

The Things Network & Azure IoT Platform

Or, how to connect remote devices to IoT Platforms

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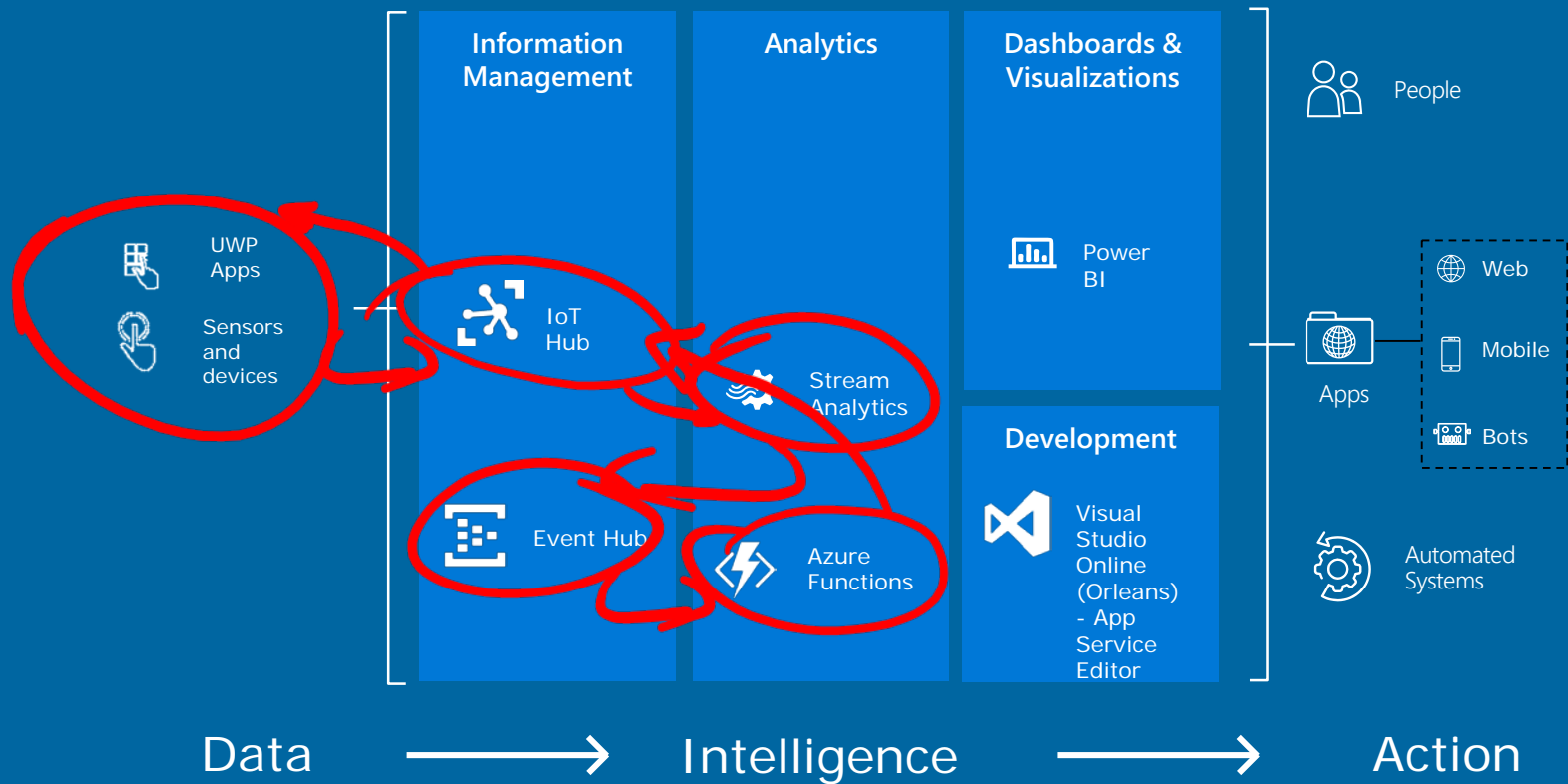
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The 'complete' solution



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Theory & definitions

One of many definitions...

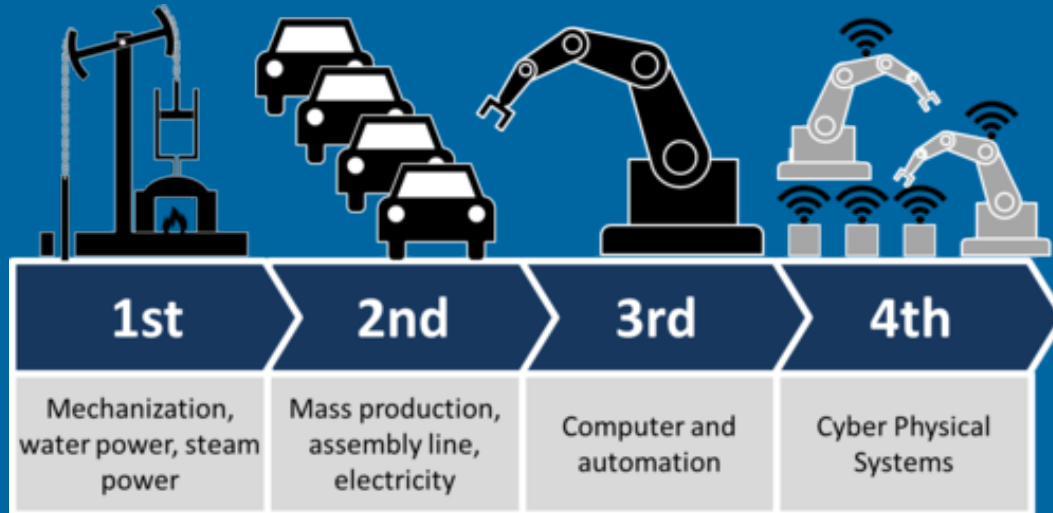
“The Internet of things is the internetworking of physical **devices**, embedded with electronics, software, **sensors**, actuators, and **network connectivity** that enable these objects to **collect and exchange** data”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_of_things

Industry 4.0

From: hardware manufacturers delivering silos

To: general availability resulting enterprise integration



Why now?



Hardware
is Cheap



Connectivity
is Pervasive



Development
is Easy



New Innovative
Scenarios

IoT Platform

An Internet of Things (IoT) platform is **software** (suite and/or platform as a service [PaaS]) that facilitates operations involving **IoT endpoints** (sensors, devices, multidevice systems and systems of systems) and **enterprise resources**.

The platform **provisions and controls** IoT endpoints, **monitors** event streams, enables specialized **analysis** and application development, and **integrates** with back-end IT systems — all to support IoT business solutions.

Its responsibilities may be distributed and fulfilled in part **in the cloud or near the devices**.

Gartner 2016

Gartner Hype cycle

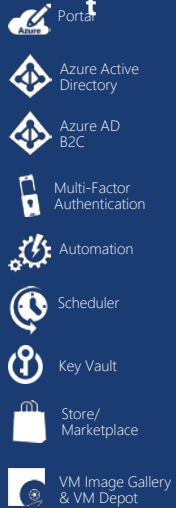
Figure 2. Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2016



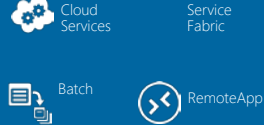
Source: Gartner (July 2016)

Platform Services

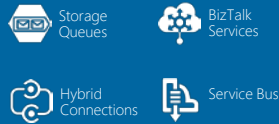
Security & Management



Services Compute



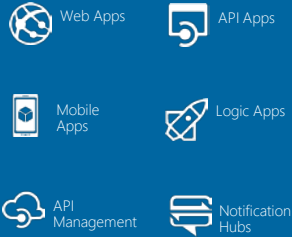
Integration



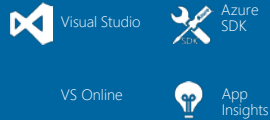
Media & CDN



Web and Mobile



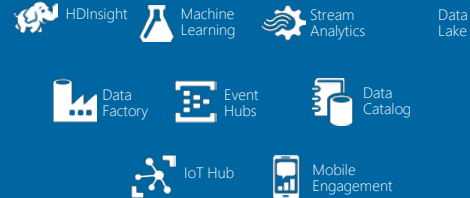
Developer Services



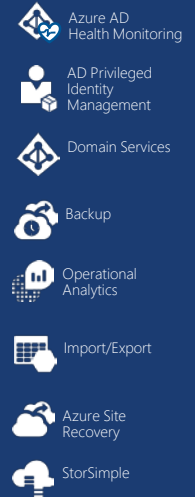
Data



Analytics & IoT



Hybrid Operations



Infrastructure Services

OS/Server Compute



Storage



Networking



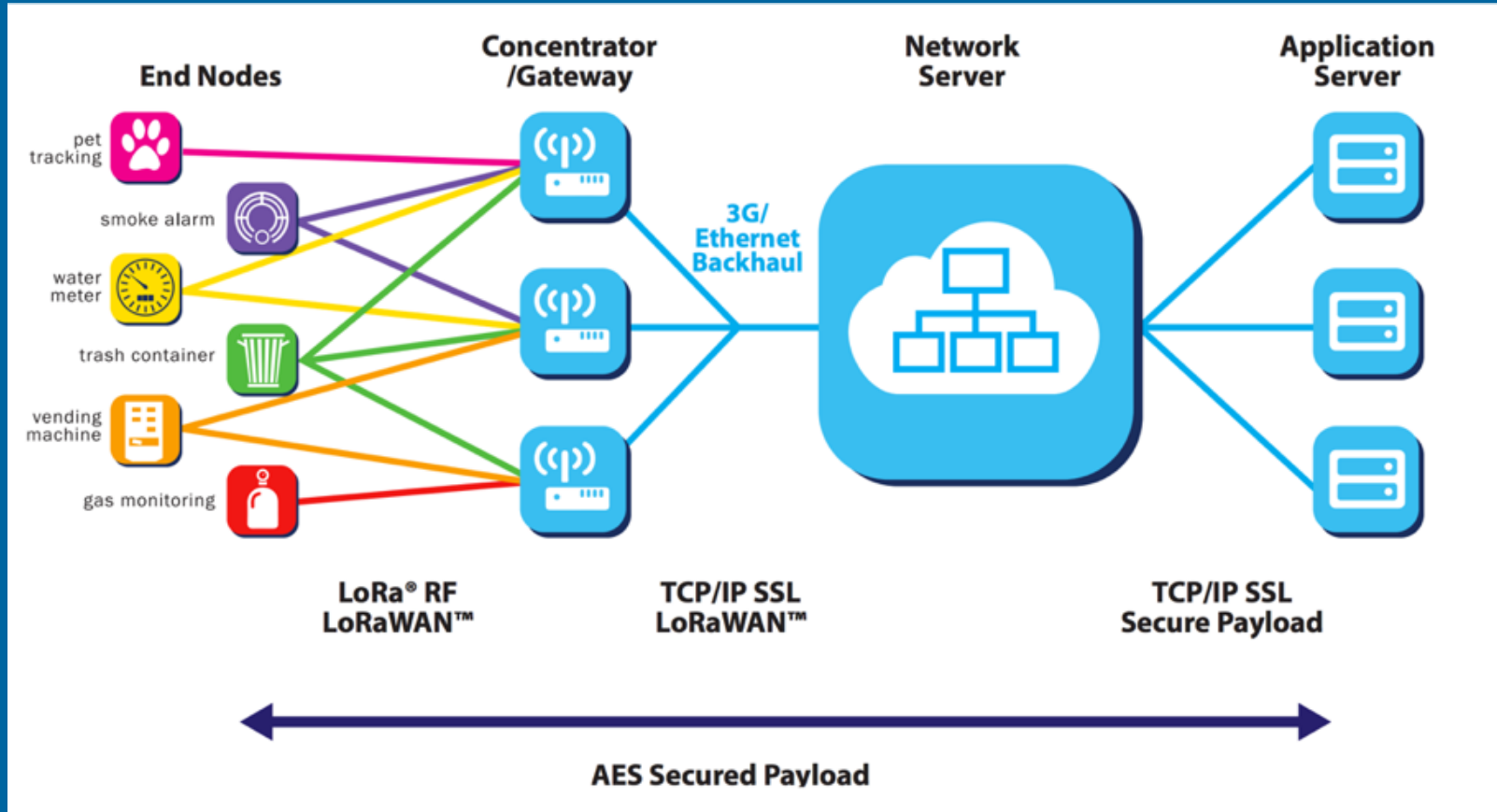
Datacenter Infrastructure (30 Regions, 22 Online)



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LoRa & LoRaWAN

LoRa & LoRaWAN



Compared to others

| Parameter | WAVIoT | LoRa (LinkLabs) ¹ | Sigfox ² | LTE-M (exp.) | WiFi | Cellular |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Minimum Data rate | 8+ bps | 150 bps | 100 bps | 64 kbps | High | High |
| Max Range, meters | 50 000 | 10 000 | 10 000 | 5 000 | 100 | Within coverage |
| Gateway sensitivity, dBm | -154 | -137 | -142 | -123 | -96 | -114 |
| Gateway antenna gain, dBi | 16 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 14 |
| Gateway cable loss, dB | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Gateway mode | Full Duplex | Half Duplex | Half Duplex | Full Duplex | Full Duplex | Full Duplex |
| Nodes per gateway | 2 000 000+ | 250 000 | 50 000 | 50 000 | 200 | 5 000 |
| Node max output power, dBm | 26 | 26 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 33 |
| Max Link budget, dBm | 194 | 170 | 159 | 163 | 122 | 159 |
| Node bandwidth | 100 Hz | 125 kHz | 100 Hz | 192 kHz | 20 MHz | 200 kHz |
| Spectrum efficiency | High | Very Low | Low | High | High | High |
| Simultaneous demodulation capacity | 8 192 | 8 | 25 | 64 | 13 | 64 |
| Scalability | High | Very Low | Low | High | Limited | High |
| Minimum Node cost, USD | 2 | 29 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 10 |
| Battery life | 20+ years | 10 years | 10 years | 5 years | 7 days | 1 day |

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The Things Network

The Things Network

LoRa

Long range communication

Low power

Uplink & Downlink

Low cost

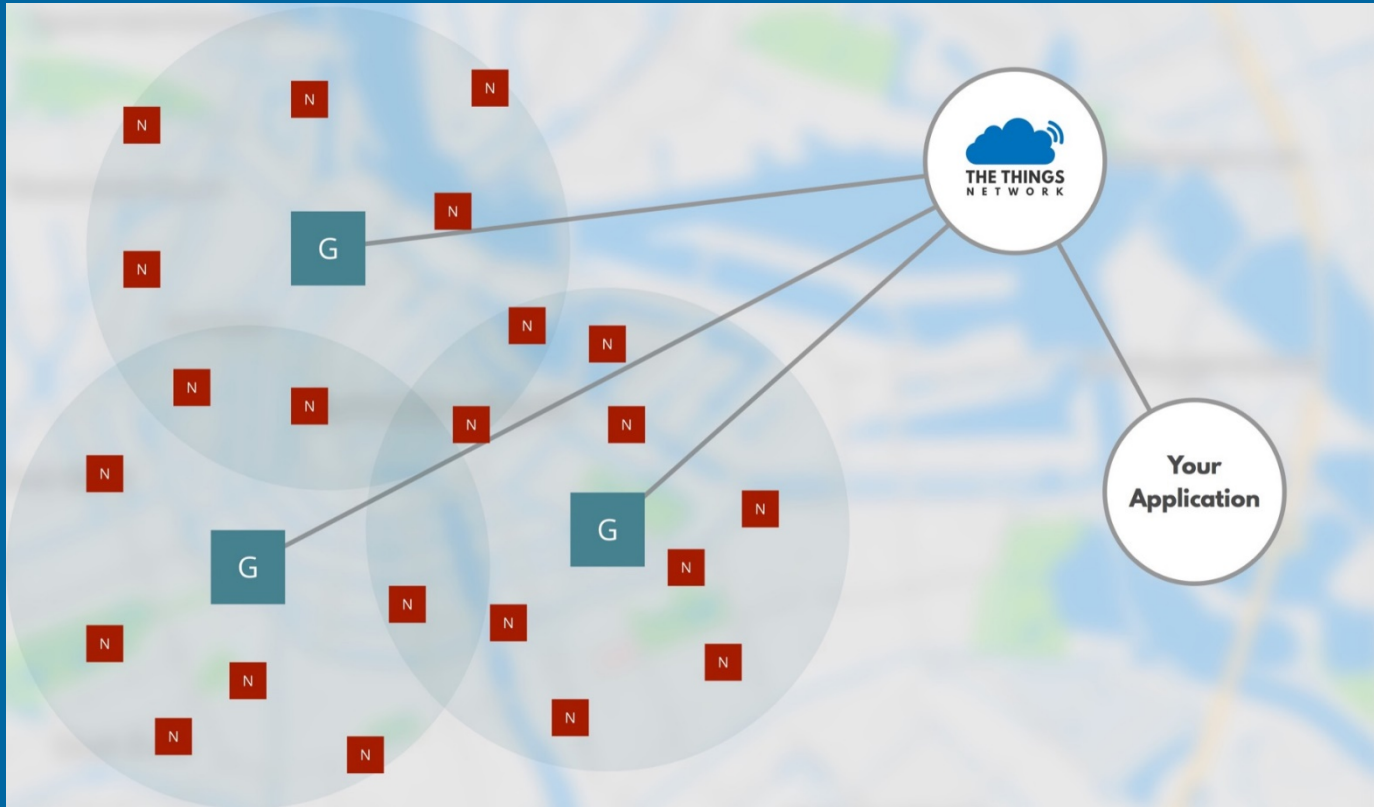
Community driven provider

You need a network? You are the network!

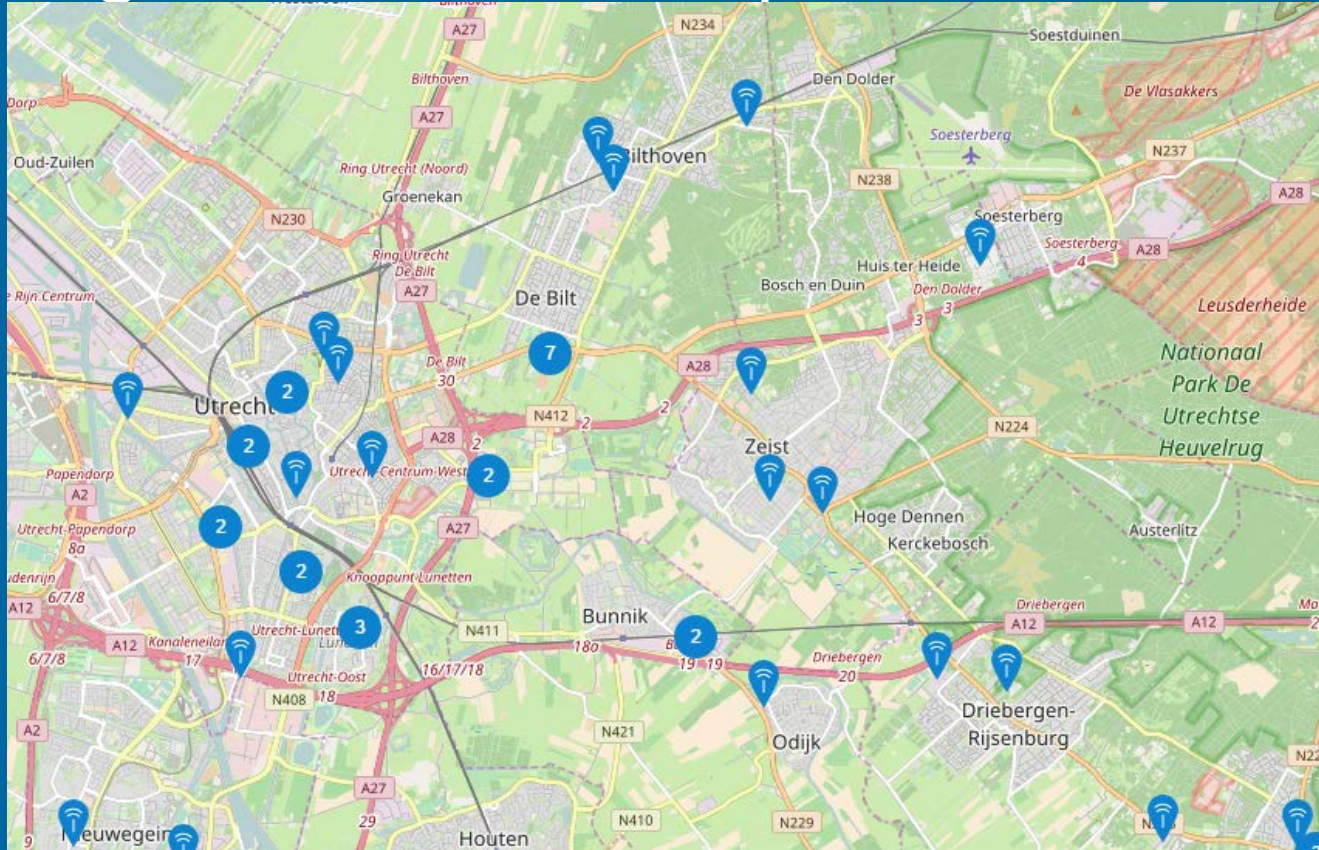
Throttled!



The Things Network - Topology



The Things Network - Map

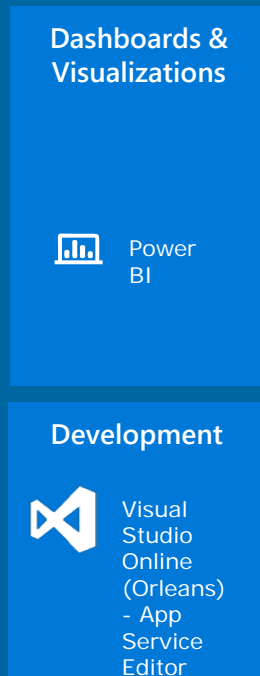
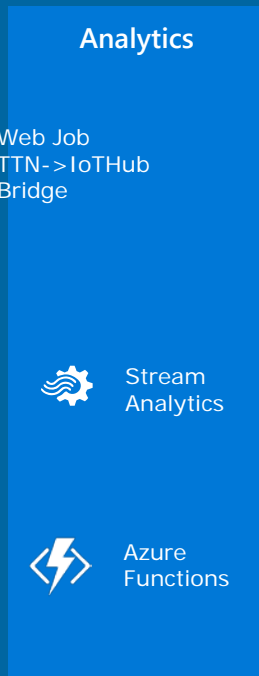
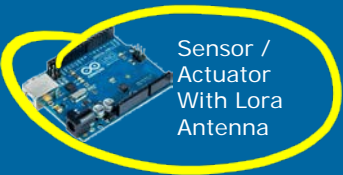


<https://thethingsnetwork.org/map>

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The Things Uno

Starting with a device



People



Apps



Web

Mobile

Bots



Automated
Systems

Data



Intelligence



Action

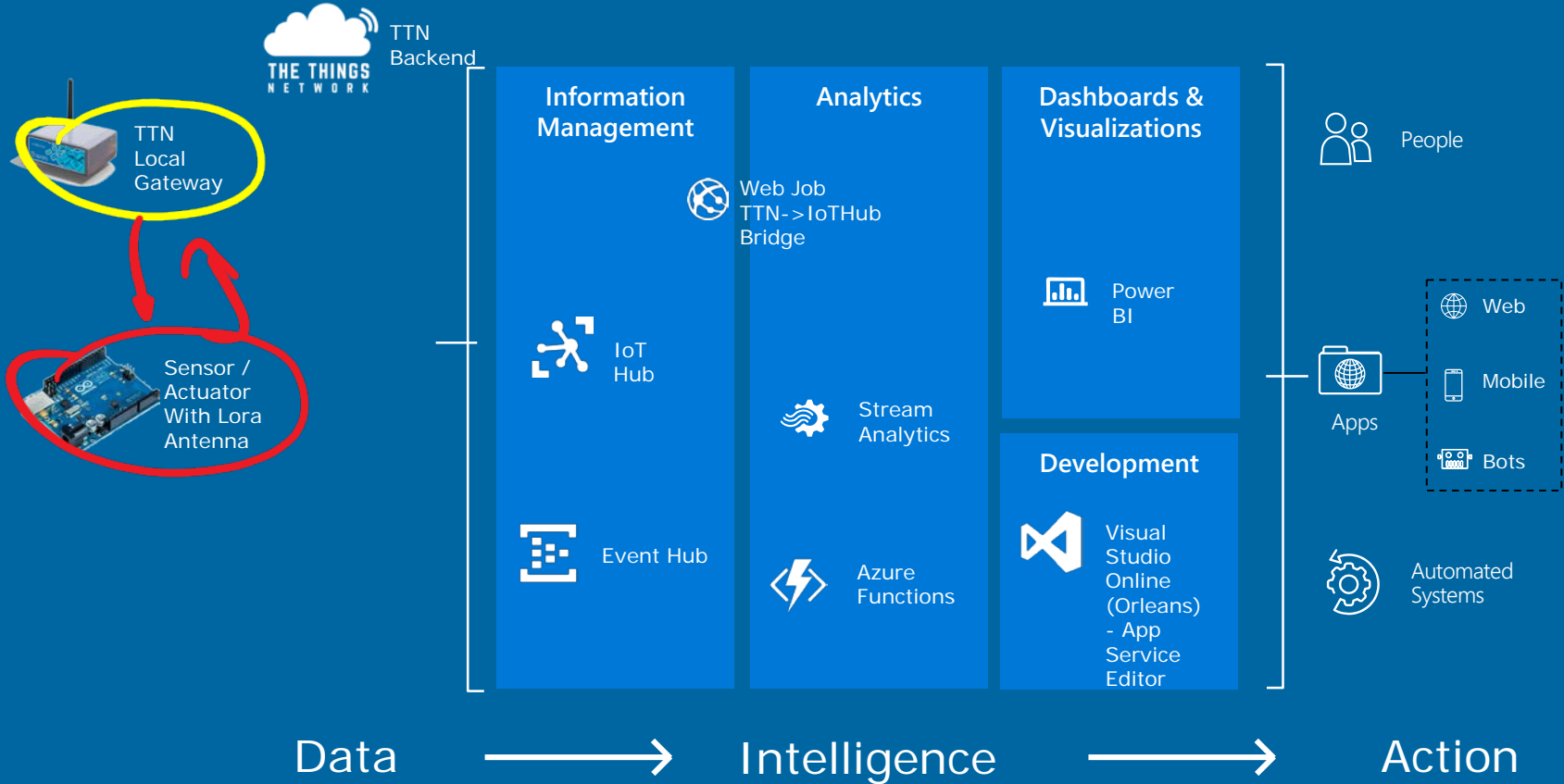
Demo

The Things Uno

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Gateway & packet forwarder

Adding a dual packet forwarder



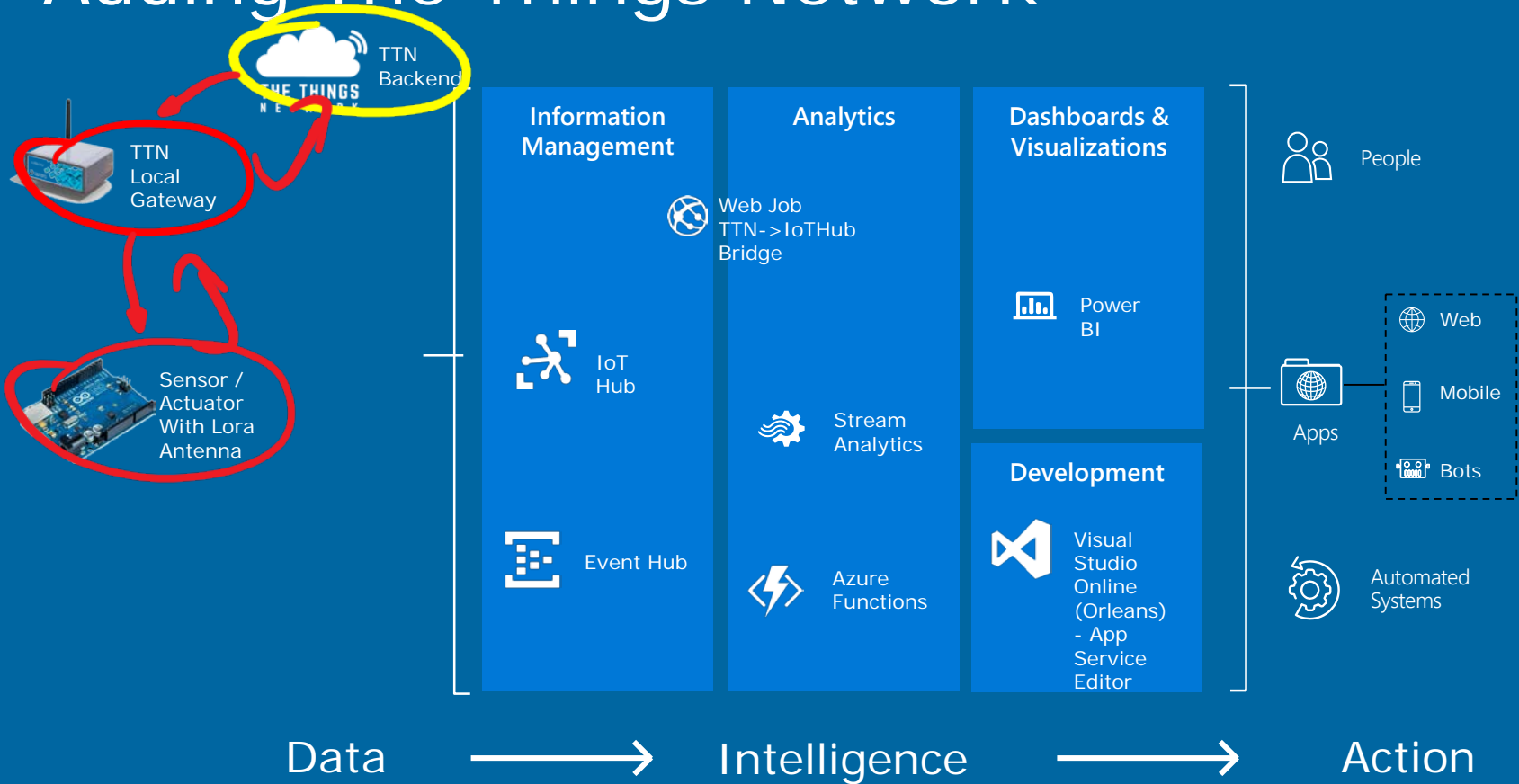
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Dual packet forwarder with up- & downlink

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The Things Network cloud

Adding The Things Network



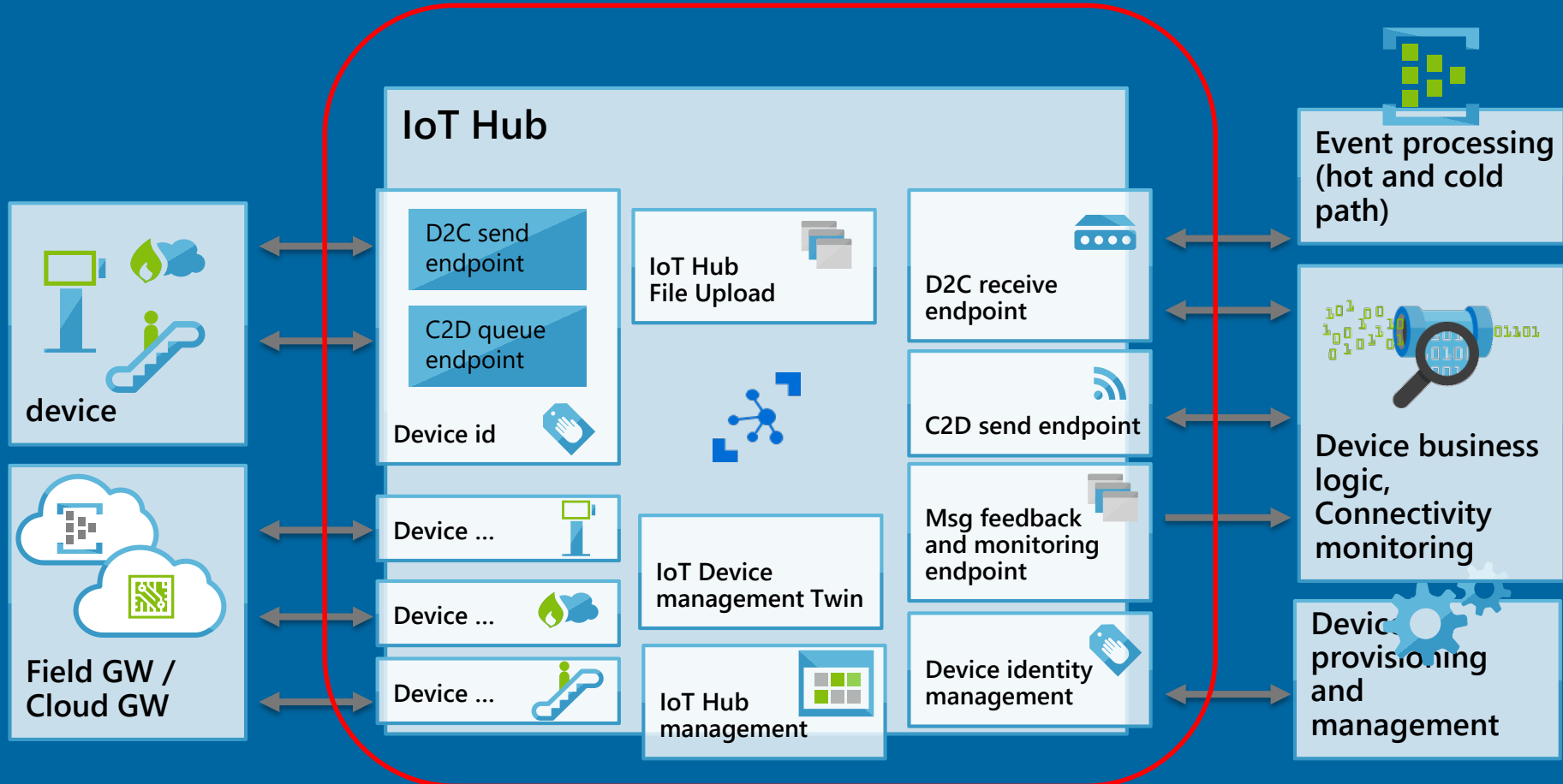
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The Things Network cloud



Azure IoT Hub

IoT Hub



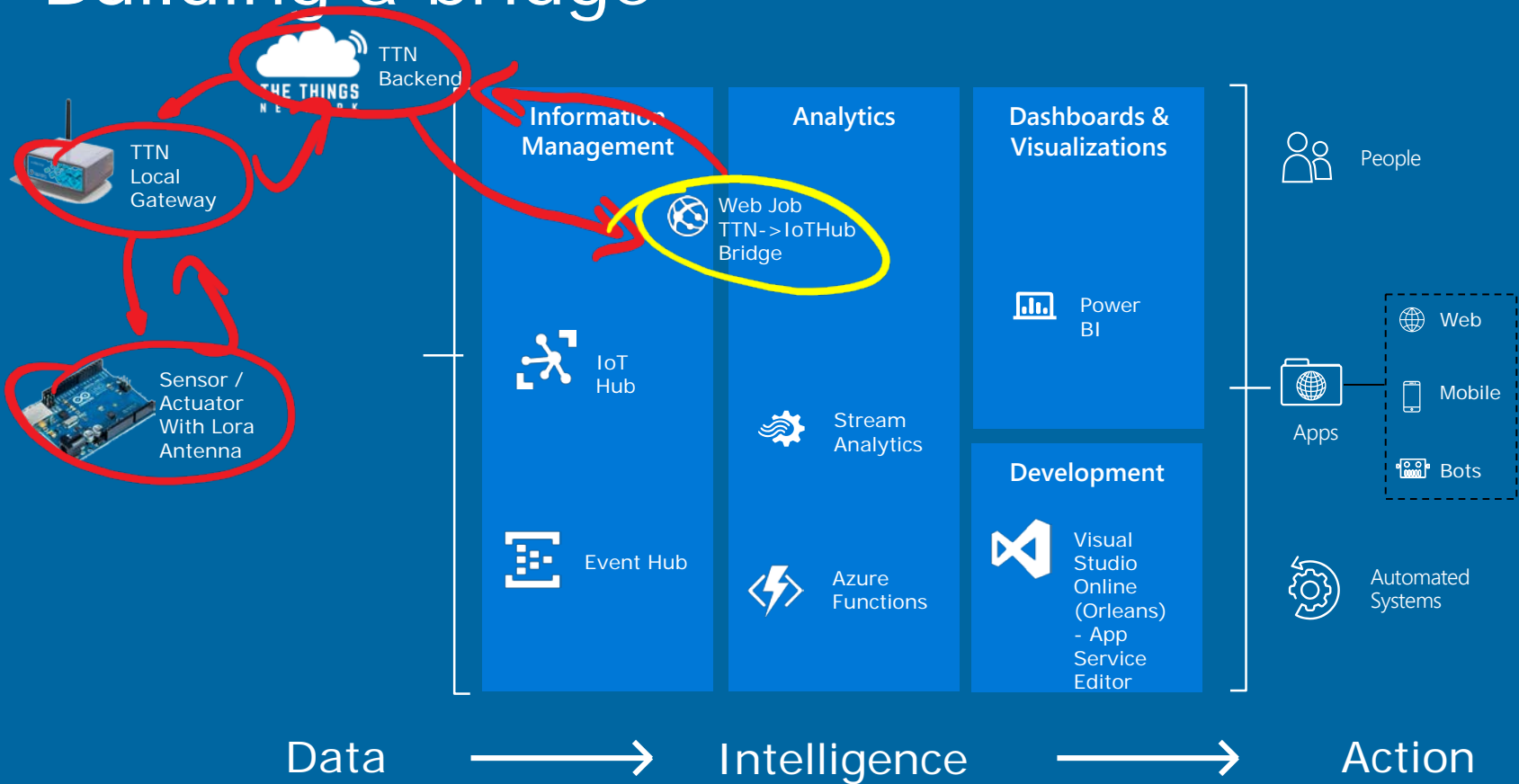
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Azure IoT Hub

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TTN – Azure bridge

Building a bridge



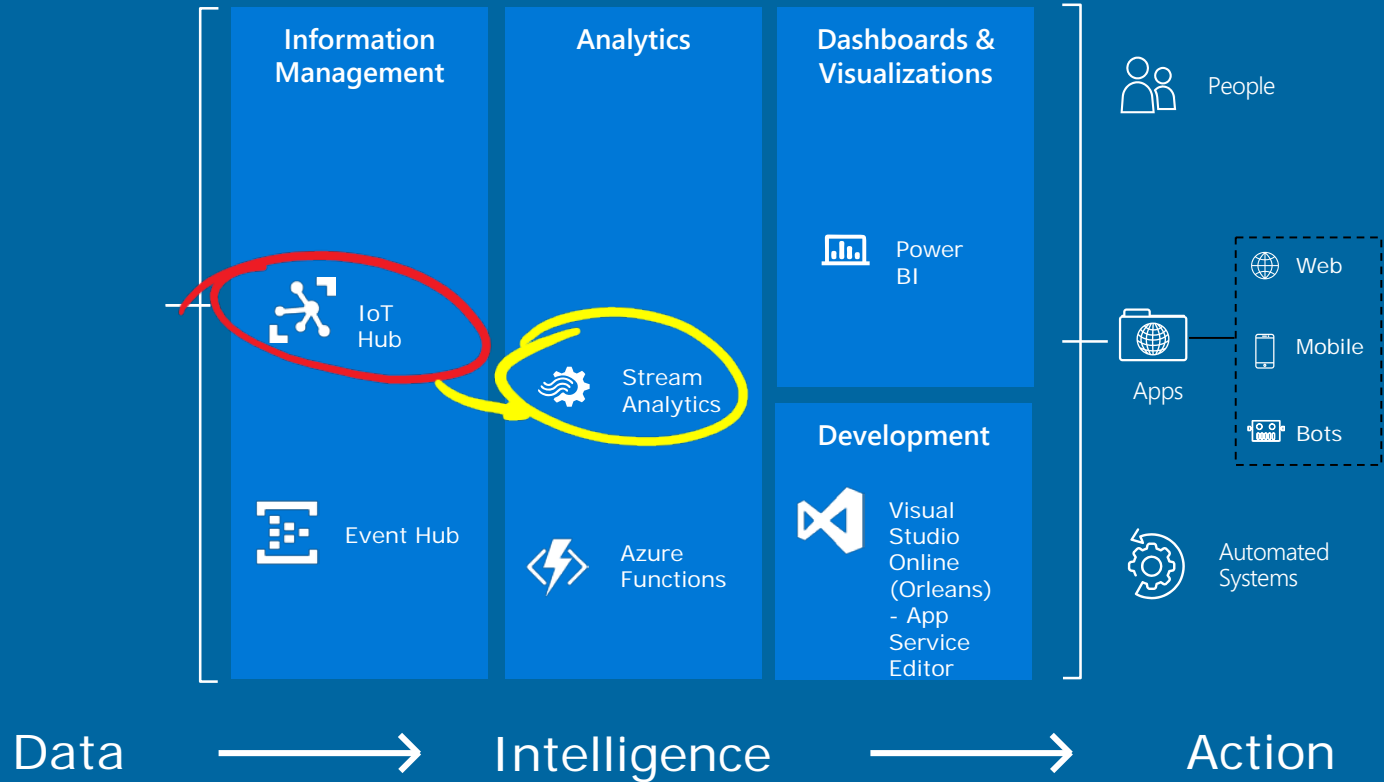
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TTN – Azure Bridge in Node.js & C#

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Stream Analytics

Stream Analytics Job



Stream Analytics Job

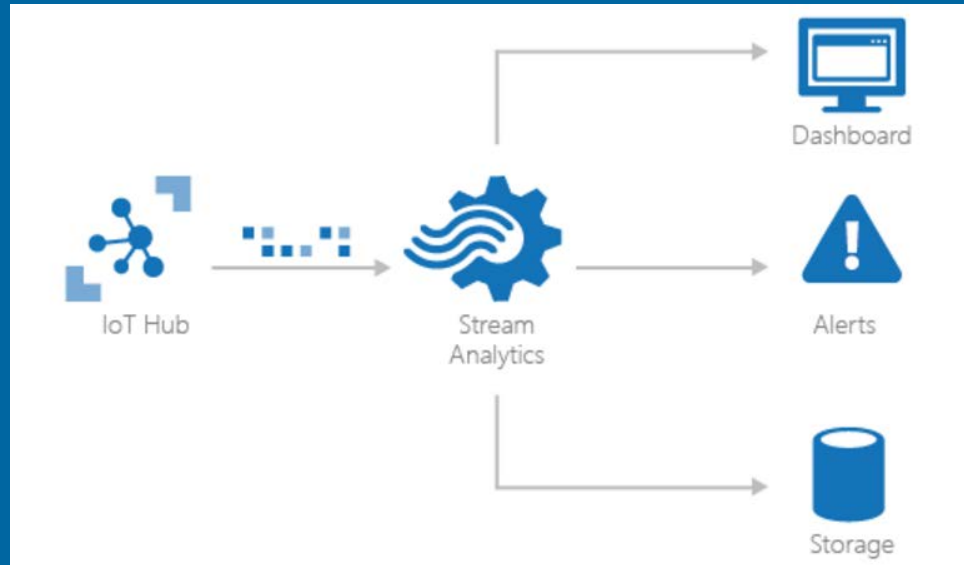
Stream Analytics makes it easy to set up real-time analytic computations on data streaming from devices, sensors, web sites, social media, applications, infrastructure systems, and more

Query input sources; Event Hub, IoT Hub, Blob Storage data stream or Blob Storage reference stream

Query; SQL-ish

Query output sinks:

Blob Storage, Table Storage, Event Hub, SB Queue & Topic, DocumentDB, Power BI, SQL DB or Data Lake Store



Stream Analytics example

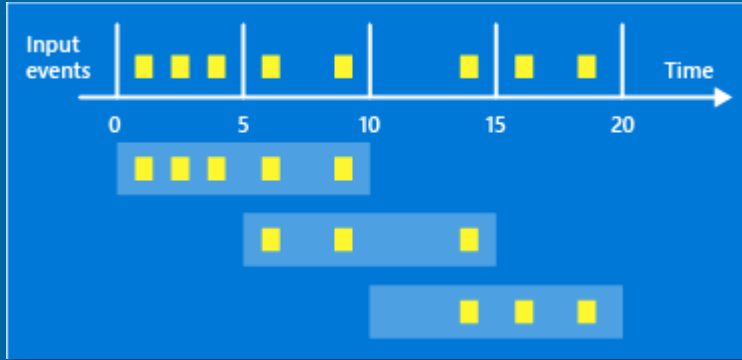
```
WITH [StreamData]
AS (SELECT * FROM
    [IoTHubStream]
    WHERE
        [ObjectType] IS NULL )

SELECT * INTO [Telemetry] FROM [StreamData]

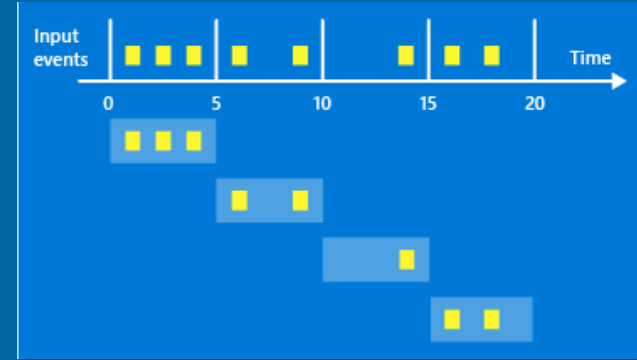
SELECT
    DeviceId,
    AVG (Humidity) AS [AverageHumidity],
    MIN(Humidity) AS [MinimumHumidity],
    MAX(Humidity) AS [MaxHumidity],
    5.0 AS TimeframeMinutes
INTO [TelemetrySummary]
FROM [StreamData]
WHERE [Humidity] IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY
    DeviceId,
    SlidingWindow (mi, 5)
```

Stream Analytics Temporal Query

Hopping window



Tumbling window



Sliding window

```
SELECT DateAdd(minute,-5,System.TimeStamp) AS WinStartTime,  
System.TimeStamp AS WinEndTime, TollId, COUNT(*)  
FROM Input TIMESTAMP BY EntryTime  
GROUP BY TollId, SlidingWindow(minute, 5)  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 3
```

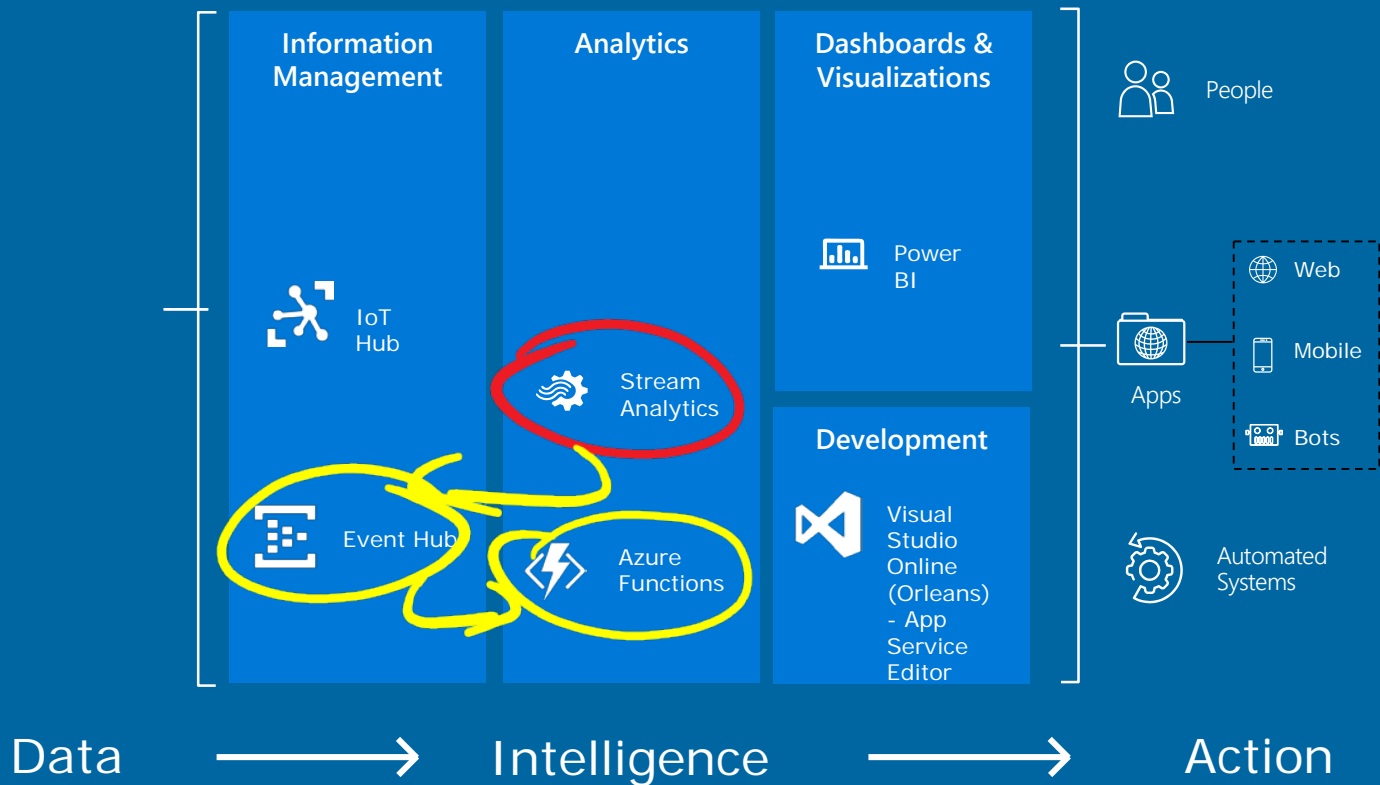
Demo

Stream Analytics

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Azure Functions

Streaming filtered data to Azure Functions



Demo

Azure Functions – receiving uplink messages

Azure Functions

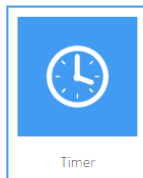
The faster way to functions

Write any function in minutes - whether to run a simple job that cleans up a database or to build a more complex architecture. Creating functions is easier than ever before, whatever your chosen OS, platform, or development method. No install required.



Get started quickly with a premade function

1) Choose a scenario:



Timer



Data processing



Webhook + API

2) Choose a language:

If you'd prefer another supported language, choose "Create your own custom function".

C#

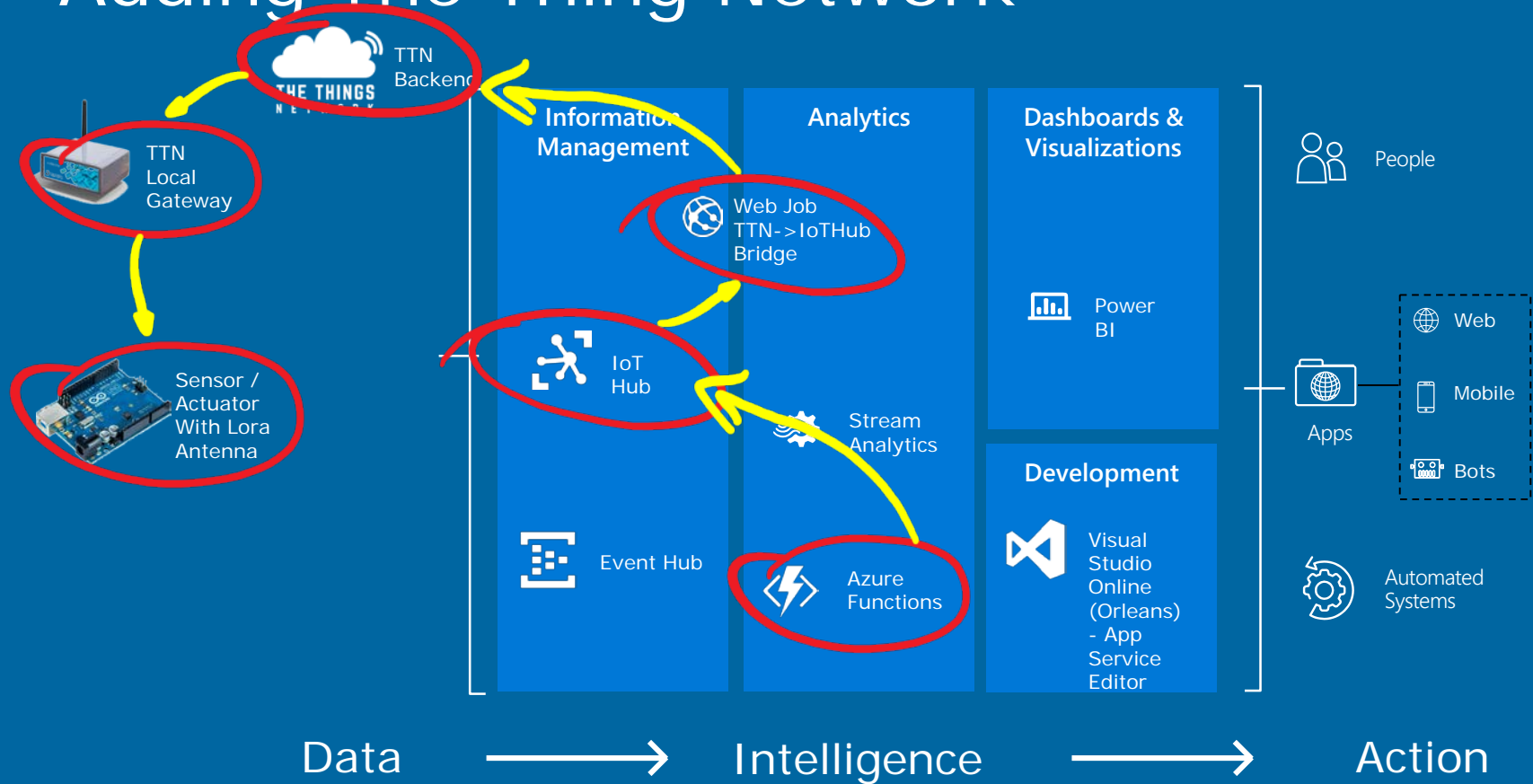
JavaScript

Create this function

Or get started on your own

Create your own custom function or start from source control.

Adding The Thing Network



Demo

Azure Functions – sending downlink commands



Resources for BYOL

Resources to do it yourself

- ▶ **The Things Uno** - <https://shop.thethingsnetwork.com/index.php/product/the-things-uno/>
- ▶ **Dual channel packet forwarder** - https://github.com/bokse001/dual_chan_pkt_fwd/
- ▶ **TTN – Azure Bridge (C#)** – <https://github.com/sandervandeverde/TtnAzureBridge>
- ▶ **IoT Device as UWP App** – <https://github.com/sandervandeverde/uwp-iot-device>
- ▶ **The Things Network & Azure IoT in unison workshop** – <https://github.com/JeeWeetje/ttn-azure-workshop>
- ▶ **Sander's blog** - <http://blog.vandeverde-online.com>
- ▶ **Jan Willem's blog** - <https://jeeweeetje.net>

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