

# Introduction to **MLOps at the Edge**

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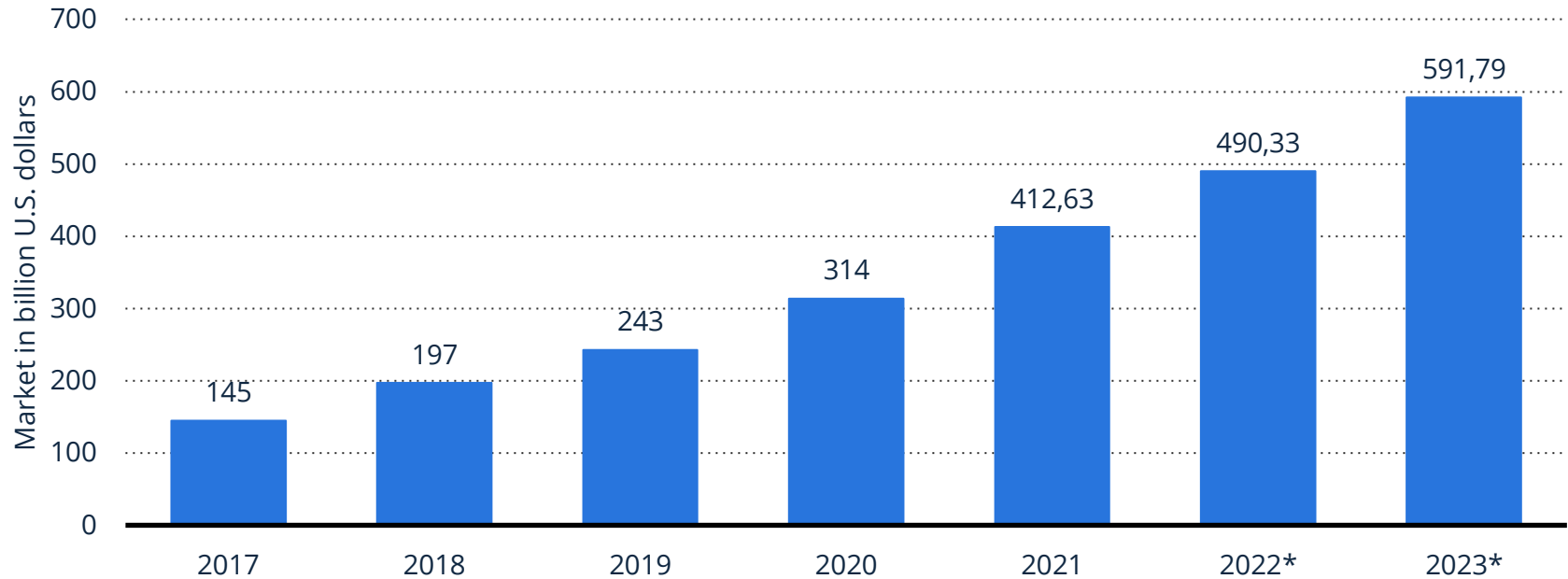
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**The Cloud is broken**

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# Is the Cloud broken?

## Global Cloud Computing Spenditure





Then...  
¿Why is it broken?

Because it is unable to  
cope with the following  
challenges...

# Is the Cloud broken?

## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 1. Dependence on the Internet

The cloud computing model **relies on the Internet** to access data and applications.

The performance and reliability of cloud services are affected by the **availability and quality of the internet connection**.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 2. High latency

Even with a quality Internet connection, **round-trip times to the cloud** (data center) may not be fast enough for certain applications

This is especially true for applications with **real-time needs**.





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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 3. Service availability

Cloud computing services may experience **downtime or service interruptions**, affecting business operations and productivity.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 4. Loss of control

Enterprises have **limited control** over the **physical infrastructure and underlying technology** used by the service provider.

This can make it **difficult to manage** and **optimise** resources, **troubleshoot** problems and **customise** services.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 5. Cost management

Cloud computing costs can be **unpredictable** and sometimes **unaffordable**.

Especially for **data-intensive tasks** such as computer vision or predictive maintenance, cloud computing costs can be unpredictable and sometimes unaffordable.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 6. Vendor lock-in

Moving data and applications from one cloud service provider to another can be complicated and costly.

This vendor lock-in makes it **difficult for businesses to switch to a different cloud service provider**, even if they are dissatisfied with the services provided.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 7. Security and privacy

Cloud computing involves sharing resources and data over the Internet, which makes it susceptible to **security and privacy breaches**.

Providers must ensure that data is protected and secure.



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## Cloud Computing Challenges

### 8. Compliance

Businesses must comply with industry and government regulations governing the management of sensitive data.

Cloud computing can create compliance issues when data is stored in **different geographic locations** or shared across international borders.





¿Which is the solution?

¿What are the alternatives to Cloud Computing?



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**The ability to create results through Artificial Intelligence and Edge Computing is the most significant value refactoring in the technology market since Cloud Computing**

**Gartner**<sup>®</sup>



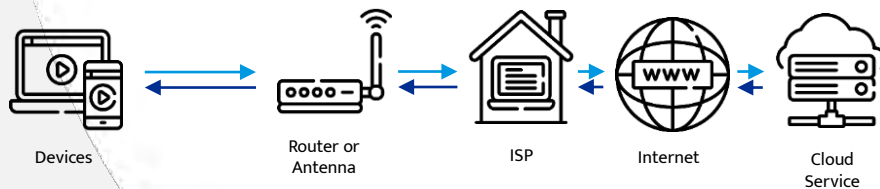
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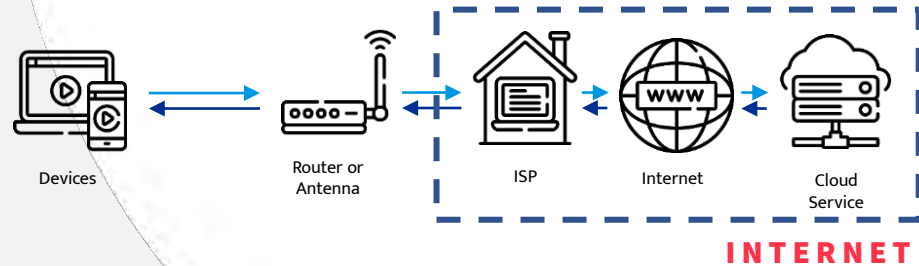
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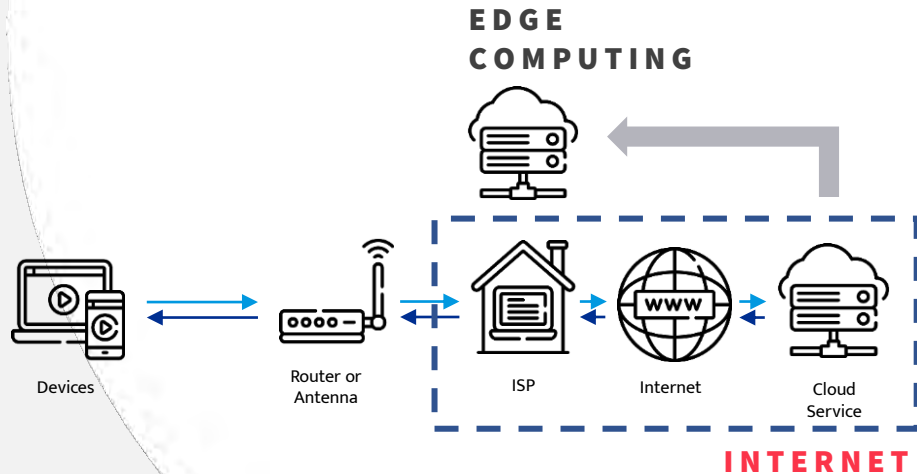
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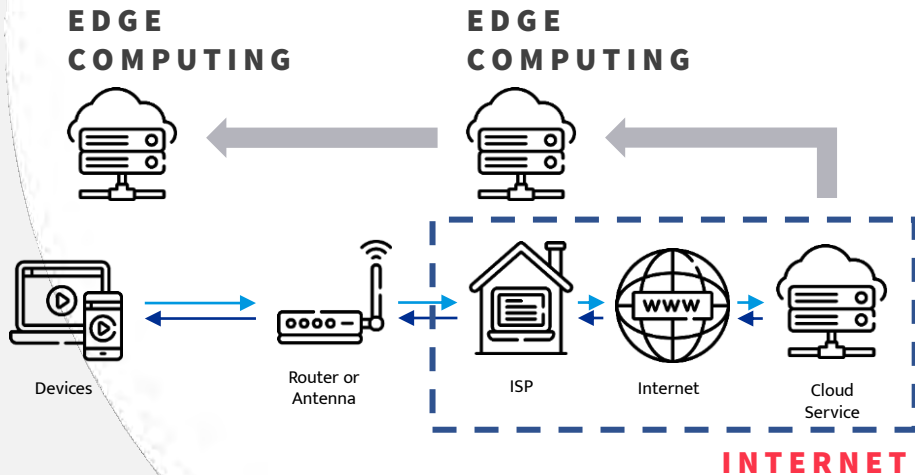
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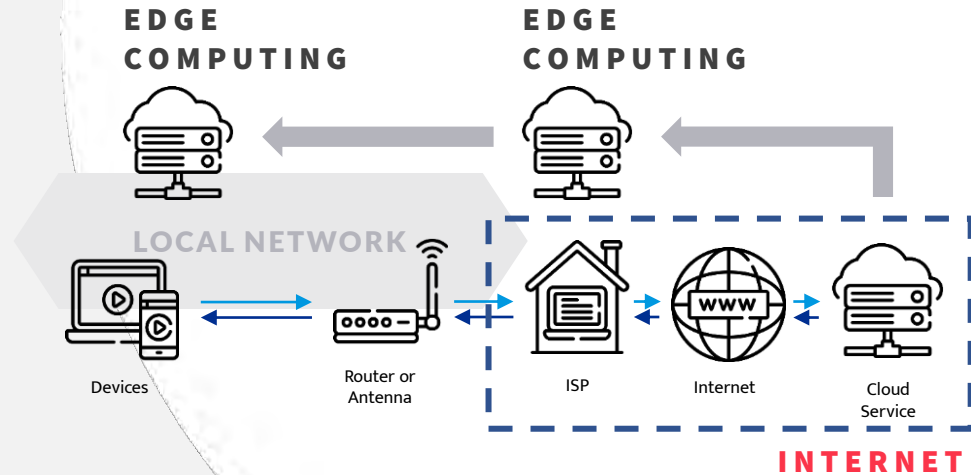




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## Edge Computing Drivers



### Low latency

Edge computing involves processing data and analysing data where it is generated, **reducing latency and improving the speed of response.**

This is key for applications with **real-time needs.**



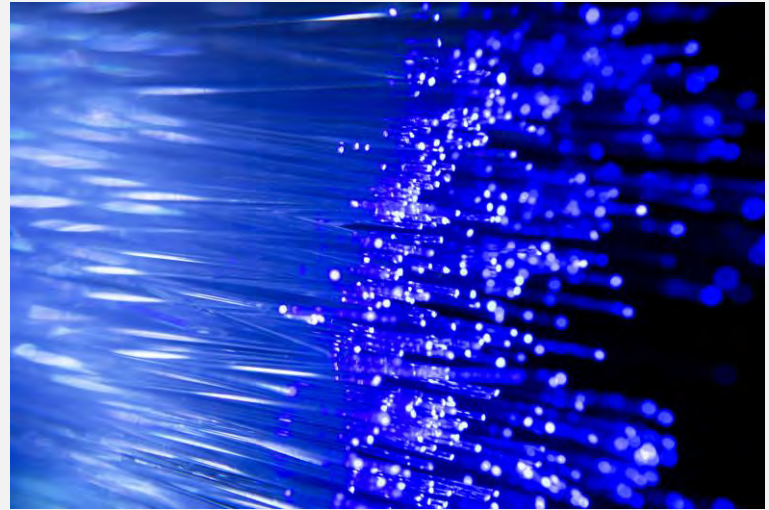
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## Edge Computing Drivers

### Lower bandwidth consumption

With Edge Computing, data is processed and stored on local devices, which **reduces the amount of data that needs to be sent** over network connections.

This reduces network congestion, improves available bandwidth and **lowers Cloud costs** dramatically.



# #EdgeIsTheNewCloud

## Edge Computing Drivers



### Increased privacy and security

Edge computing is generally more secure than cloud computing, as data is processed locally and **not sent over a network connection**.

This can help **protect sensitive** company and user **data**.



# #EdgelsTheNewCloud

## Edge Computing Drivers

### Greater availability and autonomy

With Edge Computing, local devices **continue to function** even if there is an interruption of the network connection.

This promotes **autonomous system operation**, which is especially important for critical installations.



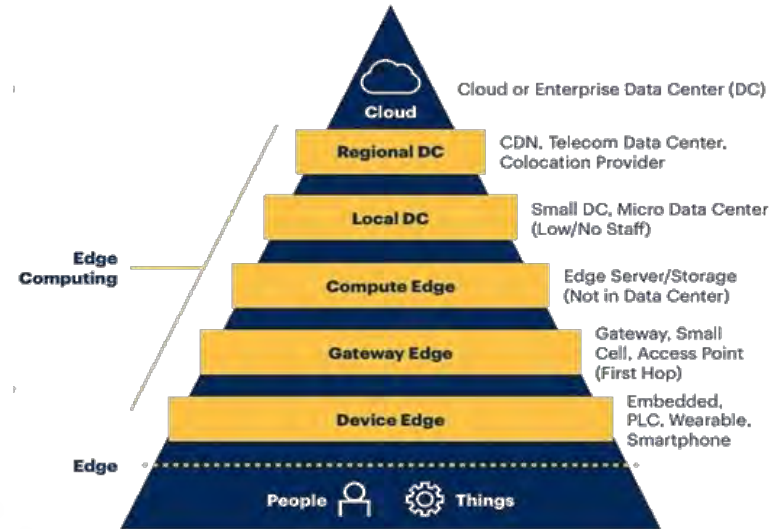
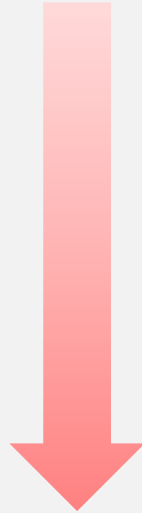
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## Different types of Edge

- LATENCY

+ SCALABILITY (€/bit)

+ SECURITY

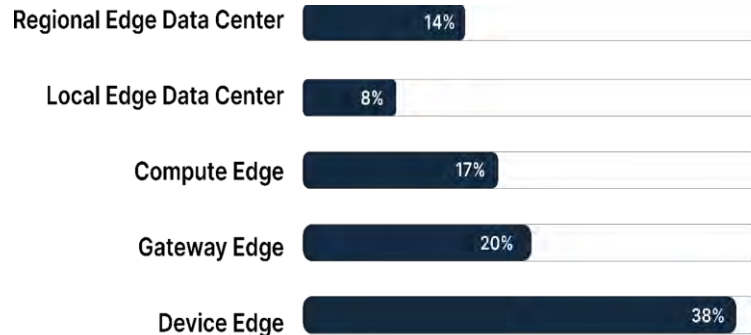


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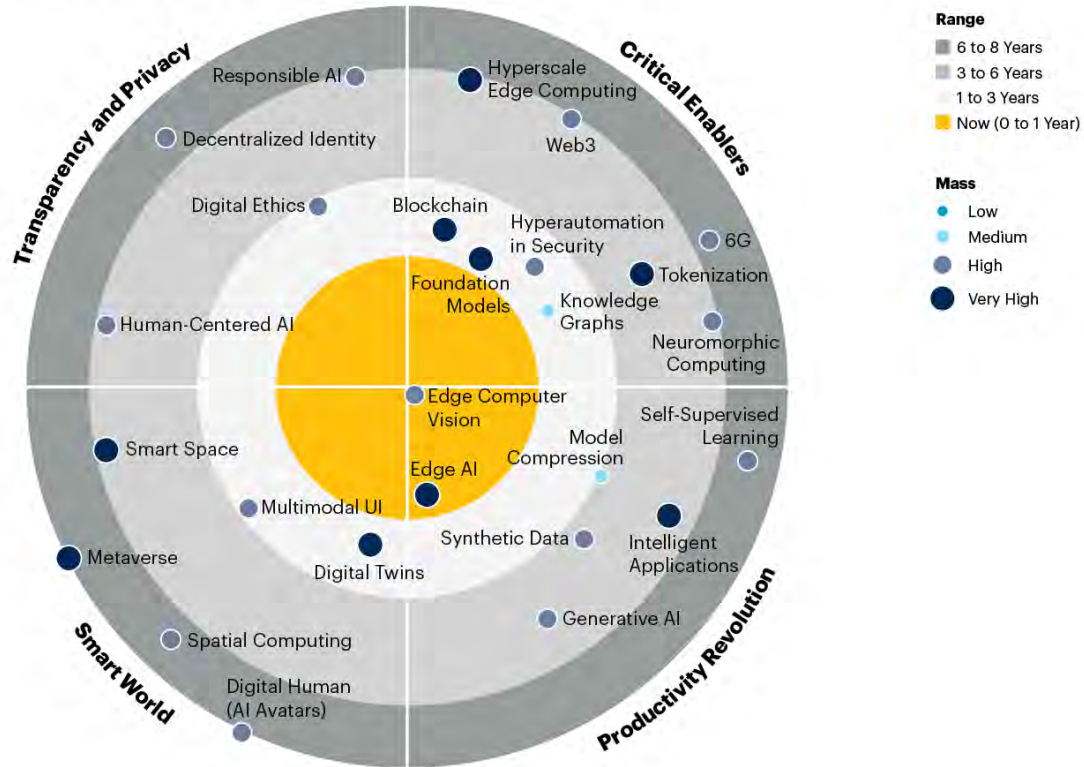
## Different types of Edge

The two most promising segments are the **Gateway Edge** and the **Device Edge**.

Both segments stand out for their **development and adoption potential** and are expected to play a key role in the future in the digital transformation of companies and in the creation of new business models.



# Impact Radar for 2023



Source: Gartner  
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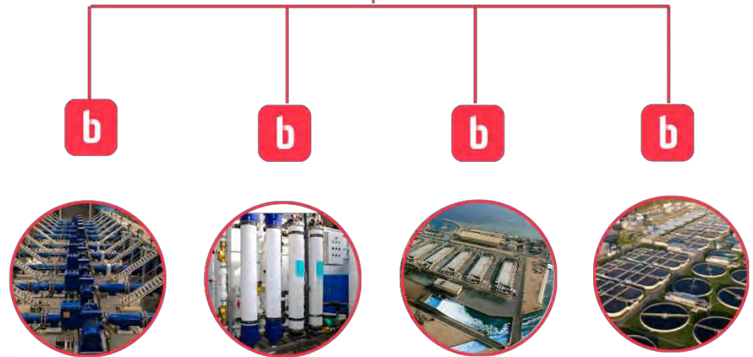
# Intelligent virtual measurement of water components

## The Challenge

Acciona needed to adapt its AI models to the Edge in order to manage them remotely at all of its locations around the world.

## The solution

- Deployment of Artificial Intelligence algorithms in a cyber-secure environment.
- Reduce deployment time of your Edge applications by 86%.
- Optimisation of its chemical control processes in real time and in a cyber-secure manner.
- Saved around \$250,000 per plant in its first year in regulatory and chemical costs.





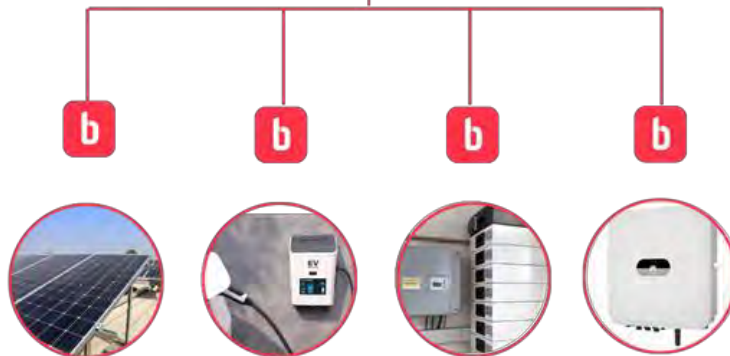
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### The Challenge

EDP needed to make off-grid elements (inverters, chargers and batteries) visible in order to balance energy flows.

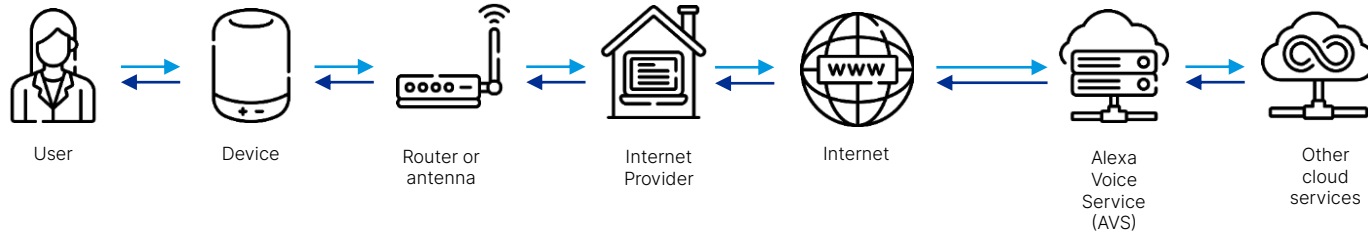
### The solution

- Visibility of all elements in a supplier-independent manner.
- Command assets with real-time latency that decide when to produce, store or use energy based on external data (energy prices, weather conditions, etc.).
- Improved service margins by optimising energy flows.



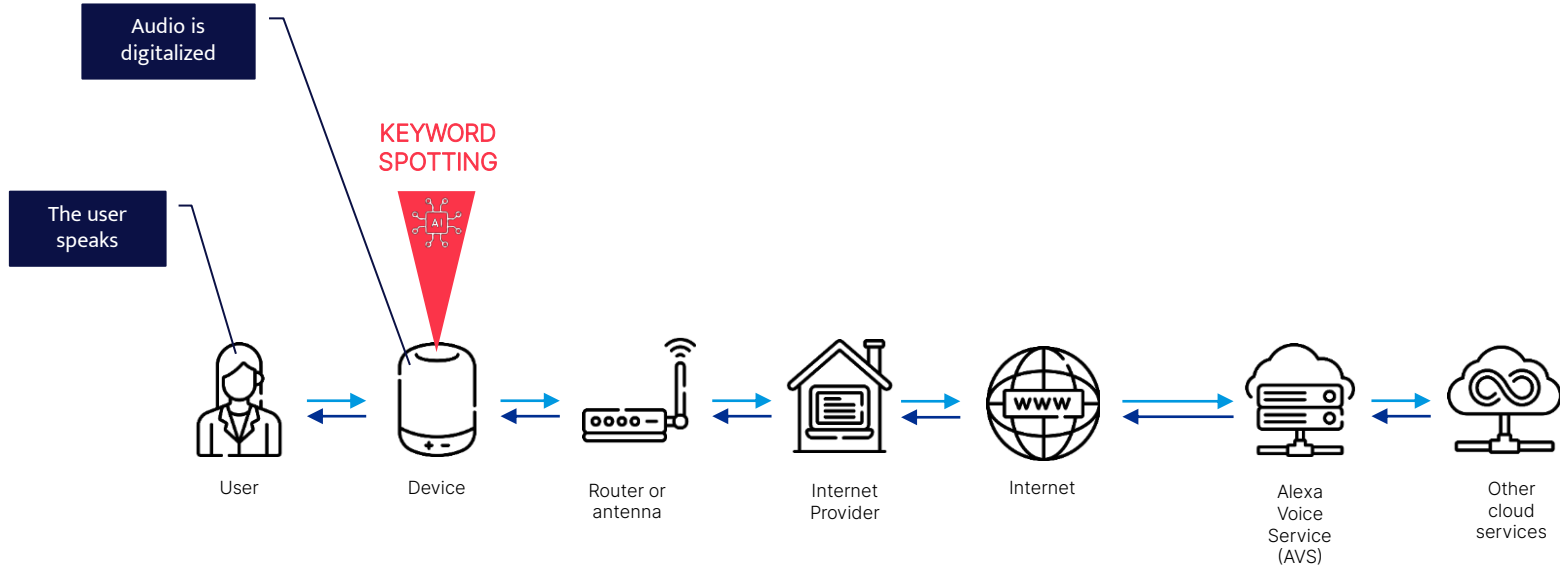
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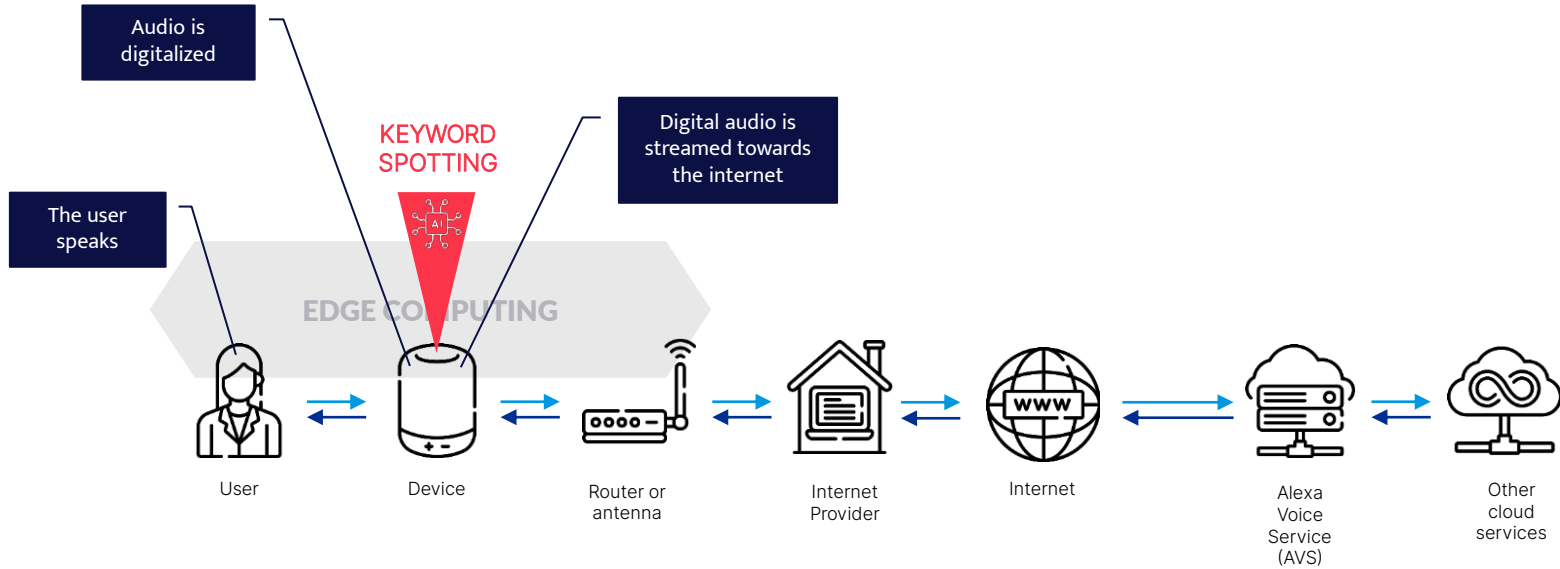
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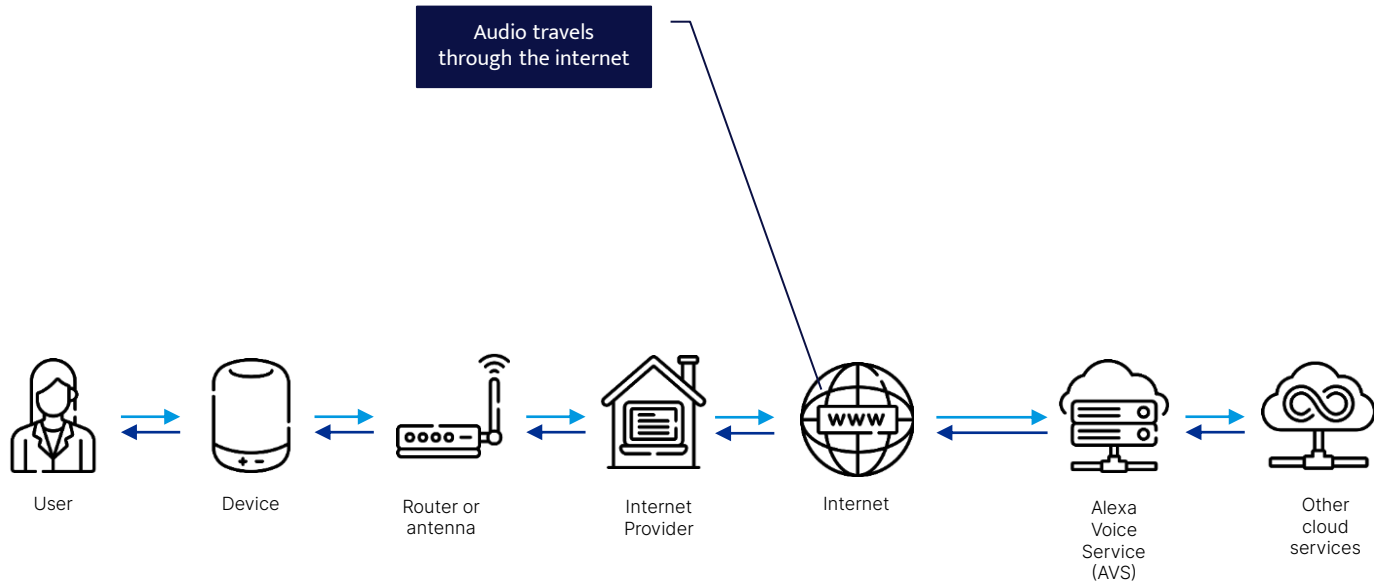
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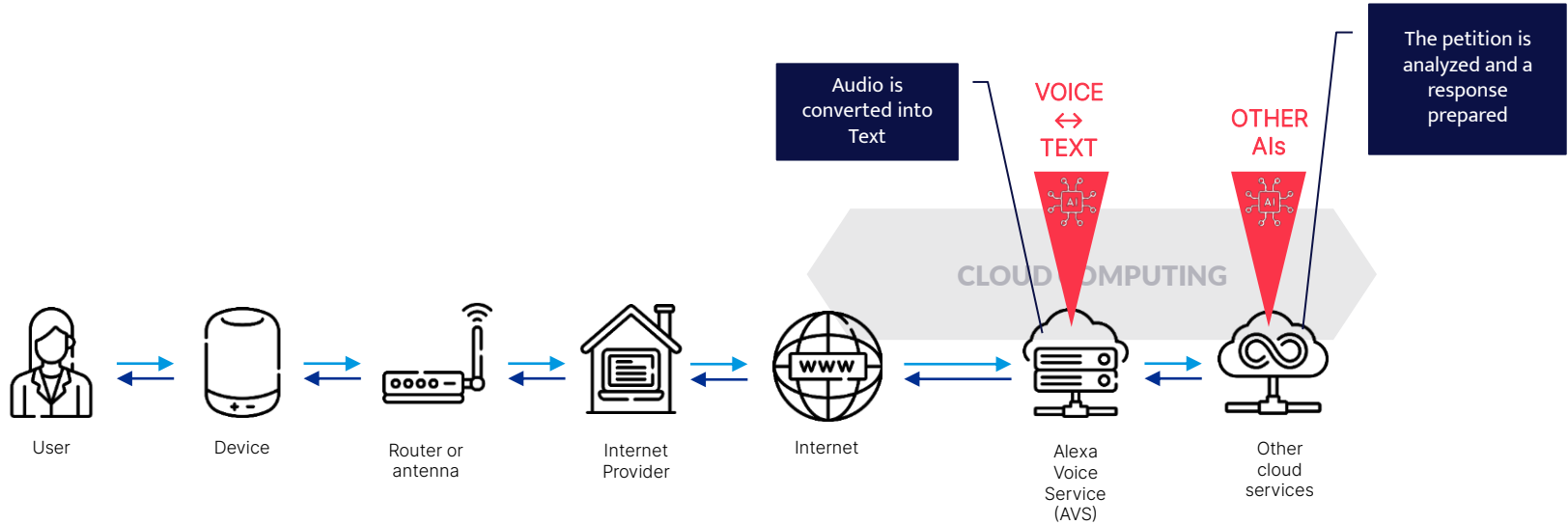
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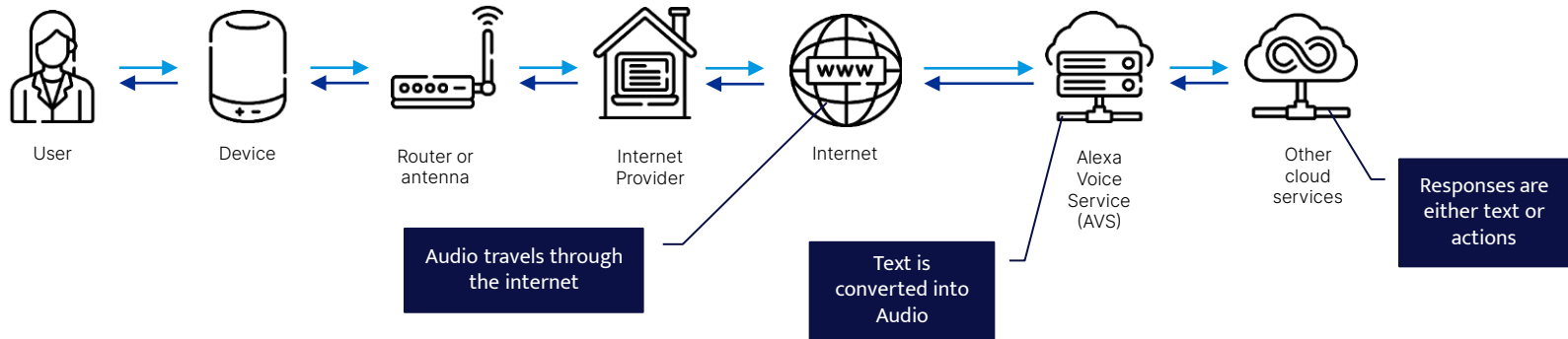
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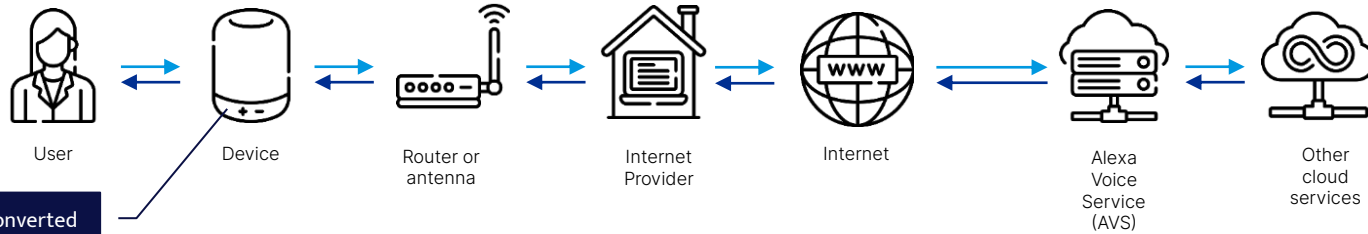
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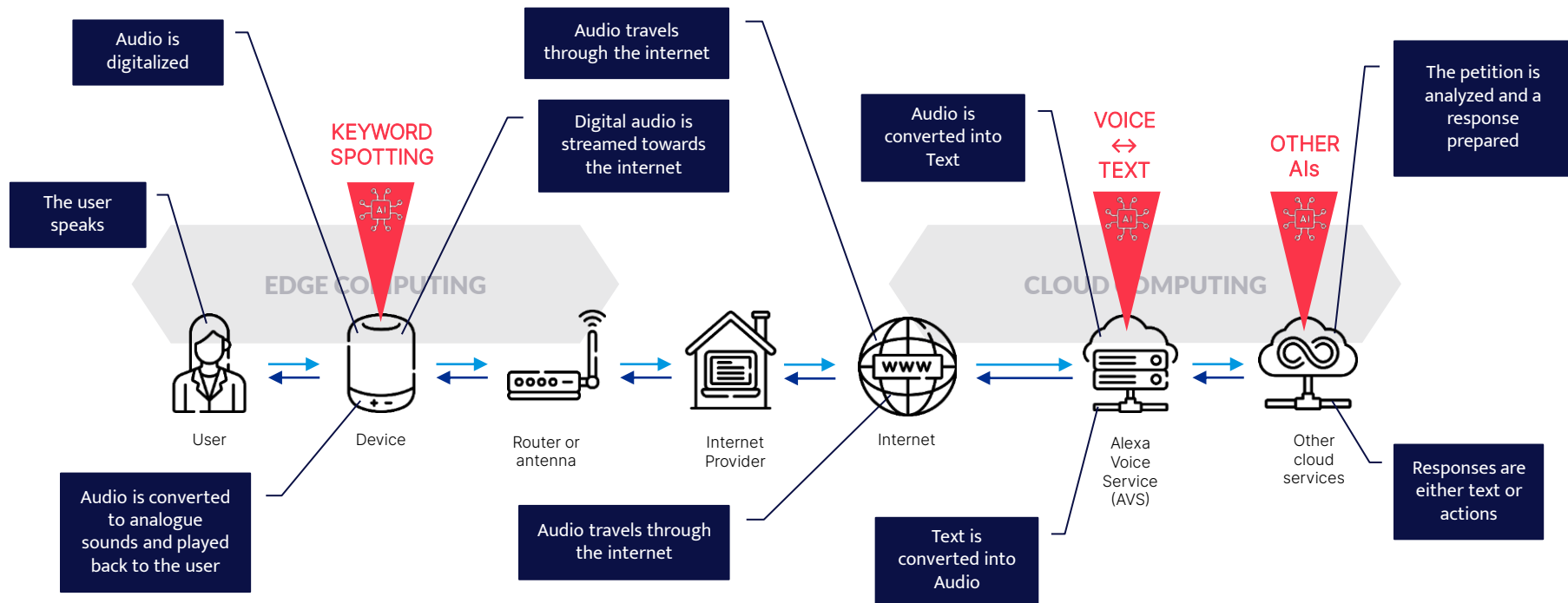
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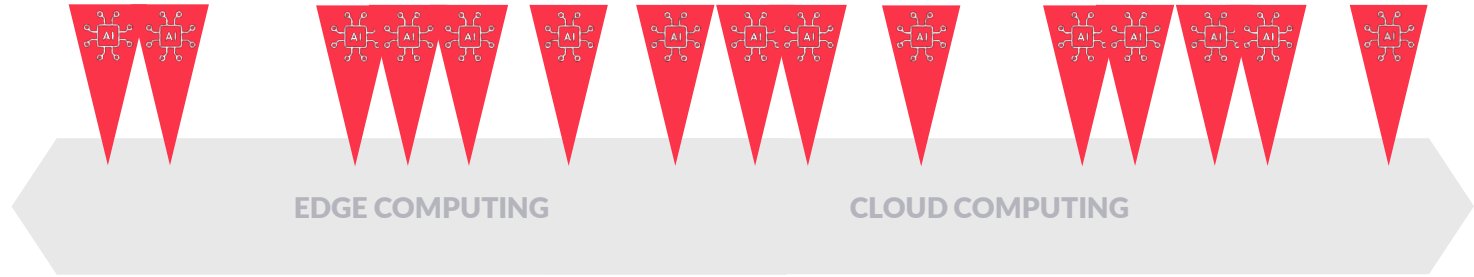
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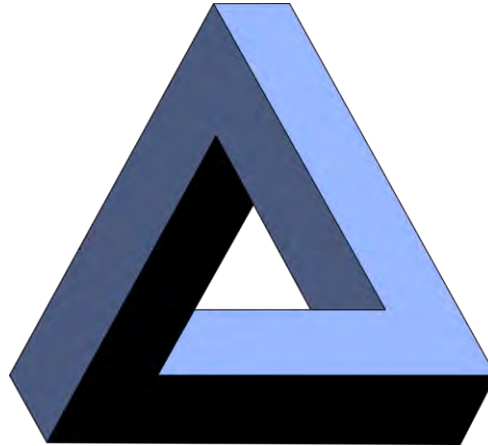
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**Maybe the Cloud is not broken...  
Maybe it just needs some friends**

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Edge ♥ Cloud ♥ AI  
**A powerful combination**

**Artificial Intelligence**



**Cloud Computing**

**Edge Computing**



# ¿How do we manage this complexity?

What are the tools that make it easier to manage scale models?



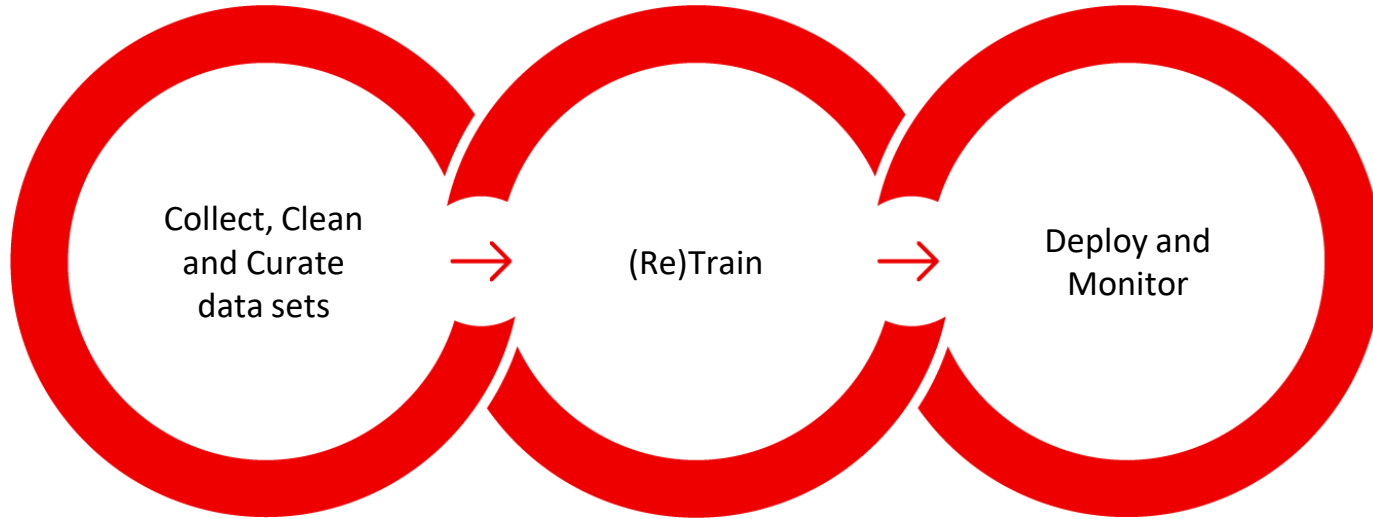
# MLOps

## Machine Learning Operations

A set of practices aimed at deploying and maintaining machine learning models in production in a reliable and efficient manner.



Edge ♥ Cloud ♥ AI  
**MLOps cycle**





# Edge ♥ Cloud ♥ AI MLOps challenges

## Edge Computing can be the solution

Two of the biggest challenges in putting ML models into production and monitoring them can be solved by using an edge computing platform.

Time to deploy a model in production



Biggest MLOps challenge survey





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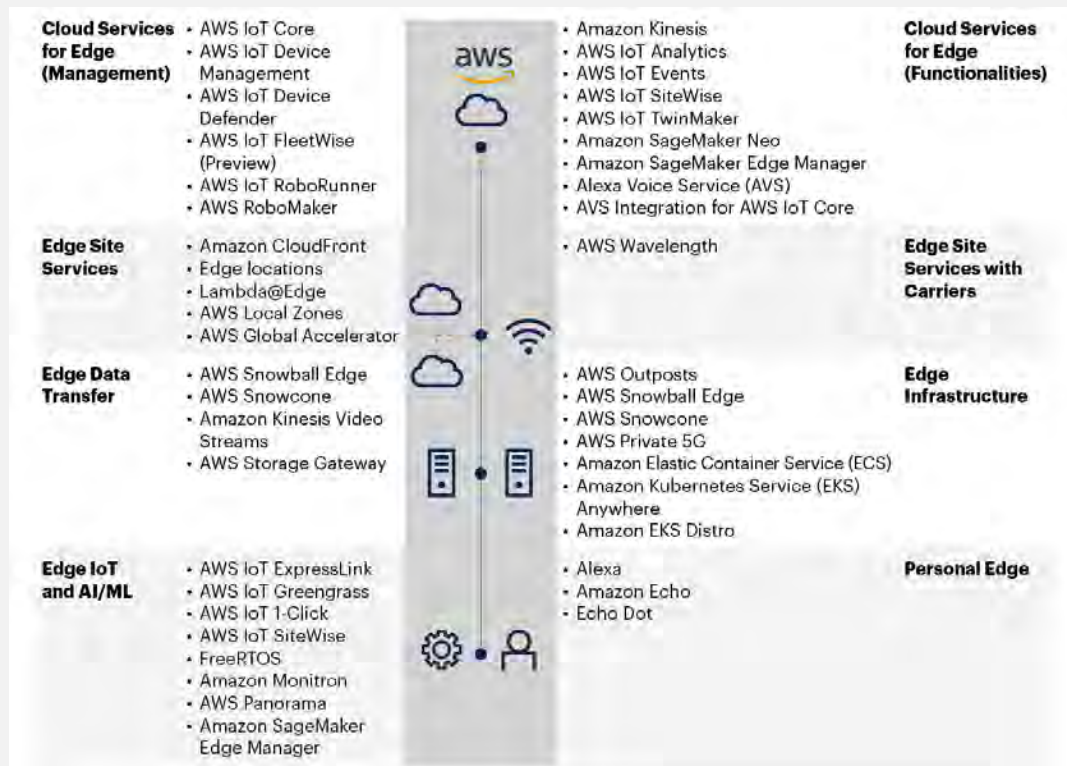
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# Edge Computing Platforms

Amazon Web Services



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Microsoft Azure



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Google



Enterprise

## Google Cloud will shutter its IoT Core service next year

Ron Miller @ron\_miller / 4:18 PM GMT+2 • August 17, 2022

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# Edge Computing Platforms

IBM



## IBM is retiring its Watson IoT cloud management platform

Story by Craig Hale • 16 Nov 2022

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IBM has given its Watson Internet of Things (IoT) platform users an ultimatum: move over to another service or face disconnection.





# Edge Computing Platforms

## Native providers

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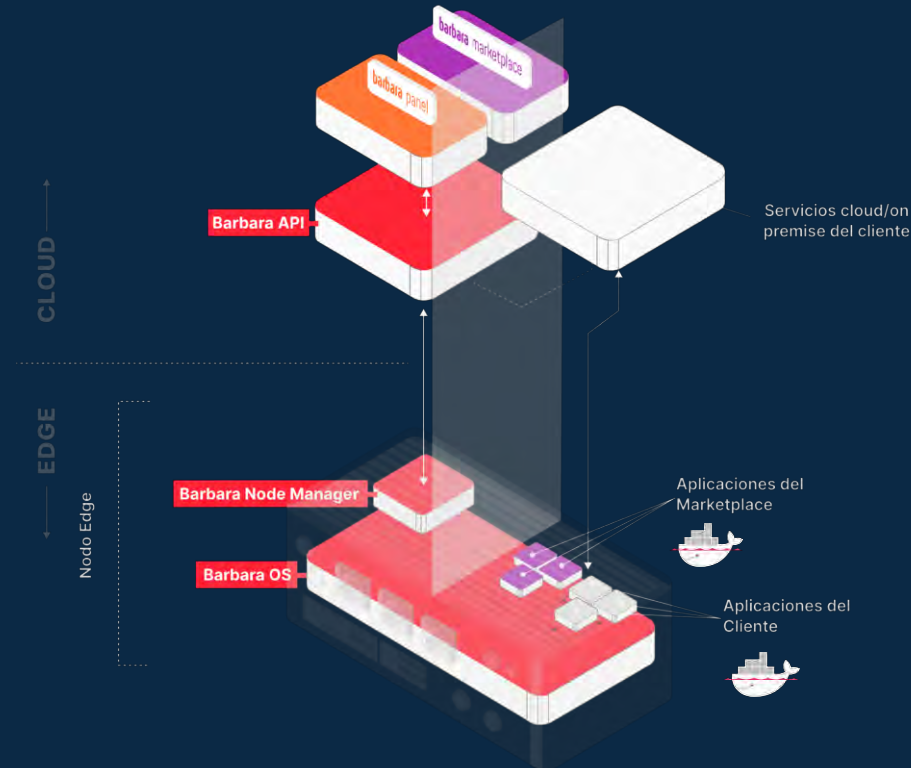
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# Technological Stack

## Promoting standardisation and openness

- **Barbara Marketplace**  
Connectors, databases and ML models in one place. Applications updated and ready to be installed.
- **Barbara Panel**  
All functionalities in a single interface. Accessible from any device (desktop, tablet or mobile).
- **Barbara API**  
Interoperability and integration with any other business system.
- **Barbara Node Manager**  
Software agent that allows remote management of Gateways.
- **Barbara OS**  
Linux-based operating system designed from the ground up to be lightweight and cyber-secure.
- **Edge Applications**  
Apps running on the Gateways, deployed and monitored through Barbara.





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With Edge Computing Applications



01. Smart  
Grids



02. Smart  
Water



03. Smart  
Manufacturing



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