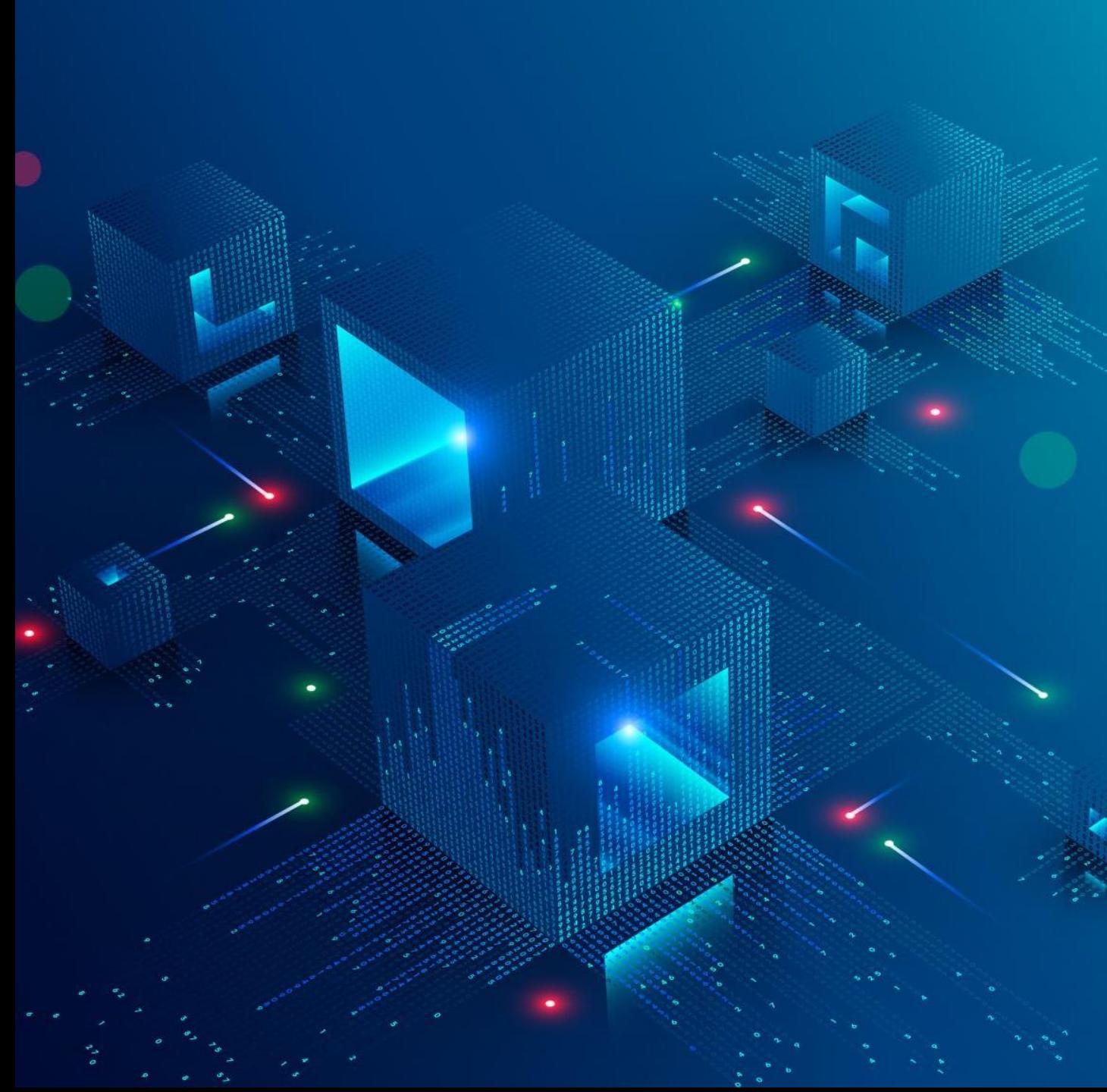


# Azure Digital Twins - how to deal with more complex IoT ecosystem - from device to analytics

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# Plan

IoT Plug and Play

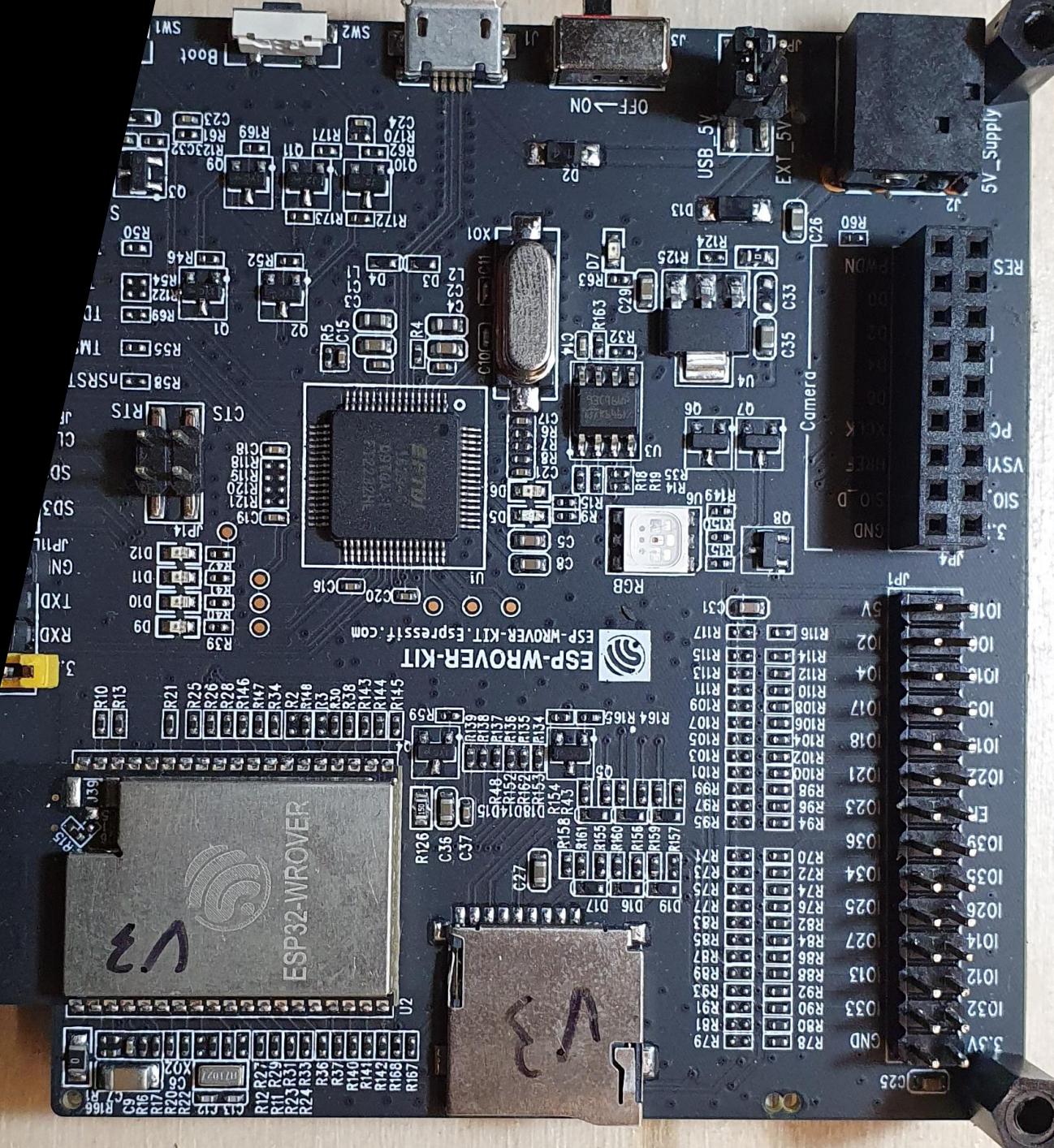
Concept of Digital Twins

Implementation in Azure Digital Twins

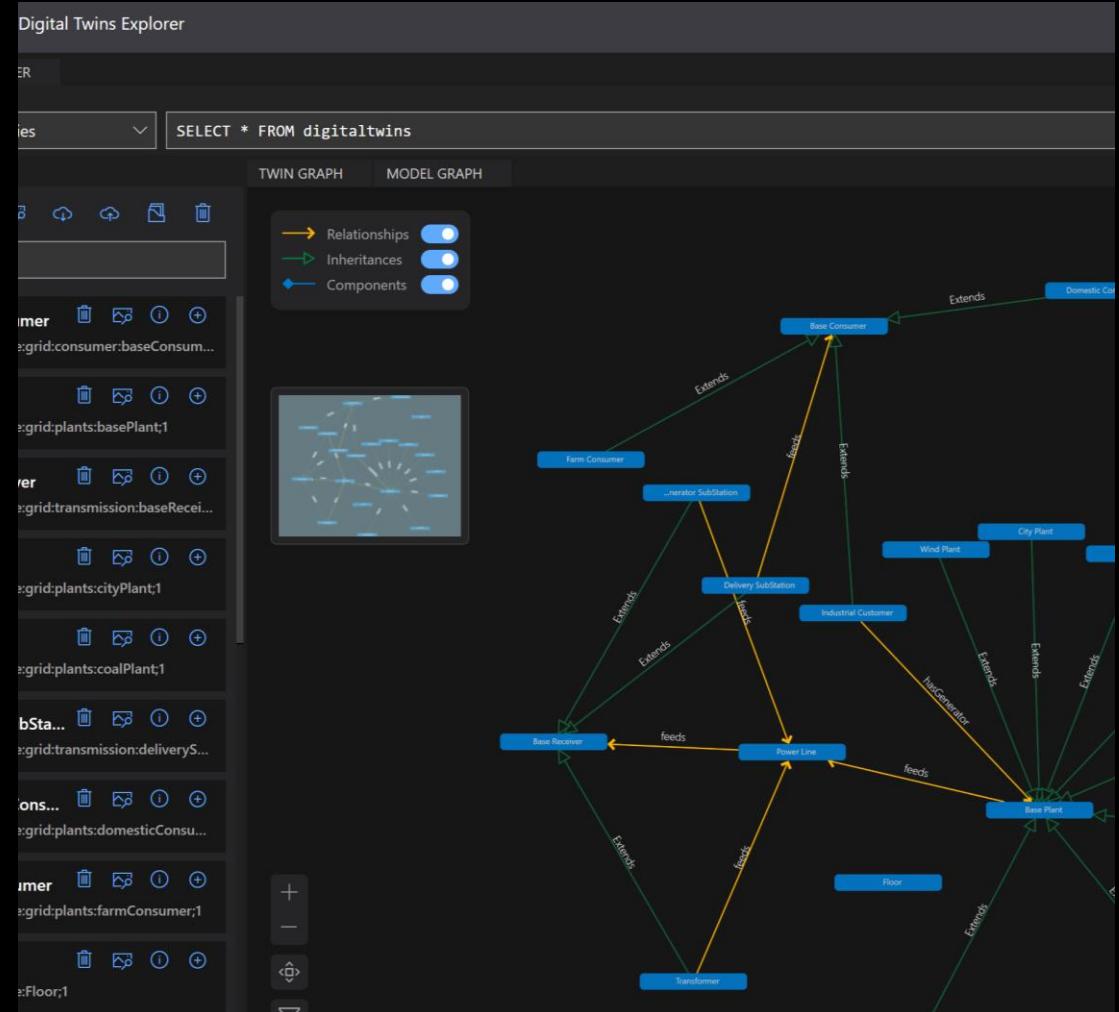
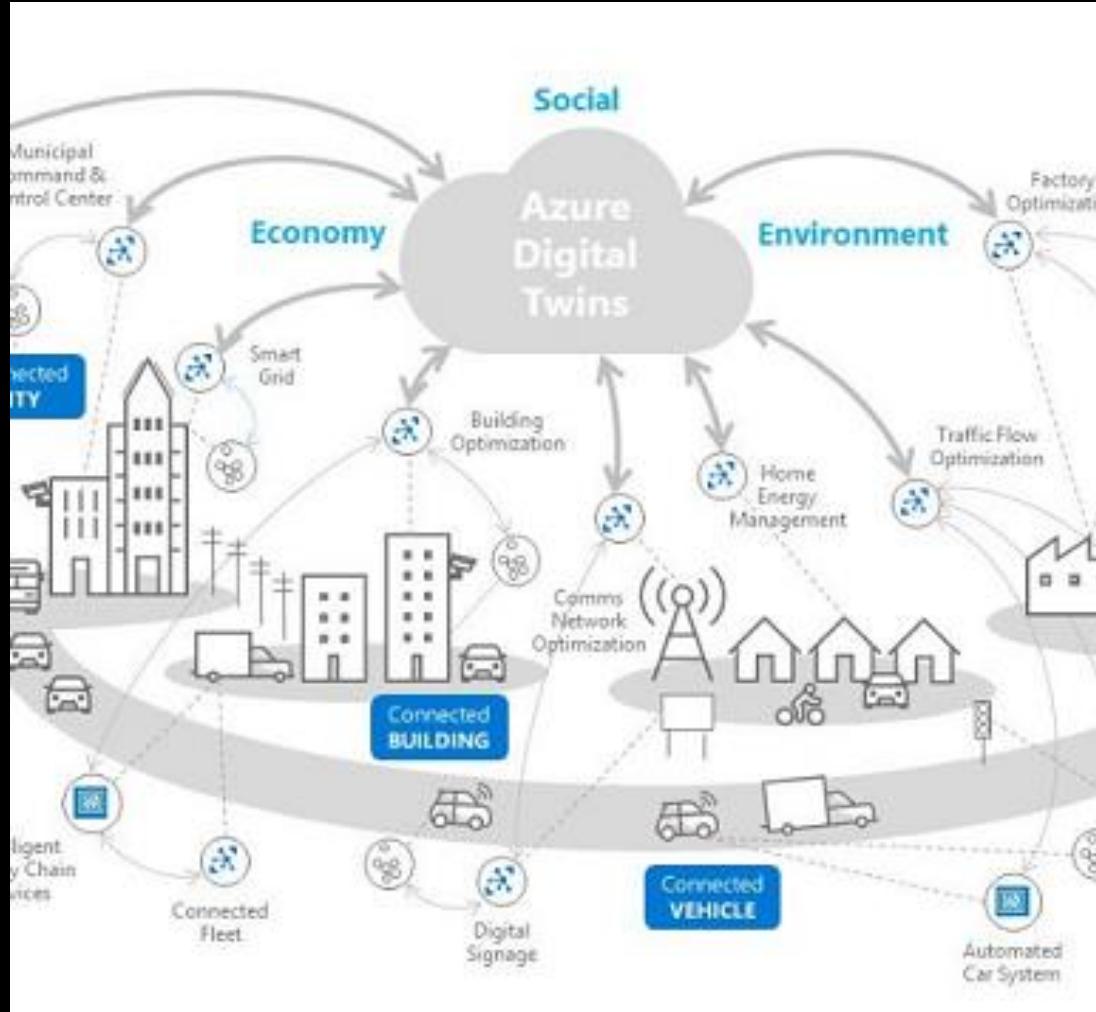
Usage of Azure Digital Twins and Azure Services

And – how to work with DATA and IoT and ADT

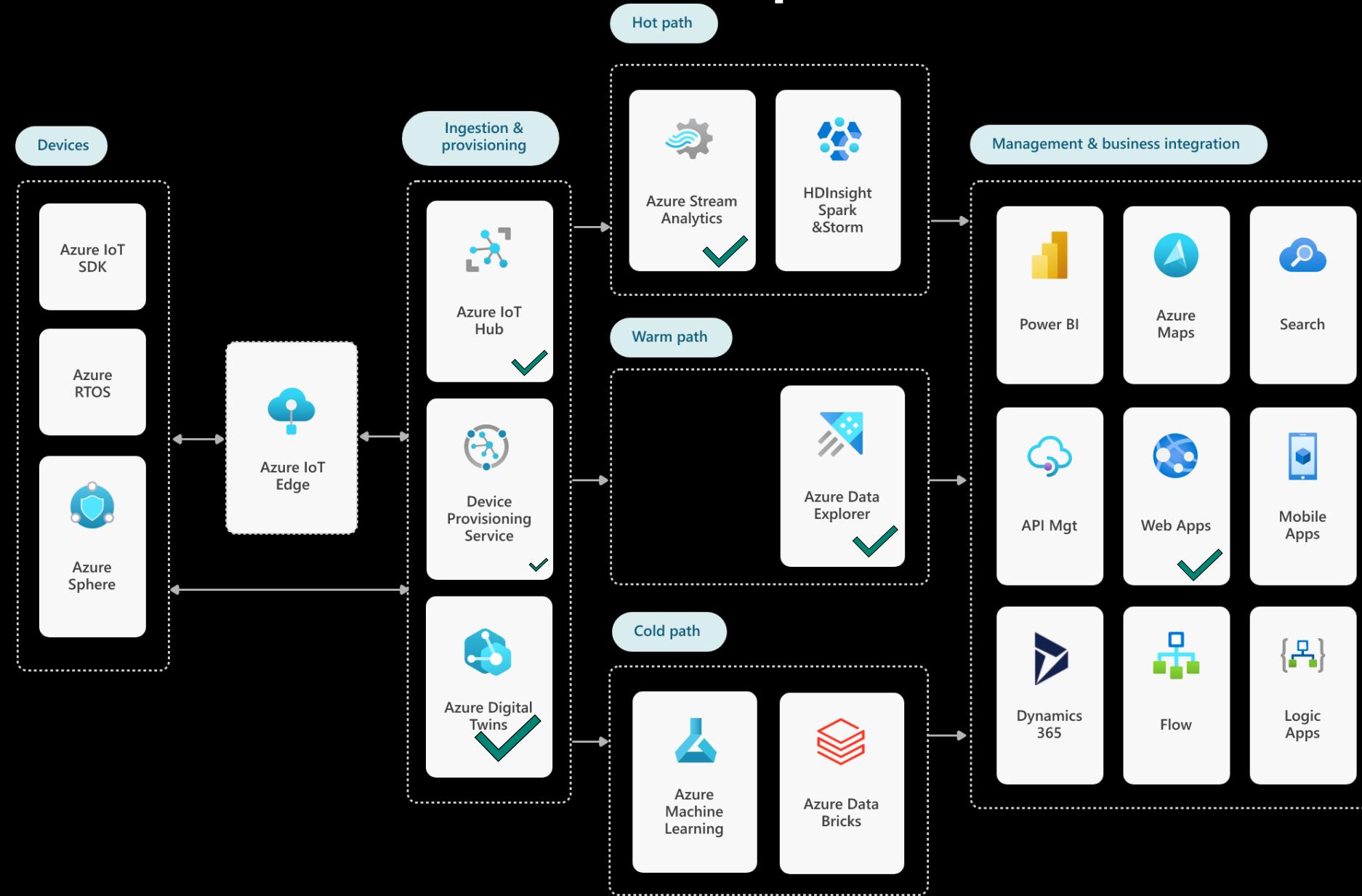
# Context – not only “small devices”



# Rather:



# General, Microsoft IoT Components



# IoT PnP – to define standards for devices

```
{  
    "Temperature": 23  
}  
or ?  
{  
    "Temp": 23  
}  
or ?  
{  
    "temperaturka": 23  
}  
or ?  
{  
    "data": [  
        {  
            "timestamp": "2021-01-01 01:01:01.123",  
            "typeOfMeasurement": "Temperature",  
            "value": 23  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

# IoT Today

Tight **coupling** between software on device and IoT solution in the cloud



*Because of: telemetry format, how to interpret data, how to send commands etc.*

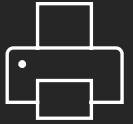
# Demo

Challenges with “model-less” devices

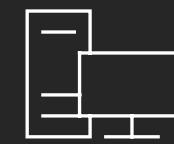
(and – recap – how to “debug” telemetry!)

# We had a similar challenge in the past

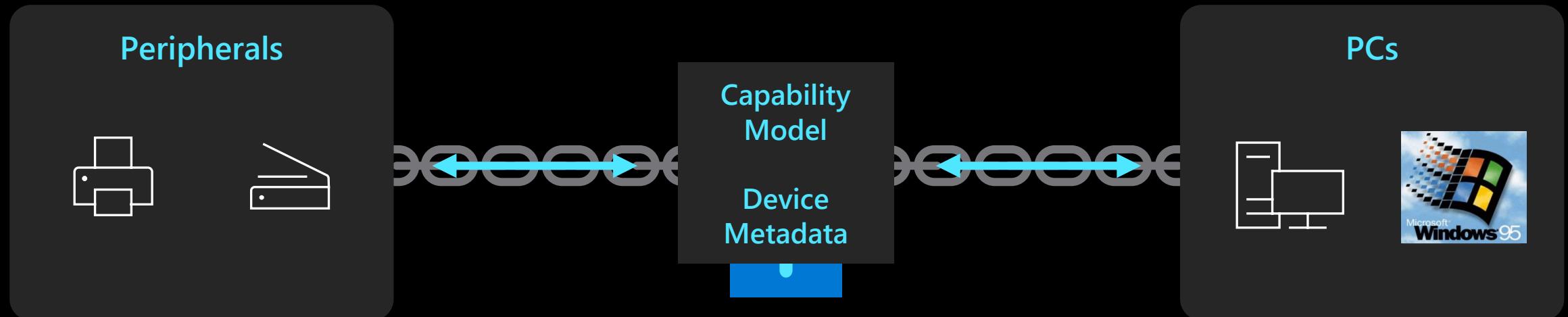
Peripherals



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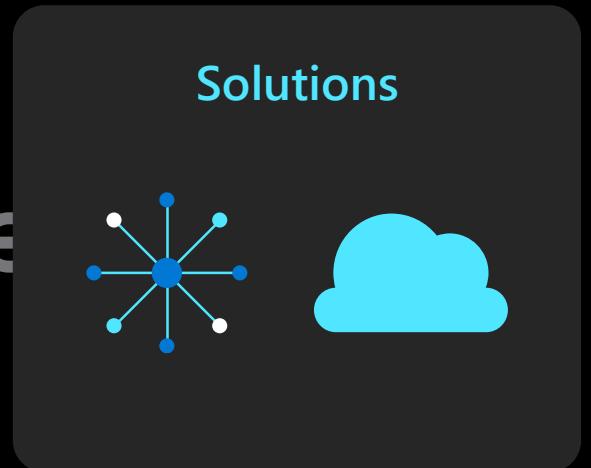
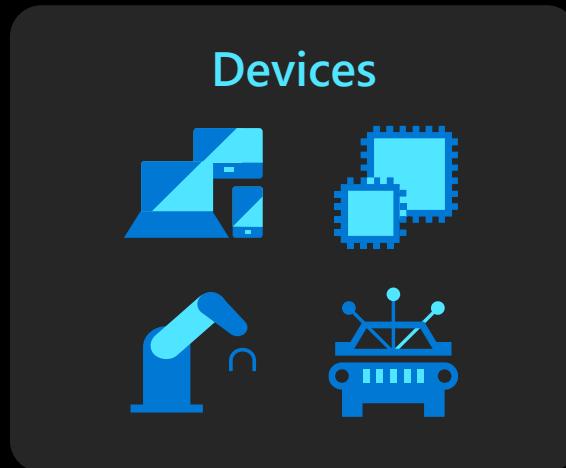
# That was solved in Windows with Plug and Play



Devices published their **capability models** and adhered to them  
Windows used the capability model to know how to **interact** with them

# Introducing IoT Plug and Play

**Simplifies** device interactions in IoT solutions with an open modeling language



Devices self-describe capabilities based on open Digital Twins Definition Language.

Solutions can *automatically* adapt to devices

All **without custom code**

# Describe interaction model in DTDL Open modeling language

## Describe device capability and interaction model

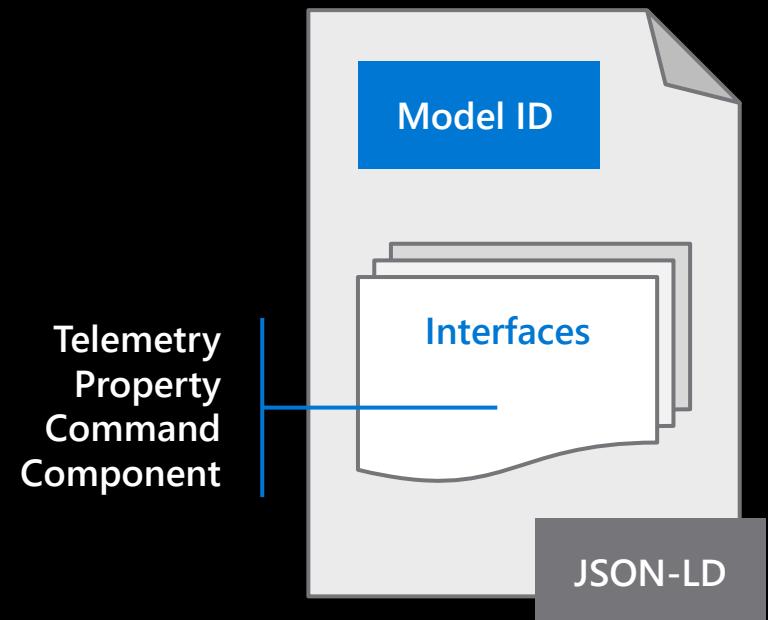
Each device model has a unique ID: **Digital Twin Model ID (DTMI)**.

Each device model consists of a set of **interfaces**.

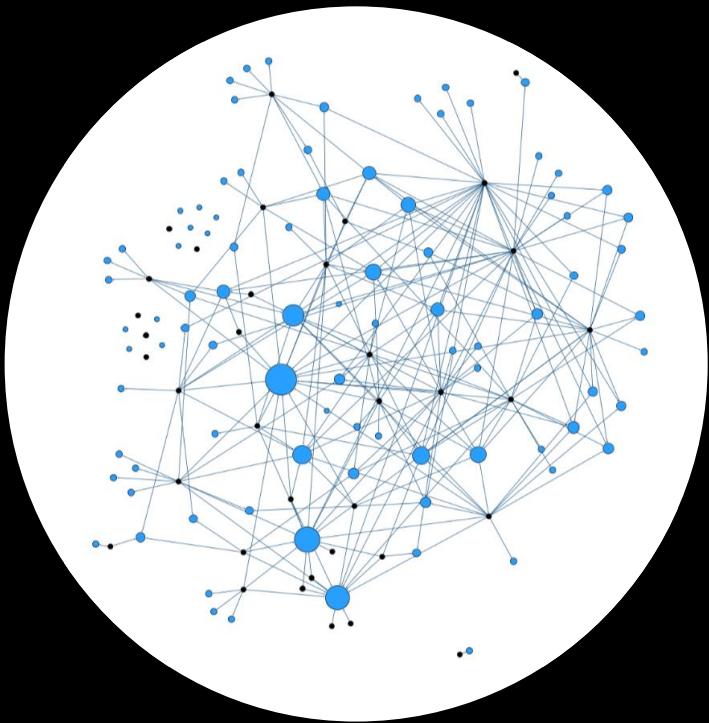
Interfaces describe attributes of the device:  
**telemetry, property, command**

Single or multiple **components**.

The solution can query and parse the Device model to understand the interaction model.



# Azure Digital Twins alignment

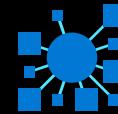


**Digital Twin** enables the creation of knowledge graphs based on digital models of physical environment.

Allows creation of relationships among twins.

Enriches twins by adding metadata and attributes.

IoT Plug and Play is fully aligned with Azure Digital Twins.



The IoT Plug and Play device model becomes one of the twins in the graph.



Allows addition of (plug) IoT device into the graph.



Allows interaction with (play) IoT device and data from it in the graph.

# IoT Plug and Play device model authoring

## IoT Plug and Play device model = Digital Twin model

- A schema that describes device **capabilities** and **attributes**
- Written in **DTDL v2** based on **JSON-LD**
- **DTDL v2** for schemas, semantics  
<https://aka.ms/dtdl>

## Tools for device model authoring

- **Visual Studio / Visual Studio Code**
  - Extensions for model authoring
- **DTDL Parser Library**
  - For syntax check

```
{  
  "@context": "dtmi:dtdl:context;2",  
  "@id": "dtmi:com:example:Thermostat;1",  
  "@type": "Interface",  
  "displayName": "Thermostat",  
  "description": "IoT Plug and Play Device Model for Thermostat",  
  "contents": [  
    {  
      "@type": [  
        "Telemetry",  
        "Temperature"  
      ],  
      "name": "temperature",  
      "displayName": "Temperature",  
      "description": "Temperature in degrees Celsius.",  
      "schema": "double",  
      "unit": "degreeCelsius"  
    },  
  ]  
}
```



This new industry standard is a collaborative effort between Microsoft and the [Digital Twin Consortium](#).

# Base: JSON-LD

**JSON for Linking Data**

Data is messy and disconnected. JSON-LD organizes and connects it, creating a better Web.

**W3C JSON-LD Working Group Launched!** The JSON-LD specification work continues at the [W3C JSON-LD Working Group](#)! Please join us there, follow the [mailing list](#), and participate in the [specification repositories](#).

**Linked Data**

**A Simple Example**

```
{ "@context": "https://json-ld.org-contexts/person.jsonld", "id": "http://dbpedia.org/resource/John_Lennon", "name": "John Lennon", "born": "1940-10-09", "spouse": "http://dbpedia.org/resource/Cynthia_Lennon" }
```

**JSON-LD**

JSON-LD is a lightweight Linked Data format. It is easy for humans to read and write. It is based on the already successful JSON format and provides a way to help JSON data interoperate at Web-scale. JSON-LD is an ideal data format for programming environments, REST Web services, and unstructured databases such as Apache CouchDB and MongoDB.

```
{ "@context": "dtmi:dtidl:context;2", "@id": "dtmi:com:example:Thermostat;1", "@type": "Interface", }
```

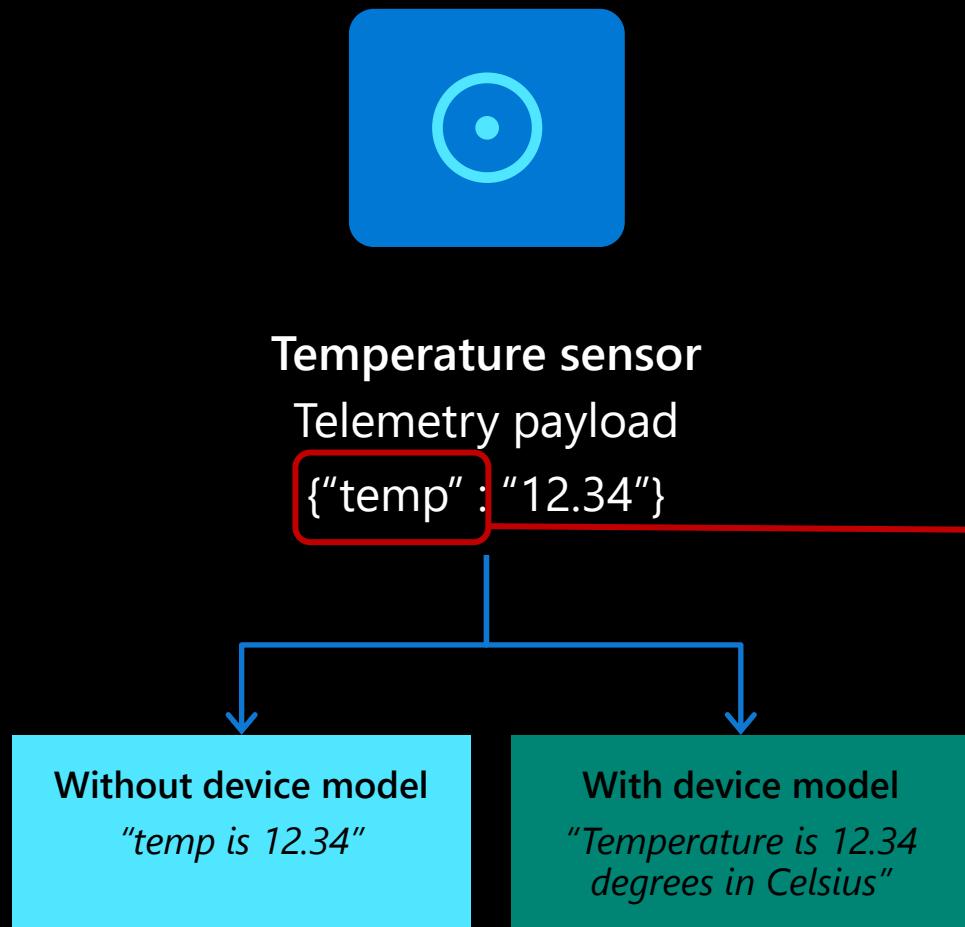
<https://json-ld.org/>

## Linking “data”

Used in Device Twins, Azure Twins.

Also: in general RDF (Semantic Web Resource Description Framework) and many other standards

# IoT Plug and Play device model example



```
{  
    "@context": "dtmi:dtdl:context;2", DTDL v2  
    "@id": "dtmi:com:mycompany:Thermostat;1", Model ID  
    "@type": "Interface", Interface type  
    "displayName": "IoT Plug and Play Device",  
    "description": "Device Model Example",  
    "contents": [  
        {  
            "@type": ["Telemetry", "Temperature"], Telemetry type  
            "name": "temp", Name of data  
            "displayName": "Temperature Data",  
            "description": "Temperature in degrees Celsius.",  
            "schema": "double", Schema  
            "unit": "degreeCelsius" Unit  
        },  
    ],  
},
```

# DTDL



## DTDL

Microsoft  |  7,414 installs |  (1) | Free

This extension provides syntax highlighting to read and edit JSON documents using the Digital Twins Definition Language

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### DTDL Editor for Visual Studio Code

#### Overview

The [Digital Twin Definition Language \(DTDL\)](#) is a language for describing models for Plug and Play devices, device digital twins, and logical digital twins. Broadly, modeling enables IoT solutions to provision, use, and configure digital twins of all kinds from multiple sources in a single solution. Using DTDL to describe any digital twin's abilities enables the IoT platform and IoT solutions to leverage the semantics of each digital twin.

With the [DTDL extension for Visual Studio Code](#), you can read and write documents using DTDL more efficiently

Demo – ok – browsing models ;)

# Usage - „UI”

Home > pltkw3adtiot > Devices						
<span style="margin-right: 10px;">+ New</span> <span style="margin-right: 10px;">⟳ Refresh</span> <span style="margin-right: 10px;">trash Delete</span>						
Query by device ID...		<input type="text"/> →		<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 10px; margin-right: 10px;">Add query parameter</span>		
Device ID	Status	Connection st...	Authenticatio...	Last status up...	IoT Plug and ...	Edge device
dev-nonpnp	Enabled	Disconnected	Sas	--		
thermostat67	Enabled	Disconnected	Sas	--		
dev-pnp-temperature	Enabled	Disconnected	Sas	--		dtmi:com:example:Thermostat;1
dev-pnp-custom	Enabled	Disconnected	Sas	--		

[Home](#) > [pltkw3adtio](#) > [Devices](#) > dev-pnp-temperature > [IoT Plug\\_and Play components](#) > DEFAULT\_COMPONENT

	Interface	Properties (read-only)	Properties (writable)	Commands	Telemetry
	 Refresh				
	Name (Display Name / Description)	Request schema		Response schema	
 Device identity	getMaxMinReport (Get Max-Min report. / This command returns the max, min and average temperature from the specified time to the current time.)	dateTime		Object	
 Device twin					
 Telemetry					
 Direct method					
 Cloud-to-device mes...					
 Module identities					
 IoT Plug and Play co...	since <input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy --::--"/>				

Home > pltkw3adiot > Devices > dev-pnp-temperature > IoT Plug and Play components

Device identity

Device twin

Telemetry

Direct method

Cloud-to-device ...

Module identities

**IoT Plug and Play...**

Refresh

## IoT Plug and Play components ⓘ

**Step 1. Your device has been discovered as a IoT Plug and Play device**

Model ID

dtmi:com:example:Thermostat;1

**Step 2. We've resolved your IoT Plug and Play model**

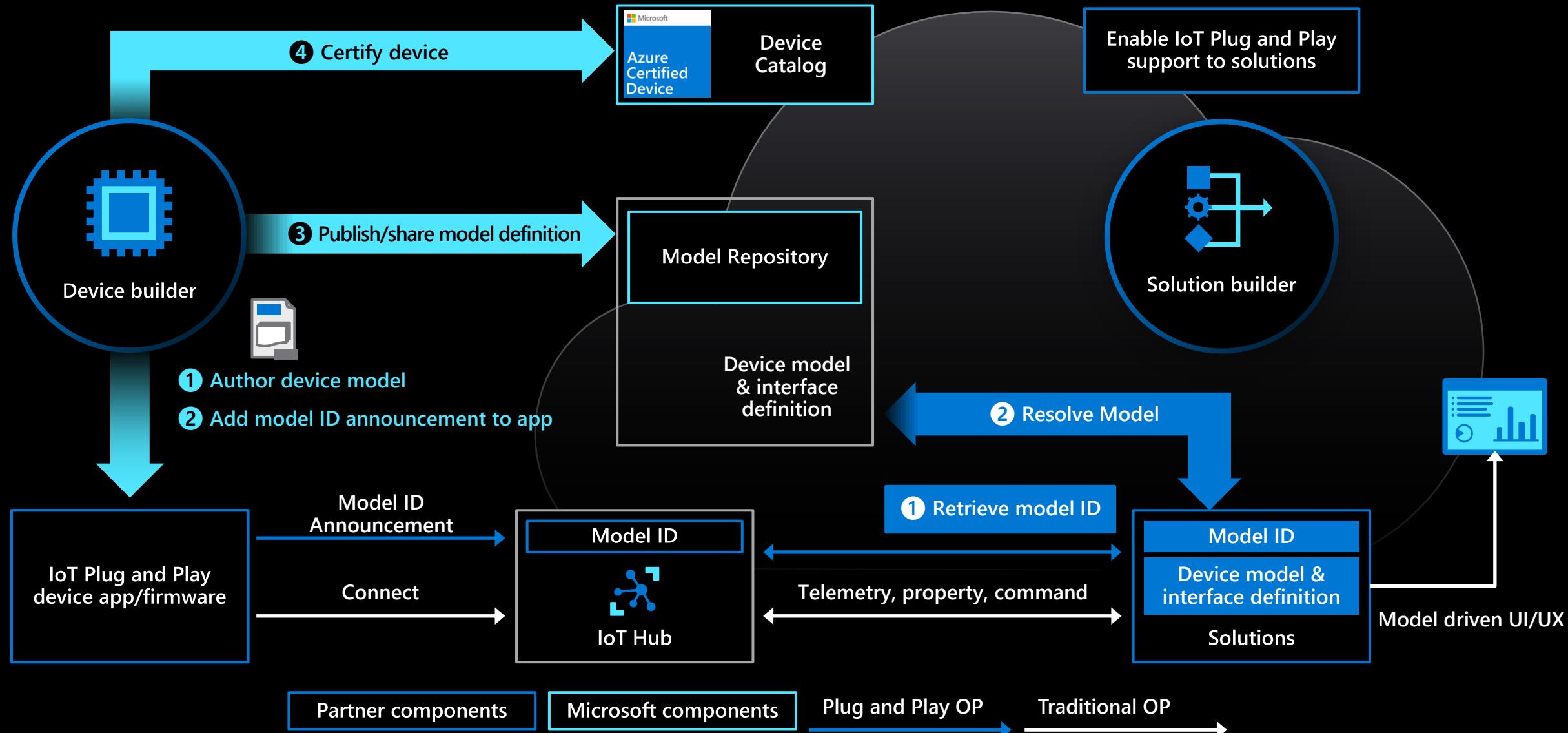
Your model definition has been resolved from: Public Repository ⓘ [Configure](#)

**Step 3. Continue your IoT Plug and Play journey by drilling down to each component**

If you have defined 'Property', 'Command' or 'Telemetry' in model dtmi:com:example:Thermostat;1, you would be able to see 'Default component' in the table below. If you have defined 'Component', you would be able to see a list of components down below.

The screenshot shows the IoT Plug and Play Demo interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Devices (selected), Device groups, Rules, Analytics, Jobs, App settings, Device templates, Data export, Data export (legacy), Indoor maps, and Administration. The main area displays a device named "wio-terminal" with a thumbnail icon. The device path is shown as Devices > Seeed Wio Terminal > wio-terminal. Action buttons include Connect, Block, Attach to gateway, Rename, and Delete. The device status is Provisioned, with the last data received at 11/16/2020, 3:25:38 PM. Below this, there are three tabs: About, Overview (selected), Command, and Raw data. A message bar indicates "Last data received: 11/16/2020, 3:25:38 PM | Status: Provisioned". The Overview section features a chart titled "Acceleration X, Acceleration Y, Acceleration Z" with three lines: Acceleration X (green), Acceleration Y (black), and Acceleration Z (red). The Y-axis ranges from -1.00 to 0.03. The X-axis shows two time points: 02:55 PM on 11/16/2020 and 03:26 PM on 11/16/2020. To the right of the chart are three summary cards: "Acceleration X" with value 0.03, "Acceleration Y" with value -0.00, and "Acceleration Z" with value -1.01. Each card includes a "Average, Past 12 hours" link.

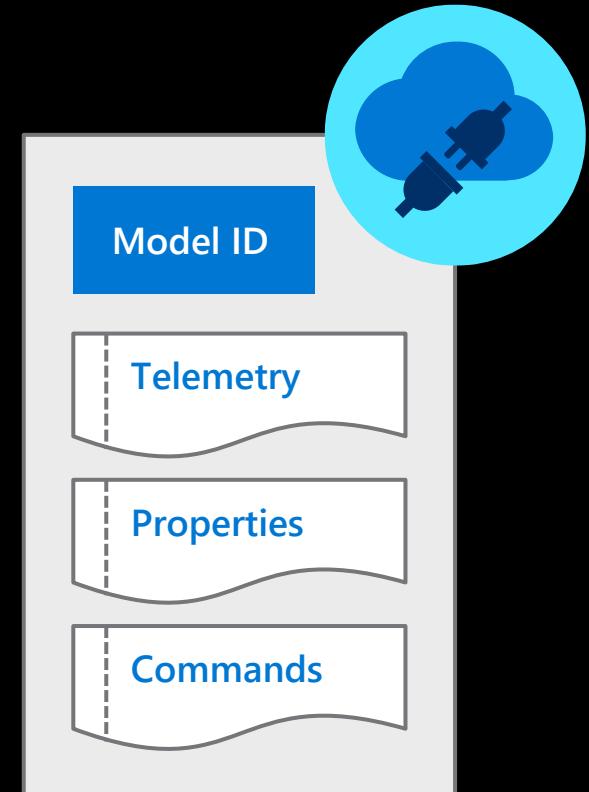
# IoT Plug and Play process overview



# IoT Plug and Play device app / firmware development

## Implement IoT Plug and Play convention based on the device model

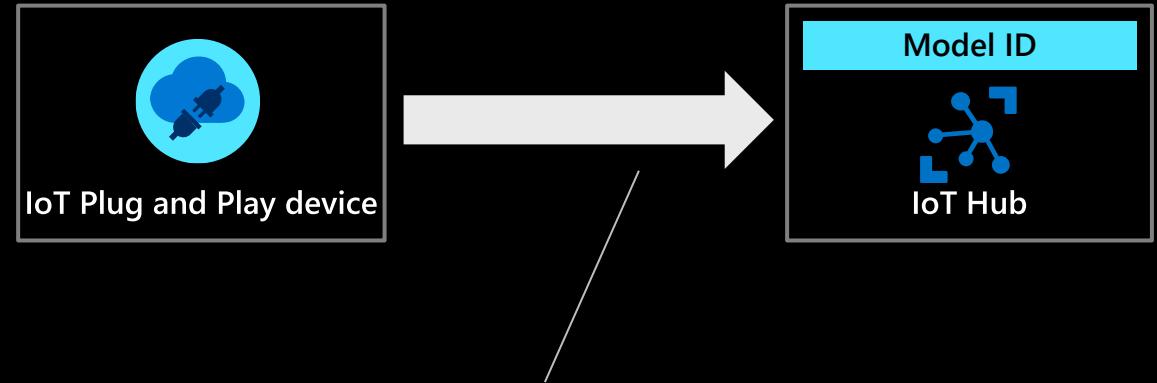
- Model ID announcement: minimum required
- Telemetry – Data from device to cloud
- Writable properties – Settings from cloud to device
- Read-only properties – Reported by device
- Commands – Invoking method on device from cloud
- Follows IoT Plug and Play convention



# IoT Plug and Play conventions

## IoT Plug and Play conventions

- Devices must follow the conventions when exchanging messages with IoT Hub.
- This ensures consistency in the device model and metadata in the messages.
- [Learn more about IoT Plug and Play conventions.](#)
- (open it!)



```
"reported": {  
    "thermostat1": {  
        "_t": "c",  
        "targetTemperature": {  
            "value": 23,  
            "ac": 200,  
            "av": 3,  
            "ad": "complete"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Azure IoT device model repository (DMR) & Model Resolution

Solution needs to access to the model definition file (JSON file)

- Through Azure IoT Model Repository
- Through your **own repository** such as GitHub or file share

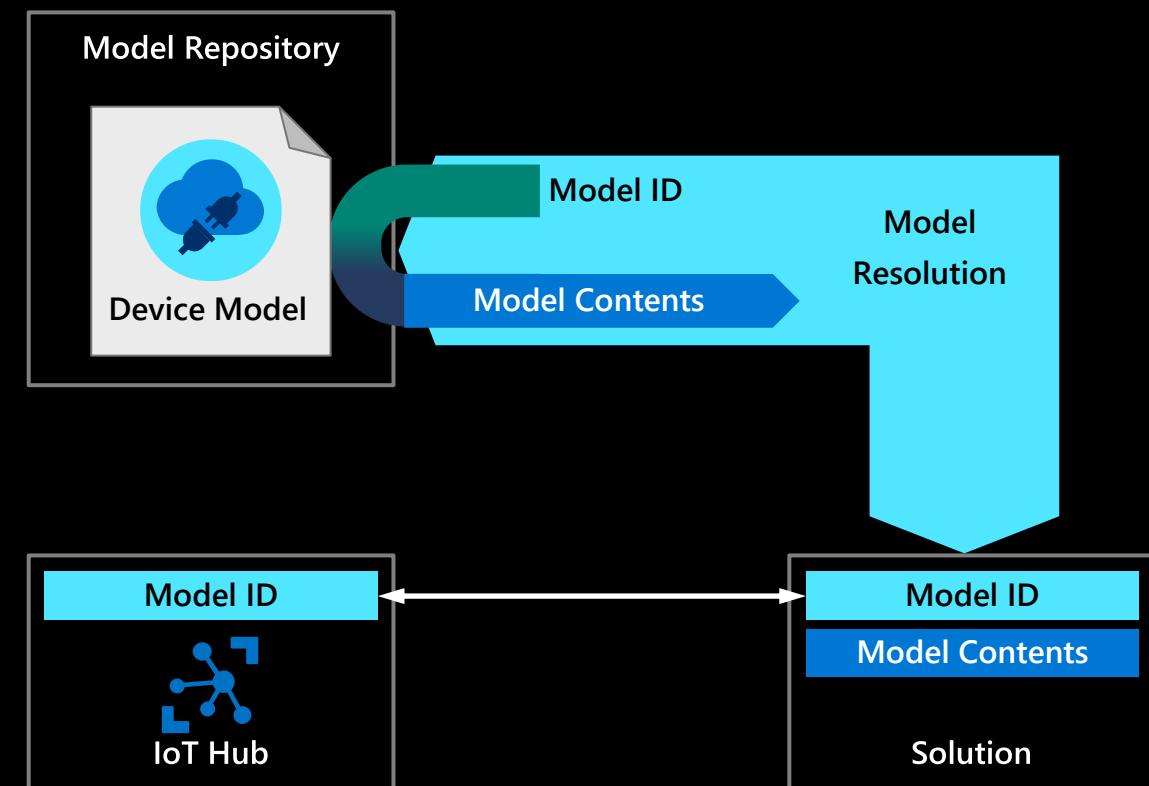
Models are immutable

- Approved models in public model repository are immutable

Access through Azure IoT model repository

- Microsoft-hosted public model repository
- Custom model repository
- Supports HTTP API and local file access
- Model Repo Client SDK

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\\iot-plugandplay-models\dtmi



# Demo

IoT vs IoT PnP (C#)

How to work with writable properties/desired state/commands

PnP – playing with Model from code (Device Twins queries)

Custom model in folder

# JS, C/C++ IoT Hub SDK and PnP

JS

```
const client = Client.fromConnectionString(deviceConnectionString, Protocol);
try {
    // Add the modelId here
    await client.setOptions(modelIdObject);
    await client.open();
```

C/C++

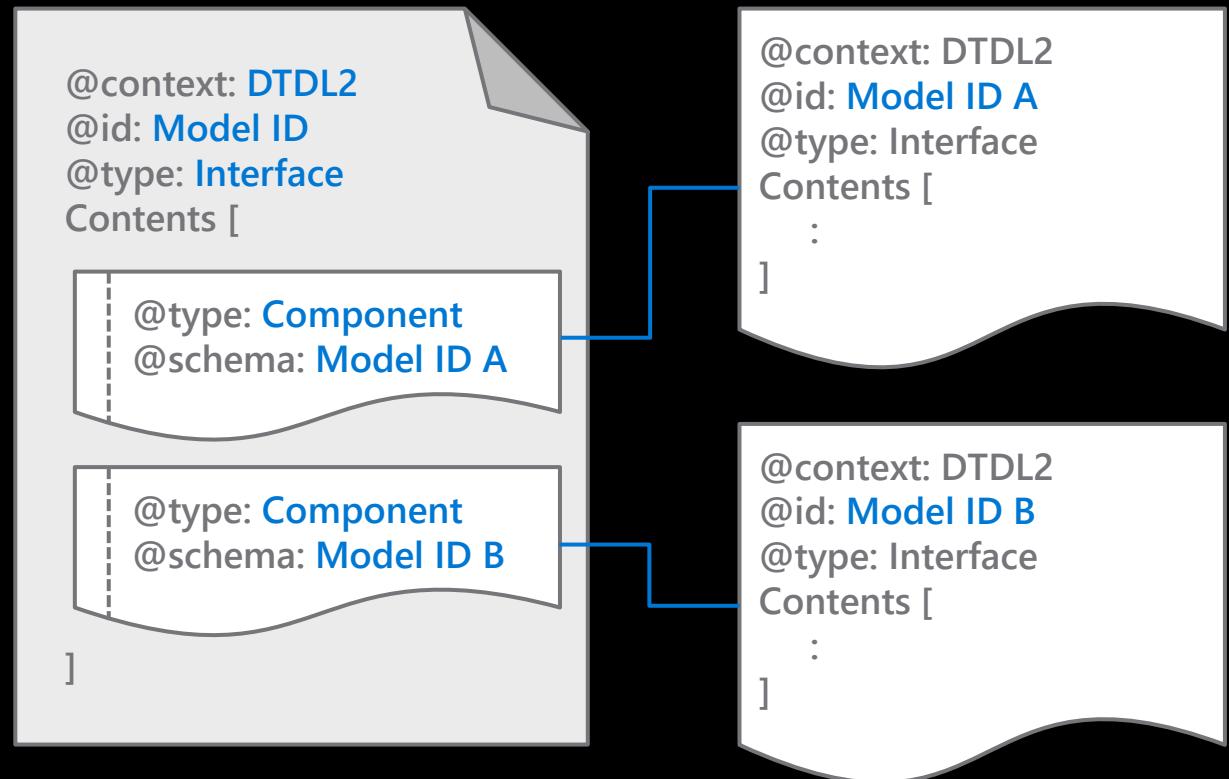
```
deviceHandle = IoTHubDeviceClient_LL_CreateFromConnectionString(cnn, MQTT_Protocol));
// Sets the name of ModelId for this PnP device.
// This *MUST* be set before the client is connected to IoTHub. We do not automatically connect when the
// handle is created, but will implicitly connect to subscribe for device method and device twin callbacks below.
iothubResult = IoTHubDeviceClient_LL_SetOption(deviceHandle, OPTION_MODEL_ID, modelId));
...
iothubResult = IoTHubDeviceClient_LL_SetDeviceMethodCallback(deviceHandle, callback, NULL)...
iothubResult = IoTHubDeviceClient_LL_SetDeviceTwinCallback(deviceHandle, callback, (void*)deviceHandle)
...
```

**What if we have many sensors? Like –  
humidity and temperature and “switch” – in  
single device**

# Componentizing IoT Plug and Play device model

Enables creation of a device model interface as an assembly of other interfaces

Default device model is a **single interface (or component-less)** model



# (Gateway patterns)

## Transparent

IoT Hub-aware devices connect as leaf devices

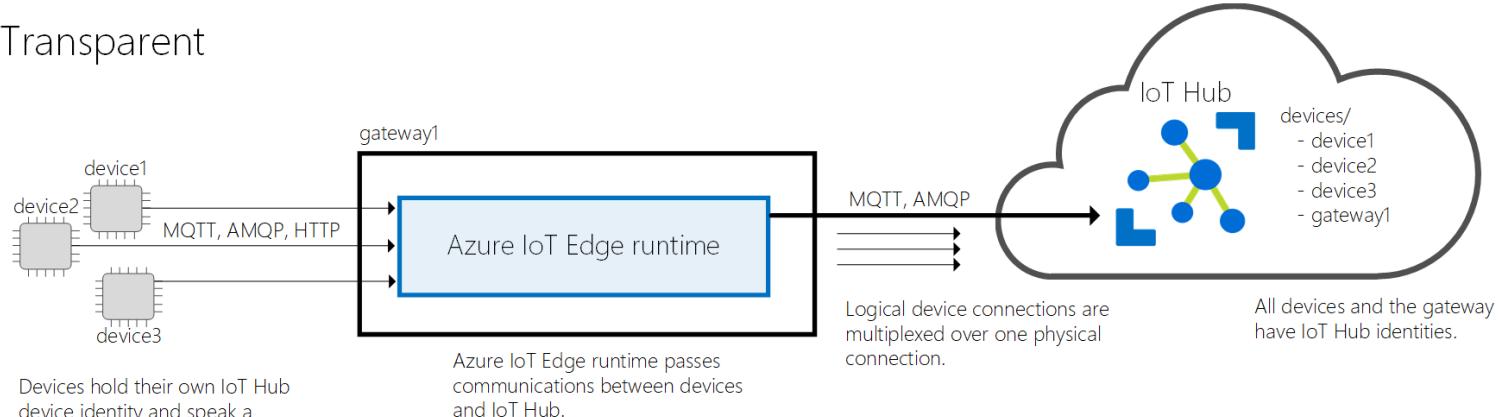
## Protocol translation

Module talks to leaf devices and acts as a single device in IoT Hub

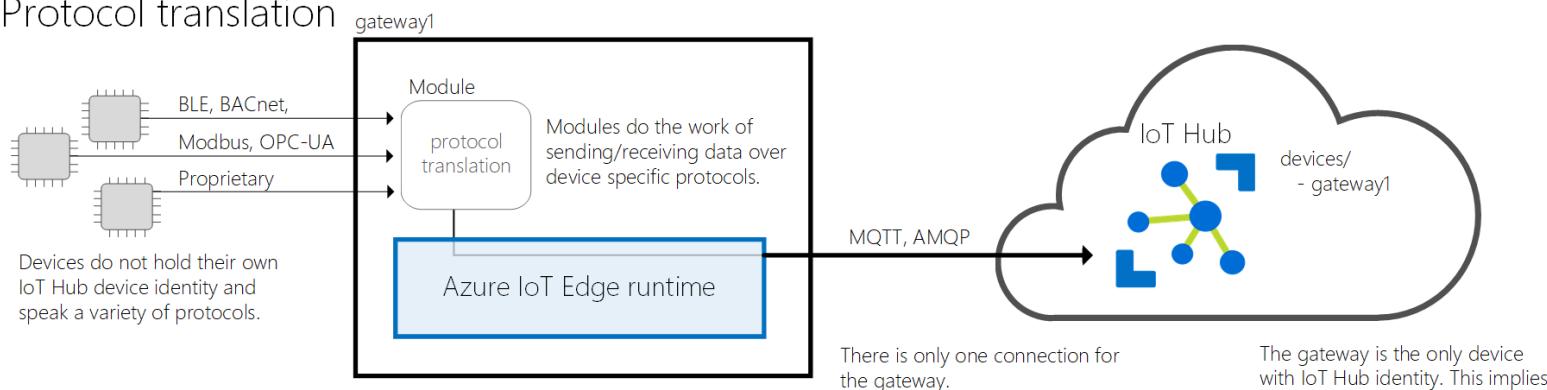
## Identity translation

Module talks to leaf devices and impersonates/manages identities of leaf devices as unique devices in IoT Hub

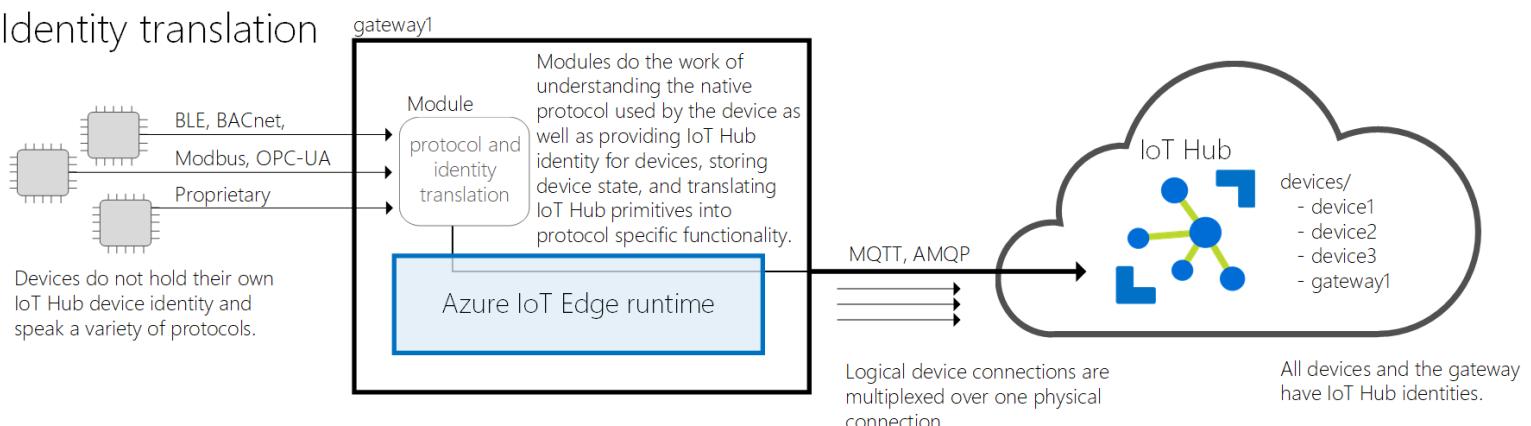
### Transparent



### Protocol translation



### Identity translation



# IoT Plug and Play bridge

An open-source application for connecting existing devices attached to Windows or Linux gateway as IoT Plug and Play devices

IoT Plug and Play bridge enable:

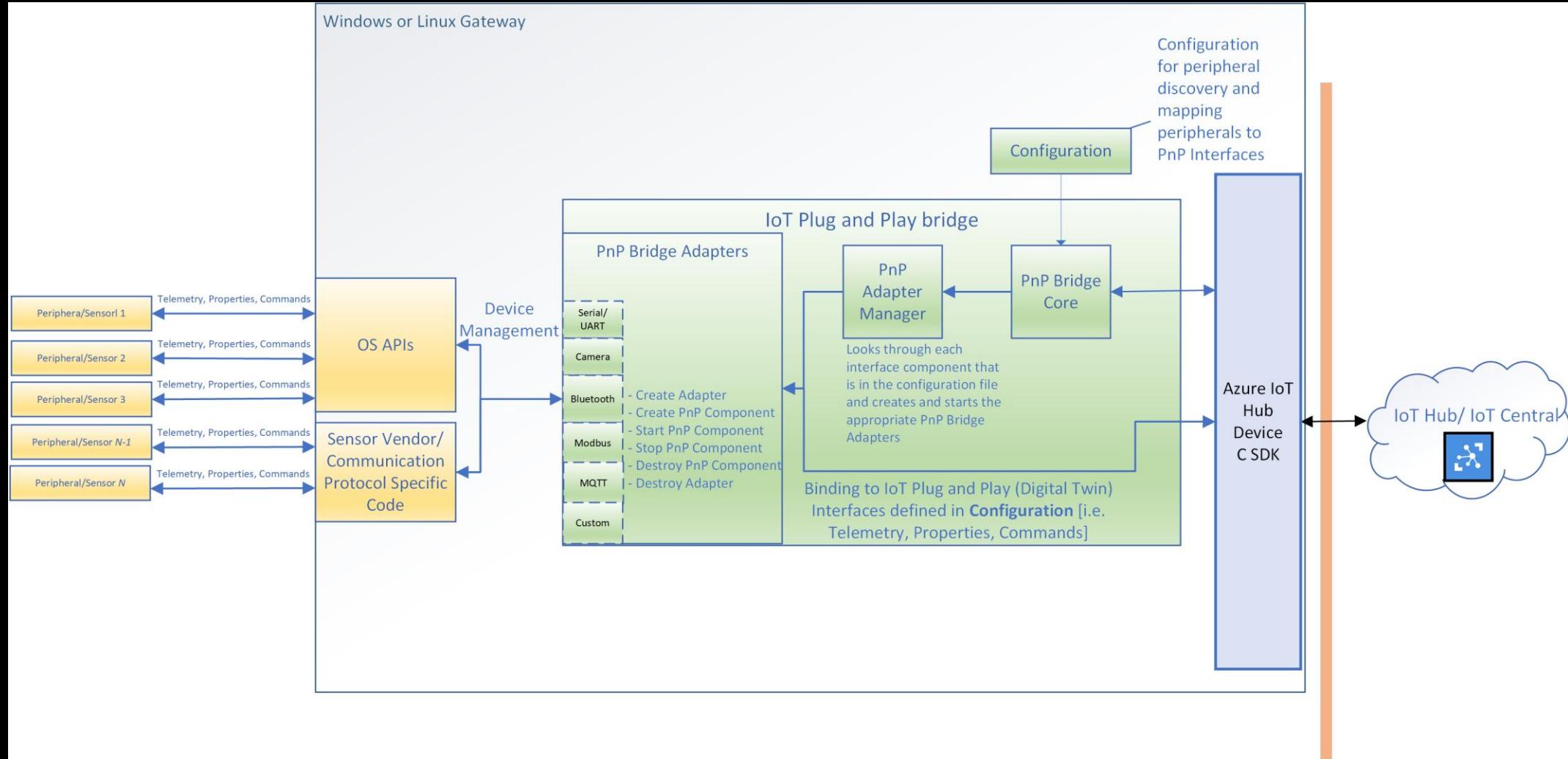
Convert supported sensors connected to a Windows / Linux gateway into IoT Plug and Play devices w/o writing any code

Open-source framework that can be extended to support proprietary protocols

Leveraging of existing OS capabilities w/o having to write to both a device and cloud SDK



# IoT Plug and Play bridge architecture



# Capabilities

Peripheral	Windows	Linux
Bluetooth sensor adapter <a href="#">↗</a> connects detected Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) enabled sensors.	Yes	No
Camera adapter <a href="#">↗</a> connects cameras on a Windows 10 device.	Yes	No
Modbus adapter <a href="#">↗</a> connects sensors on a Modbus device.	Yes	Yes
MQTT adapter <a href="#">↗</a> connects devices that use an MQTT broker.	Yes	Yes
SerialPnP adapter <a href="#">↗</a> connects devices that communicate over a serial connection.	Yes	Yes
Windows USB peripherals <a href="#">↗</a> uses a list of adapter-supported device interface classes to connect devices that have a specific hardware ID.	Yes	Not Applicable

# Open Source

<https://github.com/Azure/iot-plug-and-play-bridge>

Extensibility: [https://github.com/Azure/iot-plug-and-play-bridge/blob/master/pnpbridge/docs/author\\_adapter.md](https://github.com/Azure/iot-plug-and-play-bridge/blob/master/pnpbridge/docs/author_adapter.md)

Set of structures and pointers to methods (telemetry etc)

Also: serialpnp - Serial PnP protocol – Arduino, STM

Can be run as

Use pnpbridge\_bin.exe / pnpbridge\_bin to run the bridge native application

Use pnpbridgesvc.exe to run the bridge as a service on an IoT device or gateway running windows

Use pnpbridge\_module to run the bridge as a module on an IoT edge runtime running linux.

# Demo

Windows, laptop and IoT PnP Gateway

# DPS (and PnP) – to manage MANY devices

Zero-touch provisioning to a single IoT solution without hardcoding IoT Hub connection information at the factory (initial setup)

Load-balancing devices across multiple hubs

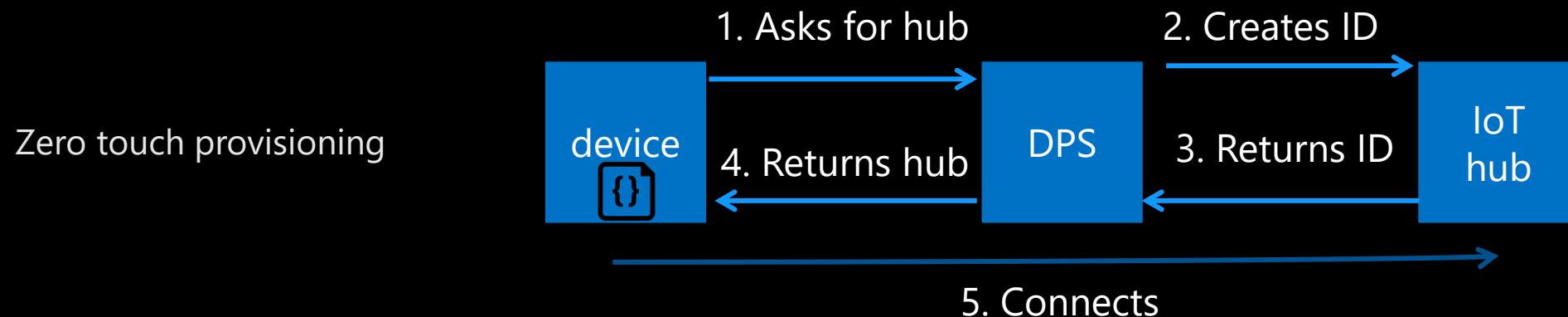
Connecting devices to their owner's IoT solution based on sales transaction data (multitenancy)

Connecting devices to a particular IoT solution depending on use-case (solution isolation)

Connecting a device to the IoT hub with the lowest latency (geo-sharding)

Reprovisioning based on a change in the device

Rolling the keys used by the device to connect to IoT Hub (when not using X.509 certificates to connect)



# Connect to IoT Hub through DPS

```
SecurityProvider symmetricKeyProvider = new  
    SecurityProviderSymmetricKey(parameters.DeviceId, parameters.DeviceSymmetricKey, null);  
ProvisioningTransportHandler mqttTransportHandler =  
    new ProvisioningTransportHandlerMqtt();  
ProvisioningDeviceClient pdc = ProvisioningDeviceClient.Create(parameters.DpsEndpoint,  
    parameters.DpsIdScope,  
    symmetricKeyProvider, mqttTransportHandler);  
  
var pnpPayload = new ProvisioningRegistrationAdditionalData  
    { JsonData = $"{{{{\"modelId\": \"{{ModelId}}\" }}}}" };  
DeviceRegistrationResult dpsRegistrationResult = await  
    pdc.RegisterAsync(pnpPayload, cancellationToken);  
var authMethod = new DeviceAuthenticationWithRegistrySymmetricKey(  
    dpsRegistrationResult.DeviceId, parameters.DeviceSymmetricKey);  
var options = new ClientOptions { ModelId = ModelId };  
  
DeviceClient deviceClient = DeviceClient.Create(dpsRegistrationResult.AssignedHub,  
    authMethod, TransportType.Mqtt, options);  
//We have deviceClient based on IoT Hub assigned by DPS based on enrollment rules
```

# Demo

PnP (Phone) and DPS  
(Azure)

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## ← Manually connect

Need help locating this information? [Start here](#)

**How would you like to connect?**

- Enrollment group information
- IoT Hub device connection string

**Connection info**

**Device ID**

2mil3[REDACTED]

**ID scope**

One003F69A0

**Authentication**

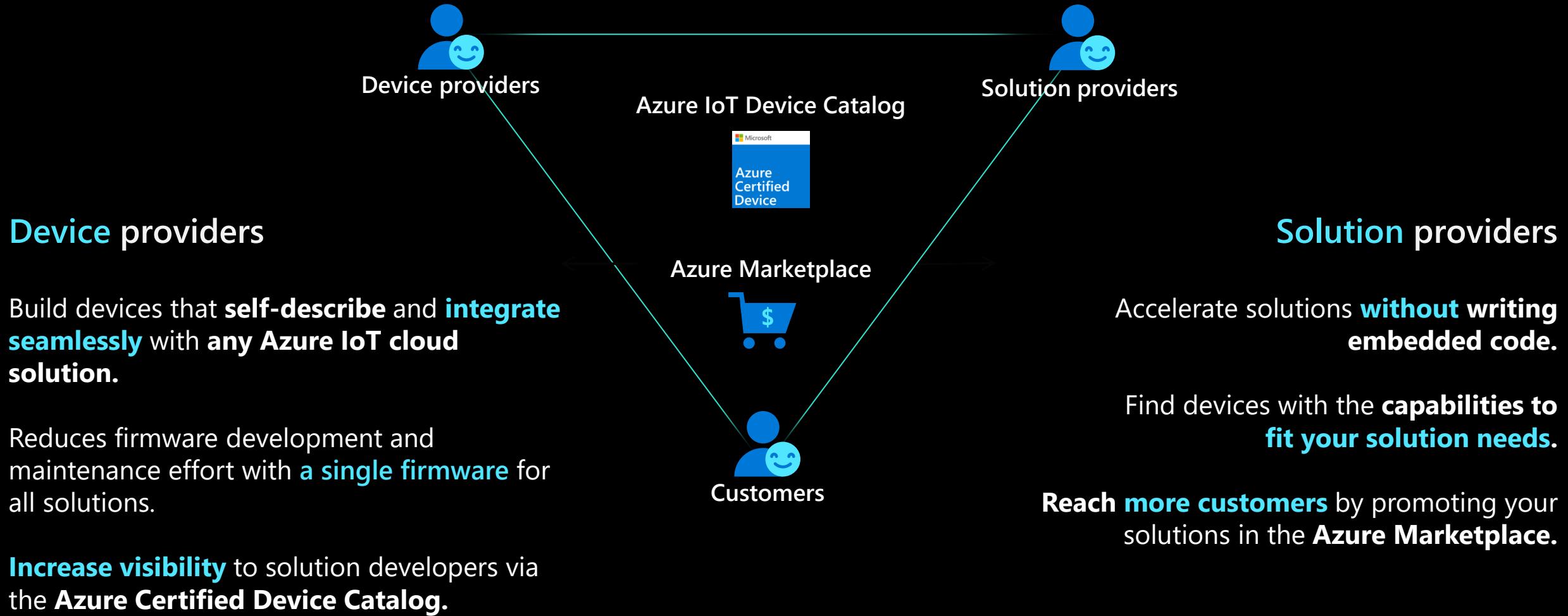
- Group key
- Device key

**Shared access signature (SAS) key**

/BSz1[REDACTED]  
MSN7[REDACTED]

**Connect**

# Building the IoT Plug and Play ecosystem – 2021 and beyond



# Azure Certified Device Program overview

The Azure Certified Device Program currently offers three device certifications

Certification	Promise	Requirements	Targeted Devices
 <a href="#"><u>Azure Certified Device</u></a>	Works with IoT Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Device to Cloud telemetry</li><li>• Device Provisioning with DPS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microcontroller</li><li>• IoT Devices</li><li>• IoT Edge Devices</li><li>• Edge Appliances</li><li>• Edge Stack</li></ul>
 <a href="#"><u>Edge Managed</u></a>	IoT Edge RT works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Device Provisioning with DPS</li><li>• IoT Edge RT running on Moby container subsystem</li><li>• Moby &amp; Edge Security Manager preinstalled</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IoT Edge Devices</li><li>• Edge Appliances</li><li>• Edge Stack</li></ul>
 <a href="#"><u>IoT Plug and Play – New!</u></a>	Simplify IoT solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IoT Plug and Play device model compliance</li><li>• Including Azure Certified Device requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D2C telemetry</li><li>• Device Provisioning with DPS</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microcontroller</li><li>• IoT Devices</li><li>• IoT Edge Devices</li></ul>

# IoT Plug and Play certification requirements



## Technical requirements

- Device model(s) describing the device and peripherals.
- Support Device to Cloud message (D2C) with the IoT Plug and Play convention.
- Support Device Provisioning Service (DPS) with one or more device authentication types:
  - Symmetric Key
  - X.509
  - Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
- Model ID announcement
  - During device provisioning through DPS
  - During the MQTT connection
- Publish device model to Model Repo provided by Microsoft



## Optional features

- Cloud to Device (C2D) message
- Device method (or direct method)
- Device properties, writable and non-writable

Yessss.... It was all for **SINGLE** device

What can we do to work effectively in more “complex” environments?

The background of the slide features a stylized Earth globe with a blue and white color palette. Overlaid on the globe are several diagonal bands of binary code (0s and 1s) in various shades of blue. Bright, radial light rays emanate from the upper right corner, creating a sense of digital energy and connectivity.

# Intro to Digital Twins and Azure Digital Twins

# Digital twin?

Microsoft Bing digital twins

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A digital twin is a **dynamic, up-to-date representation of a physical object or system**. With a complete collection of all data in one place, a digital twin evolves with the flow of real-time input from sensors and more.

What is Digital Twin Technology? and What are the Benefits ...  
[www.autodesk.com/solutions/digital-twin](https://www.autodesk.com/solutions/digital-twin)

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## Digital twin

A digital twin is a virtual representation that serves as the real-time digital counterpart of a physical object or process. Though the concept originated earlier the first practical definition of dig...

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Jun 27, 2017

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Usługa Azure **Digital Twins** to platforma Internetu rzeczy, która umożliwia tworzenie cyfrowych reprezentacji rzeczywistych przedmiotów, miejsc, ...

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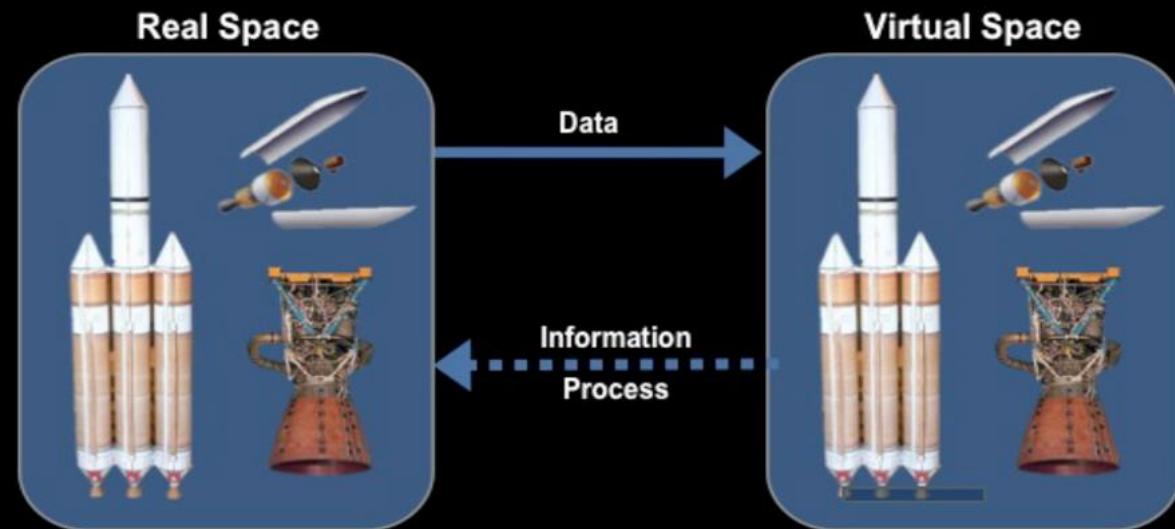
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**What is a digital twin and why it's important to IoT - Network ...**  
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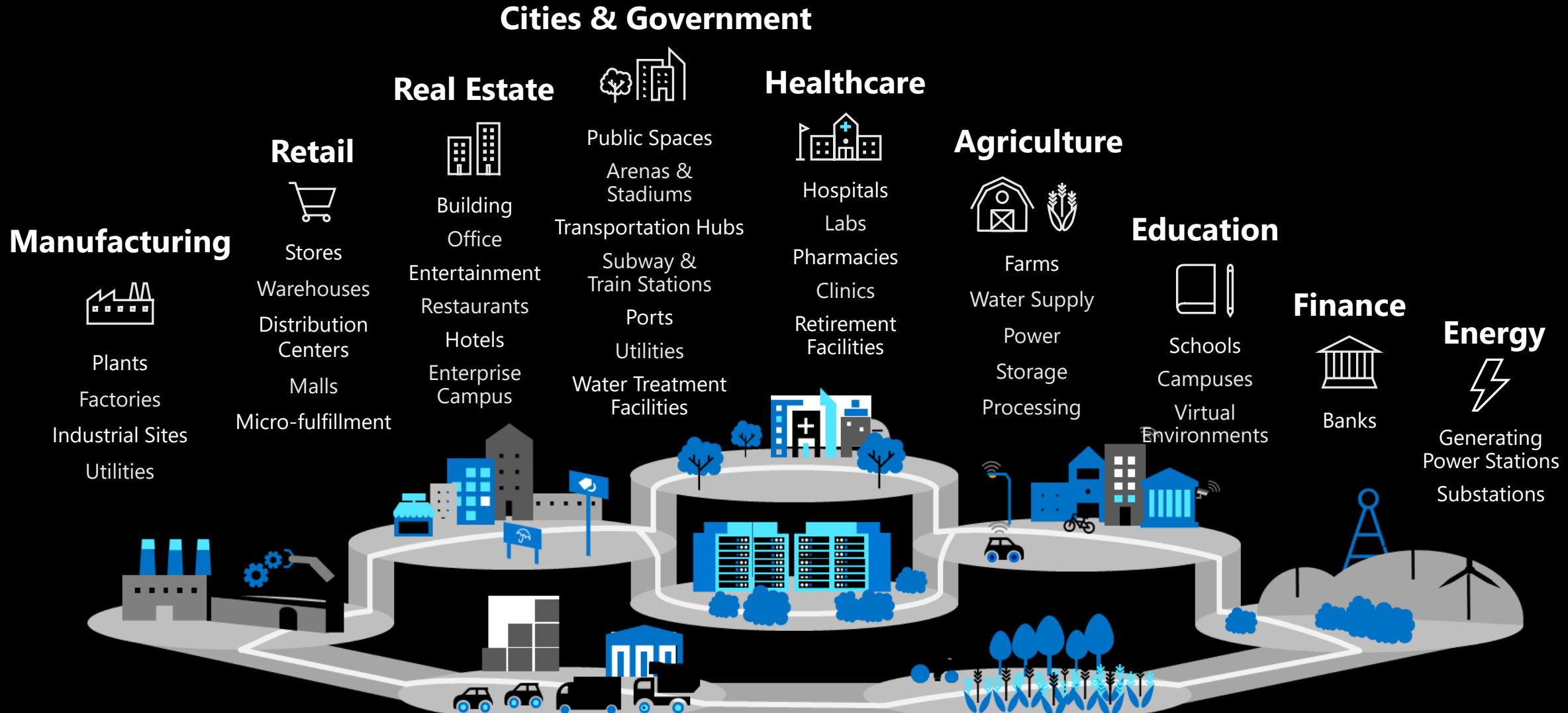
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# Towards Connected Environments

As connected solutions continue to evolve, businesses are looking to connect entire environments

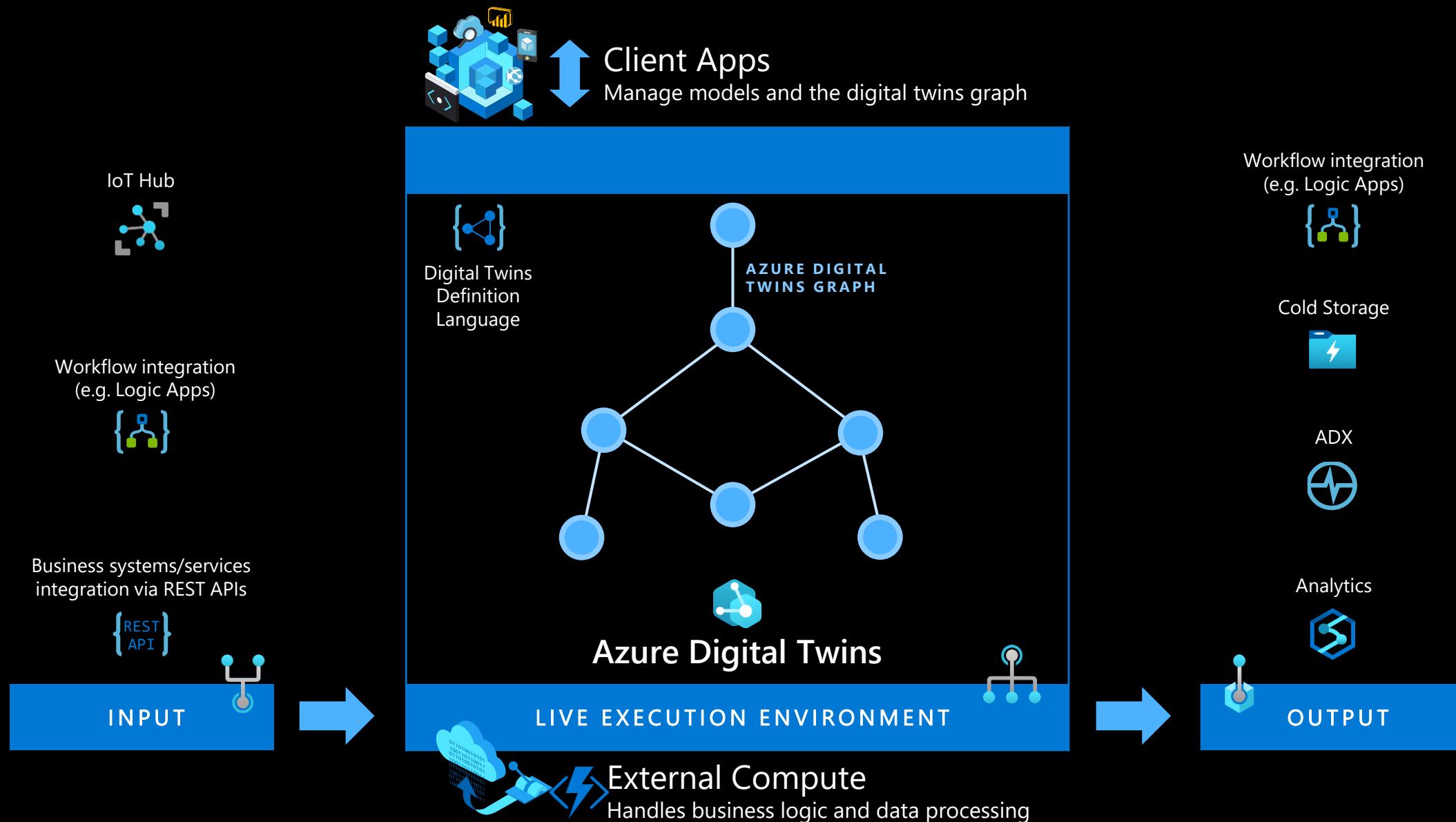


# Connected Environments



# Azure Digital Twins

## IoT solutions that model the real world



# Demo

Design ADT - DTDL, tools, validator etc

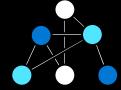
<https://github.com/Azure/opendigitaltwins-dtdl/blob/master/DTDL/v2/dtdlv2.md>

<https://github.com/Azure/opendigitaltwins-tools>

(converter from Web Ontology Language (OWL) and many others!)

# Azure Digital Twins

Model any environment, connect sensors and business systems to the model.  
Control the present, track the past and predict the future



Open Modeling Language



Live Execution Environment



Input from IoT & Business Systems



Output to ADX, Storage & Analytics



Digital Twin Partnerships

- Create custom domain models using "Digital Twins Definition Language" (DTDL)
- ADT Models describe twins in terms of
  - Telemetry
  - Properties
  - Relationships
  - Components
- Models define semantic relationships to connect twins into a knowledge graph
- Models can specialize other twins using inheritance
- Digital Twins Definition Language is aligned with
  - IoT Plug and Play
  - ADX Model
- <https://github.com/Azure/opendigitalswins-dtdl>

```
{
  "@id": "dtmi:example:Station;1",
  "@type": "Interface",
  "extends": "dtmi:example:Room;1",
  "contents": [
    {
      "@type": "Property",
      "name": "isOccupied",
      "schema": "boolean"
    },
    {
      "@type": "Property",
      "name": "hasAVSystem",
      "schema": "boolean"
    },
    {
      "@type": "Property",
      "name": "capacity",
      "schema": "integer"
    }
  ],
  "@context": "dtmi:dtdl:context;2"
}
```

# Important to remember!

## Property

- Data fields that represent the state of an entity.

## Telemetry

- Measurements or events, based on sensor readings. Stream of data – NOT STORED in ADT

## Component

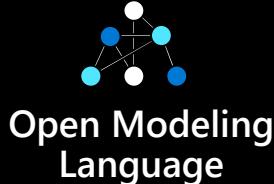
- Defines an assembly of other interfaces, that make up a model.

## Relationship

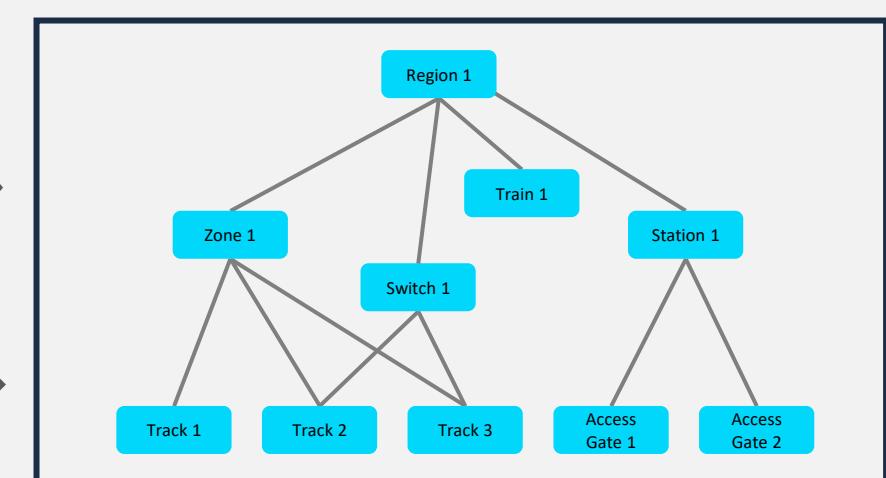
- Represents how your model interacts with other models. Defines the graph of related entities.

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- Create a live execution environment from the DTDL models in Azure Digital Twins
- Twin instances and relationships form a live graph representation of the environment
- Use a rich event system to drive business logic and data processing. Use external compute such as Azure Functions
- Extract insights from the live execution environment with a powerful query API
- Query using rich search conditions, including property values, relationships, relationship properties, type information and more

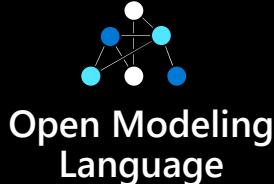


Azure Digital Twins Graph

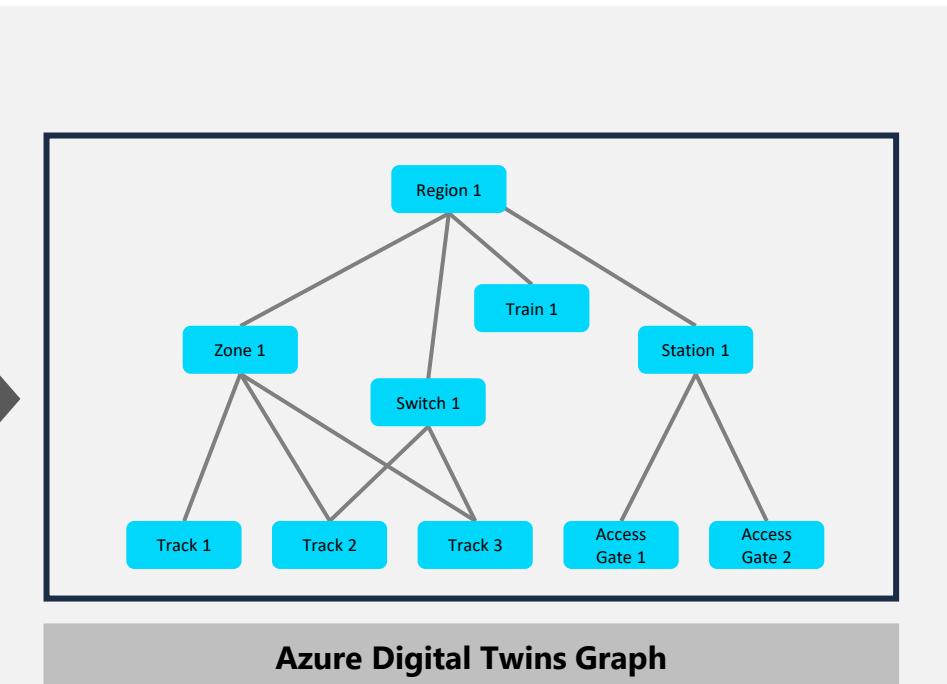
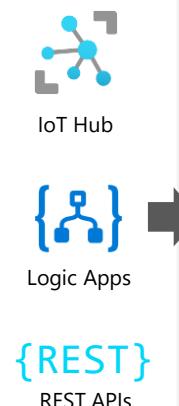


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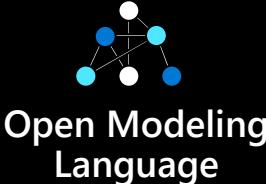


- Use IoT Hub to connect to IoT and IoT Edge devices to keep the live execution environment up to date
- Use a new or an existing IoT Hub (IoT Hub is no longer internal to Azure Digital Twins)
- Drive Azure Digital Twins from other data sources using REST APIs or create a Logic Apps connector



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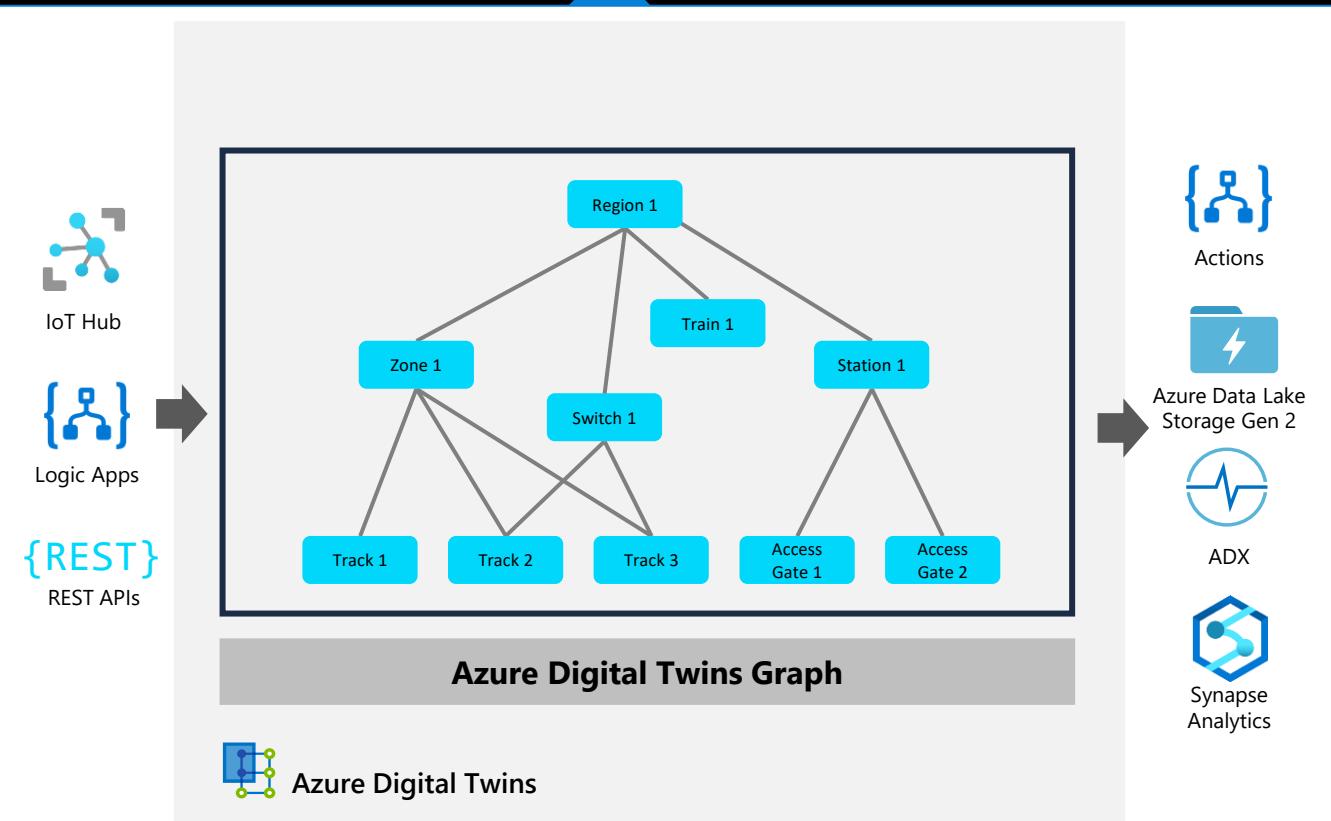


Output to ADX, Storage & Analytics

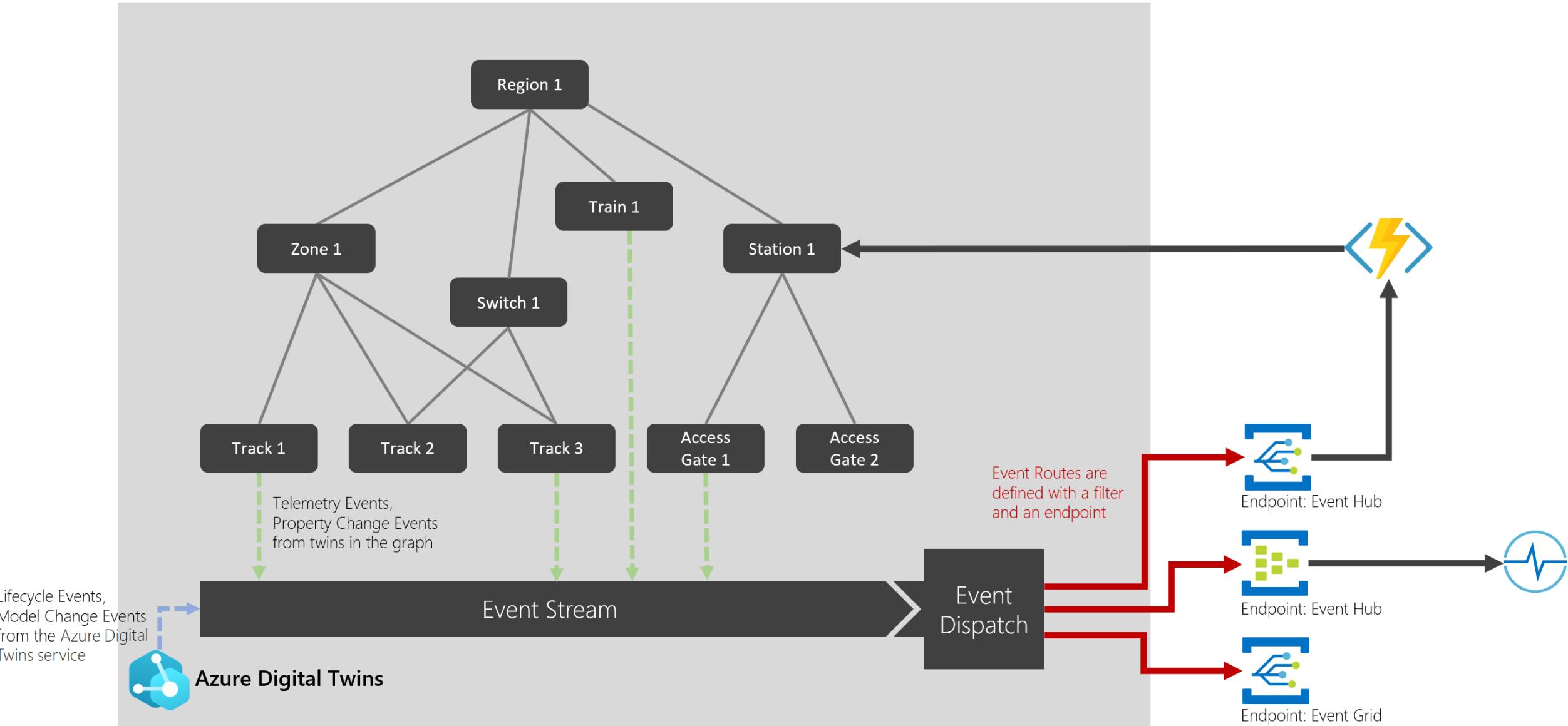


Digital Twin Partnerships

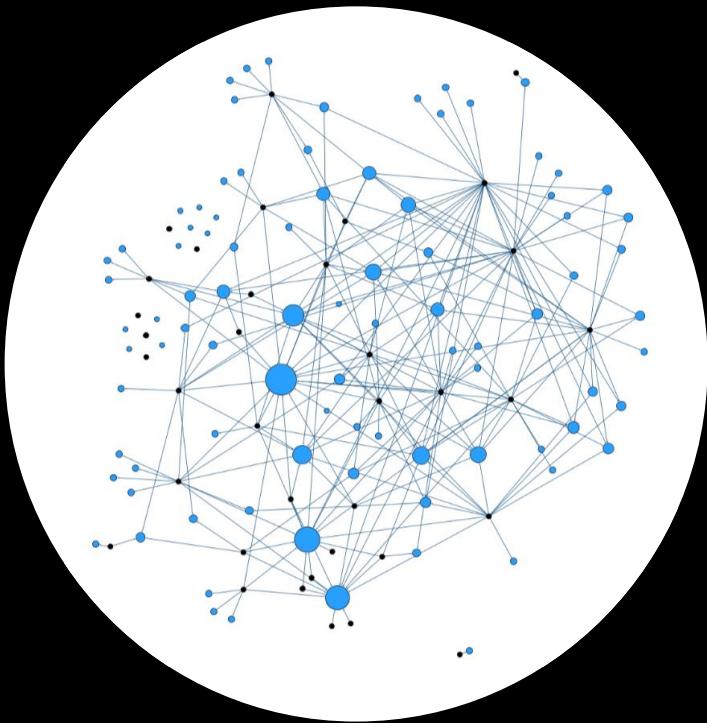
- Use event routes to send data to downstream services via Event Hub, Event Grid or Service Bus
- Store data in Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2, analyze data with Azure Synapse and other Microsoft data tools for analytics, integrate workflow with Logic Apps
- Connect Azure Digital Twins to ADX to track time series history of each node
- Aligned Time Series Model in Azure Time Series Insights mastered from Azure Digital Twins



# Generic flow in complex IoT Environment



# Reminder: Azure Digital Twins alignment



**Digital Twin** enables the creation of knowledge graphs based on digital models of physical environment.

Allows creation of relationships among twins.

Enriches twins by adding metadata and attributes.

IoT Plug and Play is fully aligned with **Azure Digital Twins**.



The IoT Plug and Play device model becomes one of the twins in the graph.



Allows addition of (plug) IoT device into the graph.



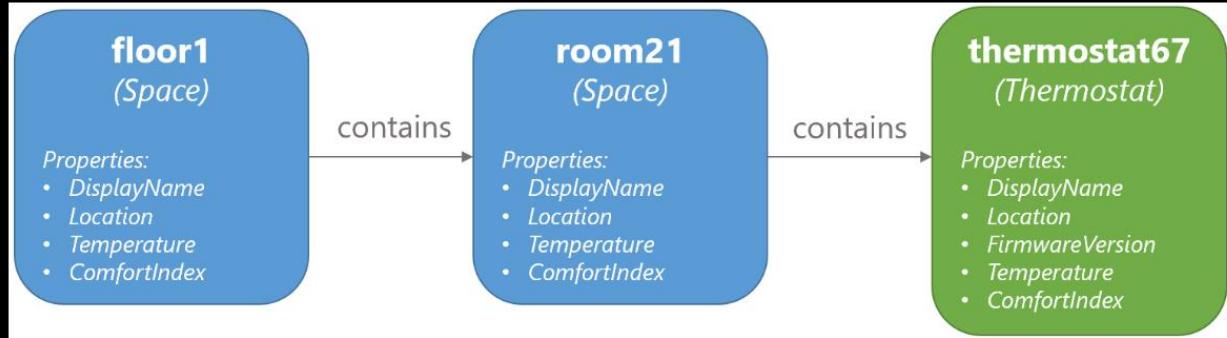
Allows interaction with (play) IoT device and data from it in the graph.

# Demo

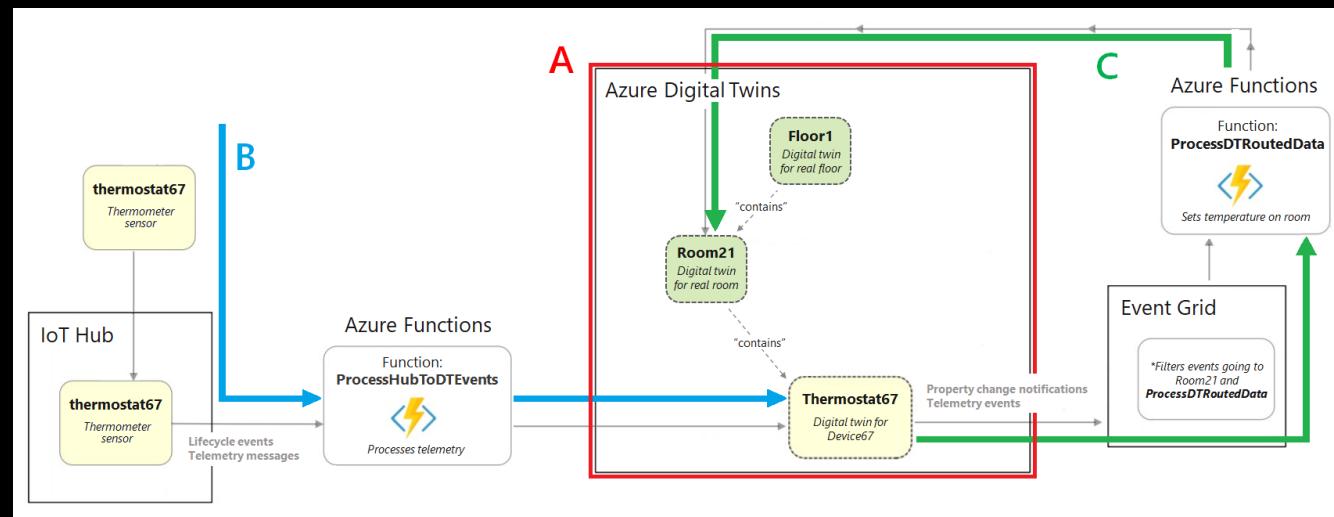
Azure Digital Twins – ready to use „environment”, fast “demo”

# Reference diagrams

Twins  
definition



Flows

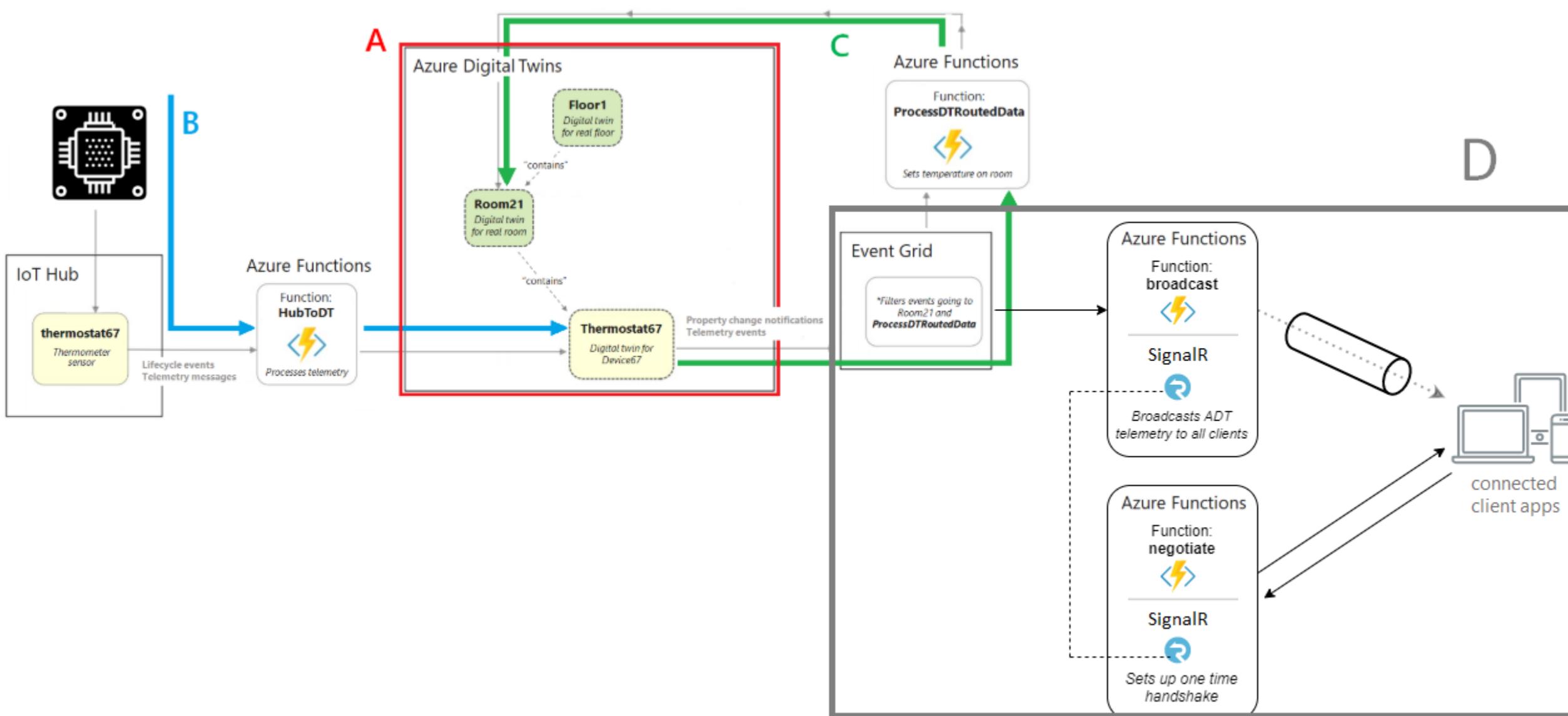


**A** – setup ADT

**B** – flow from IoT to DT (real life)

**C** – update ADT based on internal relations (between twins)

# (And real-time client update)



# Important

## Device Twin (IoT Hub)

JSON documents that store device state information, including metadata, configurations, and conditions

Virtual “view” for SINGLE PHYSICAL device

Another explanation: Mapping physical state to the virtual object

### Scenarios:

Query object (devices) which have certain values. WITHOUT communicating with physical device

Like: Last “firmware” version to get devices that need to be updated

## Azure Digital Twin

Model of connected devices, ecosystem.

DTDL Ontology: components, properties, ...

Unified view of the current and desired state of the property.

Synchronization with Real World

(May contain data from many devices twin)

### Scenarios:

A tool for **observing** and **analyzing** the large, complex, connected IoT environment

A **modeling and simulation** tool to check “what if”

# Ontology (in information science, not philosophy !)

## Ontology (information science)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In computer science and [information science](#), an **ontology** encompasses a representation, formal naming, and definition of the categories, properties, and relations between the concepts, data, and entities that substantiate one, many, or all [domains of discourse](#). More simply, an ontology is a way of showing the properties of a subject area and how they are related, by defining a set of concepts and categories that represent the subject.

Every [academic discipline](#) or field creates ontologies to limit complexity and organize data into information and knowledge. Each uses ontological assumptions to frame explicit theories, research and applications. New ontologies may improve problem solving within that domain. Translating research papers within every field is a problem made easier when experts from different countries maintain a [controlled vocabulary of jargon](#) between each of their languages.<sup>[1]</sup>

For instance, the [definition and ontology of economics](#) is a primary concern in [Marxist economics](#),<sup>[2]</sup> but also in other [subfields of economics](#).<sup>[3]</sup> An example of economics relying on information science occurs in cases where a simulation or model is intended to enable economic decisions, such as determining what [capital assets](#) are at risk and by how much (see [risk management](#)).

What ontologies in both [information science](#) and [philosophy](#) have in common is the attempt to represent entities, ideas and events, with all their interdependent properties and relations, according to a system of categories. In both fields, there is considerable work on problems of [ontology engineering](#) (e.g., [Quine](#) and [Kripke](#) in philosophy, [Sowa](#) and [Guarino](#) in computer science),<sup>[4]</sup> and debates concerning to what extent [normative ontology](#) is possible (e.g., [foundationalism](#) and [coherentism](#) in philosophy, [BFO](#) and [Cyc](#) in artificial intelligence).

### Information science

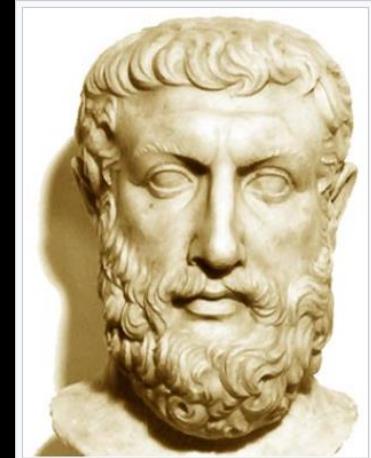
#### General aspects

Access · Architecture · Behavior · Management · Retrieval · Seeking · Society · Knowledge organization · **Ontology** · Philosophy · Science and technology studies · Taxonomy

#### Related fields and sub-fields

Bibliometrics · Categorization · Censorship · Classification · Computer data storage · Cultural studies · Data modeling · Informatics · Information technology · Intellectual freedom · Intellectual property · Library and information science · Memory · Preservation · Privacy · Quantum information science

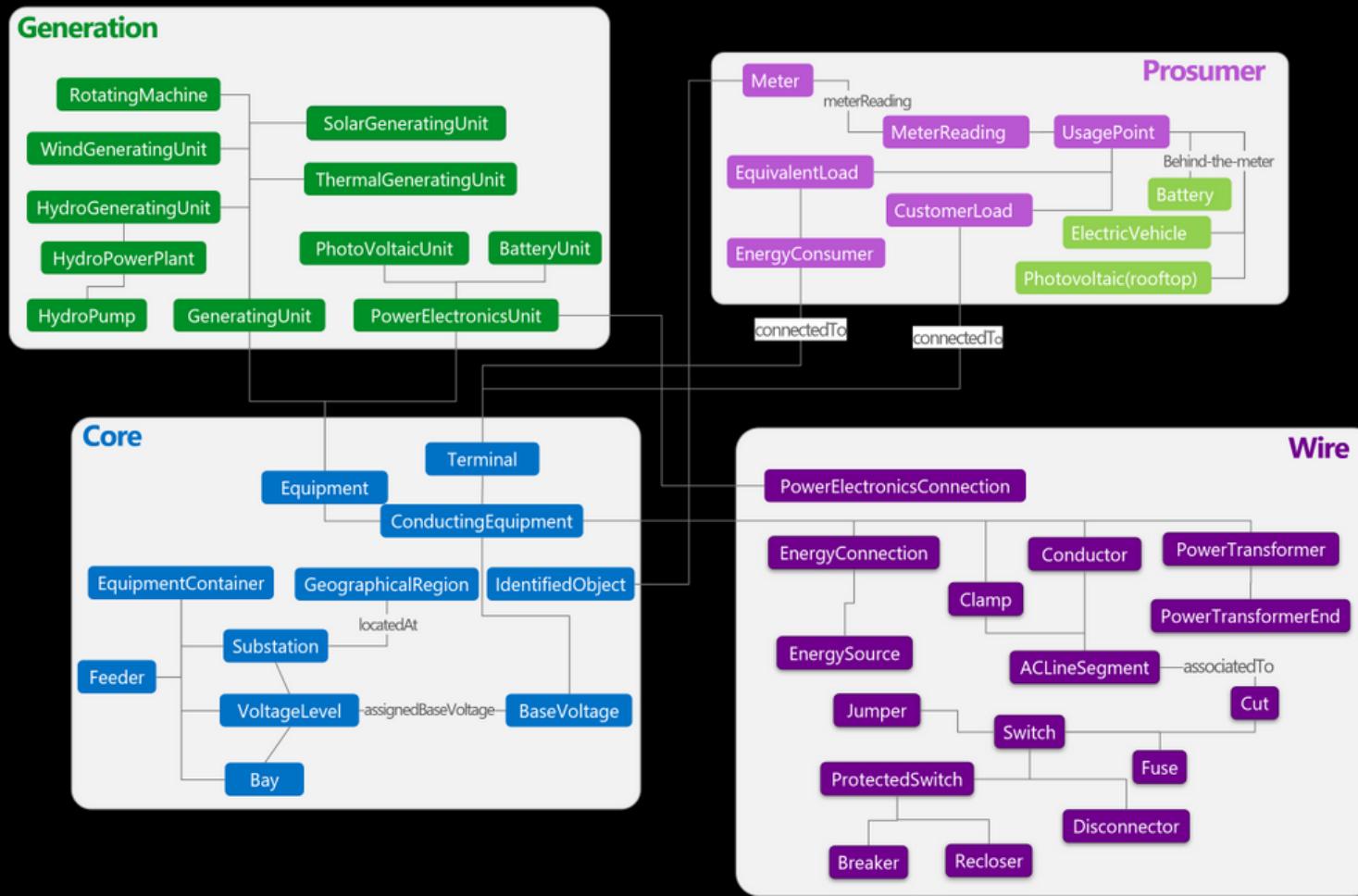
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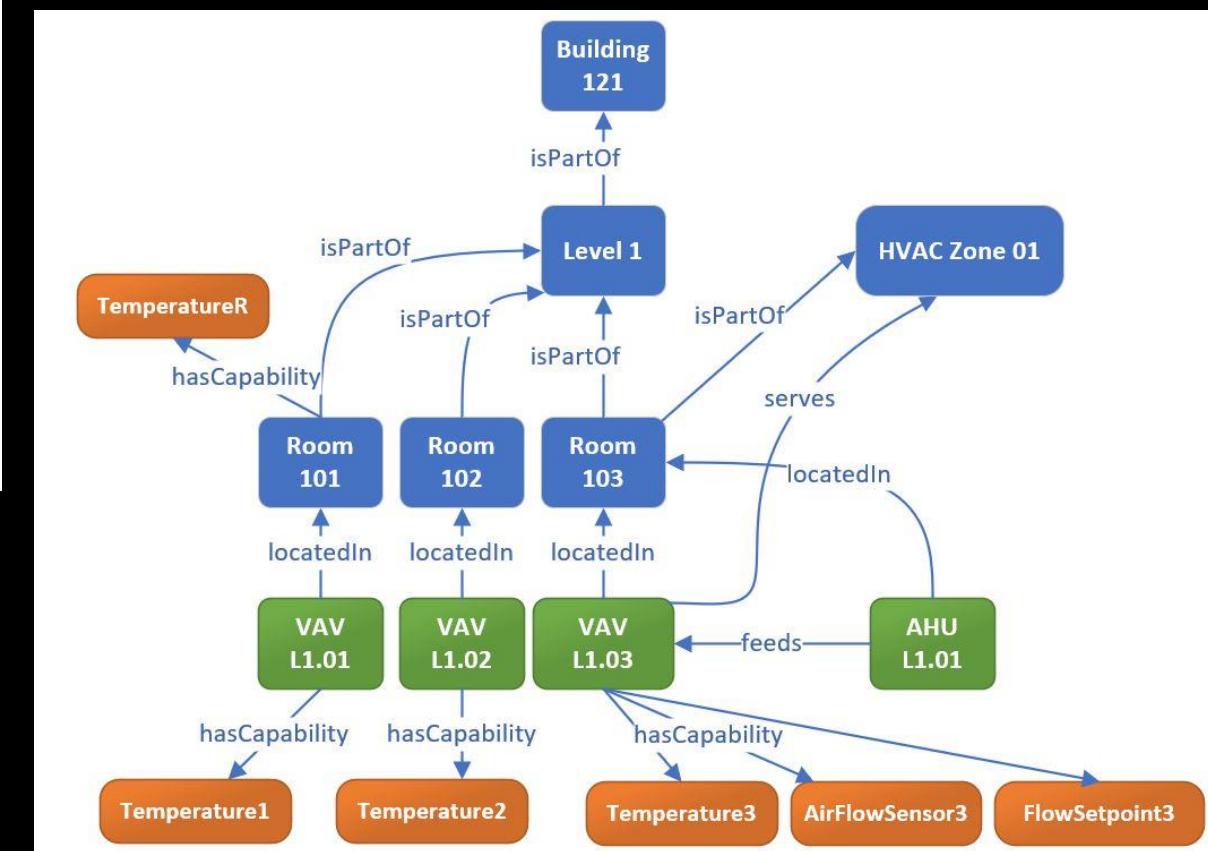
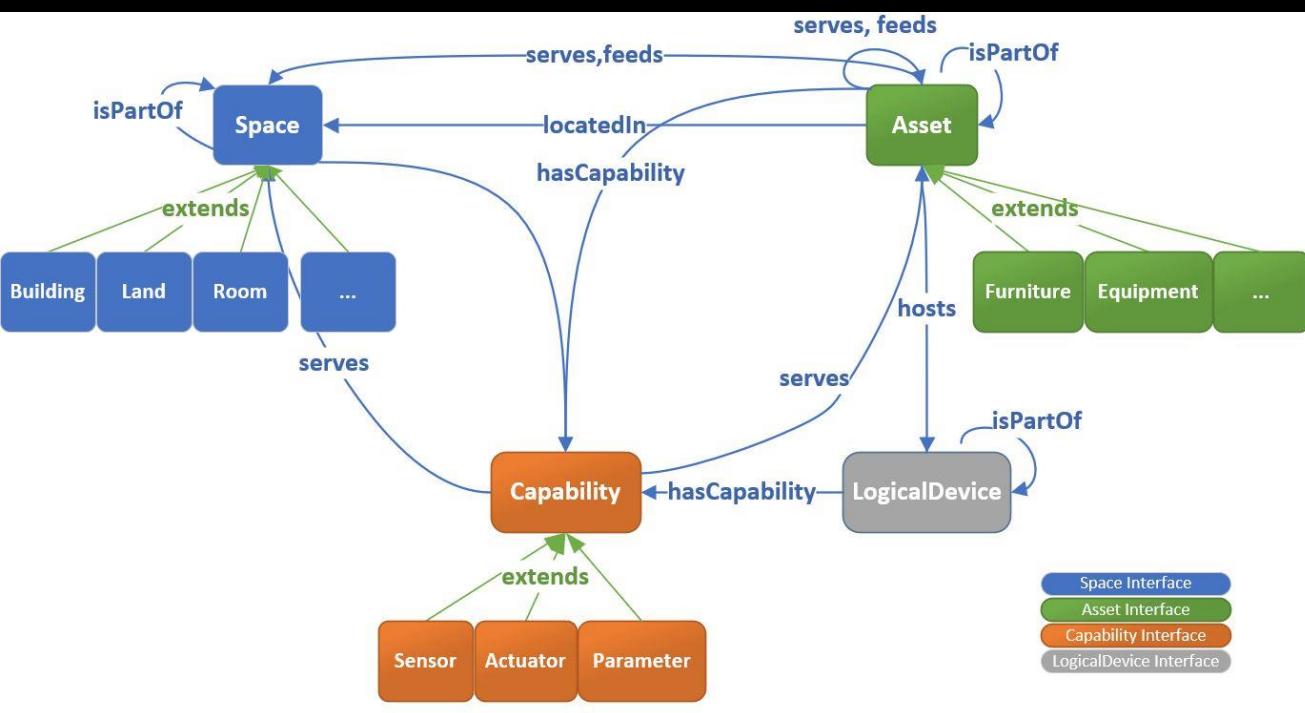
Parmenides was among the first to propose an ontological characterization of the fundamental nature of reality.

# ADT Ontology for Energy Grid

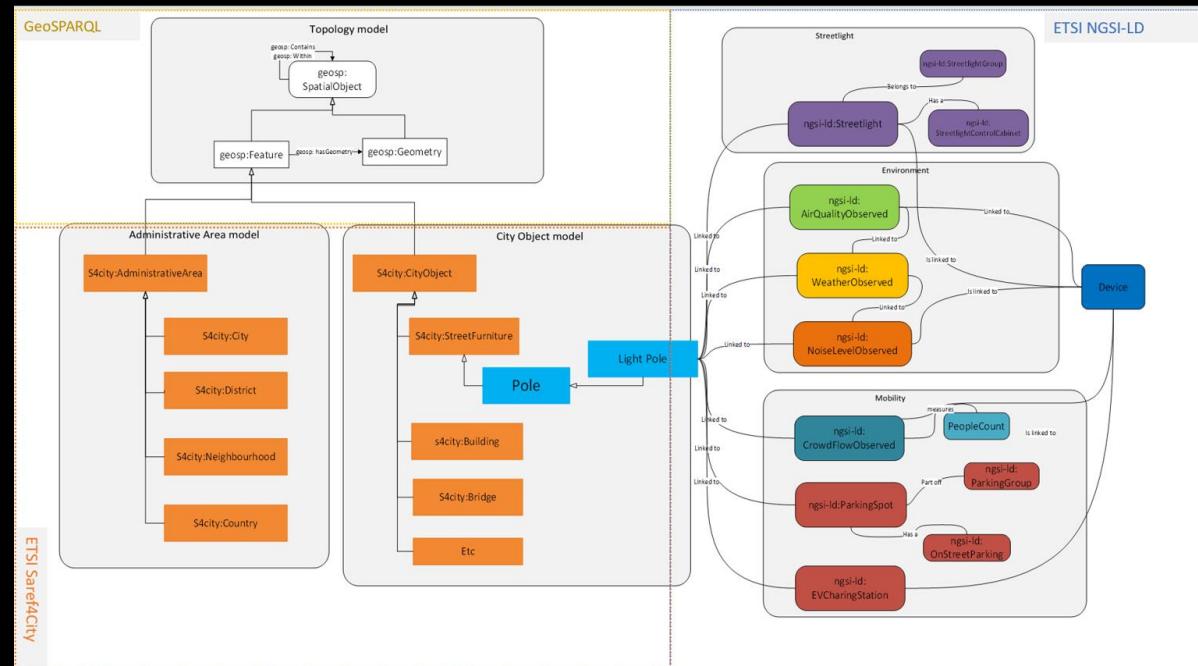
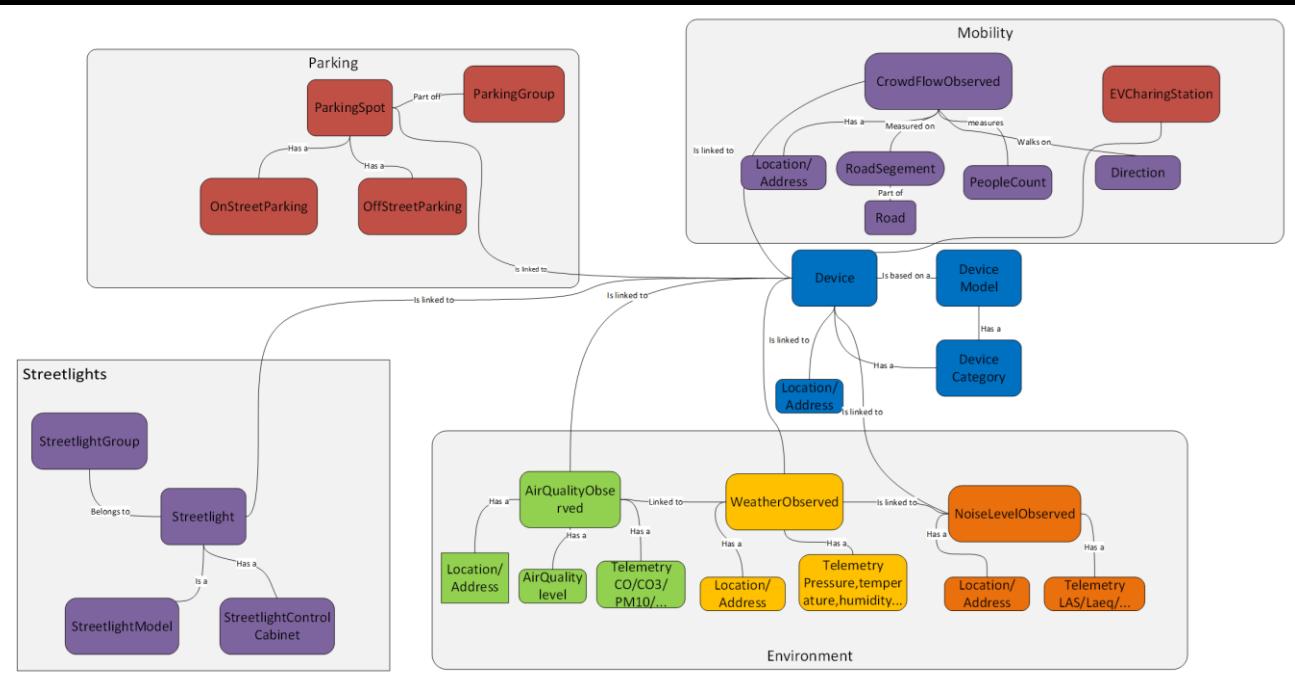
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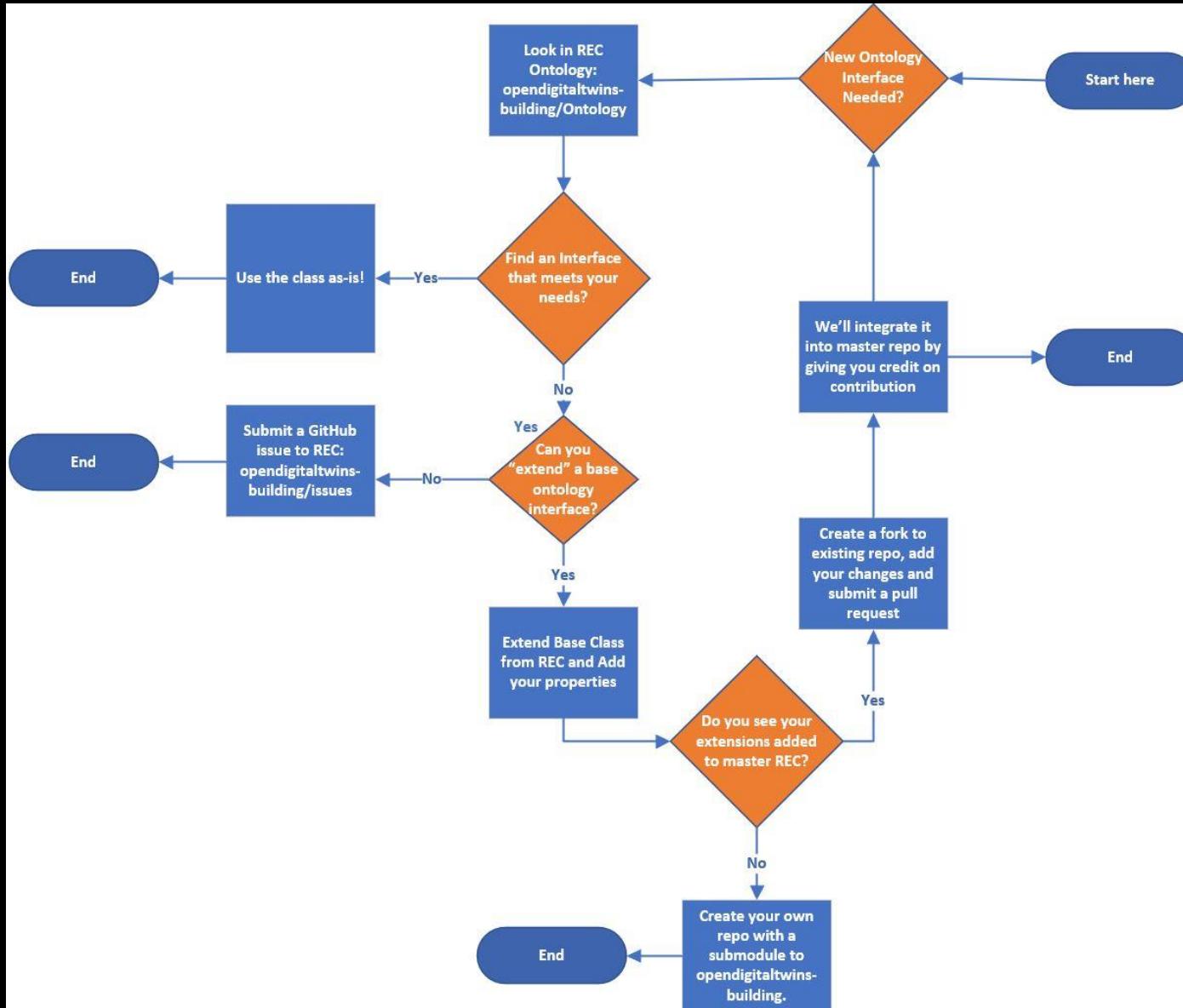
# Smart Building



# SmartCities

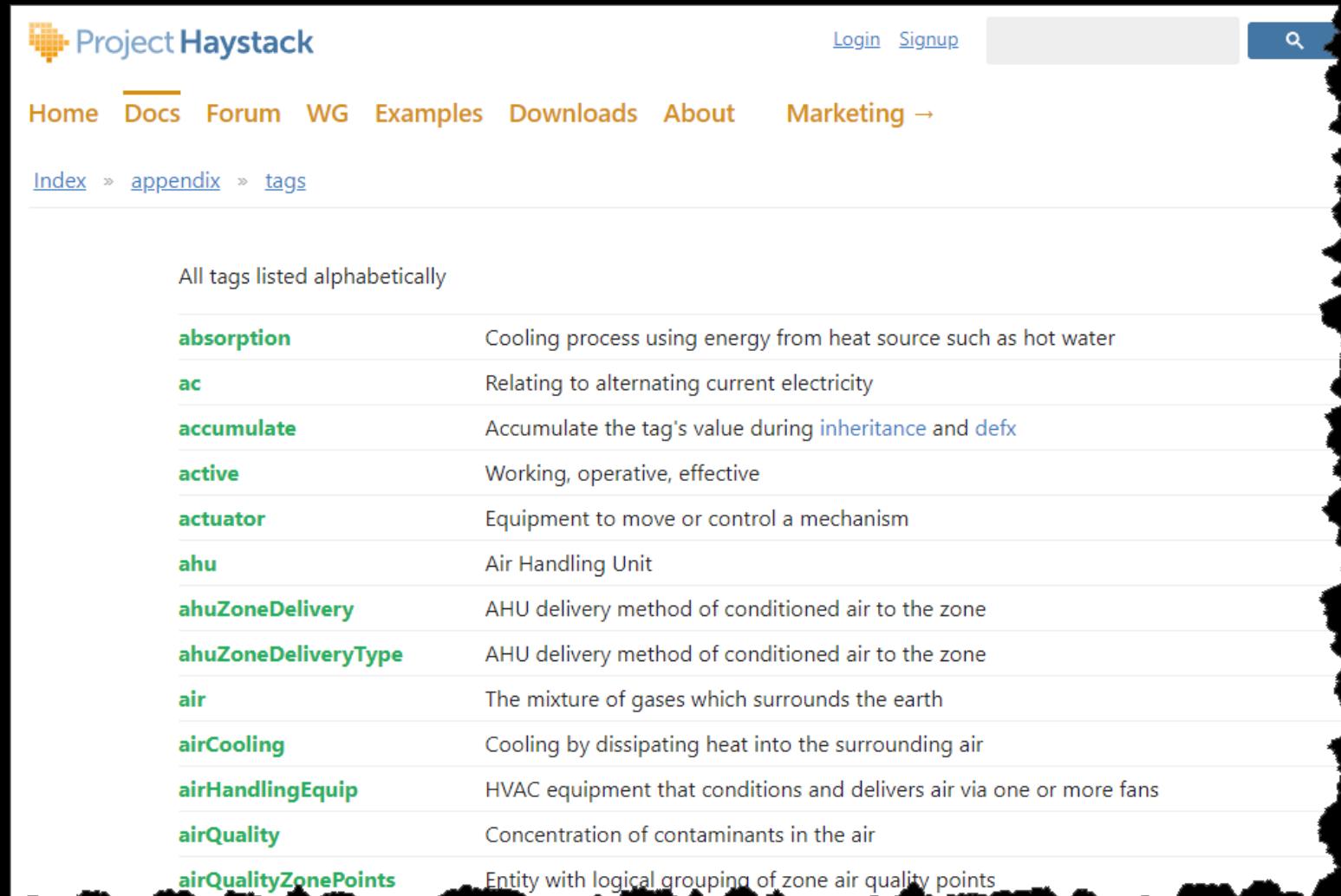


# Extending Ontologies



# Also: Tags for model – [Haystack.org](#)

You can use the concept of tags to further identify and categorize your digital twins. In particular, users may want to replicate tags from existing systems, such as **Haystack**



The screenshot shows a web page from Project Haystack. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Docs (which is underlined), Forum, WG, Examples, Downloads, About, and Marketing. Below the navigation bar, the URL path is shown as Index > appendix > tags. The main content area is titled "All tags listed alphabetically". It lists several tags with their definitions:

<b>absorption</b>	Cooling process using energy from heat source such as hot water
<b>ac</b>	Relating to alternating current electricity
<b>accumulate</b>	Accumulate the tag's value during <code>inheritance</code> and <code>defx</code>
<b>active</b>	Working, operative, effective
<b>actuator</b>	Equipment to move or control a mechanism
<b>ahu</b>	Air Handling Unit
<b>ahuZoneDelivery</b>	AHU delivery method of conditioned air to the zone
<b>ahuZoneDeliveryType</b>	AHU delivery method of conditioned air to the zone
<b>air</b>	The mixture of gases which surrounds the earth
<b>airCooling</b>	Cooling by dissipating heat into the surrounding air
<b>airHandlingEquip</b>	HVAC equipment that conditions and delivers air via one or more fans
<b>airQuality</b>	Concentration of contaminants in the air
<b>airQualityZonePoints</b>	Entity with logical grouping of zone air quality points

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-use-tags>

# ADT REST API

## Control Plane

- Management (names, digital twins instance etc)
- Set up Endpoints (Service Bus / Event Hub / Event Grid) + private endpoints

## Data Plane

- Event Routes (which endpoints should be connected)
- Digital Twins Model and Twins Management (components, telemetry, relationship (graph) updates)
- Query for Twins (with relations)

# Queries - examples

```
SELECT * FROM DIGITALTWINS T WHERE T.firmw = '1.1' AND T.$dtId in ['123', '456'] AND T.Temperature = 70

SELECT * FROM DIGITALTWINS WHERE IS_DEFINED(Location) AND IS_DEFINED(tags.red) AND IS_NUMBER(T.Temp)
SELECT * FROM DIGITALTWINS DT WHERE IS_OF_MODEL(DT, 'dtmi:example:thing;1', exact)

SELECT target FROM DIGITALTWINS source JOIN target RELATED source.feeds WHERE source.$dtId = 'src-twin'
SELECT source FROM DIGITALTWINS source JOIN target RELATED source.feeds WHERE target.$dtId = 'trgt-twin'
SELECT T, SBT, R FROM DIGITALTWINS T JOIN SBT RELATED T.servicedBy R WHERE T.$dtId = 'ABC' AND
R.reportedCondition = 'clean'

SELECT COUNT() FROM DIGITALTWINS Room... AND Room.$dtId IN ['room1', 'room2']
SELECT Consumer.name AS consumerName, Edge.prop1 AS first, Edge.prop2 AS second, Factory.area AS
factoryArea FROM DIGITALTWINS Factory JOIN Consumer RELATED Factory.customer Edge WHERE Factory.$dtId = 'A'
SELECT Room FROM DIGITALTWINS Floor JOIN Room RELATED Floor.contains WHERE Floor.$dtId IN
['floor1','floor2'] AND Room. Temperature > 72 AND IS_OF_MODEL(Room, 'dtmi:com:contoso:Room;1')
SELECT device FROM DIGITALTWINS space JOIN device RELATED space.has WHERE space.$dtid = 'Room 123' AND
device.$metadata.model = 'dtmi:contoso:com:DigitalTwins:MxChip:3' AND has.role = 'Operator'
SELECT Room FROM DIGITALTWINS Room JOIN Thermostat RELATED Room.Contains WHERE Thermostat.$dtId = 'id1'
SELECT Room FROM DIGITALTWINS Floor JOIN Room RELATED Floor.Contains WHERE Floor.$dtId = 'floor11' AND
IS_OF_MODEL(Room, 'dtmi:contoso:com:DigitalTwins:Room;1')
```

# ADT Pricing structure

## Query payment “model”

Azure Digital Twins Query Unit (QU) abstracts away the system resources like CPU, IOPS, and memory

Allowing you to track usage in Query Units instead.

Affected by:

The complexity of the query

The size of the result set (so a query returning 10 results will consume more QUs than a query of similar complexity that returns just one result)

	Price
Message	\$1 per million messages
Operation	\$2.50 per million operations
Query unit	\$0.50 per million query units

(Concept similar to Cosmos DB pricing model)

# Demo

Simple ADT .NET Client

# Crash course through selected Azure Services

Azure Function: Logic and Data processing

Logic Apps

Event Grid / Service Bus

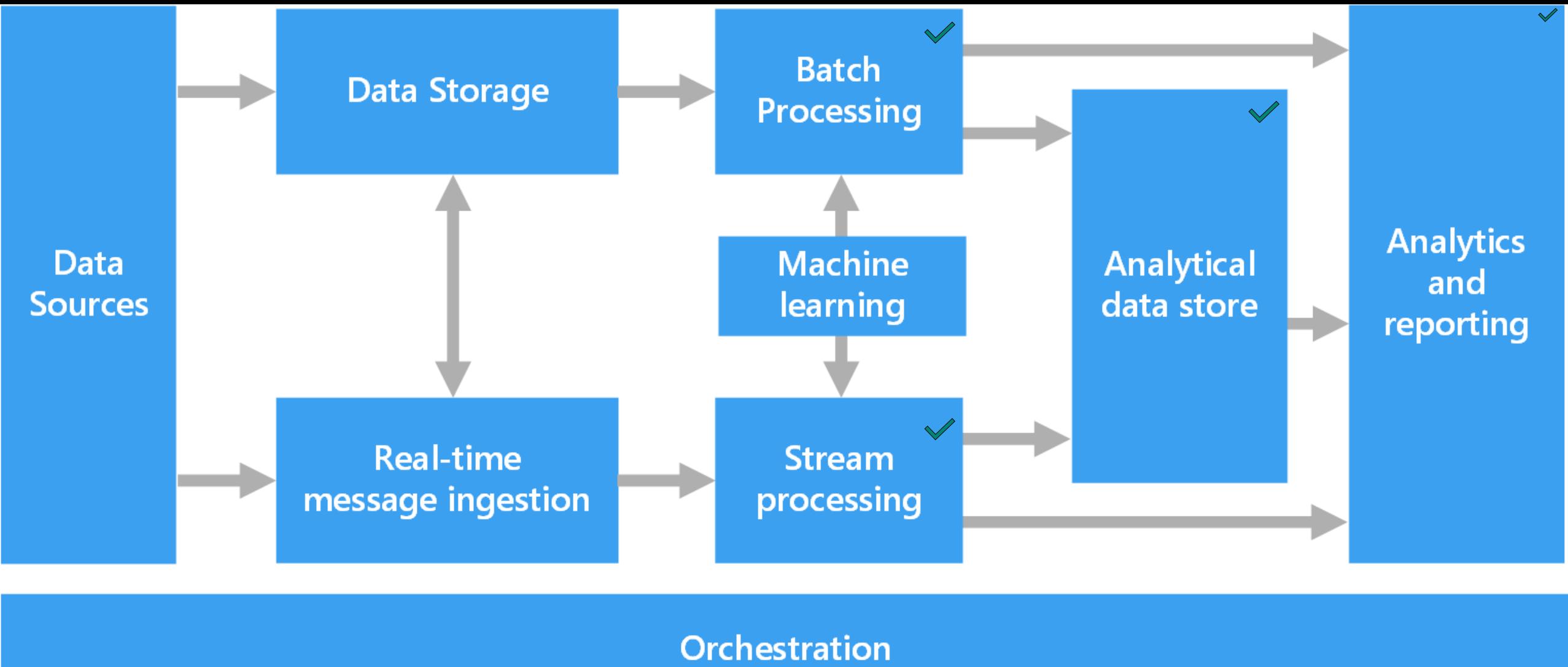
SignalR

Azure Maps (exterior and INTERIOR – custom maps!)

(and Event Hub)

# ADT and DATA

# Generic Lambda Architecture



# Crash course through selected DATA Azure Services

Custom code, “reader” - discussion

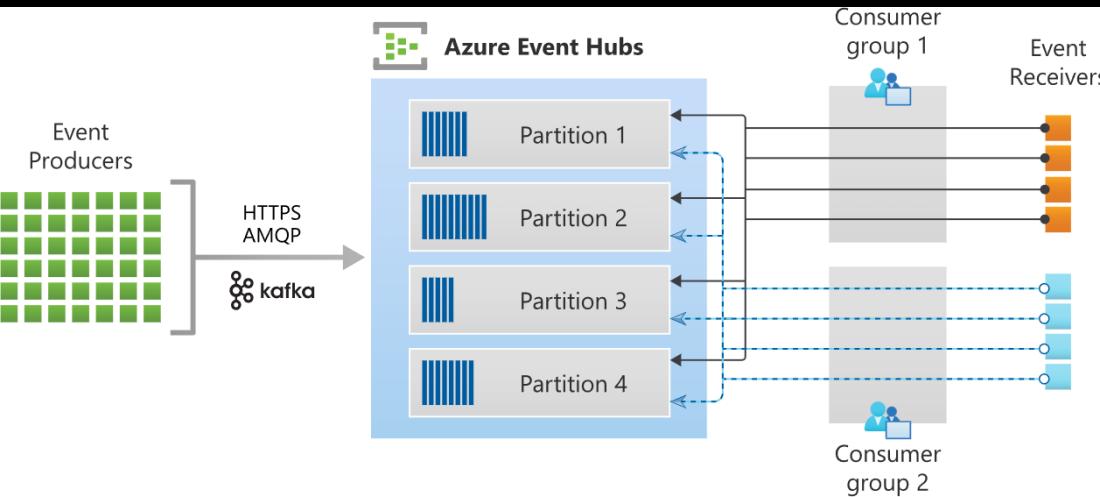
Azure Blob / Azure Data Lake v2

Stream Insight

Azure Data Explorer and Synapse

(Everything in VM)

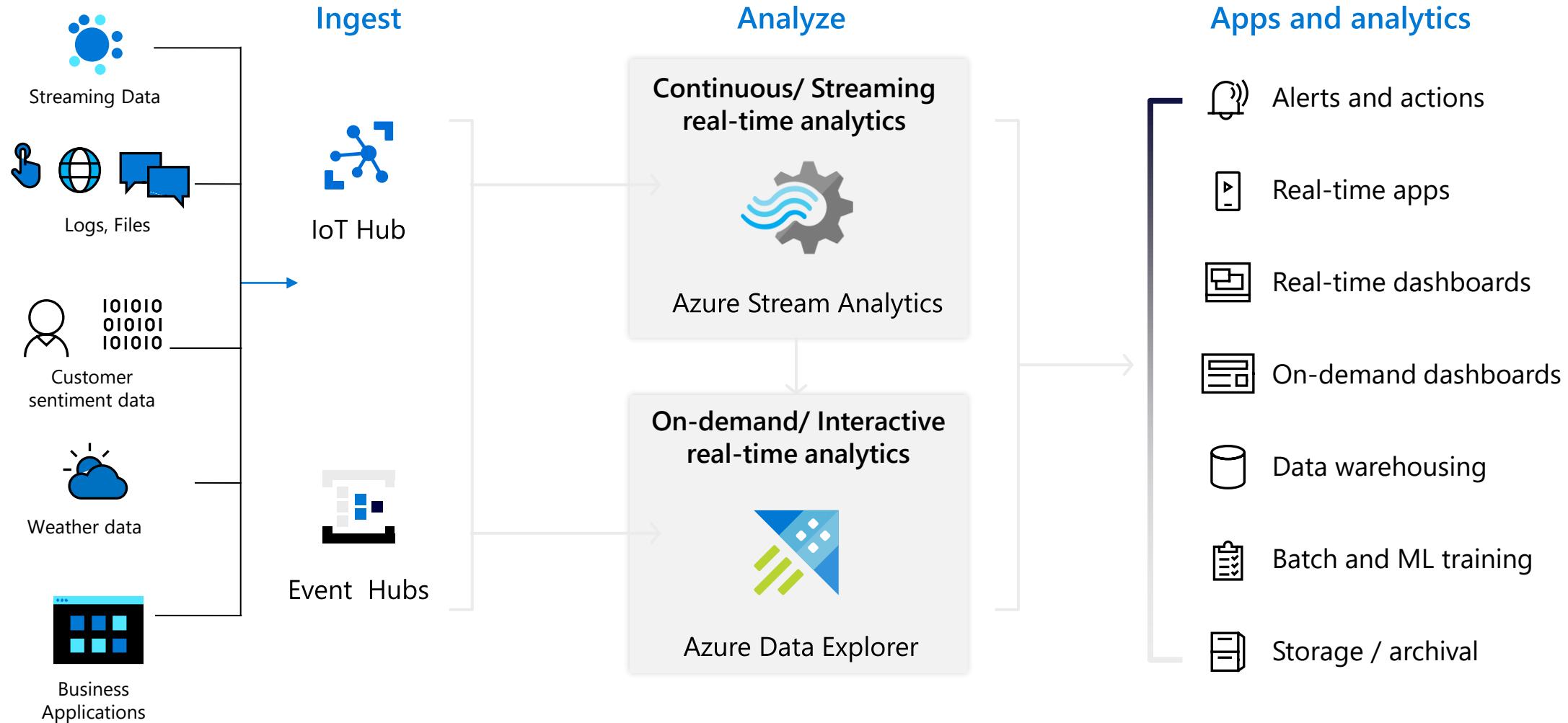
# How to get telemetry in SCALE



A screenshot of the Azure IoT Hub built-in endpoints configuration page. The top navigation bar shows 'IoT Hub' and 'Directory: Microsoft'. The main area is titled 'Event Hub Details'. It displays 'Partitions: 4', 'Event Hub-compatible name: pltkw3adiot', and 'Retain for: 1 Days'. Under 'Consumer Groups', it lists '\$Default', 'adx1', and 'custom'. A red arrow points from the text 'Therefore: Consumer Group per "reader" (or type of processing)' to the 'Consumer Groups' section. The bottom of the page includes sections for 'Event Hub compatible endpoint' and 'Cloud to device messaging'.

Therefore: Consumer Group per “reader” (or type of processing)  
And – IoT Hub is using Event Hub

# Azure powered pattern for real-time analytics



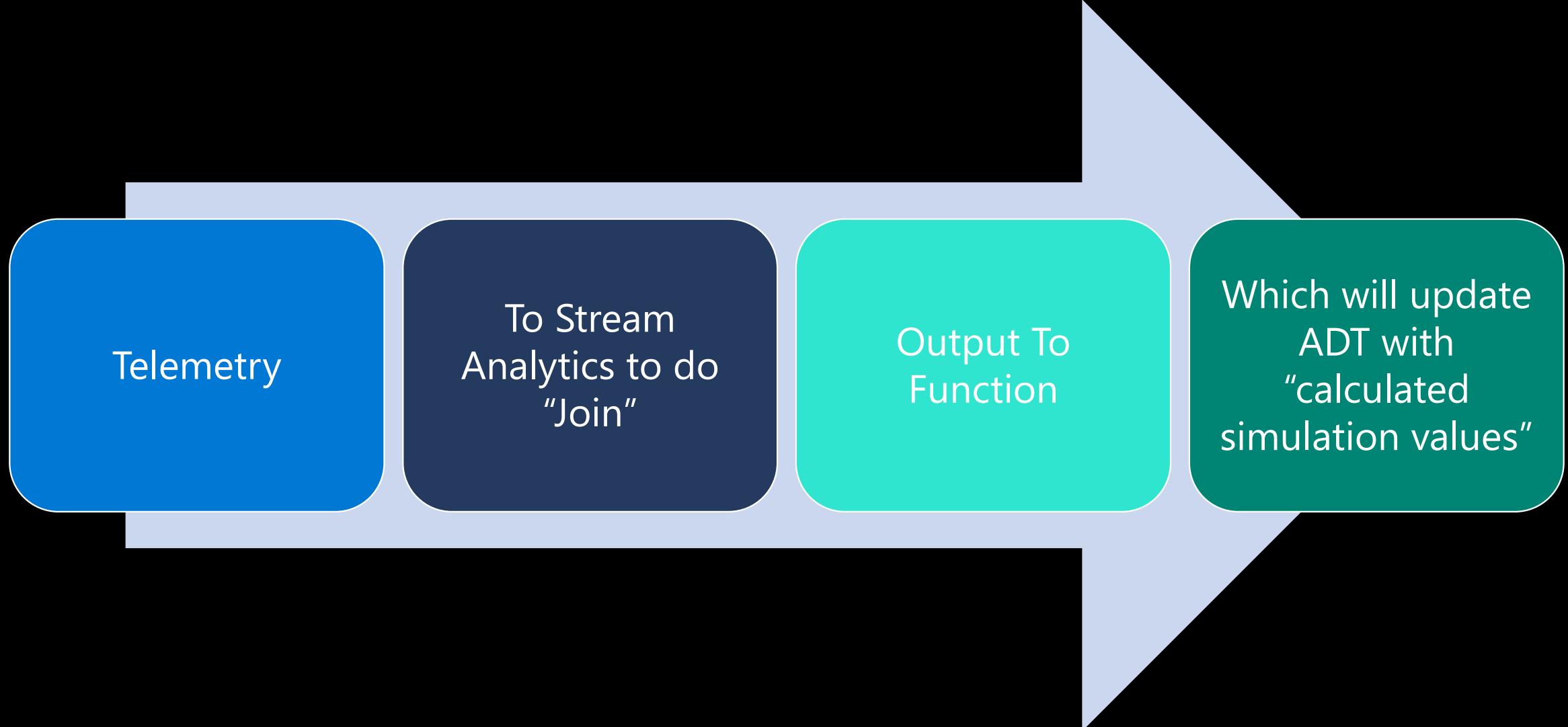
# Demo

Stream Analytics (for copying & demo & )

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/stream-analytics/stream-analytics-stream-analytics-query-patterns>

Local VS Code Emulator

# Demo Flow (start with simple API)



Main Samples:

(<https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-net/tree/main/sdk/digitaltwins>)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/tutorial-end-to-end>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-integrate-azure-signalr>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-send-twin-to-twin-events>

## Demo

Not so simple ADT use cases

Also: Official examples from SDK:

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net\sdk\digitaltwins\Azure.DigitalTwins.Core\Azure.DigitalTwins.Core.sln  
(align tags and .net version)

# Introducing Azure Data Explorer (ADX or Synapse ADX)!



Any append-only stream of records

High volume  
High velocity  
High variance  
(structured, semi-structured, free-text)

Relational query model:  
Filter, aggregate, join, calculated columns, ...

Fully-managed

PaaS, Vanilla, Database

A **big data** **analytics** **cloud** **platform**

**optimized** for **interactive, ad-hoc queries**

Purpose built

Rapid iterations to explore the data

# Microsoft's Journey with Azure Data Explorer



**35+ PB**

Data ingested  
daily

**20+Billion**

Queries per month

**2+ Exabyte**

Total Data Size

Azure Data Explorer

A key to Microsoft's digital transformation journey

## Roles

Telemetry: IoT Hub

Model: Azure Digital Twins & PnP

Ingest, Links, query, scale: ADX

# Create a cluster with Streaming (to get telemetry)

Dashboard > rgFY22-azure-digital-twins > Create a resource > Azure Data Explorer >

## Create an Azure Data Explorer Cluster

...  
\* Basics   Scale   **Configurations**   Security   \* Network   Diagnostic settings   Tags   Review + create

### Configurations

Enable/disable the following Azure Data Explorer capabilities to optimize cluster costs and performance.

Streaming ingestion    On    Off  
**i** Enabling streaming ingest consumes excess cluster resources. [Learn More](#)

Enable purge    On    Off

Auto-Stop cluster [\(i\)](#)    On    Off

### IoT Hub

Create data connection

Data connection name [\\*](#) [\(i\)](#)  Enter data connection name

Subscription [\\*](#)  TK pltkw3

IoT Hub [\\*](#)

Shared Access Policy [\(i\)](#)

Consumer group [\(i\)](#)

Event system properties [\(i\)](#)  0 selected

### Data routing settings

Allow routing the data to other databases [\(i\)](#) (Multi database data connection)  Don't allow

Target table  
This is the default table routing setup. If you don't configure the table settings here, you'll need to configure them using Event Properties for the ingestion to succeed. The table Event Properties settings overrides the default table settings configured here. [Learn more](#)

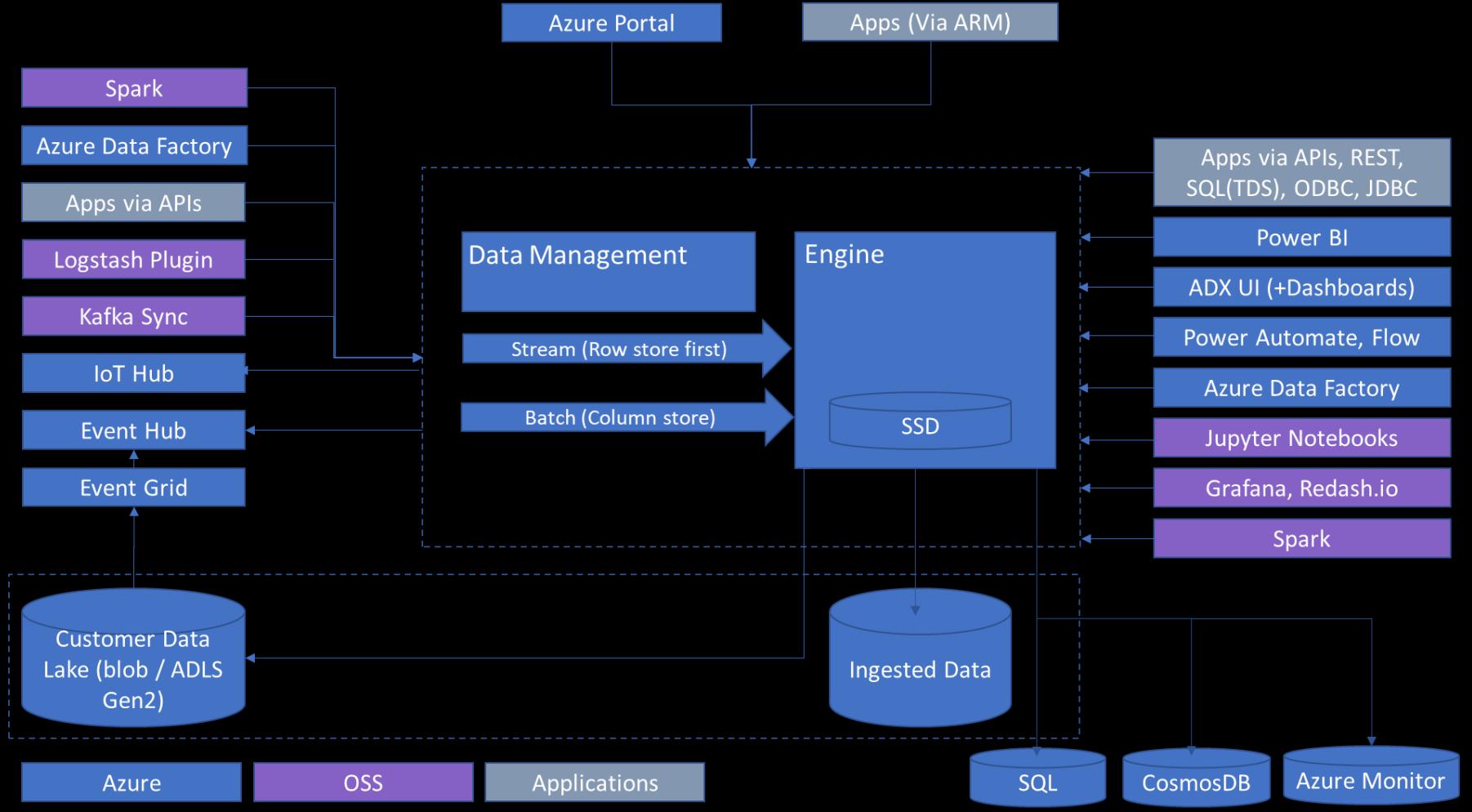
Table name [\(i\)](#)  Enter an existing table name

Data format [\(i\)](#)

Mapping name [\(i\)](#)  Enter the column mapping name

This is a preview version of IoT Hub data connection. This version does not support IoT Hub manual-failover. In such cases, please recreate the data connection.

# Oneslider - Azure Data Explorer



## Comprehensive Strength

- Metrics and time-series data
- Text search and text analytics
- Multi-dimensional/relational analysis

## Analytics Query language

- Simple and powerful
- Publicly available
- Data Exploration
- Rich relational query language
- Full text Search
- ML Extensibility

## High performance over large data sets

- Scale out in hardware
- Scale out across geos
- Granular resource utilization Control
- Cross geo queries

## Data Ingestion and Management

- Low Latency ingestion
- Schema management
- Compression and indexing
- Retention
- Hot/cold resource allocation

# Demo – ADX (and how to ingest from IoT)

[https://dataexplorer.azure.com/clusters/fy22adxiot.westeurope/databases/tk01?tenant=72f988bf-86f1-41af-91ab-2d7cd011db47&login\\_hint=tkopacz%40microsoft.com](https://dataexplorer.azure.com/clusters/fy22adxiot.westeurope/databases/tk01?tenant=72f988bf-86f1-41af-91ab-2d7cd011db47&login_hint=tkopacz%40microsoft.com)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/data-explorer/kusto/query/>

# Summary

# Summary

## IoT Hub PnP

We need standards & metadata per “type” of sensor, telemetry, commands, ...

## Azure Digital Twins

We need graph for complex IoT Ecosystem

## The rest of Azure

We need flexible ways to do model processing/simulation/tracking/analysis/...

Thank you,  
ANY questions?

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