Cloud Agnostic Serverless with Fn Project

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The serverless explained

	DIY	Bare Metal	PaaS	K8s-aaS	Serverless
Hardware					
OS					
Hypervisor					
Virtual OS					
Container Orchestration					
Application Code					

Your problem

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Somebody else's problem

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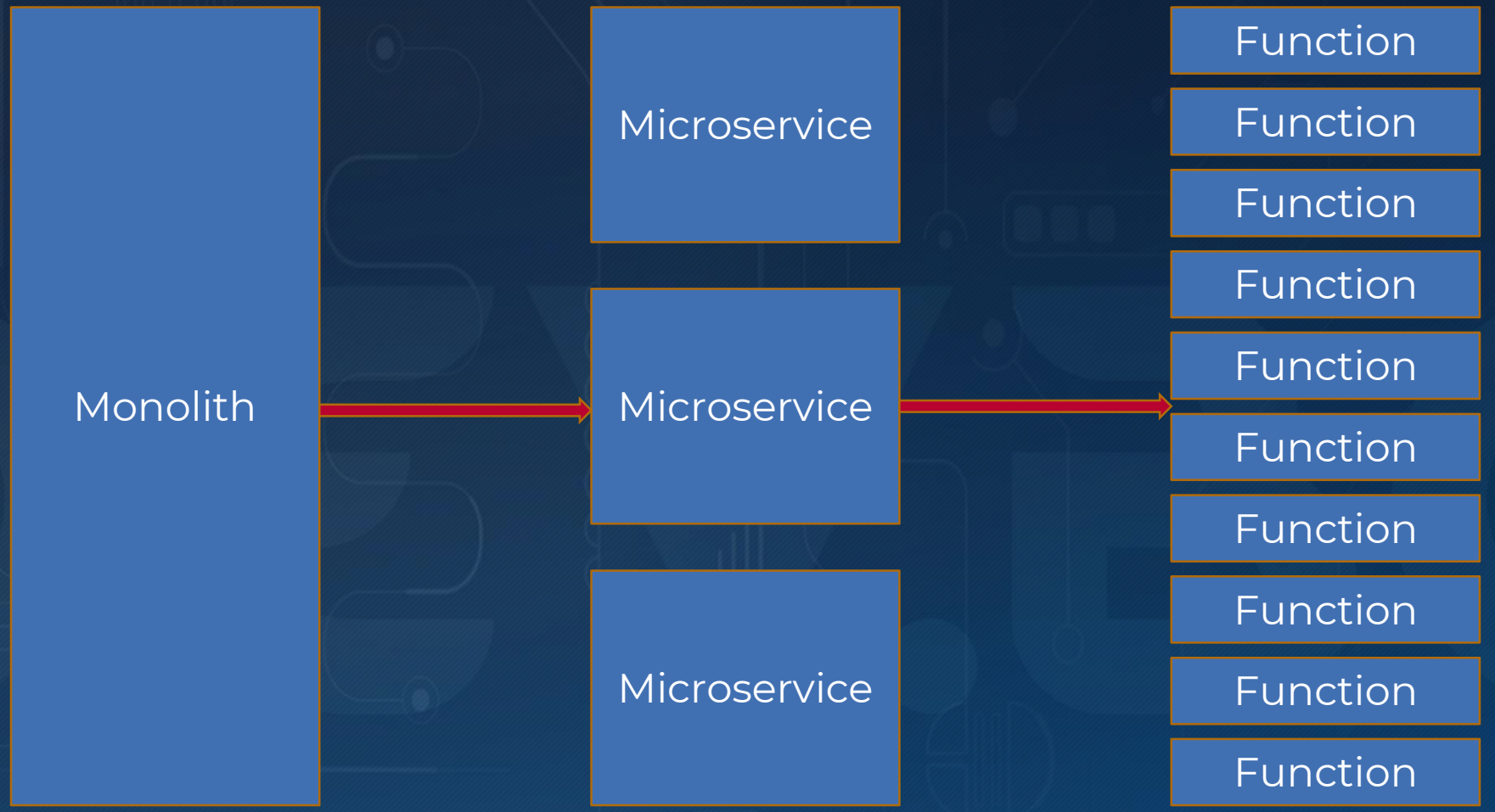

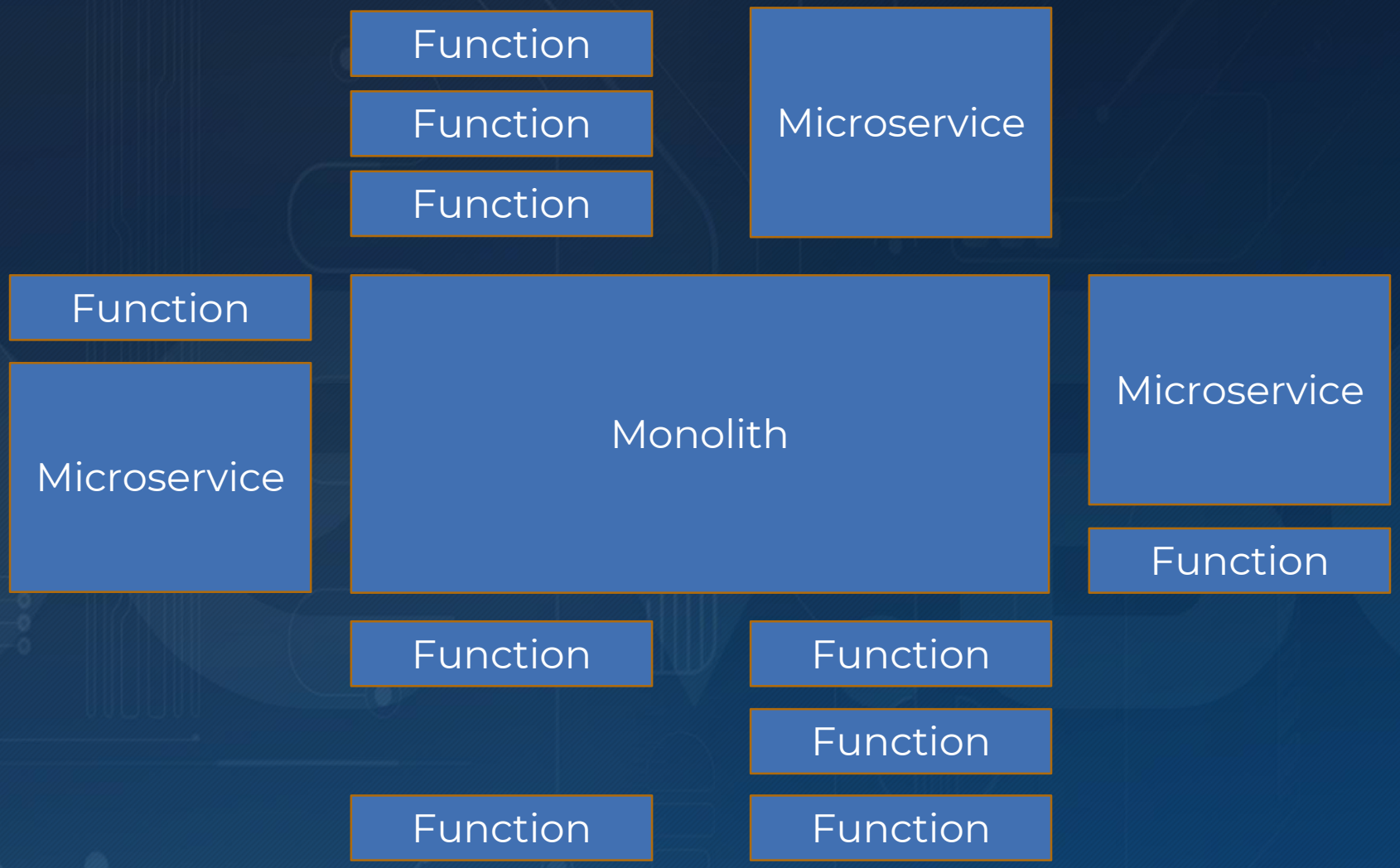

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- C#
- F#
- JavaScript
- Java (**ver 2.x only**)
- PowerShell (**ver 2.x only**)
- Python (**ver 2.x only**)
- TypeScript (**ver 2.x only**)
- *some experimental*

- JavaScript
- Python
- Java (8, 11)
- C# (dotnetcore2.1)
- Go (1.x)
- Ruby (2.5)

Google Cloud

- ❑ JavaScript
- ❑ Go
- ❑ Python

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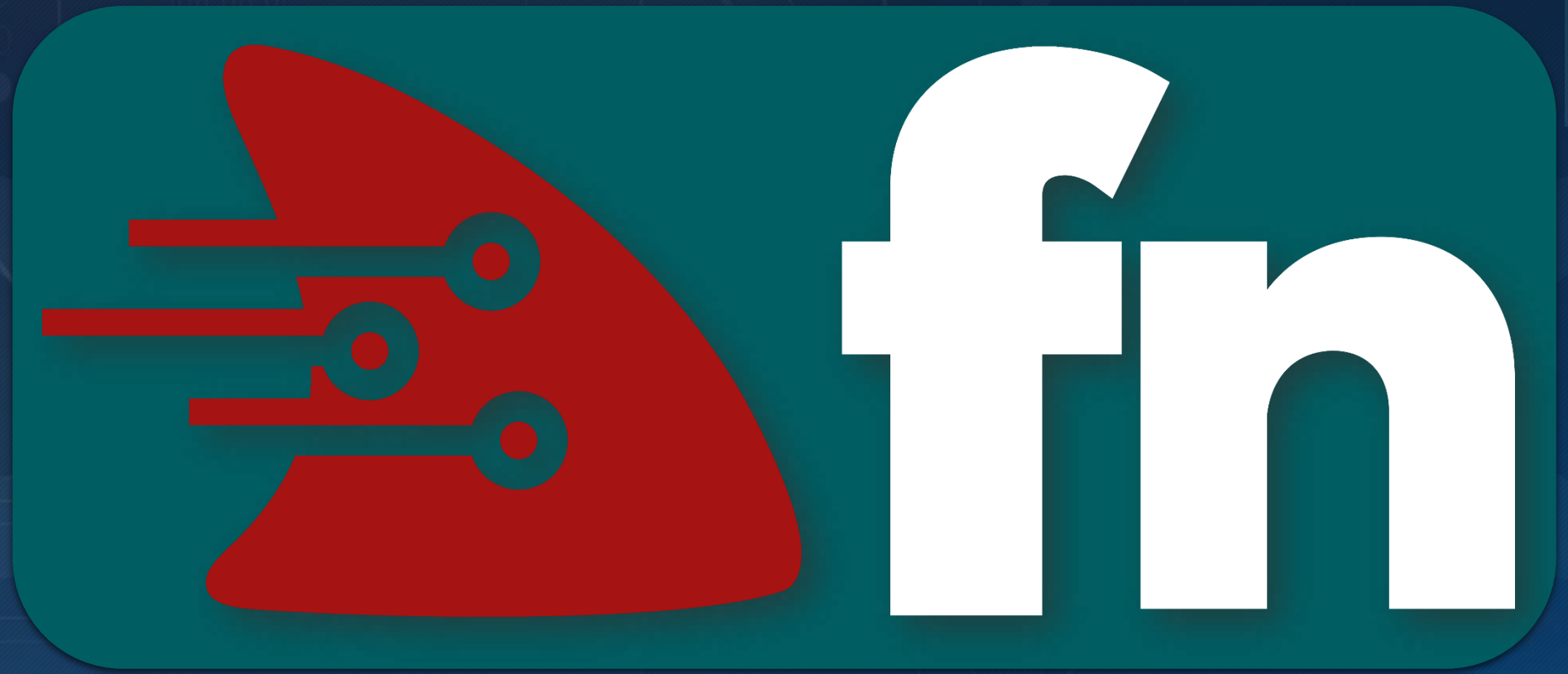
That’s it?!?



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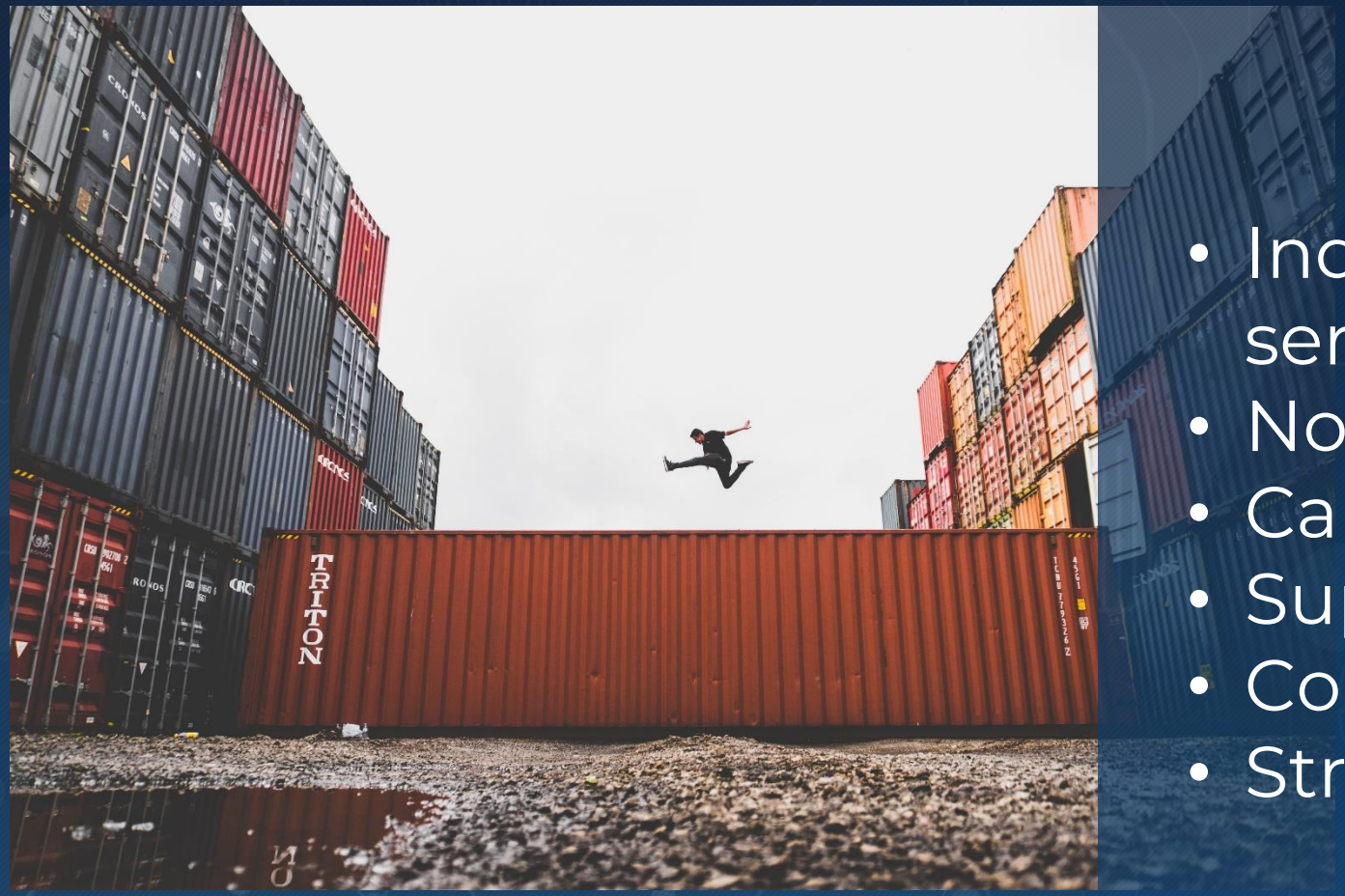
What is Fn Project?



- Independent **open-source** serverless compute platform
- Not tied to any cloud vendor
- Can be run on premises
- Supported by **Oracle**
- Containers are primitives
- Strong enterprise in mind

What is a function container?

- Sandboxed process
- Short running
- Event-driven
- Stateless (-ish)

Anatomy of an Fn function

- Small chunk of code wrapped in a container
- Gets input from http-stream and environment
- Sends output to http-stream
- Logs to STDERR / syslog

FDK (Function Development Kit) support

Officially supported

Community supported

Go

Java

Node.js

Python

Ruby

C#

The Fn Server

- Runs in a container also
- Handles as an API gateway
- Exposes REST interface
- Storing logs

The Fn CLI

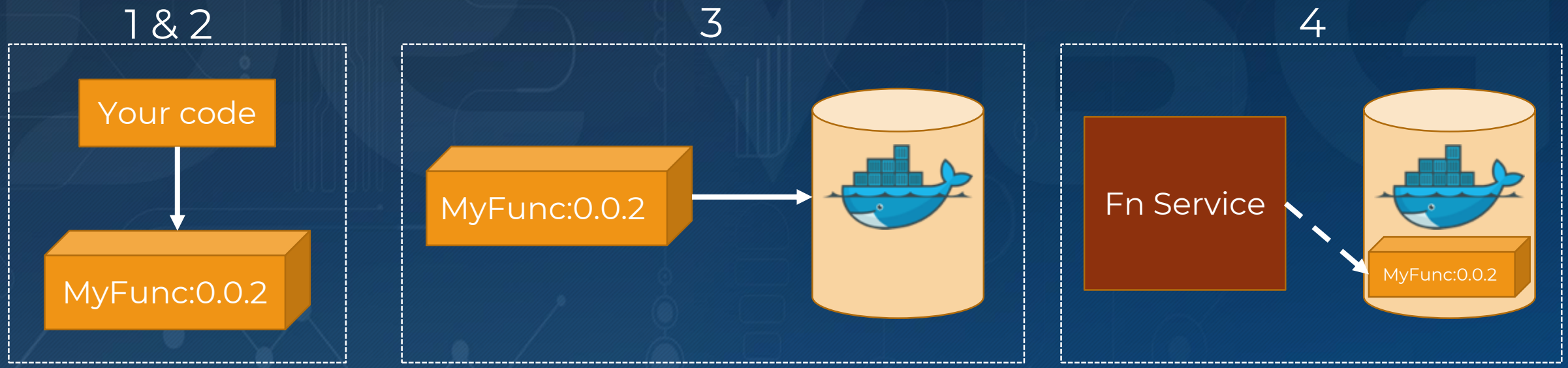
- Of course we have a CLI!
- Used to interact with Fn Server
- Initialization
- Deployment
- Invocation

Initialization of functions

- Calling **fn init** to create a boilerplate in a folder
- Does not do anything on the server
- Boilerplate includes: **Dockerfile, func.yaml** & **code**

How deployment works

1. Bumps function version
2. Builds container
3. Pushes it to registry
4. Creates or update function & trigger in server



Invocation of functions

- From the CLI
- With HTTP request
- From the UI

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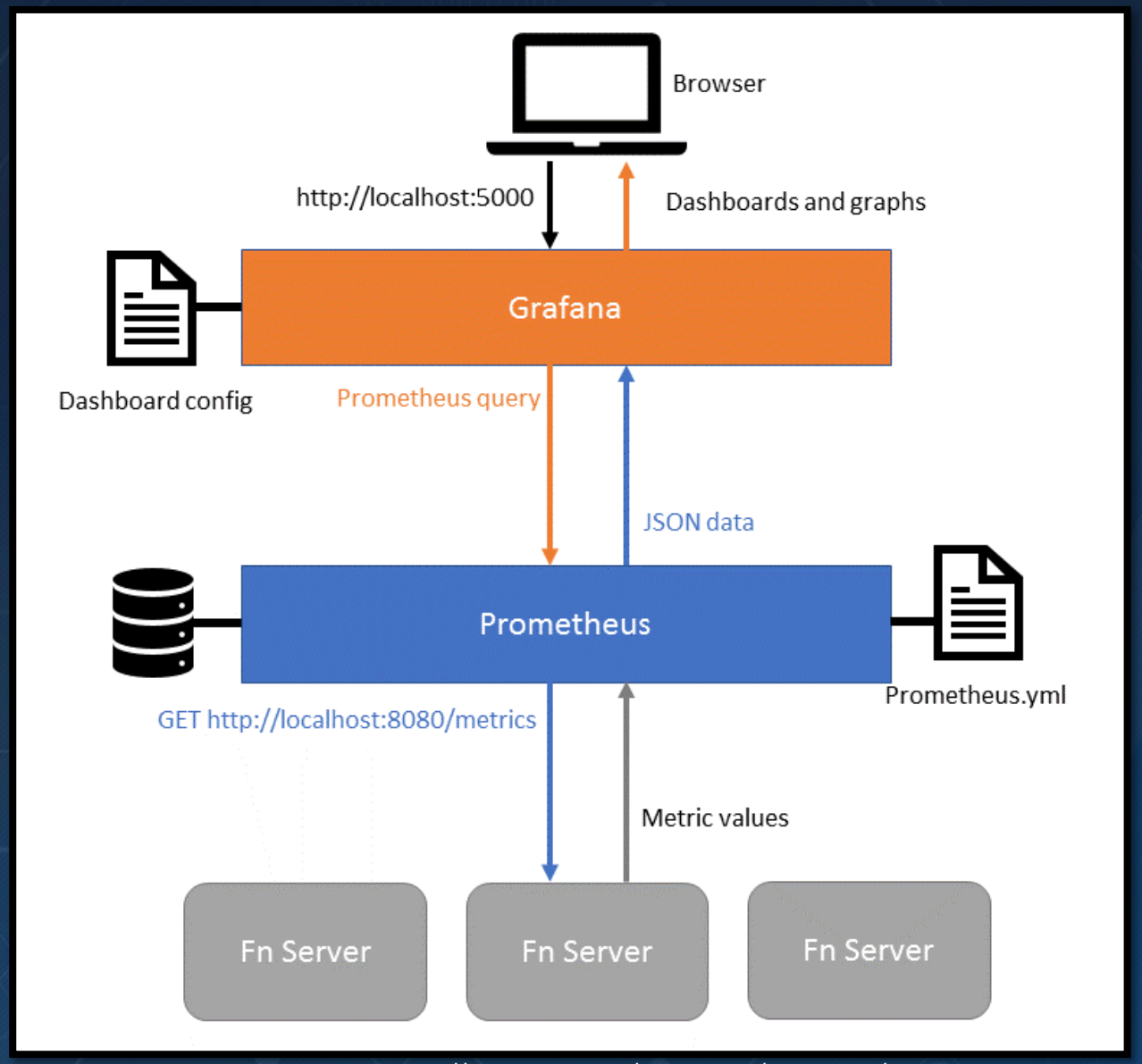

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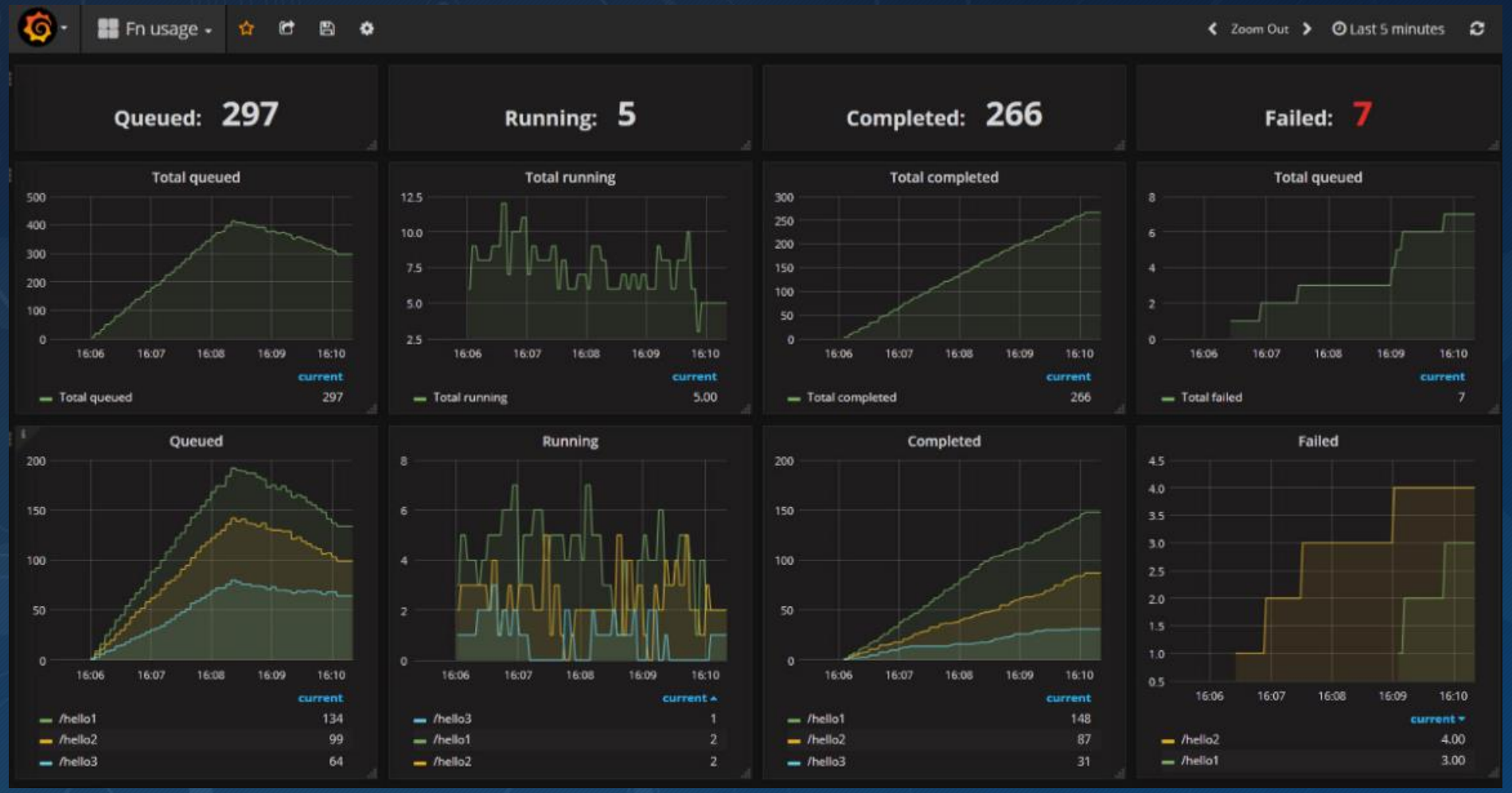
See metrics with Grafana & Prometheus



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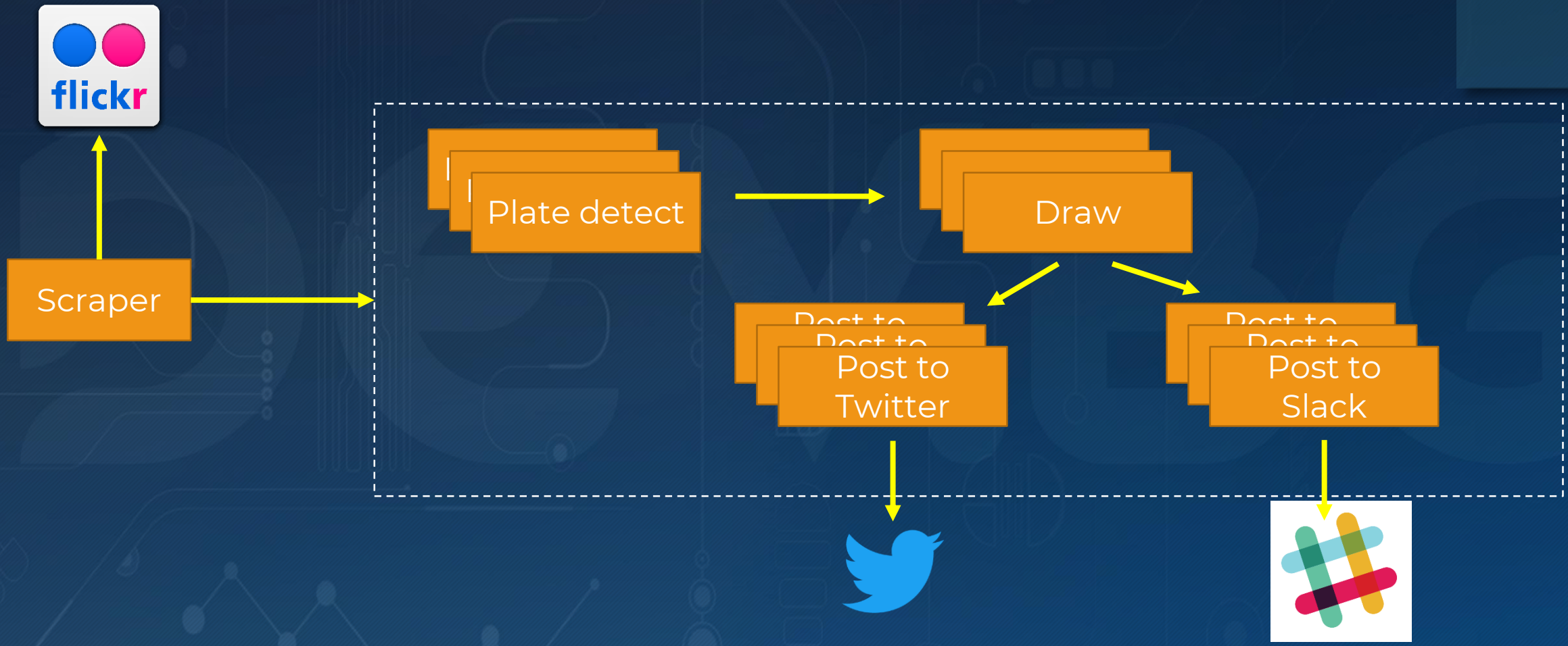
Using it in Kubernetes

- Recommended way of deployment for production
- Helm chart available on GitHub

Fn Flow

- Building scalable distributed applications out of functions
- Flows are functions also
- Support complex parallel processes with error handling, which is testable
- Flow functions scale as normal functions
- Currently supports Java, hopefully more to come

Fn Flow | Licence plate example



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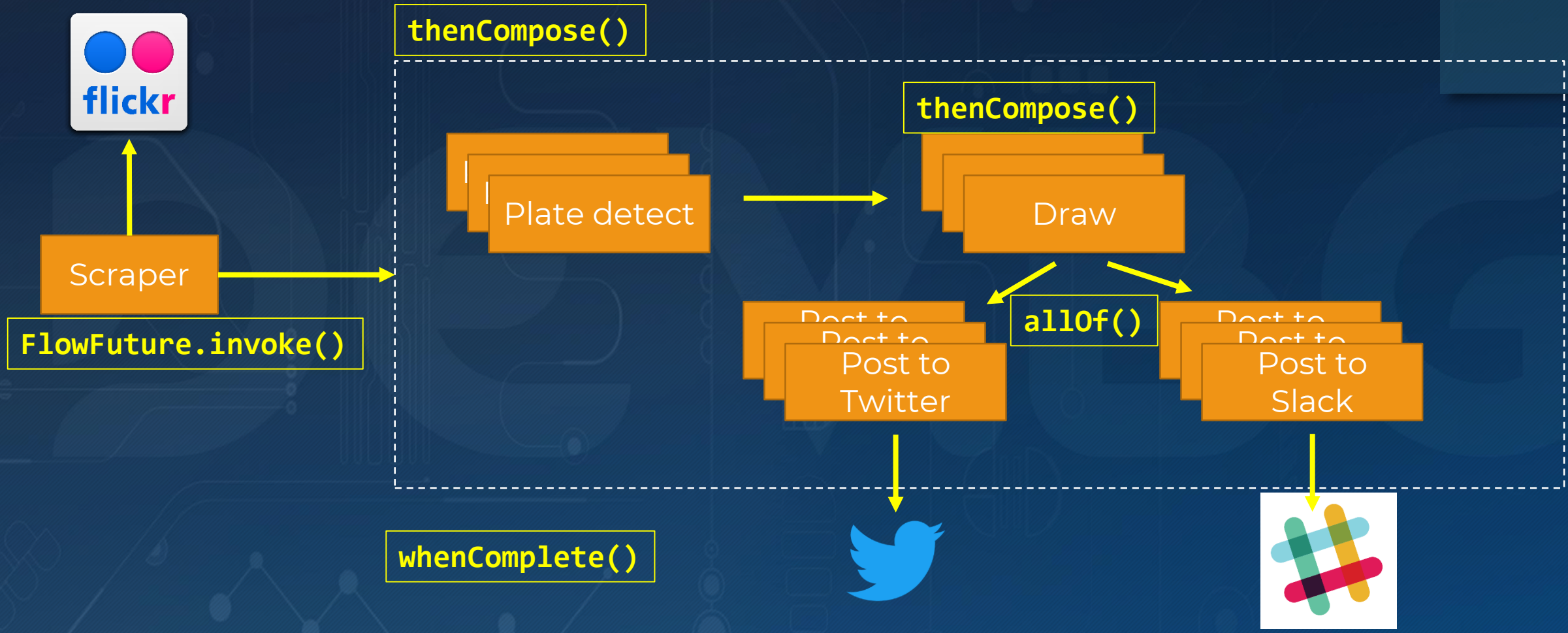

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1   public class VistaFlow {
2     public void handleRequest(ScrapeReq input) throws Exception {
3
4     FlowFuture<ScrapeResp> scrapes = currentFlow().invokeFunction("scraper");
5
6     scrapes.thenCompose(resp -> {
7       List<FlowFuture<?>> pendingTasks = results.stream().map(scrapeResult -> {
8
9         String id = scrapeResult.id;
10
11        return currentFlow().invokeFunction("detect-plates").thenCompose((plateResp) -> {
12
13          return currentFlow().invokeFunction("draw").thenCompose((drawResp) -> {
14
15            return currentFlow().allOf(
16              currentFlow().invokeFunction("twitter"),
17              currentFlow().invokeFunction("slack"));
18          });
19        });
20      });
21
22    }).whenComplete((v, throwable) -> {
23        if (throwable != null) {
24          postMessageToSlack("An Error Occurred.");
25        } else {
26          postMessageToSlack("Finished Scraping.");
27        }
28      });
29    }
30  }
```

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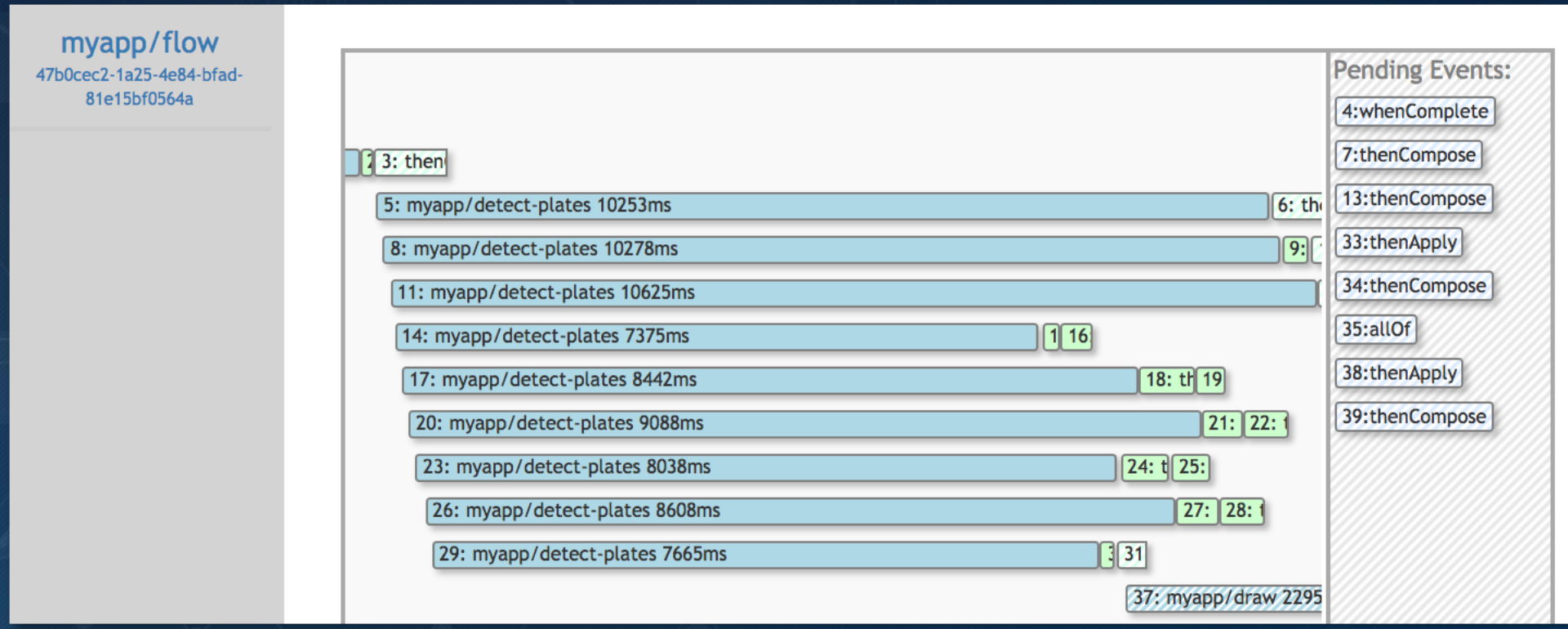
Fn Flow UI



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