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A Next-Generation Protocol for IoT and Edge Computing

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Common Protocols at the Edge

CoAP
RFC 7252



LightweightM2M
specified at oia



CoAP

DDS

LwM2M

OPC UA

MQTT

Request / Response

Publish / Subscribe

Request / Response

It's complicated

Publish / Subscribe

Client / Server

Peer-to-Peer

Client / Server

Brokered

Common Edge Protocol Implementations



CoAP

Eclipse Californium



DDS

Eclipse Cyclone DDS



LwM2M

Eclipse Leshan
Eclipse Wakaama

milo

OPC UA

Eclipse Milo



MQTT



Eclipse Amlen
Eclipse Mosquitto
Eclipse Paho

Common Edge Protocols: Criticisms

CoAP
RFC 7252



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MQTT

Longer transmission times

Implementations often incompatible

Tied to CoAP and UDP

Complex; spec is several thousand pages long

Tied to TCP

DTLS has limitations

Routing over the public Internet is tricky

Six transports; 200+ facets. Interoperability is a challenge

MQTT-SN is a different protocol

The Journey of Data

1. Capture

Sensors capture data at the edge

2. Transmission

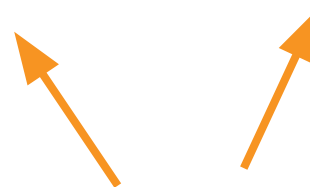
Data is transmitted from the edge to its destination

3. Computation and storage

Data is stored as is or after computation

4. Retrieval

Data is retrieved, often for further processing

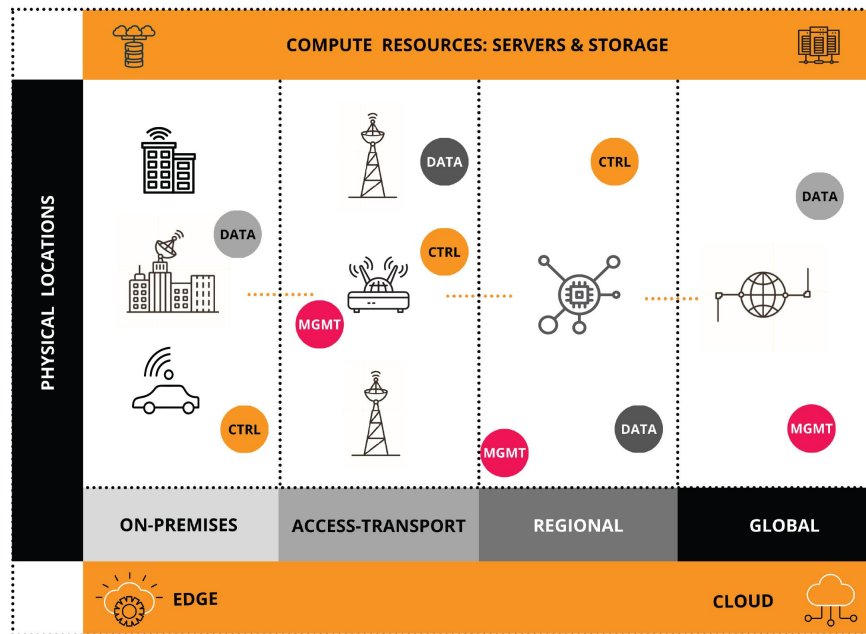


Opportunity

Existing protocols do not care about computation, storage and retrieval

The Edge-To-Cloud Continuum

IoT solutions, whether they leverage edge computing or not, leverage a continuum of compute, storage and communication resources spanning from the microcontroller to the Cloud

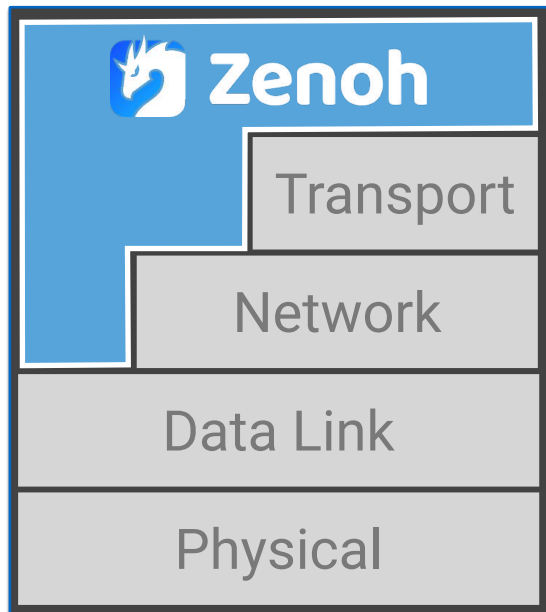


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- > Unifies data in motion, data in-use, data at rest and computations
- > Blends traditional pub/sub with distributed queries
- > Built-in support for geo-distributed storage and distributed computations



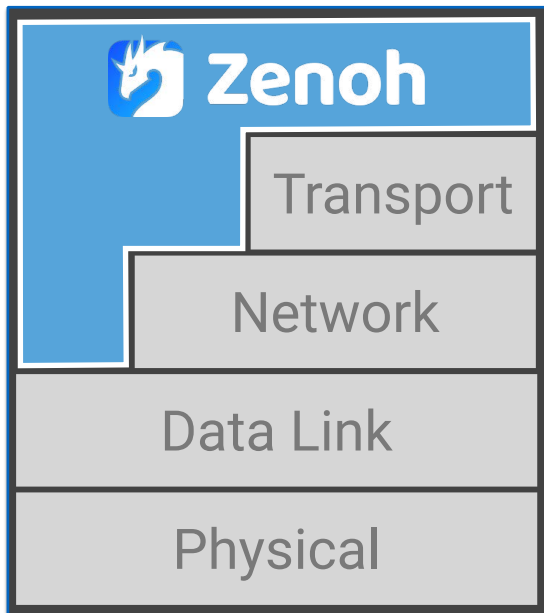
What Is zenoh?



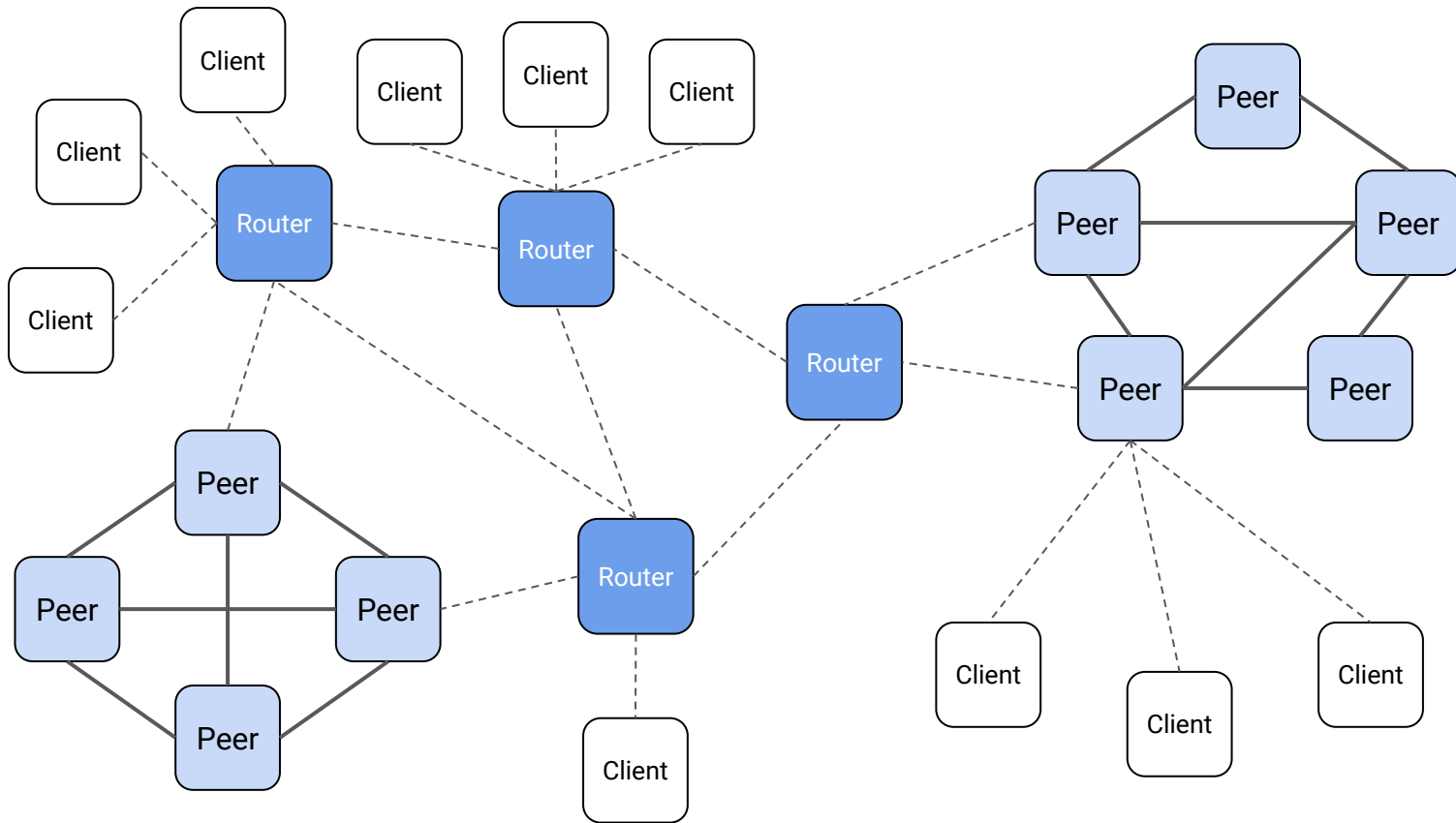
- > Unifies data in motion, data in-use, data at rest and computations
- > Provides a location-transparent API for high performance pub/sub and distributed queries
- > Facilitates data representation transcoding, geo-distributed storage and distributed computed values

Zenoh Technical Highlights

- > Efficient protocol (bandwidth, power consumption, memory usage) with support for extremely constrained targets
- > Supports push and pull pub/sub along with distributed queries
- > Resource keys are represented as integers on the wire (these integers are local to a session)
- > Support for peer-to-peer and routed communication
- > Support for zero-copy
- > Ordered reliable data delivery and fragmentation
- > Minimal wire overhead for user data is 5 bytes



Node Types and Topology



Naming Data

Following the tradition of Named Data Networking protocols, data is identified by a **key** (sequence of byte arrays)

```
/fleet/CA/robot/1/pointcloud  
/home/kitchen/sensors/C202
```

Data interest and intents are expressed by means of **keys regular expressions**, such as:

```
/fleet/FR/robot/**  
/camera/FR/*/image
```

Selecting Data

Uses selector to defines data sets. A selector is composed by a key expression, and optionally a predicate, a projection and a set of properties

```
/fleet/*/robot/*/sensor/temp?value>25  
  
/mycar/dynamics?speed>25#acceleration
```

The key-expression is used to route the query, while predicate, properties, projection, etc., are interpreted only by the entity that executes the query. It also provide different policies to control query consolidation and completeness and potentially quorums

Primitives: Entities

Resource

Named data item (key,value)

```
/fleet/CA/robot/1867/sensor/temp, 21.5
```

```
/fleet/FR/robot/1789/sensor/hum, 0.67
```

Publisher

Spring of values for a key expression

```
/fleet/CA/robot/1867/sensor/temp
```

```
/fleet/*/robot/*/halt
```

Subscriber

Sink of values for a key expression

```
/fleet/CA/robot/1867/sensor/temp
```

```
/fleet/FR/robot/1789/sensor/*
```

Queryable

Well of values for a key expression

```
/fleet/CA/**
```

Primitives: Operations

scout Looks for zenoh entities on the network. The type of node (peers, router, etc.) is specified through a bitmask

open/close Open/Close a zenoh.net session

declare/undeclare Declare/Undeclare resources, publishers, subscribers and queryables.

For subscribers the declare primitive registers a user provided callback that will be triggered when data is available.

For queryable, the declare primitive register a user provided callback triggered whenever a query needs to be answered.

Primitives: Operations (2)

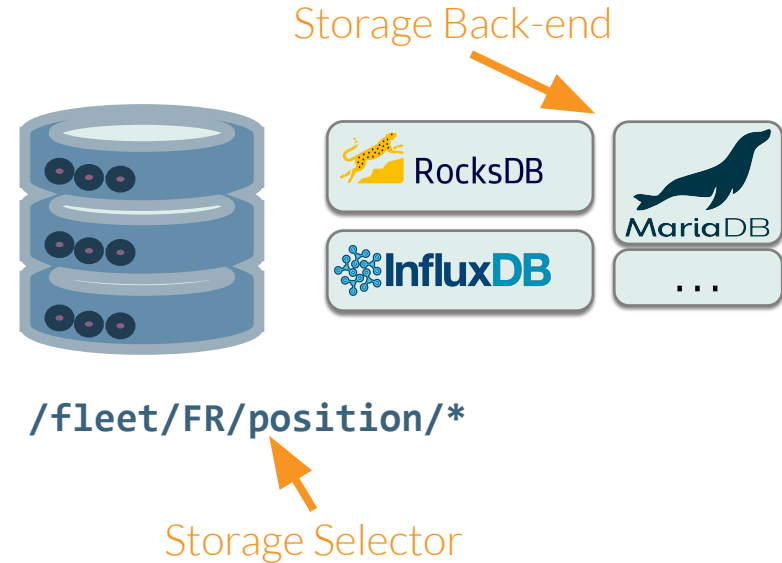
- write** Writes data for a key expression.
- pull** Pulls data for a pull subscriber.
- query** Issues a distributed query and returns a stream of results. The query target, coverage and consolidation depends on policies

Storage

A storage is defined by:

- > **Selector**
Defines the set of resources keys hosted by this storage
- > **Backend**
Defines the storage technology used. Available choices include: filesystem, InfluxDB, in-memory (hashmap), RocksDB and SQL (SQLITE3, MariaDB, PostgreSQL)

zenoh storages can be created via the administration API **anywhere on the network** and back-ends are dynamically loaded plugins.



zenoh storages can be standalone or bound to existing databases

Eval

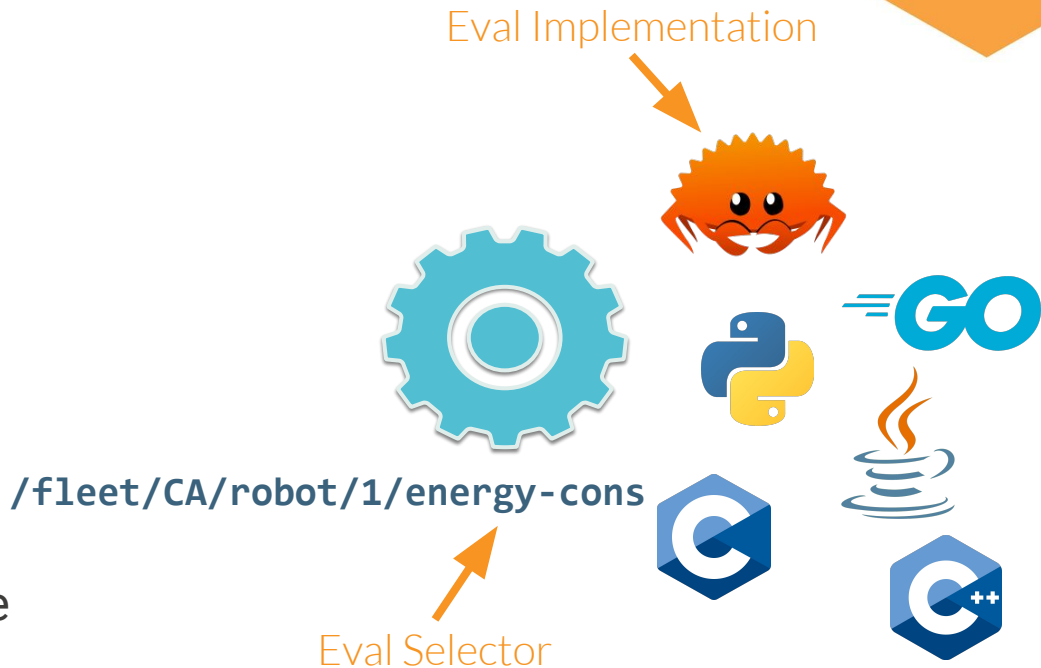
An eval is defined by:

Selector

Defines the set of resources keys that will trigger this computation

Implementation

The user code implementing the computation

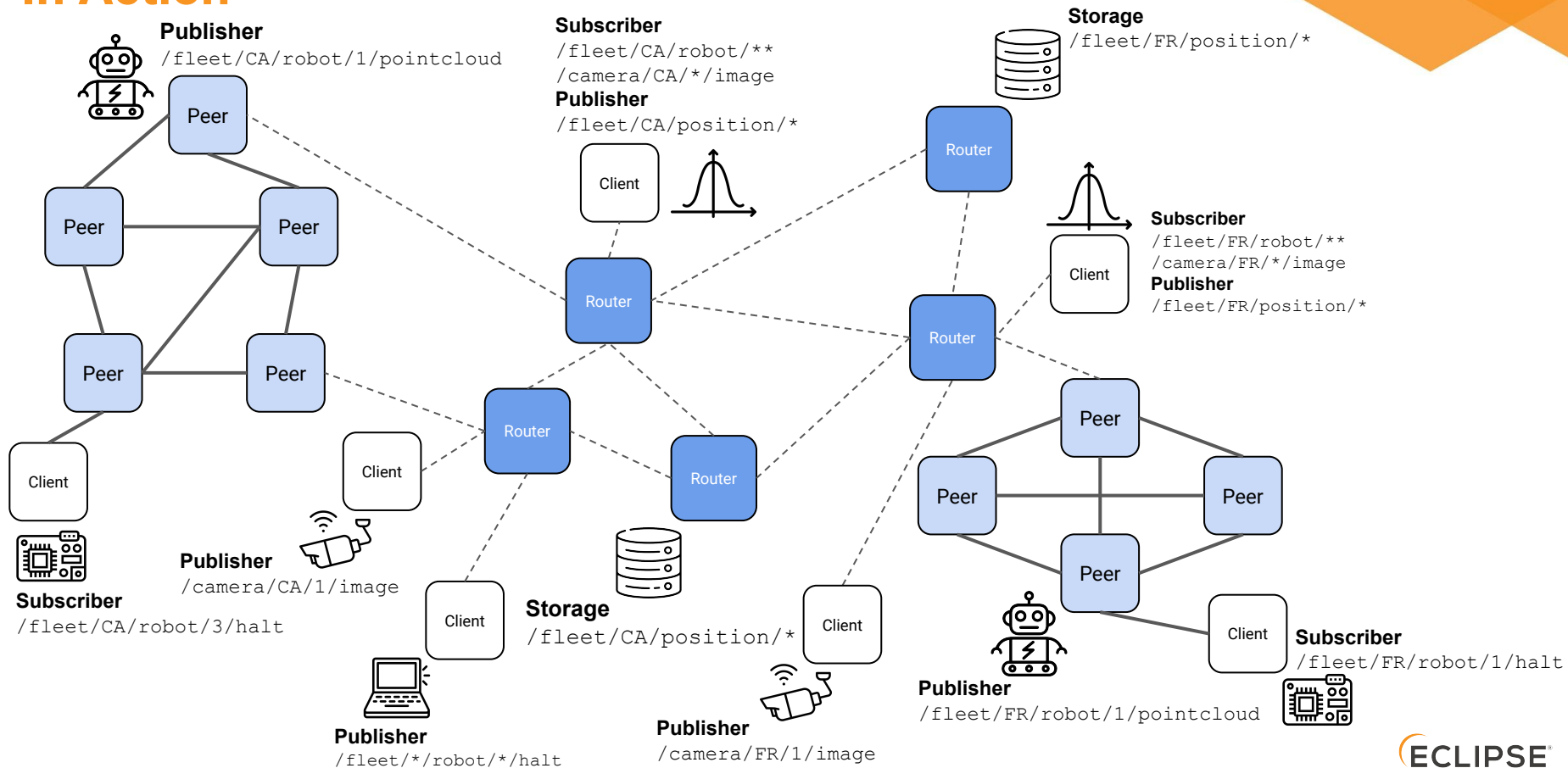


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- > Targets constrained devices
- > Offers a C API for pure clients
- > No support for peer-to-peer communications
- > Zephyr support



In Action



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Code first



Simplify and streamline
production Edge deployments



EdgeOps

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Adapting DevOps for the Edge

Challenges

- Latency
- Bandwidth
- Resiliency
- Data sovereignty

Characteristics

- Long lifespan
- Heterogeneous
- Constraints
- Connectivity

Deployment

- Workloads
- Artifacts
- Strategies

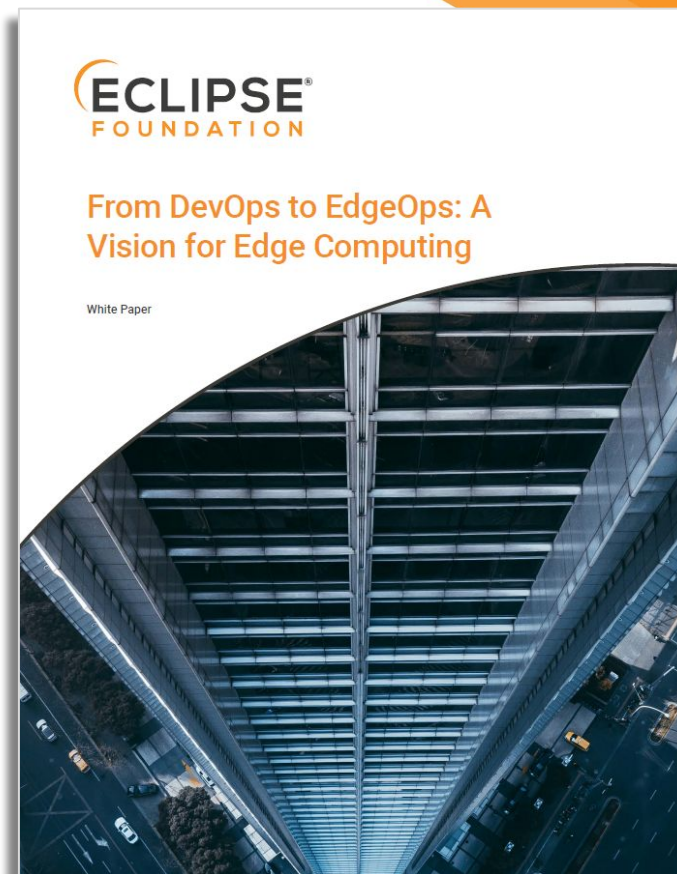
DevOps Principles

Short Lifecycle, Collaboration, Continuous Integration and Delivery (CI/CD), Microservices, Infrastructure as Code

Download the White Paper



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Production quality projects



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