

CES322832: From a Raspberry Pi to a Cloud in the Sky - Instant Access to Technology and Data

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Introduction and Class Objectives





Gavin Skidmore

Senior Implementation Consultant (UK)

Global Consulting Delivery

- Over 17 years experience in Multi-Disciplinary organisations supporting the implementation of BIM tools and processes at corporate level.
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Natalie Renwick

BIM4NRP Programme and Change Manager

- Project; Programme; Portfolio Manager with 16 years' experience in project work within multifunctional environments.
- Independent Consultant, currently on assignment with Network Rail Ltd, based in UK
- Proven track record in delivery of; organisational and business change, solutions, systems implementations, high performing teams, plans and business analysis; on challenging and business sensitive projects – On time, on budget.
- Loves include; business, listening to music, festivals, hanging out with family & friends, helping people and start-ups to realise their full potential.

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Solution Architect at Autodesk Consulting

- 12 years with Autodesk
- Solution Architect in Autodesk Consulting EMEA, part of Customer Success Organization (CSO)



Richard Spitz

Senior Cloud Solution Architect

- Passionate about everything Microsoft Azure-related, from Virtual Machines, Virtual Networking and Containers to Machine Learning, Cognitive Services, IoT and DevOps tooling with Azure DevOps and IaC, with experience working with the top ISV, ITES and Manufacturing customers in the US, India and Southeast Asia

Class Objectives

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From a Raspberry Pi to a Cloud in the Sky

Instant access to technology and data

- Gain deep knowledge on how Network Rail managed the challenge of working with terabytes of data in a collaborative environment
- Learn about the significance of online technology in the future of infrastructure design and the ability to connect anytime and anywhere
- Learn about how cloud-based infinite computing is set to revolutionize this age of connection
- Learn how to fully automate a pioneering cloud workplace with highly optimized user experience on any connected device

NetworkRail Overview



About Network Rail

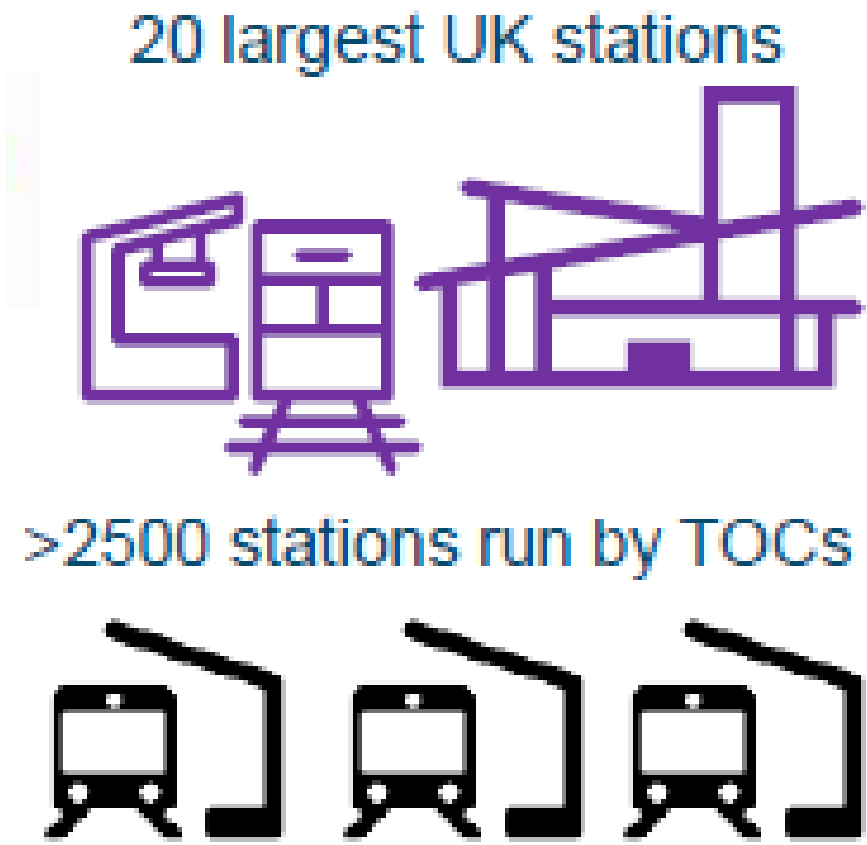
Network Rail is the owner-operator of the railway infrastructure in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Maintaining 20,000 miles of track

Maintaining 30,000 bridges, tunnels, viaducts

Employs more than 45,000 staff

4.7 Million journeys everyday



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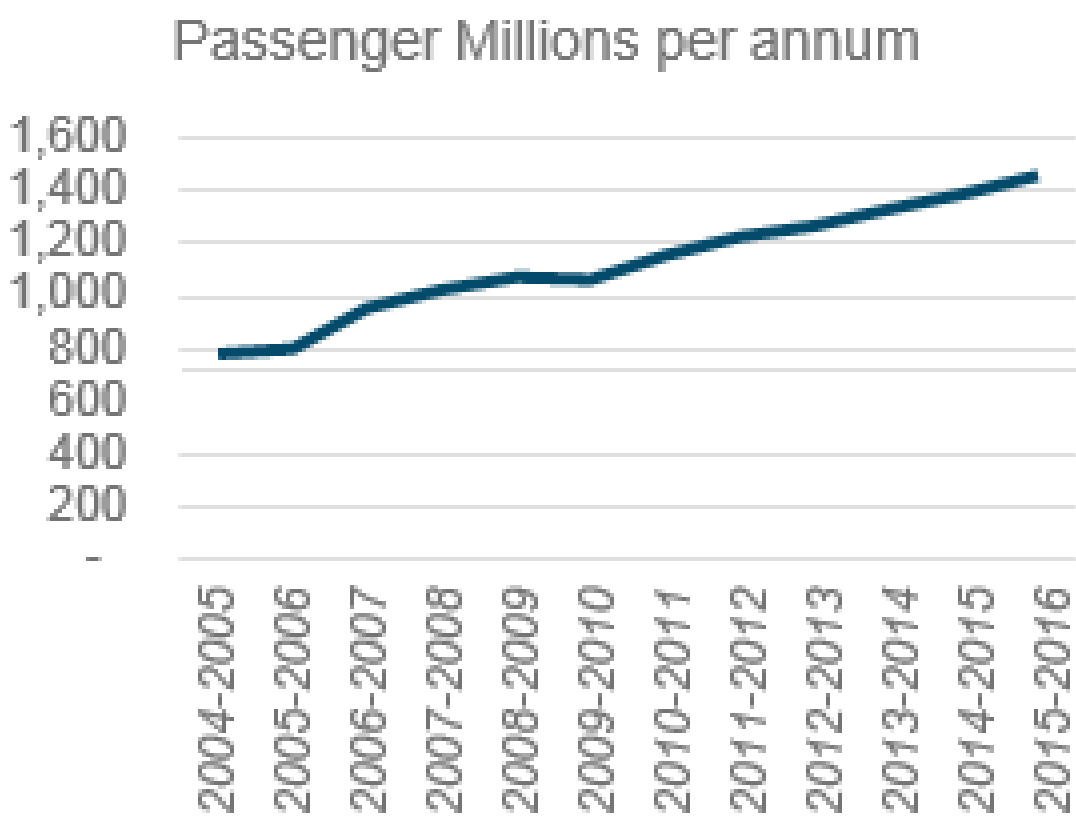


CP6 – £12.5bn to upgrade a Victorian Infrastructure

£11bn enhancement projects	£13bn renewals	£2b civils	£11bn current major schemes
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CP6 - £25bn to improve existing network reliability & maintenance

KPIs: 15% reduction in train delays, focus on Digital Railway, recruit 50% more women, improve sustainability, reduce carbon consumption...
Similar expectation to be placed on the supply chain!



About Network Rail | Infrastructure Projects (IP)

In 2018 IP
delivered
5.4bn of
projects

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>45,000m²



318km of track replacement

LONDON



PARIS

24% of UK Infrastructure Spend

NetworkRail Digital Strategy

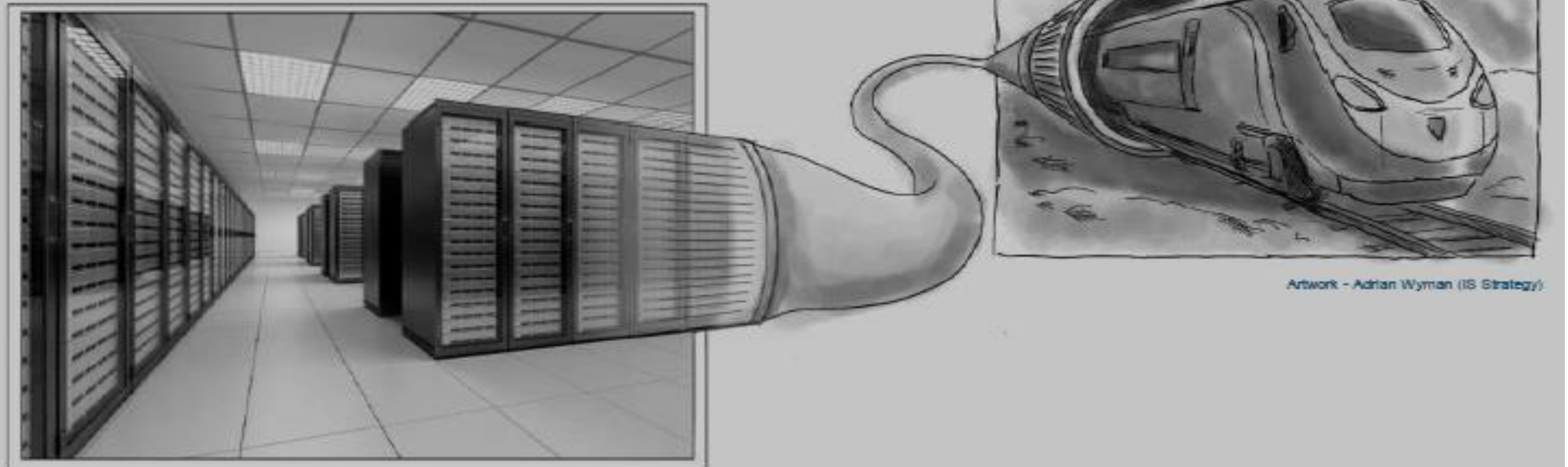


Digital Strategy | Moving To Digital






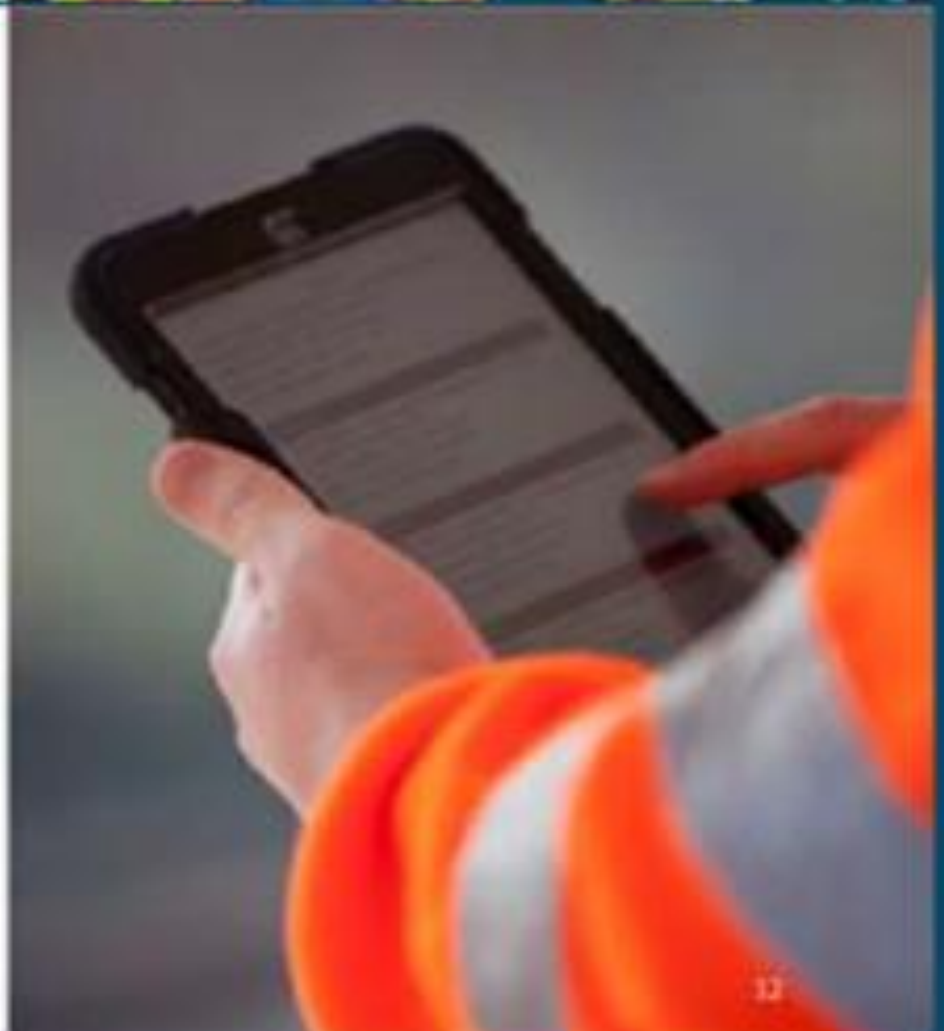


IT Vision

A Vision for Network Rail's Information Technology...

"A Railway that runs on **data**, powered by **technology**, and limited only by our imaginations to create new **destinations** in the lives of everyone."



Digital Strategy | Moving To Digital

<h2>Customer First</h2> <p>Great customer experience at every touchpoint with IT helps people exceed their goals. This starts with truly understanding the customer.</p> <p> Route Services</p>		<h2>Safe and Secure</h2> <p>When critical decisions are made every day, Security and Safety go hand in hand. IT helps by protecting NR's data from threat and supporting safety decisions through IT automation and data insights.</p> <p> Route Services</p>	
<h2>Powering NR's Data</h2> <p>The railway runs on business decisions using data accessed through IT. Great data and great IT reinforces confidence in the decisions we make every day.</p> <p> Route Services</p>		<h2>Connecting the Railway</h2> <p>IT provides access to NR's data and processes that connect individuals, teams and industry partners. These "electronic contracts" enable NR to transact in the digital age.</p> <p> Route Services</p>	

Digital Strategy | Moving To Digital

Always On

The Railway does not sleep and neither should IT. This means IT designed for continuous service operation.



Whole System

IT is part of a complex business and technology ecosystem. IT changes must be made with clarity of accountability and deep understanding of potential chain of events.



Build on Ideas

Reuse of ideas and technologies helps keep costs down, reduce complexity risks and helps NR achieve its objectives faster.



Speed and Scale

IT must think big, but start small. This means spending wisely and delivering value in small steps that can then scale to enterprise proportions.



Digital Strategy | Moving To Digital





Business Challenges



Business Challenges

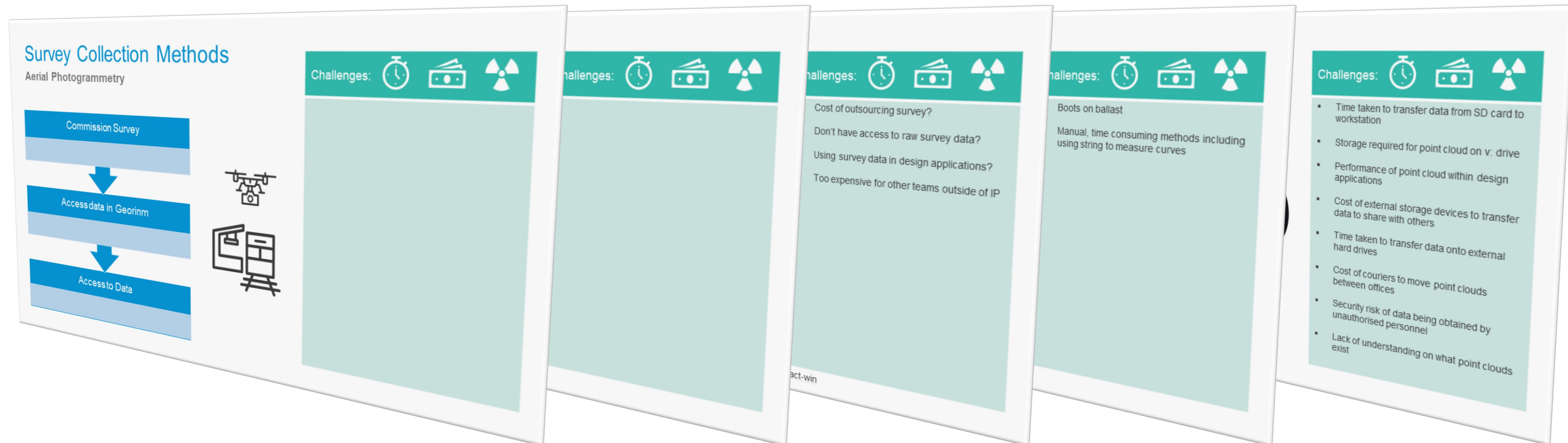
As part of the token flex model for Autodesk applications:

- Users request products which are then installed on their assets
- Takes a lot of time to package the software and takes up a lot of disk space on assets
- Sharing and downloading files and designs takes a significant amount of time to complete which slows down efficiency across the design community.

Business Challenges

Survey collection methods

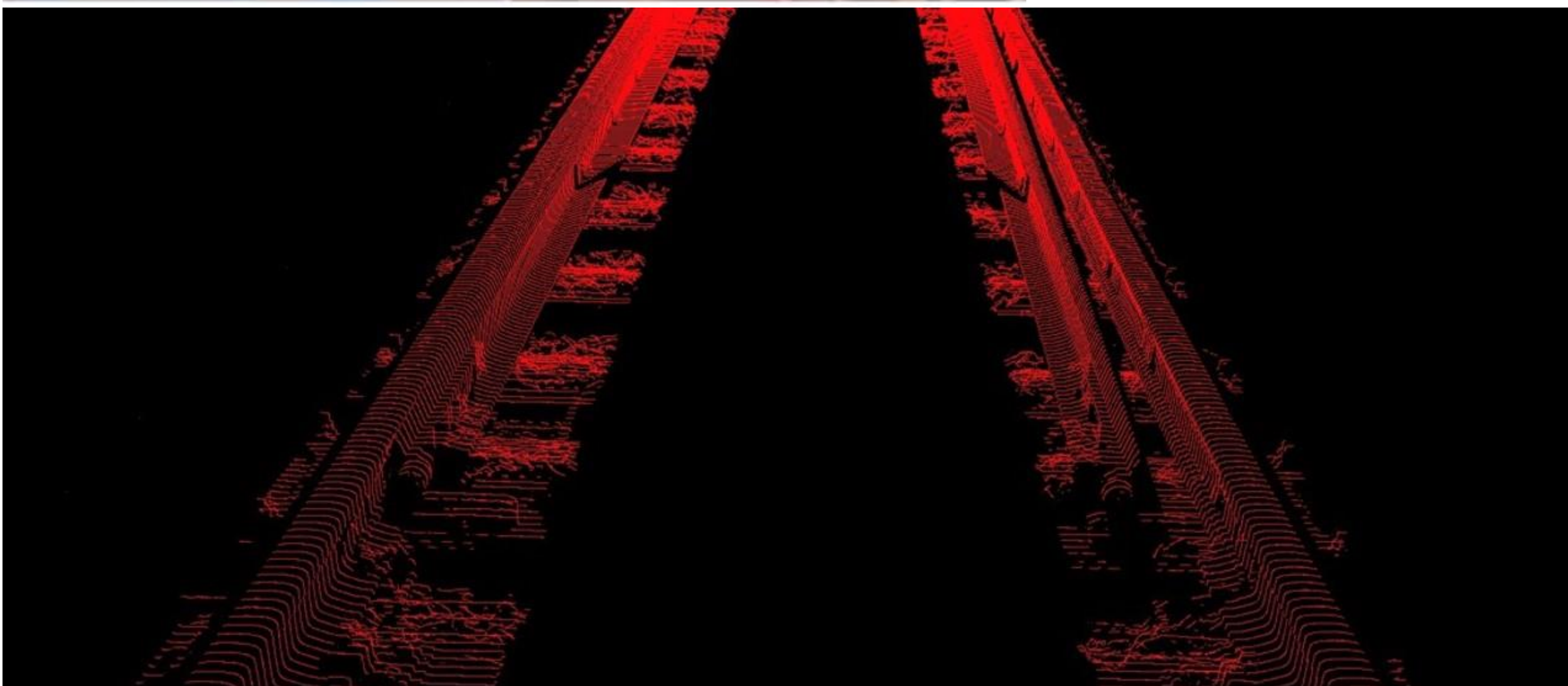
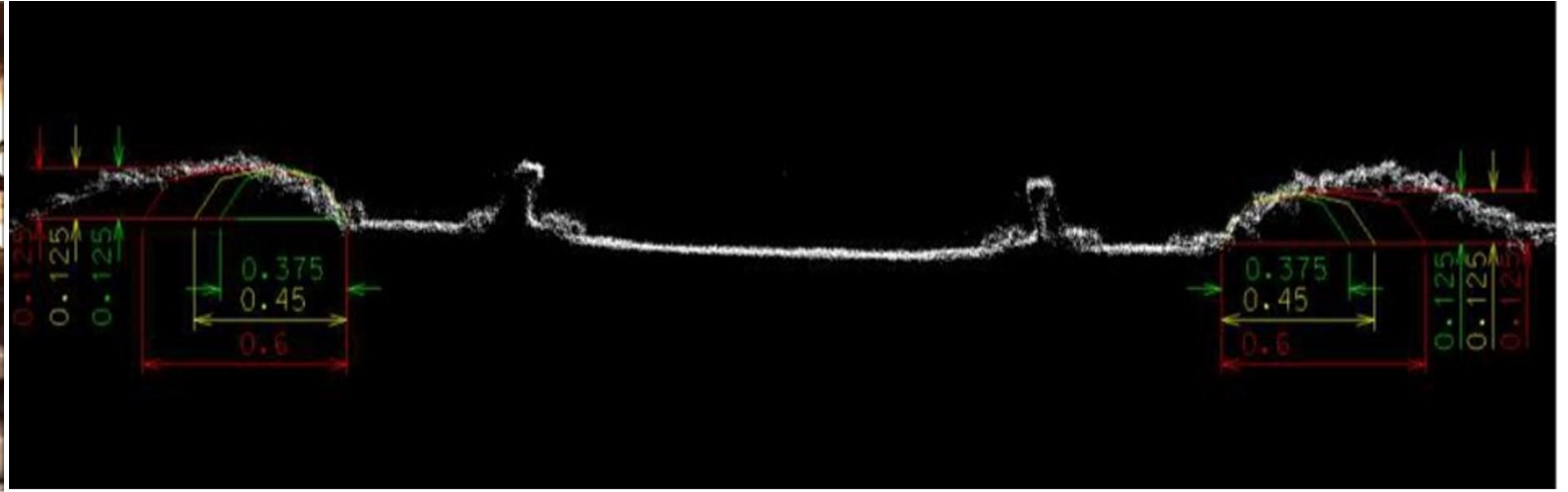
- Constantly gathering and collating data from the field
- Many different survey methods
- Petabytes of data

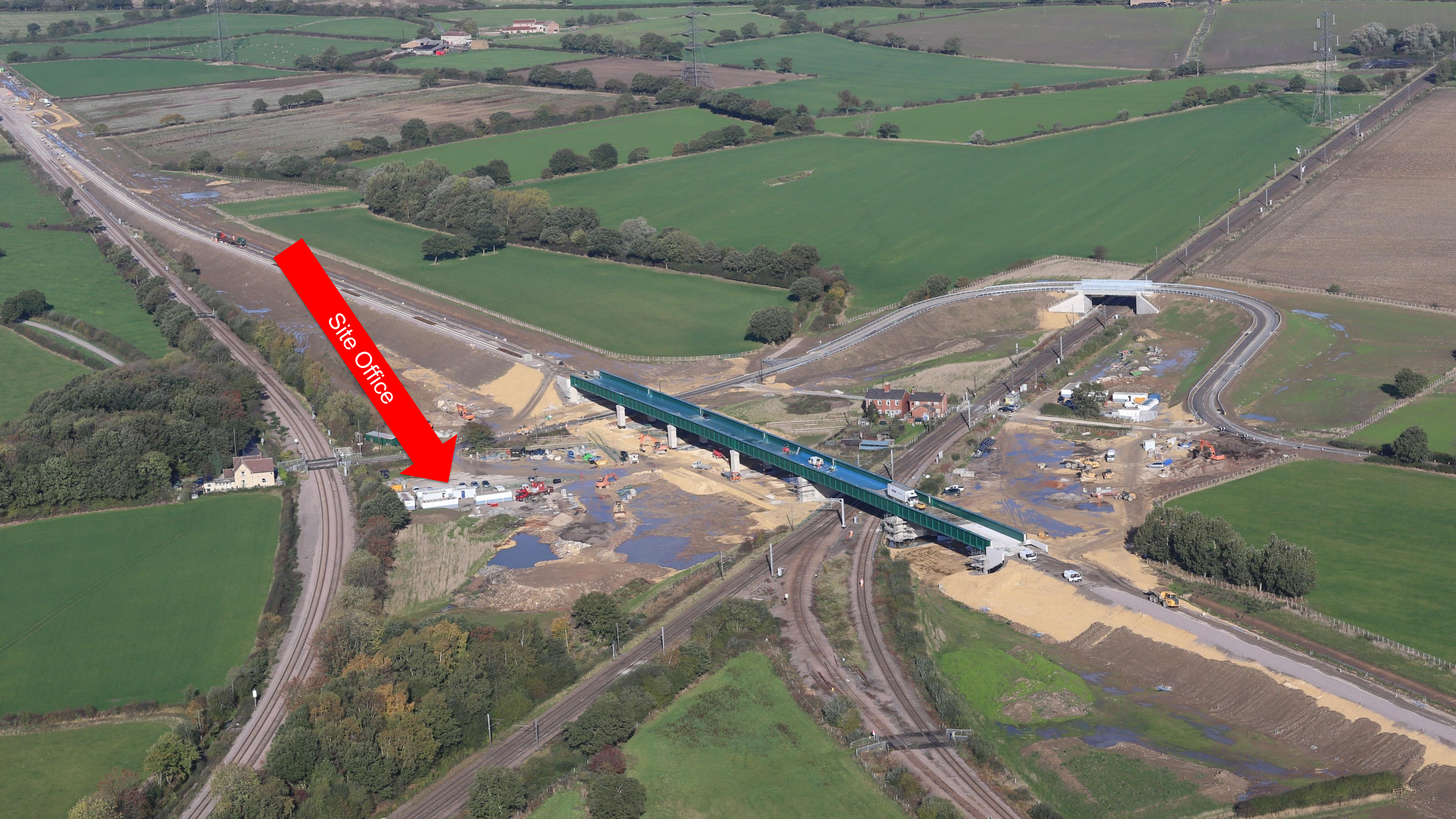


Business Challenges



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The Work Package

The approved work package requests for a new Digital Workspace and Point Cloud Work-sharing; **a custom software development** which will consist of using API's integrated with Microsoft Azure which will **provide the end users with a user interface** and workflow to exchange Recap Cloud Models with an Azure blob storage so that **users can collaborate faster**.

The Primary reason to implement this Digital workspace and Point Cloud Work-sharing is to **improve efficiency and effectiveness within the design delivery groups** and collaborative working among users internally and the supply chain.

The Work Package | What Are The Business Objectives?

Work package sets out the following business objectives:

- Reduce internal hardware and software overhead costs
- Remove the need to deploy software thus reducing the time to make newer versions available to the end user, thus increasing productivity
- Reduce the time to make newer versions available to the end user
- Increase collaboration by allowing multiple users to access data concurrently

Key issues the project will address:

- **Deployment of software on the assets** and the time to make newer version available to the end user
- Need to **connect the digital workspace with the Network Rail CDE**
- Limitation on the **storage capacity for data** (e.g. survey files etc.) and the limited backup routine
- Duration it takes for users to upload and download files
- Need to free up local hard disk space on assets
- Allowing the users to **work collaboratively**

The Work Package | What Are The Project Objectives?

The objectives identified for the project are to:

- Provide an efficient way of storing files and documents in the cloud
- Reduce internal storage and associated costs
- Increase / improve collaboration by allowing multiple users to access data concurrently - > ratio from 1:1. removing duplication of data in current process - reduction in courier costs - risk of lost data - cost of USB stick - compliance with IT Data Security policy
- Enhance how users catalogue and search for information
- Provide easy access to the entire Autodesk suite of application (not just the ones we currently have under the token flex model) through the cloud
- Provide integration with other systems e.g. ProjectWise and SharePoint
- Eliminate the need to deploy software and reduce the time to make new versions available to the end user
- Eradicate legacy and decommissioning
- Improve team collaboration

The Work Package | The Expected Business Benefits

Business benefits:

- Improved the passenger experience
- Improved business performance
- Reduced software packaging and installation rollout costs
- Reduced internal storage
- Reduced risk of losing files (by improving back up schedules)
- Improved times in downloading and accessing point cloud data from ProjectWise
- Increase collaboration by allowing multiple users to access data concurrently
- Removed data duplication
- Integration with other systems such as SharePoint and ProjectWise.
- No long-term legacy and decommissioning exercise required.



The Work Package | What Are The Project Acceptance Criteria?

The output that will be delivered to the user includes but is not limited to:

- Access in the cloud
- Speed of application usage (opening applications)
- Design creation and storage
- Reduction in internal storage
- Time to download and access Point Cloud data
- Increase collaboration allowing multiple users to access data
- Increase capability to catalogue and search for information
- Integration with Bentley and SharePoint

What A Good Solution Looks Like



What A Good Solution Looks Like | Enterprise Perspective

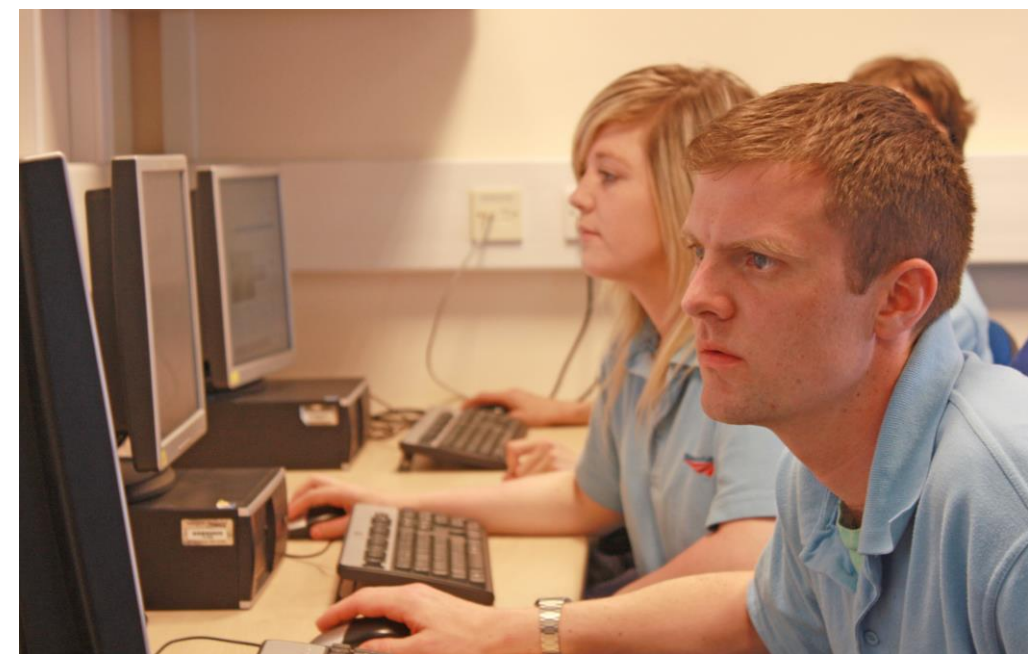


- I want to mitigate commercial risk.
- I want to reduce IT overhead costs in packaging and deployment.
- Deliver services to my business in a fast and timely manner.
- Reduce to cost of storage.
- Maintain end user satisfaction.
- Provide a truly digital experience to my business.
- Security and data protection.
- Reduce hardware costs.



What A Good Solution Looks Like | End User Perspective

- I want to experience fast access to point cloud data.
- I don't want to wait weeks or months for new software to be packaged and delivered to my desktop.
- I want a high performance workstation – Tired of waiting or my workstation crashing.
- I want fast access to project data that is reliable and shared with project participants.
- I want the same performance from the site, office or home working.
- Enable project teams with technology within minutes.



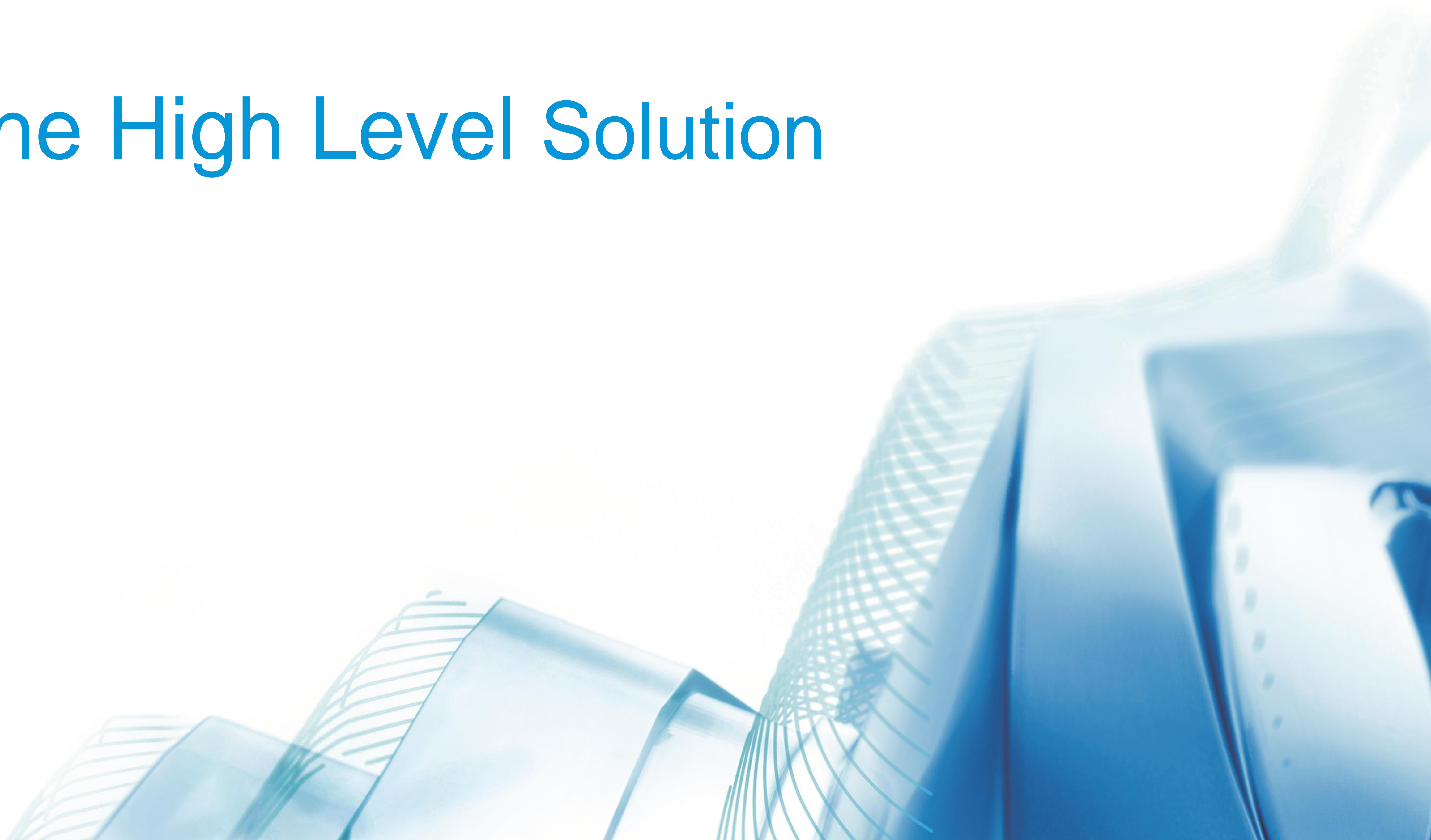
Your point cloud will be with you in a few hours

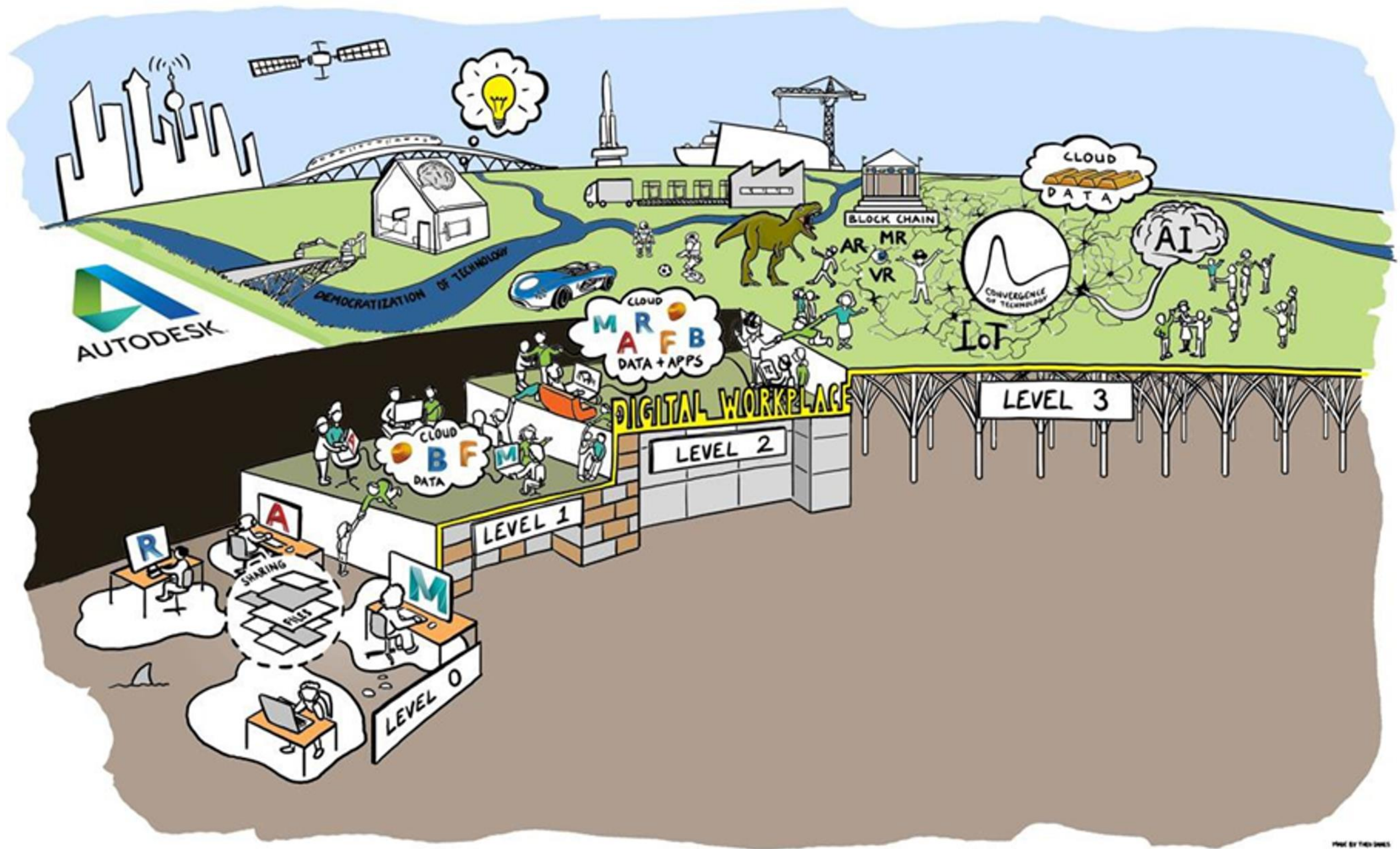
What A Good Solution Looks Like | End User Perspective



- Application
- Platform
- Infrastructure

The High Level Solution

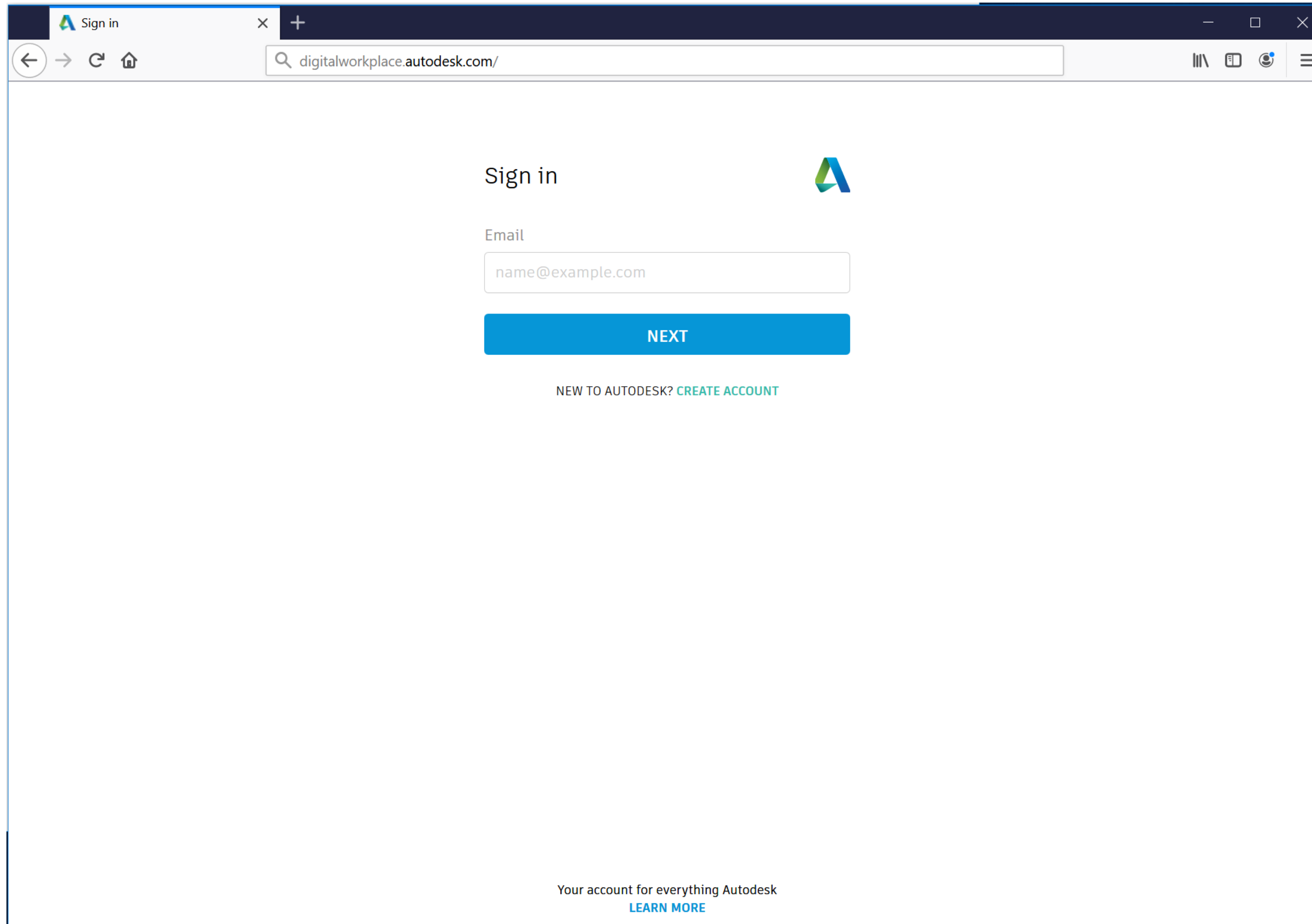






- Provides access to a workplace in the cloud with the ability to consume Autodesk desktop applications in a SaaS-like environment.
- The service is connected to Autodesk's data platforms (Forge, BIM 360, Fusion 360) and provides a superior user experience for Autodesk applications on many connected devices starting from Raspberry Pi to a iPhone, Android phone, iPad, Mac Book or normal PC anywhere in the world.
- **Early adoption phase**

Product Overview | Login experience



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `digitalworkplace.autodesk.com/`. The page features a "Sign in" heading with the Autodesk logo. Below this is an "Email" input field containing `name@example.com` and a blue "NEXT" button. A link for "NEW TO AUTODESK? CREATE ACCOUNT" is positioned below the button. At the bottom of the page, it says "Your account for everything Autodesk" with a "LEARN MORE" link.

Supported SSO Provider:

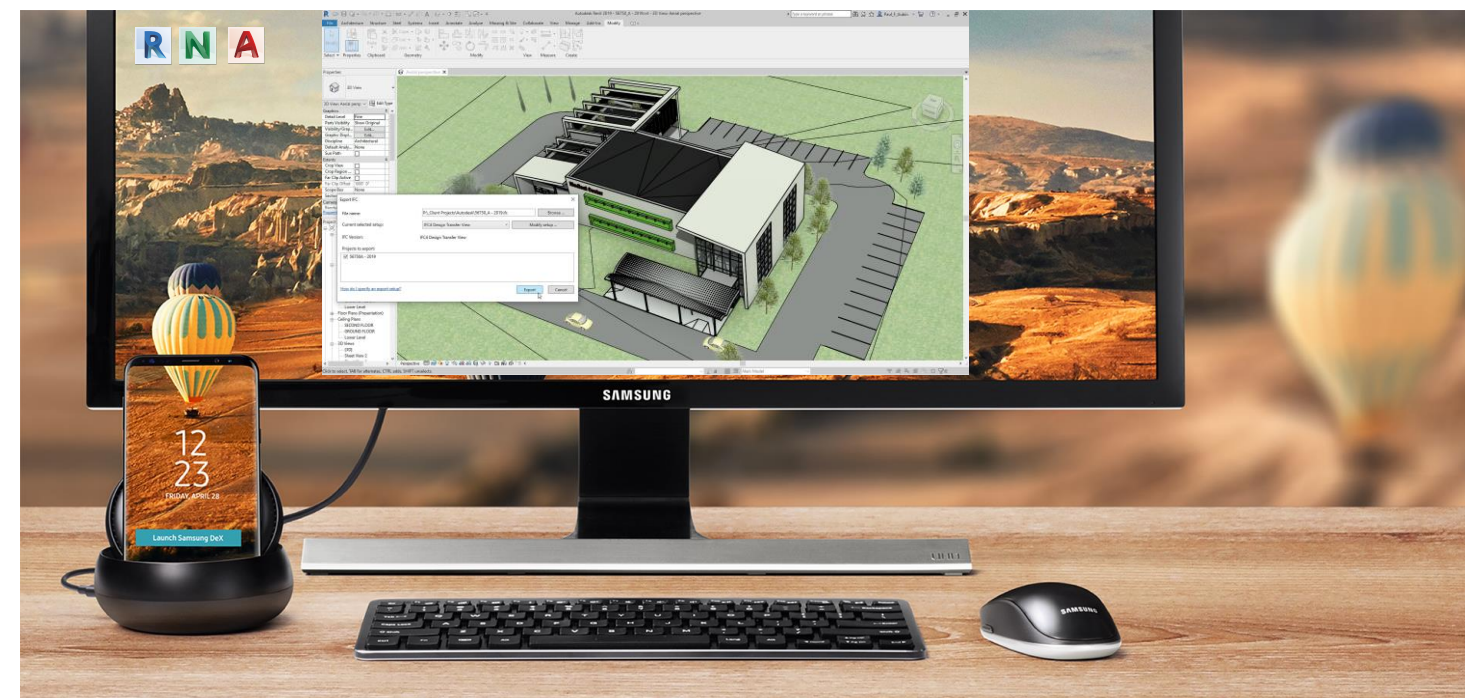


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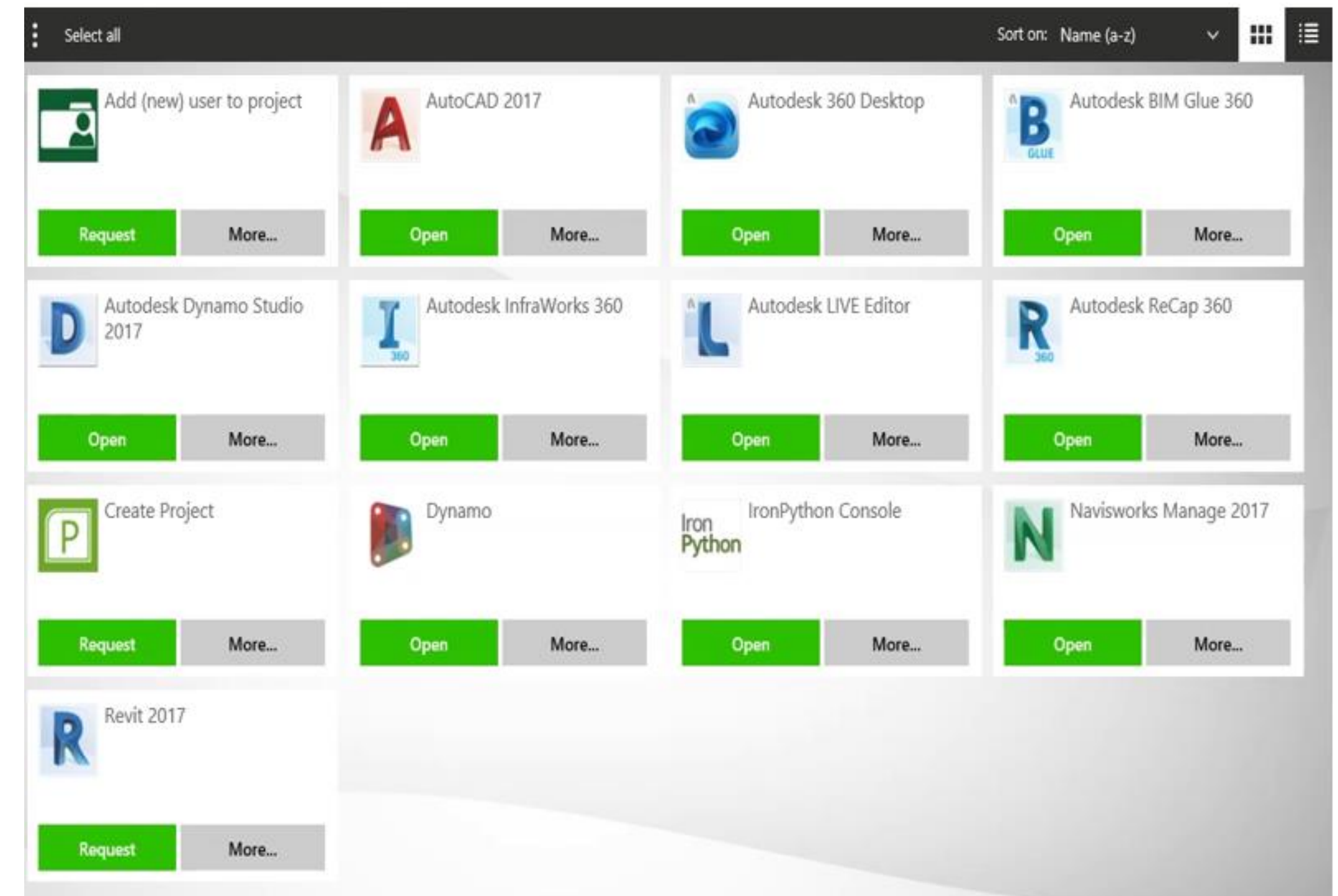
Product Overview | Multiple devices and mobility



Product Overview | Consume services as an online store

Flexible management

- Users consume applications, services, plugins, etc.
- (Admin) roles to automatically assign plugins, templates, ...



Product Overview | Desktop products enabled

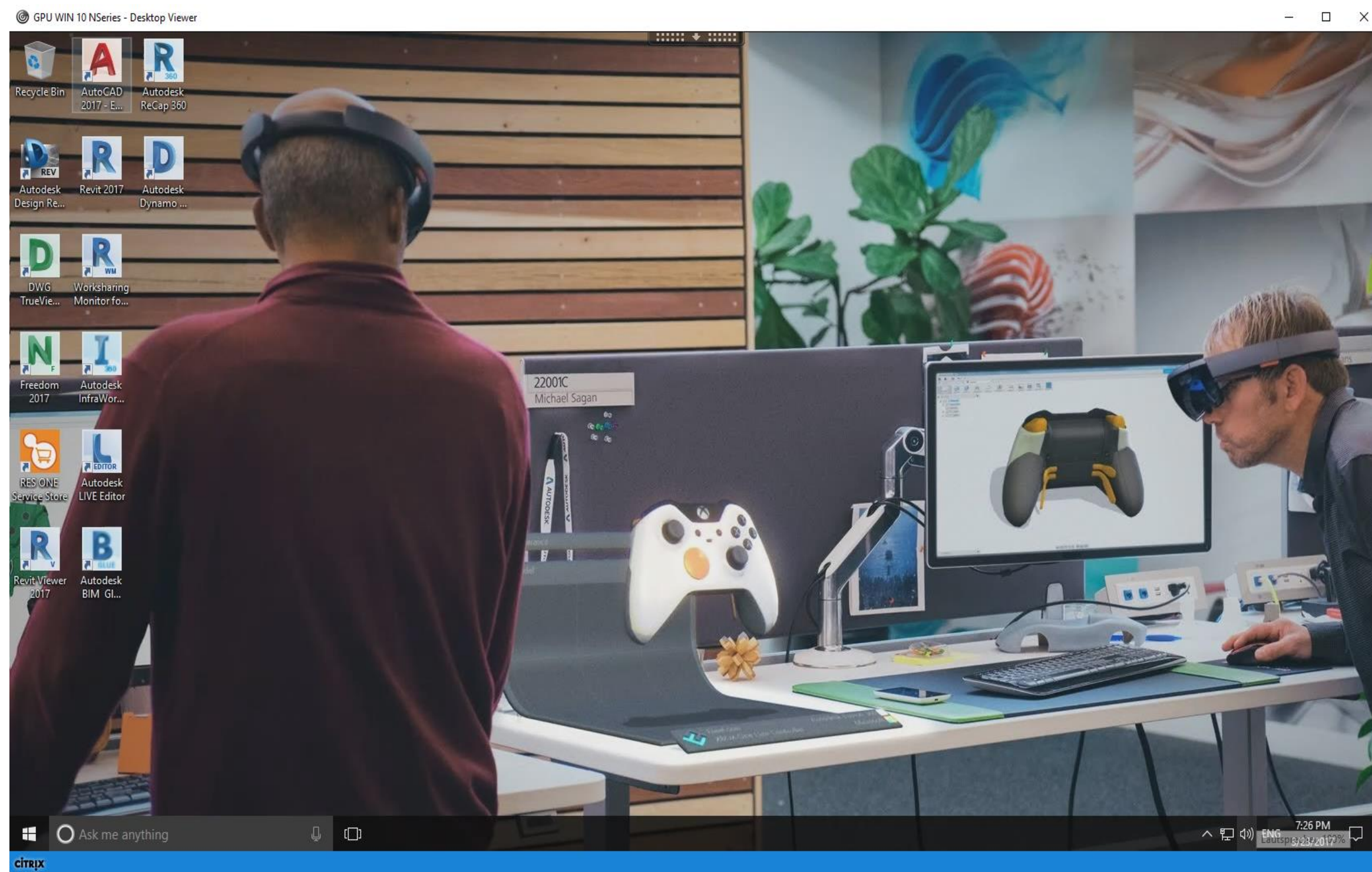
Desktop-Applications



- 3ds Max
- Advance Steel
- AutoCAD
- AutoCAD Architecture
- AutoCAD Civil 3D
- AutoCAD Electrical
- AutoCAD Map 3D
- AutoCAD Mechanical
- AutoCAD MEP
- AutoCAD Plant 3D
- Dynamo Studio
- InfraWorks 360
- Inventor Professional
- Maya
- NavisWorks Manage
- NavisWorks Simulate
- Point Layout
- Recap 360 Pro
- Revit
- Robot Structural Analysis Professional
- Structural Bridge Design
- Vault Office
- Vault Professional

Product Overview | Digital desktop

Digital Desktop & Autodesk desktop applications installed



Machine configuration:

- Windows 10
- 12 VCPU
- 112 GB RAM
- NVIDIA GRID M60
- 500 GB SSD

Region

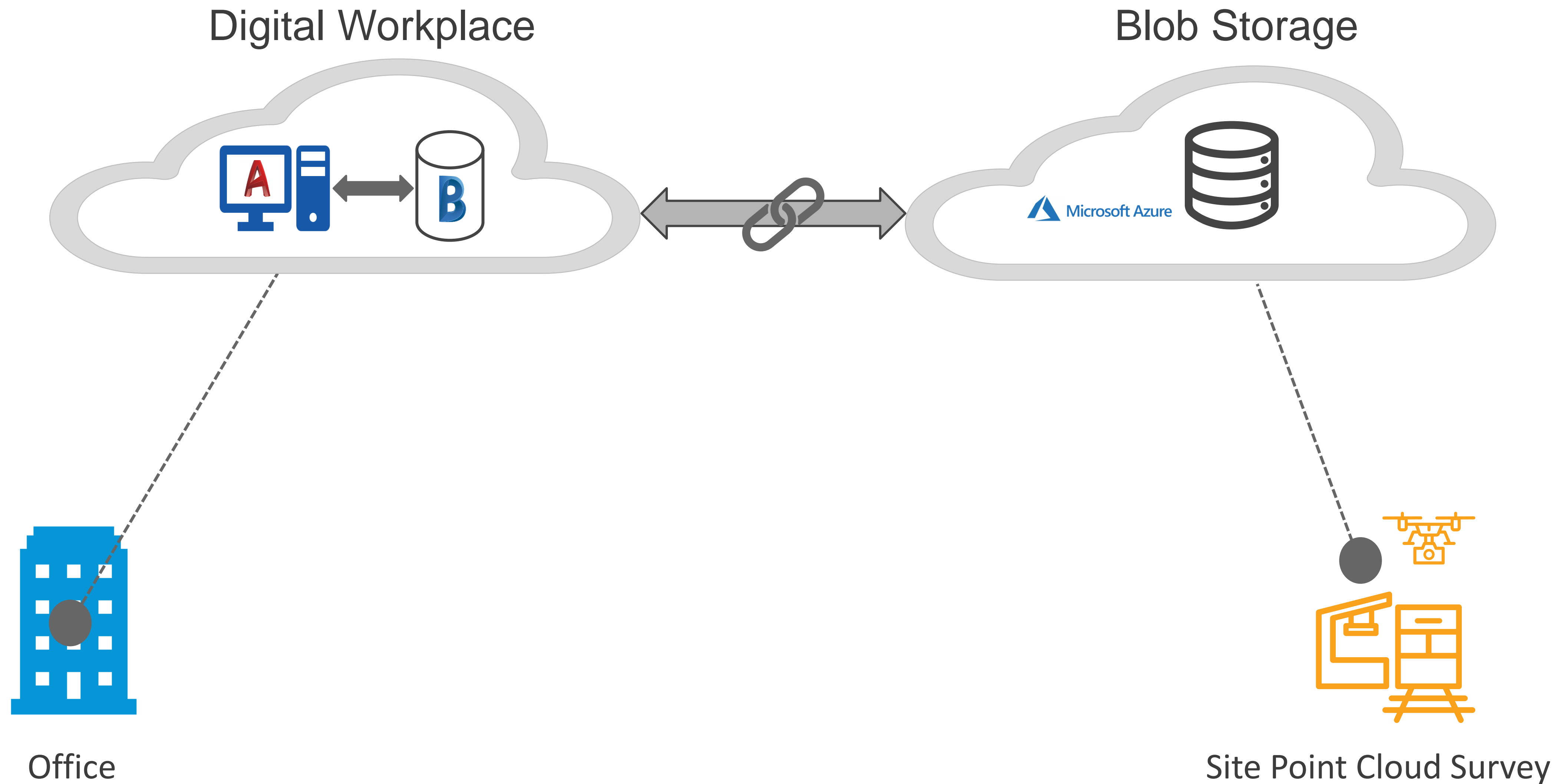


- Digital Workplace Region
- Digital Workplace Edge Site

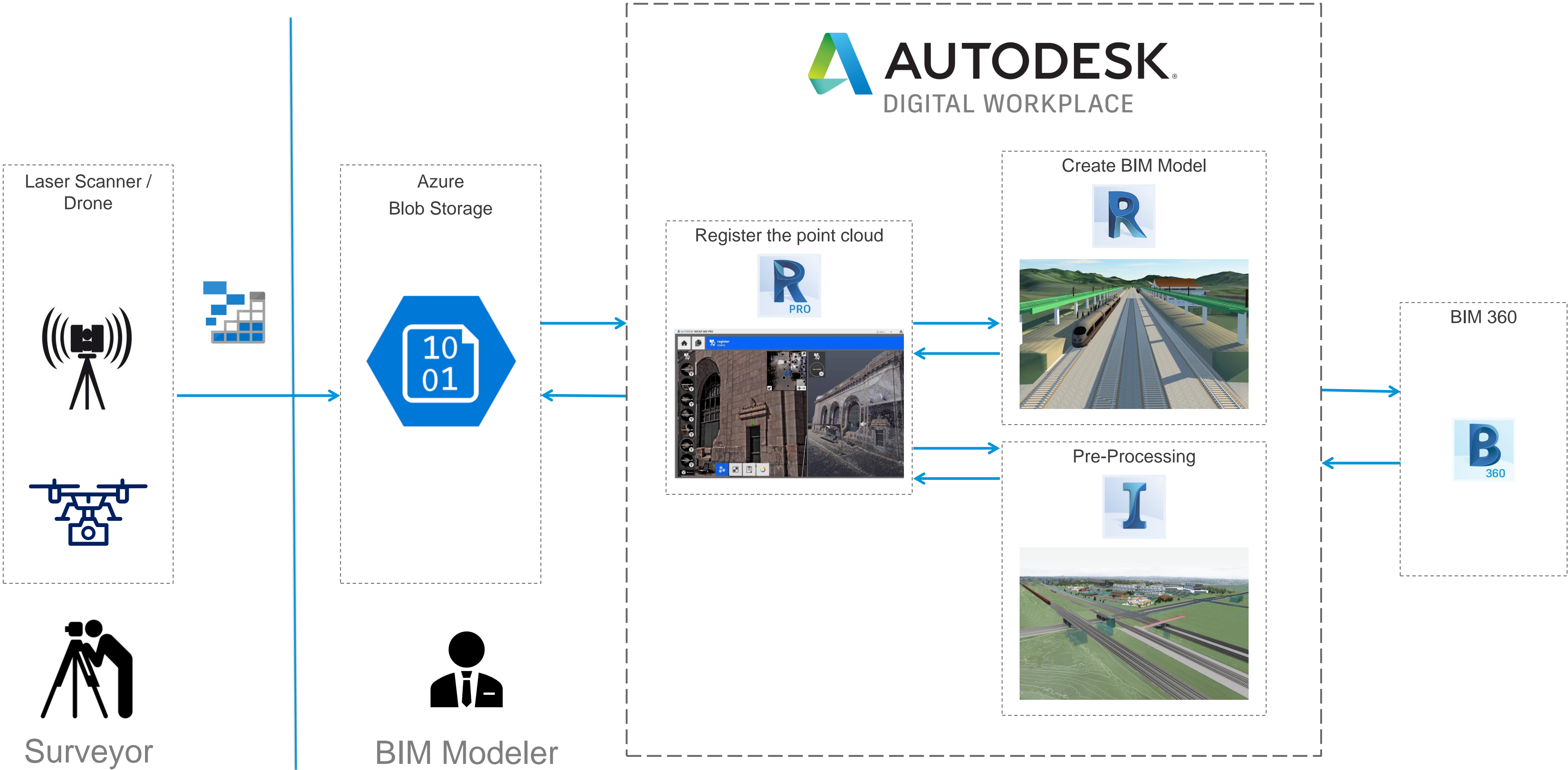
The Detailed Solution



The Detailed Solution | Point Cloud Work Sharing



The Detailed Solution | Scan2BIM Workflow





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REGIONS WORLDWIDE

A stylized world map with landmasses in black and oceans in light gray. A complex network of blue lines and dots represents a global fiber optic and submarine cable system. The network is most dense in Europe, North America, and East Asia, with lines crisscrossing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Smaller clusters of nodes are visible in South America, Africa, and Australia. The text '54 REGIONS WORLDWIDE' is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, and '100K+ MILES OF FIBER AND SUBSEA CABLE' is centered in the lower half.

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REGIONS WORLDWIDE

100K+

MILES OF FIBER AND SUBSEA CABLE

A stylized world map with landmasses in dark grey and oceans in light grey. A network of blue lines and dots represents fiber optic cables and subsea connections. The lines are more dense in Europe and Asia, with many dots indicating connection points. Lines also extend across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, connecting to South America and Africa. The text '54 REGIONS WORLDWIDE' is positioned on the left, and '100K+ MILES OF FIBER AND SUBSEA CABLE' is centered over the map.

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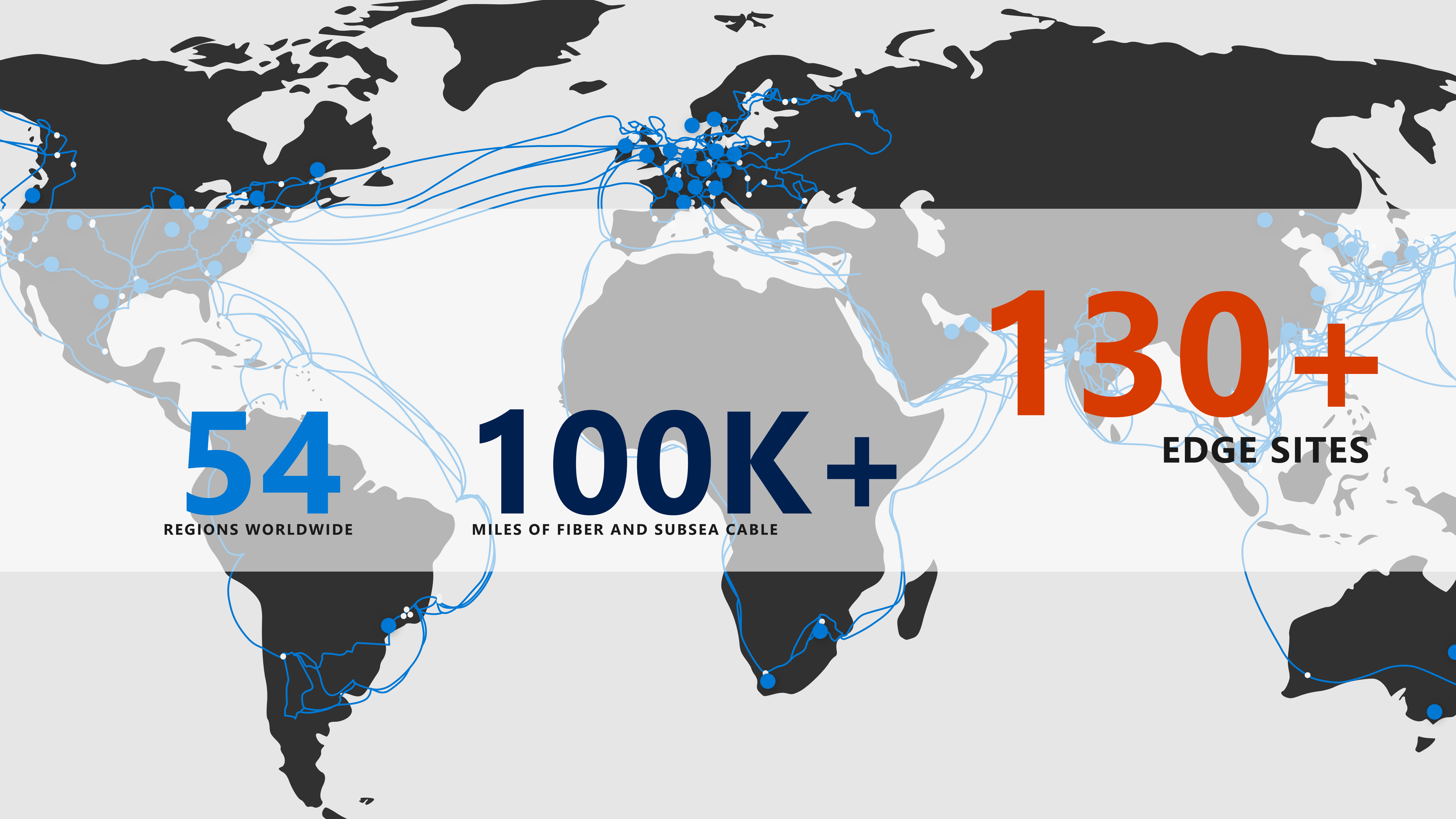
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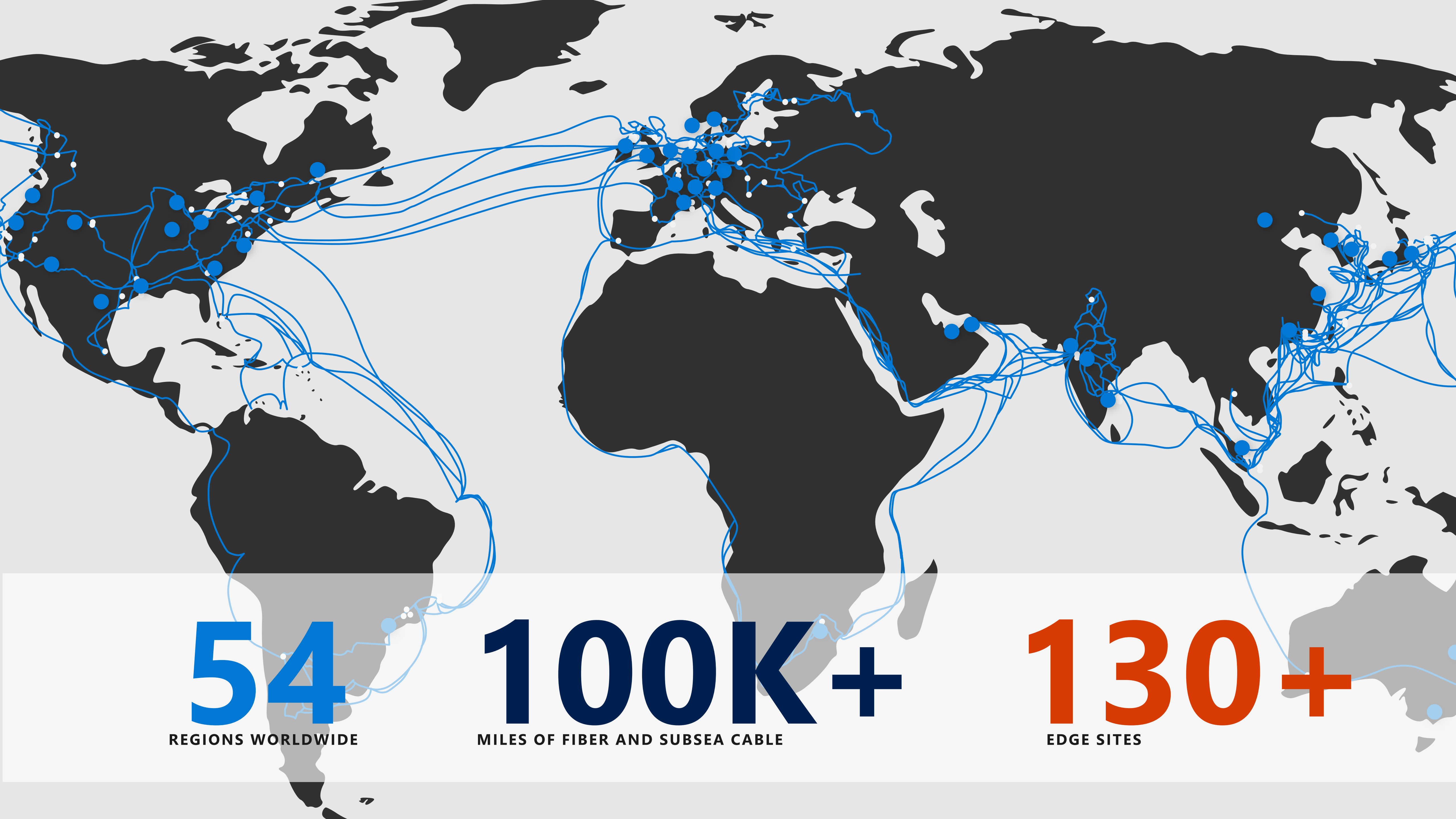
REGIONS WORLDWIDE

100K+

MILES OF FIBER AND SUBSEA CABLE

130+

EDGE SITES



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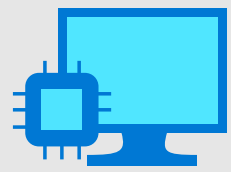
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EDGE SITES

What Is Azure?



Edge Devices

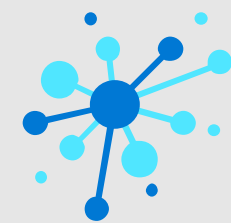
Azure Stack

Azure Data Box

Azure Sphere

Azure Kinect

HoloLens



Serverless

Web

Mobile

Mixed Reality

Containers

Events + Integration

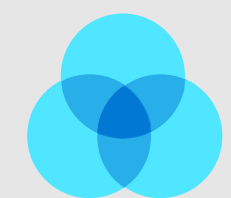
Databases

Analytics

AI + Machine Learning

Internet of Things

Media



Infrastructure

Compute

Networking

Storage

Security

Identity



Tools

Visual Studio

GitHub

PowerApps

Power BI

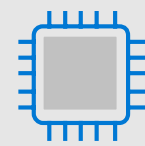
Azure Provides Best In Class Performance



Compute
performance

960
CPUs

Largest in public cloud



Memory

24
TB RAM

Largest in public cloud



Remote Storage
(single disk)

160K
IOPs

Fastest in public cloud



Local
storage

3.7M
IOPs

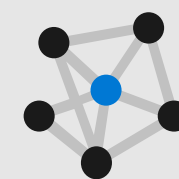
Fastest in public cloud



File storage

100K
IOPs

Fastest in public cloud



VM-VM Networking

30
Gbps Ethernet

100
Gbps InfiniBand

Fastest in public cloud

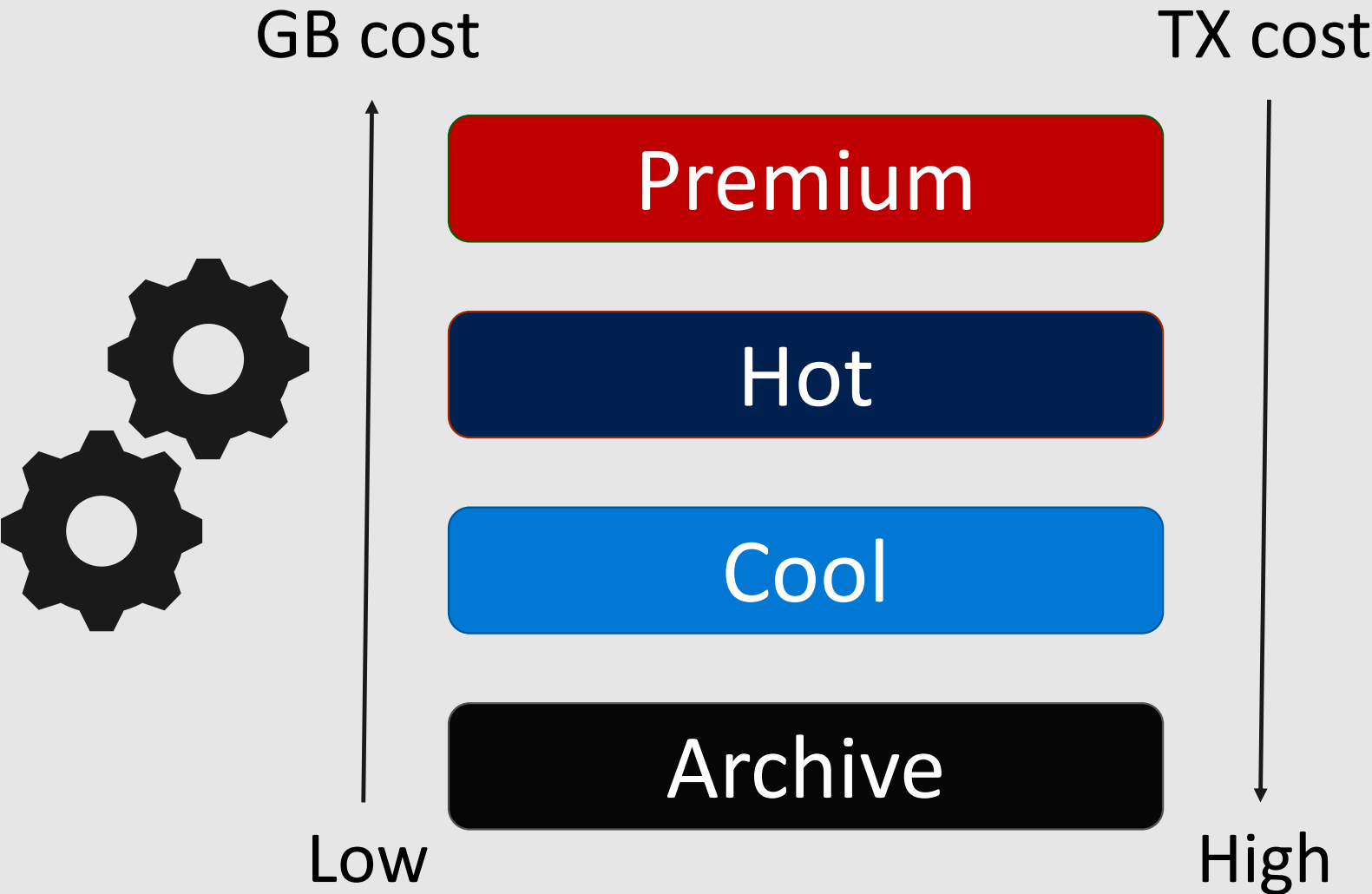


Hybrid Networking

100
Gbps Connectivity

Fastest in public cloud

Azure Blobs

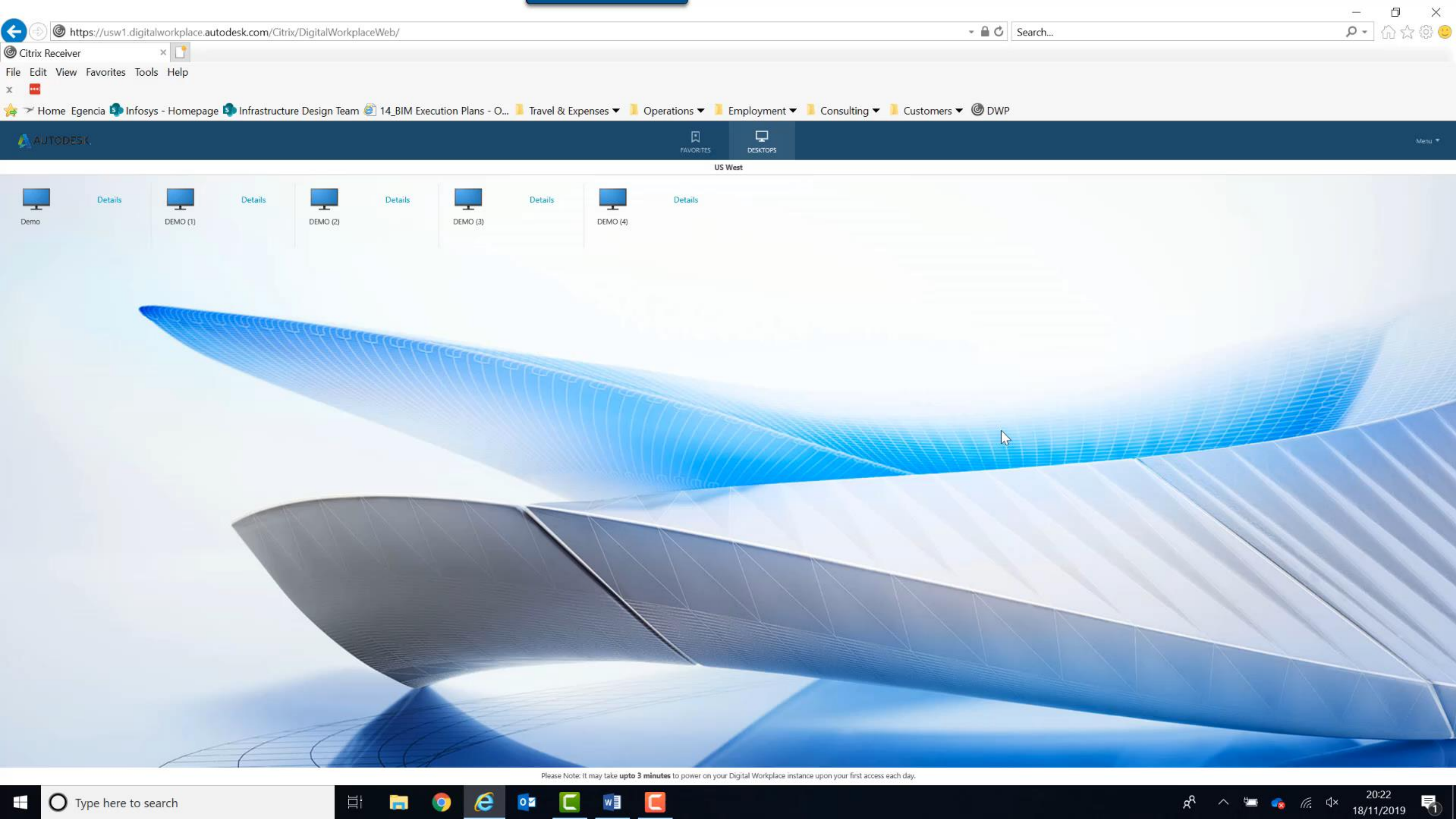


Azure Blob Storage tiering with Lifecycle Management

Account and Object	Current	
	Default	Max Limit
Accounts per region per sub	250	250
Account capacity (LRS/GRS)	2PB (US, EU) 500TB (Other)	5PB
Account capacity (ZRS)	2PB (US, EU) 500TB (Other)	5PB
Account IOPS (LRS/GRS/ZRS)	20K	50K
Account Bandwidth ¹ :Ingress (LRS/GRS)	25Gbps (US, EU) 10Gbps (Other)	50Gbps
Account Bandwidth ¹ :Ingress(ZRS)	25Gbps (US, EU) 10Gbps (Other)	50Gbps
Account Bandwidth ¹ :Egress(LRS/GRS)	50Gbps	50Gbps
Account Bandwidth ¹ :Egress (ZRS)	50Gbps	50Gbps
Max object size	5TB	5TB
Single object IOPS	500	500
Single object read	50Gbps	50Gbps
Single object write	50Gbps	50Gbps

Demo



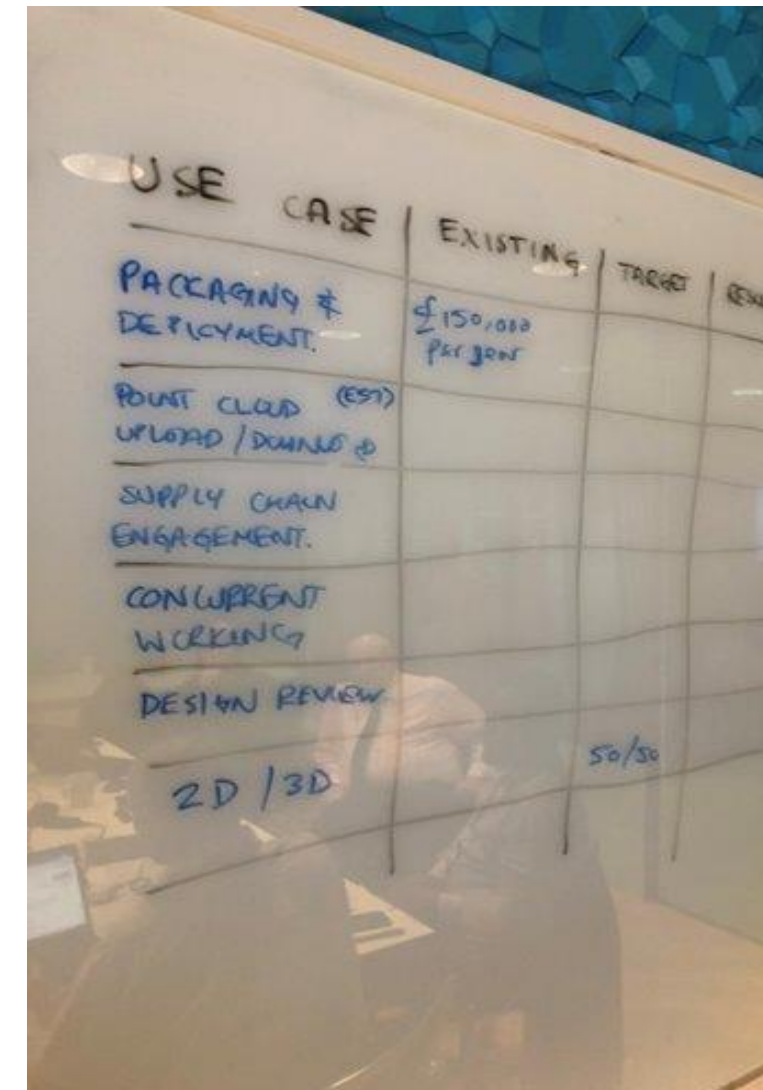
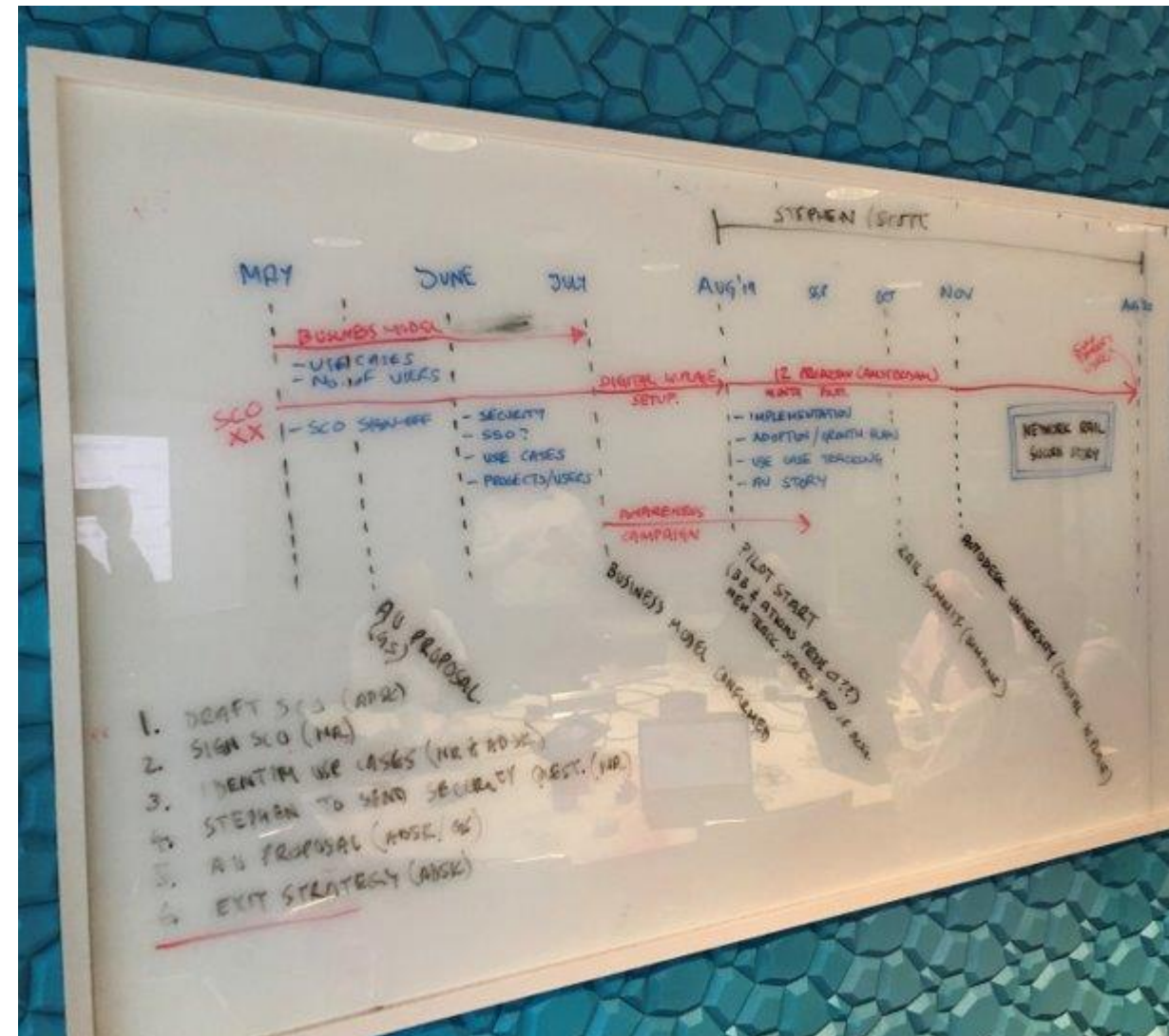




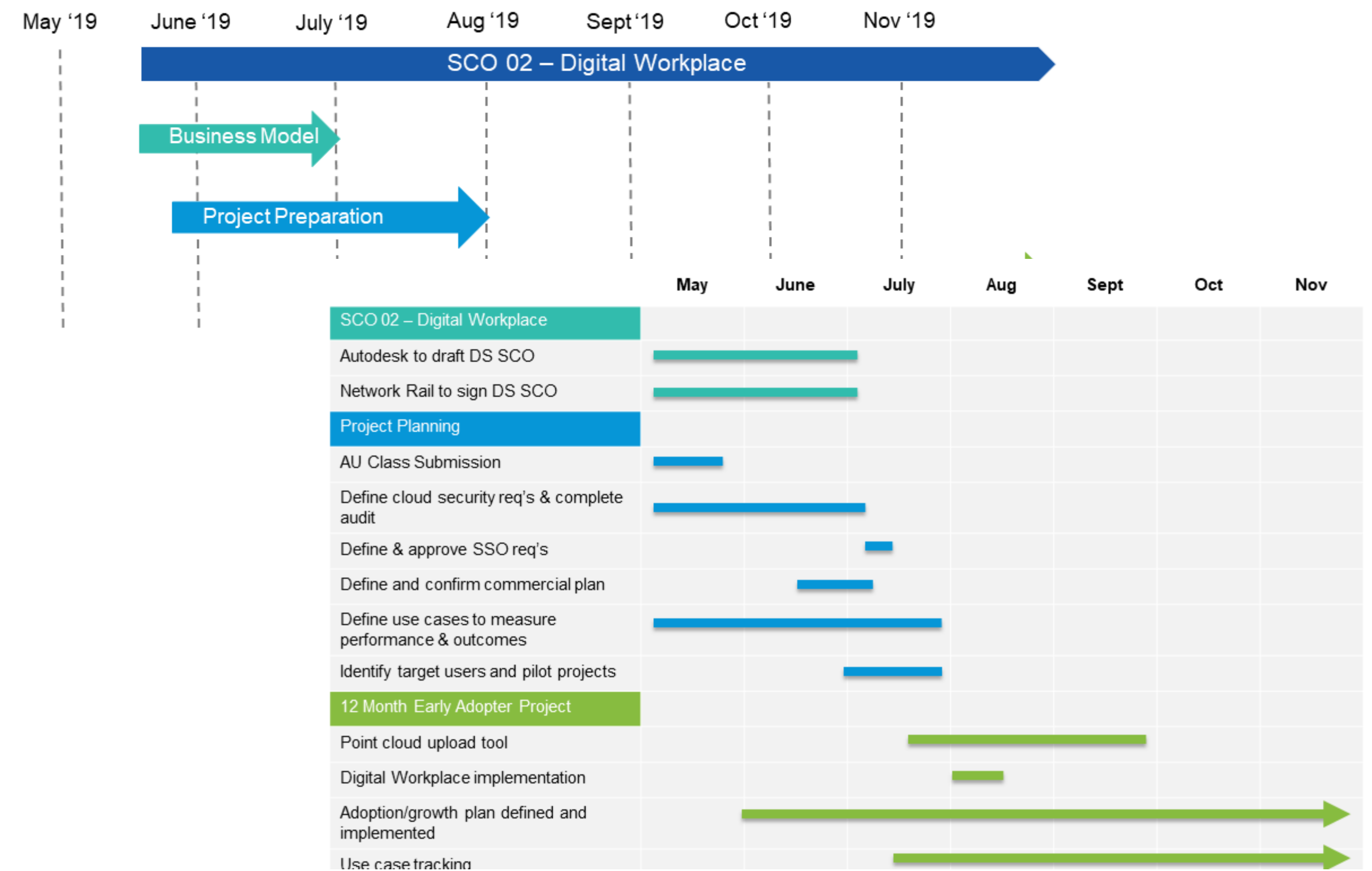
NetworkRail Engagement overview – Where Are We Now?



Where Are We Now? | The Project



Programme - Overview



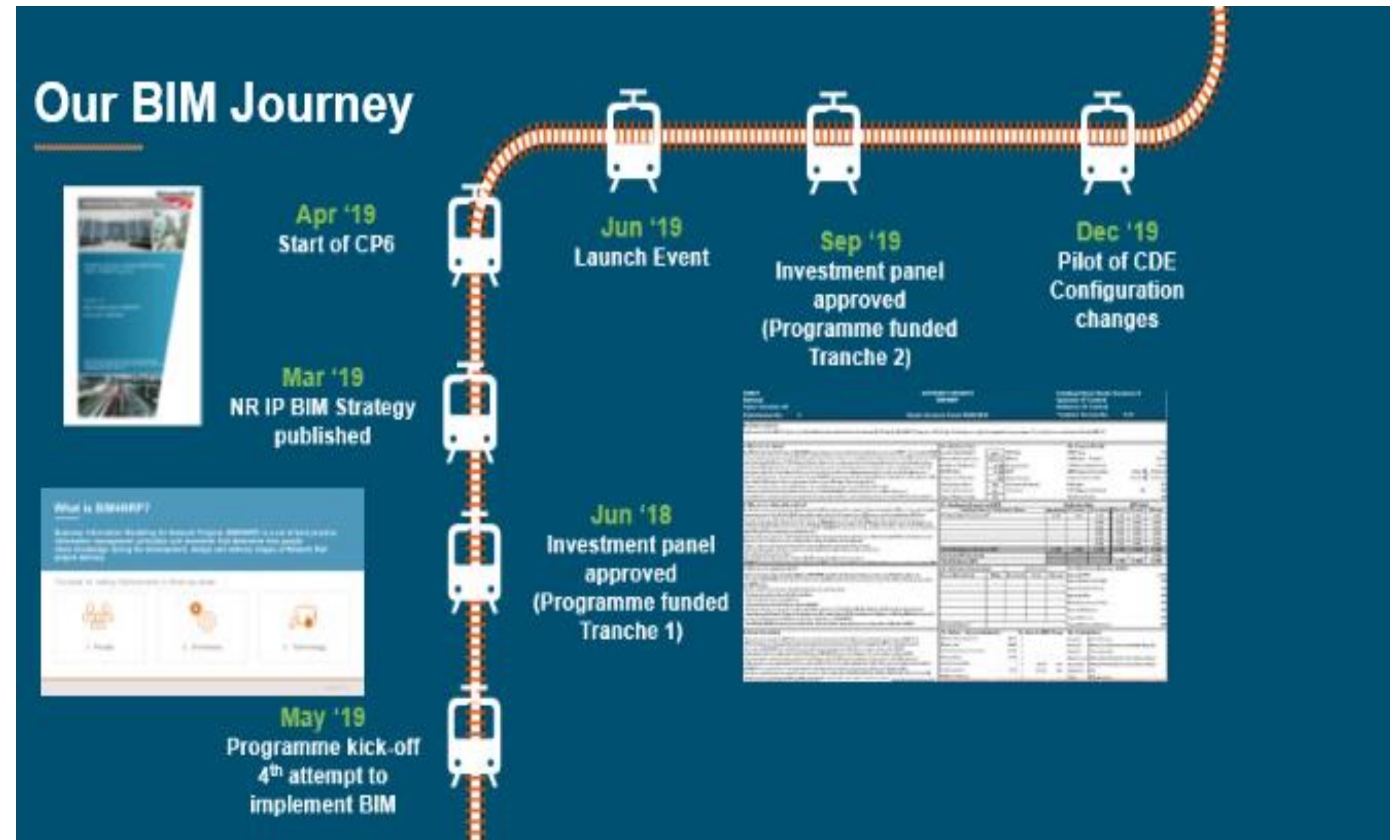
Where Are We Now? | The Businesses Technology Requirements

- Interoperability
- Functionality
- Flexibility
- Safety
- Information Security
- End User



Where Are We Now? | Project Deliverables

- Engagement steps and tasks
 - Discovery about needs and data types
 - Solution proposal
 - Solution design (current phase)
 - Deployment
 - Demonstrate stage incl. benefits realisation plan



Where Are We Now? | How Will It Work?

BIM is an internationally recognised best practice way of working

BIM4NRP focusses on making improvements in 3 key areas:



1. People

Training modules, support for implementation and dedicated champions in each of the Routes and NRDD.



2. Processes

Optimising existing processes, creating new ones where required and embedding them in existing core systems (i.e. GRIP, IMS etc.).

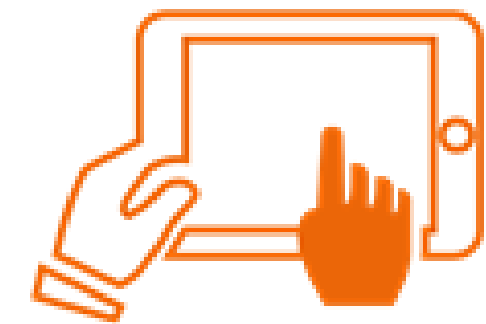
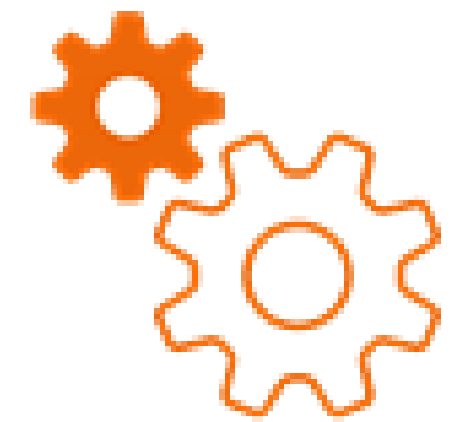


3. Technology

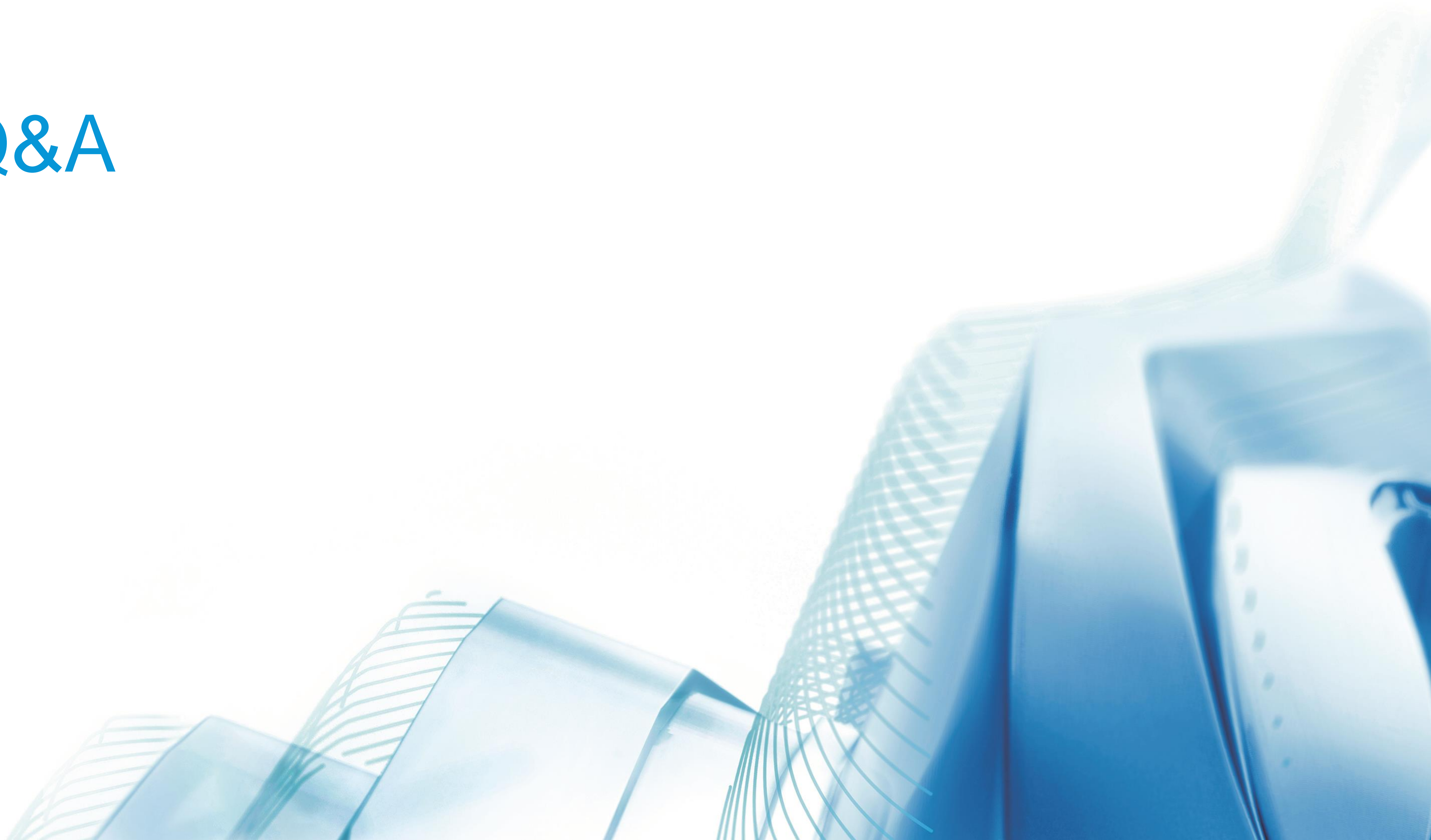
Using technology to make it quicker and easier for us to share information.

Things to Take Away From The Class

- Putting Passengers First - From construction engineers to project delivery specialists; from architects to accountants
- Digital Workplace transformation: A solution that offers significant benefits to the IT service AND the users
- Importance of working together to Know the business and understand their requirements
- BIM4NRP a smarter way to work: All about People, Processes and Technology



Q&A



Thank you

