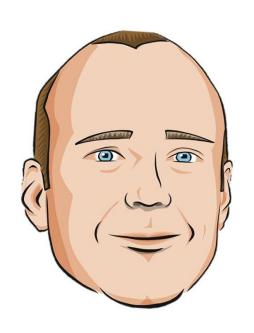


Building the data sharing platform of the future

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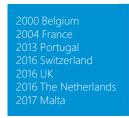


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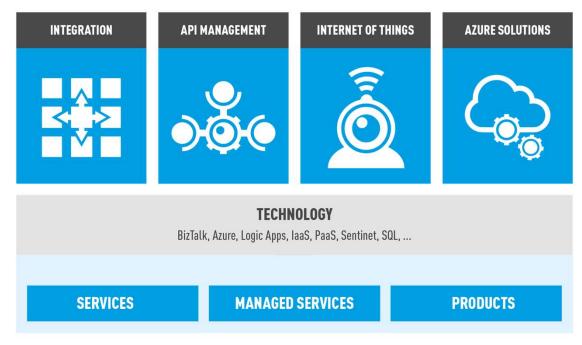
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Gold Application Development Gold Application Integration Gold Cloud Platform Gold Data Analytics

connecting (is) everything





There are no compromises you can make.

So we need the best data utility platform to eliminate redundant data entries and skyrocket the productivity for the port of Antwerp.

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(Hans Verbeeck, CTO at NxtPort)

Agenda

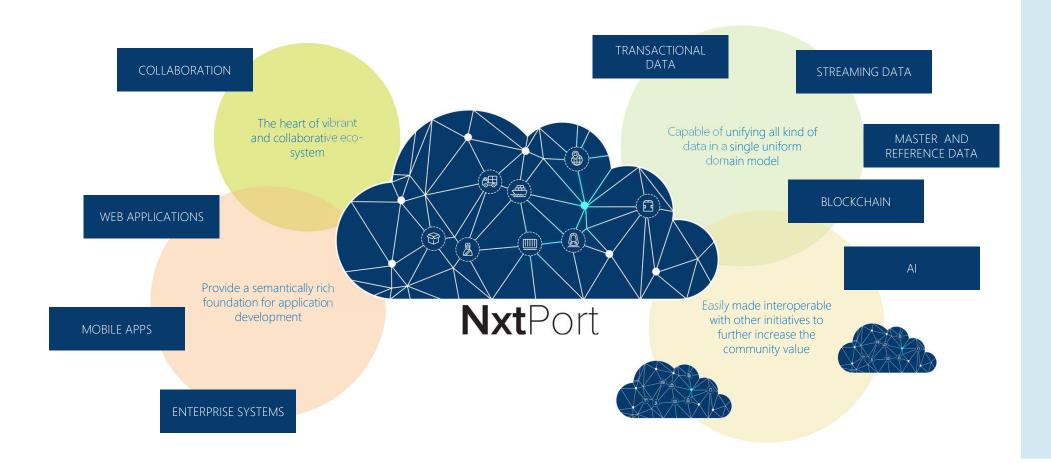
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- Data Sharing & Notification
- The API Economy

Setting the scene

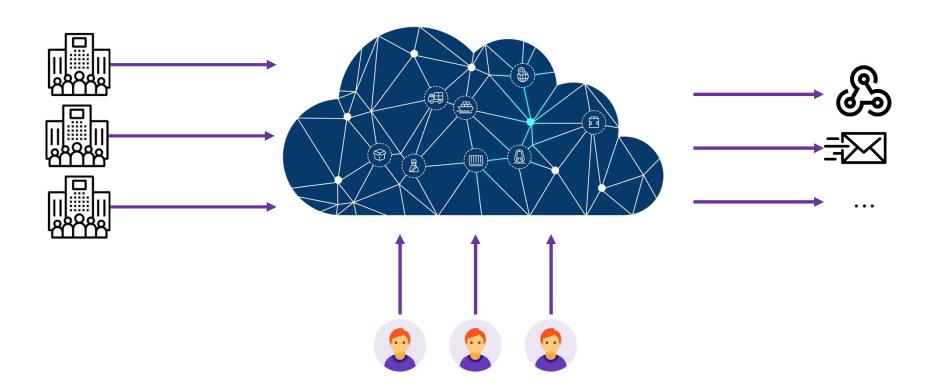
About NxtPort



The Vision



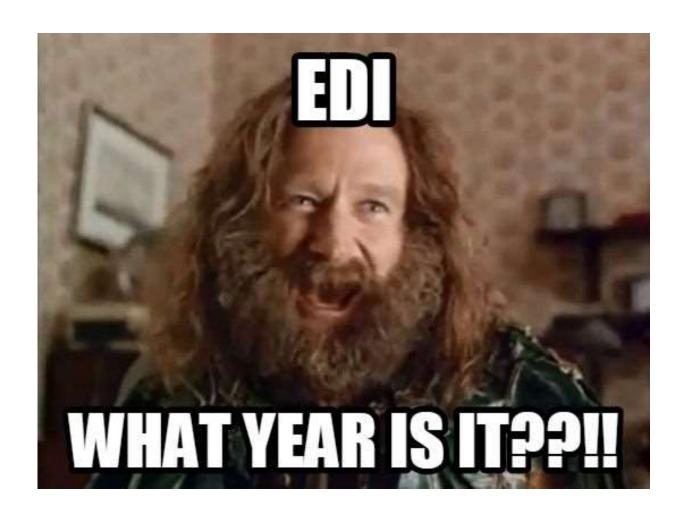
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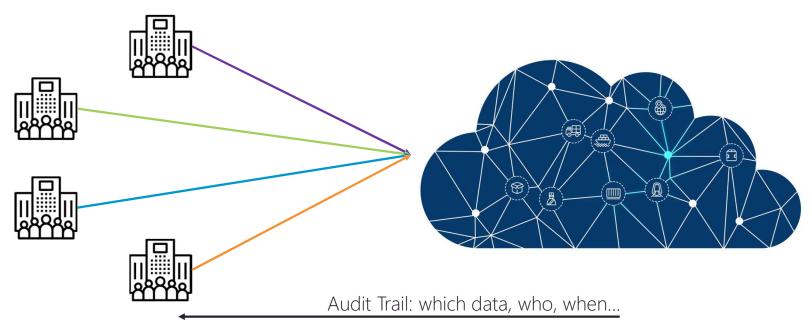
Data Ingestion

Creating robust discoverable metadata

Types of data



Types and Protocols



EDIFACT, X12, XML, TXT, JSON,...

HTTPS, FTP, SFTP, SMTP, X400, AS2,...

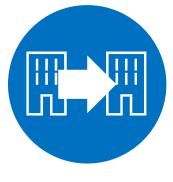
Platform Flexibility



Messaging



Data Wrangling

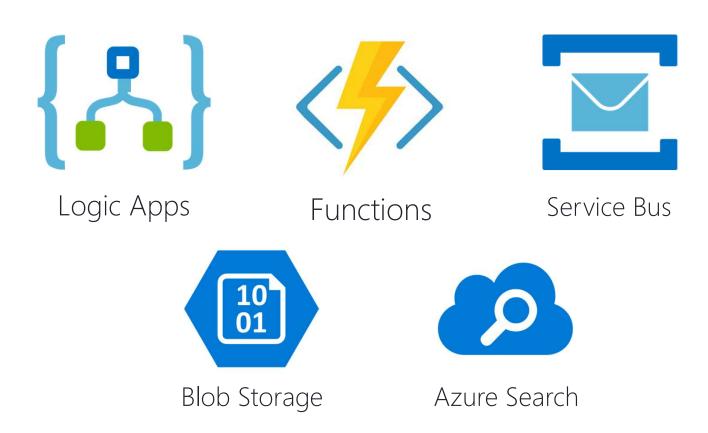


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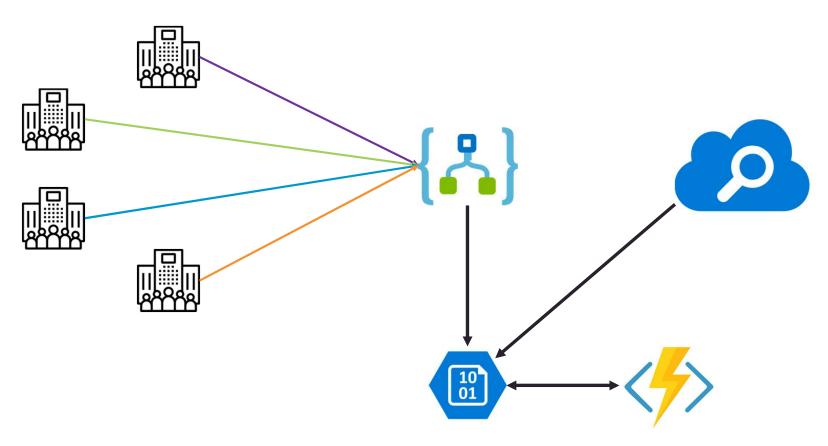


Application Integration

Serverless at the heart of data ingestion



High level architecture

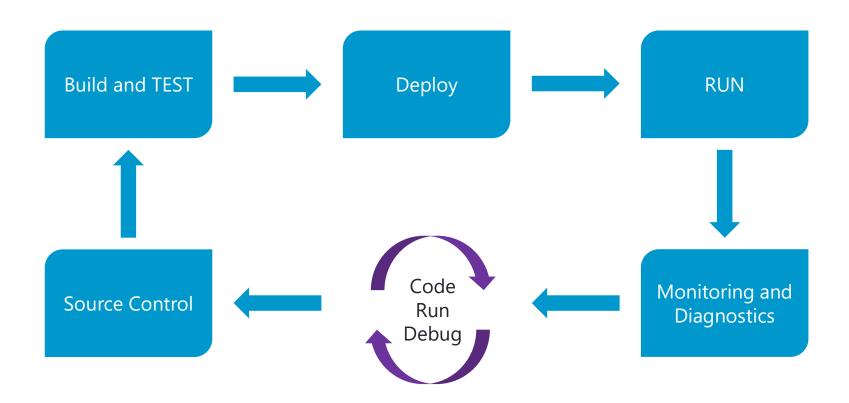


DEMO – Serverless Data Ingestion

Lessons Learned - Takeaways

- Functions COLD Start
 - Keep dependencies small
 - "Pinger"
 - Non-consumption plan
- Functions 'Live' Instances
 - private static HttpClient | SqlClient | etc...
- Logic Apps
 - Decouple protocol and message processing
 - Design for reuse
- Live with limitations of some Azure Services (eg Azure Search indexer)
- Don't forget your outer loop development

Inner and Outer Loop Development



Datasharing and Notification

Share data and be notified on events

Sharing Data

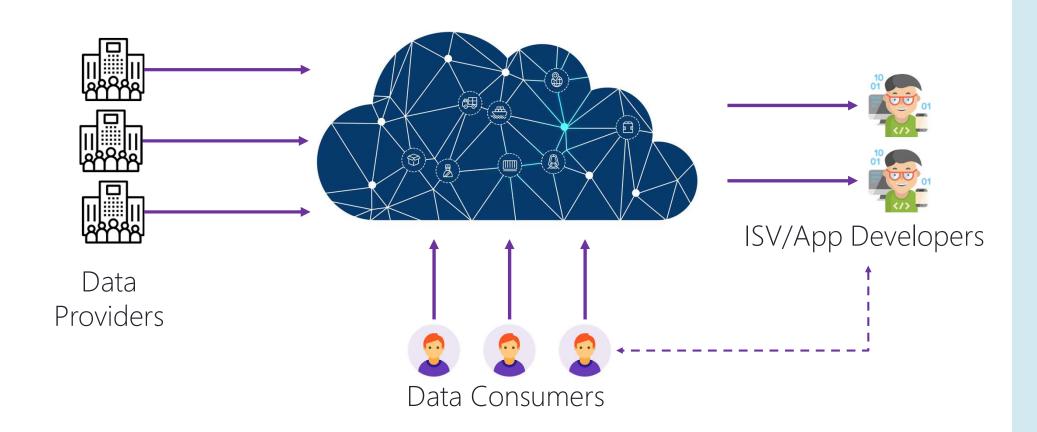






Shared Data

Sharing Data



Datasharing Engine

- Data is non-consumblable by default
- Data provider creates sharing rules
 - Open Data, Linked Data, Shared Data
- Open up data object(s) to entities

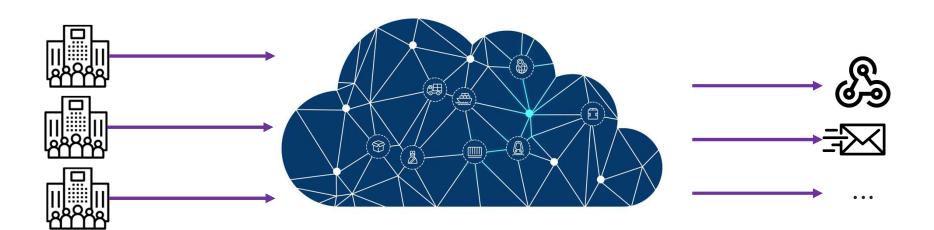
NxtPort attributes data with roles in the supply chain like shipping agents, forwarders, customs...

This way the data provider can share with for example only forwarders.

Eventprocessing



Eventprocessing



Eventprocessing

Advantages

- Faster (near real time'ish)
- More efficient

Disadvantages

- Extra responsibilities for the client
- Support for some dinosaur protocols

The API Economy

Publish and consume assets via the marketplace

Living in an API Economy

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APIs allow companies to grow and extend business at unprecedent rates by sharing services with third parties.

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(Harvard business review – the strategic value of APIs)



The Goals

Open up the information silos in a secure way

Create a seamless experience for the customers

Create a flexible and dynamic ecosystem

Automated data sharing & profitable API monetization



Monetization Models





Pay as you go Tiered Freemium Unit-based Transaction fee



Affiliate



Content acquisition
Content syndication
SaaS
Internal use



Monetization at NxtPort



Pay as you go Tiered Freemium Unit-based Transaction fee



Depending on the API you might have to pay:

- One fee
- A combination of fees
- No fee at all

Subscription:

Monthly / Yearly

Transaction:

- Pay per "unique" request (successful calls)
- Fee per unique piece of data / time range
- Discount per volume (a pinch of Tiered model)

Azure API Management

at the core of the API Economy



Main entry point on the NxtPort Platform



Streamlined approach on security, monitoring and logging...



PoSH is (y)our friend... it really is!



Automated API Onboarding – external and internal



Price plan enforcing

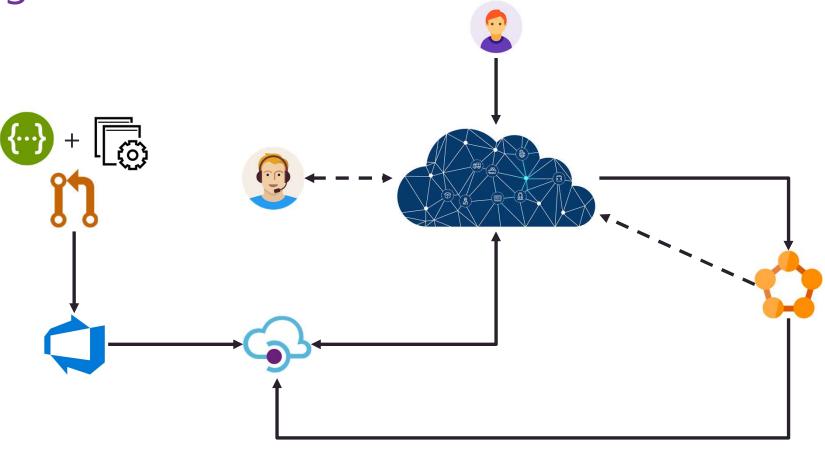


Things to do before opening an (internal) API

- | API Security
- API Documentation with Open API (or RAML)
- Improve Developer Experience
- API Governance
- Define KPIs to measure the success of your API program
- | Automated onboarding

https://github.com/CoditEU/practical-api-guidelines

High level architecture



DEMO – API Onboarding

Lessons Learned – Takeaways

Internal API's

- GOAL
- API Security & Governance & Documentation
- Maximize Developer Experience

API Management

Automation, Automation, Automation,....

Monitization

Visibility on the costs



Detecting suspicious activities (end-to-end)



Offshore container tracking



Detect suspicious activity on terminal (rip-off)



Monitor in-transit conditions

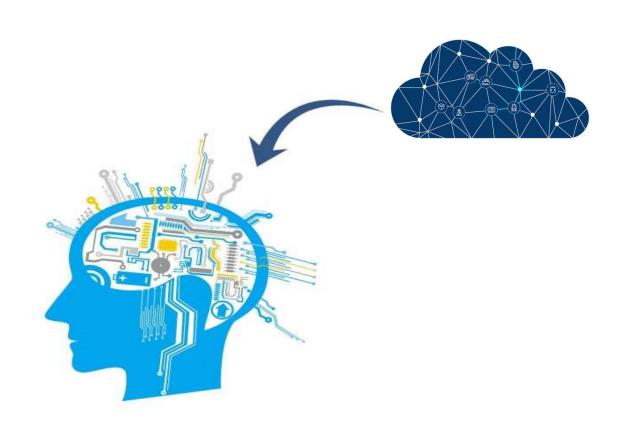


End-to-end traceability till sign-off

Efficiency







Takeaways

Data Ingestion

- Platform Flexibility
- Design for re-use
- Remember decent ALM even in 'serverless' scenarios

Data Sharing

- Think of different types of data
- Make your data non-consumable by default

Sharing Engine

- Think big but start simple
- Flexibility over complexibility

Takeaways (2)

- Data Monitization
 - No silver bullet solution
 - Be transparant about the costs
- API Management
 - Define a set of rules before opening up API's
 - Automation, Automation, Automation



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