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IoT and robotics

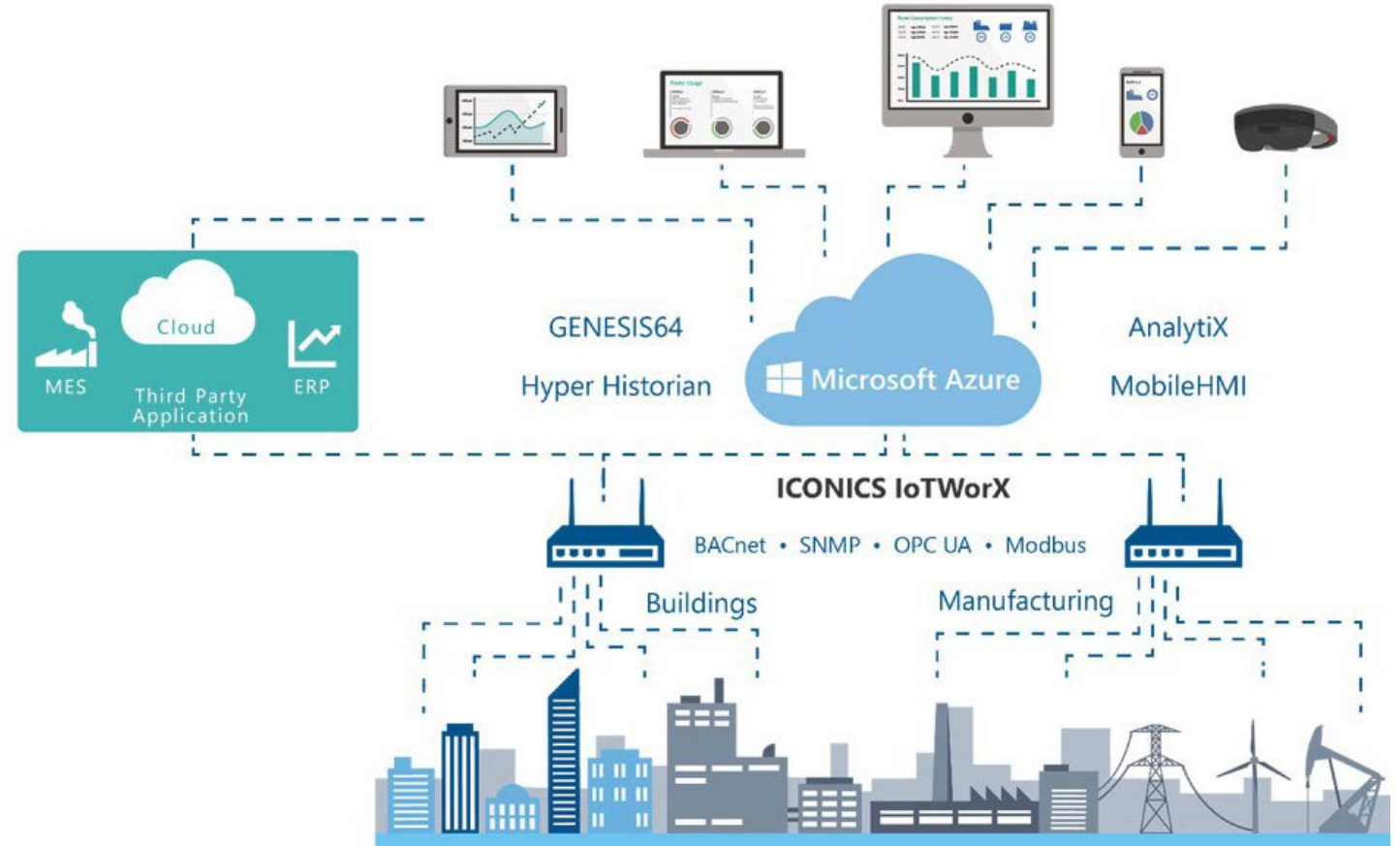
AGENDA

- What is the Internet of Things?
- Elements of IoT infrastructure
- How can IoT be applied to Robotics?
- Dipping your toes into IoT

A BRIEF PRIMER

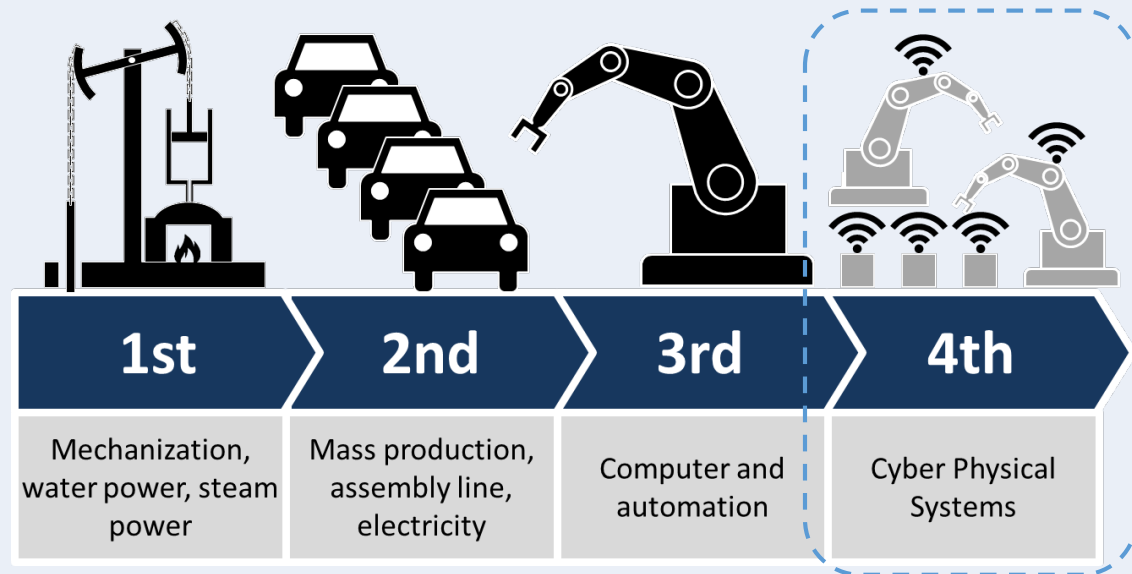
What is the Internet of Things?


- Collecting data
 - ...that part isn't new or that difficult
 - SCADA systems have been around for years
- The hard parts:
 - Determining **where** and **how** to analyze the data based on available bandwidth, allowable latency, etc.
 - Getting information to the consumers of the information on any device



Terminology

IoT	Internet of Things	IIoT	Industrial Internet of Things
Industrie 4.0	<p>German government's strategy</p> <p>"Smart Factory"</p> <p>4 Design Principles of I4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interoperability • Information Transparency • Technical Assistance • Decentralized Decisions <p>Intended to be a "revolution" in technology innovation</p>		



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers. Overlaid on the image is a network of glowing white lines that connect various points across the city, representing IoT infrastructure. The image has a blue-to-white gradient overlay on the right side.

Elements of IoT Infrastructure

The Cloud

- It's not a physical "thing"
- Network of remote servers connected and configured to operate as a single ecosystem ([Microsoft](#))
- Information available to any device on the network
- Data storage/business analytics is less expensive with cloud solutions than internally hosted solutions
- Not about getting data into the cloud



Cloud Services

- Microsoft Azure
- Amazon Web Services
- IBM Cloud (formerly Bluemix/Softlayer)



LIVING ON THE EDGE

- The **edge** is the boundary between the local network and devices
- Serve as the connection between sensors/controllers/devices and the network
- A **gateway** is the boundary between the local network and the **cloud**

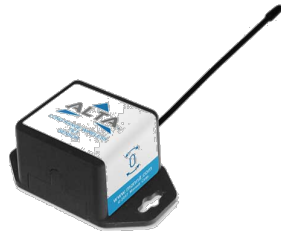
Types of Edge Devices

Thin

- Bare minimum
- Collect + communicate sensor info to gateway
- Limited Programmability



Temp Sensor



Accelerometer

Intelligent

- Sensing + communication
- Also has simple Processing Capability
- Reprogrammable
- Major processing still happens on remote servers



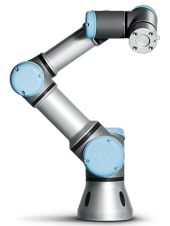
Smart Electric Meter

Actuated

- Intelligent device but also performs actions
- **Static** - Simple Actions
- **Dynamic** - Much more advanced operations



Smart Thermostat
(Static)



Robot
(Dynamic)

Protocols

- “Basket of Remotes” problem
- Balance between capability, power draw, and bandwidth
- A few new protocols have been adopted by the automation industry

MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT)

- Works on top of TCP/IP protocol
- Designed to be very lightweight
- Constrained Devices
- Low-Bandwidth/Unreliable Networks
- No Queuing Functionality
- Low power draw, light on bandwidth
- MQTT-SN – specifically for machine comms

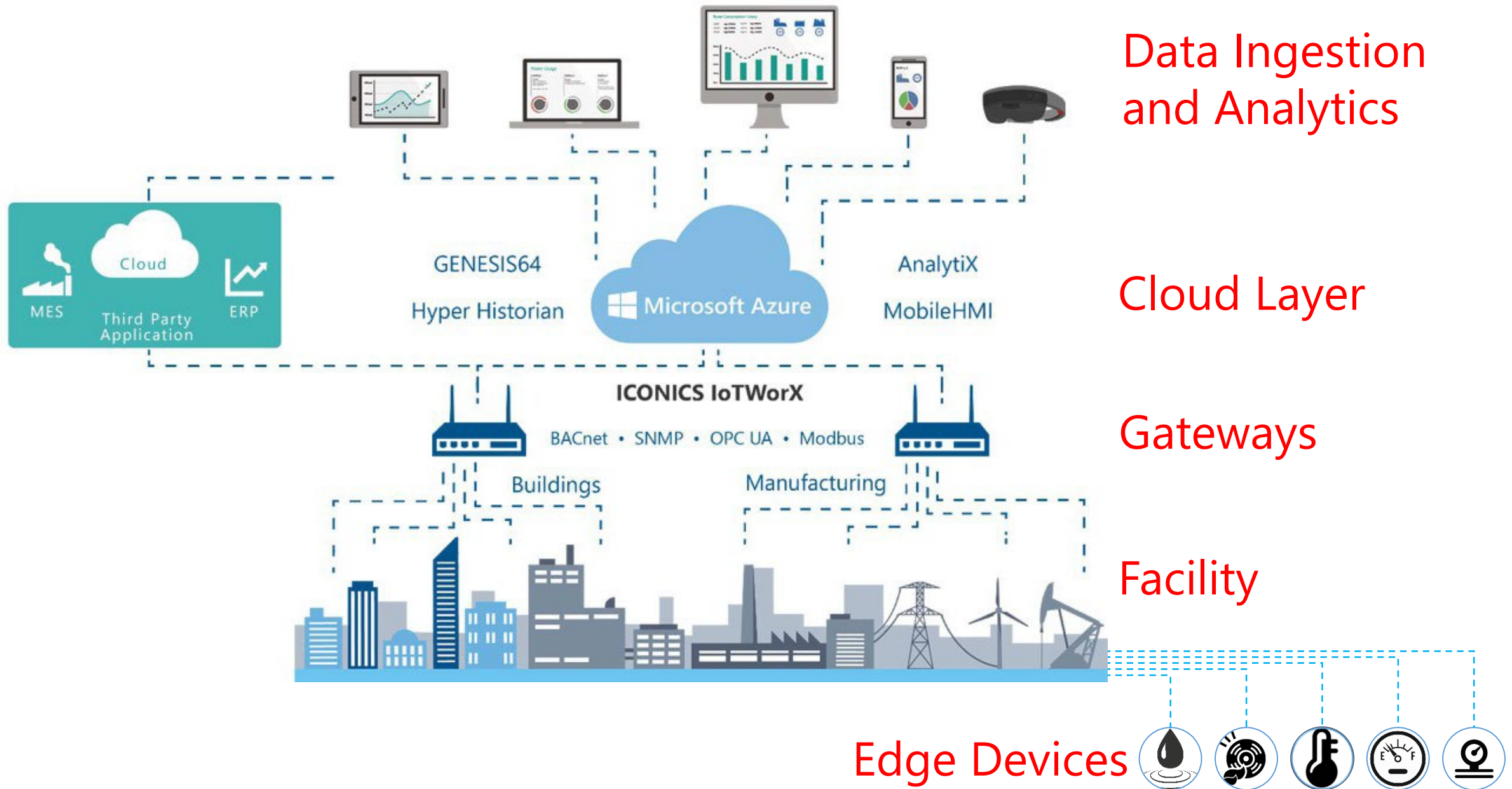
Advanced Messaging Queuing Protocol (AMQP)

- Works on top of TCP/IP protocol
- More rich in features than MQTT
- Fine-grained queuing control

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

- Often combined with HTTP
- Relatively lightweight and object-oriented
- Flexible and can be used to implement higher level functionality
- Client/Server

The options opened up by these protocols is why edge gateways are being promoted



Two Main Uses in Manufacturing

- Production Optimization
 - Using device interconnectivity, data collection & analysis to collect process information
 - Increase throughput
 - Identify opportunities to tune processes



- Diagnostics/Preventative Maintenance
 - Collect robot sensor data and notify when readings trend out of normal
 - Convert required downtime from unplanned to planned

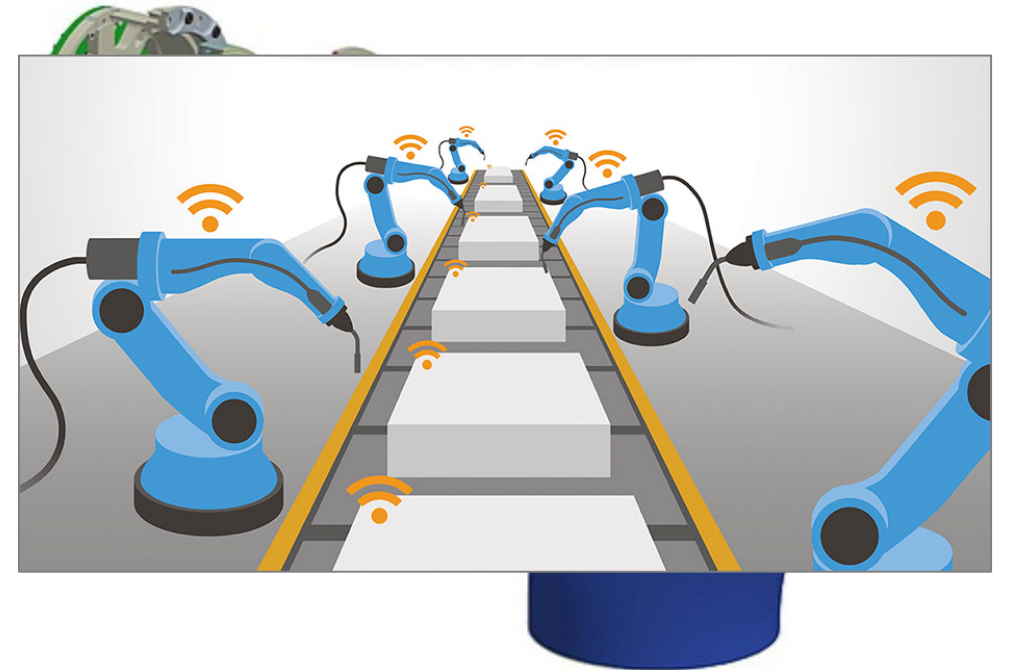
IoT and Robotics

A Brief Overview



Multi-Layered Systems

- A deployed robot is a system of smaller devices (servos, encoders, sensors, etc.)
- Manufacturing environments can contain a collection of robots, which form a higher-level system
- Most robots are capable of acting as gateway devices



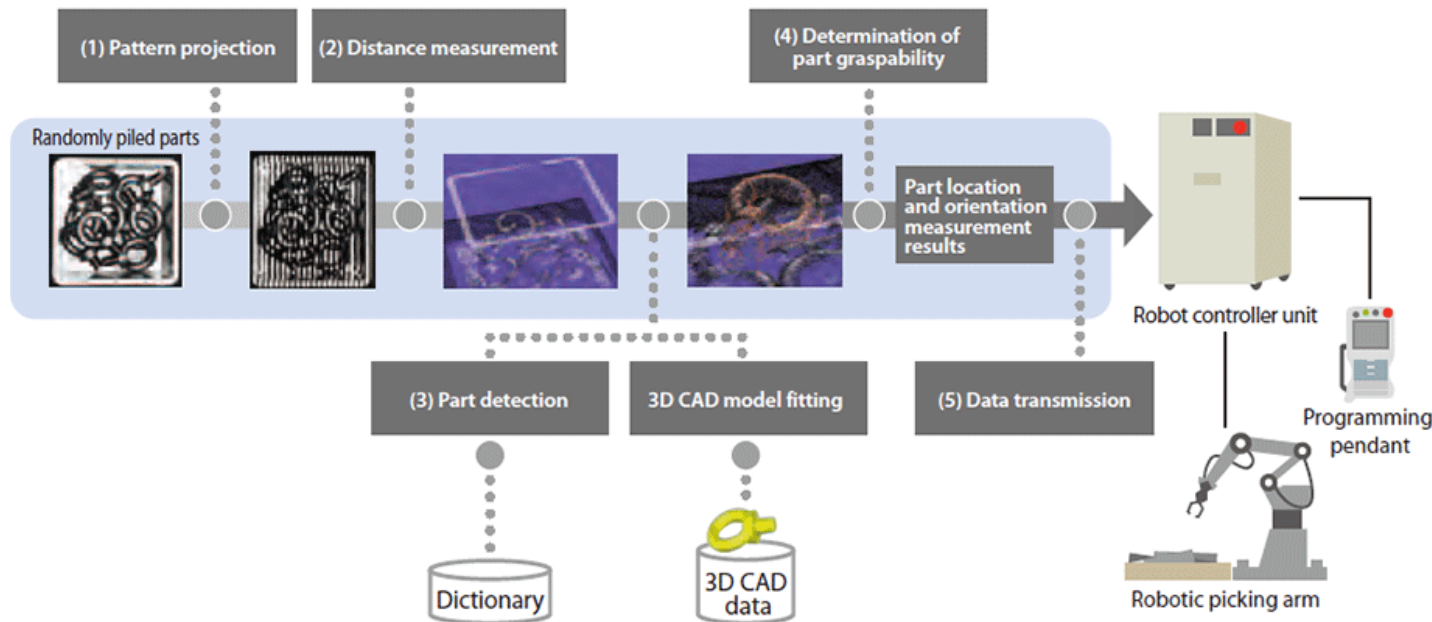
~~Fake Smarts~~ Artificial Intelligence

- Machine Learning is an iterative process, needs datasets
- The gathering and pre-processing of huge amounts of process data is making ML more and more feasible

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521 }
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523     if (playerHealth > 20) {
524         playerHealth = 20; //caps player hp at 20
525         hpDisplay.sprite = currentHP [0];
526
527     } else if (playerHealth < 20 && playerHealth >= 19) {
528         hpDisplay.sprite = currentHP [1];
529     } else if (playerHealth < 19 && playerHealth >= 18) {
530         hpDisplay.sprite = currentHP [2];
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562         hpDisplay.sprite = currentHP [18];
563     }
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Networked Robotics

Allows higher-level tasks and optimization to be done by linking robots to outside analytics



- Google Self-Driving Cars
 - Pull information from the cloud (maps, images)
- Columbia Grasp Dataset (research)
 - Large dataset of precomputed grasps on 3D Models
- Canon Bin Picking Camera Dictionary
 - Stores point cloud and CAD data on external PC
 - Drastically reduces cycle time on complex parts

The background of the slide is a photograph of a supermarket aisle. On the left, there are tall shelves stocked with various products. In the foreground, a metal shopping cart is visible, with its handle and basket in focus. A sign on the cart's handle reads 'Please don't leave children unat'. The right half of the image is overlaid with a white diagonal shape that contains the title and subtitle text.

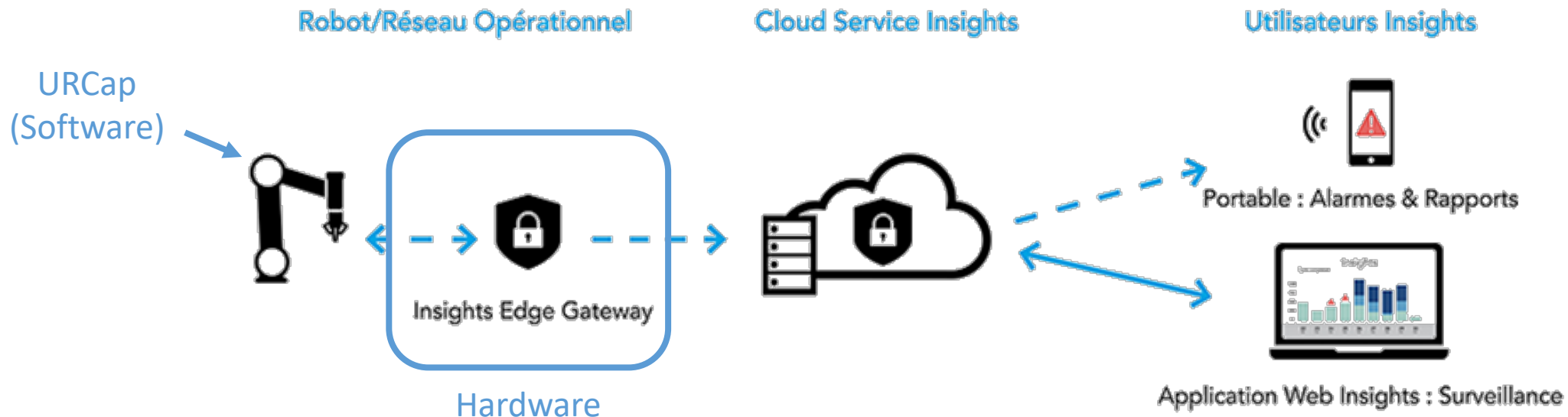
Some Options

Products to dip your toes into IoT

Robotiq Insights for UR

CLOUD-BASED MONITORING

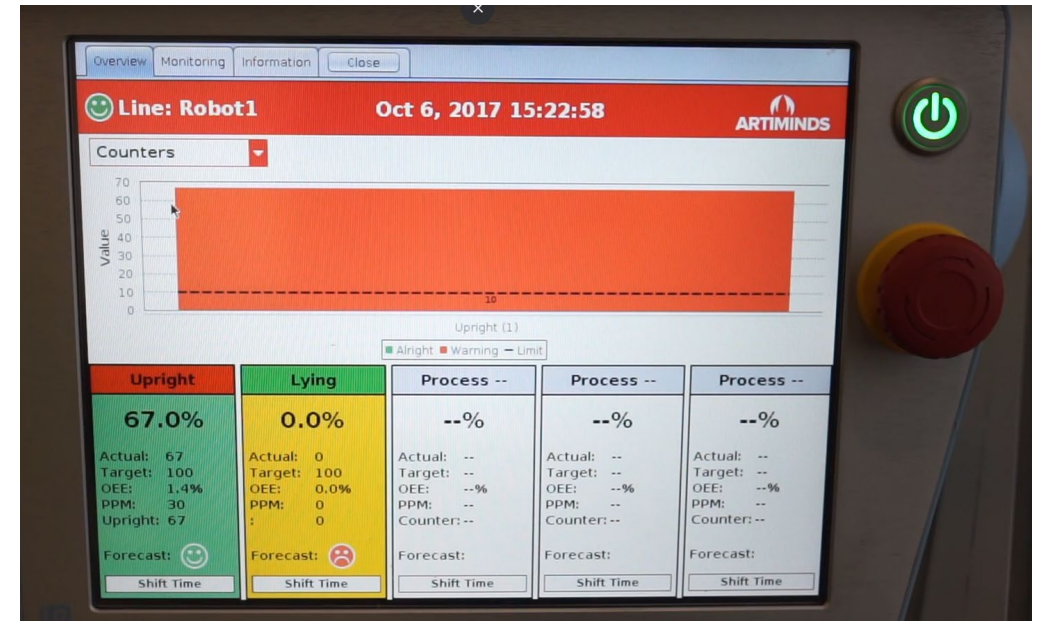
- Performance timeline and KPI reporting
- Production monitoring
- Hardware + Software solution at the robot level
- SMS Alerts
- Free and Advanced versions



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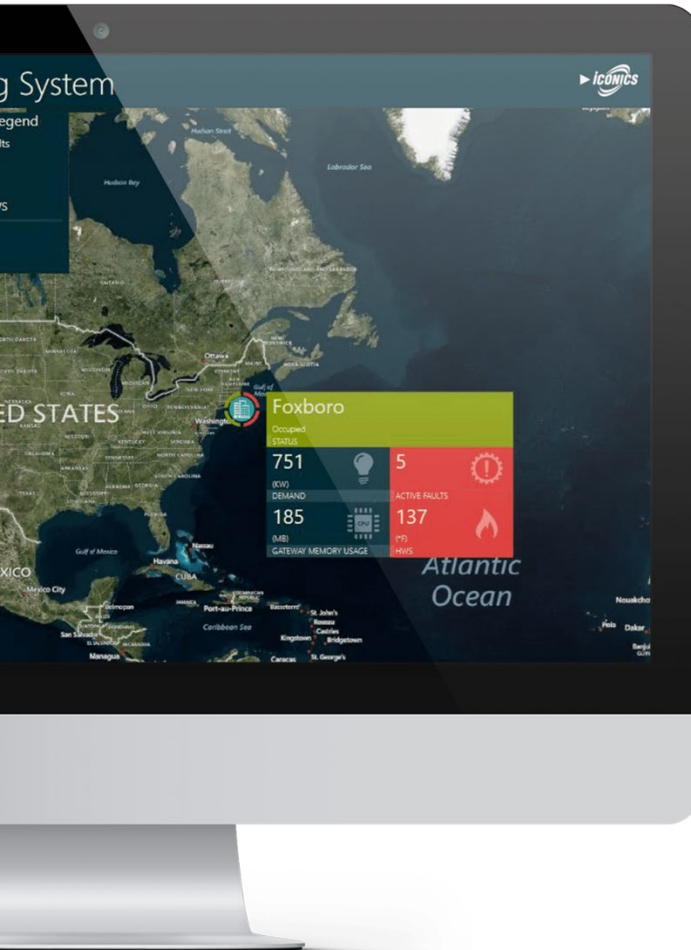
MONITORING ON LOCAL SERVERS

- Subprocess monitoring
- Turn your UR teach pendant into a HUD
- No cloud infrastructure required
- Network output via standard interfaces



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SOFTWARE SOLUTION FOR ANY EDGE DEVICE



- Onboard analytics for Edge Devices
 - Minimizes latency
 - Cloud Communications
 - Real-time visualization
- Works with third-party gateways
- Can integrate with Microsoft Azure Machine Learning platform
- Remote Monitoring and Control

THANK YOU

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