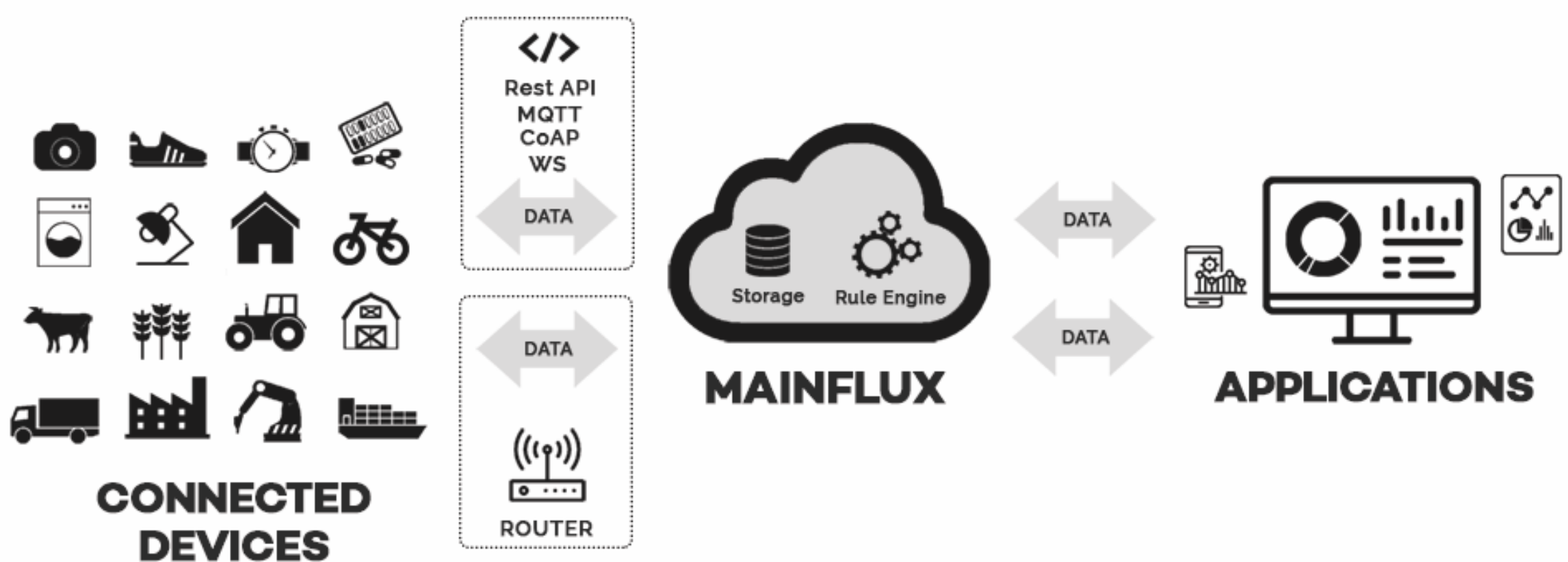




# Technical Workshop Mainflux Open Source IoT Platform

Day 2: June 2, 2017

# Mainflux – Platform Overview



# Mainflux – Development Philosophy

## Typical Smart Device Technology Stack

User App

Application Management

User Management

Access Control

Device Message Broker

Data Storage

Device Provisioning

Network Security

Multi Protocol Connectivity

Smart Device

## Mainflux – Smart Device Technology Stack

User App

Mainflux – Open Source IoT Platform

OAuth 2.0 Identity Provider

User Management

Policy Based Access Control

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Multi Protocol Connectivity  
(HTTP, WS, MQTT, CoAP)

Smart Device

## Benefits with Mainflux IoT Platform

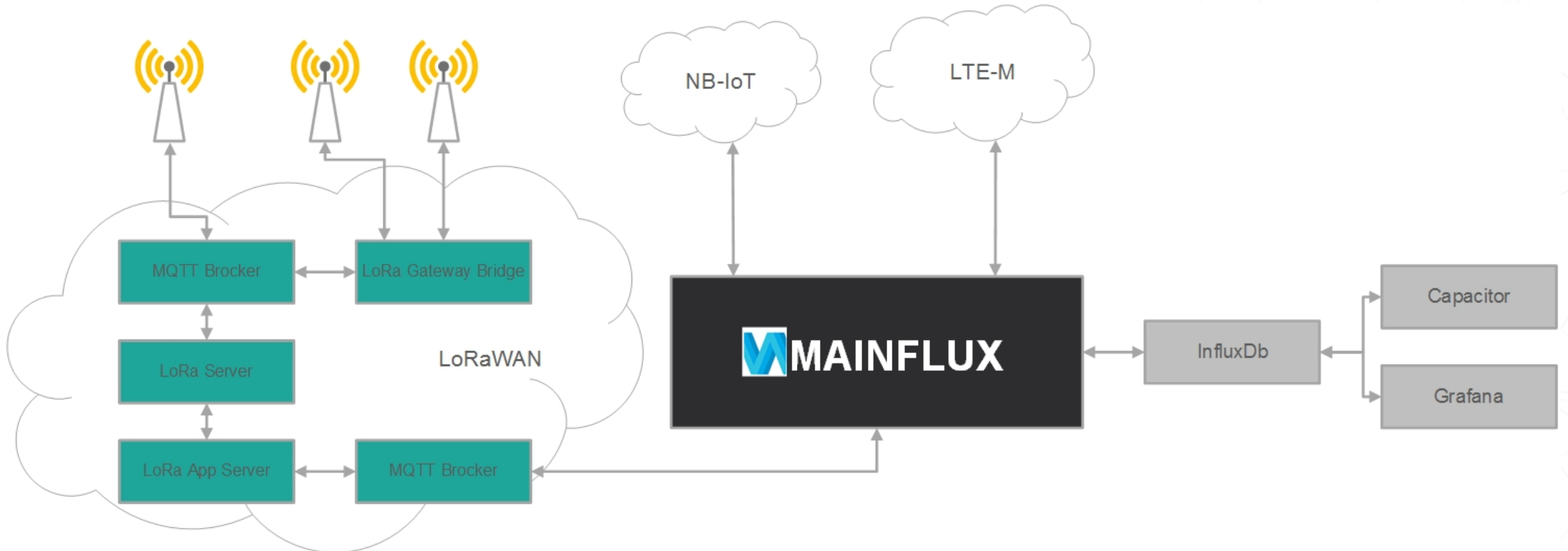
User App

 **MAINFLUX**

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Mainflux/mainflux.git && cd mainflux  
>> docker-compose up
```

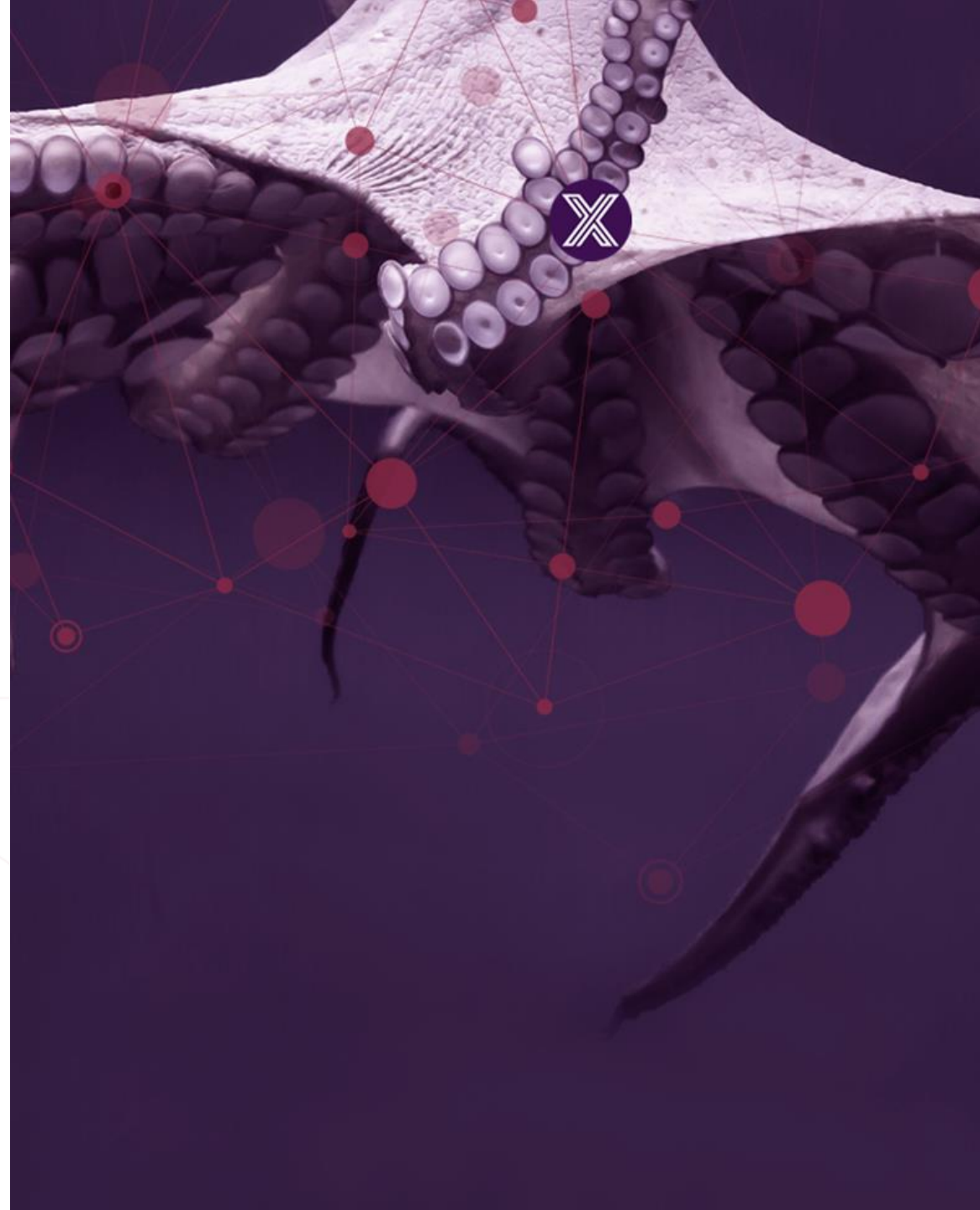
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# Mainflux – LoRa End 2 End Solution



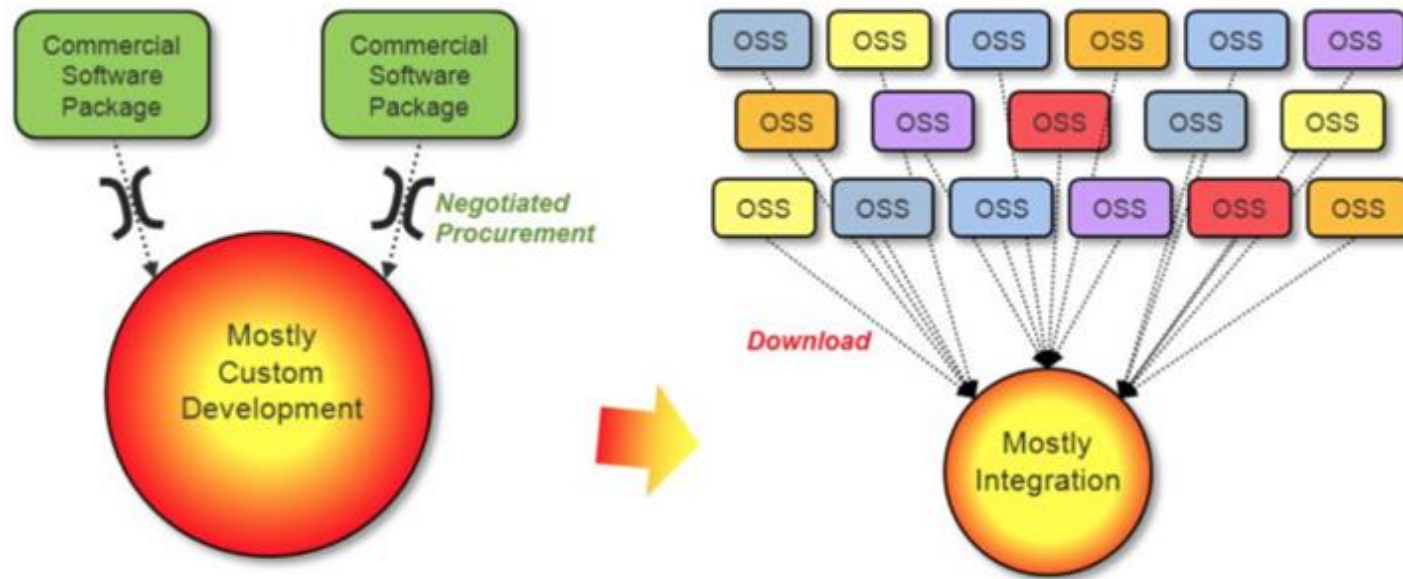


# Mainflux – System Architecture



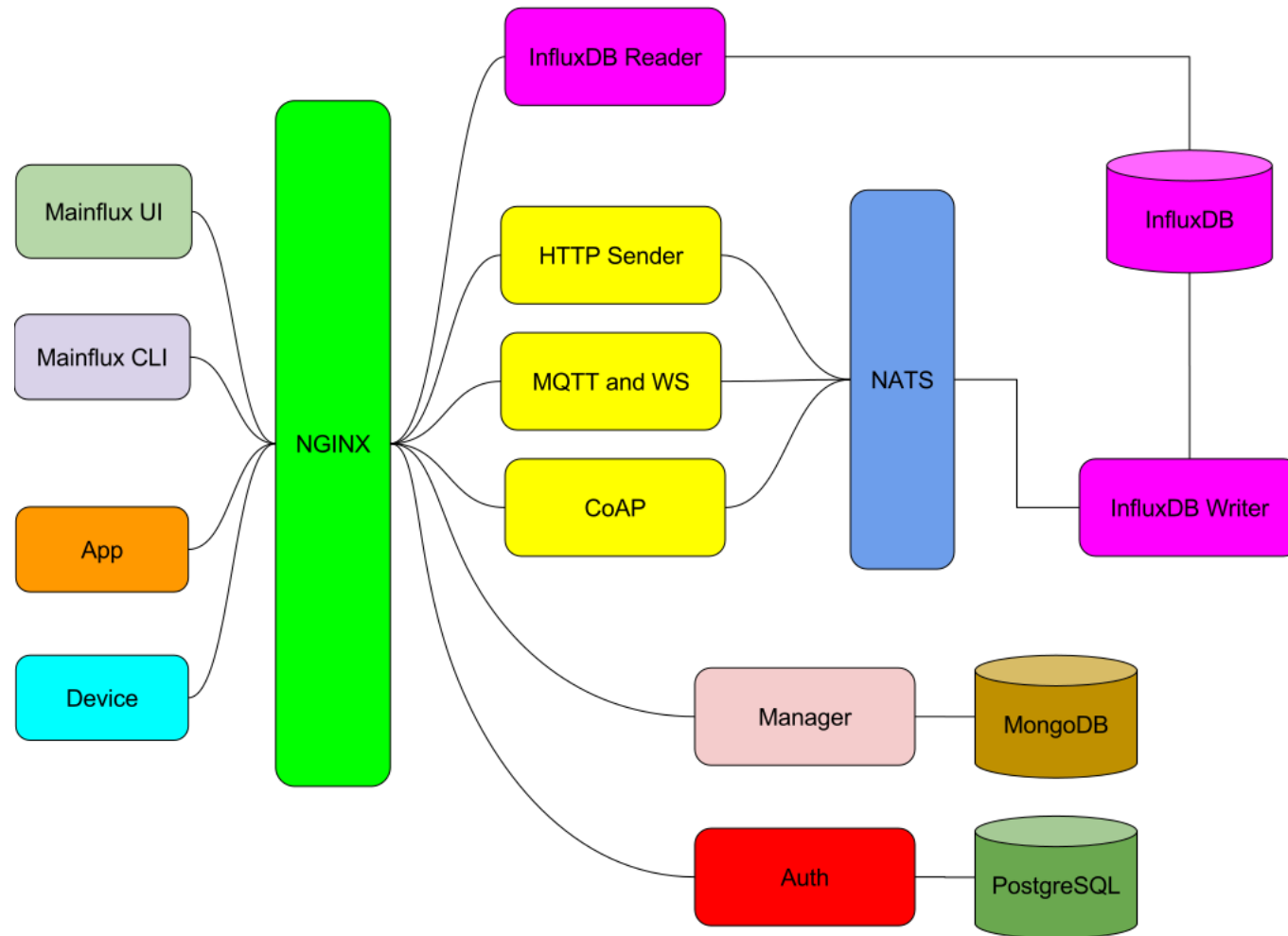


# Mainflux Embraces OSS Model



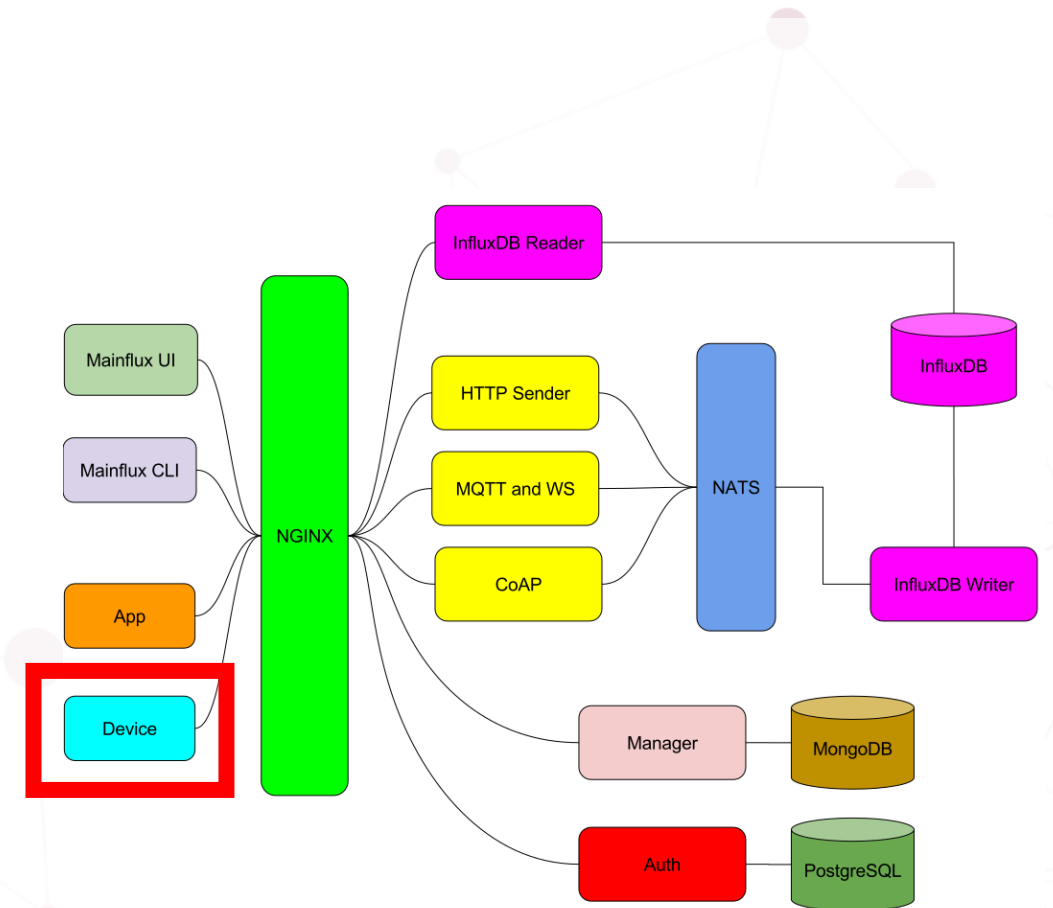
“In the past, software products were largely developed in-house. Now we are repeatedly downloading code from the Internet to evaluate, prototype, and integrate. We only code the parts that are truly unique to our application.” - Linux Foundation

# Mainflux – System Architecture



# Devices

- MCU + RF front-end
- Bare-metal or small RTOS (for HAL and drivers)
- Constrained CPU clocking (low on kHz)
- Constrained flash and RAM
- Battery powered devices





A blue hatchback car is parked on a street with its trunk open. Two people are standing behind the car, struggling to load a large, heavy, yellow object (representing a heavy networking stack) into the trunk. The object is too large and heavy to fit, illustrating the concept of a heavy networking stack not fitting into a small car.

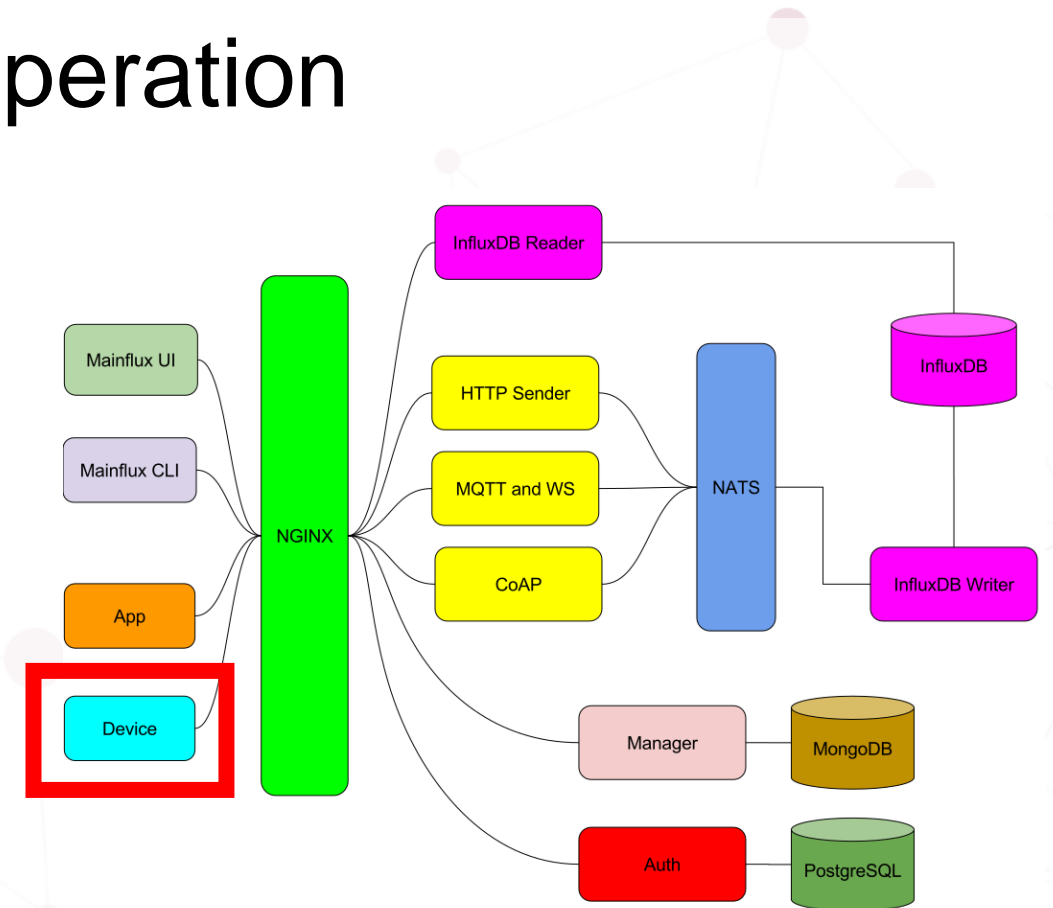
**Heavy networking stack just won't fit!**

And every radio TX/RX is power hungry!



# Devices – IoT Node Mode of Operation

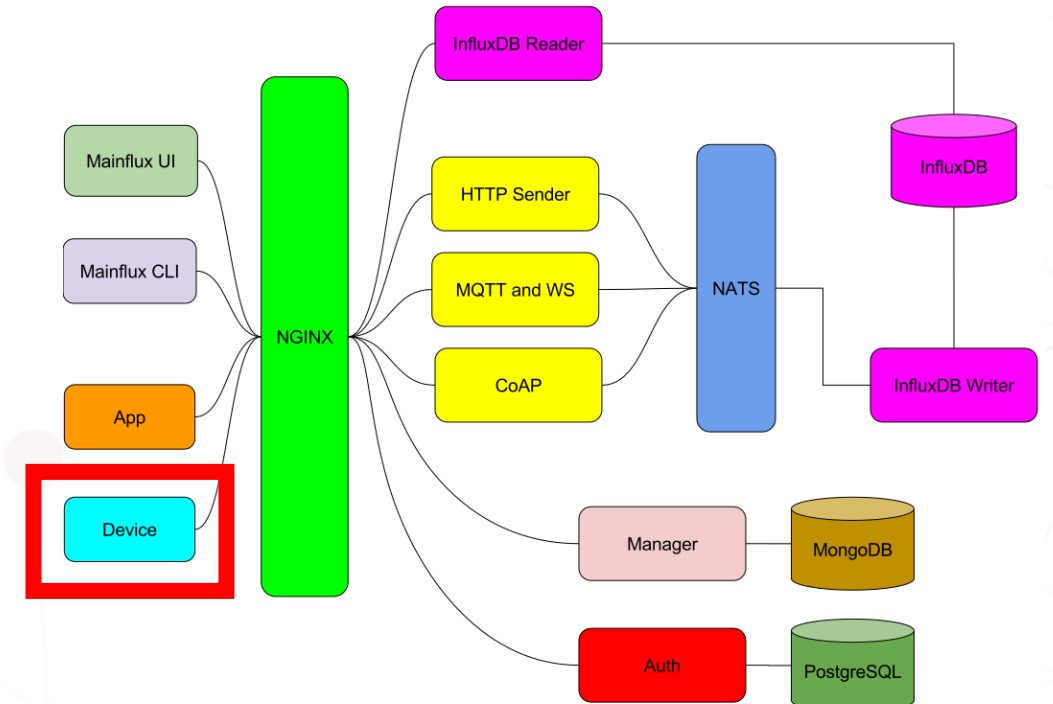
- Sleep most of the time - wake up just to send telemetry, then go to sleep again
- Keep the messages short to save power (less protocol overhead, less metadata in the header, etc...)





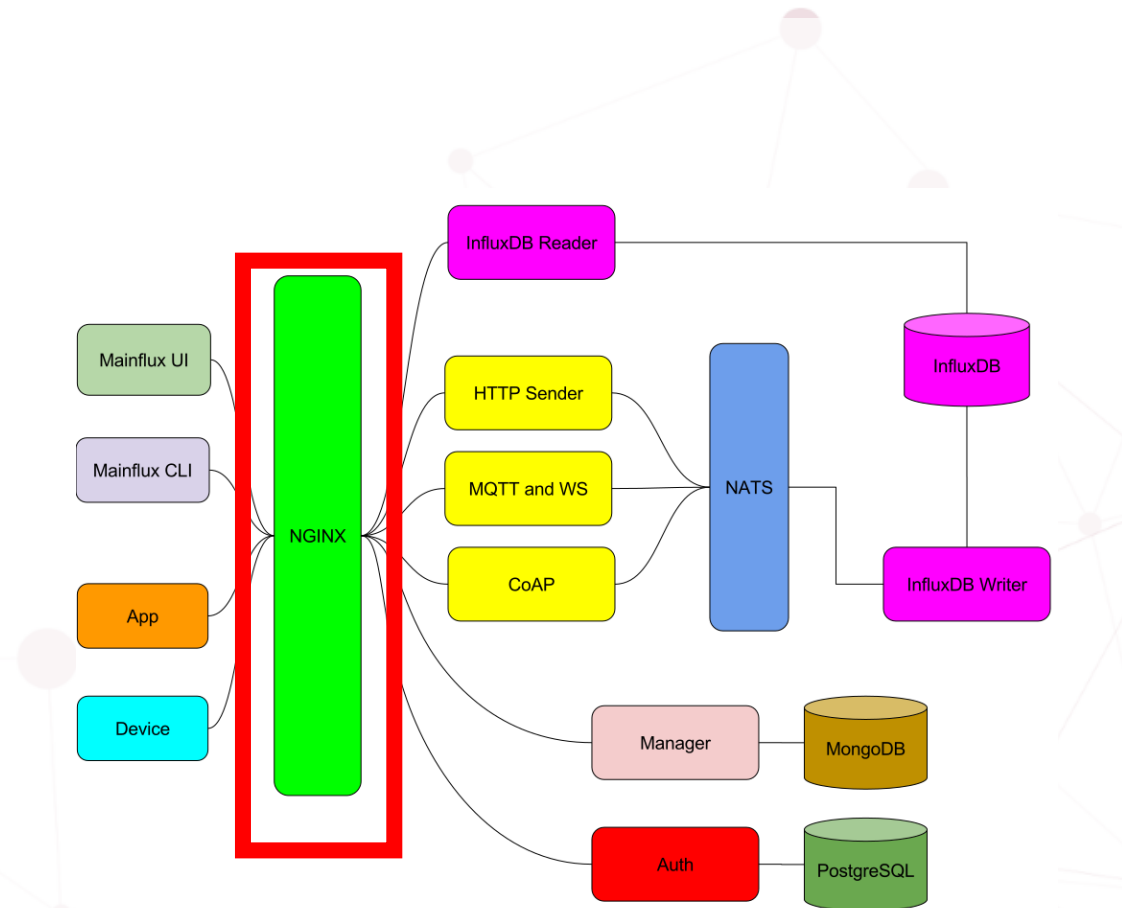
# Devices – Mainflux – Supported Protocols

- Devices
  - MQTT
  - CoAP
- Apps
  - HTTP
  - WS



# NginX – Reverse Proxy

- Load Balance - scaling, HA, Fault Tolerance.
- SSL termination - keep these certs at one place. MQTT is pure TCP, and CoAP is UDP.
- PEP (Policy Enforcement Point) Proxy - forward the req for auth to Auth server (Policy Decision Point).



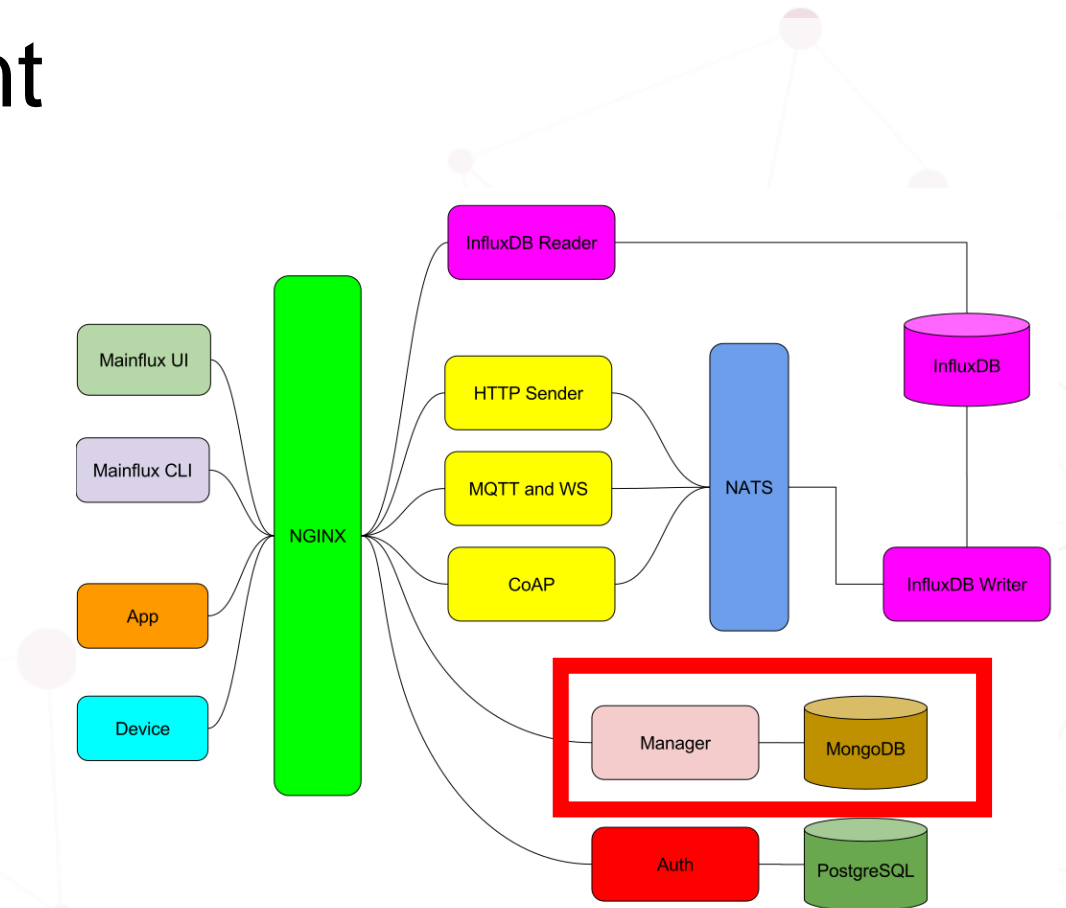
A basketball player in a white jersey with the number 20 is captured mid-air, jumping towards the basket. The player is wearing white shorts and red sneakers. The background shows a basketball court with other players and a large crowd of spectators in the stands. The text "Intercept the requests and send them for Auth" is overlaid on the image in white, bold font.

Intercept the requests and send them  
for Auth



# Mainflux – Device Management

- Mainflux Platform is multi-user, multi-device, multi-app.
- Management subsystem exposes RESTful API for system entities provisioning:
  - Users
  - Devices
  - Channels
  - Organizations
  - Applications

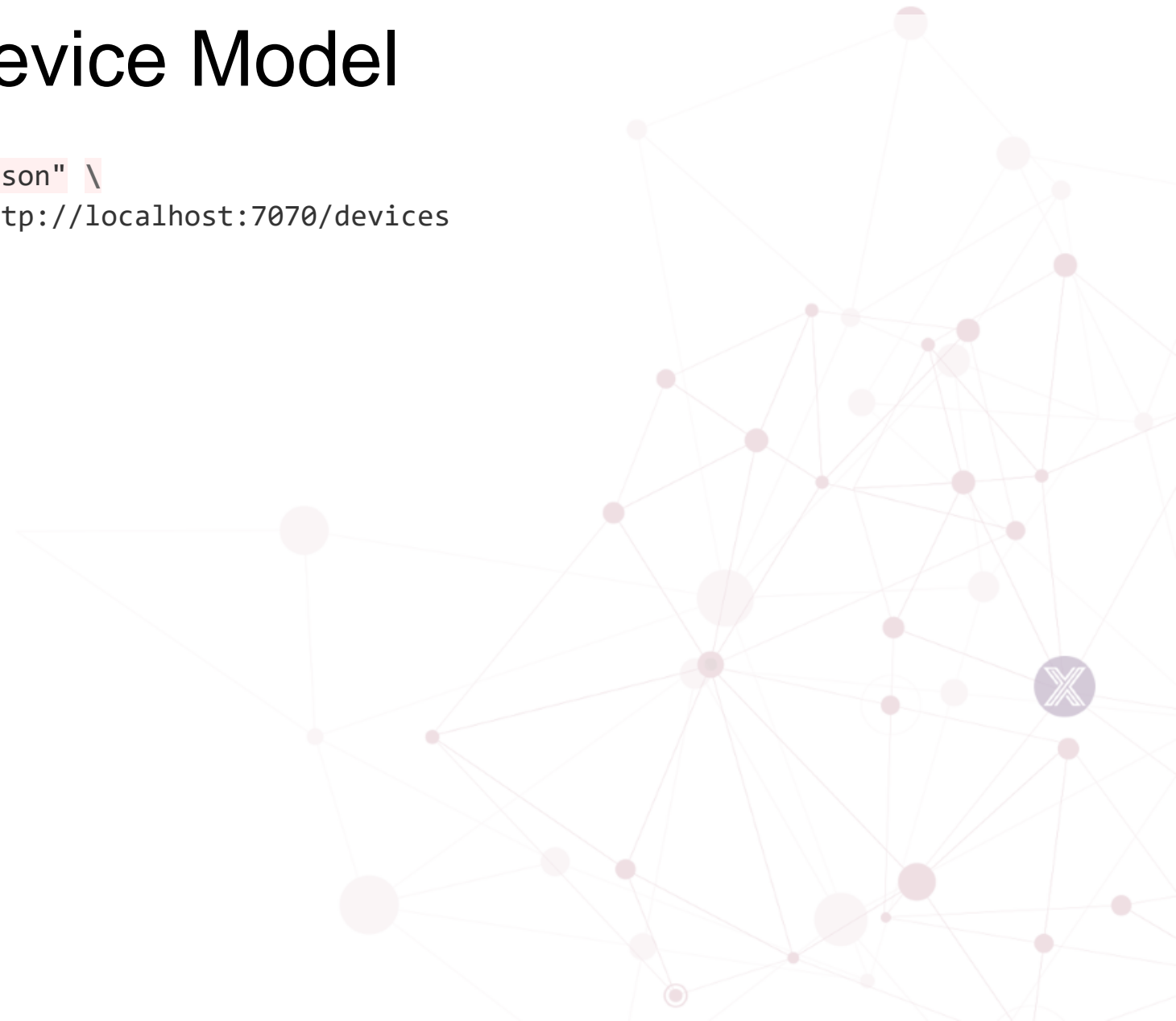


# Mainflux – Provision Device Model

```
curl -s -S -i -X POST -H "Accept: application/json" \  
      -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://localhost:7070/devices
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8  
Date: Tue, 29 Nov 2016 21:49:26 GMT  
Content-Length: 69
```

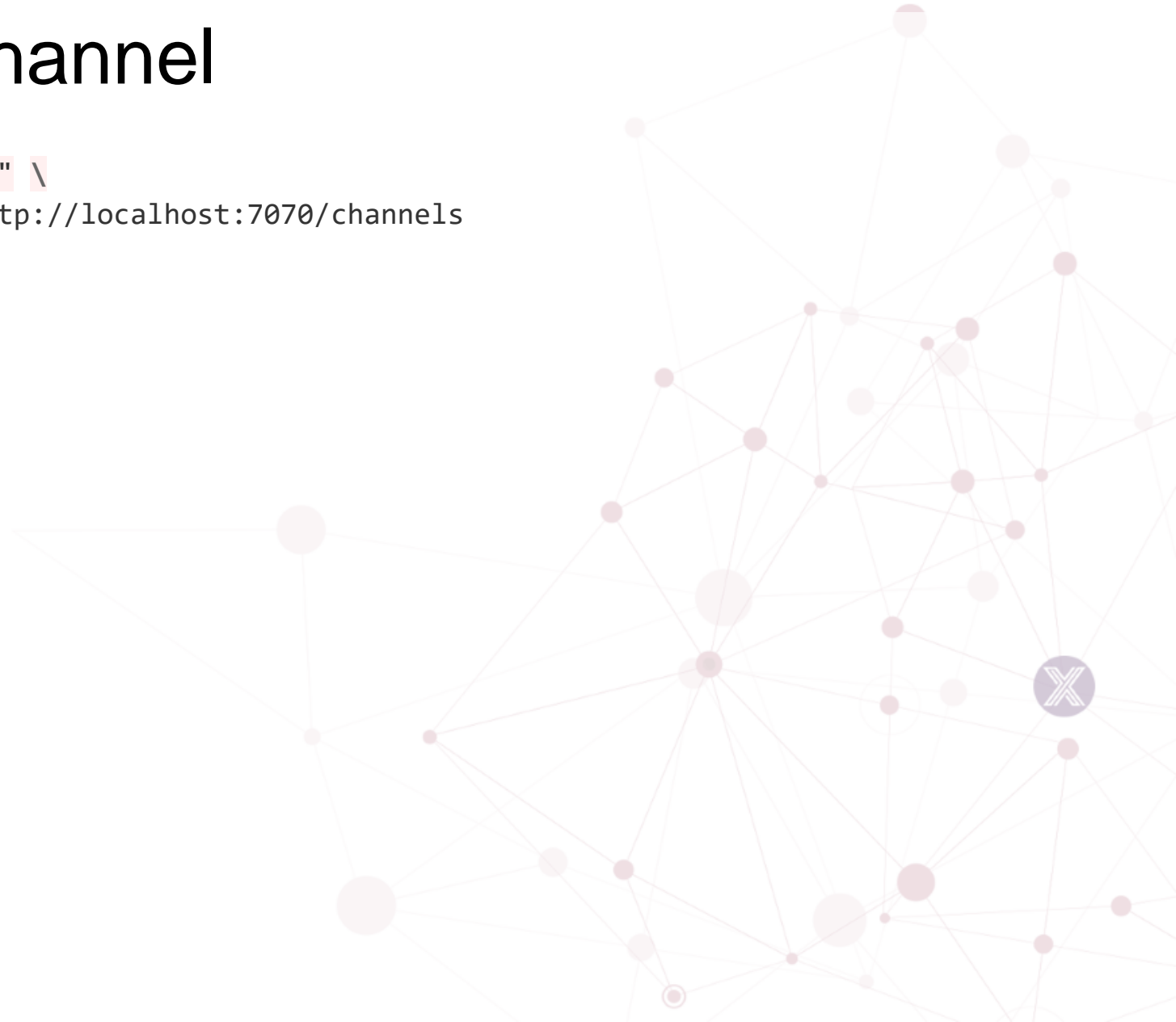
```
{  
  "response": "created",  
  "id": "e35b157f-21b8-4adb-ab59-9df21461c815"  
}
```



# Mainflux – Provision Channel

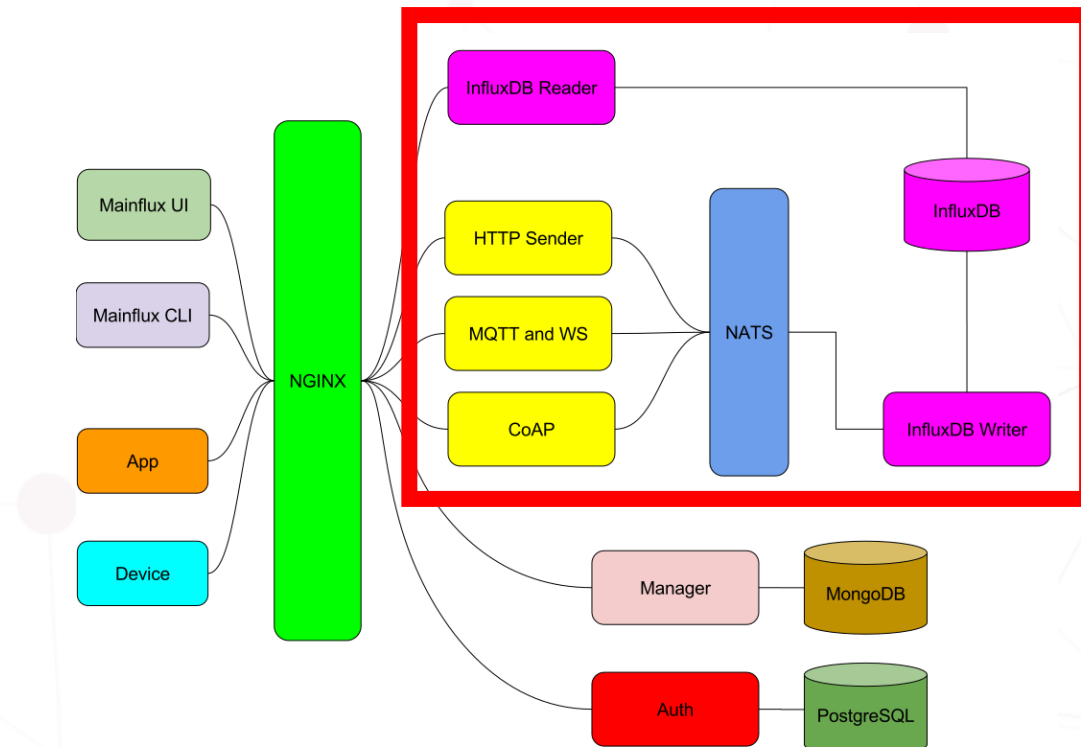
```
curl -s -S -X POST -H "Accept: application/json" \  
      -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://localhost:7070/channels
```

```
{  
  "response": "created",  
  "id": "5c912c4e-e37b-4ba6-8f4b-373c7ecfeaa9"  
}
```



# Mainflux – Device Messaging Subsystem

- Messaging subsystem is composed of following microservices:
  - HTTP Message Sender
  - MQTT (and WS) Broker
  - CoAP Server
  - NATS Broker
  - InfluxDB Writer
  - InfluxDB Reader
- It's role is to distribute messages between various clients that can connect via various protocols - i.e. it makes a messaging bridge between them.



A man with dark hair and a skeptical expression is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He is wearing a dark-colored shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**HTTP-to-WS-to-MQTT-to-CoAP?**

A close-up, low-angle shot of a man's face, likely from the movie 'The Revenant'. He is wearing a dark cowboy hat and has a thick, dark beard and mustache. A lit cigarette is held in his mouth. His eyes are squinted, and he has a slight, knowing smile. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The text 'Yes. Mainflux is bridging protocols.' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of his face.

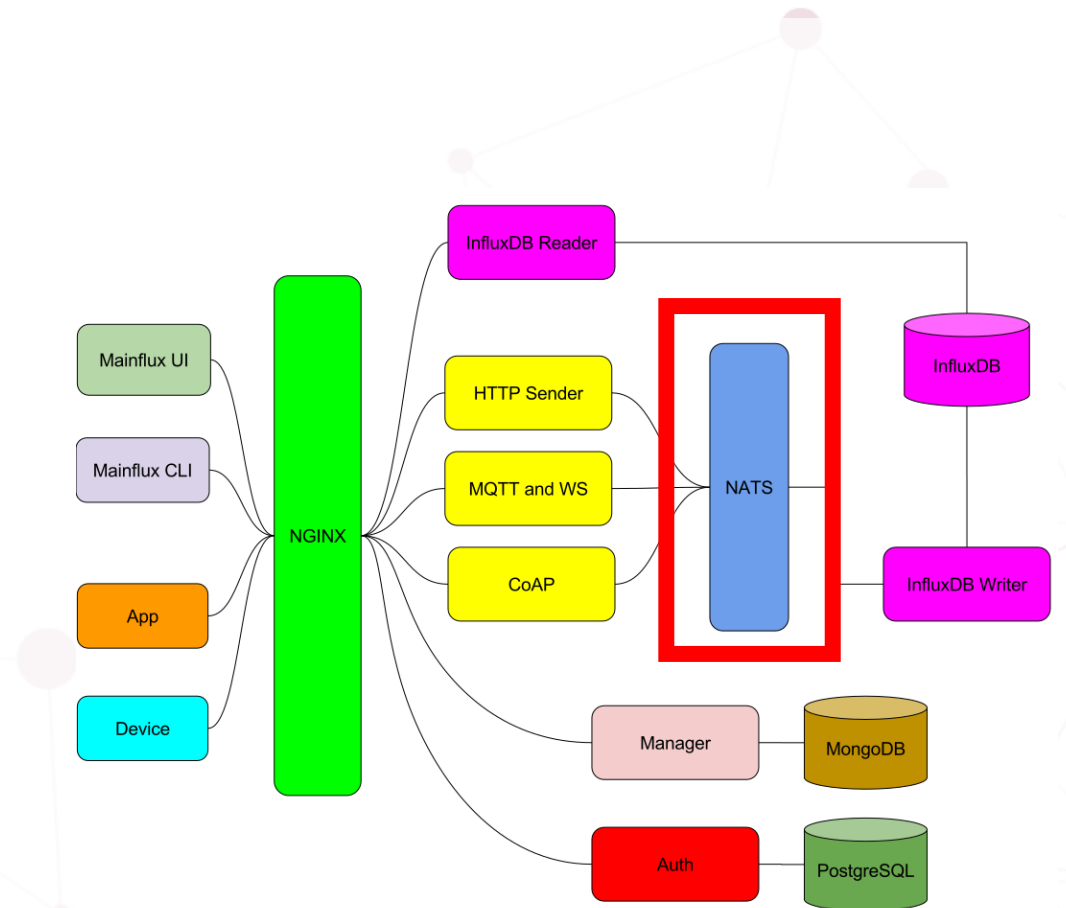
**Yes. Mainflux is bridging protocols.**



# NATS

- Brokers the IoT messages as an events in Mainflux NATS Message Format.
- Mainflux Message Format:

```
message MM {
  string channel;
  string protocol;
  string publisher;
  string content_type;
  Bytes payload;
}
```

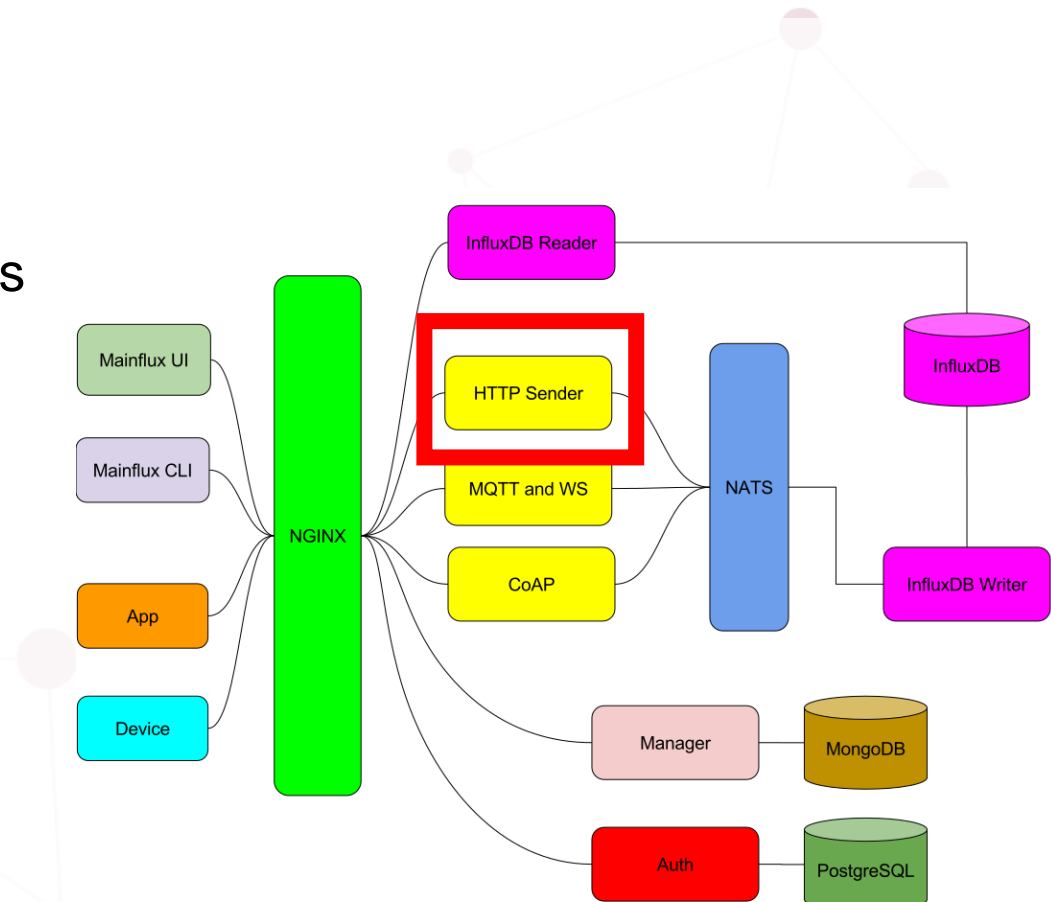


# HTTP

HTTP Message Sender is an HTTP Server that exposes RESTful API for sending (and sending only, not receiving) IoT messages received from HTTP clients (devices and applications).

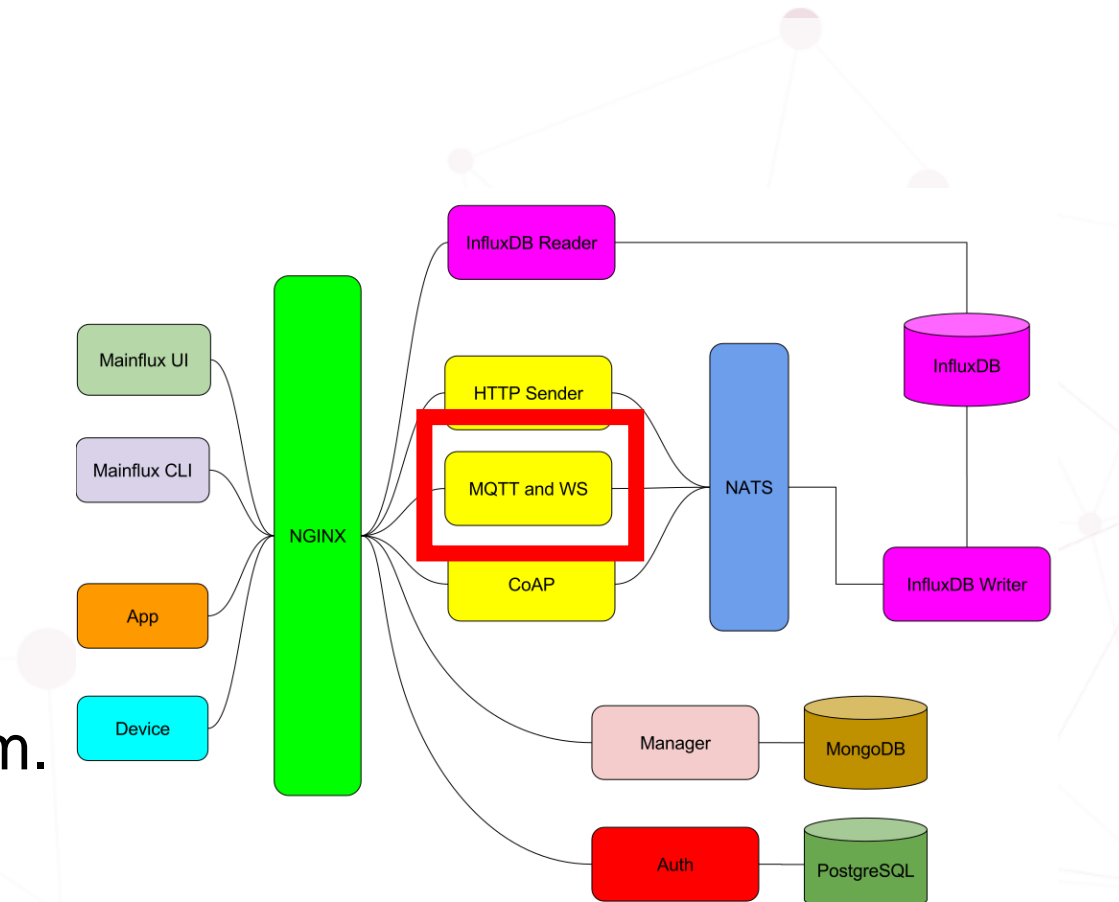
- Message is sent in the form of SenML.
- End Point:

`/channels/<channel_id>/messages`



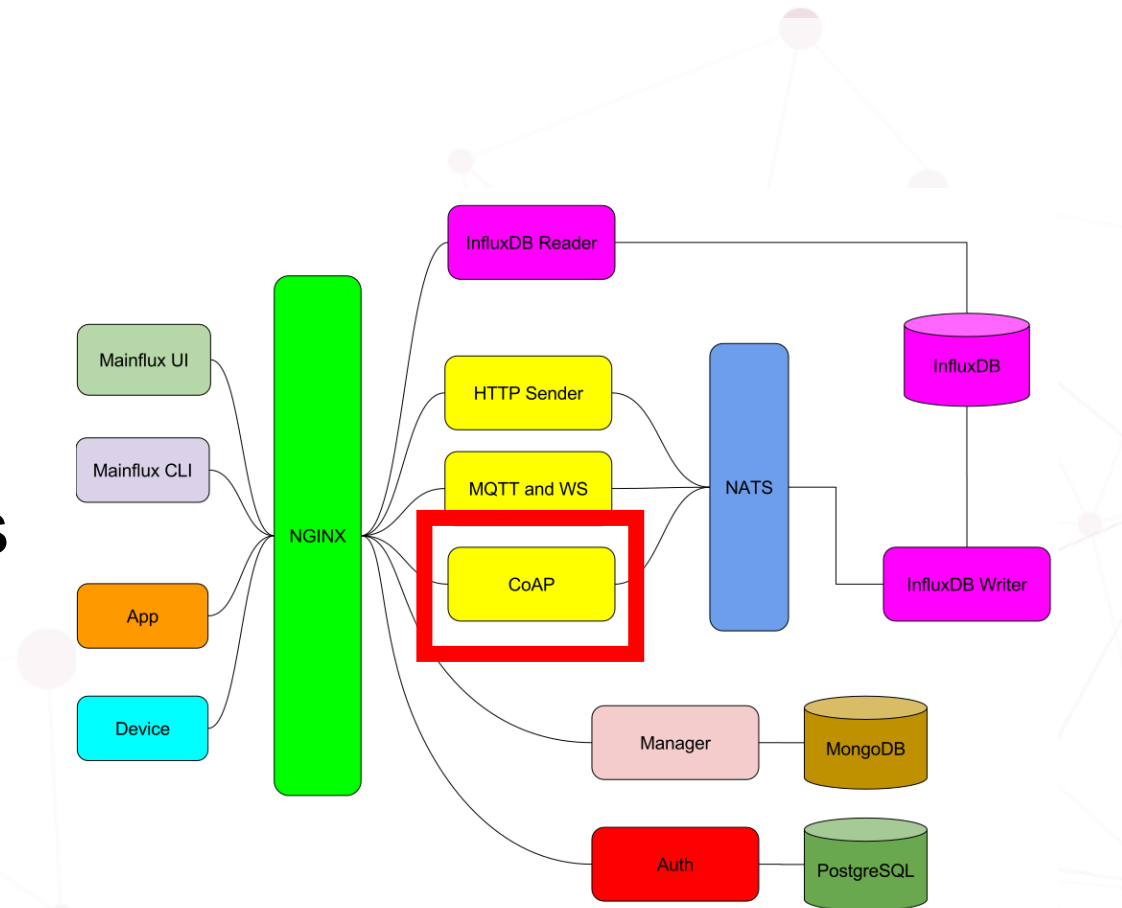
# MQTT

- MQTT broker accepts and publishes SenML and binary messages to MQTT clients and at the same time on NATS broker for database persistence and analytics.
- SenML JSON messages are published on channels/<channel\_id>/messages/senml-json.
- Binary messages are published on channels/<channel\_id>/messages/octet-stream.



# CoAP

- CoAP server accepts CoAP (UDP) connections
- RESTful-like API for sending IoT messages received from CoAP clients (devices and applications)
- RESTful-like API for CoAP-observing (similar to MQTT subscribing) of message channels.
- SenML message format.

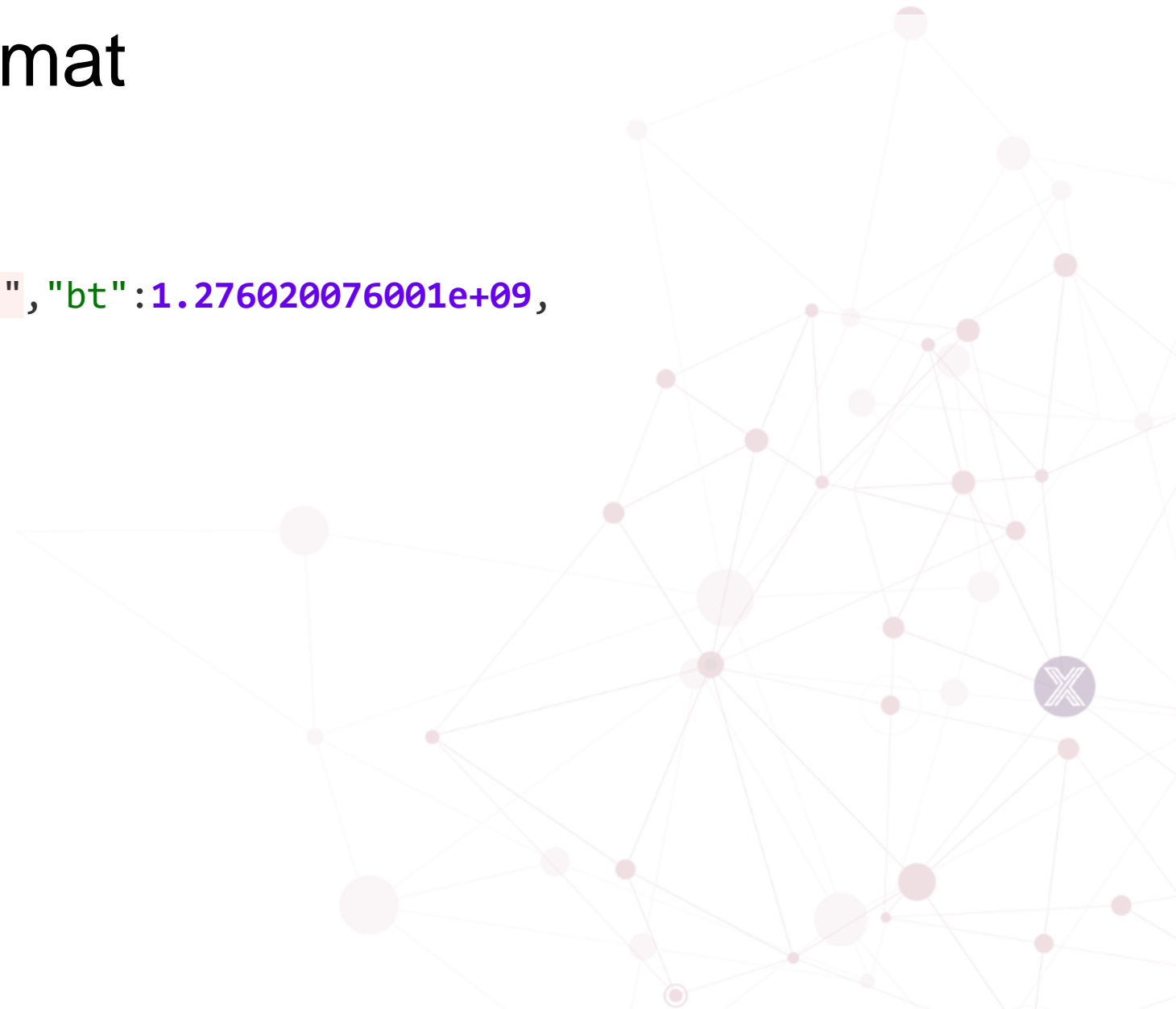


# SenML – Model for IoT Messages

- IETF standard (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-senml-05>)
- Provides simple model for retrieving data from sensors and controlling actuators
- Provides minimal semantics for the data inline and allows for more metadata with in-line extensions and links

# SenML – Message Format

```
[  
  {"bn": "urn:dev:ow:10e2073a0108006;", "bt": 1.276020076001e+09,  
   "bu": "A", "bver": 5,  
   "n": "voltage", "u": "V", "v": 120.1},  
  {"n": "current", "t": -5, "v": 1.2},  
  {"n": "current", "t": -4, "v": 1.3},  
  {"n": "current", "t": -3, "v": 1.4},  
  {"n": "current", "t": -2, "v": 1.5},  
  {"n": "current", "t": -1, "v": 1.6},  
  {"n": "current", "v": 1.7}  
]
```





# Binary Message Format

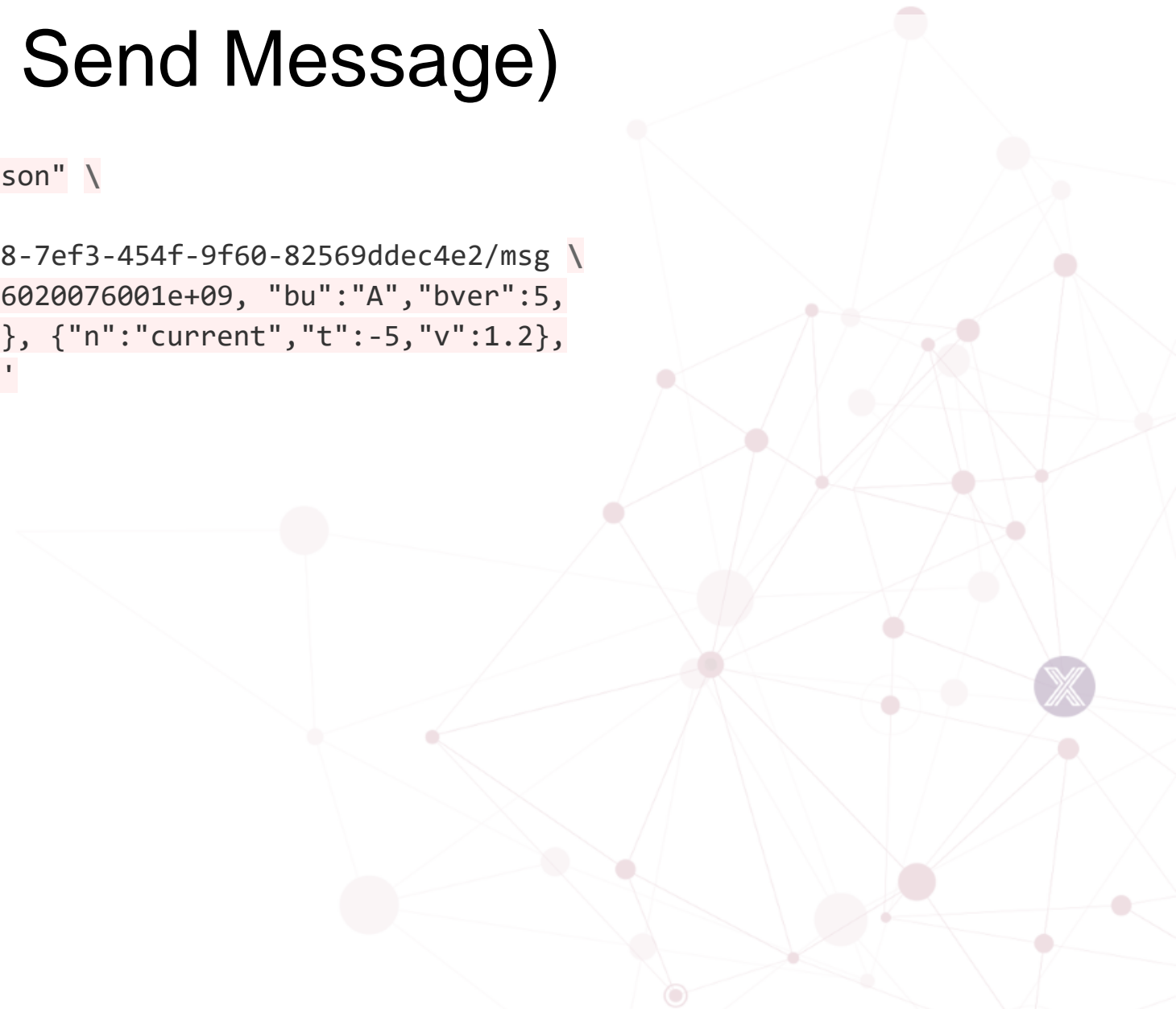
- Message is sent in the form of binary blob.
- Mainflux doesn't parse the binary message.
- Binary message is stored in the database.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party App would have to parse the message and use it.

# Reporting Values (aka. Send Message)

```
curl -s -S -i -X POST -H "Accept: application/json" \  
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \  
  http://localhost:7070/channels/78c95058-7ef3-454f-9f60-82569ddec4e2/msg \  
  -d '[{"bn":"some-base-name:", "bt":1.276020076001e+09, "bu":"A", "bver":5, \  
      "n":"voltage", "u":"V", "v":120.1}, {"n":"current", "t":-5, "v":1.2}, \  
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```

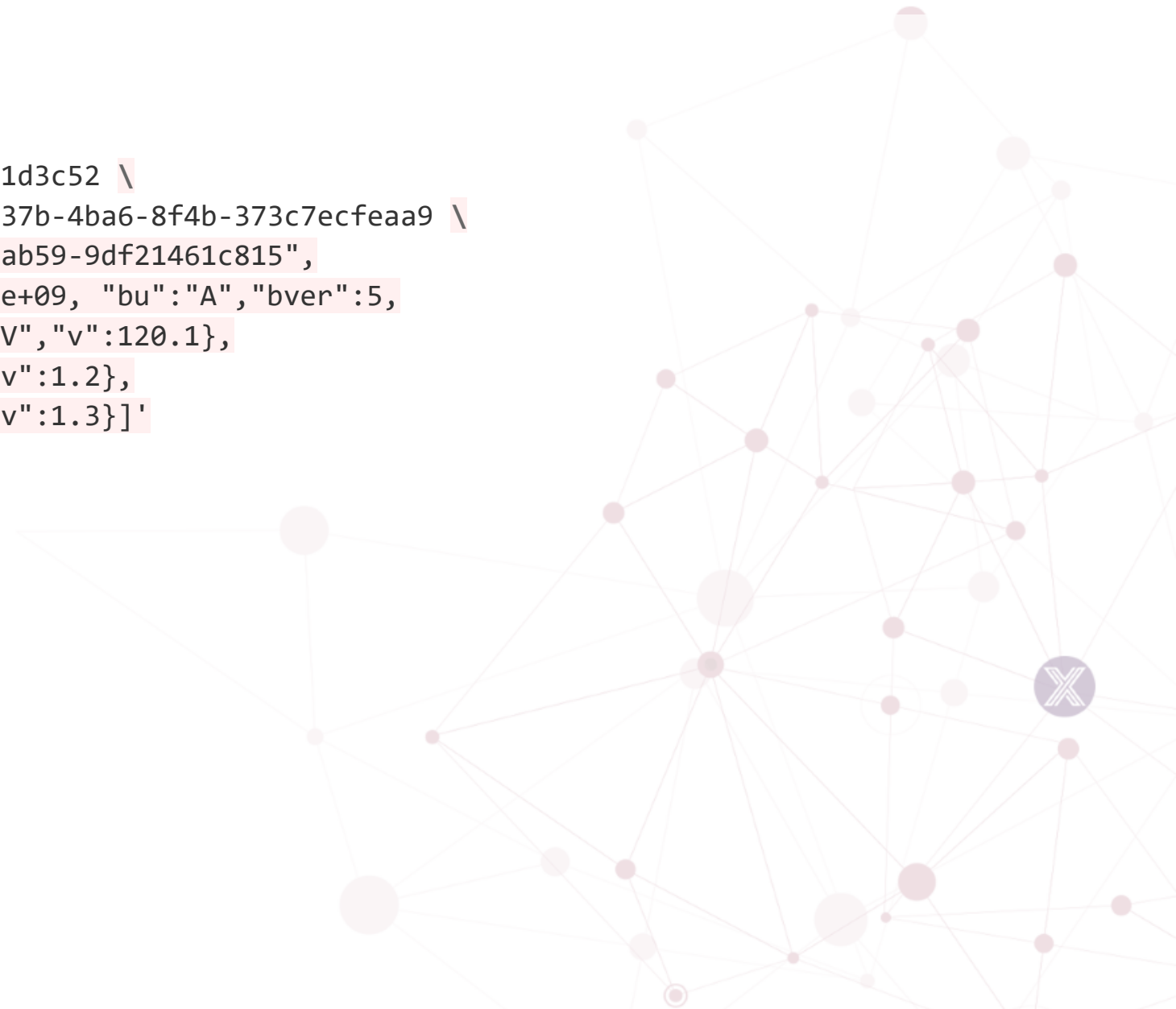
```
HTTP/1.1 202 Accepted  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8  
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2016 18:25:36 GMT  
Content-Length: 28
```

```
{  
  "response": "message sent"  
}
```



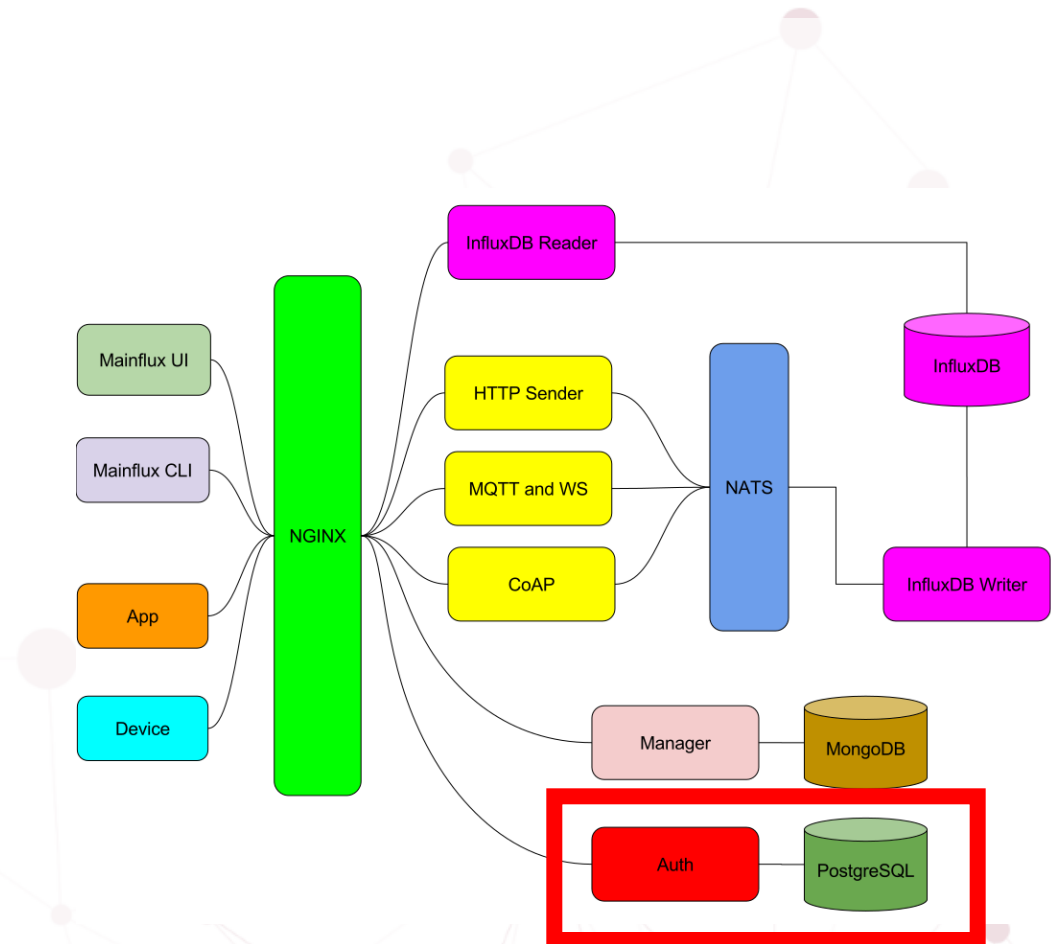
# MQTT PUB

```
mosquitto_pub -i 472dceec-9bc2-4cd4-9f16-bf3b8d1d3c52 \  
  -t mainflux/channels/5c912c4e-e37b-4ba6-8f4b-373c7ecfeaa9 \  
  -m '[{"bn":"e35b157f-21b8-4adb-ab59-9df21461c815",  
      "bt":1.276020076001e+09, "bu":"A", "bver":5,  
      "n":"voltage", "u":"V", "v":120.1},  
      {"n":"current", "t":-5, "v":1.2},  
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```



# Mainflux – Auth Subsystem

- Policy Based Auth.
- Supports OAuth2.0 for Apps.
- JWT and Certs for Devices.
- Acts as Identity Provider.
- Based on Hydra and Ladon.



# Mainflux – Device Auth Constraints

- UDP is more lightweight than TCP
- TLS becomes a problem (DTLS for UDP, but implementation missing in many languages)
- Elliptic Curve Cryptography - Diffie-Hellman
- HW encryption engine helps

# Mainflux – Device Auth – AuthX

- CA must be burned into device flash for server auth for TLS
- Client-side certificates -  
TLS\_ECDHE\_ECDSA\_WITH\_CHACHA20\_POLY1305\_SHA256
- JWT
- OAuth2.0 Client Secret - how do we issue temporary token to devices?

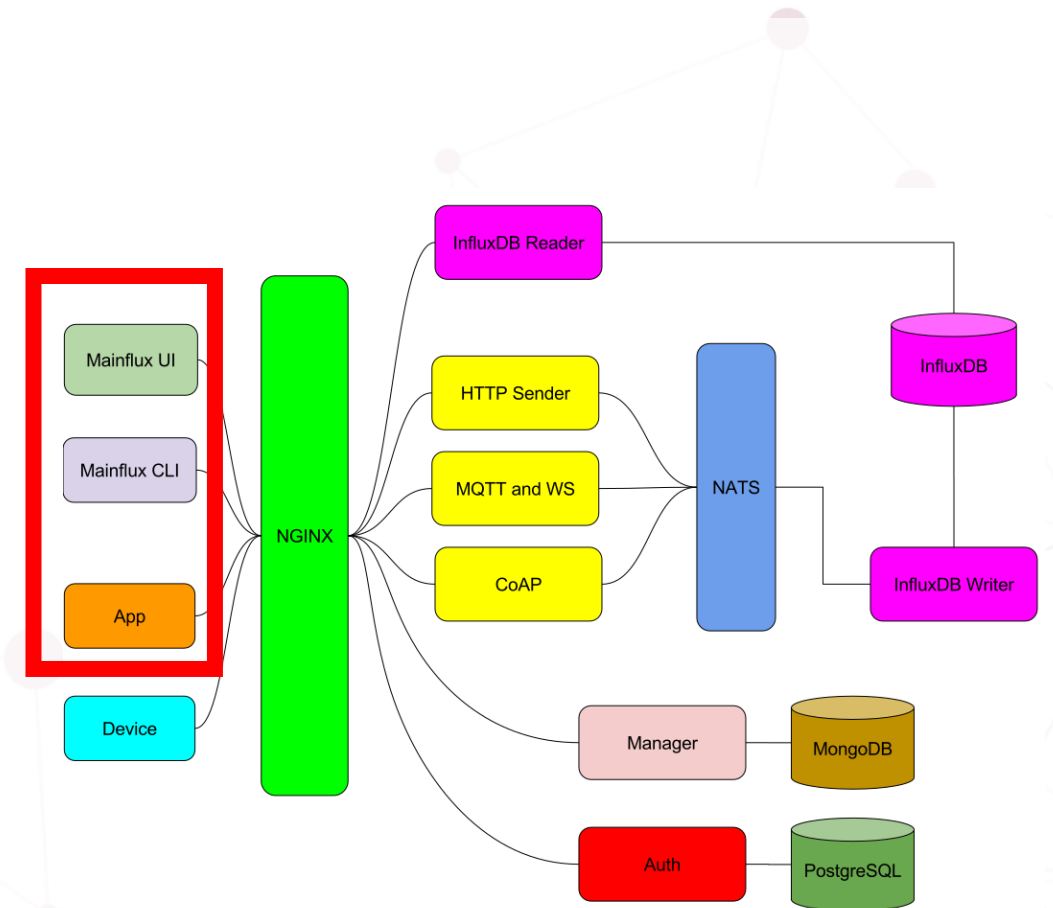


# Mainflux – Device Auth – AuthZ

- Scoped API keys - JWT
- Drawback - no revoke, and device JWT has infinite TTL
- Revoke destroys stateless approach - so use just for session tokens with low TTL and no revoke
- Mainflux uses Access Control Policies - inspired by AWS IAM Policies

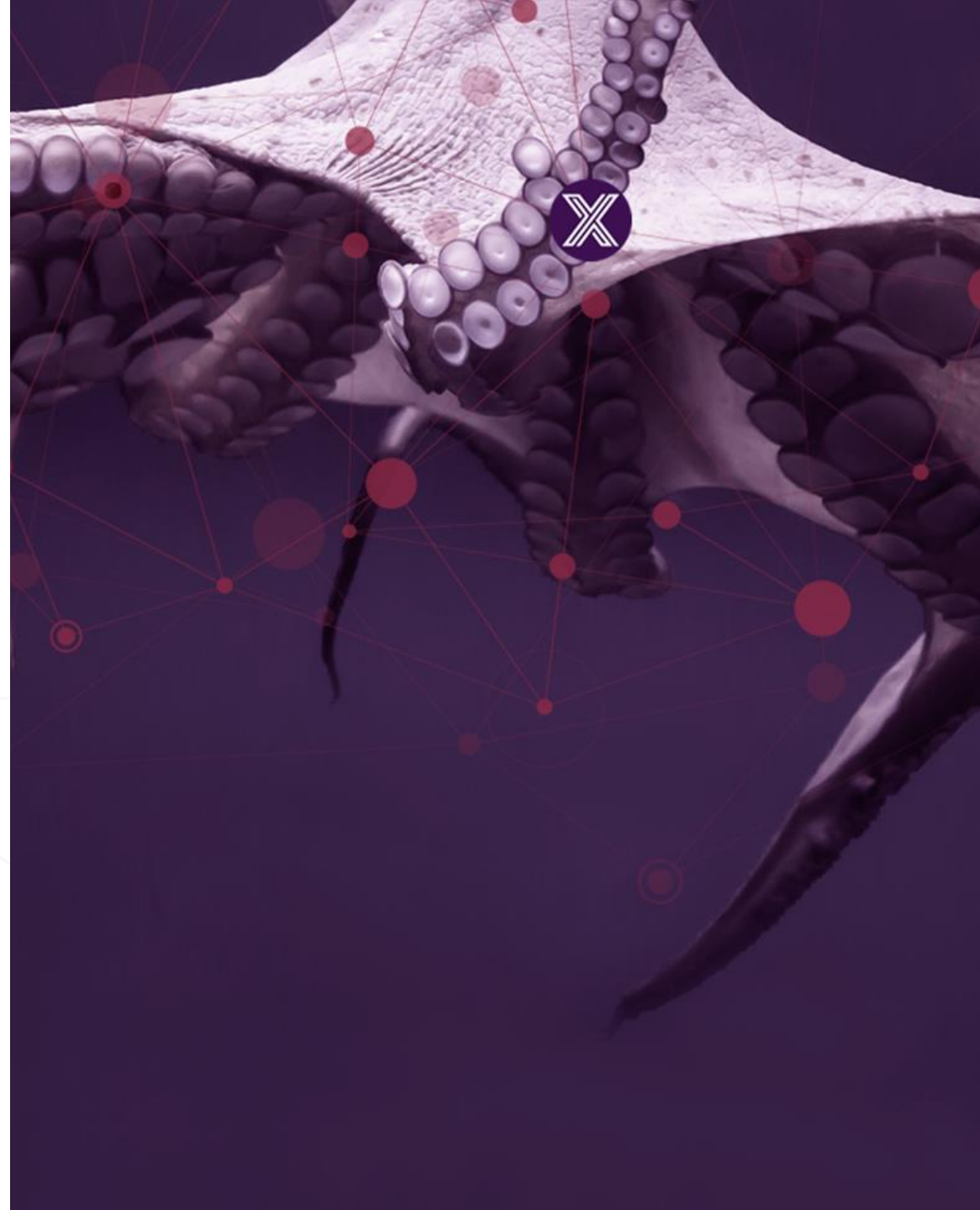
# Applications

- Mainflux CLI
- Mainflux UI (WIP)
- 3rd Party Apps





# Mainflux – Deployment



# Mainflux – Install / Deploy Docker Images

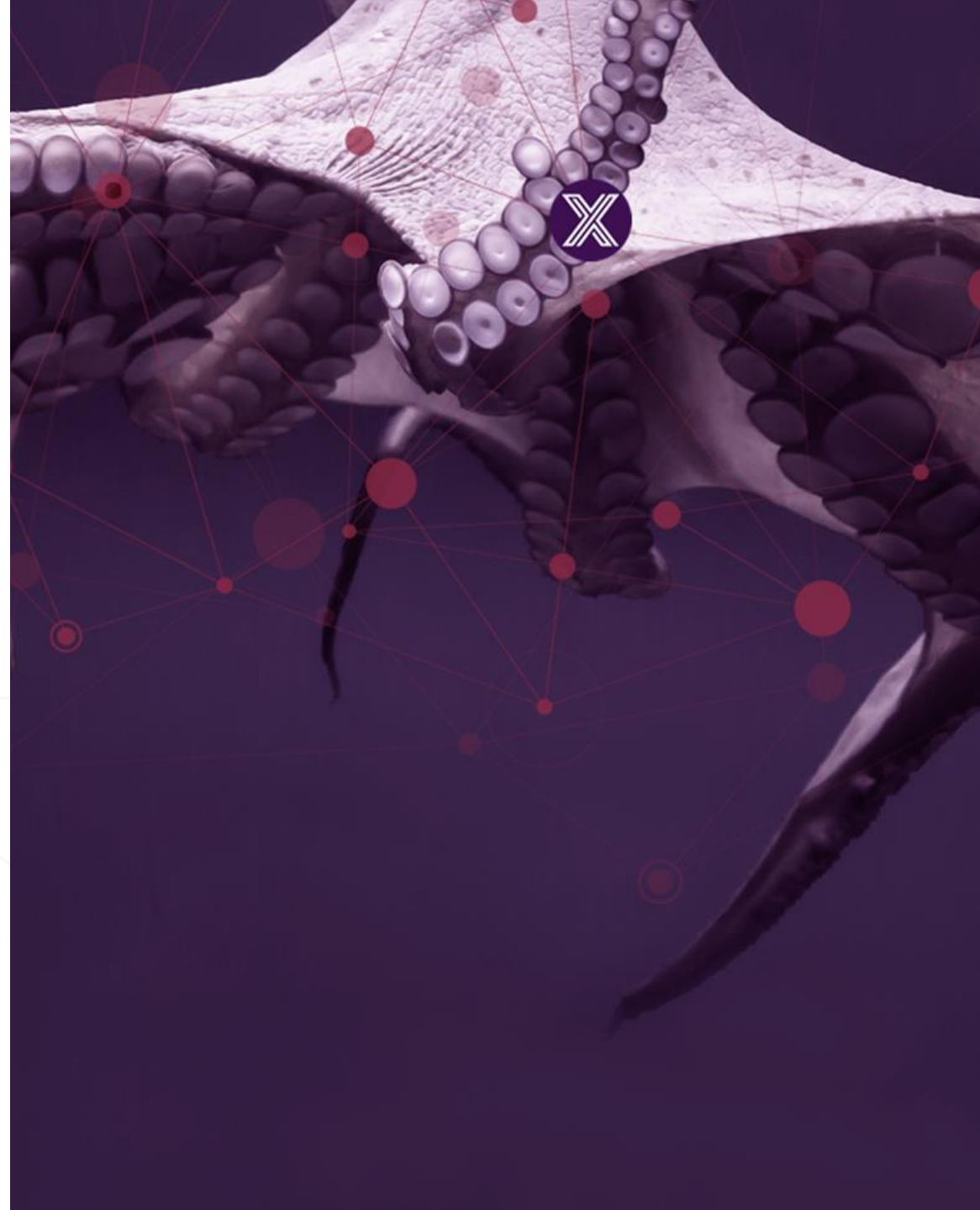
- Clone the repo:
  - `git clone https://github.com/Mainflux/mainflux.git && cd mainflux`
- Start the Docker composition:
  - `docker-compose up`
- This will automatically download Docker images from Mainflux Docker Hub and deploy the composition of Mainflux microservices.

# Mainflux – Compile the Source Code

- Go compiles to static binary
- Can be compiled to run on:
  - Linux
  - Windows
  - Mac
  - ARM devices
- Can be deployed on RPi or similar systems.

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## Mainflux – Future Plans



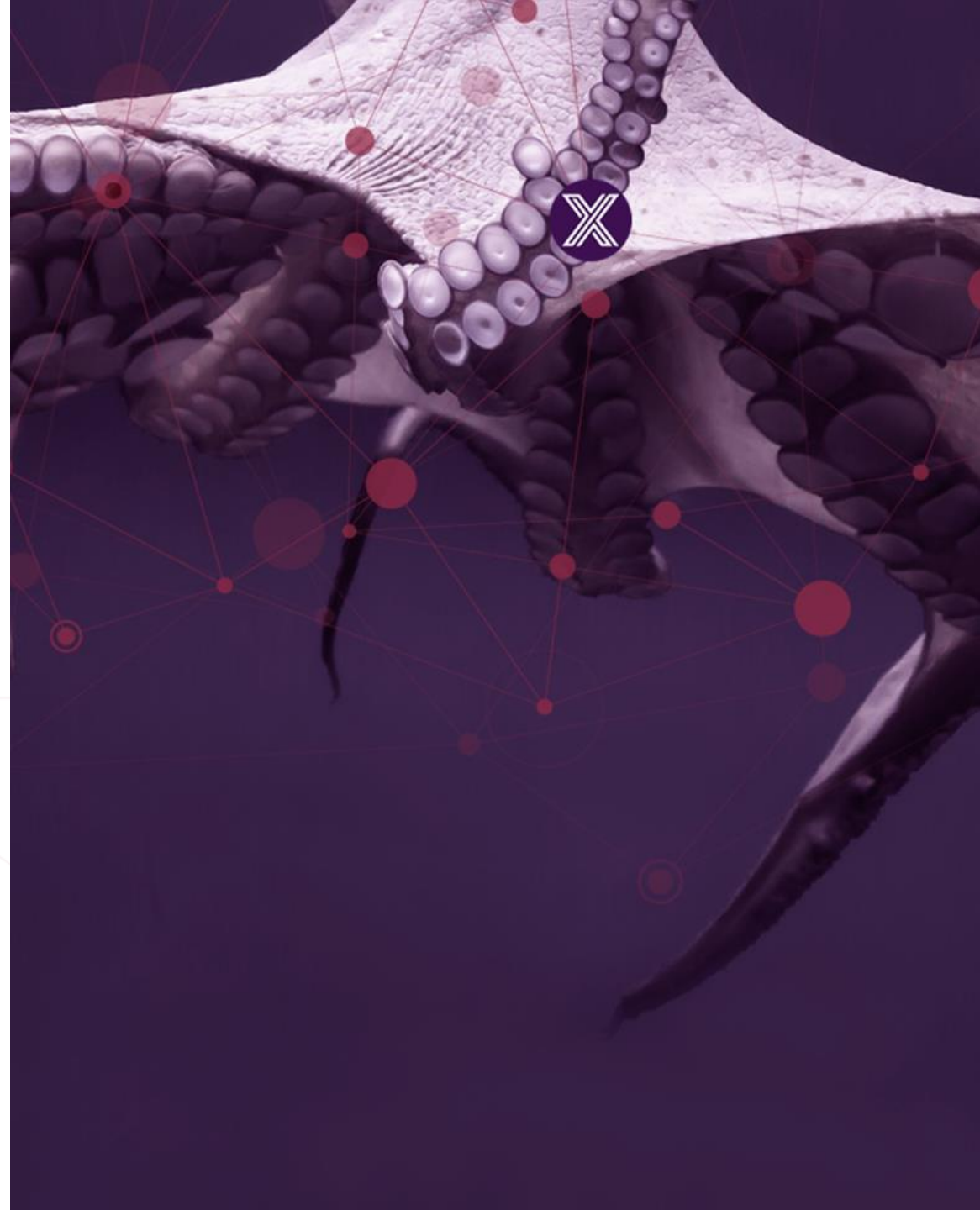
# Mainflux – Future Plans

- Evaluate Mainflux as EdgeX Gateway Manager.
- Evaluate Mainflux as Device Manager for devices connected to EdgeX.
- Evaluate Mainflux as Security Manager for EdgeX.
- Push Sensor Data to Hyperledger.
- Add Machine Learning and Data Analysis Layer on top of Mainflux.



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## Mainflux – The Team



# MAINFLUX TEAM

Mainflux team has an extensive working experience and knowledge of hardware and intelligent devices and can provide operational expertise for the best cost-quality related solutions and support needed for every IoT project. Our expertise covers every functional aspect of the networking technology required for connecting objects, including its huge market and a large number of manufacturers.



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Recently engaged in the biggest real estate project in South-East Europe master-planned by world renowned architects, Saša gained significant working experience in communication with international companies, eminent consultancies, and government institutions.

# MAINFLUX TEAM



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