



Mimicking FogDirector Application Management

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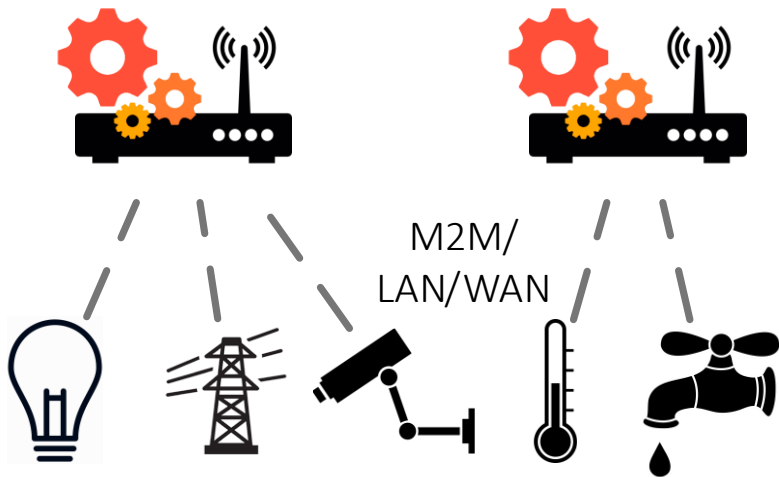
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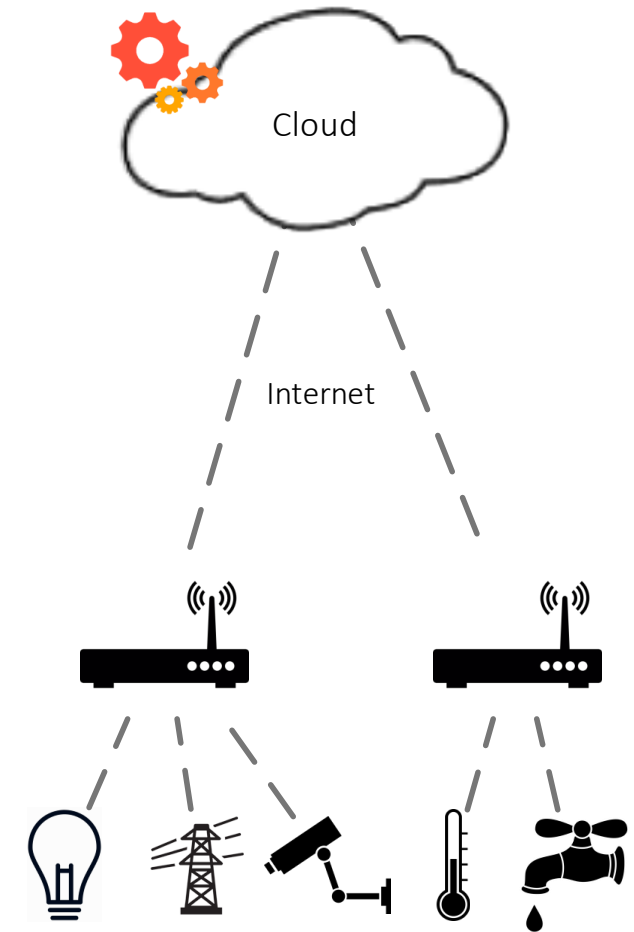
IoT Deployment Models



IoT+Edge

- Low latencies, but
- Limited capabilities,
- Difficulties in sharing data

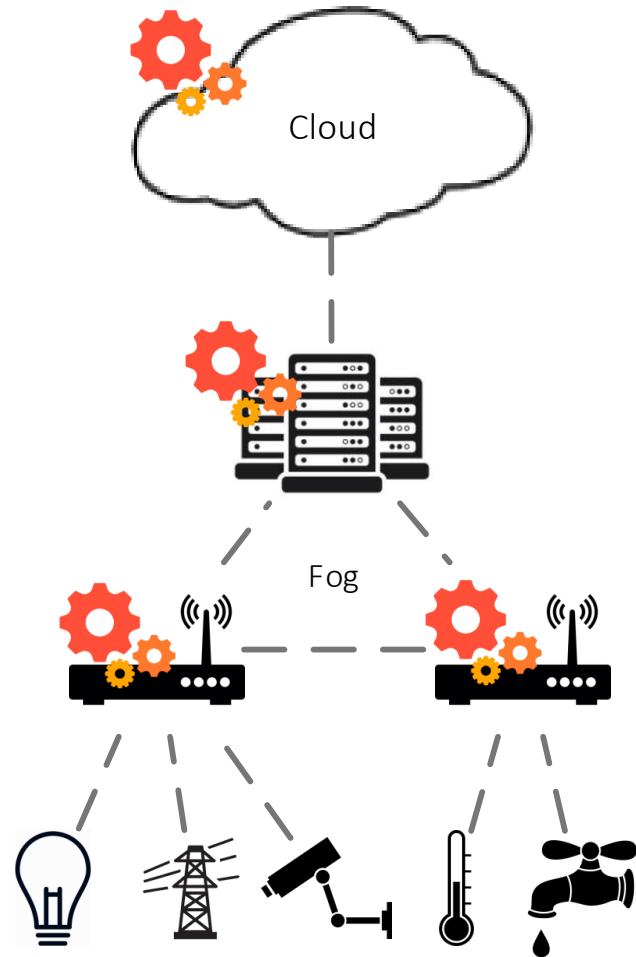
- Not sufficient *per se* to support the IoT momentum alone.
- There is a need for **filtering** and **processing** *before* the Cloud.
- Processing should occur wherever it is *best-placed* for any given IoT application



IoT+Cloud

- Huge computing power, but
- Mandatory connectivity,
- High latencies,
- Bandwidth bottleneck.

Fog Computing



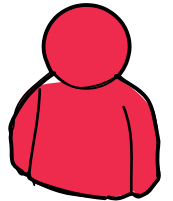
Fog computing is a system-level horizontal architecture that **distributes** resources and services of **computing, storage, control and networking** anywhere along the continuum **from Cloud to Things**, thereby **accelerating** the velocity of **decision making**.

Fog-centric architecture serves a specific subset of **business problems that cannot be** successfully implemented using only traditional **cloud based architectures or solely intelligent edge devices**.

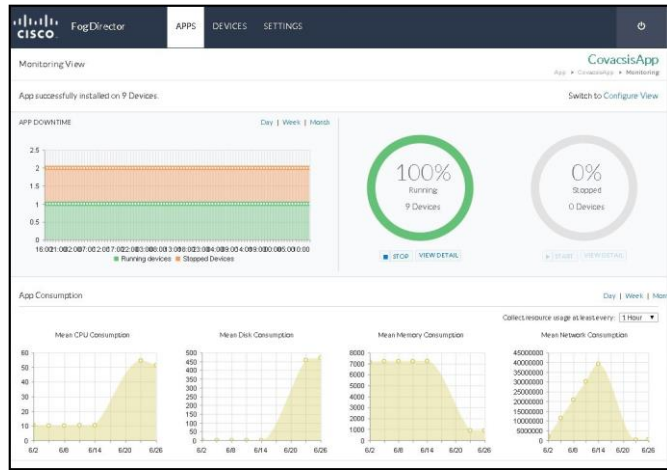
[OpenFog Reference Architecture, 2016.]

Fog Director

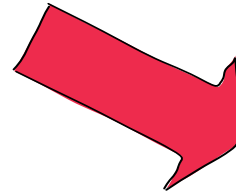
A single pane of glass to manage application lifecycle on Fog devices.



app
admin

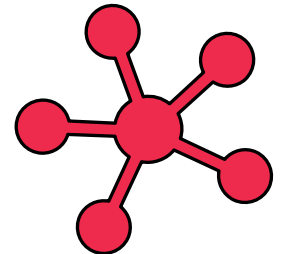
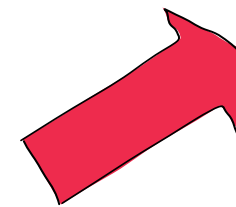


GUI



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REST API



infrastructure

The App



Steve, App Admin

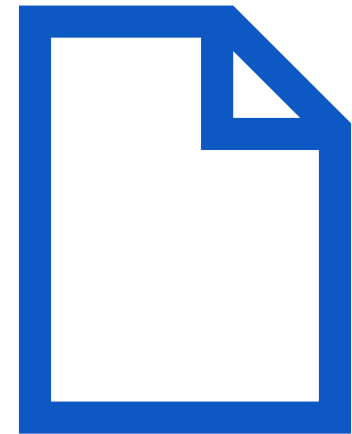


SmartBuilding

Problems



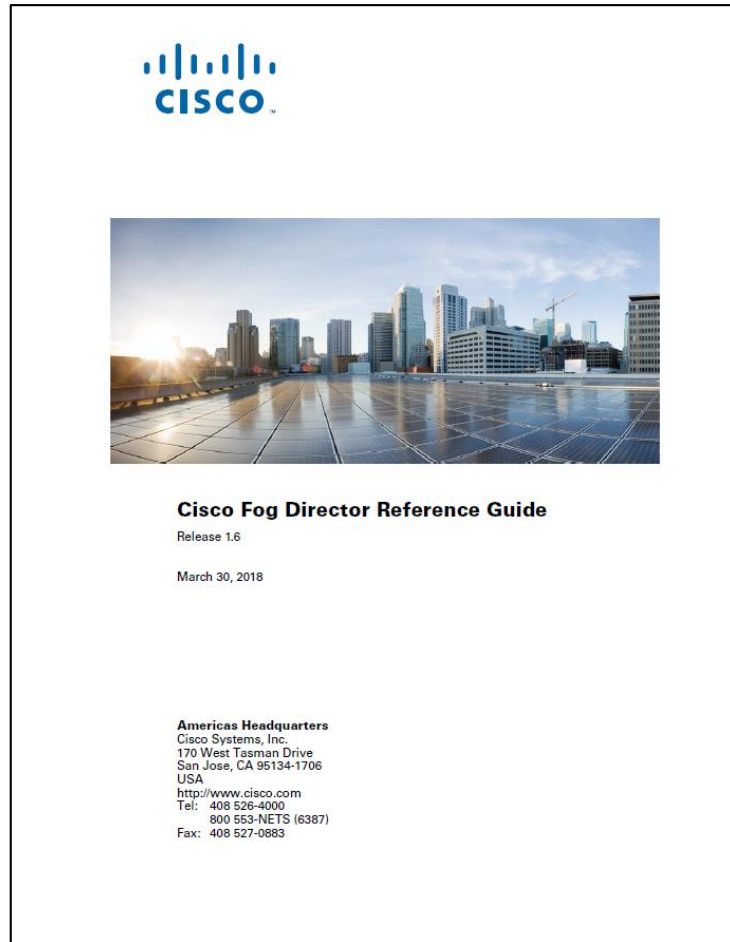
#1 (quickly)
understand
FogDirector
functioning



#2 write
correct and
effective
management



Problem #1



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Solution #1

- Operational semantics of all basic functionalities of FogDirector.
- Compact and unambiguous reference.

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$$\text{ADD NODE} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{add}(n,x)} C' \wedge (n \rightarrow) \notin N \wedge N_{\text{new}} = N \cup \{(n,x)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{add}(n,x)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{EDIT NODE} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{edit}(n,x)} C' \wedge N = N' \cup \{(n,x')\} \wedge N_{\text{new}} = N' \cup \{(n,x)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{edit}(n,x)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{DELETE NODE} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{del}(n)} C' \wedge N = N_{\text{new}} \cup \{(n,x)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{del}(n)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{ADD THING} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{add}(t,p)} C' \wedge t \rightarrow \notin T \wedge T_{\text{new}} = T \cup \{(t,p)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{add}(t,p)} \langle\langle T_{\text{new}},N,L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

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Fig 2 Rules for infrastructure management.

$$\text{PUBLISH APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{pub}(id,A)} C' \wedge (id, _) \notin P \wedge P_{\text{new}} = P \cup \{(id,A)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{pub}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{NEW DEPLOYMENT} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{newDep}(id,A)} C' \wedge (id,A) \in P \wedge (id, _) \notin D \cup R \wedge D_{\text{new}} = D \cup \{(id,A, _ , _)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{newDep}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{DEPLOY APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{dep}(id,A)} C' \wedge D = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge N = N' \cup \{(n,x)\} \wedge X \supseteq A \text{ reqT} \wedge D_{\text{new}} = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge N_{\text{new}} = N' \cup \{(n,x) \wedge A \text{ reqT}\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{dep}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{BIND THING} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{bind}(id,A)} C' \wedge D = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge n \neq \perp \wedge t_0 \in A \text{ reqT} \wedge \theta(t_0) = \perp \wedge t \in T \wedge \text{type}(t) = t_0 \wedge D_{\text{new}} = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta) \cup (t, _) \rightarrow t\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{bind}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{START APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{start}(id)} C' \wedge D = D_{\text{new}} \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge n \neq \perp \wedge \exists t_0 \in A \text{ reqT} : \theta(t_0) \neq \perp \wedge R_{\text{new}} = R \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{start}(id)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

Fig 3 Rules for application management (I).

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$$\text{STOP APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{stop}(id)} C' \wedge R = R_{\text{new}} \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge D_{\text{new}} = D \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{stop}(id)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{UNBIND THING} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{unbind}(id,A)} C' \wedge D = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta) \cup (t, _) \rightarrow t\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{unbind}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{UNDEPLOY APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{undep}(id,A)} C' \wedge D = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge N = N' \cup \{(n,x)\} \wedge D_{\text{new}} = D' \cup \{(id, id_A, A, n, \theta)\} \wedge N_{\text{new}} = N' \cup \{(n,x) \wedge A \text{ reqT}\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{undep}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{DELETE DEPLOYMENT} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{delDep}(id)} C' \wedge D = D_{\text{new}} \cup \{(id, id_A, A, _ , _)\}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{delDep}(id)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{UNPUBLISH APP} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{unpub}(id)} C' \wedge P = P_{\text{new}} \cup \{(id,A)\} \wedge (id, _) \notin D \cup R}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{unpub}(id)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

Fig 4 Rules for application management (II).

$$\text{RESOURCE ALERT} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{alarm}(id,A)} C' \wedge (id, id_A, A, n, \theta) \in R \wedge A \text{ reqT} \notin X}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{alarm}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{AZT ALERT} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{azt}(id,A)} C' \wedge (id, id_A, A, n, \theta) \in R \wedge \exists t_0 \in A \text{ reqT} : \theta(t_0) = \perp \wedge (n,i,q) \in L \wedge q \neq t_0 \text{ QoS}}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{azt}(id,A)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

Fig 5 Alerts.

$$\text{THINGS INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(T)} C' \wedge I = \langle T,N,L \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(T)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{PUBLISHED APPS INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(P)} C' \wedge M = \langle P,D,R \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(P)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{NODES INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(N)} C' \wedge I = \langle T,N,L \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(N)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{DEPLOYING APPS INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(D)} C' \wedge M = \langle P,D,R \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(D)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{LINKS INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(L)} C' \wedge I = \langle T,N,L \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(L)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

$$\text{RUNNING APPS INFO} \frac{C \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(R)} C' \wedge M = \langle P,D,R \rangle}{\langle\langle T,N,L \rangle, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{inf}(R)} \langle\langle T,N_{\text{new}},L \rangle, M, C' \rangle}$$

Fig 6 Information services.

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Anatomy of a rule

CLIENT
MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM

OPERATION AND
PARAMETERS

CONDITIONS FOR
THE OPERATION TO
BE SUCCESSFUL

ERROR CODE

$$C \xrightarrow{op(p_1, \dots, p_s, e)} C' \wedge c_1 \wedge c_2 \wedge \dots \wedge c_k \wedge e = 0$$

$$\langle I, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{op(p_1, \dots, p_s, e)} \langle I', M', C' \rangle$$

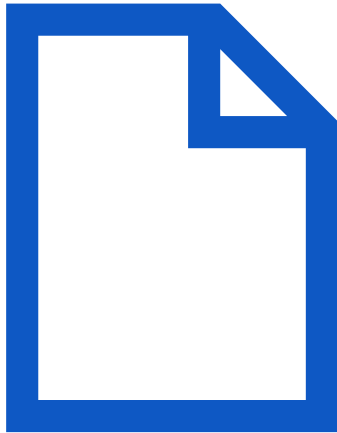
FAILURE

INFRASTRUCTURE
STATE

MANAGED APPS

$$\frac{C \xrightarrow{op(p_1, \dots, p_s, e)} C' \wedge \neg(c_1 \wedge c_2 \wedge \dots \wedge c_k) \wedge e = -1}{\langle I, M, C \rangle \xrightarrow{op(p_1, \dots, p_s, e)} \langle I', M', C' \rangle}$$

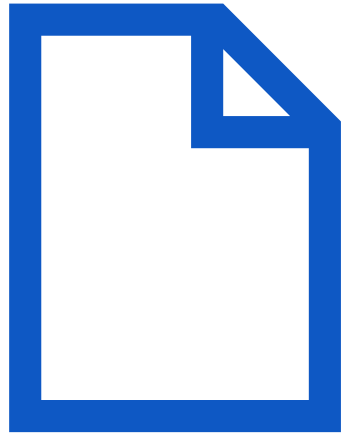
Problem #2



write **correct** and
effective
management

- **Correctness** can be verified by using the semantics.
- **Effectiveness** involves considering variations in:
 - Fog node **resources** and
 - QoS of **communication links**
- **What then?**

Problem #2



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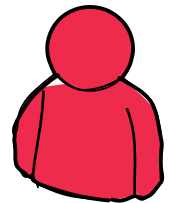




Solution #2

FogDirMime is the core of a simulator:

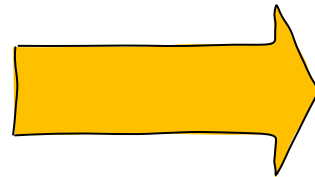
- Infrastructure mgmt
- App mgmt
- Monitoring & Alerts (A2T, resource)



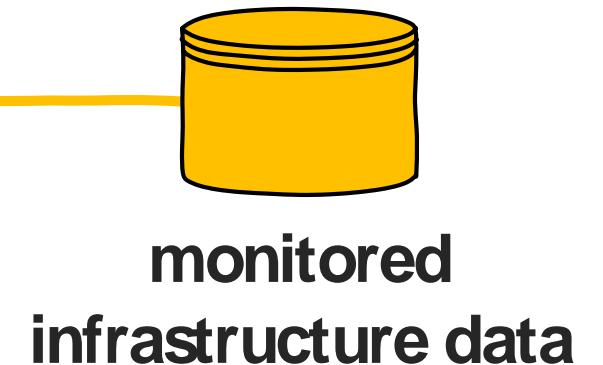
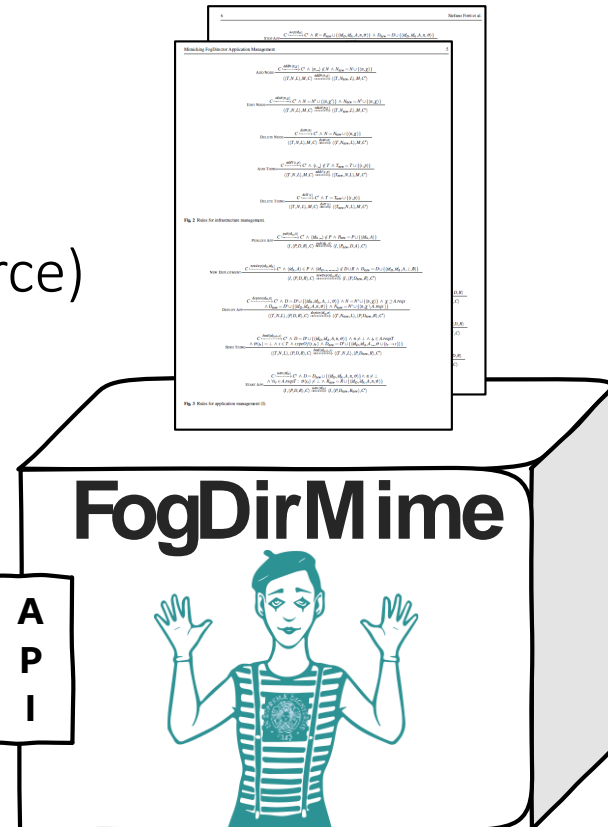
app
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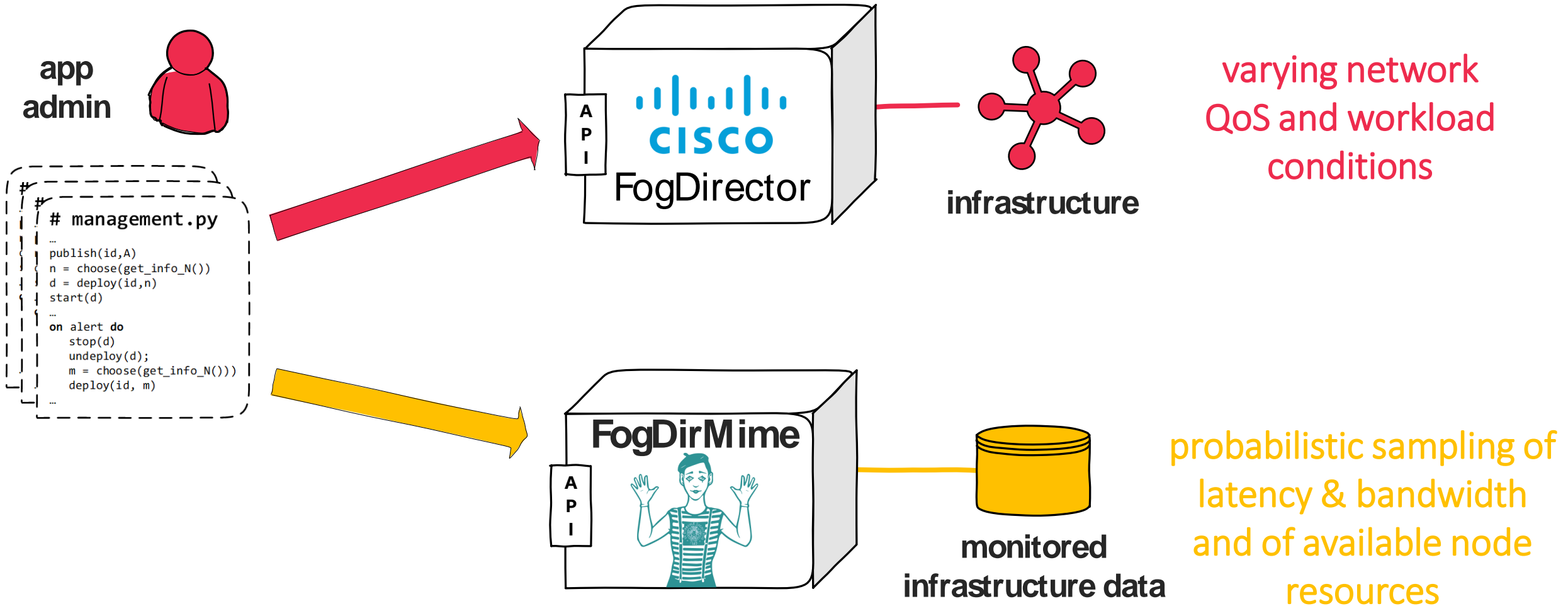


<https://github.com/di-unipi-socc/FogDirMime>

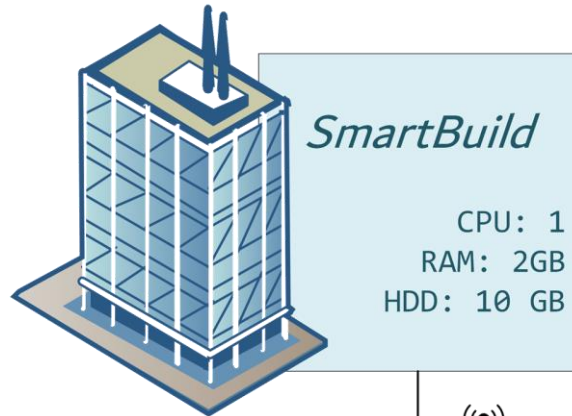


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The Big Picture



A (simple) example

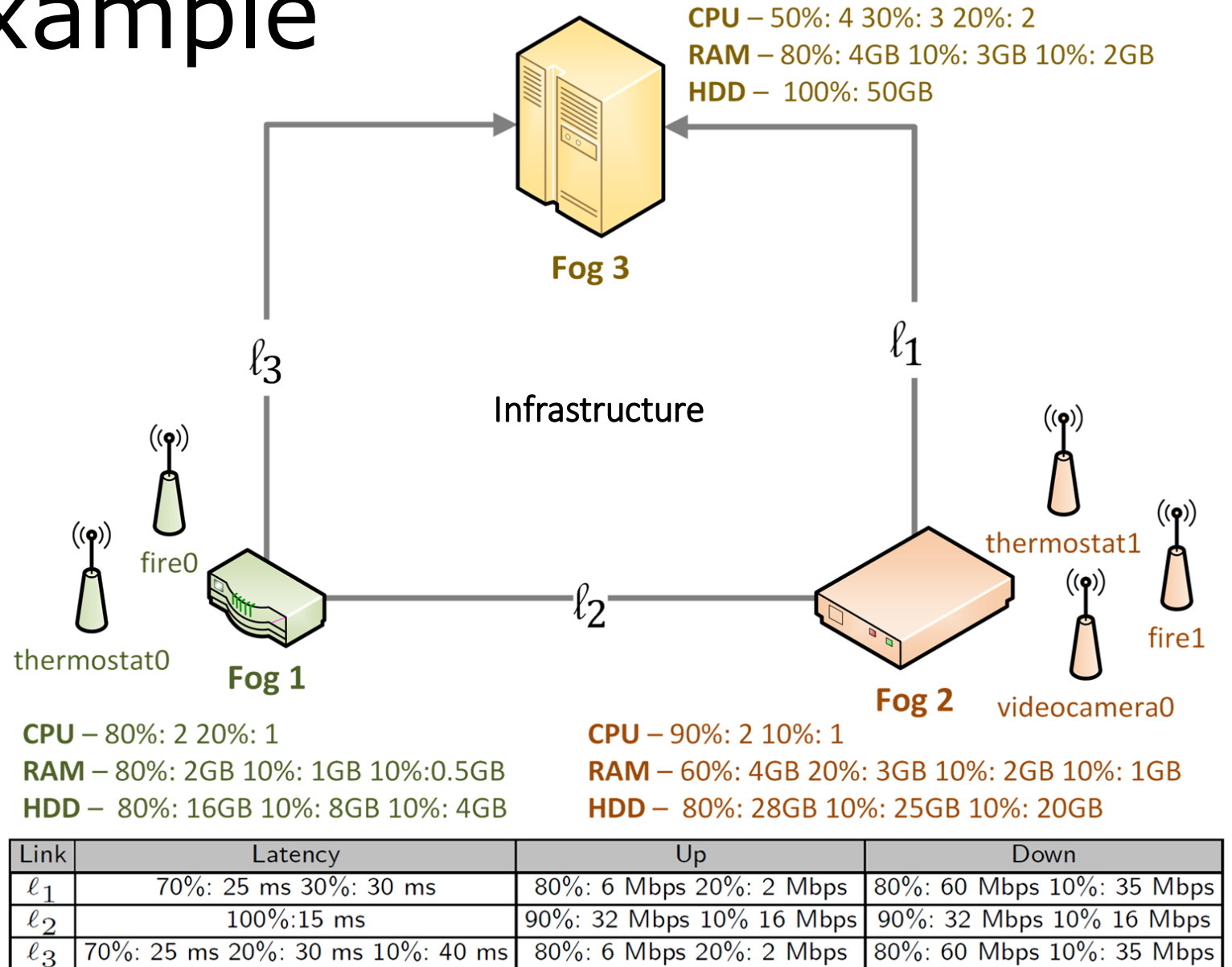


thermostat:
latency: 1 s
bw_a2t: 0.1 Mbps
bw_t2a: 0.1 Mbps

fire:
latency: 65 ms
bw_a2t: 0.1 Mbps
bw_t2a: 0.1 Mbps

video:
latency: 30 ms
bw_a2t: 0.1 Mbps
bw_t2a: 5.0 Mbps

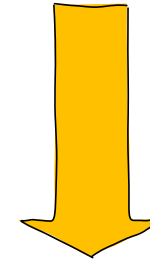
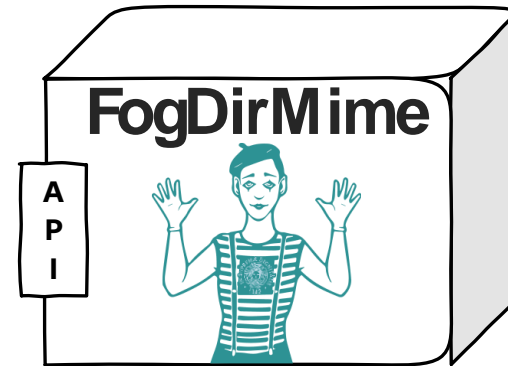
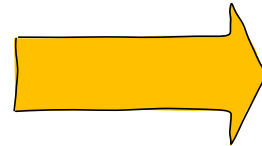
App



A (simple) example

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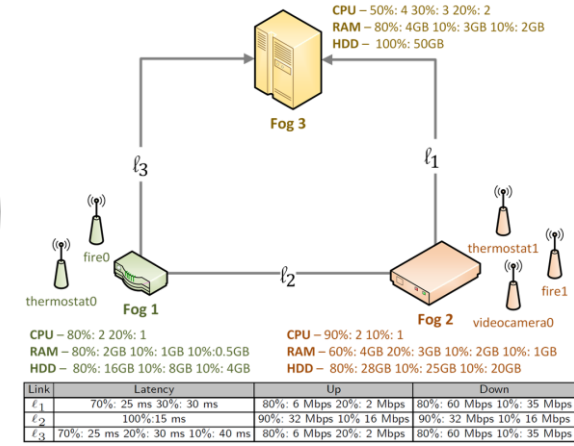
for i in range(0, epochs):
    alerts1=fd.get_alert('dep1')
    alerts2=fd.get_alert('dep2')
    #[...] collecting user defined stats about the alerts [...]
    ##In case of low resources at Fog2, move to Fog3
    for alert in alerts1:
        if alert['alert_type'] == 'resources' and not(moved1):
            migrations1 +=1
            fd.stop_app('dep1')
            fd.undeploy_app('dep1', 'SmartBuild')
            while fd.deploy_app('dep1', 'SmartBuild', 'fog_3')
                !=1:
                    continue
            fd.start_app('dep1')
            moved1 =True
            break
    ##In case of low resources at Fog1, move to Fog2 and viceversa
    for alert in alerts2:
        if alert['alert_type'] == 'resources':
            migrations2 +=1
            fd.stop_app('dep2')
            fd.undeploy_app('dep2', 'SmartBuild')
            if not(moved2):
                fog_node = 'fog_2'
            else:
                fog_node = 'fog_1'
            while fd.deploy_app('dep2', 'SmartBuild',
                fog_node) !=1:
                    continue
            fd.start_app('dep2')
            moved2 =not(moved2)
            break
    alerts1, alerts2 =[], []
    
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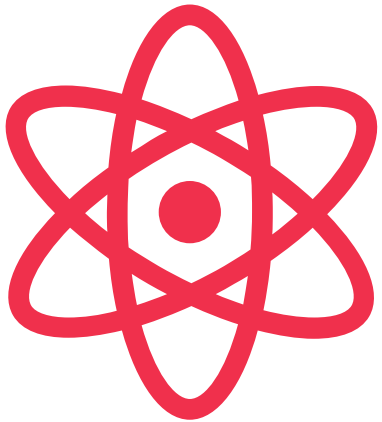
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Simulating management plan for 10000 epochs.
*** RESULTS ***
*** dep1 ***
    Resource alerts: 0.01%
    A2T alerts: 20.07%
    Migrations: 0.01%

*** dep2 ***
    Resource alerts: 16.11%
    A2T alerts: 0.0%
    Migrations: 16.11%
    
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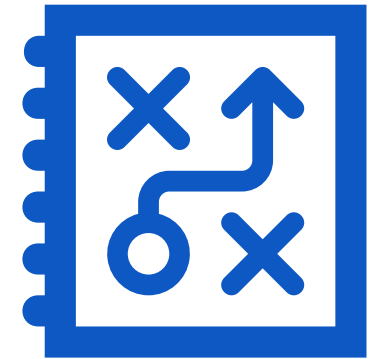
Conclusions



concise and
unambiguous reference
for FogDirector



validation of
management scripts at
design time



performance prediction
and tuning of
management

Future Work

include **other functionalities** and **QoS-aware management**



consider **scaling** and **osmotic computing** for **multi-component applications**

implement a full-fledged **simulation environment** for **FogDirector**

study other recent tools such as **EdgeX Foundry™**

Q&A → Poster Session

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WHY?

Fog app management issues

- varying network QoS
- varying workload conditions
- churn and failures of devices

CISCO FogDirector is a tool for the management of Fog apps

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WHAT?

FogDirMime is the core of a FogDirector simulator

It enables

- validation of management scripts at design time
- prediction of management performance indicators
- tuning of management policies against varying infrastructure

HOW?

FogDirMime implemented by

- modelling FogDirector
 - available Infrastructure
 - Managed apps
 - Client scripts performing operations
- probabilistically sampling network QoS and node hardware variations

<https://github.com/di-unipi-socc/FogDirMime>

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Supporting the Deployment and Management of Fog Apps

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Problems

Fog computing extends the Cloud towards the IoT to better support bandwidth hungry and latency sensitive apps

First Results

QoS-aware Deployment of IoT Applications Through the Fog. IEEE IoT Journal, 2017

How to best deploy your Fog applications, probably. ICCE17, Madrid, 2017

Deploying Fog applications: How much does it cost, by the way? CLOSER18, Madeira, 2018

QoS-, context- and cost-aware deployments

Future Work

<http://pages.di.unipi.it/forti/research>



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