Serverless and Azure Functions: the winning combination!

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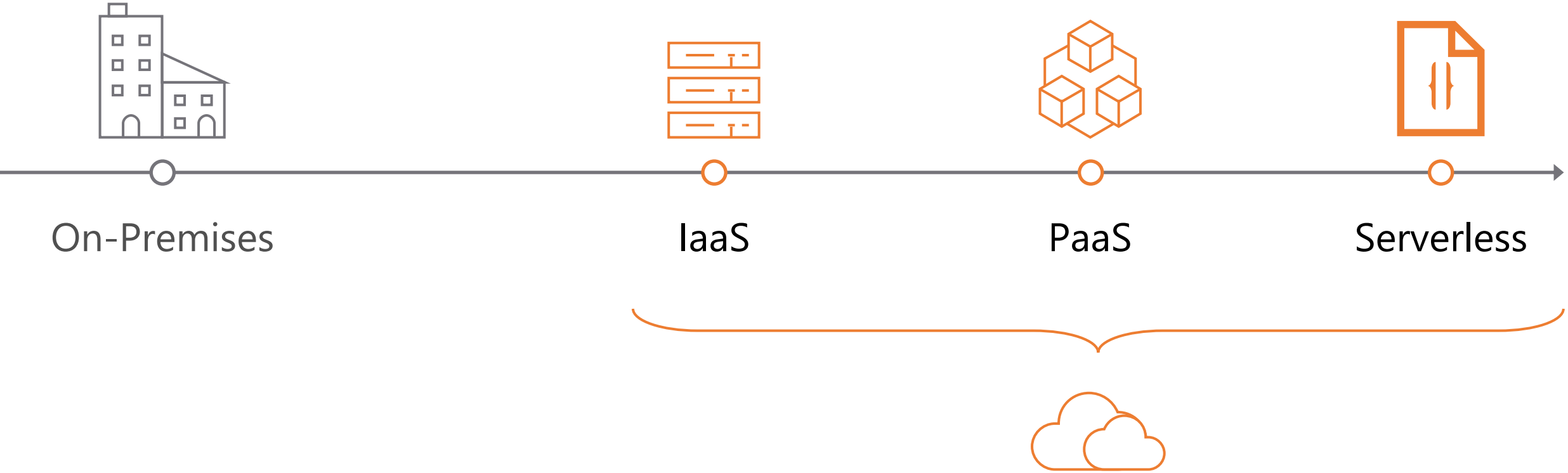
What is Serverless?

The evolution of application platforms



What media should I use to keep backup?

What is the right **size** of **servers** for my business needs?

How do I **deploy** new **code** to my **server**?

What size of **servers** should I **buy**?

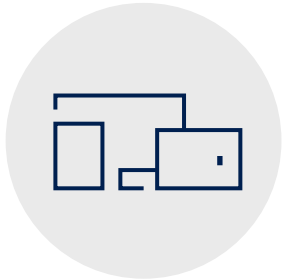
Which packages should be on my **server**?

Who **monitors** my **App**?

What happens in case of **server hardware** failure?

How often should I backup my **server**?

How can I **scale** my app?



How can I increase **server** utilization?

Do I need secondary network connection?

Who has **physical** access to my **servers**?

Which OS should I use?

Are my **server** in a secure location?

Who **monitors** my **Servers**?

Do I need a UPS?

What happens if the power goes out?

What storage I need to use?

How many **servers** do I need?

It takes how long to **provision** a new **server**?

How often should I **patch** my **servers**?

How can I dynamically configure my app?

On-Premises

The “evolution” of application platforms

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On-Premises

IaaS

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The “evolution” of application platforms

How do I **architect** my app?

Serverless, the platform for next gen apps

On-Premises → IaaS → PaaS → Serverless

The “evolution” of application platforms

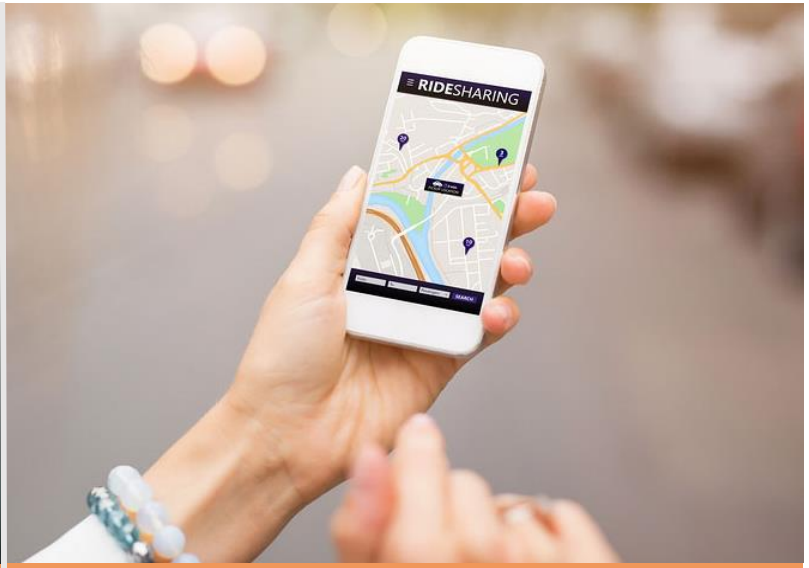
…if cloud computing was transportation

IaaS

…you can lease a car and take care of maintenance

PaaS

…you can rent a car and pay for having it around even when you are not driving



Serverless

…you can use a ride sharing app pay only for transportation

What is serverless?

Full abstraction of servers

Developers can just focus on their code—there are no distractions around server management, capacity planning, or availability.

Instant, event-driven scalability

Application components react to events and triggers in near real-time with virtually unlimited scalability; compute resources are used as needed.

Pay-per-use

Only pay for what you use: billing is typically calculated on the number of function calls,
code execution time, and memory used.*

*Supporting services, like storage and networking, may be charged separately.

What are the benefits?

Focus

Solve business problems—not technology problems related to undifferentiated heavy lifting

Efficiency

Shorter time to market
Fixed costs converted to variable costs
Better service stability
Better development and testing management
Less waste

Flexibility

Simplified starting experience
Easier pivoting means more flexibility
Easier experimentation
Scale at your pace—don't bet the farm on Day 1
Natural fit for microservices

FaaS is at the center of serverless

Functions-as-a-Service programming model use functions to achieve true serverless compute

Single responsibility

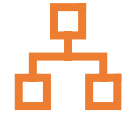
Functions are single-purposed, reusable pieces of code that process an input and return a result

Short lived

Functions don't stick around when finished executing, freeing up resources for further executions

Stateless

Functions don't hold any persistent state and don't rely on the state of any other processes



Event driven & scalable

Functions respond to predefined events, and are instantly replicated as many times as needed

Serverless application platform components

Development

- IDE support
- Integrated DevOps
- Local Development
- Monitoring
- Visual Debug History

Platform

Event Grid

Manage all events that can trigger code or logic

Logic Apps

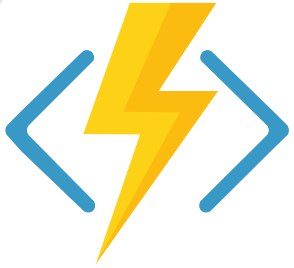
Design workflows and orchestrate processes

Functions

Execute your code based on events you specify

- Database
- Storage
- Security
- IoT
- Analytics
- Intelligence

What are Azure Functions?



What is Azure Functions?

An event-based, serverless compute experience that accelerates app development

Azure Functions = FaaS++

Integrated programming model

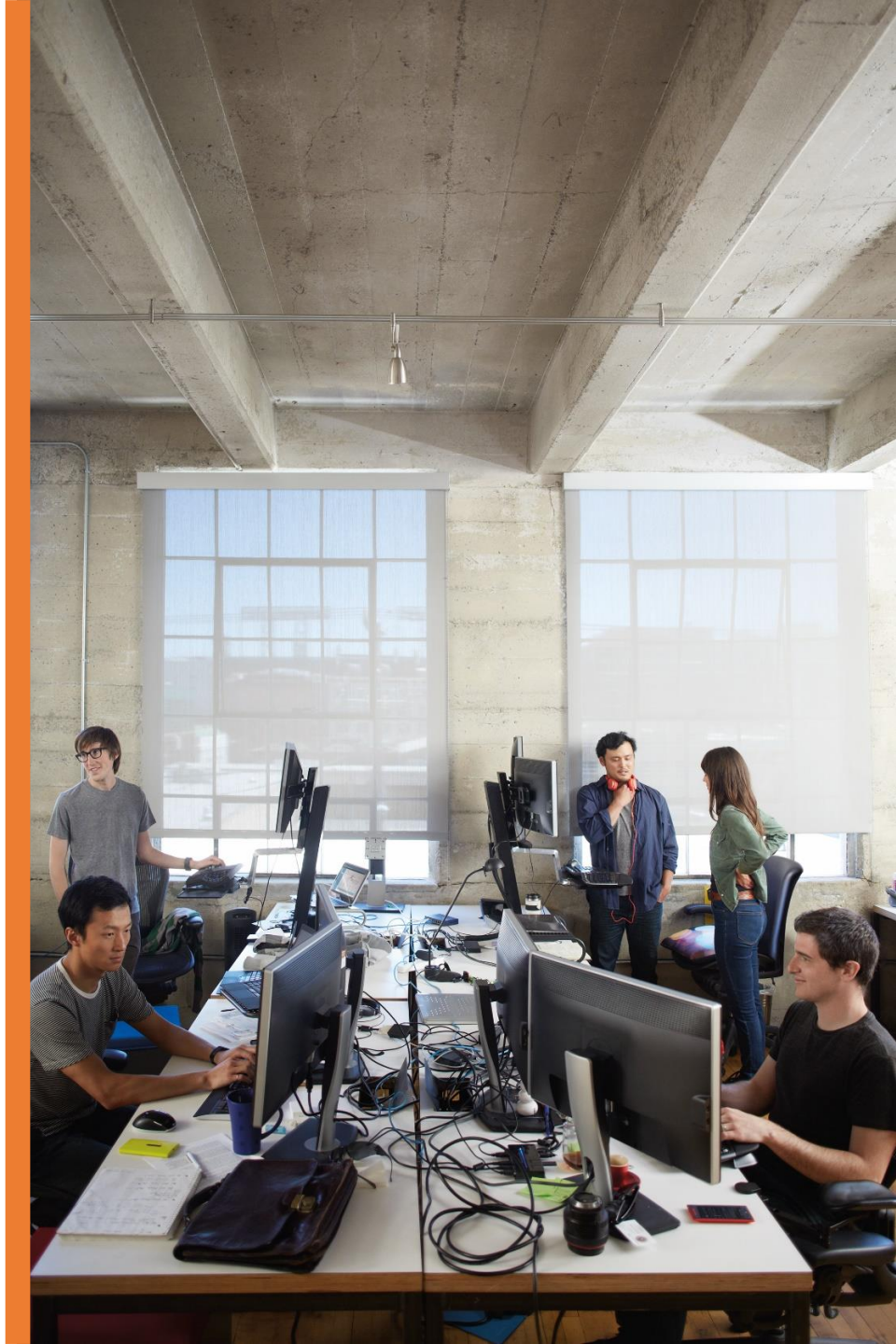
Use built-in triggers and bindings to define when a function is invoked and to what data it connects

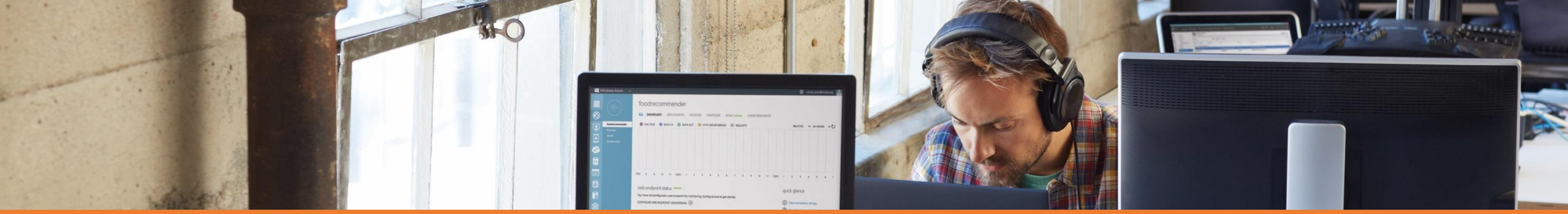
Enhanced development experience

Code, test and debug locally using your preferred editor or the easy-to-use web based interface including monitoring

Hosting options flexibility

Choose the deployment model that better fits your business needs without compromising development experience





Boost development efficiency

Triggers

Use triggers to define how functions are invoked
Avoid hardcoding with preconfigured JSON files
Build serverless APIs using HTTP triggers

Proxies

Define one API surface for multiple function apps
Create endpoints as reverse proxies to other APIs
Condition proxies to use variables

CI/CD

Save time with built-in DevOps
Deploy functions using App Service for CI
Leverage Microsoft, partner services for CD

Bindings

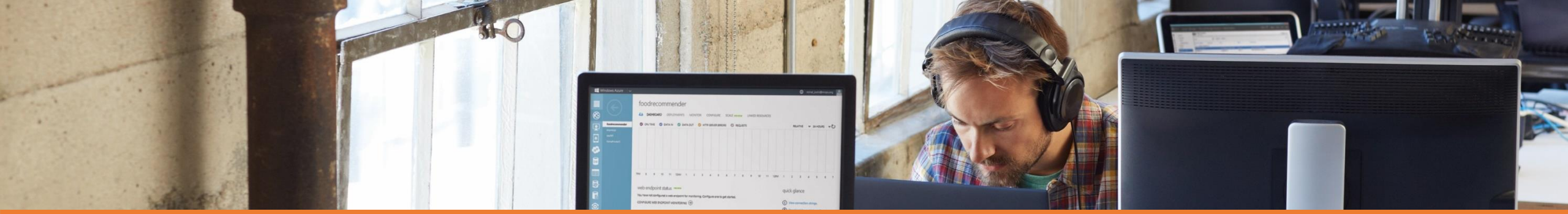
Connect to data with input and output bindings
Bind to Azure solutions and third-party services
Use HTTP bindings in tandem with HTTP triggers

Local debugging

Debug C# and JavaScript functions locally
Use debugging tools in Azure portal, VS, and VS Code

Monitoring

Integrate with Azure Application Insights
Get near real-time details about function apps
See metrics around failures, executions, etc.



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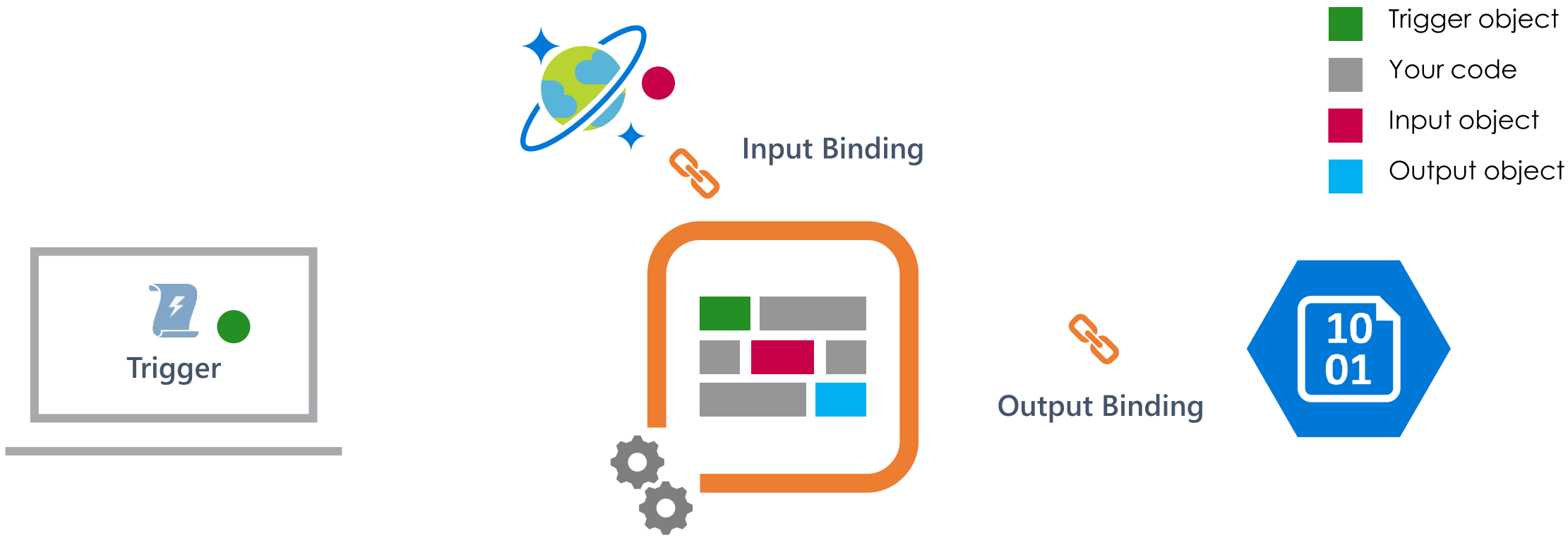


Gain flexibility and develop your way

Multiple languages

- Write code in C#, JavaScript, F#, and Java
- Continuous investment in new, experimental languages

Durable Functions

- Write stateful functions in a serverless environment
- Simplify complex, stateful coordination problems
- Add the extension to enable advanced scenarios

Hosting options

- Choose from six consumption plans to run Functions
- Run your first million function executions for free

Dev options

- Simplify coding for new users with native Azure portal
- Select from popular editors, like VS, VS Code, CLI, Maven

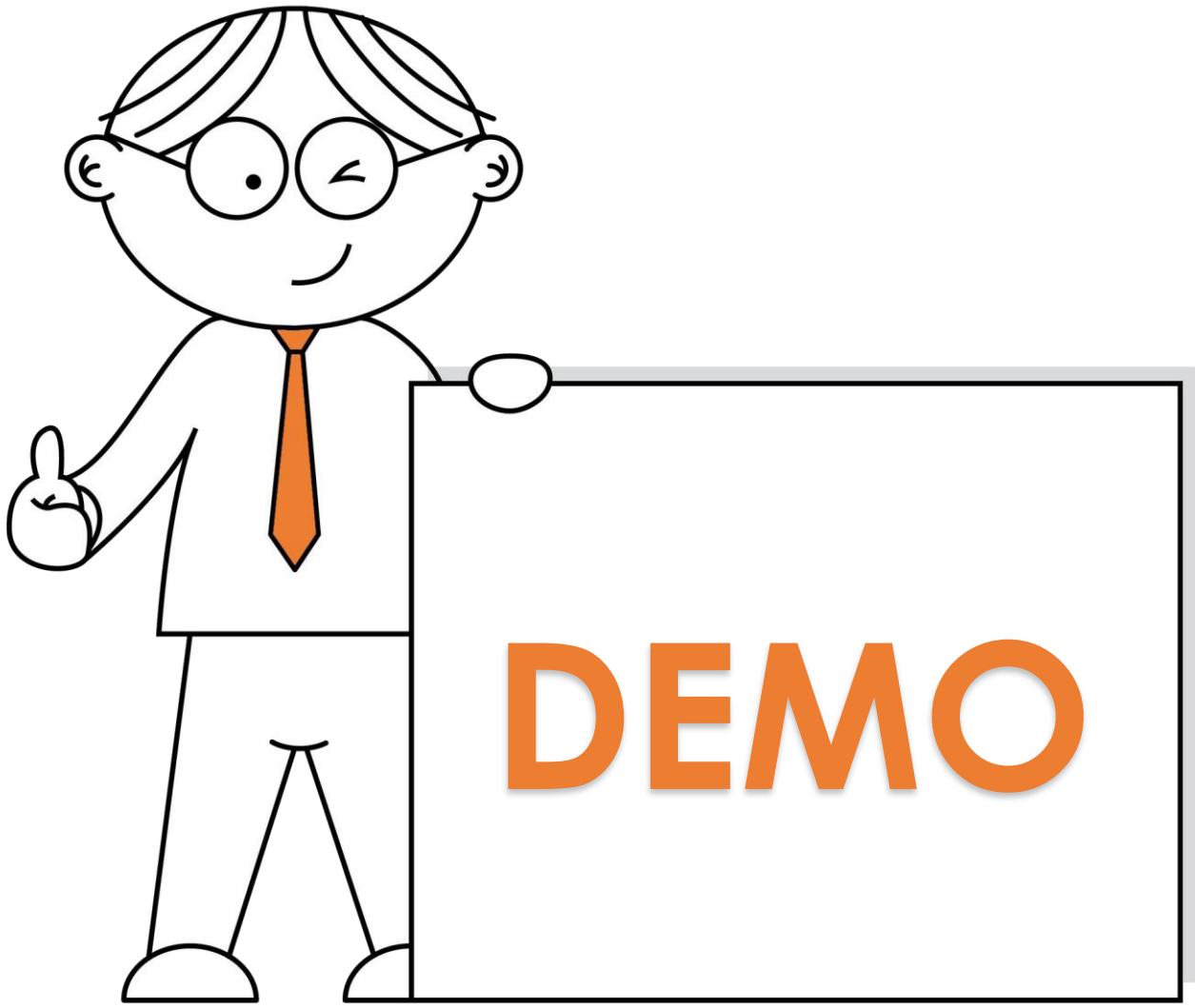
Gain flexibility and develop your way

Hosting options

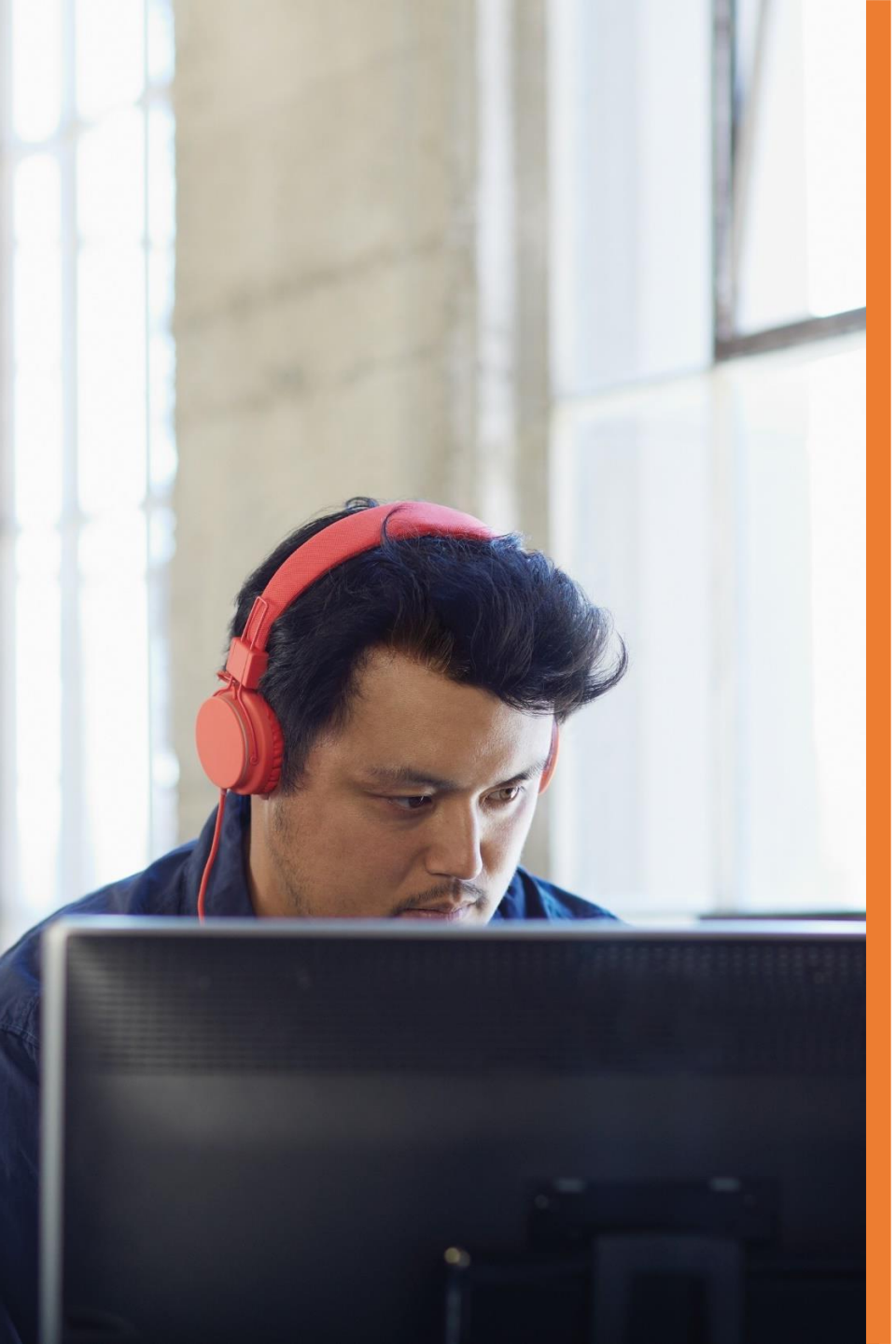
Consumption	AS Plan	AS Environment	Azure Stack	Runtime	IoT Edge*
Serverless	*Free, Basic, Standard, Premium*	*Network isolation*	*On-premises*	*Functions on your server*	*On devices*
Only pay for what you use; charges apply per execution and per GB second	Gain all the advantages of Functions along with Microsoft's financially-backed SLA and the always-on features of an App Service Plan	Use a dedicated App Service cloud environment (ASE) that comes with network isolation for apps, greater scale, and secure connectivity to local vNets	Bring the power of the entire Azure stack to your own data centers	Run Functions on your local server; does not include the entire Azure stack	Deploy custom Azure modules on IoT devices

*Currently in preview

My first Azure Function



Sample scenarios for Azure Functions



Sample scenarios for Functions

Web application backends

Mobile application backends

IoT-connected backends

Conversational bot processing

Real-time file processing

Real-time stream processing

Automation of scheduled tasks

Extending SaaS Applications

Web application backends

Scenario Example

Retail

Online orders are picked up from a queue, processed and the resulting data is stored in a database.

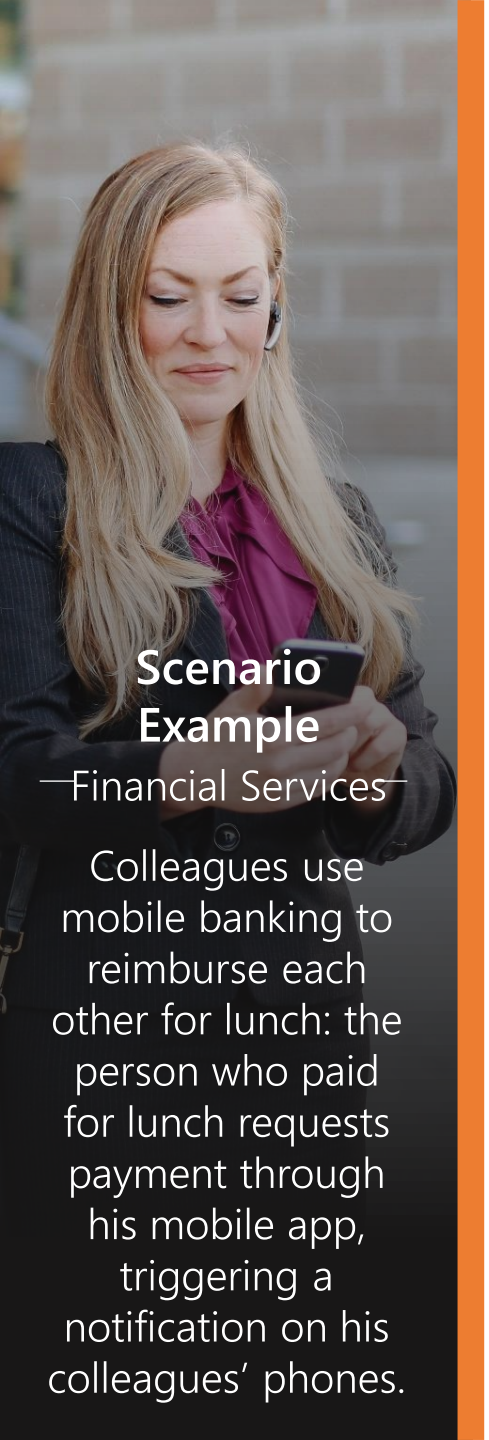
Request made in a web app

Request queued in Service Bus

A function processes the request…

…sends output to Cosmos DB

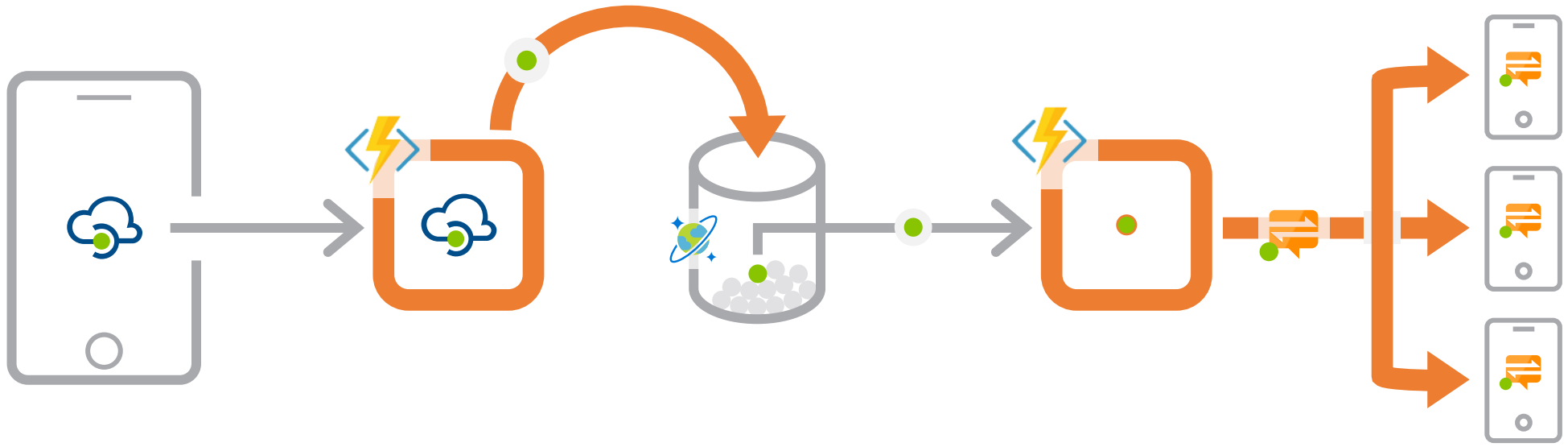
Mobile application backends



Scenario Example

Financial Services

Colleagues use mobile banking to reimburse each other for lunch: the person who paid for lunch requests payment through his mobile app, triggering a notification on his colleagues' phones.



HTTP API call from a mobile app

Call processed by a function

Output data stored in Cosmos DB

Data transfer triggers second function…

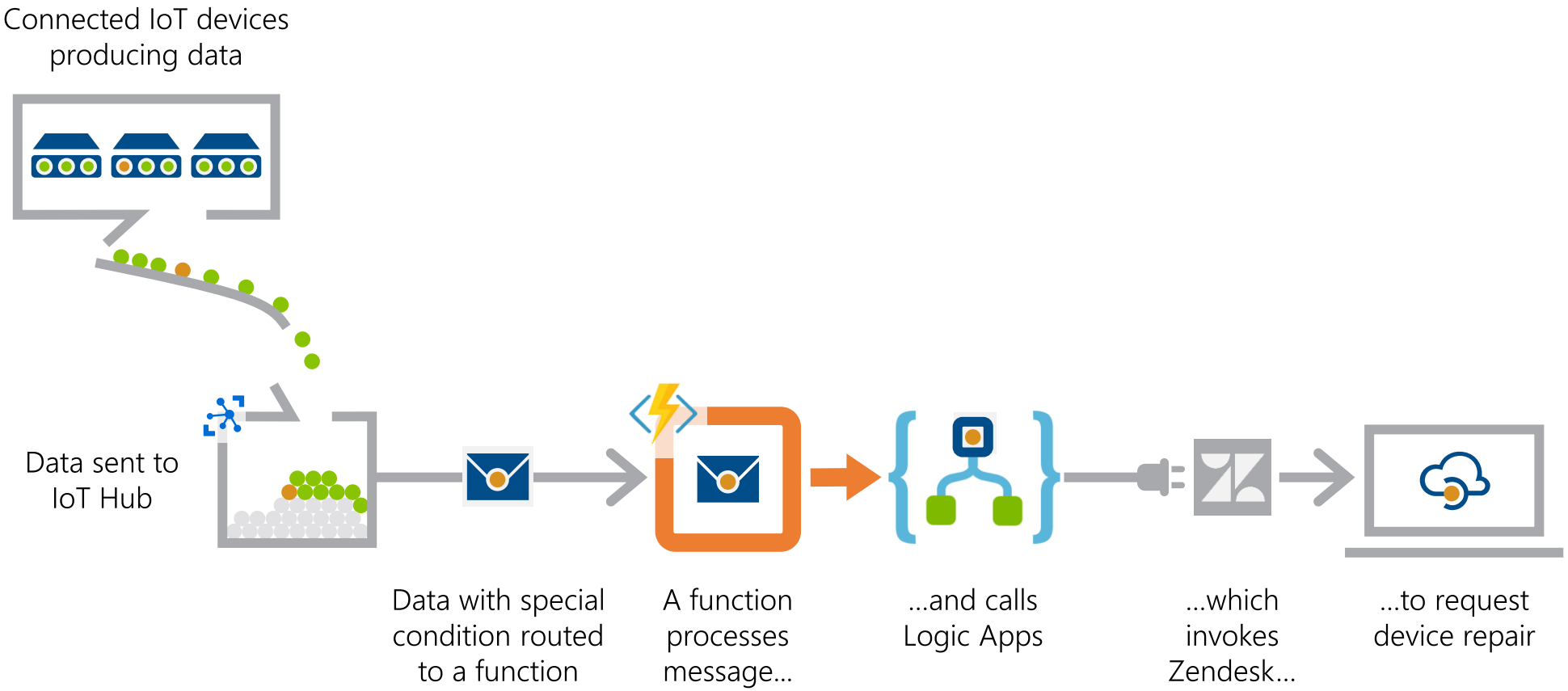
…which sends notifications using Notifications Hub

IoT-connected backends

Scenario Example

Manufacturing

A manufacturing company uses IoT to monitor its machines. Functions detects anomalous data and triggers a message to Service department when repair is required.

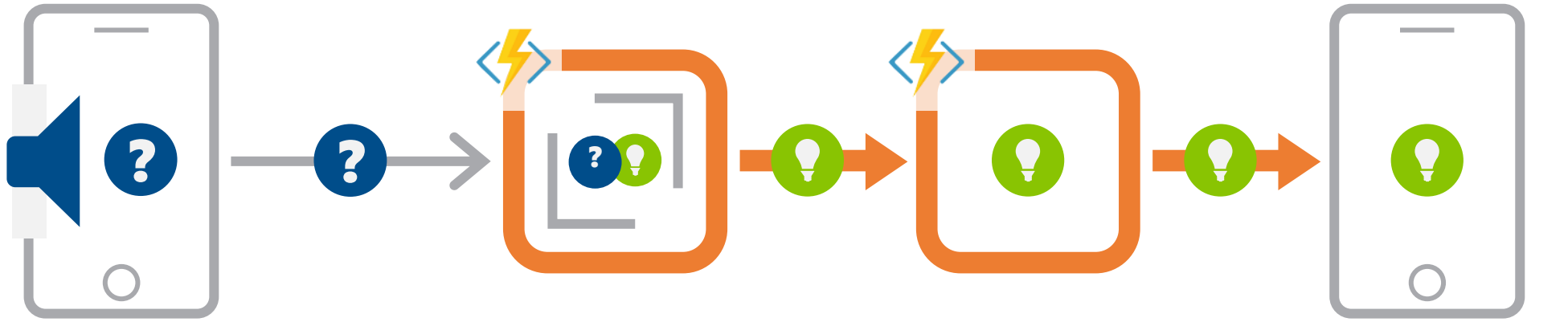


Scenario Example

Hospitality

Customer asks for available vacation accommodations on her smartphone. A serverless bot deciphers the request and returns vacation options.

Conversational bot processing

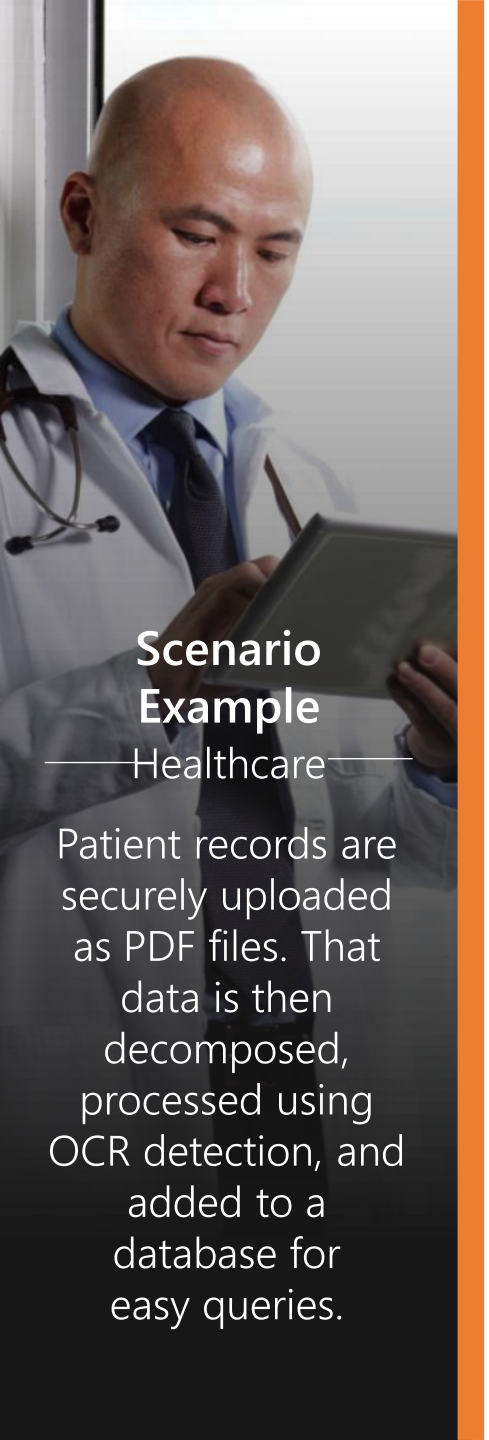


User request through conversational interface

Bot running in a function deciphers request using language understanding

Another function processes the request

...and sends response to original requester

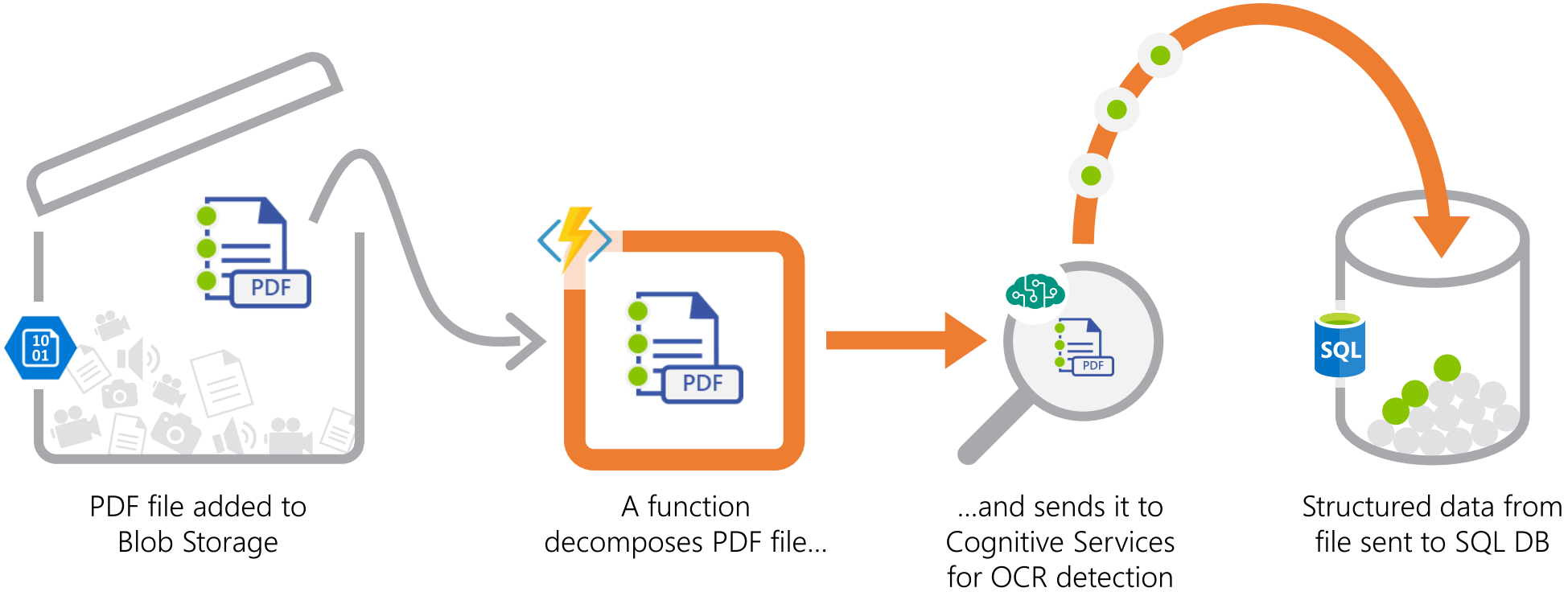


Real-time file processing

Scenario Example

Healthcare

Patient records are securely uploaded as PDF files. That data is then decomposed, processed using OCR detection, and added to a database for easy queries.



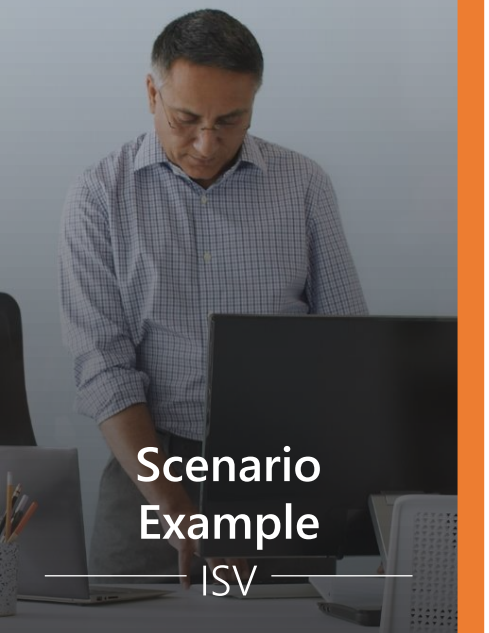
PDF file added to Blob Storage

A function decomposes PDF file...

...and sends it to Cognitive Services for OCR detection

Structured data from file sent to SQL DB

Real-time stream processing



Scenario Example

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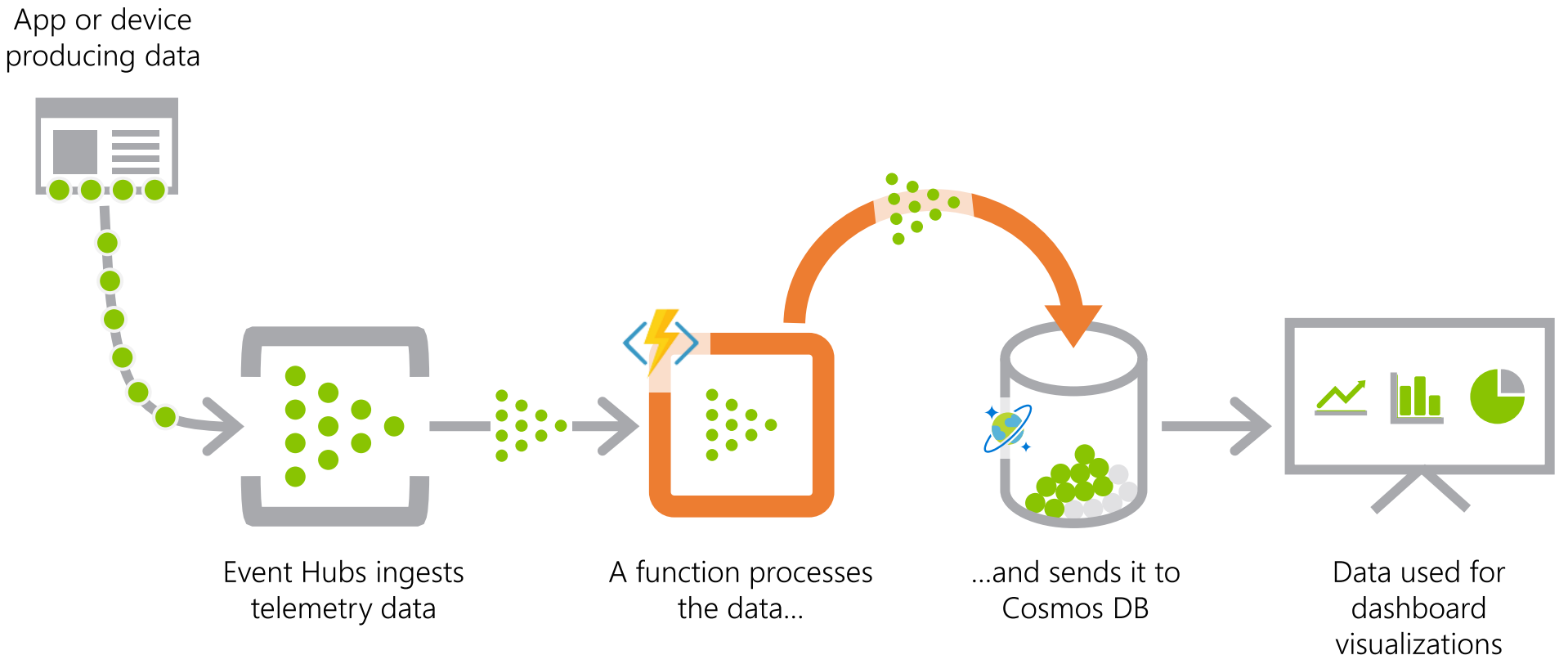
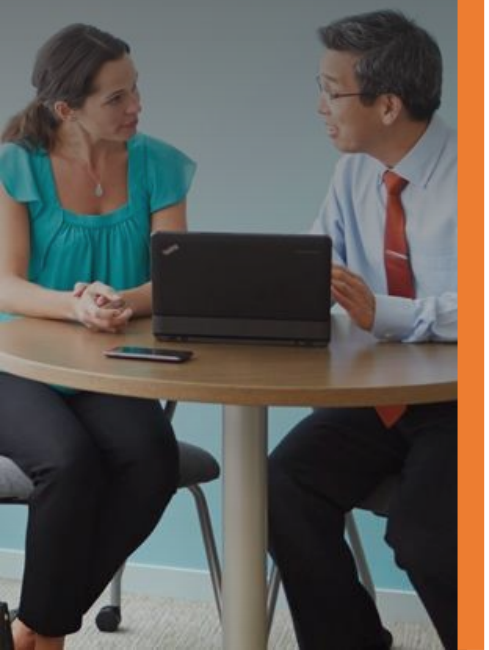
Huge amounts of telemetry data is collected from a massive cloud app. That data is processed in near real-time and stored in a DB for use in an analytics dashboard.



Scenario Example

—Financial Services—

A customer database is analyzed for duplicate entries every 15 minutes, to avoid multiple communications being sent out to same customers.



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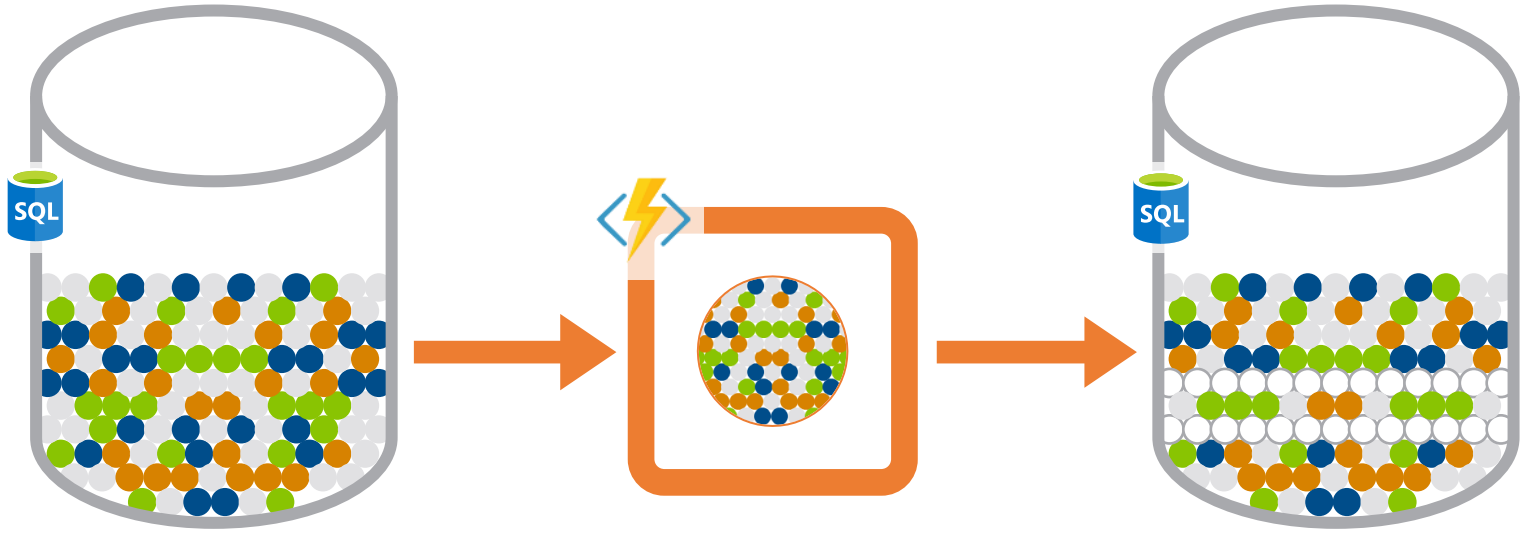


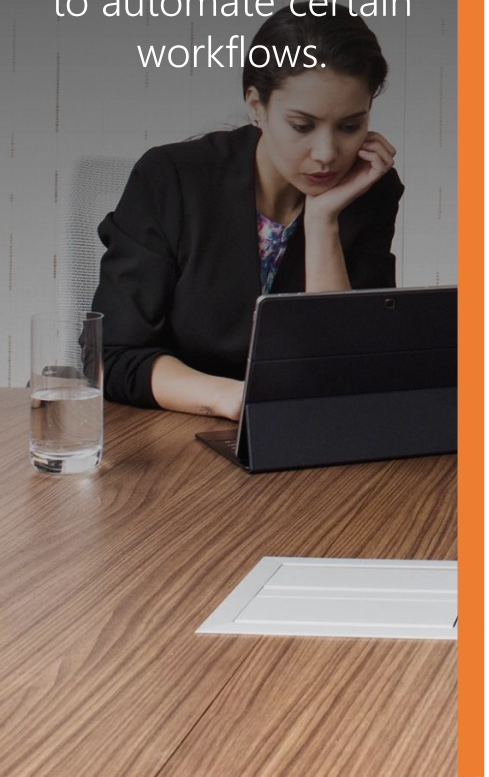
A function cleans a database every 15 minutes…

…deduplicating entries based on business logic

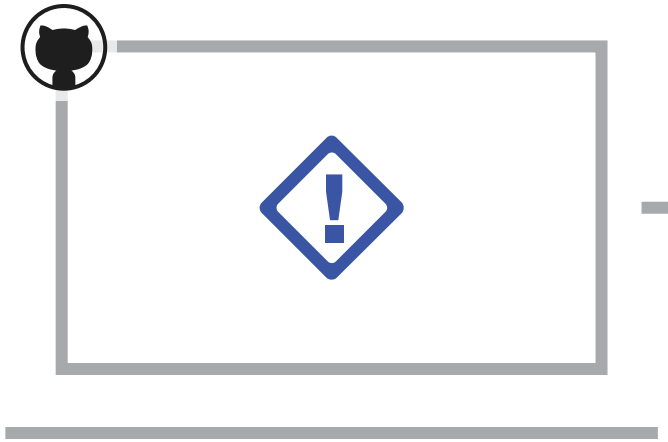
Scenario Example

– Professional Services –

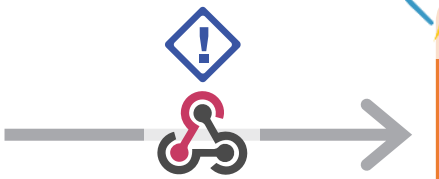
A SaaS solution provides extensibility through webhooks, which can be implemented through Functions, to automate certain workflows.



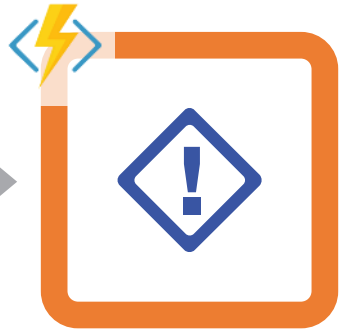
Extending SaaS applications



Issue created in GitHub...



...which triggers a webhook call



...which is processed by a function...

...by posting the issue details to Slack

What makes Functions unique?

Intuitive experience

Easy-to-use, familiar tools like the Azure portal and Visual Studio help you get running on serverless fast

Flexible run options

With so many plan options, you can choose the level of access that's best for your company and customers

Feature variety

A host of features, from bindings to code editors, gives you the tools needed to quickly create the best apps

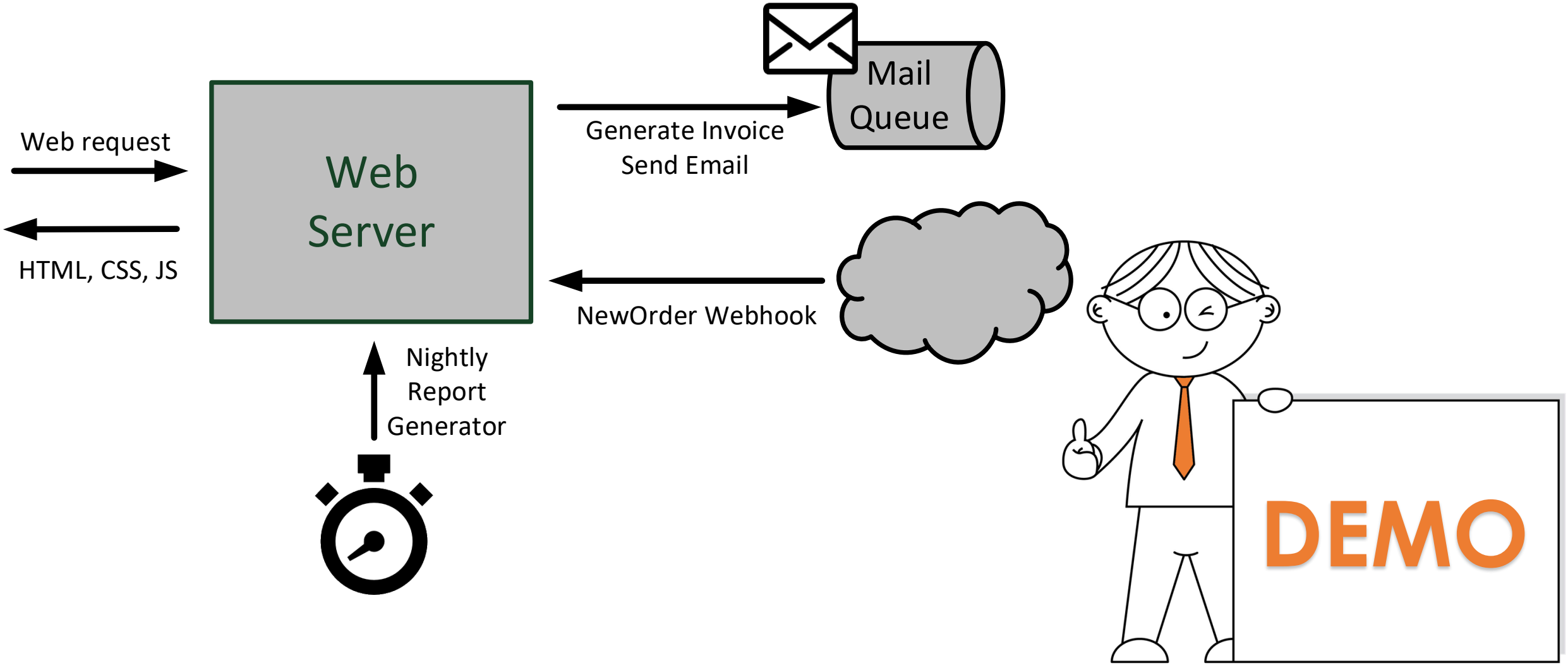
Durable Functions

With this extension Azure Functions help you simplify complex, stateful orchestration problems

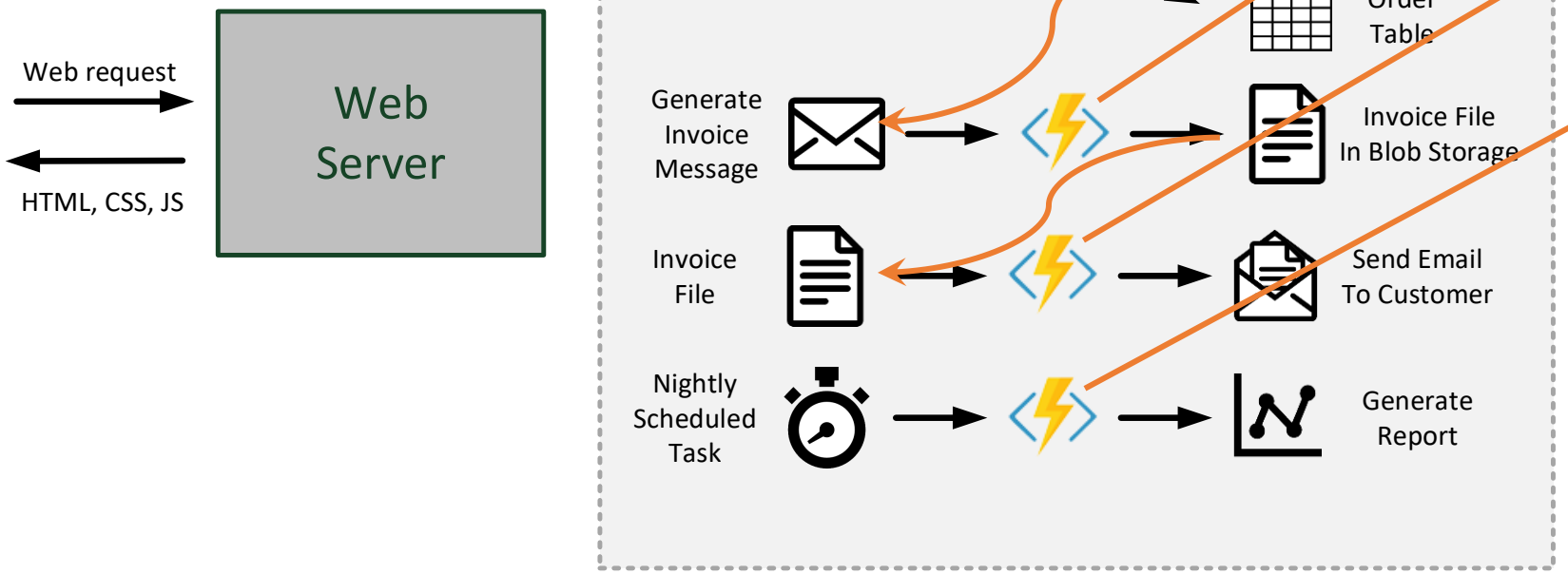
Consolidated tools

Thanks to so many built-in solutions, you can do more in Functions than AWS, which often requires external tools

Order Manager- Classical



Order Manager – Azure Functions

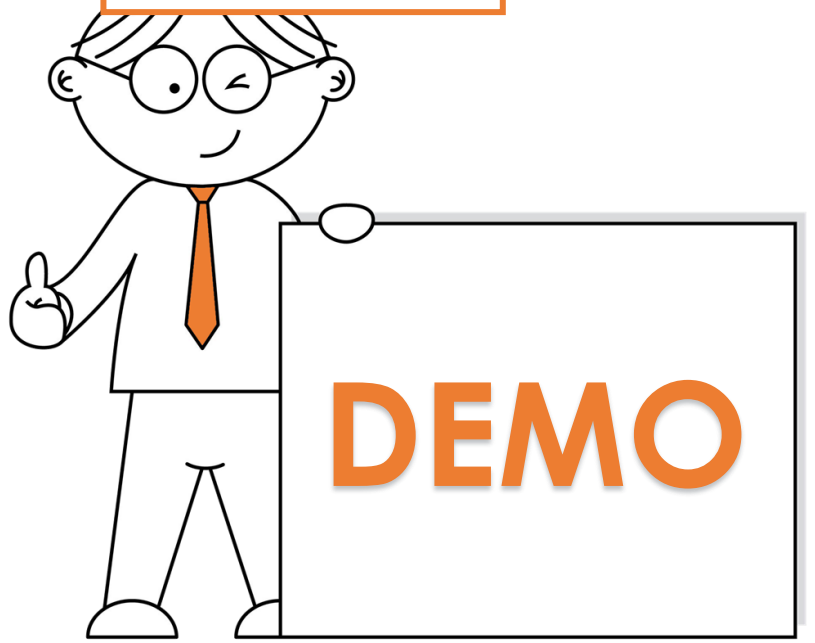


Validate order and write it in db

Generate invoice file

Send email to customer

Generate periodical report



Takeaways

- You don't care about infrastructure! (compute power, scale, instances,…)
- You just think about the implementation!
- Pay as you use! (or you reuse your app service plan)
- Writing an Azure Functions is simple!
- …. then ….

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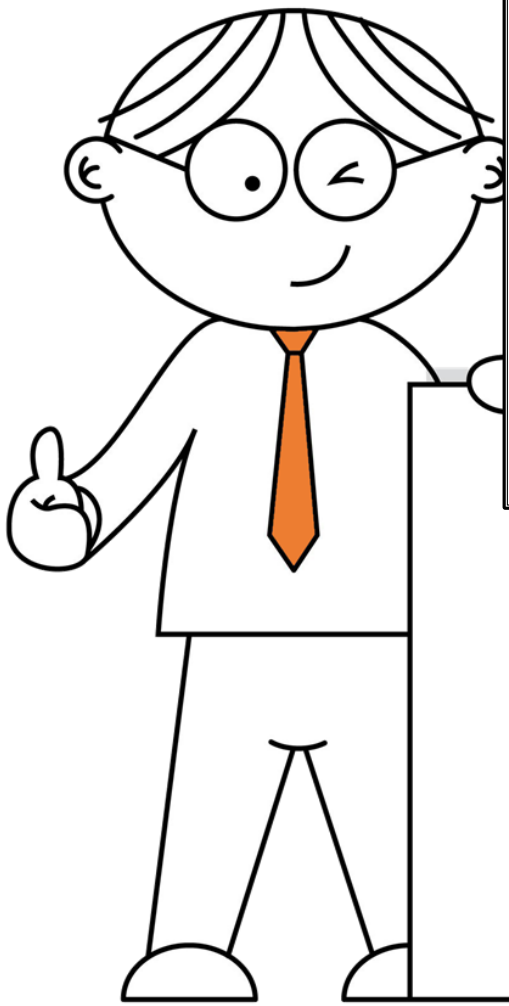

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