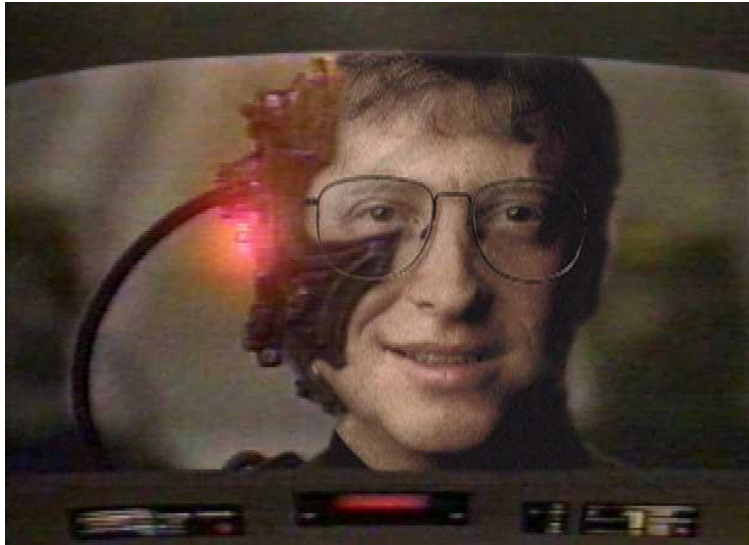
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Anti-Microsoft Culture of 90s and 00s

TOP DEFINITION

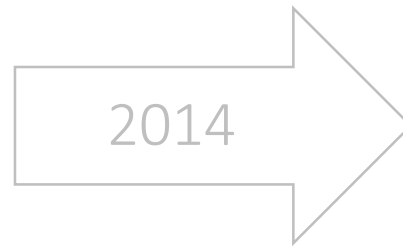
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Short for Microsoft, used to imply Microsoft cares more for money than it does for security, stability, and anything else that could make a good Operating System.





Steve Balmer



Satya Nadella



Culture Shift: A Few Examples

Windows no longer at the center of everything

Office apps on iOS

Microsoft Android launcher

Over 40% Linux on Azure

Microsoft joins Linux Foundation

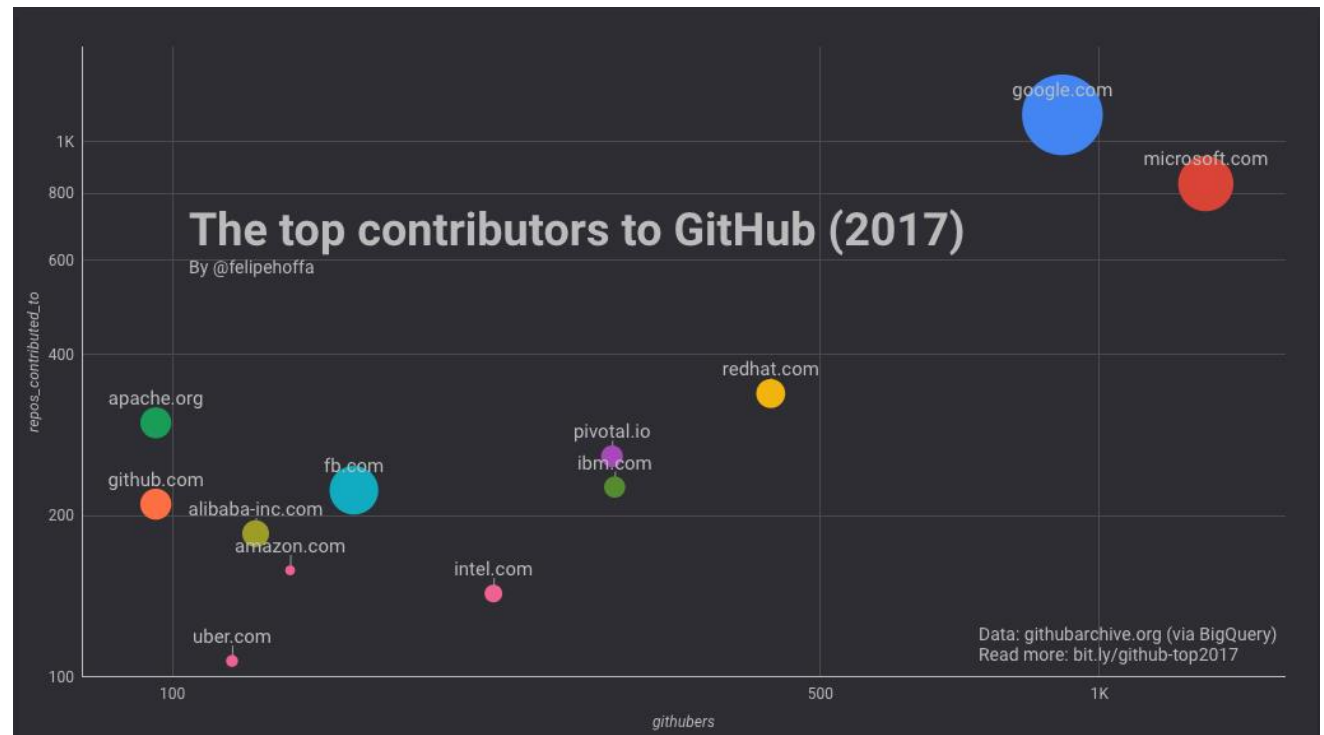
Microsoft joins Open Invention Network with 60,000 patents

SQL Server on Linux

Open Sourcing of .NET (MIT License)

.NET Foundation

Top contributor to open source on GitHub



Any developer, any app, any platform



Windows



Linux



iOS



Android

.NET

C++

JavaScript

PHP

Python

Node.js

R

Cordova

Unity

Cross-Platform Dev

Any developer. Any App. Any Platform.

.NET Core

Open-source, general-purpose development platform

Maintained by Microsoft and the .NET community on GitHub

Cross-platform (supporting Windows, macOS, and Linux)

Used to build web, device, cloud, and IoT applications.



Xamarin

Truly-native cross-platform apps

Target iOS, Android, Windows, and MacOS

Open source

Written in C#

Based on Mono framework

Develop on Mac or Windows

Reuse 75% of code

With Xamarin.Forms UIs, reuse > 90%



.NET Standard

Formal specification for .NET implementations

Allows reusable code libraries across different .NET's

.NET Framework

.NET Core

Mono

Xamarin.iOS

Xamarin.Android

Xamarin.Mac

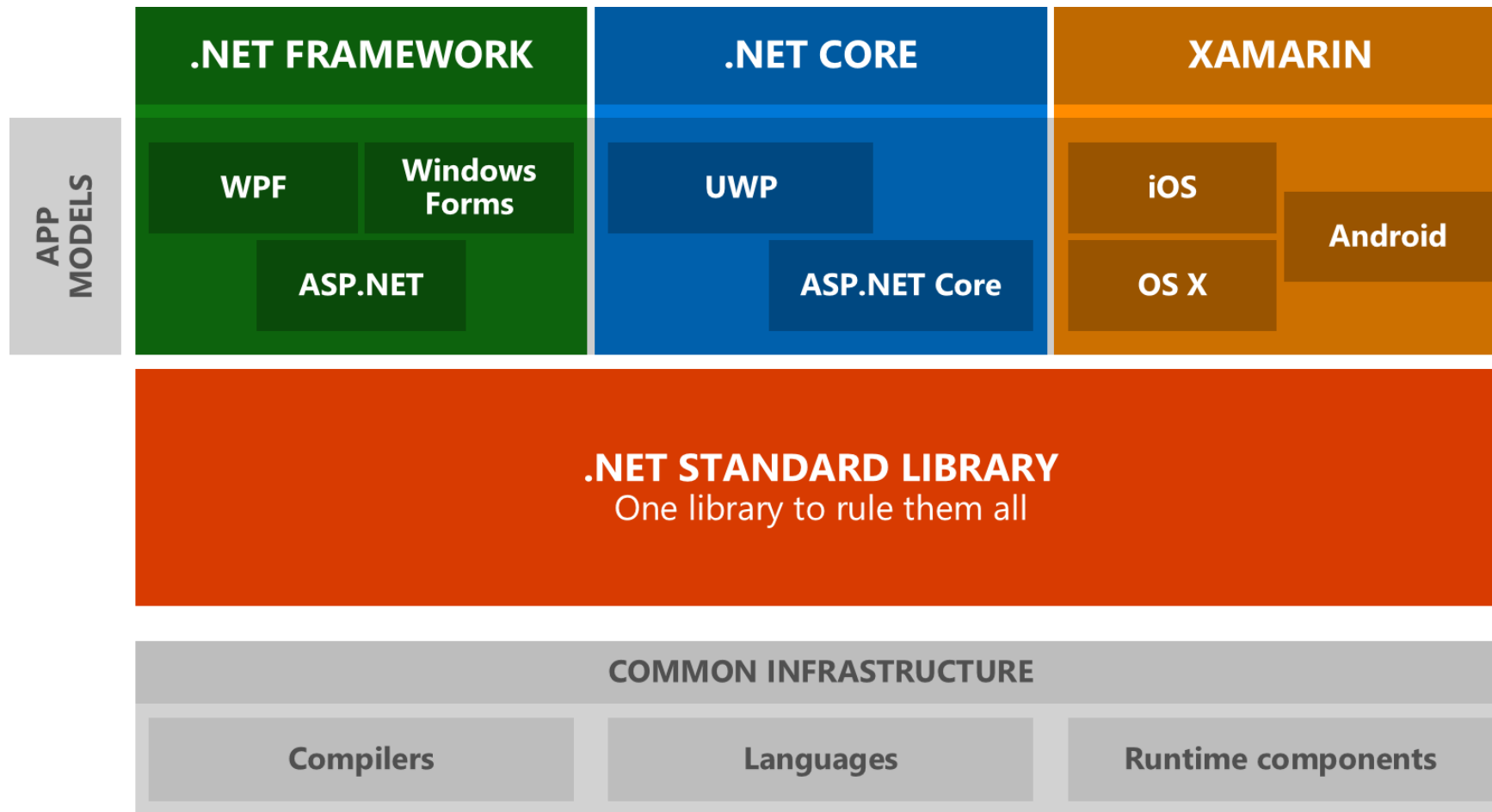
Universal Windows Platform (Win10 apps)

Windows 8

Windows Phone

Unity (video games)

.NET Standard



Web Development

Still the center of the software universe

ASP.NET Core

Free, open source framework

Faster than ASP.NET

Cross-platform (runs on MacOS, Windows, and Linux)

Docker support



TypeScript



Free, open source language that is a superset of JavaScript

Brings optional static type-checking to JavaScript

Transpiles into JavaScript

Also adds latest ECMAScript features to down-level browsers

Angular (Google) team's choice for Angular v2+

Blazor

HTML5-based web apps

Client-side code written in C#

.NET in the browser

Powered by WebAssembly, no plugins



Best-in-Class Tooling

Microsoft's Mission:

To empower every person and every organization on the planet
to achieve more

Windows Linux Subsystem (WSL)

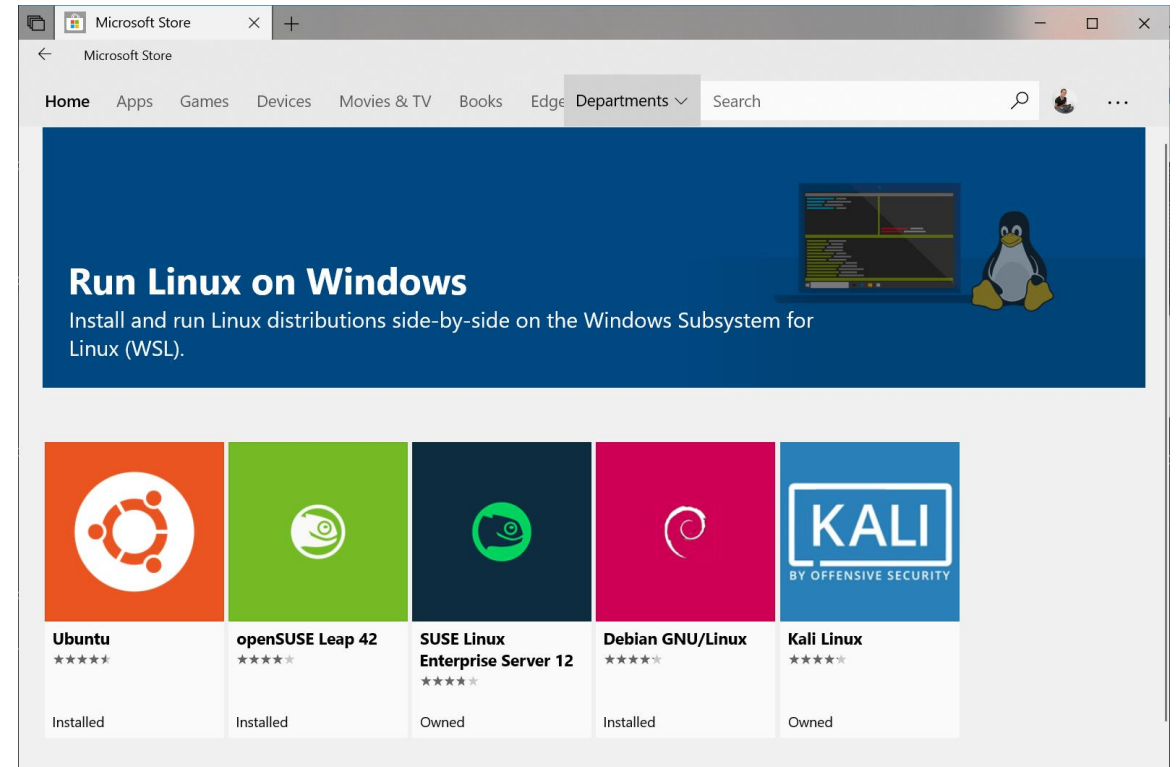
Runs Linux binary executables
(ELF format) natively on Windows

Shared file system

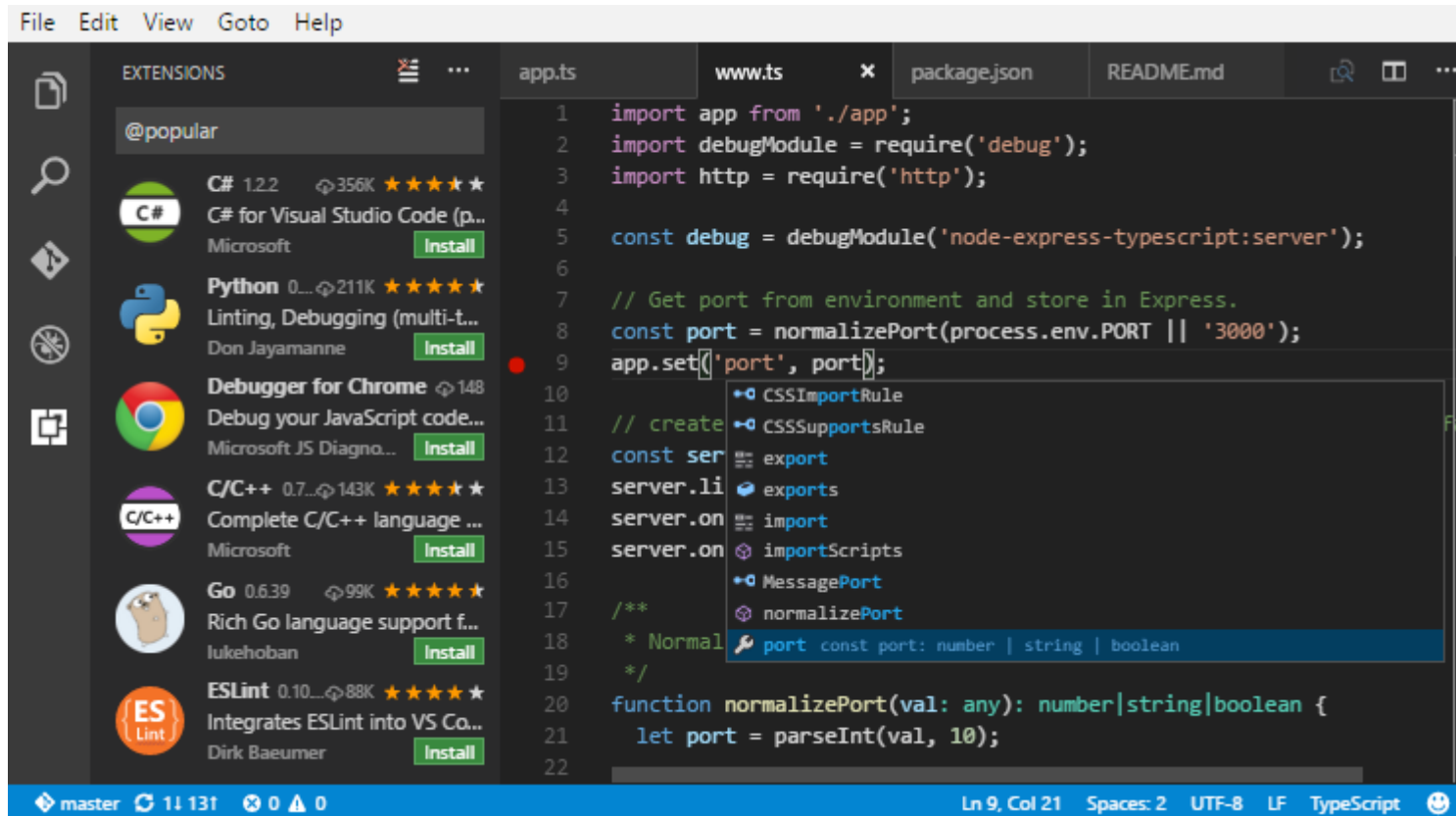
Not an emulator or VM

Linux kernel interface mapped to
Windows kernel operations

Great for devs or sysadmins that
want to use command-line
tooling in bash



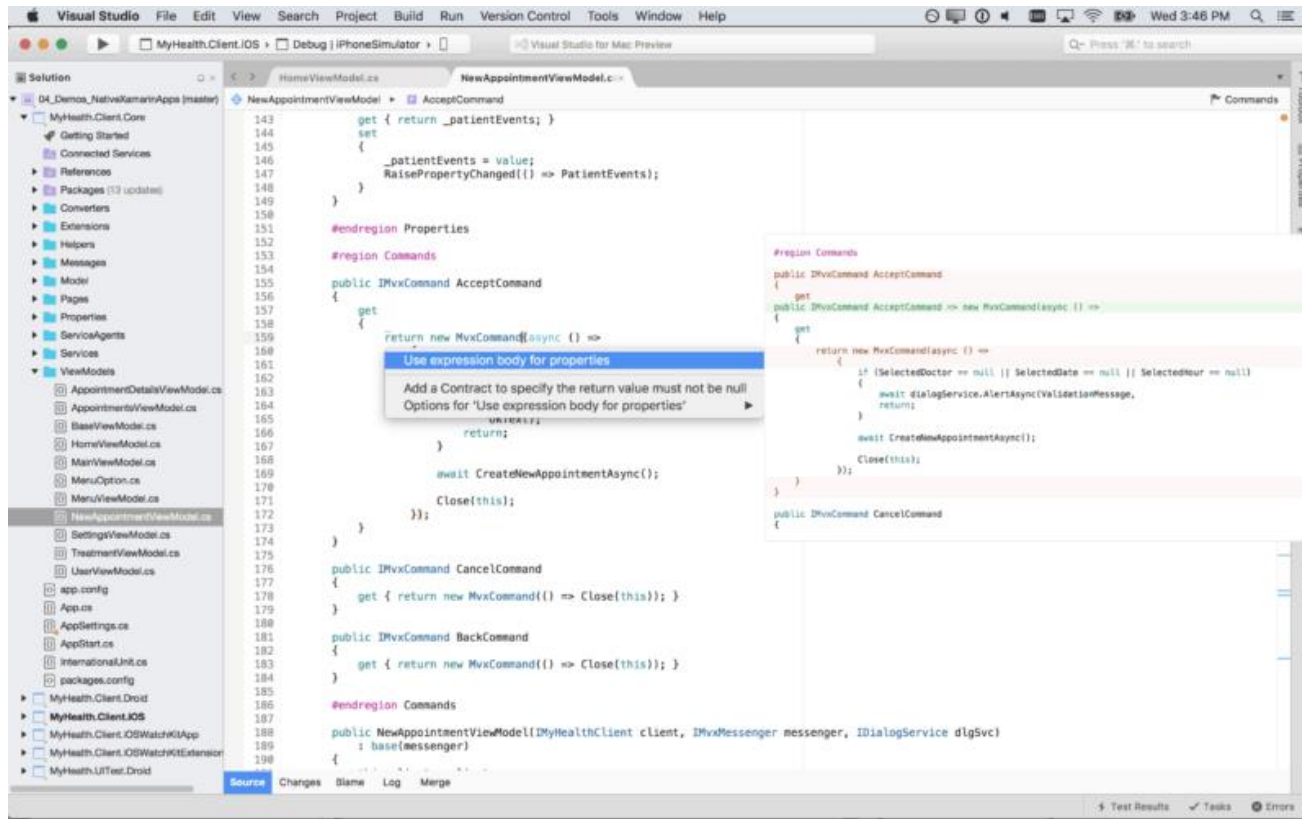
Visual Studio Code



VS Code for

- Swift
- C++
- TypeScript
- Groovy
- F#

Visual Studio for Mac



Build Android, iOS, MacOS, .NET Core, ASP.NET Core, and Unity applications on MacOS

King of the IDEs



Visual Studio - Power Features

Intellisense

Breakpoints

Watches

Find all references

CodeLens

Live unit tests

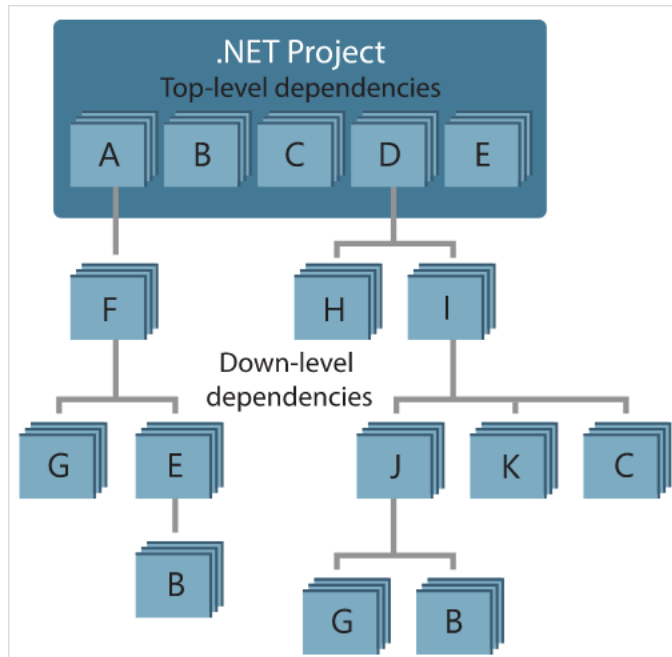
Smart refactorings

Snapshots and IntelliTrace step-back

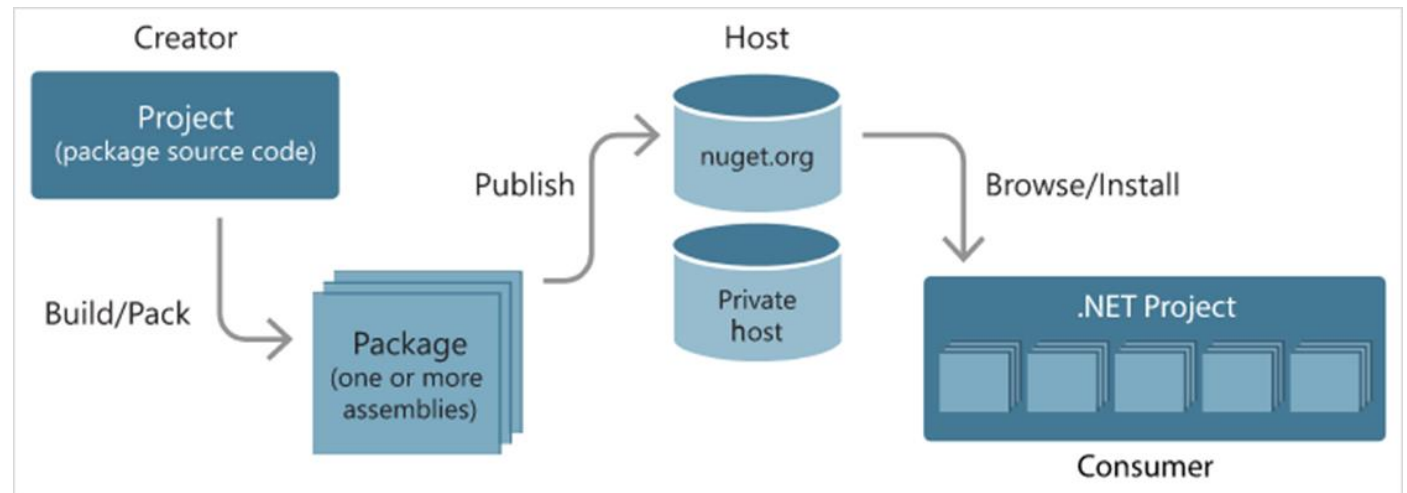
Nuget

The package manager for .NET

Automatically manages complex dependencies



Allows code to be packaged and shared





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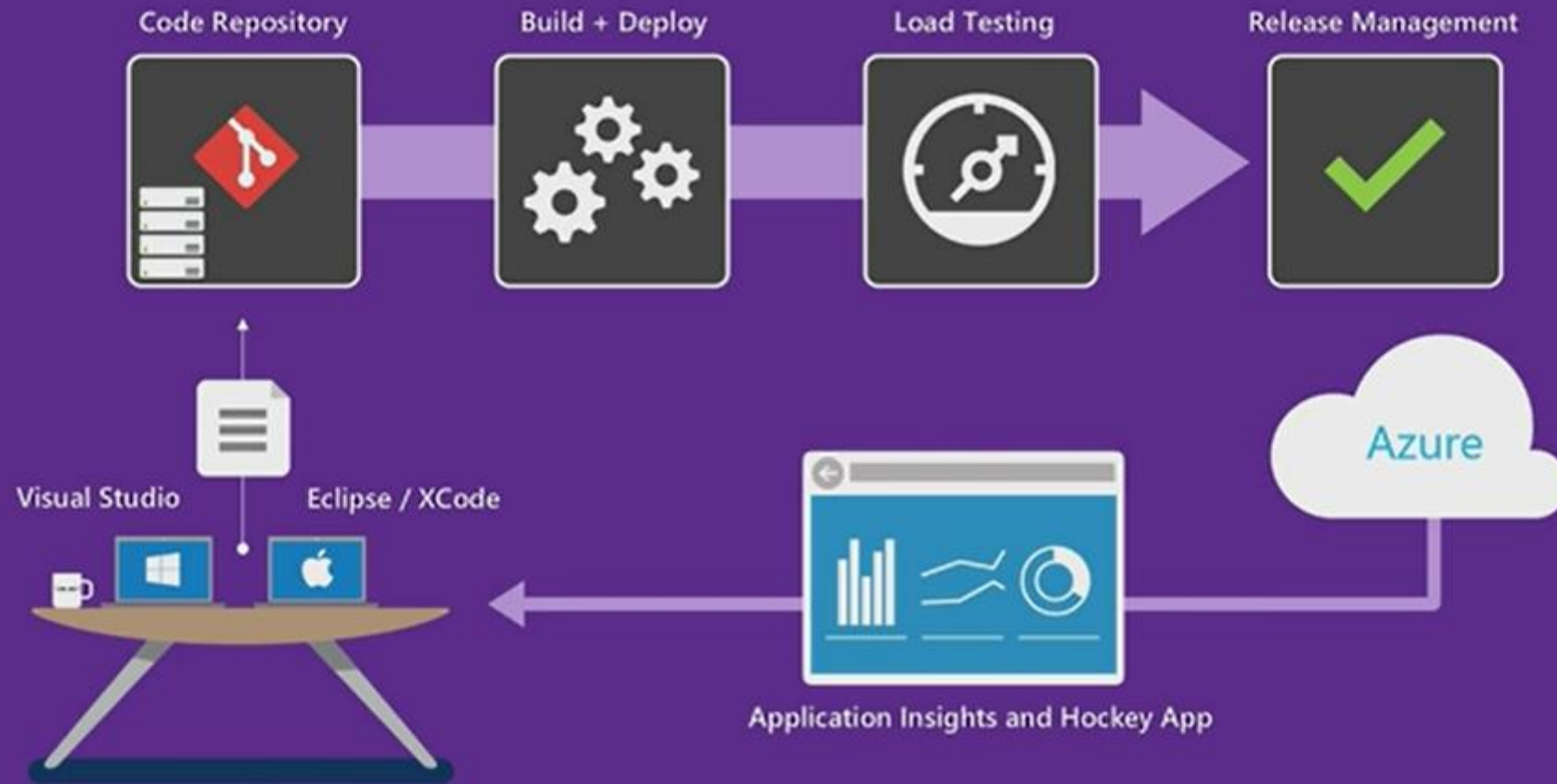
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The Cloud Revolution

Azure DevOps



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Source control repositories

Work item tracking

Kanban (task) boards

Build and deploy pipelines

Automated testing & Test plans

Wikis

FREE for open source or teams of ≤ 5 users

Azure Functions

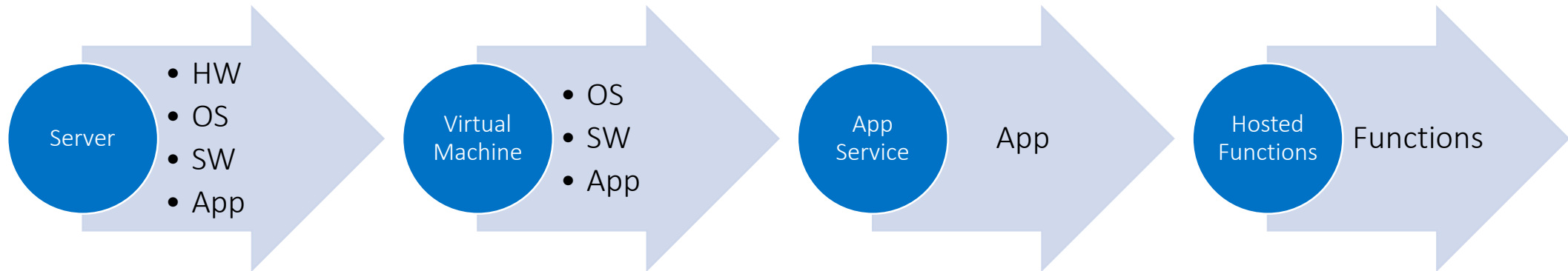
"Serverless"

Eliminates need for server management

Functions hosted by a 3rd-party

FaaS – Functions as a Service

Cloud-hosted, but can self-host on-premises



Azure AI, Chatbots, and Machine Learning

Chat bots

Computer vision

Video Indexer

Facial recognition

Video/Image moderator

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Recap

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