

Santa's Digital Workshops Showcase 🎅

Real-Time Event-Driven AI for Christmas

❄️ Drasi + Microsoft Agent Framework ❄️

⭐ Festive Tech Calendar 2025 ⭐

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What We're Building This Holiday Season



The North Pole's Tech Stack

-  **Drasi** - Real-time event graph detection (<5s latency)
-  **Microsoft Agent Framework** - Multi-agent AI orchestration
-  **Azure OpenAI** - Intelligent, context-aware recommendations
-  **Event-Driven Architecture** - EventHub → Drasi → Agents

|  Process millions of children's letters and behavior updates in real-time!

Live Demo: Christmas Event Detection

 Let's See It In Action!

 What happens in Santa's Workshop:

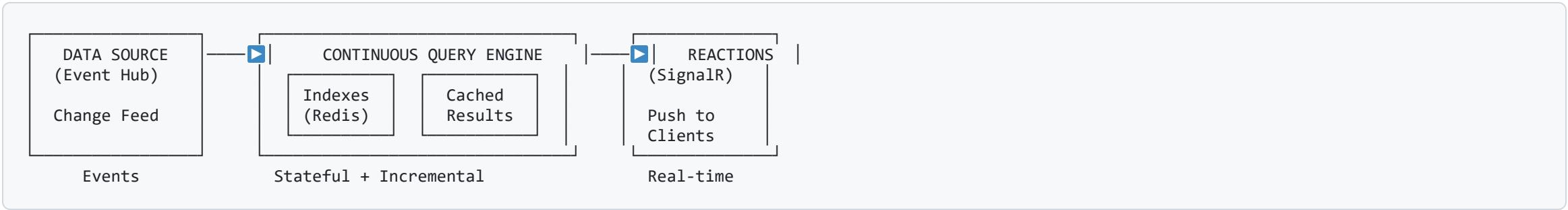
1.  Child submits wishlist via frontend
2.  Backend publishes to EventHub (`wishlist-events`)
3.  Drasi detects patterns in <5 seconds
4.  Real-time updates via SignalR
5.  AI agents provide **preference-based** recommendations

How Drasi Actually Works

It's NOT Just a Query Engine!

Common Misconception: "Drasi queries the database every time"

Reality: Drasi is a **stateful event processing platform** that maintains live query results!



🎯 What Drasi Does

1. **Bootstraps** - Loads initial state from Source
2. **Caches Results** - Stores in memory/Redis
3. **Incremental Updates** - Only processes changes
4. **Pushes Deltas** - `{added:[], updated:[], deleted:[]}`

⚡ Why It's Fast (<5s)

- No re-computation on each query
- Indexes for O(1) lookups
- Only affected results update
- Pre-computed aggregations

Drasi Data Access Patterns

Two Ways to Get Real-Time Intelligence

Drasi View API (Pull Pattern)

HTTP REST Endpoint for on-demand querying

```
GET http://{query-id}-view-svc/{query-name}
```

Use Cases:

-  AI Agents querying trends
-  Dashboard data retrieval
-  Ad-hoc analysis

Benefits:

- Query when needed
- No persistent connections
- Get current snapshot instantly

Example: Agent calls `QueryTrendingWishlistItems()` → Hits View API → Gets top 10 trending gifts

SignalR (Push Pattern)

WebSocket Hub for real-time notifications

```
connection.on("DrasiUpdate", (data) => {
  // Live update received!
});
```

Use Cases:

-  Frontend live updates
-  Real-time notifications
-  Live dashboards

What is Microsoft Agent Framework?

Multi-Agent AI Orchestration for .NET

Core Concept

Build specialized AI agents that work together, call tools, and collaborate to solve complex problems.

Think: "A team of experts, each with their own role and access to live data"

Key Features

- **Agent Composition** - Create multiple specialized agents
- **Tool Calling** - Give agents access to functions and APIs
- **Streaming Responses** - Real-time token-by-token output
- **State Management** - Track conversations and context
- **Azure OpenAI Integration** - GPT-4, GPT-4o, and more

Santa's Workshop Example

```
// Create specialized elf agent
var analystAgent = chatClient.CreateAIAgent(
    name: "BehaviorAnalyst",
    instructions: """
        Analyze child behavior and recommend gifts.
        Use tools to access:
        - Wishlist data
        - Behavior history
        - Real-time trends from Drasi
    """,
    tools: elfTools
);

// Agent automatically calls tools
var response = await analystAgent
    .InvokeAsync("Recommend gifts for child-123");
```

Result: AI agent analyzes behavior, checks trends, and suggests personalized gifts!

Learn More



AG-UI & CopilotKit

The UI Layer: Connecting Users to AI Agents

🎯 AG-UI Protocol

A standard protocol for agent-to-UI communication (like HTTP for AI agents!)

Key Features:

- Standardized Events - RUN_STARTED, TEXT_MESSAGE_CONTENT, TOOL_CALLED
- Real-time Streaming - SSE (Server-Sent Events) for live updates
- Tool Transparency - See exactly which tools agents call
- Cancellation Support - Stop runaway executions

📦 Implementation

```
import { HttpAgent } from "@ag-ui/client";

const agent = new HttpAgent({
  url: "/api/v1/agents/elf/run",
  agentId: "elf",
});

agent.on("text", (delta) => {
  console.log(delta); // Stream tokens
});
```

Spec: github.com/ag-ui/ag-ui

⚡ CopilotKit

React components that work seamlessly with AG-UI agents.

Key Features:

- Drop-in Components - `<CopilotChat>`, `<CopilotTextarea>`
- Context Injection - Pass app state to agents automatically
- Generative UI - Agents render custom React components



Engineering Frameworks Followed

★ Microsoft Best Practices & Standards

📘 ISE (Industry Solution Engineering) Engineering Playbook

- CI/CD Automation - `azd` hooks & validation
- Infrastructure as Code - Bicep modules
- Testing - xUnit unit & integration tests
- Security - Managed Identity, Key Vault
- Observability - Structured logging, health endpoints
- Documentation - Comprehensive guides & runbooks

🌐 Microsoft API Guidelines

- URL Versioning - `/api/v1/` pattern
- HTTP Status Codes - Proper 200/201/404/400
- ETag Support - Conditional requests (If-Match)
- Health Endpoints - `/healthz`, `/readyz`, `/livez`
- Error Handling - RFC 7807 Problem Details
- CORS - Proper cross-origin configuration

🎯 Overall Compliance Score: 8.1/10 - Production-ready with enterprise standards!

📝 Improvement Opportunities:

- OpenAPI response annotations (`ProducesResponseType`) • Distributed tracing (Application Insights) • Code coverage metrics & gates • API pagination standards • Rate limiting headers

Santa's Tech Stack

Drasi 0.10.0-azure

-  Continuous query engine (Cypher)
-  Real-time pattern detection
-  <5 second event latency
-  SignalR live updates
-  View API for querying
-  Dapr service mesh (internal)

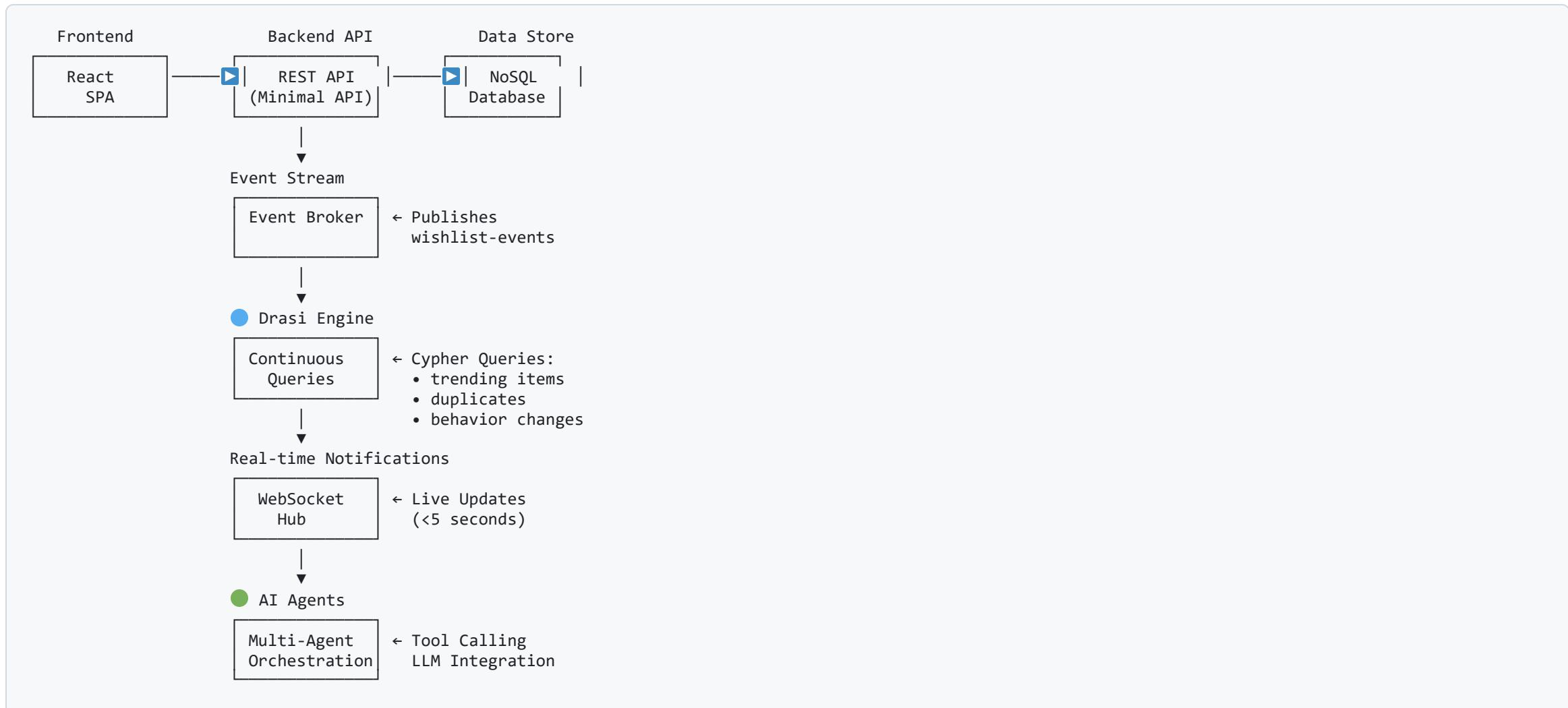
Microsoft Agent Framework

-  Multi-agent orchestration
-  Tool calling (10+ tools)
-  Azure OpenAI (GPT-4)
-  Streaming SSE responses
-  AIFunctionFactory pattern

🎄 Logical Architecture Flow ❄️

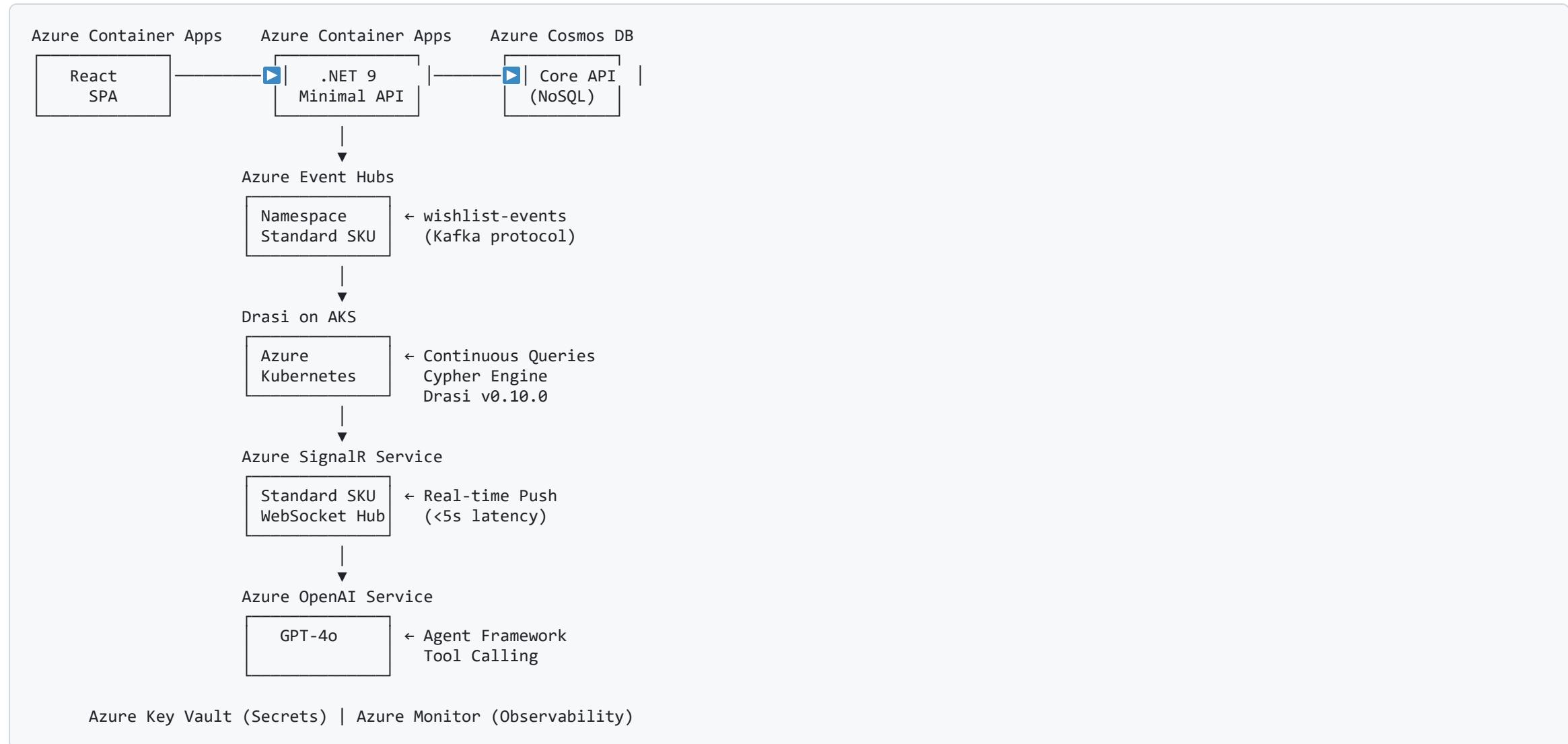
How the Components Work Together

● Drasi ● AI/Agent ● Infrastructure



Production Infrastructure on Azure

Azure Services





Drasi Continuous Query

🎁 Real Cypher Query for Trending Christmas Gifts

```
MATCH (w:`wishlist-events`)
WHERE drasi.changeDateTime(w) >= datetime() - duration({ minutes: 60 })
  AND w.requestType = 'gift'
RETURN w.text AS item,
       count(w) AS frequency
```

What this does:

- Monitors `wishlist-events` in real-time
- Filters last 60 minutes of gift requests
- Groups by item name and counts frequency
- Maintains a **LIVE result set** (not re-queried each time!)

Result: Elves see what's hot RIGHT NOW - with cached, instant responses!

2025 Trending Now

What Kids Are Asking Santa For This Year

Top 5 Hot Items

1.  LEGO Star Wars Set - 45 requests
2.  Nintendo Switch - 38 requests
3.  Harry Potter Book Collection - 32 requests
4.  Remote Control Car - 28 requests
5.  Art Supply Kit - 25 requests

Real-Time Insights

-  Drasi Detection: <5 second latency
-  Live Updates: SignalR WebSockets
-  Trending Window: Last 60 minutes
-  Duplicate Detection: Smart grouping

 Powered by Drasi continuous queries monitoring wishlist-events in real-time!

Elf's Tool Registration

★ AIFunctionFactory Pattern (Santa's Workshop Edition)

```
IList<AITool> tools = new List<AITool>
{
    // Child's actual Christmas wishlist
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.GetChildWishlistItems),

    // Nice/Naughty profile and behavior
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.GetChildBehaviorHistory),

    // Drasi real-time Christmas queries
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.QueryTrendingWishlistItems),
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.FindChildrenWithDuplicateWishlists),

    // Santa's inventory management
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.SearchGiftInventory),
    AIFunctionFactory.Create(_toolLibrary.CheckBudgetConstraints)
};
```

 10+ Magical Tools Connected to Live Data!



Creating Specialized Elf Agents

Santa's AI-Powered Workshop Elves

```
_analystAgent = chatClient.CreateAIAgent(  
    name: "BehaviorAnalyst",  
    instructions: """  
        You are the Behavior Analyst Elf at the North Pole.  
  
        CRITICAL: ALWAYS call GetChildWishlistItems FIRST!  
        This shows you exactly what the child requested for Christmas.  
  
        You have access to DRASI real-time tools:  
        - QueryTrendingWishlistItems: See what's hot NOW  
        - FindChildrenWithDuplicateWishlists: Strong preferences  
  
        WORKFLOW:  
        1. Call GetChildWishlistItems (actual Christmas requests)  
        2. Query trending holiday data with Drasi  
        3. Check Nice/Naughty behavior history  
        4. Provide detailed festive analysis  
        """,  
    tools: tools // ← All 10+ magical tools available!  
);
```

🎁 Elf Tool Implementation

🎄 GetChildWishlistItems Tool (Christmas Edition)

```
[Description("🎁 CRITICAL: Gets child's actual Christmas wishlist")]
public async Task<string> GetChildWishlistItems(
    [Description("Child ID")] string childId,
    CancellationToken ct = default)
{
    var items = new List<WishlistItemEntity>();
    await foreach (var item in _wishlistRepository.ListAsync(childId))
    {
        items.Add(item);
    }

    return $"""
        🎁 CHILD'S CHRISTMAS WISHLIST ({childId})
        {items.Count} gift(s) requested

       💡 Base recommendations on THESE festive items!
    """;
}
```

Preference-Based AI Recommendations

AI That Actually Listens to What Kids Ask For!

How It Works

When a child submits a wishlist item:

1.  Item stored in profile preferences
2.  AI receives context about what child wants
3.  First recommendation = the exact item requested
4.  Related items = accessories, similar products

Example: Child asks for "Xbox"

AI Response

```
[  
  { "suggestion": "Xbox Series X", "rationale": "You asked for an Xbox!" },  
  { "suggestion": "Xbox Game Pass", "rationale": "Access to hundreds of games!" },  
  { "suggestion": "Extra Controller", "rationale": "For multiplayer fun!" }  
]
```

Result: Personalized, relevant recommendations that match the child's actual wishes!

 No more generic recommendations! AI understands what each child actually wants.

What is Drasi?

Event-Driven Continuous Intelligence Platform

Core Concept

Drasi detects **meaningful changes** in your data as they happen and triggers reactions automatically.

Think: "If these 3 things happen within 5 minutes, notify me immediately"

Key Features

- **Continuous Queries** - Define patterns using Cypher (graph query language)
- **Sub-5 Second Latency** - Real-time pattern detection
- **Event Graph Engine** - Tracks relationships and temporal patterns
- **Multiple Sources** - Cosmos DB, PostgreSQL, Event Hubs, and more

Santa's Workshop Example

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WHERE drasi.changeDateTime(w)
    >= datetime() - duration({ minutes: 60 })
    AND w.requestType = 'gift'
RETURN w.text AS item,
       count(w) AS frequency
ORDER BY frequency DESC
```

Result: Instant alerts when LEGO Star Wars becomes the #1 requested gift!

Learn More

Website: drasi.io

GitHub: github.com/drasi-project/drasi-platform



Multi-Elf AI Orchestration

Three Specialized Christmas Elves Working Together

1. **Behavior Analyst Elf** → Analyzes Nice/Naughty history

- o Calls `GetChildBehaviorHistory()`

2. **Creative Gift Elf** → Proposes magical gift ideas

- o Calls `SearchGiftInventory()`

3. **Quality Reviewer Elf** → Validates recommendations

- o Calls `CheckBudgetConstraints()`

Result: Coordinated Christmas gift recommendations with festive rationales!



Santa's Nice & Naughty List Intelligence

😊 Nice Child

- 🎁 Premium toys and games
- 🎄 Fun, rewarding gifts
- ⭐ Rationale: "Earned it!"
- 🎉 Extra treats from Santa!

😈 Naughty Child

- 💣 Lump of Coal (first!)
- 📚 Educational materials
- 📖 Character-building books
- 🎯 Rationale: "Learning opportunity!"

🎄 **Demo:** Generate random Christmas events (70% wishlist, 30% behavior)



Santa's Workshop Performance Metrics

Component	Metric	Value
● Drasi Detection	Event Latency	⚡ <5 seconds
● Drasi Detection	Query Throughput	🚀 1000+ events/sec
● Agent Framework	Recommendation Time	⌚ 3-8s
● Agent Framework	Multi-Agent Flow	🤖 8-15s
● Agent Framework	Streaming Rate	💻 ~50 tokens/sec

🎁 Christmas Scale: 10K+ concurrent children, 100K+ letters/hour



Real-World Use Cases

Beyond Santa's Workshop - Where This Pattern Applies

E-Commerce

- **Cart Abandonment** - Real-time intervention
- **Trending Products** - Live inventory optimization
- **Price Changes** - Dynamic recommendations
- **Fraud Detection** - Pattern recognition

Healthcare

- **Patient Monitoring** - Vital sign alerts
- **Equipment Status** - Predictive maintenance
- **Bed Management** - Resource optimization
- **Emergency Response** - Priority routing

IoT & Manufacturing

- **Device State Changes** - Real-time monitoring
- **Quality Control** - Defect detection
- **Supply Chain** - Inventory tracking
- **Predictive Maintenance** - Failure prevention

Financial Services

- **Fraud Detection** - Transaction patterns
- **Market Trends** - Real-time analysis
- **Risk Assessment** - Portfolio monitoring
- **Compliance Alerts** - Regulatory checks



Key Takeaways

1. **Real-Time Event Detection** → Drasi provides <5s latency with Cypher queries
2. **Multi-Agent AI Orchestration** → Specialized agents with tool calling patterns
3. **Production-Ready Architecture** → Following Microsoft engineering best practices
4. **Tool Calling for Real Data** → 10+ tools accessing live Cosmos DB & Drasi
5. **Streaming UX** → Token-level SSE responses for better user experience

Lessons Learned & Issues Fixed

Real Challenges from Building This Demo

Drasi CLI vs kubectl

Issue: Drasi resources are NOT Kubernetes CRDs - they're managed via REST API

Why it fails:

```
# ❌ This doesn't work
kubectl apply -f source.yaml
# Error: no matches for kind "Source"
```

Fix: Use `drasi` CLI exclusively

```
drasi apply -f resource.yaml
drasi list source -n drasi-system
```

Port Forwarding Failures

Issue: `drasi apply` failed with "lost connection to pod"

Root Cause: Drasi API pod not ready before applying resources

Fix: Wait for readiness + retry logic

```
kubectl wait --for=condition=available \
deployment/drasi-api --timeout=180s
# Retry up to 3 times
```

Image Registry Double-Prefix

Issue: Malformed image names

```
ghcr.io/drasi-project/ghcr.io/...
```

Root Cause: Manifests had full registry paths; resource provider prepended registry again



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