

# Low-Code

The Most Disruptive Trend in IoT,  
Edge Computing and AI

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Low-code IoT/AI design software

**Founder & CTO, GTI IoT Technology**

Wireless IoT monitoring solutions

Over 500,000 IoT devices in deployment

**Technologist for 20+ years**

# Agenda

## Part I IoT and Edge Computing

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Data of today, and the future

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Today's infrastructure

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Industry case studies

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IoT deployment challenges

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Q&A

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## Part II Low-code IoT development

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The rise of low-code

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Why low-code

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Best use cases for low-code

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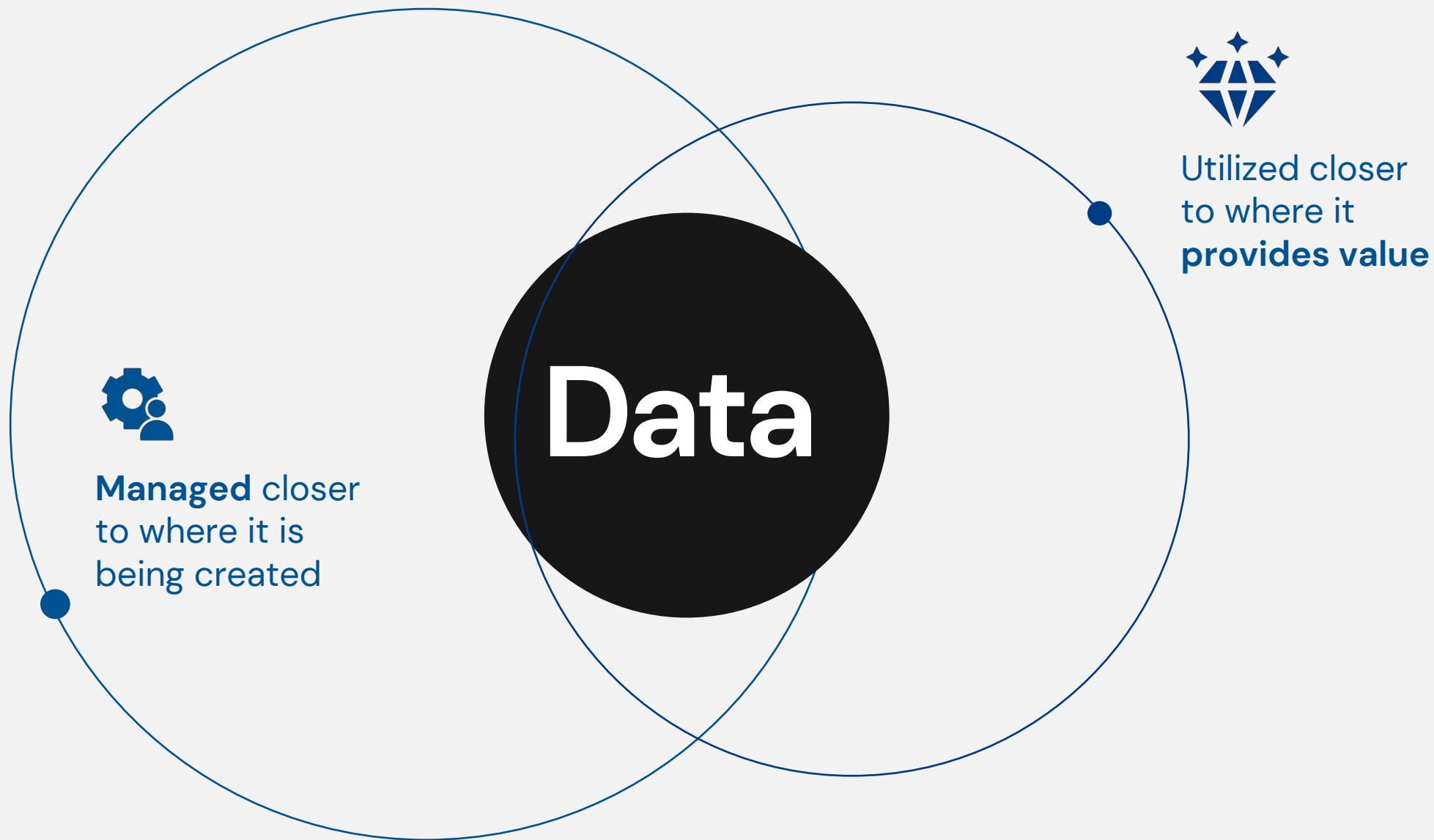
By 2025

75%

of data will be processed  
outside the traditional  
data center or cloud

Gartner







Taken together, these new locations, data and devices are called the **edge**.



That's the part of the network near the end users, where data is created by sensors, cameras, people with mobile devices, and the entire Internet of Things (IoT)

# Today's Infrastructure Cloud-Fog-Edge

Thousands  
of devices



**Data Center – Cloud**  
Public / Private / Hybrid

Millions  
of devices



**"Fog" Nodes**

Billions  
of devices



**"Edge" Devices**



# Example

## Content delivery network

### Goal

High **availability** and **performance** by distributing the service spatially relative to end users.

- Support for a geographically distributed network
- Uses the cloud, proxy servers & data center(s)



**Publisher's Remote Office**  
Santa Monica, CA



**Headquarters Offices**  
Outside of Seattle, WA



# Example

## Smart Manufacturing

### Connect devices capabilities

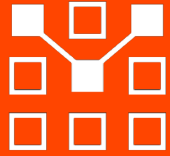
- Sensing
- Identification
- Processing
- Communication
- Actuation
- Networking

### Network control and management of

- Manufacturing equipment
- Asset and situation management
- Manufacturing process control



# IoT Deployment Challenges



**Complexity**



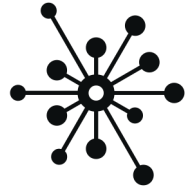
Project  
Roadmap



Cloud  
combinations



"Last-mile"  
End-User  
Requirements



Difficulties  
processing  
voluminous  
quantities  
of data



Recruitment  
& Coordination



Difficulties  
sourcing parts



Support for  
CI/CD

**Solve with Low-Code and Automated Design**

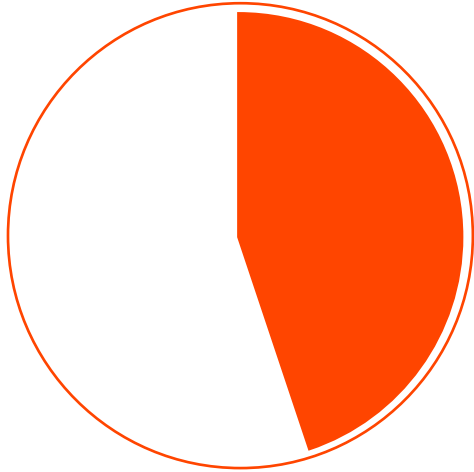
# Q&A

## Whitepaper **Accelerating IoT Edge Computing: Time to Value with Prescient Designer**

[tinyurl.com/pdi-lowcode](https://tinyurl.com/pdi-lowcode)



# Rise of Low-Code Application Development



**41%**  
**CAGR**



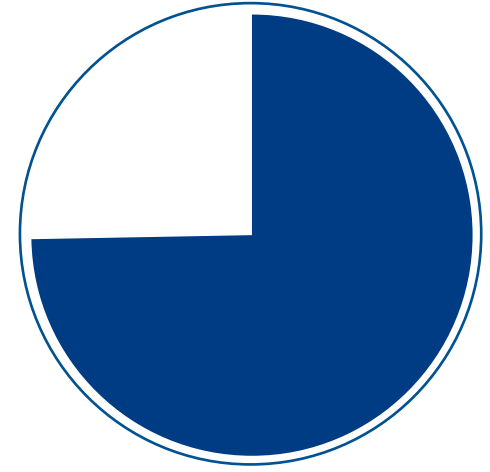
CAGR for Low-code  
platforms 2017-2022



**65%**  
**App Development**



Application development in  
low-code by 2024



**75%**  
**Large Enterprises**



Large enterprises adopting 4 or  
more low-code software by 2024

[Source: Gartner]

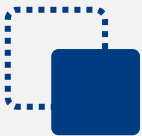
# What is Low-Code?



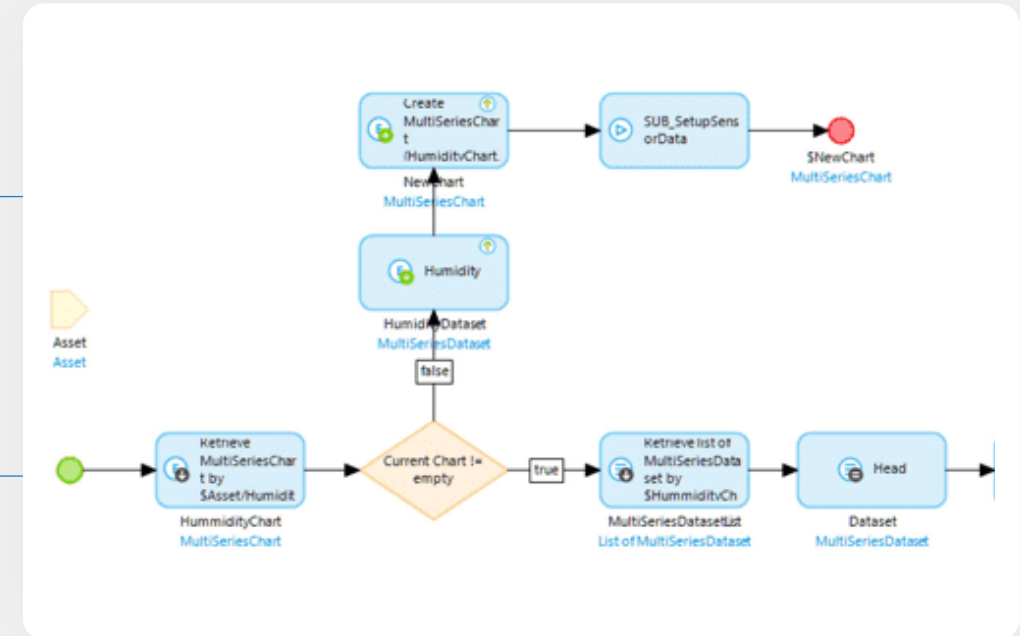
Application development with **minimal coding**



Most popular form: **functional block programming**



Model-driven: **separation of application** from underlying platform

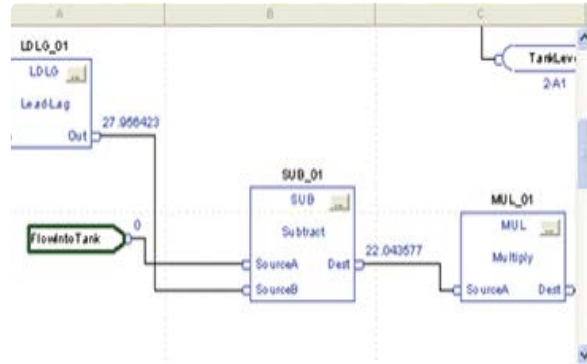


[Sources: Mendix]

# Low-Code is everywhere

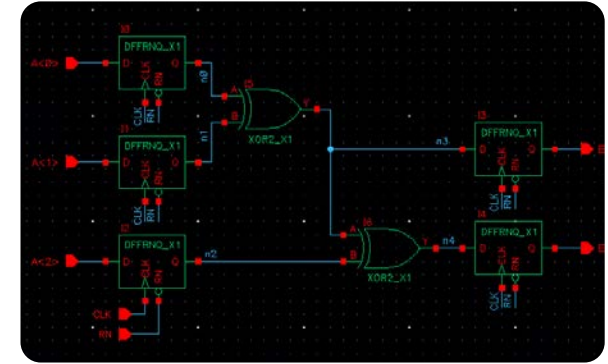
## Industrial Automation

Rockwell Automation®  
RsLogix™



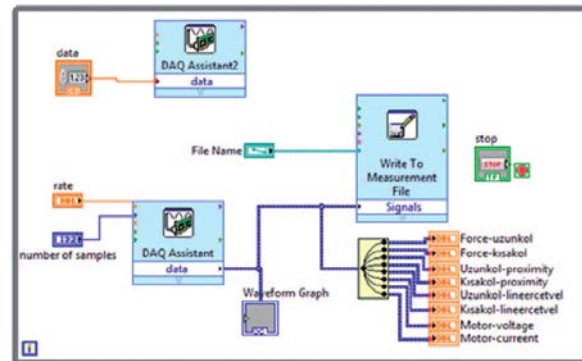
## Integrated Circuits

Cadence® DE



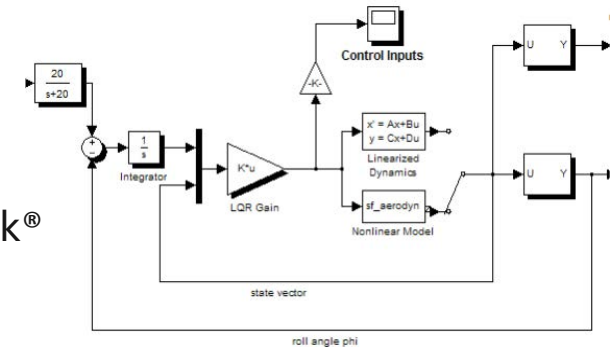
## Product Test

NI™ LabVIEW™



## System Design

MathWorks® Simulink®



# Low-Code Benefits

## Simplicity

Reduced expertise



Reduced training



Increased efficiency



Consistent quality



## Modularity

Easy to understand



Easy to reuse and share



Improved collaboration

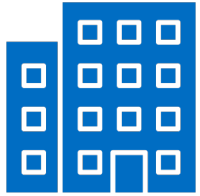


Improved scalability





# Low-Code Users



## Enterprise IT/OT teams

Internal solution  
development



## System Integrators

Quick-turn  
applications



## Citizen Developers

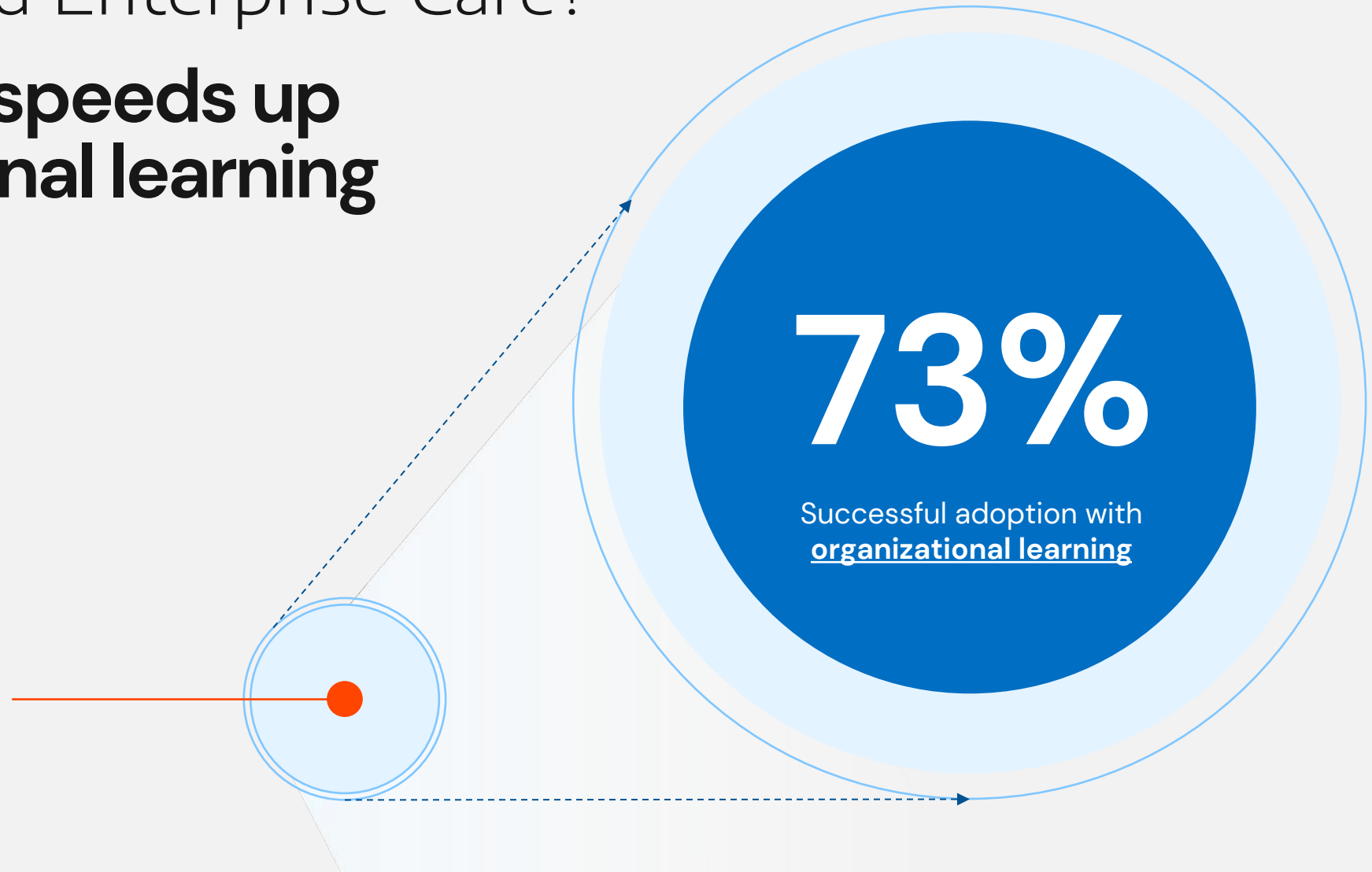
Crowd-sourcing  
projects

# Why Should Enterprise Care?

## Low-code speeds up organizational learning

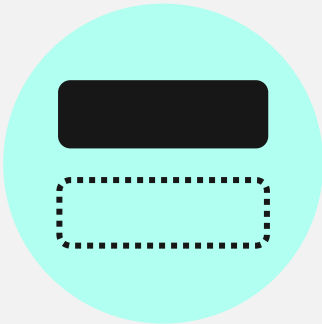
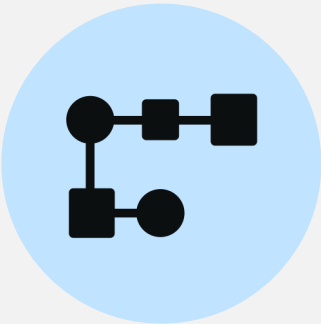
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Successful IoT & AI adoption in enterprises



[MIT Sloan, BCG]

# The Full Landscape

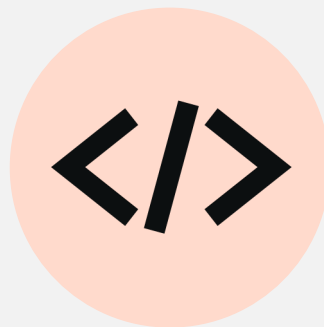
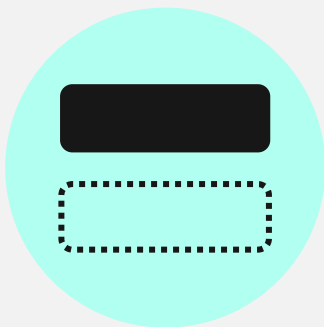
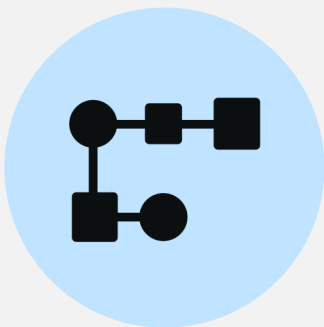


## Characteristic

## Adopt to

Turnkey	Fixed solution	Solve a peripheral need
No-code	Programmable, constrained to a narrow space	Optimize a sequential task
Low-code	Programmable, widely applicable, constrained to a technology framework	Optimize an application
Full-code	Complete freedom	Optimize technology performance

# Choose the Right Framework



	Adopt to	Example
Turnkey	Provide quick fix	Construction company adopts work safety monitoring solution
No-code	Customize sequential task	Manufacturing company builds operator workflow
Low-code	Enhance core competency and competitive advantage	Equipment manufacturer integrates IoT into product
Full-code	Optimize technology performance	Technology company builds IoT product

# Example IoT Application



Visualization: charts & alerts  
Interactive: forms & buttons



Receive data from 1000 edge devices  
Data analytics & storage



Camera & edge computer  
Machine vision & machine learning

Valve Monitoring

**Current State**

Valve	State	Last updated	Notes	Alerts
Valve 1	Open	10/8/2020, 3:16:11 AM	Mock Device	Enabled
Valve 2	Open	10/8/2020, 3:16:11 AM	Bld 2, Floor 3	Enabled

Notes Valve 1: Mock Device  
Alerts Valve 1: Enabled

SAVE NOTE UPDATE ALERT


**Event Log**

Valve	State	Last updated	Notes	Alerts
Valve 2	Open	10/8/2020, 3:16:11 AM	Bld 2, Floor 3	Enabled
Valve 1	Open	10/8/2020, 3:16:11 AM	Mock Device	Enabled
Valve 1	Open	10/8/2020, 3:06:10 AM	Mock Device	Enabled
Valve 2	Open	10/8/2020, 3:06:08 AM	Bld 2, Floor 3	Enabled
Valve 1	Open	10/8/2020, 2:56:09 AM	Mock Device	Enabled
Valve 2	Open	10/8/2020, 2:56:08 AM	Bld 2, Floor 3	Enabled

State: Close  
Certainty: 99%

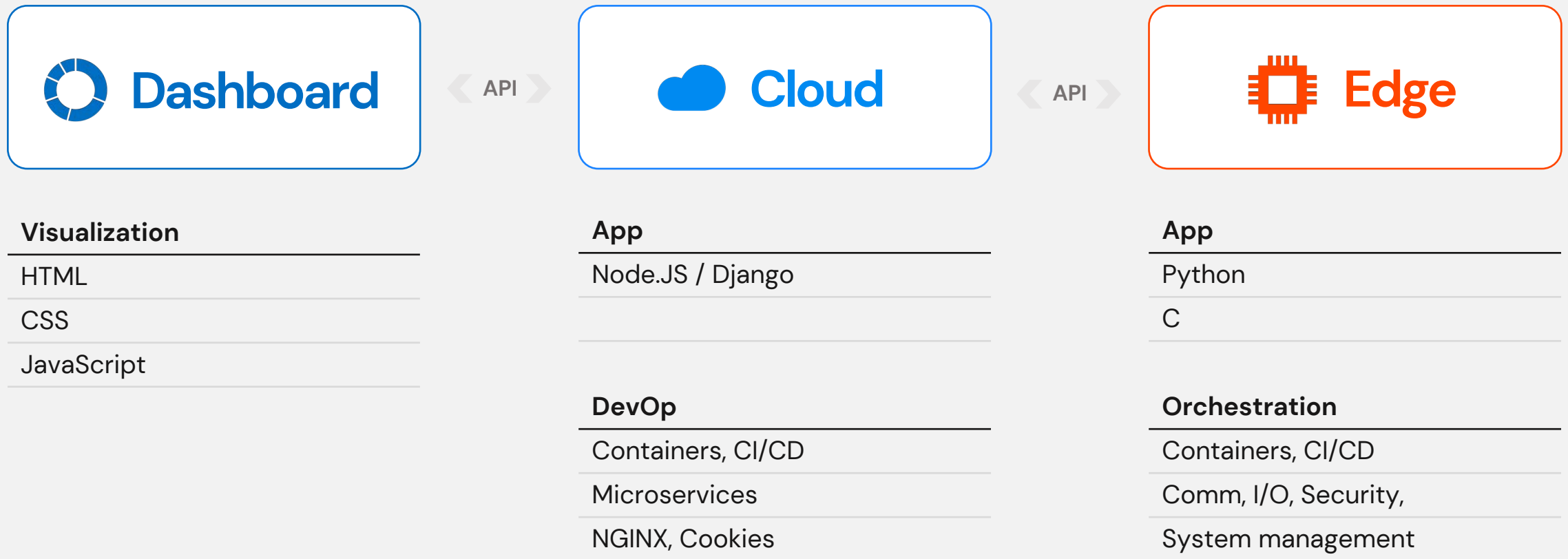
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CHECK STATE DELETE FILE



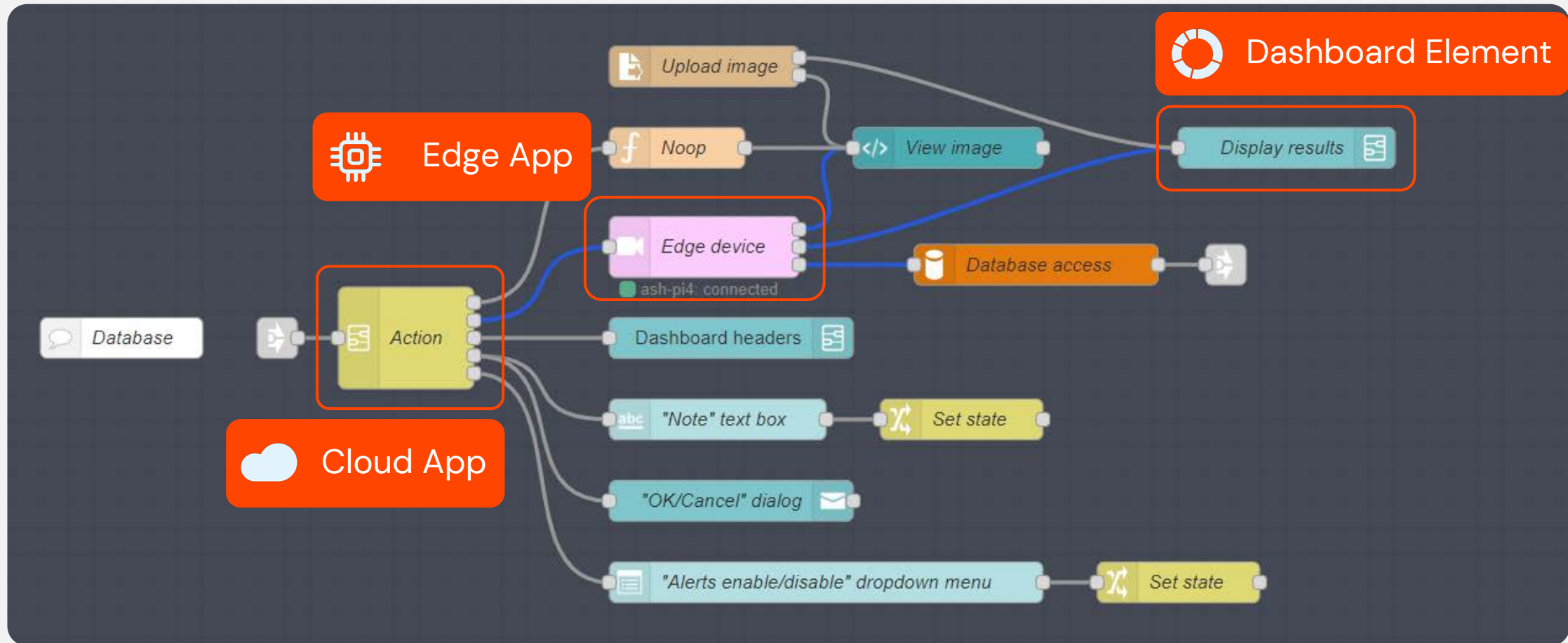
# Full-code Development

## Requires strong technology team



# Low-Code Development In Prescient Designer

1 Single app for the complete solution



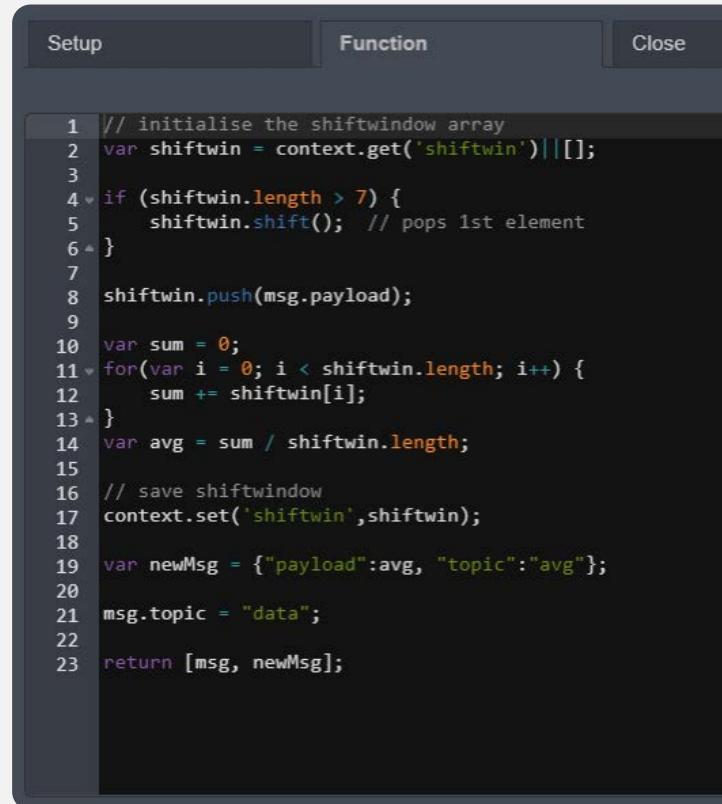
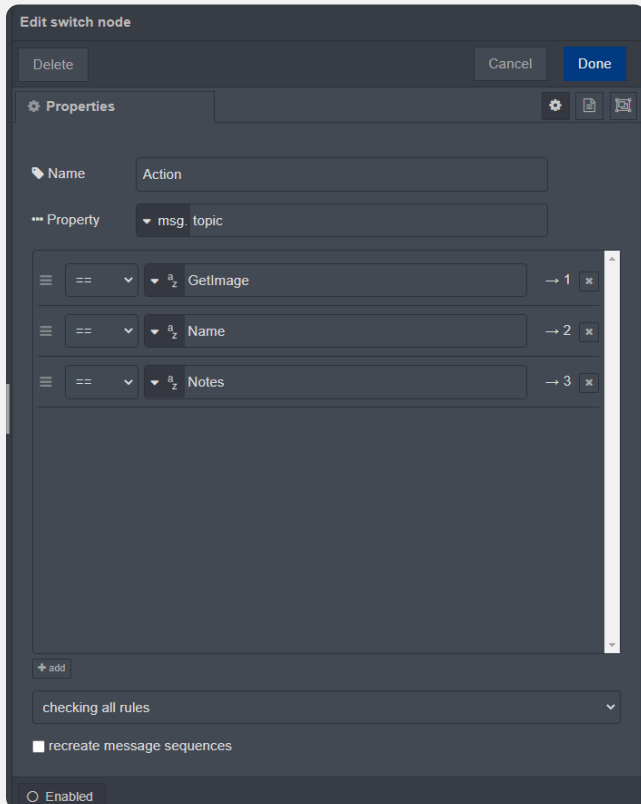


# Multiple Development Modes

NO-CODE

LOW-CODE

FULL-CODE



# Open Ecosystem

## Builds on Node-RED and Node.js

### Node-RED

- ✓ Low-code programming
- ✓ Powerful flexibility
- ✓ Strong community support

### Node.js

- ✓ 98% of Fortune 500
- ✓ 200,000 code packages
- ✓ Support everything from web functions to ML

### Pre-installed on devices from

Siemens, Samsung, Intel, GE, Schneider, Fujitsu, Advantech, Harting, Hilscher, Opto22, etc.

## PDI improves on Node-RED

- Distributed programming & synchronization
- Crash recovery & rollback
- Sensor and hardware support
- Edge-to-cloud security

# Use Cases

## Best used for

- Applications requiring frequent changes
- Agile integration with core competencies



Transform from hardware provider to service provider



Improve efficiency of manufacturing processes



Integrate with existing processes to build competitive advantages

# Turnkey Solution Templates

## Fast deployment with programmability



Remote  
monitoring



Predictive  
maintenance



Industrial  
automation



Training and  
support



Software  
modules library



Machine  
vision



Dashboard

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Day-1  
deployment



Hardware  
library

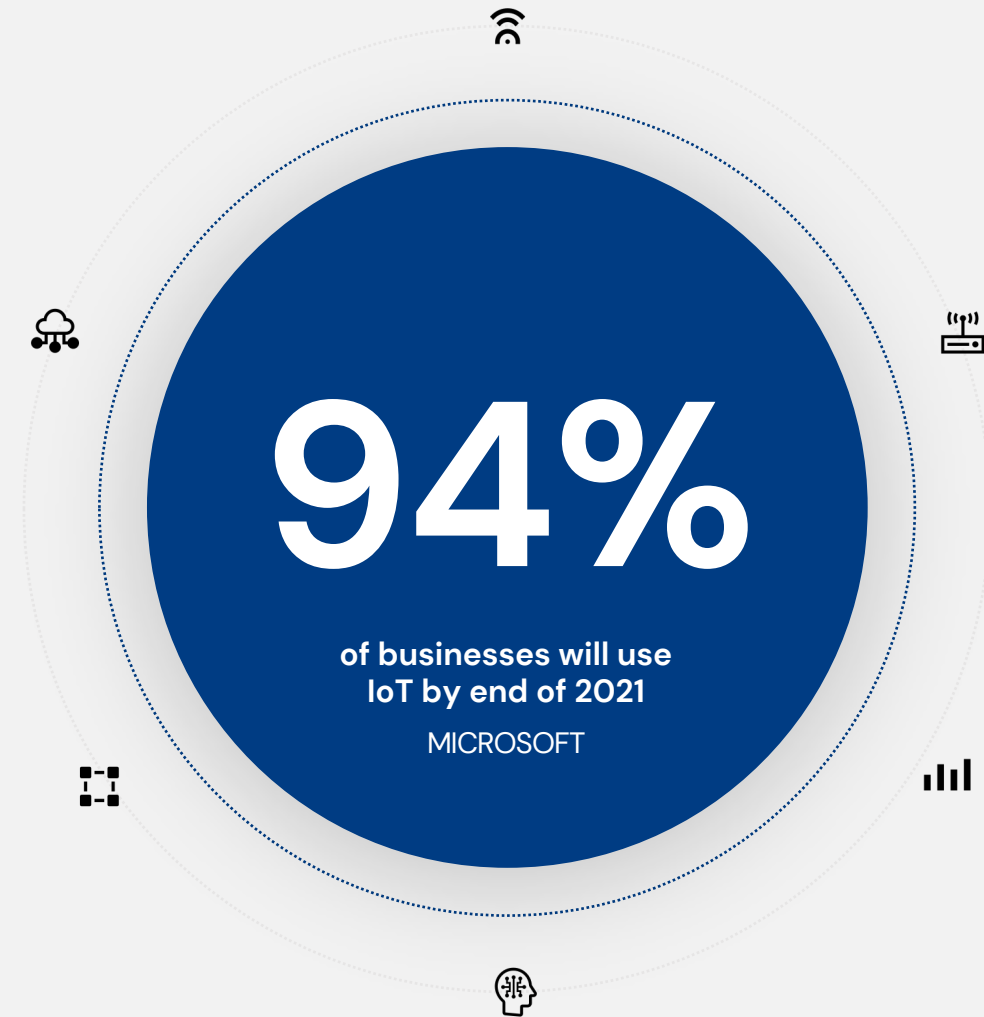


and more

# Outlook

## IoT will be embedded in every product and process

- Edge computing will accelerate
- Low-code will continue to grow
- Learning and iteration are necessary
- IoT is transformative



# Upcoming Webinars

**MAR  
24**

Prescient Designer for Node-RED users

<https://tinyurl.com/pdi-events>

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