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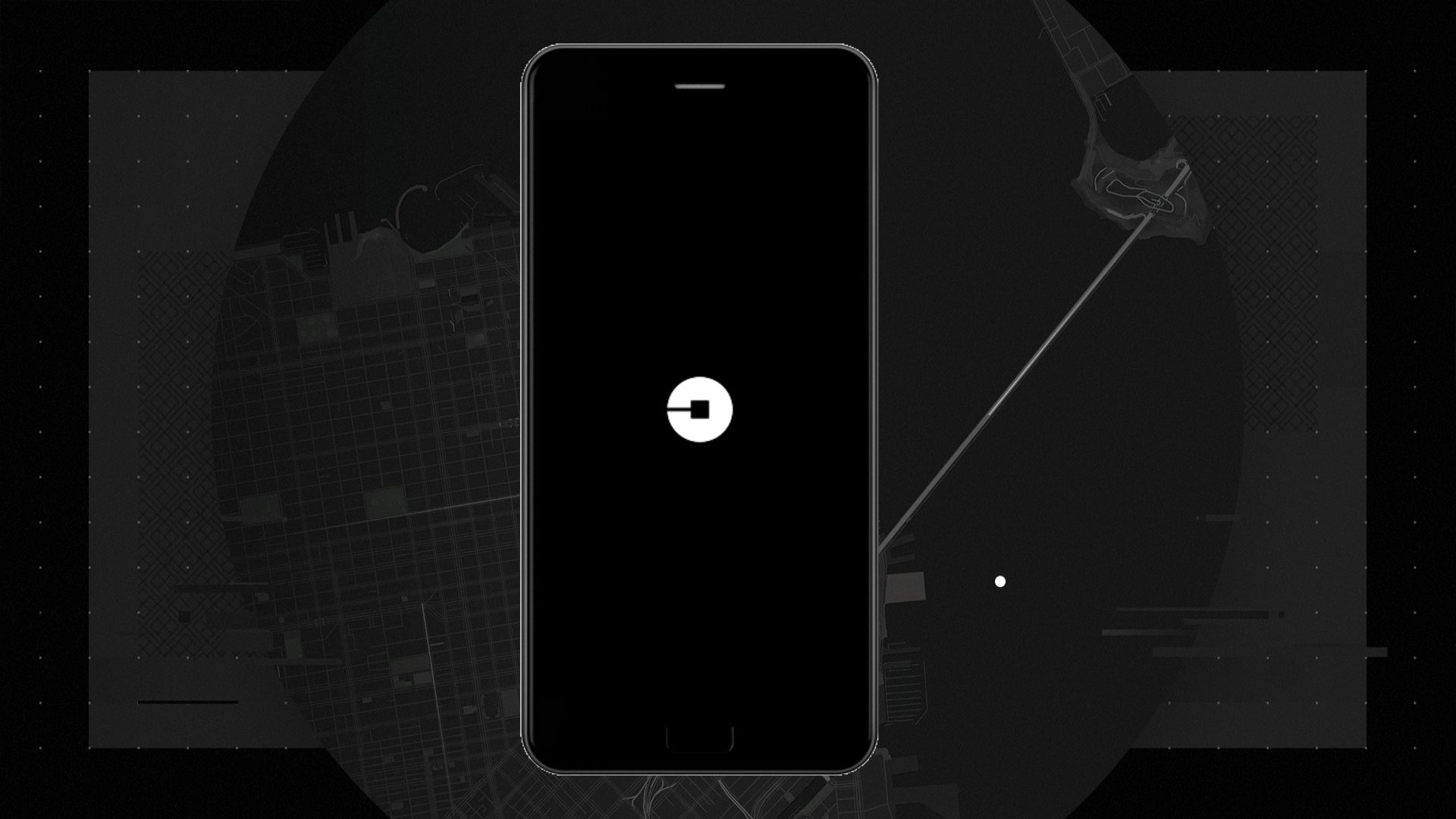
JavaScript @ Uber

UBER

Dustin Whittle, Developer Advocate

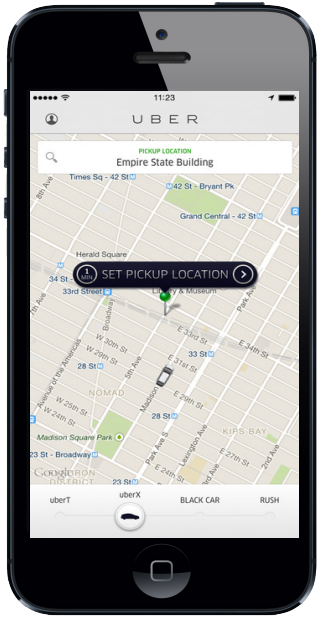
Presenting the work of **many** people at Uber




470+
Cities
73
Countries
1.5M+
Active Driver Partners
75%
of the U.S. population lives in a county with access to Uber
5+ Million
Trips per day
2+ Billion
Trips completed

Evolution of the Uber App

2009



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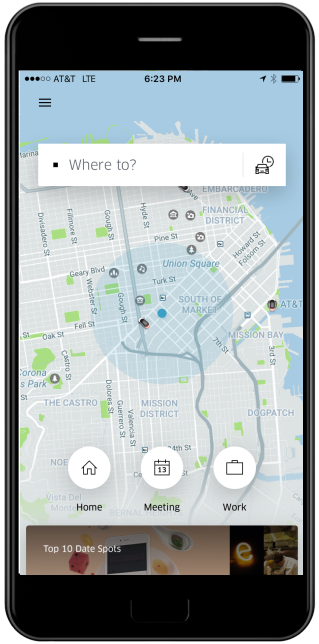

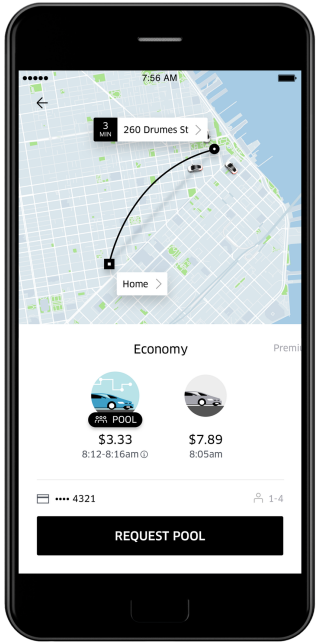

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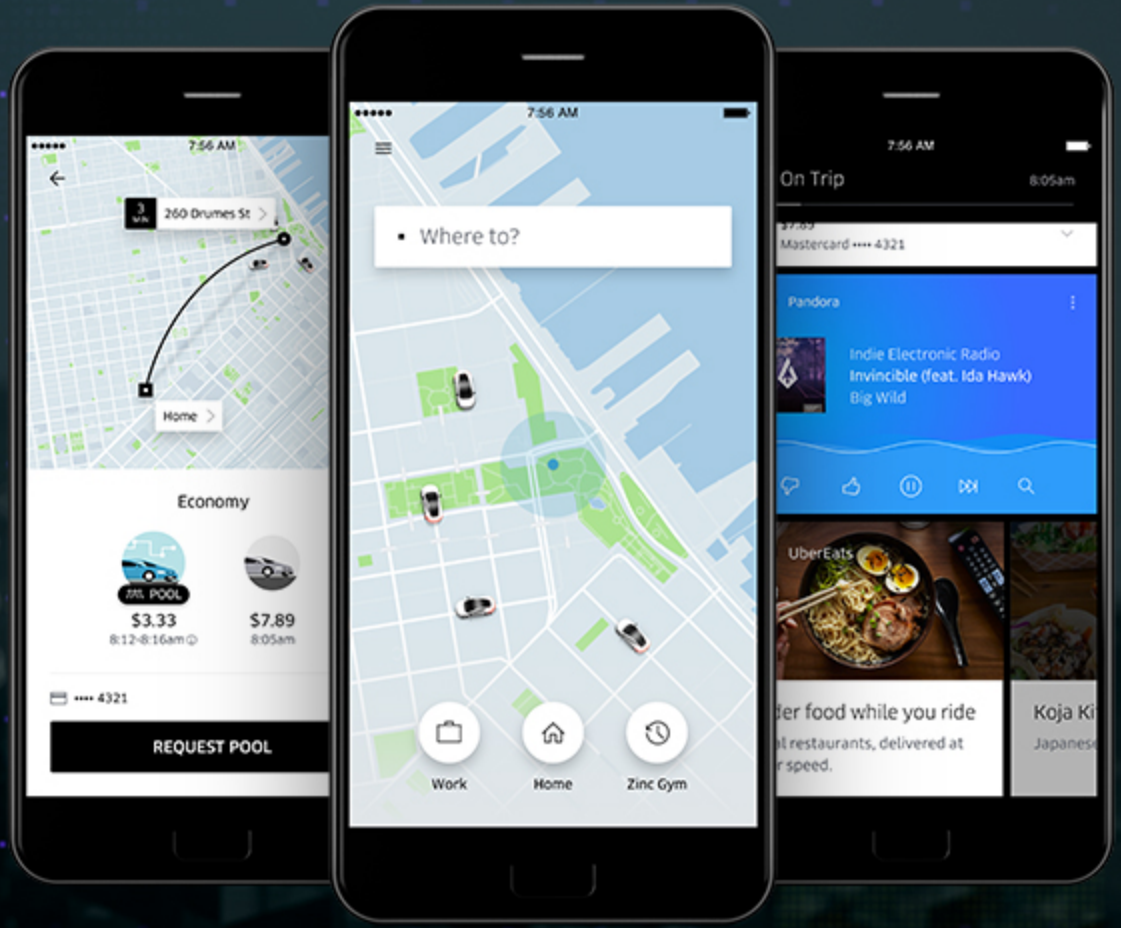
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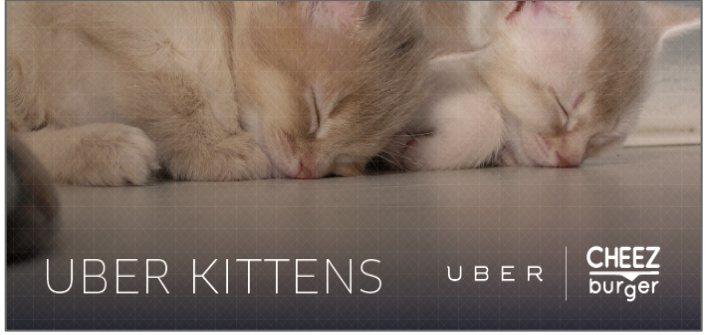
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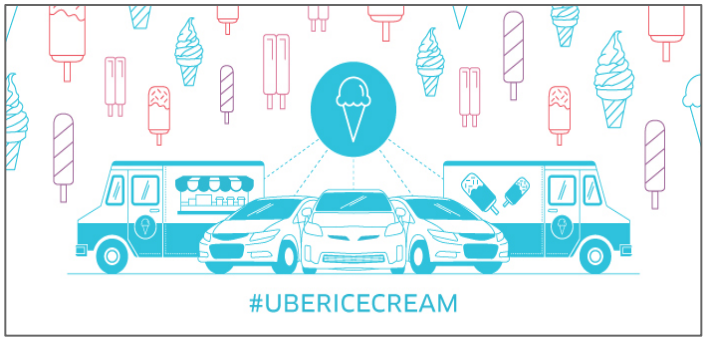
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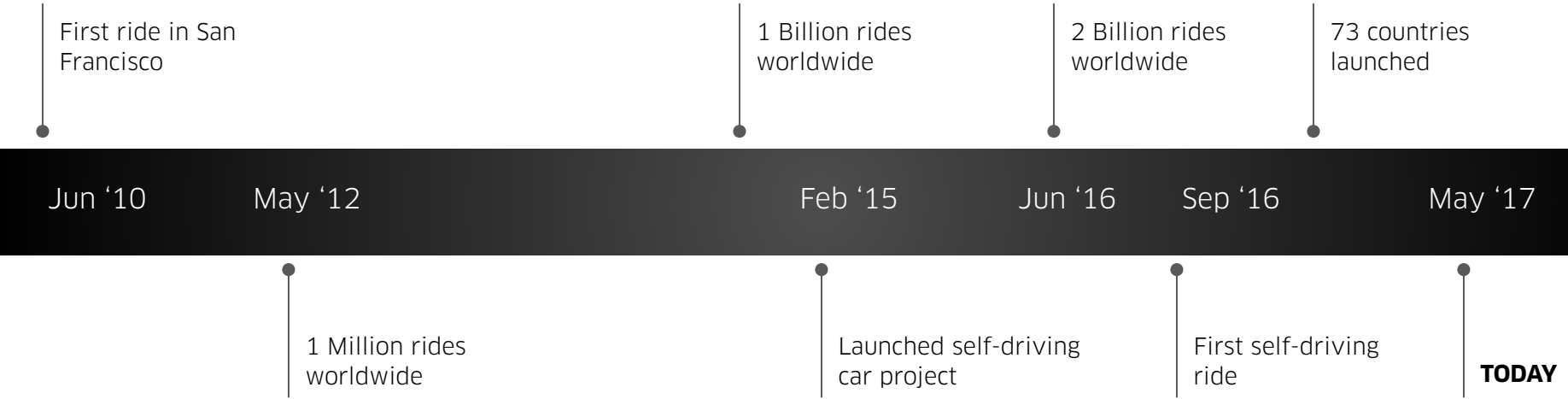

First ride in San Francisco
1 Billion rides worldwide
2 Billion rides worldwide
73 countries launched
Jun ‘10
May ‘12
Feb ‘15
Jun ‘16
Sep ‘16
May ‘17
1 Million rides worldwide
Launched self-driving car project
First self-driving ride
TODAY

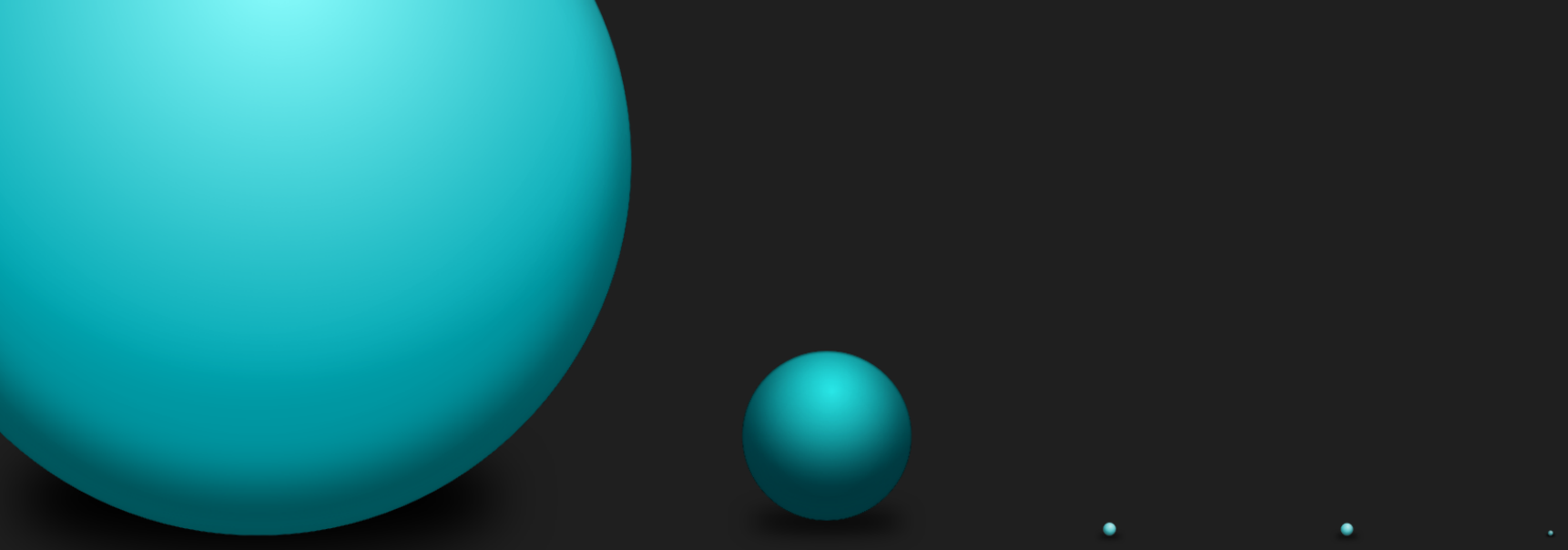
We hired lots of engineers

They wrote a lot of software

Organized as Programs and Platforms

	Program	Platform
Mission	Business Focused	Technology focused
Consumers	Non-technical + Internal/ External	Technical + Internal
Products	Feature-based products	Technology consumed by programs
Team	Cross-functional	Specialized
Direction	Product drivers	Engineering Drivers

Building a **platform** that interacts with the real world adds another level of complexity



15,000+
Repositories

3,400+
Micro Services

260+
Open Source Repositories

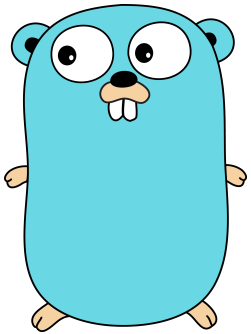
250+
Web Apps

10
Mobile Apps

Uber's **ability to scale** has come from high-velocity, hard engineering, along with autonomous teams and domains

Languages in use at Uber

We are a polyglot engineering organization, and we speak many languages.



In order of preference - many services are moving to Go (or Java)

Why JavaScript?

- **A single stack for frontend and backend**
- Simple interface with thorough documentation
- Lends itself to fast prototyping and quick iteration
- Asynchronous, nimble, flexible
- Avoid concurrency challenges
- Increasingly mature module ecosystem
- **Today we only use Node.js for web applications**


node
JS
®

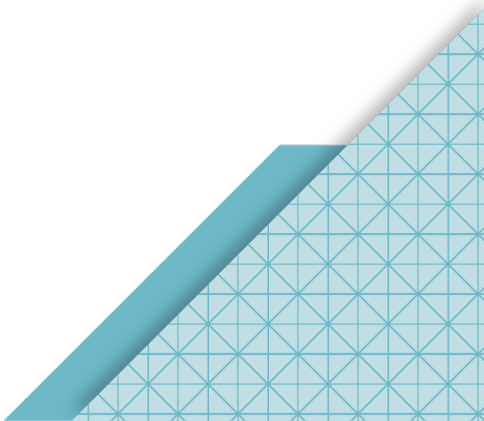
How Uber uses JavaScript

Marketplace Platform (core services)

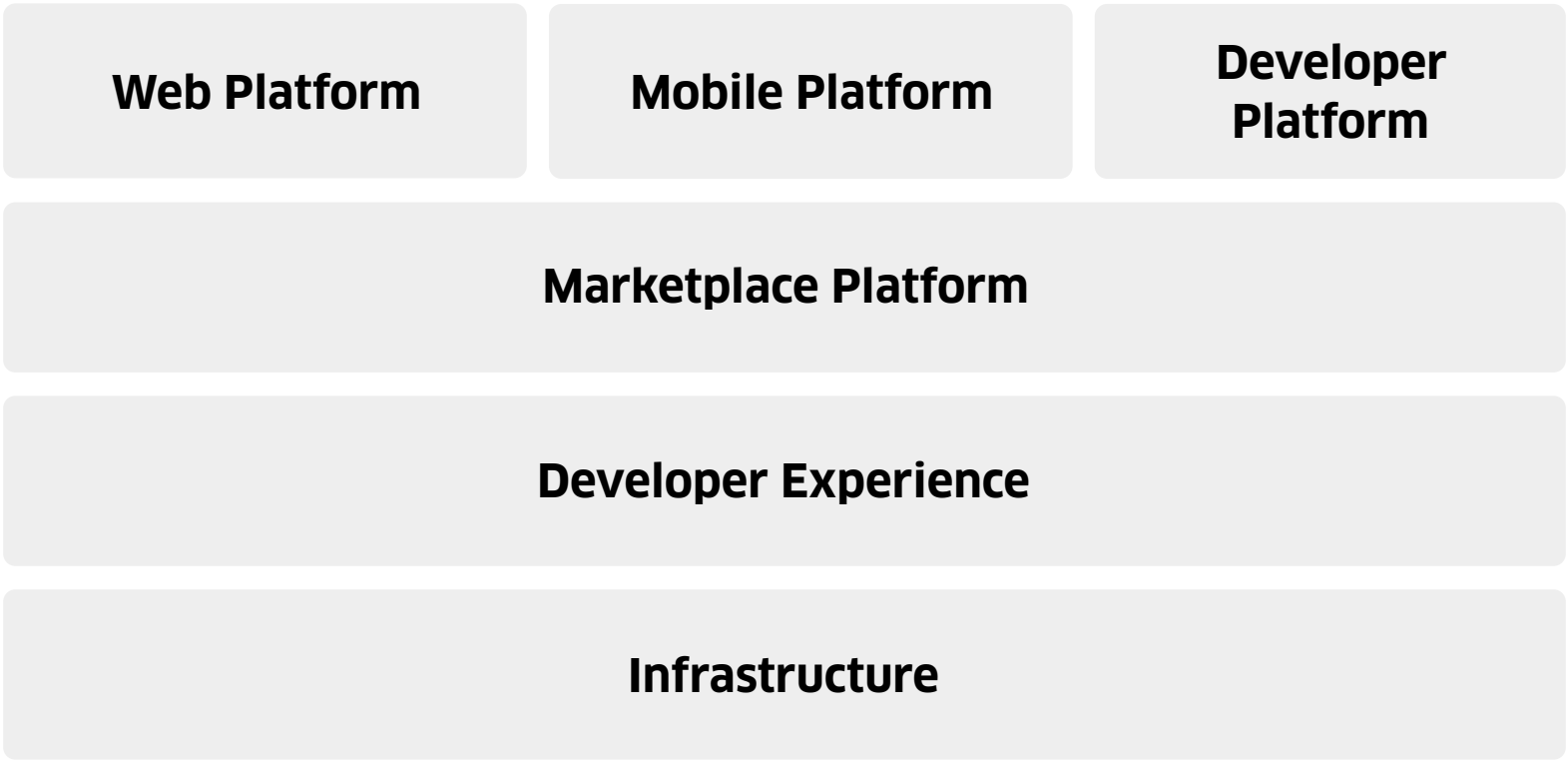
Web Platform (web presence)

Visualizing Data (everywhere)

Developer Platform (external API)



Uber invests in developer **productivity**


Web Platform
Mobile Platform
Developer Platform
Marketplace Platform
Developer Experience
Infrastructure

Let Builders Build

12000+ full-time employees globally

- **Send proposal and request for comments to entire eng org**
  - Abstract, Architecture, UX, Ops, Security, Timeline
- **Start with scaffolding that is purpose built for our stack**
  - Skip the boilerplate while following best practices
- **Deploy with standardized global infrastructure**
  - Automate everything in a consistent way
- **Playbooks**
  - Operationalize teams at scale

Uber Service Foundation

- Asset Pipeline + CDN
- RPC (HTTP, TChannel, etc)
- Translations + Internationalization
- Data (Schemaless, Cassandra, SQL)
- Network
- Compute
- Storage
- Logging
- Performance + Failure Testing
- Instrumentation (Jaegar + OpenTracing)
- Source Control (Phabricator)
- Continuous Integration (Jenkins)
- Infrastructure + Deployments + ChatOps (u*)
- Monitoring + Alerting
- Metrics + Analytics
- Security + Compliance
- Experiments

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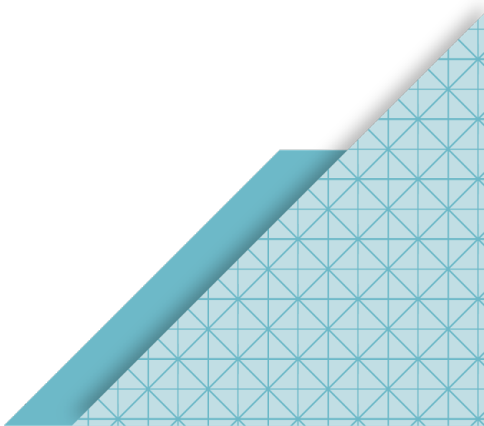

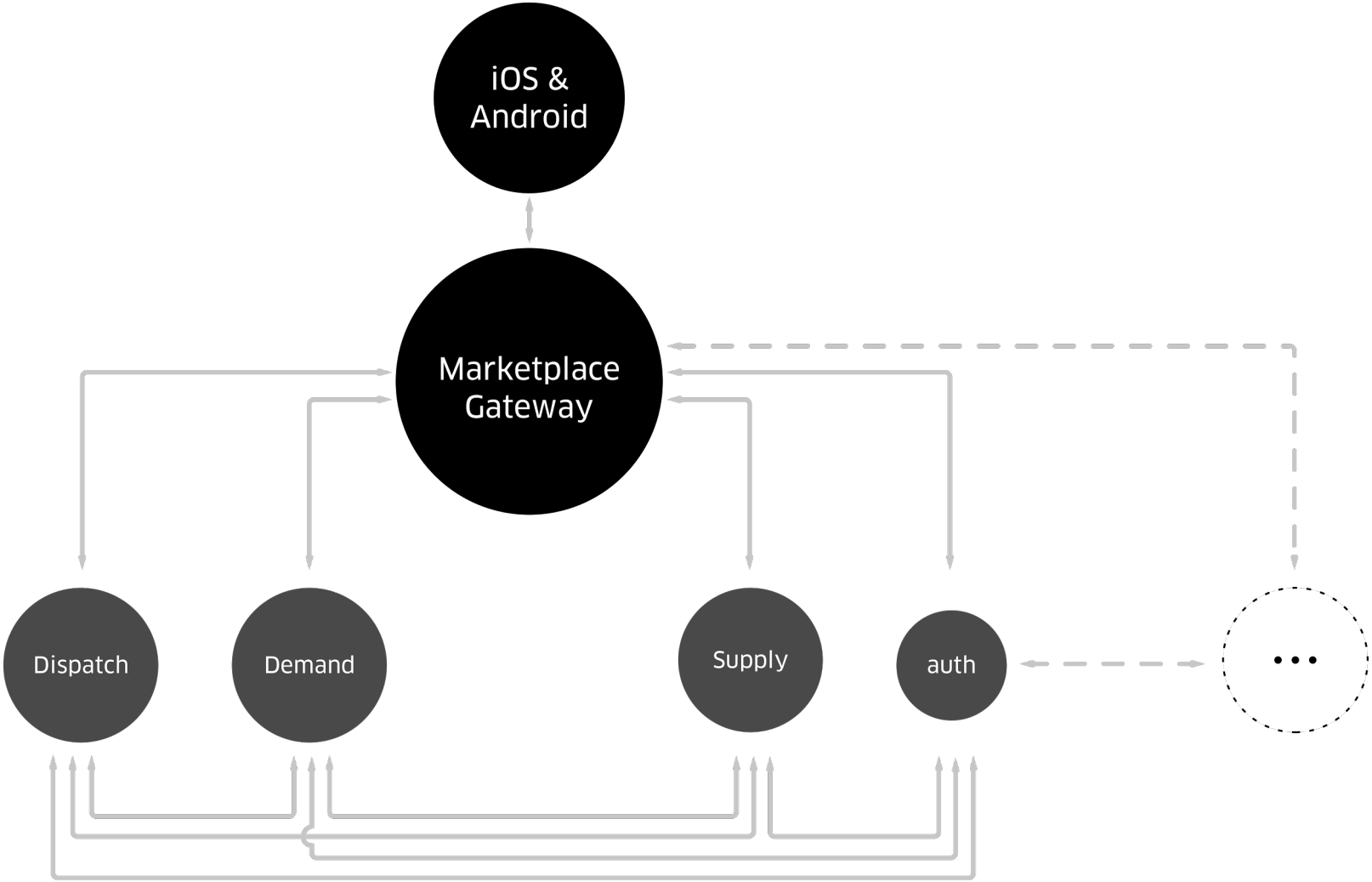
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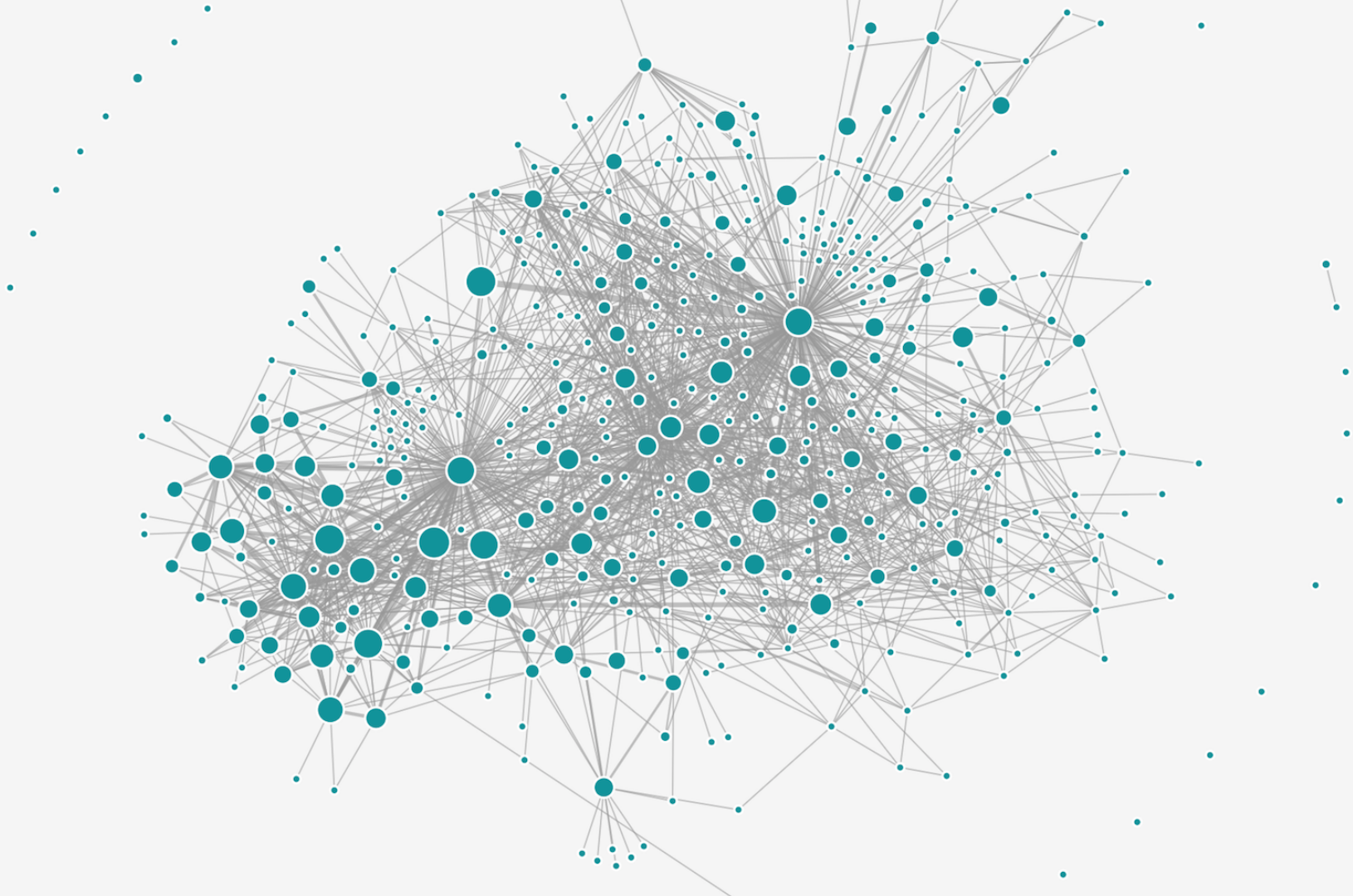


Marketplace Gateway

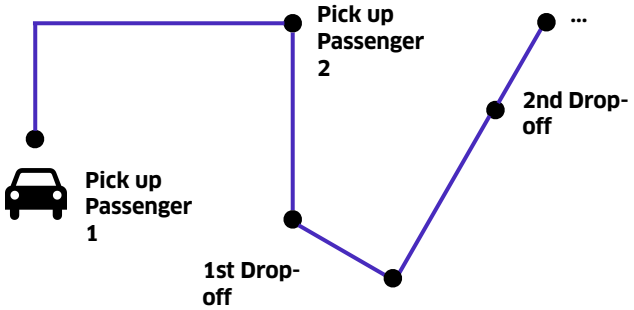
Real-time API is the only interface

Real-time API is the frontline web service of Uber serving **99.99% of all the mobile traffic with >1000 HTTP endpoints.**

- Acts as a router to 3400+ microservices
- A single place for monitoring and documentation

Logistics Challenges

- How to optimize for overall marketplace efficiency?
- How to dynamically price trips and balance efficiency?
- How to maximize pick-up efficiency (pick up zones, pick up suggestions)?
- How to minimize wait times for drivers and riders?
- How to deal with different street configurations?
- Combine different logistics products (Pool, Eats, Rush)



UberPool is a traveling salesman problem on steroids

Uber Engineering Stack Evolution

2009-2010 - Outsourced PHP + MySQL

Jan 2011 - "Dispatch" - Node.JS/MongoDB

Jan 2011 - "API" - Python/SQLAlchemy/MySQL

Feb 2012 - Dispatch swaps MongoDB for Redis

May 2012 - Dispatch adds on fallback

Jan 2013 - First non-API Python services

Feb 2013 - API switched to Postgres

Mar 2014 - New Python services use MySQL

Mar 2014 - Schemaless begins, must finish before Postgres collapse

Sep 2014 - First Schemaless - trips out of Postgres

Aug 2015 - Dispatch X.0 / Ringpop / Riak

Jan 2016 - Go, Java, More Abstractions

May 2017 - UberFx for Go, Cloud

Monolith ≠ bad

- Well, not bad at first, but can turn into a ball of mud quickly
- Optimizes development velocity of early stage projects
- Consolidates operational overhead in one place
- Monolith isn’t as bad when there is a single team that owns it

A microservice is a service that is focused on only one thing.

One Thing != One API

Pros

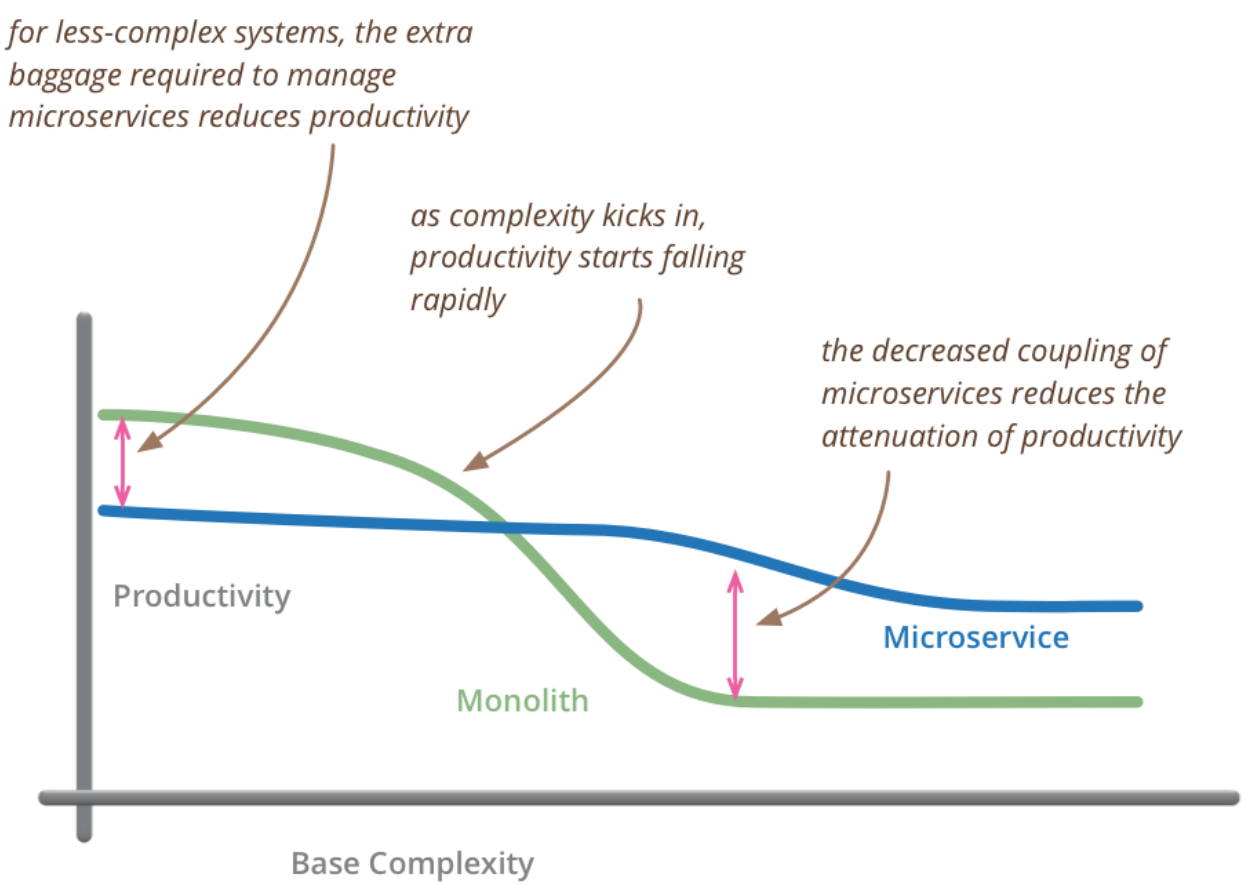
What's good

- **Clear ownership boundaries**
  - Most of the time
- **Product-specific velocity**
  - Move the business faster
- **Able to solve scaling issues**
  - Systems as well as company
  - Training, documentation, tooling
- **Language/platform independence**
  - Best tool for the job
- **Reliability of the system**
  - Independent
  - Scalable
  - Testable

Cons

What's not so good

- **Increased complexity**
  - Naming + Discovery
  - Eventual consistency
  - Performance Impact
  - Distributed tracing
  - Testing
- **Operational overhead**
  - Monitoring
  - Continuous Integration
  - Deployment
  - Documentation
  - Instrumentation
  - Security
- **Repeated code/effort**



but remember the skill of the team will outweigh any monolith/microservice choice

https://www.martinfowler.com/bliki/MicroservicePremium.html

Ringpop

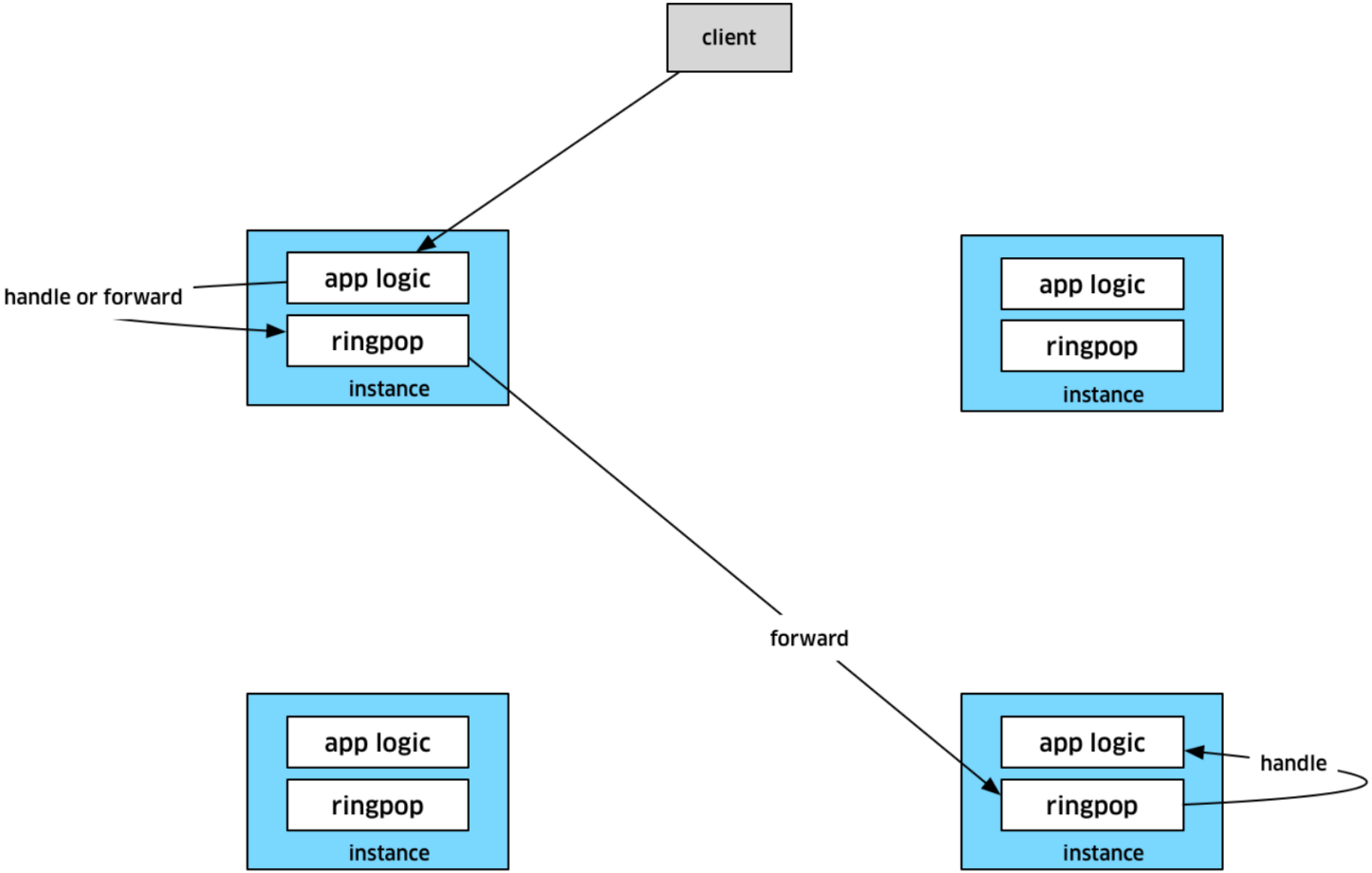
Ringpop is a library that brings cooperation and coordination to distributed applications. It maintains a consistent hash ring on top of a membership protocol and provides request forwarding as a routing convenience.

TChannel

TChannel is a networking framing protocol used for general RPC, supporting out-of-order responses at extremely high performance where intermediaries can make a forwarding decision quickly. Client libraries available in Go, Java, Node and Python.

Jaeger

Jaeger, inspired by Dapper and OpenZipkin, is a distributed tracing system. It can be used for monitoring microservice-based architectures. Client libraries available in Go, Java, Node and Python using the OpenTracing standard.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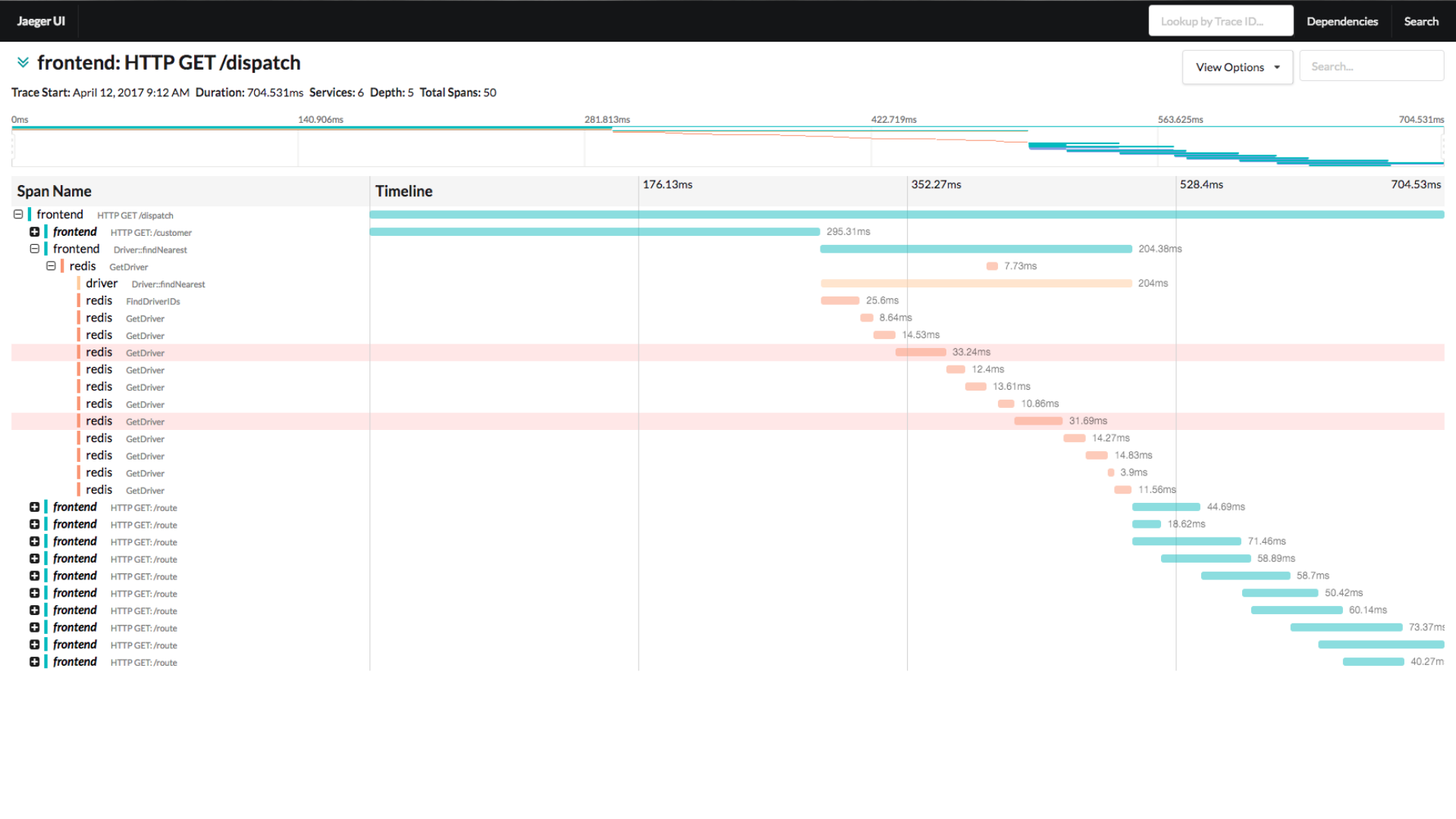
Jaeger UI
Lookup by Trace ID...
Dependencies
Search
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View Options
Search...
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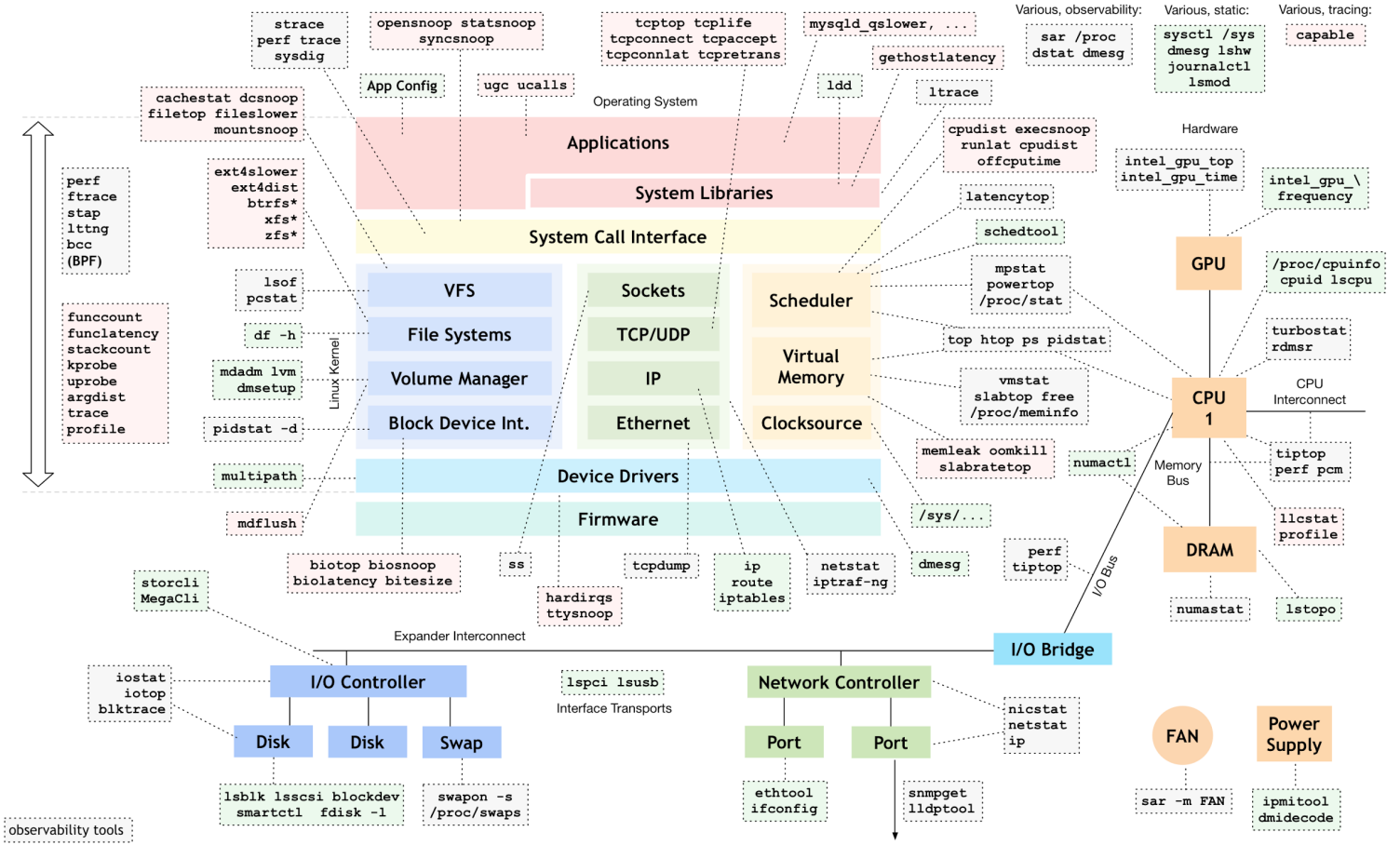
Linux Performance Tools



Lessons learned scaling Node.js

Growing pains learned the hard way

- Latency is too high for ultra performant backend systems (p99 for max latency)
- Early on it made it quick to iterate, but as the size of the team scaled the developer velocity started to slow down
    - Microservices enforce a tight interface so having static typing enables large teams to catch issues earlier. It has an impact with 100+ devs.
- Quick to learn, but easy to write poor quality code
    - Enables you to move fast, but allows for sloppy code
- Great ecosystem of small libraries, but many were immature compared to Java/Go
- Don't be afraid of writing c++

Lessons learned scaling Uber

Growing pains learned the hard way

- HTTP and JSON was designed for browsers; using RPC is better for computer-to-computer requests
- After a certain age, microservices should become immutable
- Having multiple languages allows for team preferences, but segregates developers based on language and prevents easy re-use of code across services
    - Company > Team > Self
- Monorepos allow for changes to be made across multiple services atomically, but prevent future open-sourcing and subset checkouts
- Performance problems are difficult to debug cross-language without standardised service dashboards and observability tools
- Logging should never slow production down; in a failure storm, the logging system should drop rather than delay
- **Everything is a tradeoff: Be intentional**

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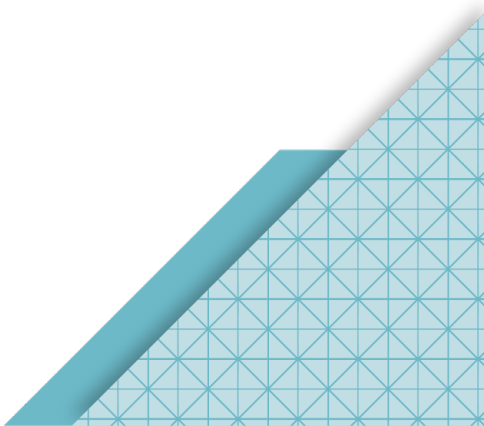

Get there

Your day belongs to you

Ride with Uber

SIGN UP >

OR

Sign up to drive

First Name | Last Name

Email

Phone

Create Password

City

Invite Code (Optional)

SIGN UP TO DRIVE →

Advanced Technologies Group

OPEN ROLES →

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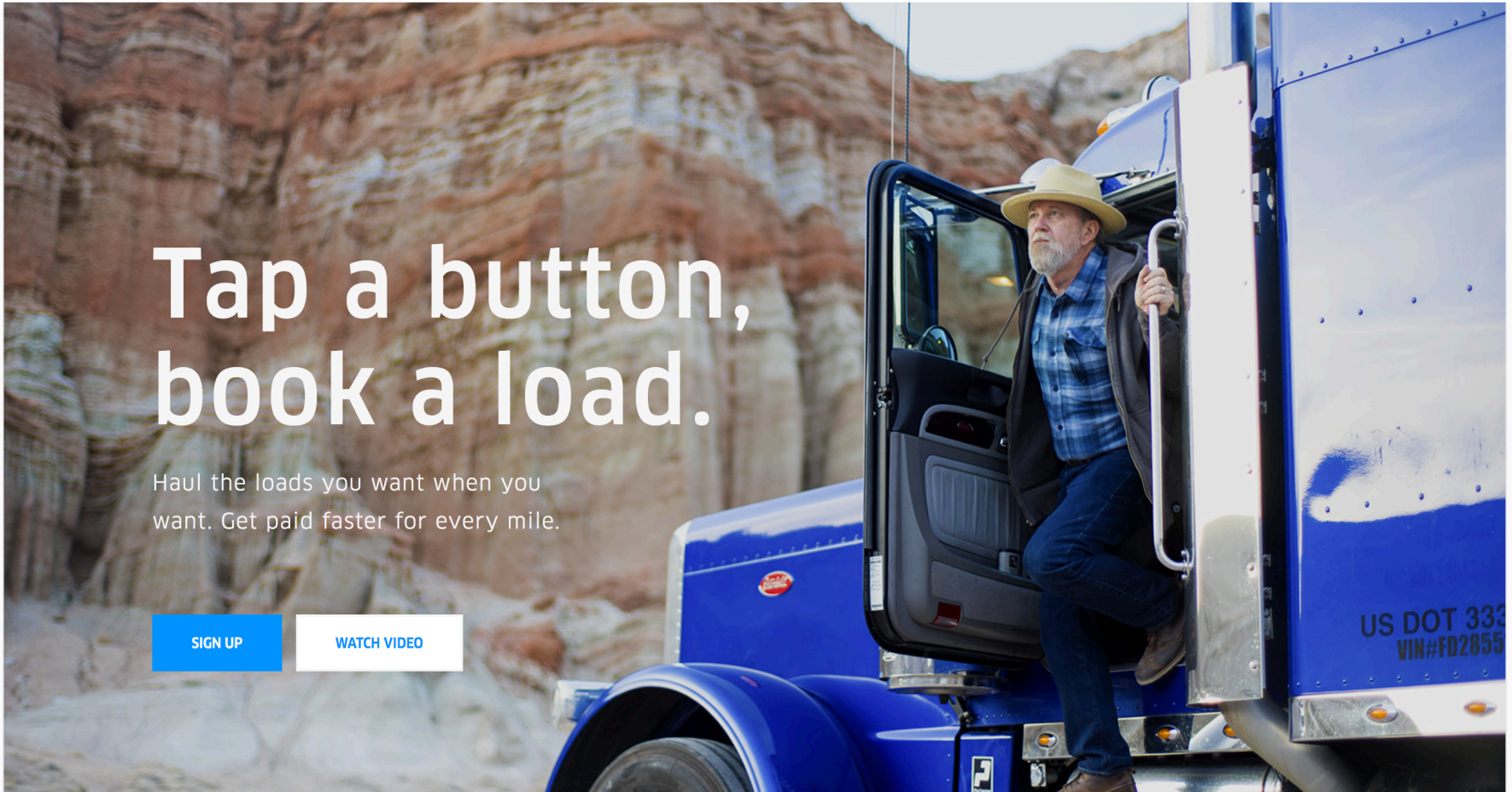


Tap a button, book a load.

Haul the loads you want when you want. Get paid faster for every mile.

SIGN UP WATCH VIDEO

UBER

Sign Up to Ride

Safe, reliable rides in minutes

First name

Last name

+1 (201) 555-5555

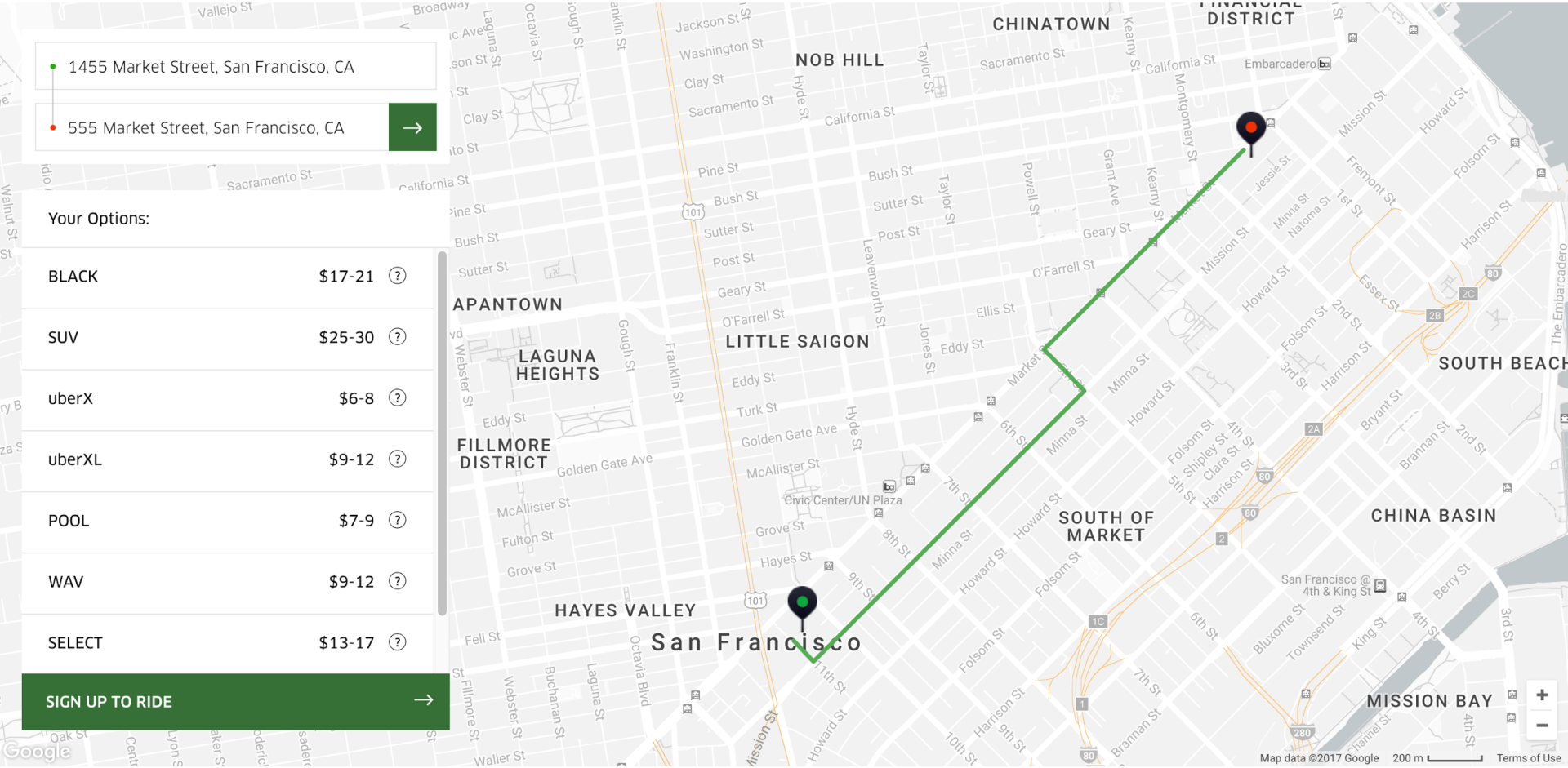
Email

Password

Add a promo code

SIGN UP →

By clicking "Sign Up", you agree to Uber's Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy.



*Estimate based on San Francisco Bay Area rates and options. Fares may vary due to traffic, weather, and other factors. Estimate does not include flat rates, discounts, or promotions. Routes displayed are examples only and may not reflect the route on which estimates are based.

Pythagoras Pizza

Opens at 6:00 PM

$$ • Pizza

Pizzas

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Pizzas

Vegetarian

Arugula Pesto, Seasonal Mixed Squash, Sun Dried Tomato

$23.00

Pepperoni

Served on an artisanal sourdough crust, the doug

$23.00

Combination

PICKUP Edit

Dustin Whittle
660 4th St

DROPOFF

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

BUSINESS NAME

ADDRESS *

SEARCH

APT/SUITE

PHONE NUMBER *

EMAIL

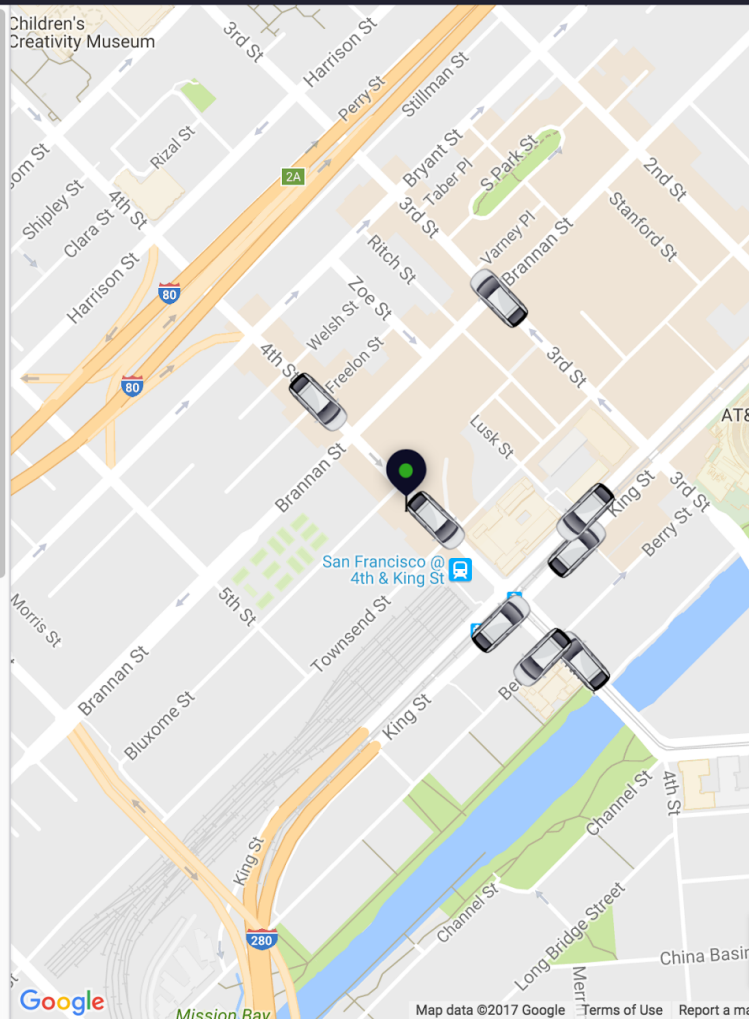
name@example.com

The recipient has agreed to receive texts from Uber at this number.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

e.g. leave with the doorman

ORDER DETAILS



ACCOUNT

Activity

Employees

Billing

Settings

SERVICES

Travel

Central

ACTIVITY

Trip amounts shown include post-trip fare adjustments

ALL REVIEWED

1 - 15 of 87

All Trips

CSV (87)

	Date	Time	Employee	Location	Service	Amount
>	04/04/2017	9:59 AM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$6.52
>	04/03/2017	7:22 PM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$8.52
>	04/03/2017	6:46 PM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$7.09
>	04/03/2017	10:05 AM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$6.49
>	03/03/2017	10:37 AM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$6.03
>	02/28/2017	9:37 AM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$6.03
>	02/27/2017	6:51 PM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$8.19
>	02/27/2017	10:25 AM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$6.00
>	02/24/2017	5:45 PM	Dustin Whittle	San Francisco	Travel	$8.44

UBER Central

DUSTIN

New Ride | Drafts

Rider's name

First name | Last name

Rider's phone number

+1 | Phone number | Mobile

Route

Pickup location

Dropoff location

Vehicle Class

Select vehicle class

Note for the driver (optional)

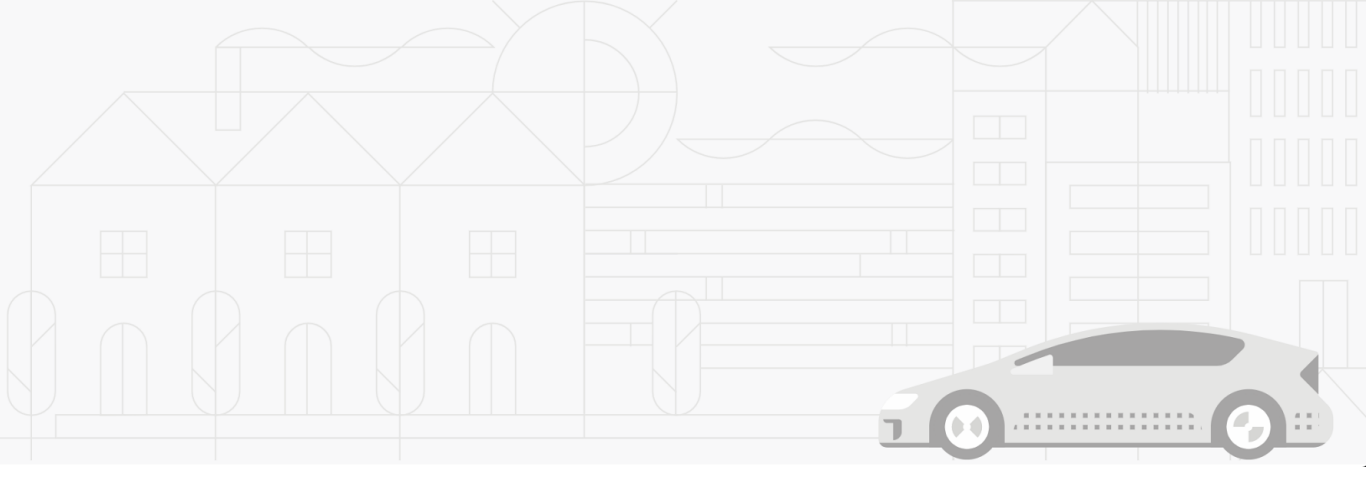
Custom message for the driver

Trip memo (optional)

e.g. billing code, room number, trip purpo:

By selecting REQUEST NOW, I certify that the rider has agreed to receive SMS messages from Uber regarding

Hello DUSTIN.
You have no active trips right now.



Bogotá

QUERY CHARTS

Aggregation

Cadastrals

Date range (select up to 3 months)

05/30/2016 - 06/27/2016 | All Days of the Week | 07:00AM-06:00PM

Add a date range to compare

Locations

SANTA INES, 003107 (183)

Choose a destination

Query summary

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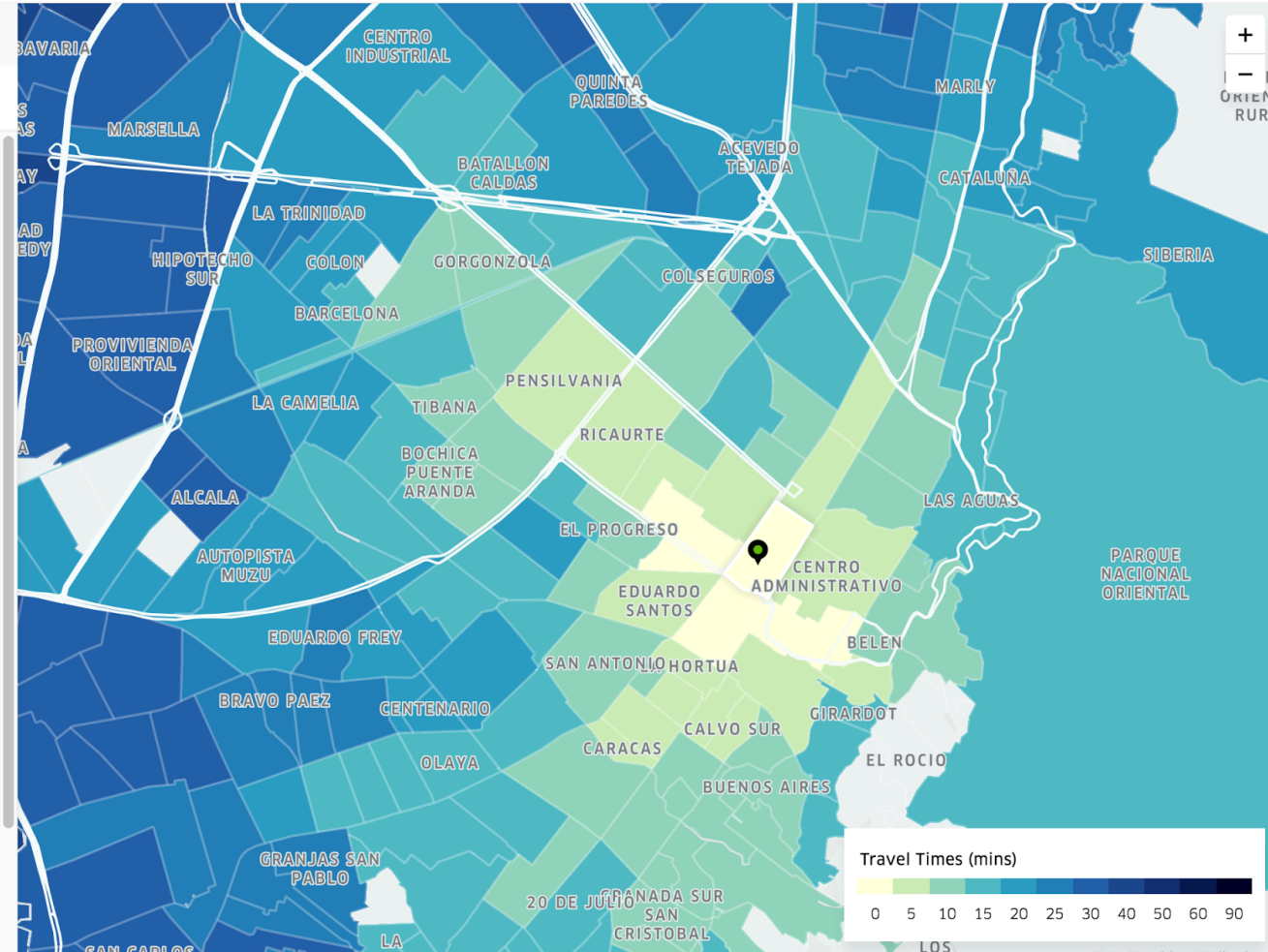


Moving Amazon Shoppers

amazon echo

START BUILDING

Explore the power of the API

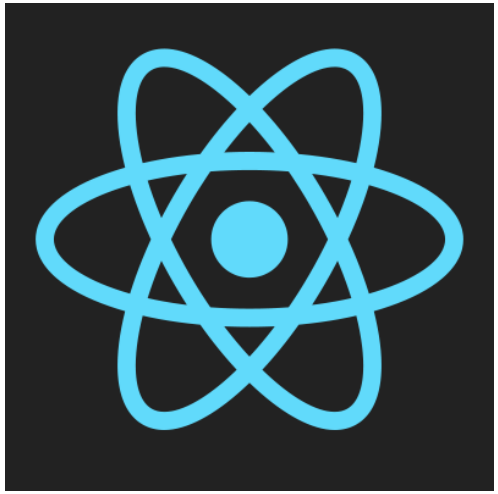
↓

The Web Platform

Serving 250+ web properties

Without a consistent foundation, all of these applications could have been built off of entirely different tools and architectures, creating a higher likelihood of security vulnerabilities, duplicated effort across teams, technical debt, minimal UI consistency, etc.

Express



Redux

Uber Web Platform built from Open Source

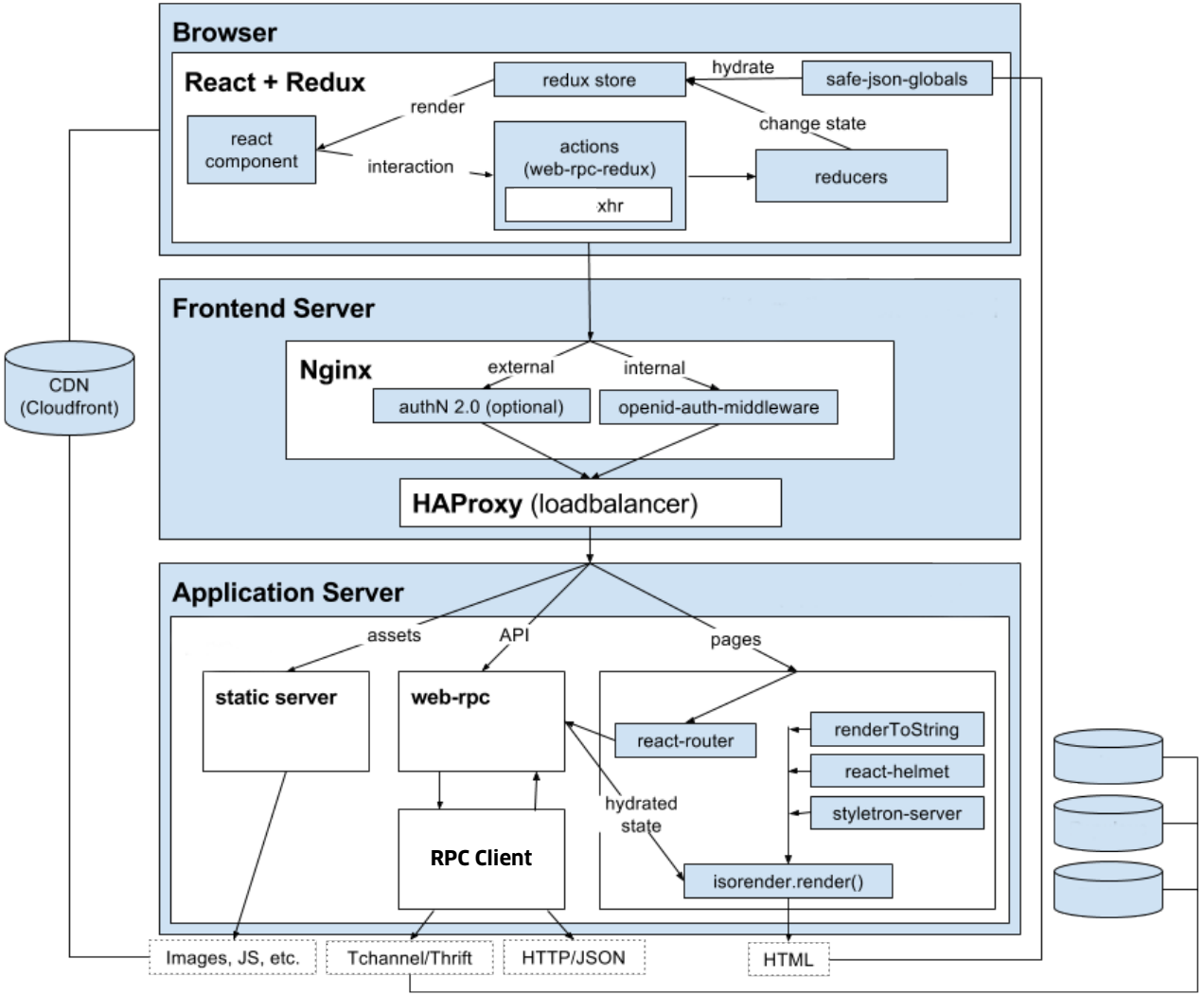
- **Nginx + HAProxy**: Web frontends + load balancers
- **NPM**: NPM registry
- **Babel**: For ES6 and ES7 transpilation
- **Express**: Fast, unopinionated, minimalist web framework for Node.js
- **React**: UI rendering library
- **Redux**: Predictable state application framework
- **Styletron**: Universal, high-performance JavaScript styles
- **ESLint**: Maintain a consistent code style across many teams
- **Browserify**: For bundling client-side code
- **Tape + Enzyme + Sinon**: Testing frameworks
- **Unitest + Istanbul**: Seamless Node.js and Browser testing with coverage
- **Gulp + Dev Tools**: Standardized build tooling

Uber Web Platform added special sauce

- Internal npm registry with caching
- Yeoman like scaffolding for bootstrap new apps with best practices
- Customized middlewares for our *Express* based app framework
    - Authentication, Security (XSS, CSRF, CSP), Metrics, Logging, I18n, Errors, Instrumentation, Analytics
- Bootstrap like UI component library build on top of React.js
- RPC library for intelligently using http/tchannel
- Shared Build + Test Gulp tasks with hot reloading, ES6/JSX, asset versioning and deployment pipelines, testing + linting
- Universal rendering for server/client

Frontend vs Backend

- We separate our **frontend** services (those that serve web pages) from our **backend** services (those that get data from some database)
- Services can take advantage of universal rendering + tooling
- You can utilize languages better suited for your backend services (Java, Go)
- You can deploy and scale your services separately
- You can reuse the backend service API for other clients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hydrate
safe-json-globals
render
change state
react component
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actions (web-rpc-redux)
xhr
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Frontend Server
CDN (Cloudfront)
Nginx
external
internal
authN 2.0 (optional)
openid-auth-middleware
HAProxy (loadbalancer)
Application Server
assets
API
pages
static server
web-rpc
react-router
renderToString
react-helmet
styletron-server
hydrated state
RPC Client
isorender.render()
Images, JS, etc.
Tchannel/Thrift
HTTP/JSON
HTML

React components for flexibility

Uber's take on bootstrap

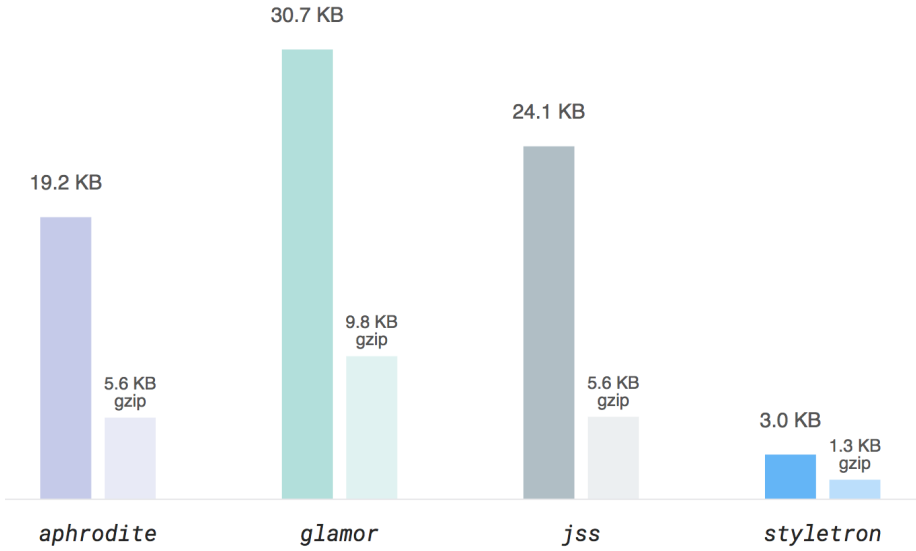
- Beautiful sites with flexible components you don't have to maintain yourself
  - Standard UI components
  - Optimized for performance
  - Encapsulated style
- Consistent look and feel throughout all components that fit brand
- Analytics and instrumentation baked-in
- Seamless upgrades to new versions

CSS in JS with styletron

```
import Styletron from 'styletron';
import { injectStyle } from 'styletron-utils';

// Create a Styletron instance
const styletron = new Styletron();

const className = injectStyle(styletron, {
  color: 'red',
  display: 'inline-block',
  fontSize: '1.6em'
});
// Css is injected into the page
// and a class name is returned
```



How Uber uses JavaScript

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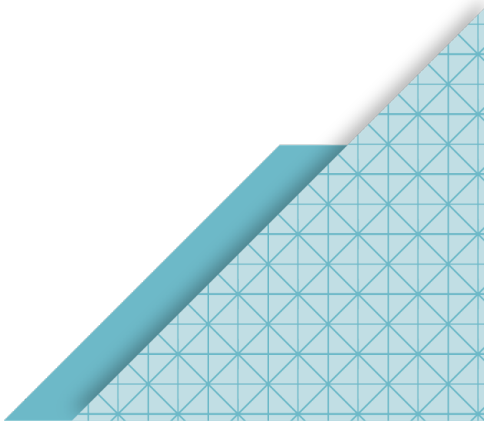
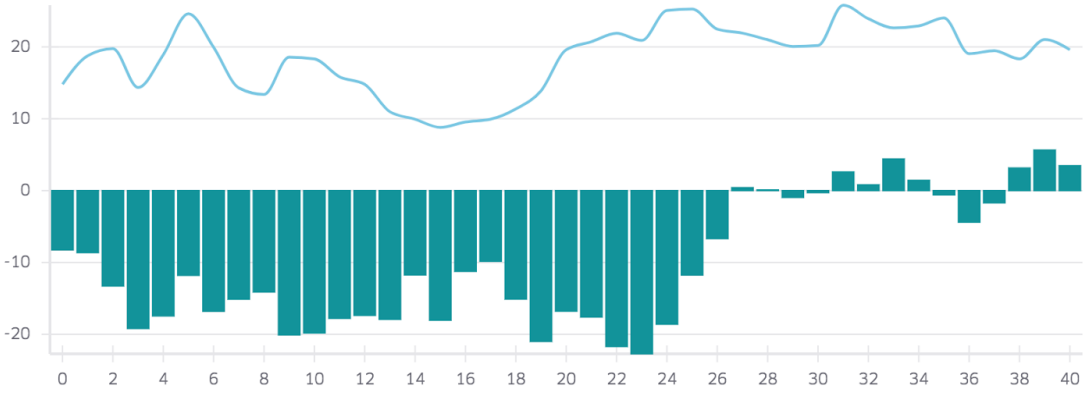


Visualization Frameworks

- **react-vis:** Charts and Networks using D3 + React
- **react-map-gl:** A React interface to MapboxGL-js
- **deck.gl:** Layered WebGL approach system for visualization
- **luma.gl:** A JavaScript WebGL Framework for Data Visualization

REACT-VIS

A COMPOSABLE VISUALIZATION SYSTEM

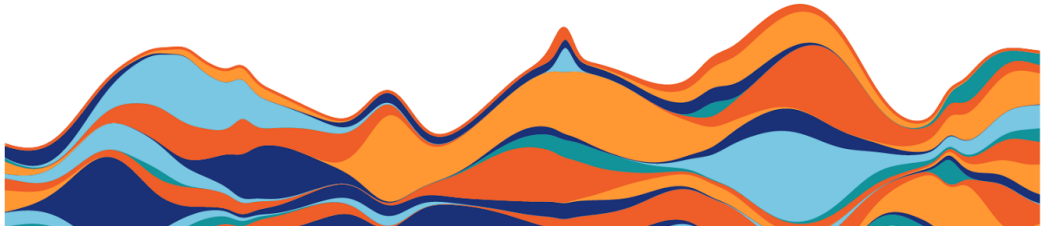


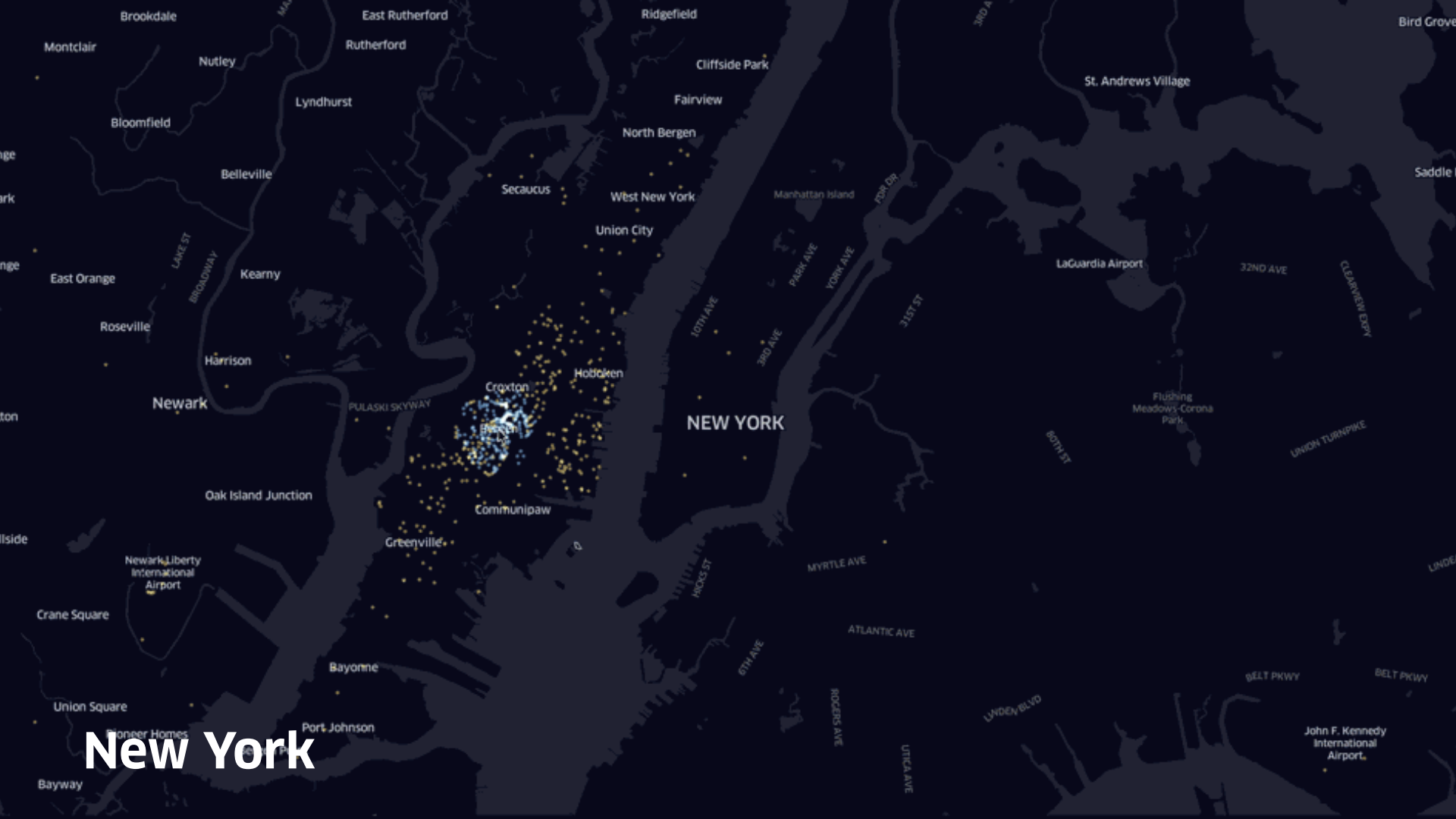
A FLEXIBLE CHARTING SOLUTION FOR THE REACT ECOSYSTEM

react-vis allows elaborate visualizations to be created in a breeze. No more messing around with the interface between d3 and react, simply write familiar jsx and get beautiful diagrams.

ENABLES NUMEROUS CHART TYPES

We provide a robust and ever-expanding set of tools that enables users to create a wide variety of chart types including Line charts, Area charts, Scatterplots, Bar charts,

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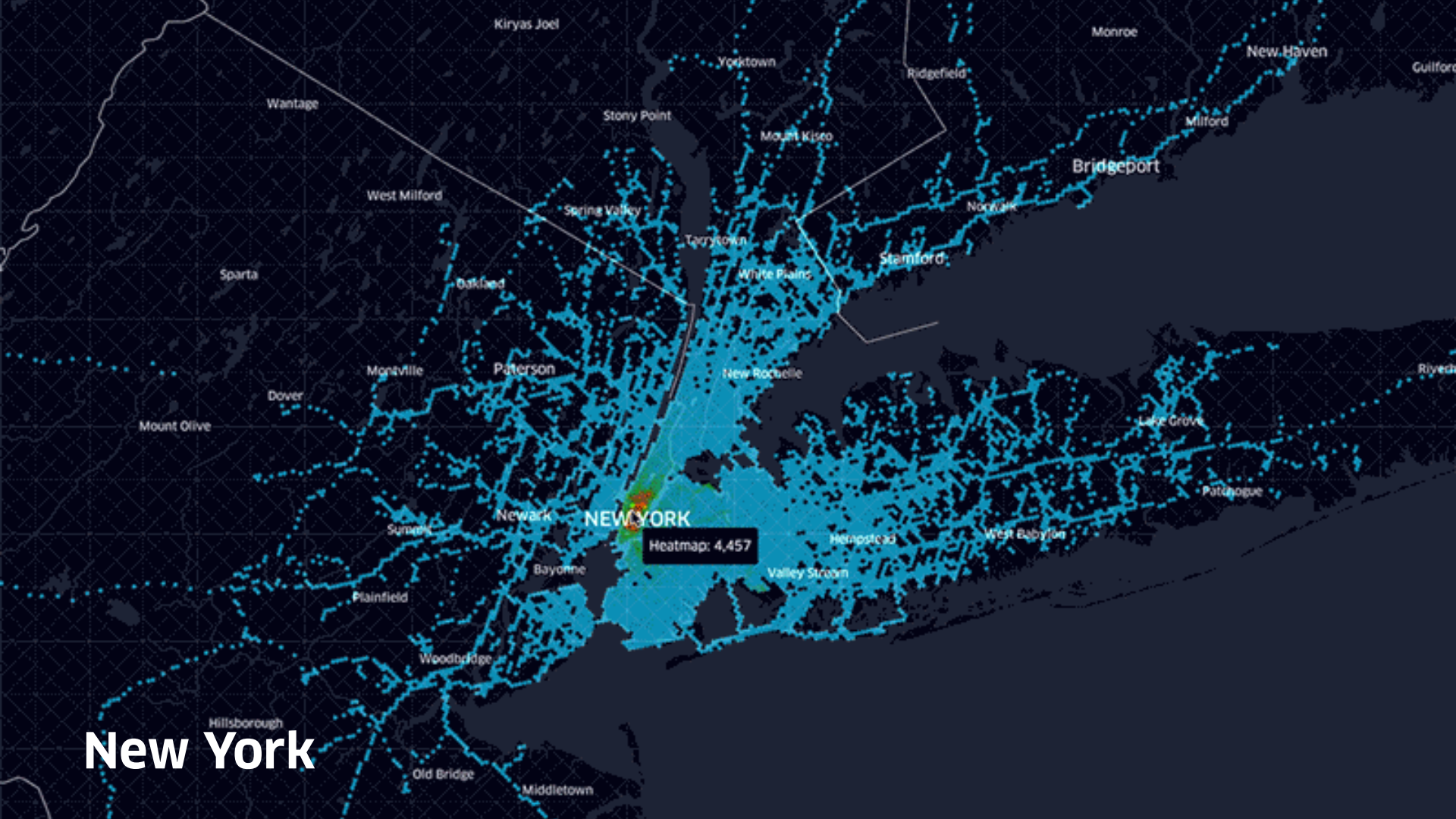
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Middletown

New York

deck.gl is a WebGL-powered framework for visual exploratory data analysis of large datasets.

A Layered Approach to Data Visualization

deck.gl allows complex visualizations to be constructed by composing existing layers, and makes it easy to package and share new visulizations as reusable layers. We already offer a catalog of proven layers and we have many more in the works.

High-Precision Computations in the GPU

By emulating 64 bit floating point computations in the GPU, deck.gl renders datasets with unparalleled accuracy and performance.

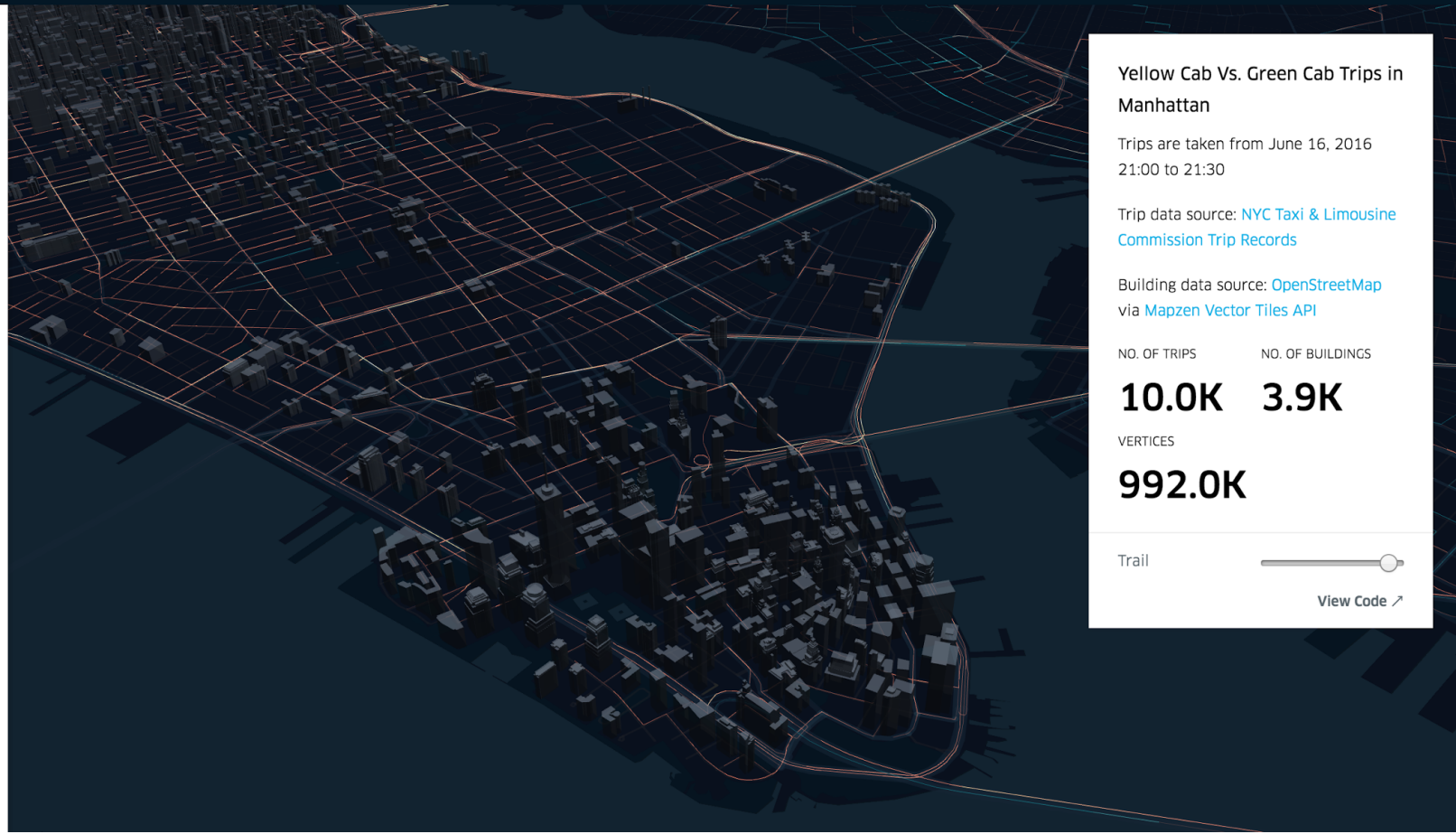
React and Mapbox GL Integrations

deck.gl is a great match with React, supporting efficient WebGL rendering under the Reactive programming paradigm. And when used with Mapbox GL it automatically coordinates with the Mapbox camera system to provide compelling 2D and 3D visualizations on top of your Mapbox based maps.

luma.gl

A JavaScript WebGL Framework for Data Visualization

- ES6, WebGL 2.0, component-based platform
- Interoperable with other popular libraries like stack.gl
- Shader library with a 64-bit floating point emulation package
- Advanced debugging, tracing, error checking for WebGL



Yellow Cab Vs. Green Cab Trips in Manhattan

Trips are taken from June 16, 2016 21:00 to 21:30

Trip data source: NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission Trip Records

Building data source: OpenStreetMap via Mapzen Vector Tiles API

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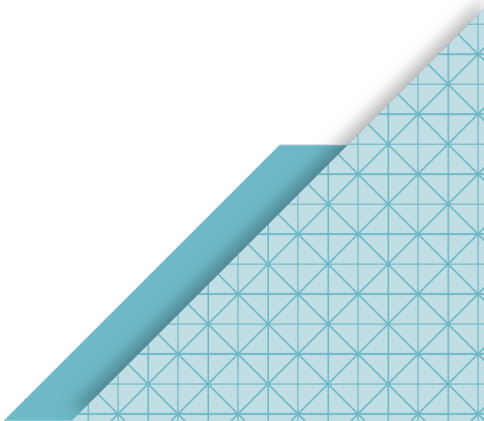

Uber Developer Platform

Enabling the world to build moving experiences with Uber

Ride Requests

Trip Experiences

Drivers LIMITED ACCESS

Deliveries

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Uber Rides Node.js Wrapper

This projects helps you to make HTTP requests to the Uber Rides API.

Installation

Before you begin, you need to register your app in the **Uber developer dashboard**. Notice that the app gets a client ID, secret, and server token required for authenticating with the API.

After registering your application, you need to install this module in your Node.js project:

```
npm install node-uber
```

Initialization

In order to use this module, you have to import it in your application first:

```
var Uber = require('node-uber');
```


npm install node-uber

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github.com/shernshiou/node-uber

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Collaborators list



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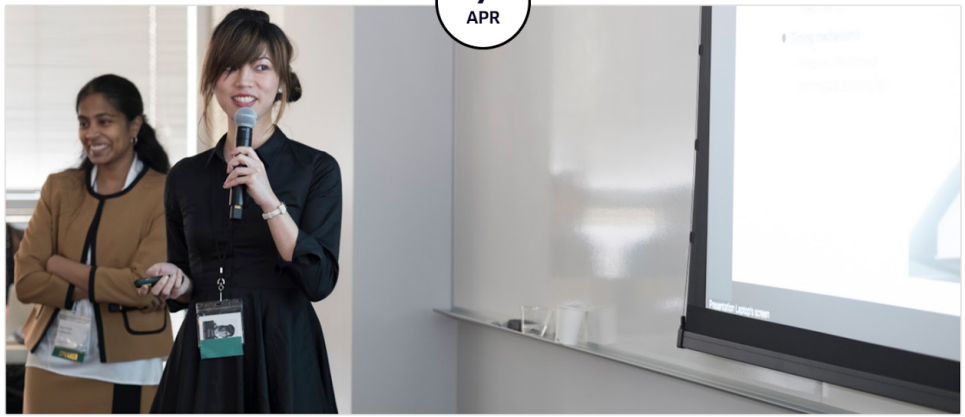

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An open platform for Building Moving Experiences

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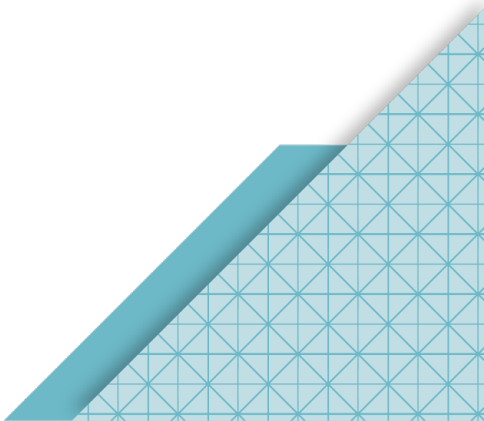

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All of the content from this presentation comes from other talks by engineers far smarter than myself

- **Lessons learned from scaling to 2000 engineers and 1000+ services** - Matt Ranney
- **Uber Architecture: Moving Bits and Atoms at Scale** - Andrii Iasynetskyi
- **Thanks to the many amazing people of the Marketplace Platform, Web Platform, Developer Platform, and Visualization Teams at Uber!**
- **Come join us and work with these amazing people. Hiring globally (San Francisco, Amsterdam, Sofia, ...)**

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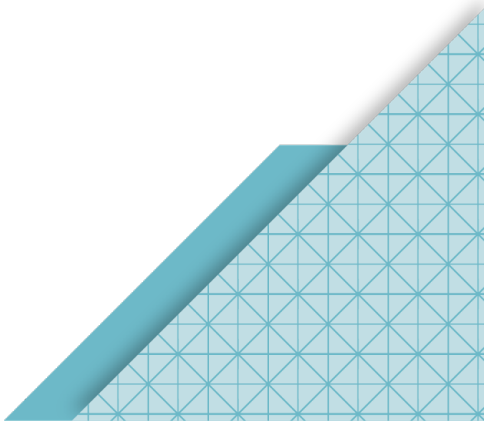

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