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# Sling & Serverless - Best Friends Forever?

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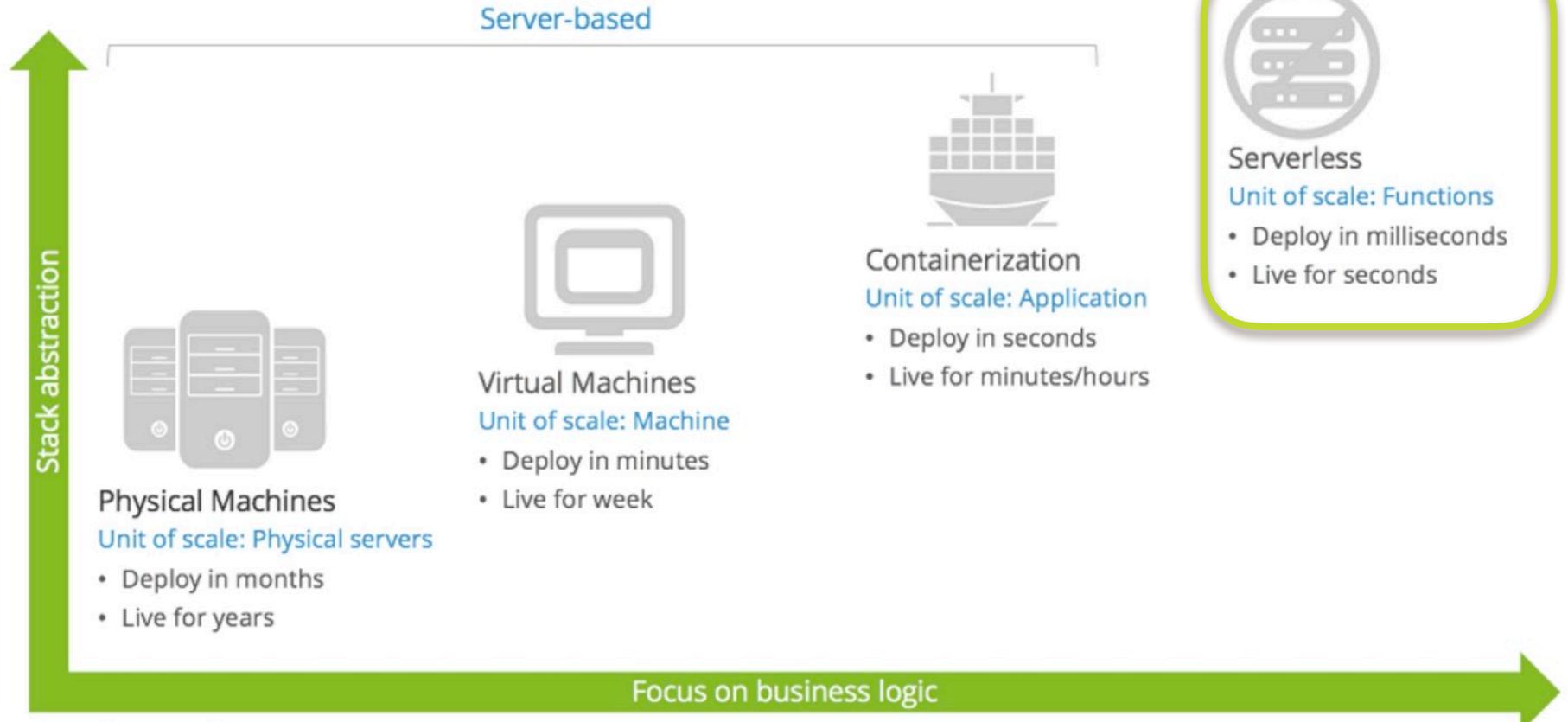


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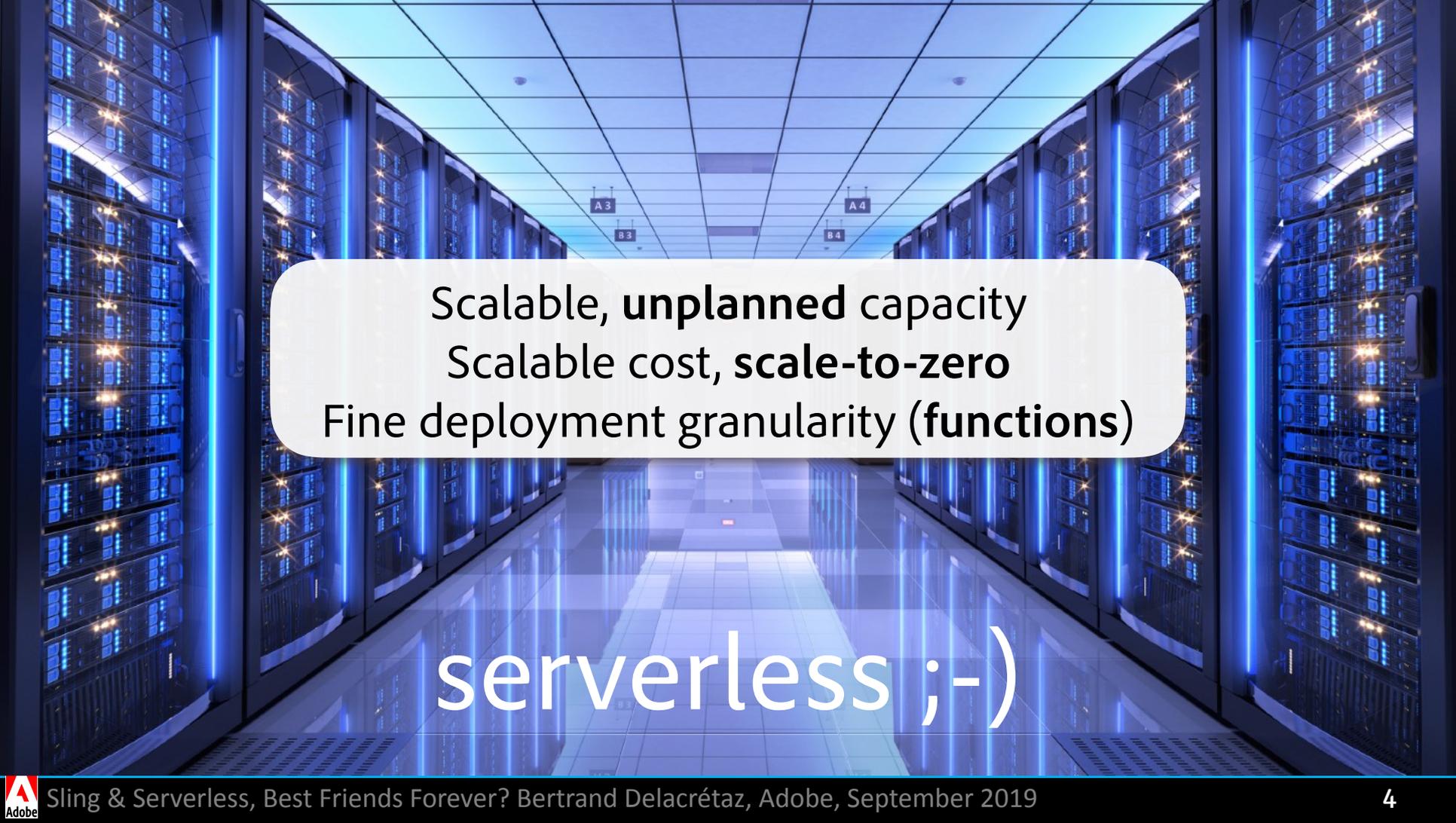


# Serverless?

# Cloud Technologies Evolution



Source: Deloitte Consulting LLP, via Alexander Klimetschek, @alexkli



Scalable, **unplanned** capacity  
Scalable cost, **scale-to-zero**  
Fine deployment granularity (**functions**)

serverless ;-)

# Hello, Serverless World!

```
// The actual OpenWhisk action code
```

```
function main(params) {  
  const name = params.name || 'World';  
  
  const content = `  
    <html>  
      <body>  
        <h1>Hello, ${escapeForHTML(name)}!</h1>  
      </body>  
    </html>  
  `;  
  
  console.log(content);  
  return {body: content };  
}
```

Installation:

```
wsk action update web-hello web-hello.js --web true
```

URL:

```
wsk -i action get web-hello --url
```





# Units of Deployment

# Serverless: Containers or Functions ?

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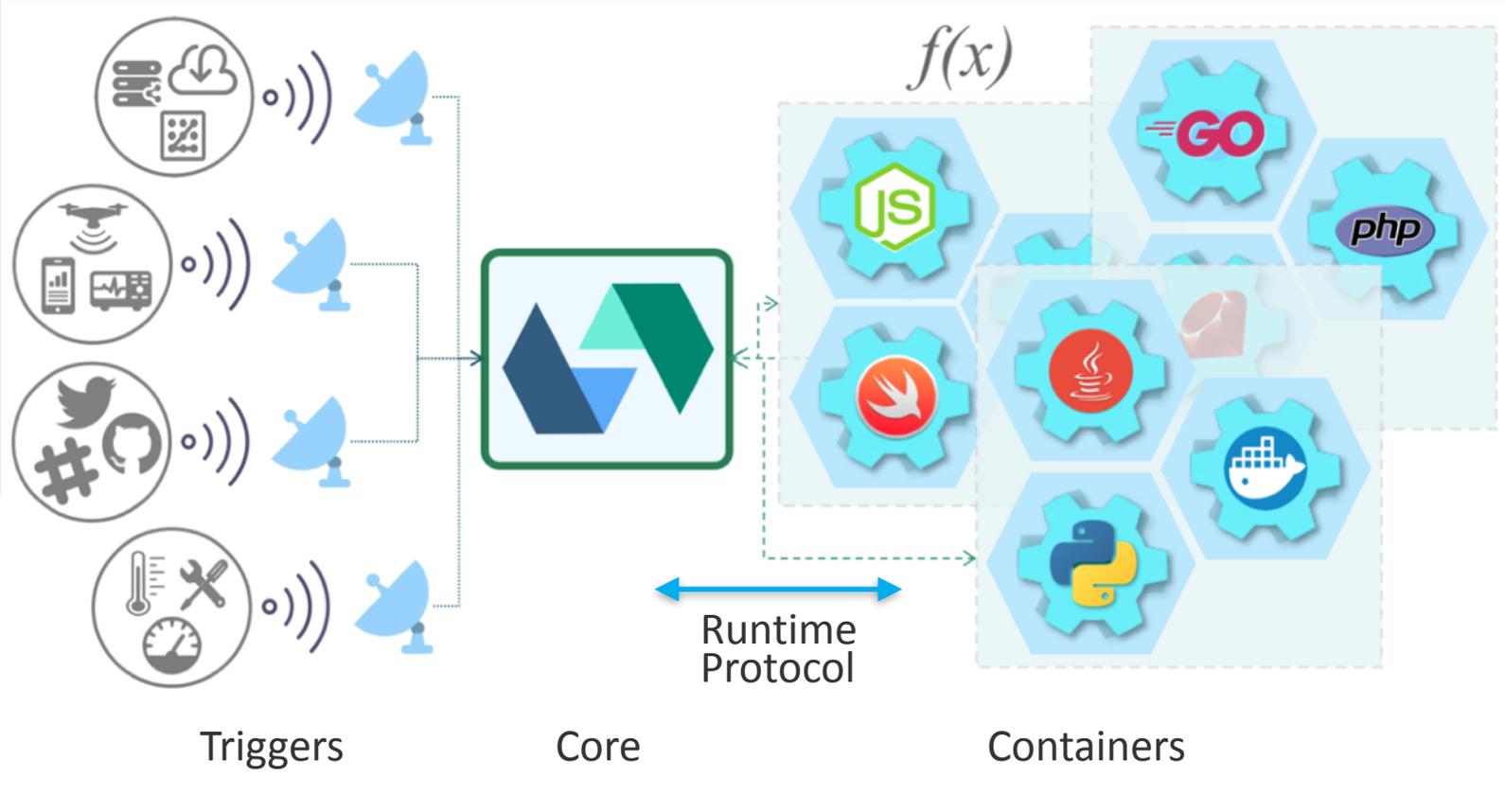
Fine deployment granularity ?

Needs fast startup

OpenWhisk: simple init/run HTTP API

Limited choice of languages?

# OpenWhisk: Orchestrated Containers



# OpenWhisk runtime protocol

## The /init end point

After starting the Docker container, the invoker will POST to /init the following payload:

```
{
  "value": {
    "name" : "helloPHP",
    "main" : "main",
    "binary": false,
    "code" : "<?php ...",
  }
}
```

## The /run end point

To run the action, the invoker will POST to /run. This may happen multiple times, but never concurrently. The payload contains the arguments to be passed to the function to be executed. For example:

```
{
  "value":
  {
    "name" : "Rob",
  }
}
```

Runtime container responds to **/init** and **/run** HTTP requests  
-> easy to create **any** runtime



# GraalVM - native Java

(in containers?)

graalvm native fast startup

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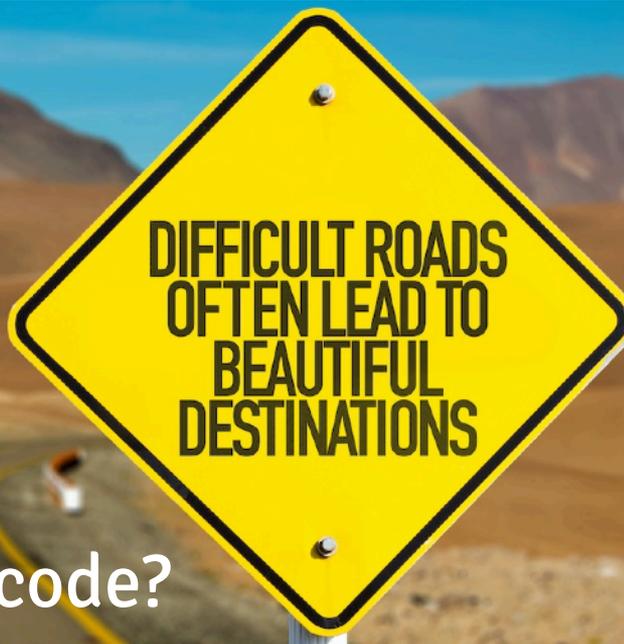
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**Native Image Example - GraalVM**

Impressive startup speed...assuming you pass the **native-image** tool hurdle!

# SubstrateVM limitations



OSGi ?

Legacy code?

What	Support Status
<a href="#">Dynamic Class Loading / Unloading</a>	Not supported
<a href="#">Reflection</a>	Supported (Requires Configuration)
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<https://github.com/oracle/graal/blob/master/substratevm/LIMITATIONS.md>

# Sling code -> native code experiments

```
/** This is where we wire the system, like the OSGi framework
 * would do. As it seems hard to run that framework in a GraalVM
 * environment for now, we wire things statically.
 */
private static OsgiContext initialize() {
    final OsgiContext result = new OsgiContext();

    // This would be automatic in a JUnit environment
    result.registerInjectActivateService(new MockEventAdmin());

    // Our minimal resource provider
    final MockResourceProvider mrp = new MockResourceProvider();
    result.registerInjectActivateService(mrp);

    // SlingRequestProcessor
    result.registerInjectActivateService(new SlingRequestProcessorWrapper(result.bundleContext()));

    // ResourceResolver
    //result.registerInjectActivateService(new MockResourceResolver(mrp));
    result.registerInjectActivateService(new MockServiceUserMapper());
    result.registerInjectActivateService(new ResourceAccessSecurityTracker());
    final ResourceResolverFactoryActivator rrfaf = new ResourceResolverFactoryActivator();
    result.registerInjectActivateService(rrfaf);
    result.registerInjectActivateService(new ResourceResolverFactoryService(rrfaf));

    return result;
}
```

Static wiring with  
Sling OSGi mocks

Static wiring worked well  
ok (with lots of suffering)  
until hitting what's  
probably a native-image  
bug exposed by our legacy  
code.

See [SLING-8556](#) and [sling-whiteboard/graalvm](#) - and  
with more effort or once the  
tools mature that might  
work.



I GIVE UP!

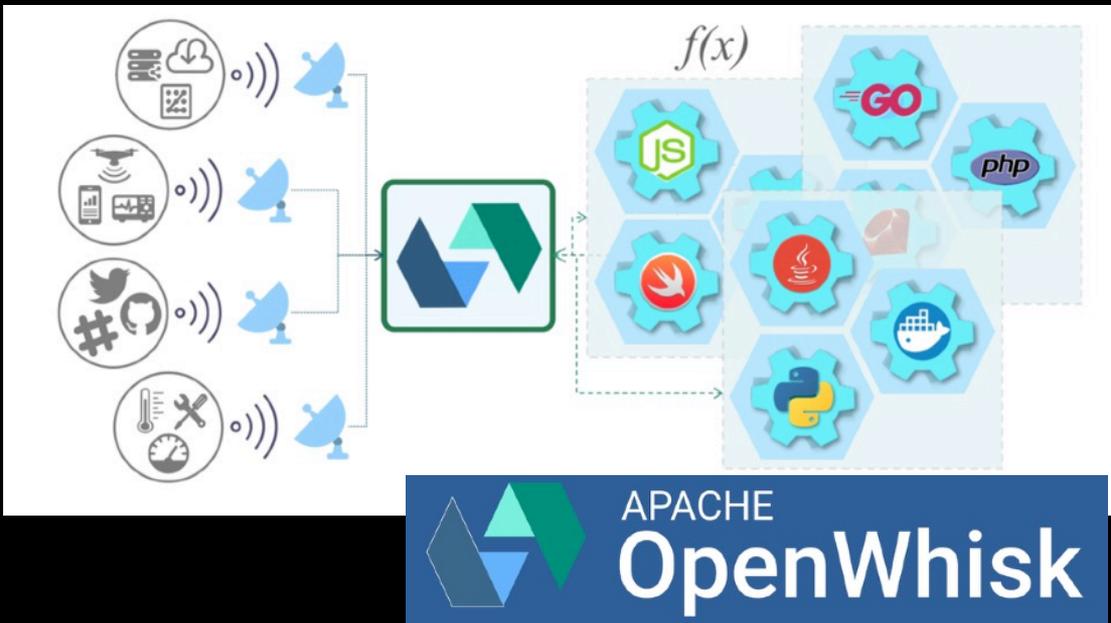


# Embracing the Platform?



**Embrace  
The Platform!**

# serverless == JavaScript?



Are we doing Google Search Driven Architecture now?. Hmm...

The screenshot shows a Google search results page for the query "serverless javascript". The search bar at the top contains the text "serverless javascript" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there are navigation links for "Tous", "Images", "Actualités", "Vidéos", "Maps", "Plus", "Paramètres", and "Outils". The search results are displayed in French, with the first result being "serverless/serverless: Serverless Framework – Build web ... - GitHub". The second result is "How Does Serverless JavaScript Work? Service Workers and ...". The third result is "La puissance du JavaScript serverless | Udemy". The fourth result is "Next.js 8 supporte désormais les applications serverless - Le Monde ...". The fifth result is "Hello World Node.js Example - Serverless". The sixth result is "Claudia.js". At the bottom of the page, there is a link for "A crash course on Serverless with Node.js - By Adnan Rahić".



# OpenWhisk Action Annotations

Annotations enable dynamic selection of functions, like we do for OSGi services in Sling

```
/**
 * A SlingSafeMethodsServlet that renders the current Resource as simple HTML
 */
@Component(service = Servlet.class,
    name="org.apache.sling.servlets.get.DefaultGetServlet",
    property = {
        "service.description=Default GET Servlet",
        "service.vendor=The Apache Software Foundation",

        // Use this as a default servlet for Sling
        "sling.servlet.resourceTypes=sling/servlet/default",
        "sling.servlet.prefix=Integer=-1",

        // Generic handler for all get requests
        "sling.servlet.methods=GET",
        "sling.servlet.methods=HEAD"
    })
```

OSGi  
service properties

```
{
  "namespace": "guest",
  "name": "somedoc-html",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "exec": {
    "kind": "nodejs:10",
    "binary": false
  },
  "annotations": [
    {
      "key": "sling:contentType",
      "value": "text/html"
    },
    {
      "key": "sling:resourceType",
      "value": "microsling/somedoc"
    },
    {
      "key": "provide-api-key",
      "value": false
    },
    {
      "key": "sling:extensions",
      "value": "html"
    }
  ],
}
```

OpenWhisk  
Annotations



# Serverless $\mu$ Sling!

# 2007...

 Sling / SLING-47

## microsling - simple webapp to demonstrate the core principles of Sling

**Details**

Type:	 New Feature	Status:	 CLOSED
Priority:	 Minor	Resolution:	Fixed
Affects Version/s:	None	Fix Version/s:	None
Component/s:	Engine		
Labels:	None		

**Description**

Following our recent API redesign discussions (see <http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/SLING/Sling+API+Redesign> in particular), I have started working on "microsling", a webapp that demonstrates my understanding of the "most important parts" of Sling.

Home Who? [brain grep](#)

## microsling - Yet Another (cool) Web Applications Framework

October 12, 2007

From the new and improved department: I spent part of this week writing a "reduced to the max" version of the Sling core that I've called *microsling*. 

It's been a lot of fun of course, and I think the results are fairly impressive in terms of power per line of code, thanks to the power of the JCR API. Using "modern" Java, with scripting in the right places helps a lot as well, but that's *nothing new*.

In the current state, microsling allows you to use [SlingServlets](#) to process requests in a RESTful way, acting on abstract [Resources](#) and using request processing scripts in various languages.

[SlingServlets](#) are provided to create content and to render it using Velocity templates or server-side javascript. It's less than 1'200 lines of Java code, all inclusive.

microsling matches the complete vision of the Sling framework, but this is already powerful stuff - and very simple to use.

You have searched the [bertrand's brain grep](#) blog archives for 'microsling'. If you are unable to find anything in these search results, you can try one of these links.

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Bertrand Delacrétaz here - my "résumé" will tell you more.

The opinions expressed here are my own, I'm not representing any group or company on this blog. YMMV.



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# Actions selected based on Annotations

**INPUT:** resource type, request extension

**FOR** all OpenWhisk Actions **A** in this namespace,  
**ORDERED** by preference:

**GET** the annotations of action **A**

**IF** annotations match

**THEN** return **A** as the Action to use

**IF** no Action found, use **default renderers**

sling-whiteboard: serverless-microsling/lib/openwhisk-renderer.js

```
{
  "namespace": "guest",
  "name": "somedoc-html",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "exec": {
    "kind": "nodejs:10",
    "binary": false
  },
  "annotations": [
    {
      "key": "sling:contentType",
      "value": "text/html"
    },
    {
      "key": "sling:resourceType",
      "value": "microsling/somedoc"
    },
    {
      "key": "provide-api-key",
      "value": false
    },
    {
      "key": "sling:extensions",
      "value": "html"
    }
  ],
}
```

OpenWhisk  
Annotations

# DEMO: Serverless Microsling

**Some Document, with a custom rendering!**

This is some document

*This is the somedoc-html rendering*

Some Document  
This is some document

```
lib
├── JS default-renderers.js
├── JS openwhisk-renderer.js
├── JS render.js
├── JS resolve-content.js
├── node_modules
├── rendering-actions
├── JS markdown-default.js
└── JS somedoc-html.js
```

```
localhost:3233/api/v1/web/guest/default/microsling/demo/index.json
JSON Raw Data Headers
Save Copy Collapse All Expand All Filter JSON
resourceType: "microsling/demo"
title: "Demo root resource"
body: "This is the content of the demo root resource"
```

Dynamic selection  
Overrides  
New content types





# CODA

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**GraalVM Native Images** are difficult with existing code.

**Embracing the platform** usually helps - worked for our prototype.

**Action annotations** can be used in a similar way to OSGi service properties.

Next?

- a) build on Karl & Radu's experiments for **fast-starting Sling instances** -> switch to containers -> "full" Sling?
- b) build on the **serverless microsling** prototype to create rendering pipelines -> scalable rendering?



I'm @bdelacretaz - thank you!



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