

LazyTAP: On-Demand Data Minimization for Trigger-Action Applications

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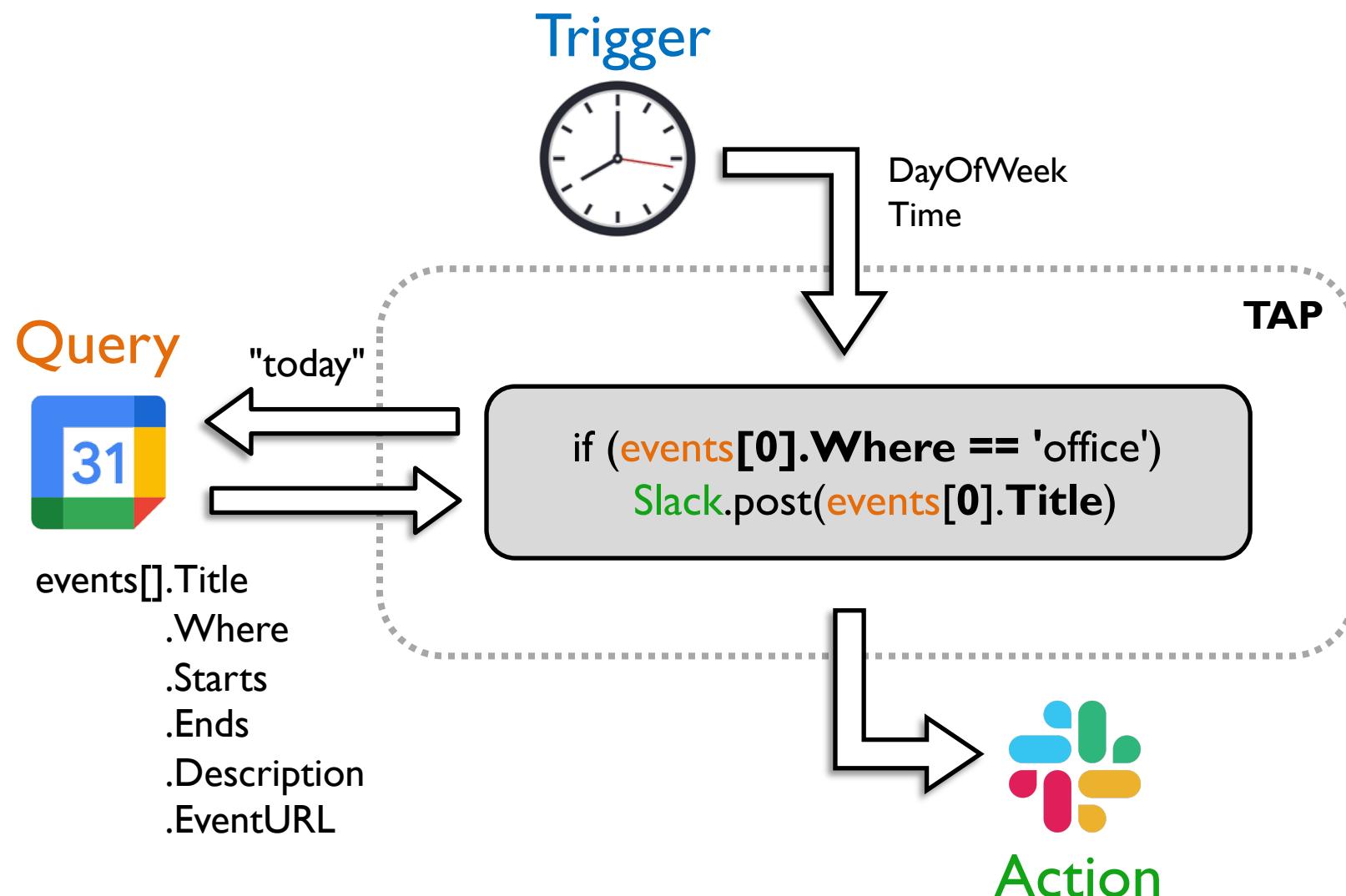
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Trigger-Action Platform (TAP)

- Connecting otherwise unconnected services and devices
- **Trigger** event comes, app performs an **Action**
- Additional data source with **Queries**
 - **Private data** e.g., calendar events, watched movies, and locations



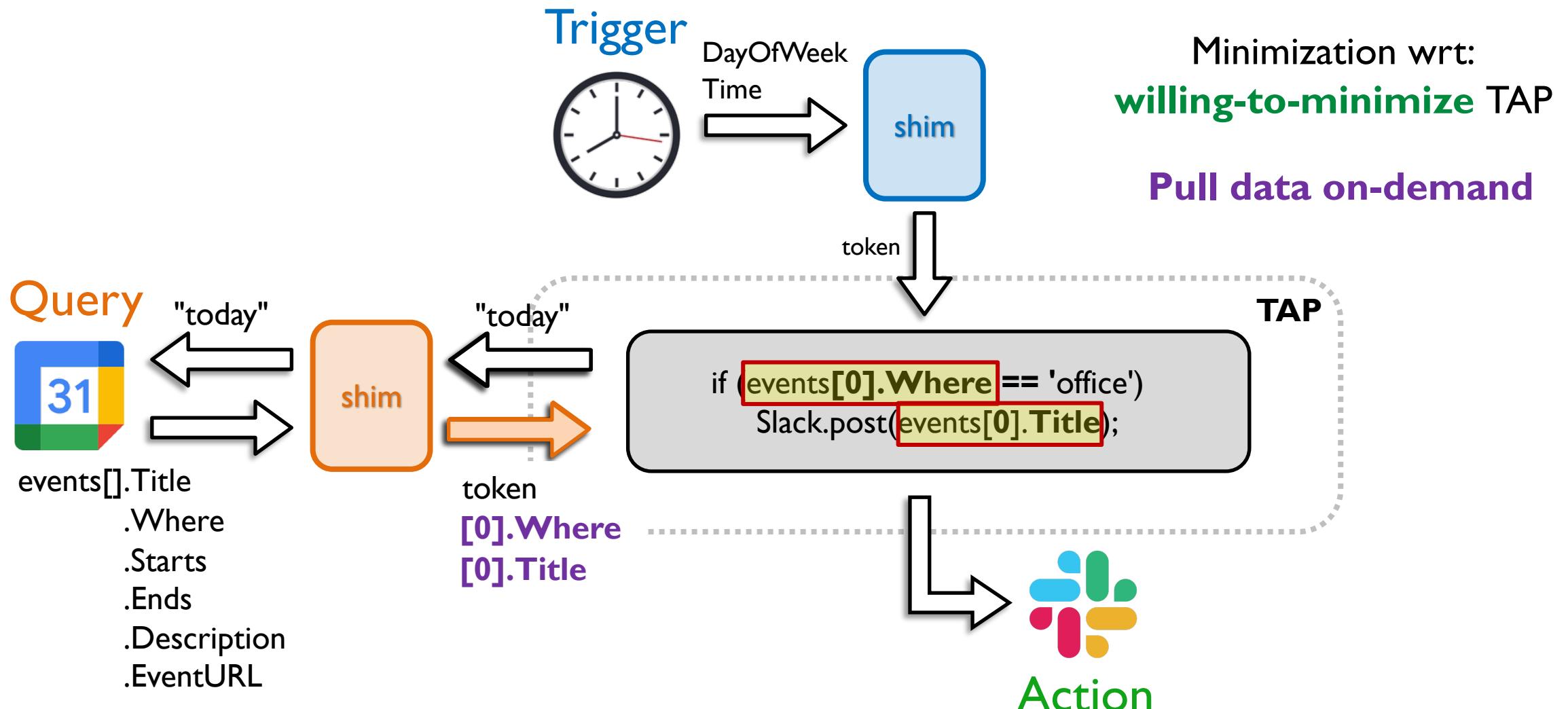
Push-all approach in TAPs



“Every morning, post the title of the first office meeting to Slack”

Push-all approach
All trigger/query data to TAP independent of the app code
at odds with *data minimization*

LazyTAP: data minimization by design

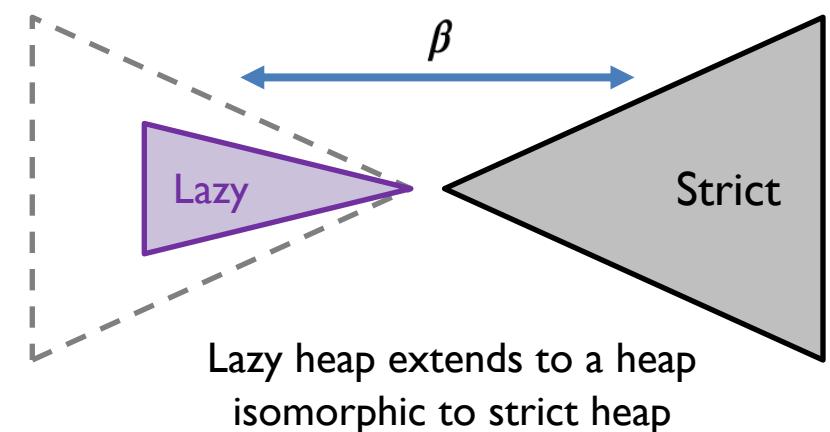


Modeling

- Modeling **lazy runtime** for apps
 - Remote objects, lazy query, and deferred computation by thunking
- Core language: While language with objects

$$e ::= v \mid x \mid e \oplus e \mid f(e) \mid e[e] \mid \{ \} \mid T \mid Q(k, e) \mid A(m) \\ \mid () \Rightarrow e$$

Theorem: LazyTAP is **correct** and at least as **precise** as preprocessing minimization



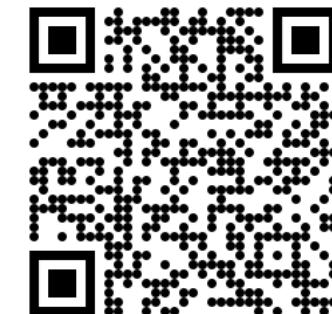
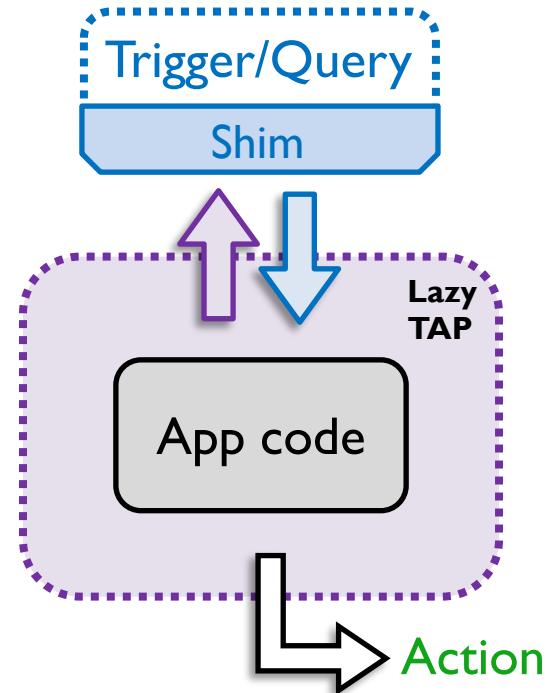
Be *lazy*, be *minimized!*

On-demand minimization by design:

- **Input-sensitive** and fine-grained
- Supporting **queries** and **nondeterminism**
- **Seamless** for app developers
- **Correctness** and **precision** formally proved
- Benchmarking:
95% over IFTTT, **38%** over static minTAP

Lazy runtime by:

- Proxied **remote objects**
- Deferred computation by **thunking**



<https://www.cse.chalmers.se/research/group/security/lazytap>