

IoT Manufacturing Demo: Optimizing CNC Toolpaths

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About the speaker

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I started my career at IBM designing small parts of big systems, a software development manager for Fusion 360, a couple startups, and happy to be back at Autodesk as a Forge product manager!

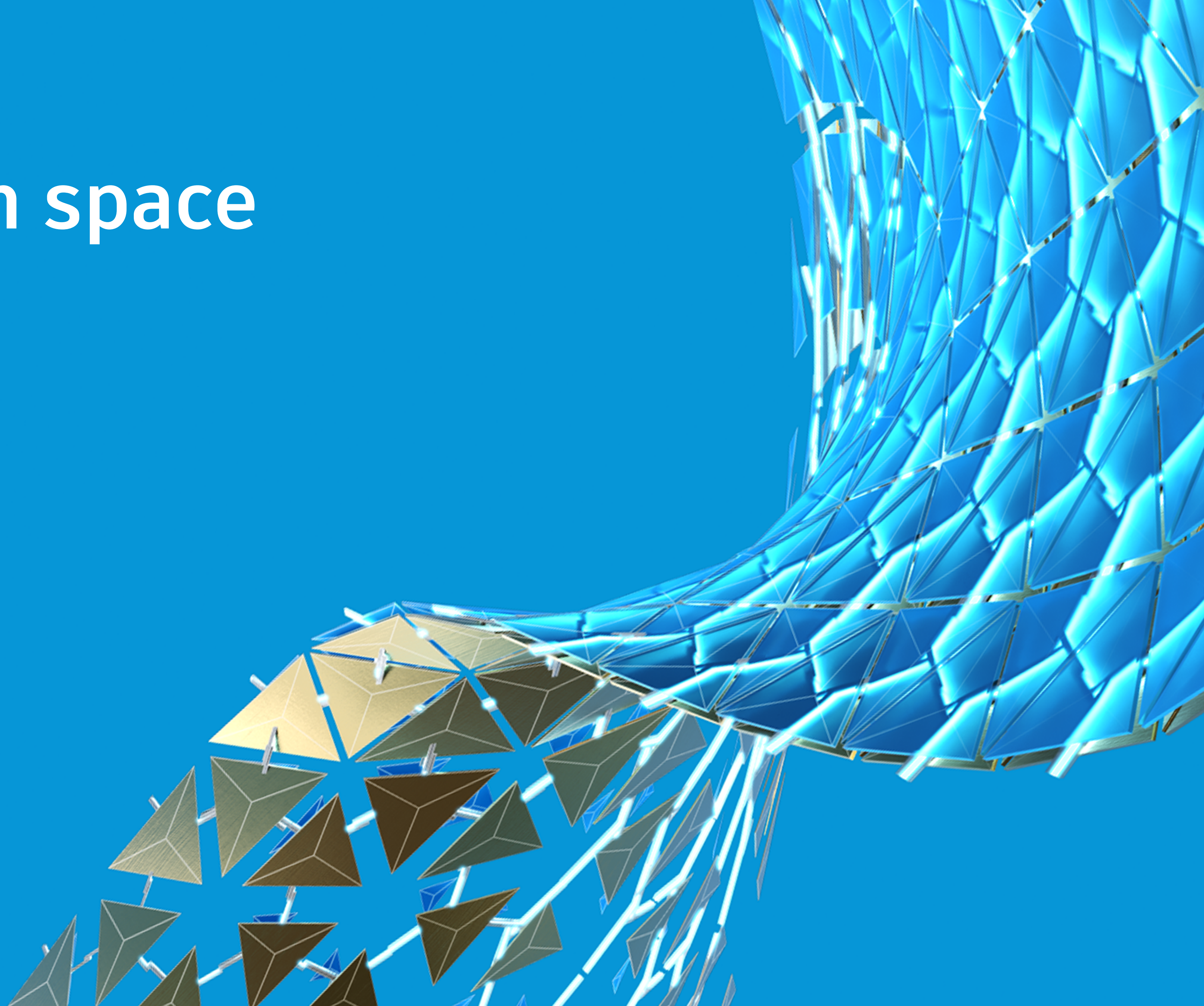


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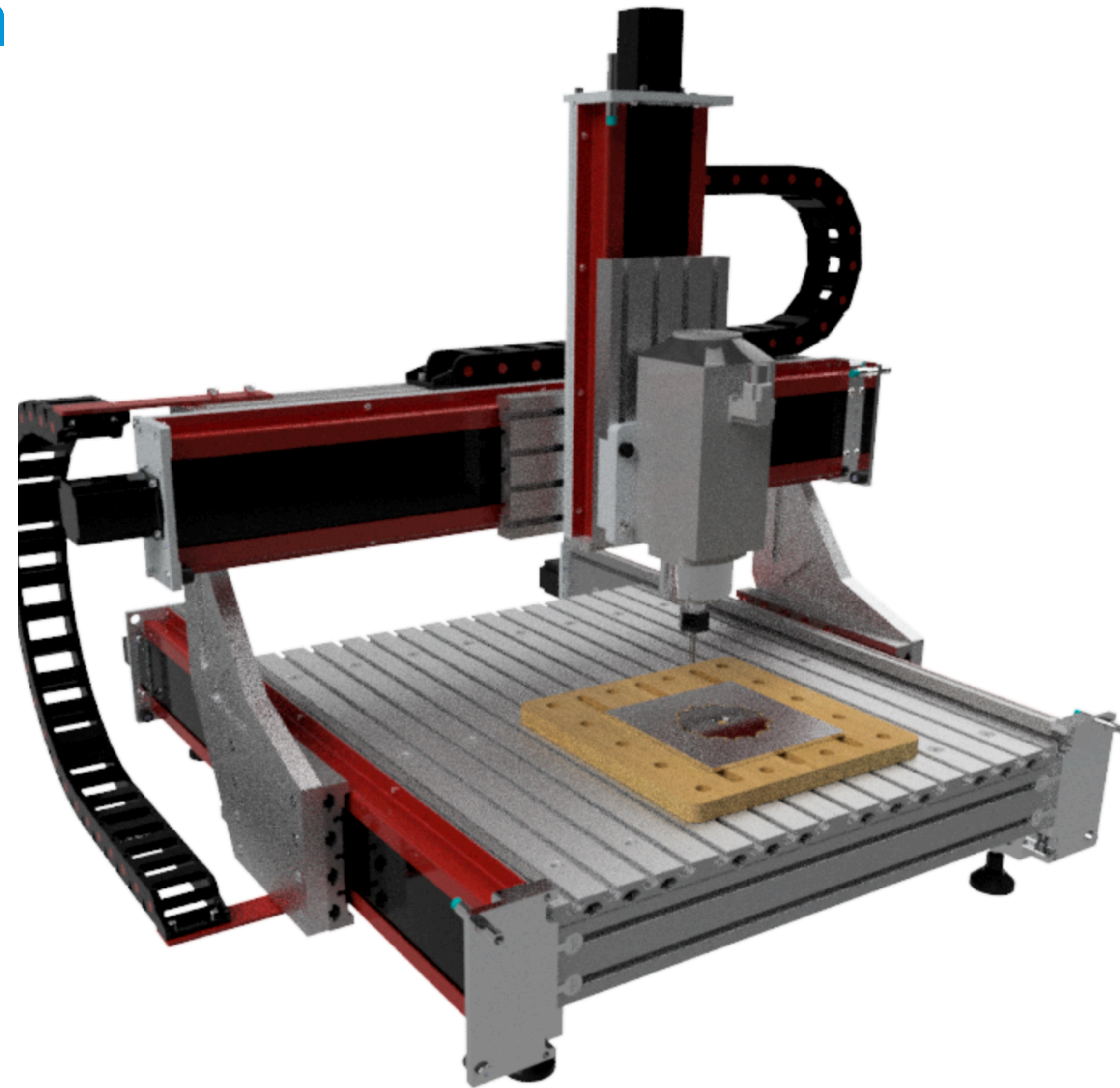
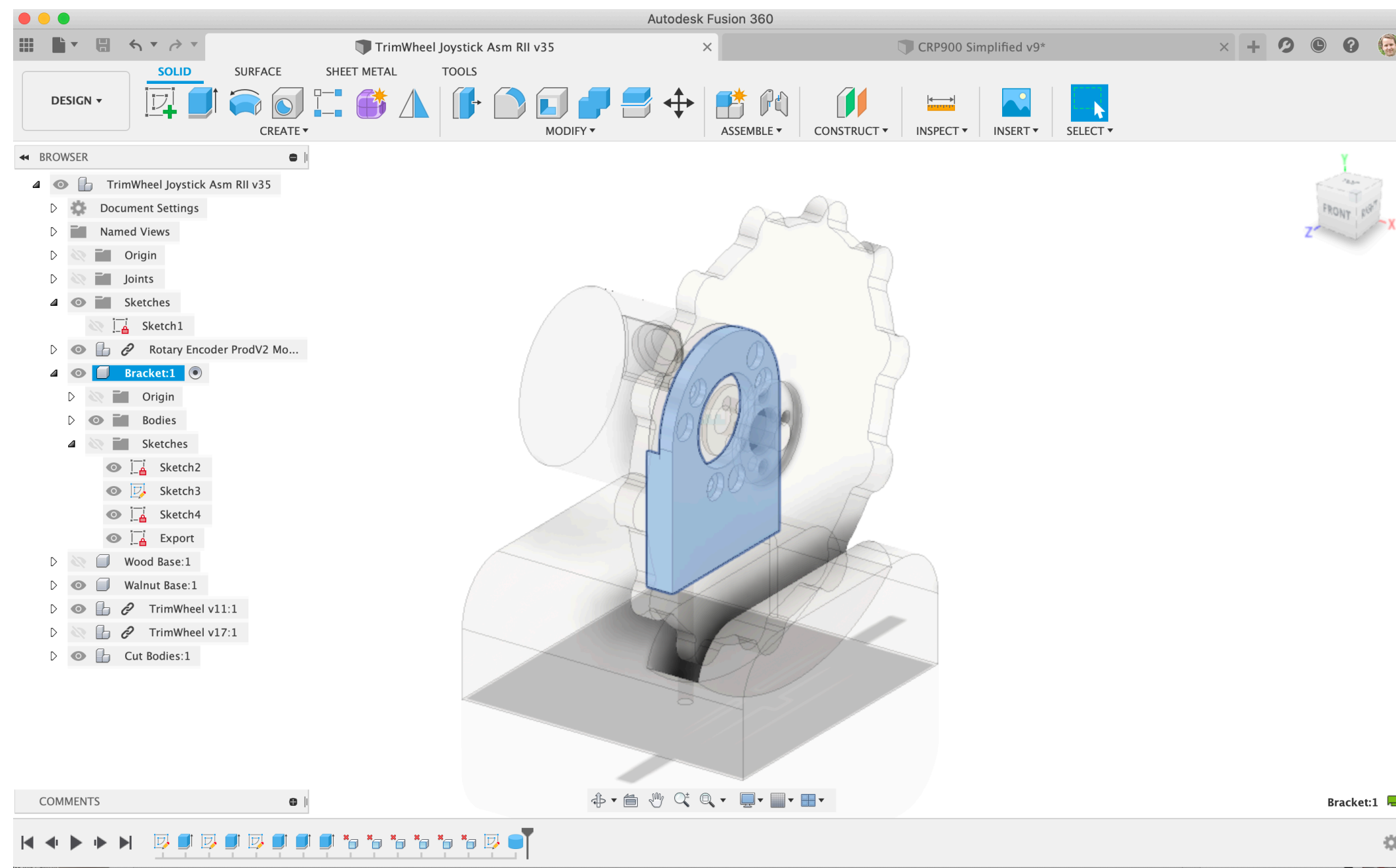
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I'm full stack developer, working in Autodesk for more than two and half years as part of Forge development team. I create sample projects using Forge APIs and help our customers along the way.

The problem space



Making Better Things with Fusion 360, Forge, and CNC Machines!



Fusion 360, 3D CAD, CAM and More!

CNC Router (Benchtop PRO 2'x2')

A Maker's Dilemma

Design-to-Manufacturing workflows (CNC, 3DP, Laser) are often primarily a one-way process. How to we ensure we learn from our outcomes?

- **Close the loop**, aka 'light' Process Control with Forge APIs
- **Learn from outcomes**, capture meaningful results
- **Make better stuff!** The better our workflows become, the better our outcomes will get.












Flight Simulator > TrimWheel

TrimWheel Joystick Asm RII
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TrimWheel Joystick Asm RII
Fusion Design [View Details on Web](#)

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BROWSER

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Tool

Tool Select...
#1 - Ø1/4" flat (L...

Coolant Flood

Feed & Speed

Preset Custom

Spindle Speed 23000 rpm

Surface Speed 1505.35 ft/min

Ramp Spindle Speed 23000 rpm

Cutting Feedrate 100 in/min

Feed per Tooth 0.00217391 in

Lead-In Feedrate 80 in/min

Lead-Out Feedrate 80 in/min

Ramp Feedrate 80 in/min

Plunge Feedrate 80 in/min

Feed per Revolution 0.00347826 in

Shaft & Holder

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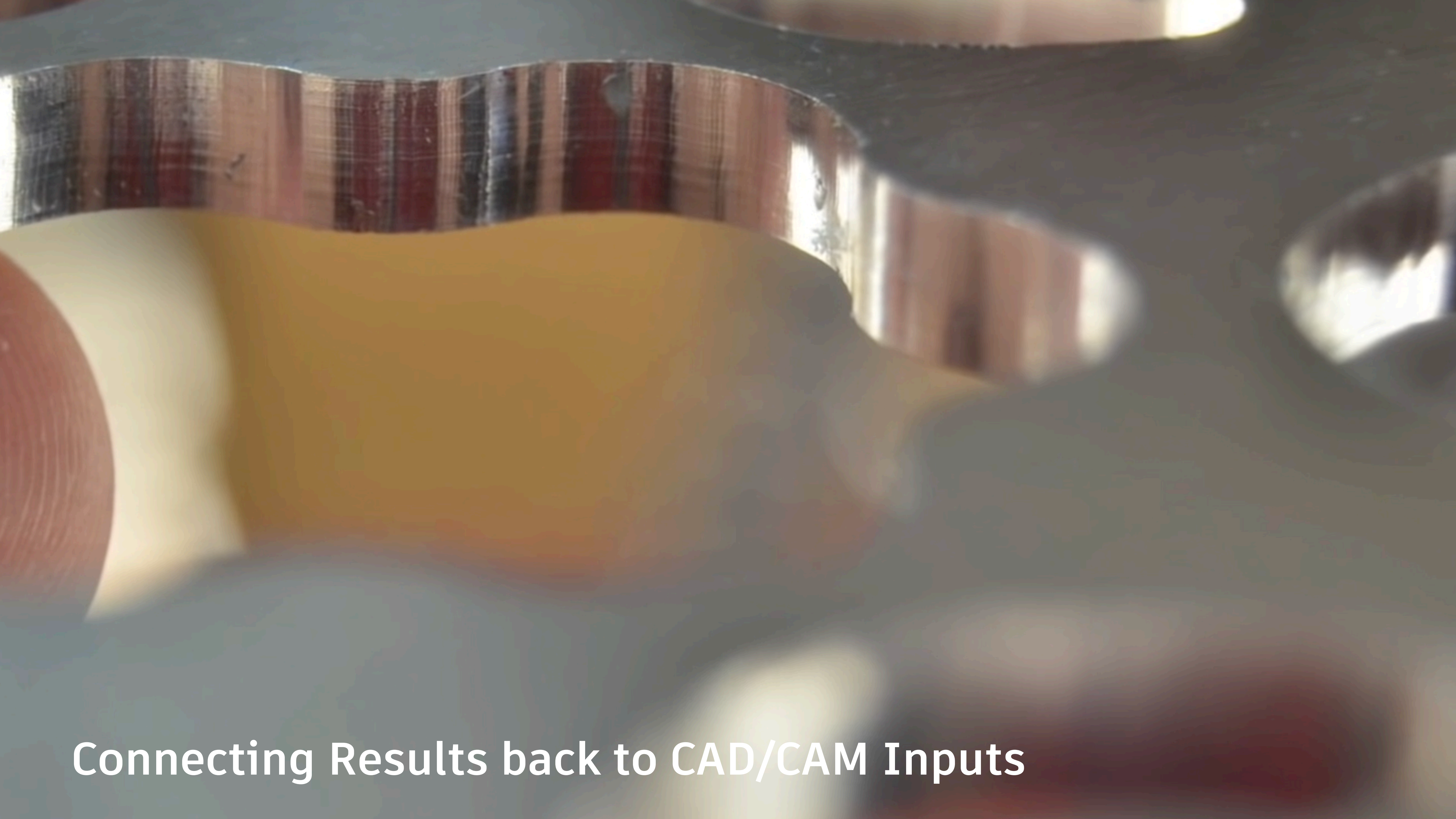
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Bracket Bottom

[T2] Drill3 [Deep dri...



Connecting Results back to CAD/CAM Inputs

Feedback brainstorm for simplified Process Control

Automated Feedback:

- Machine Vision
- Sound
- > • **Temperature**
- Servo/PLC/CMM feedback

Manual Analysis:

- Visual inspection of surface finish
- Machine operator notes
- Engineering functional feedback
- Customer feedback

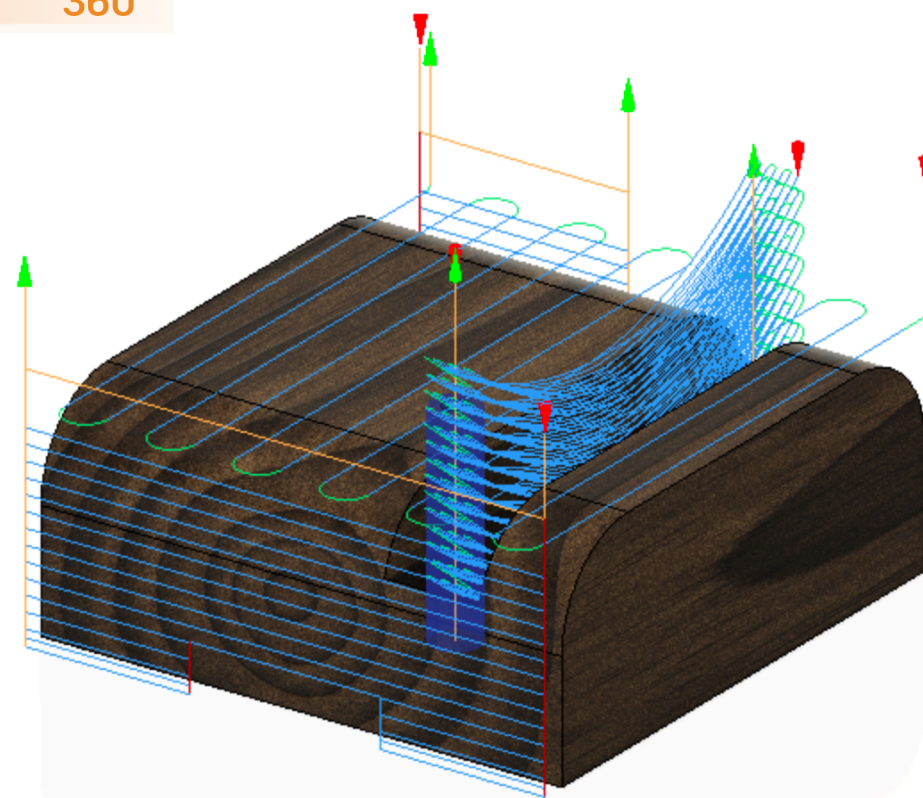
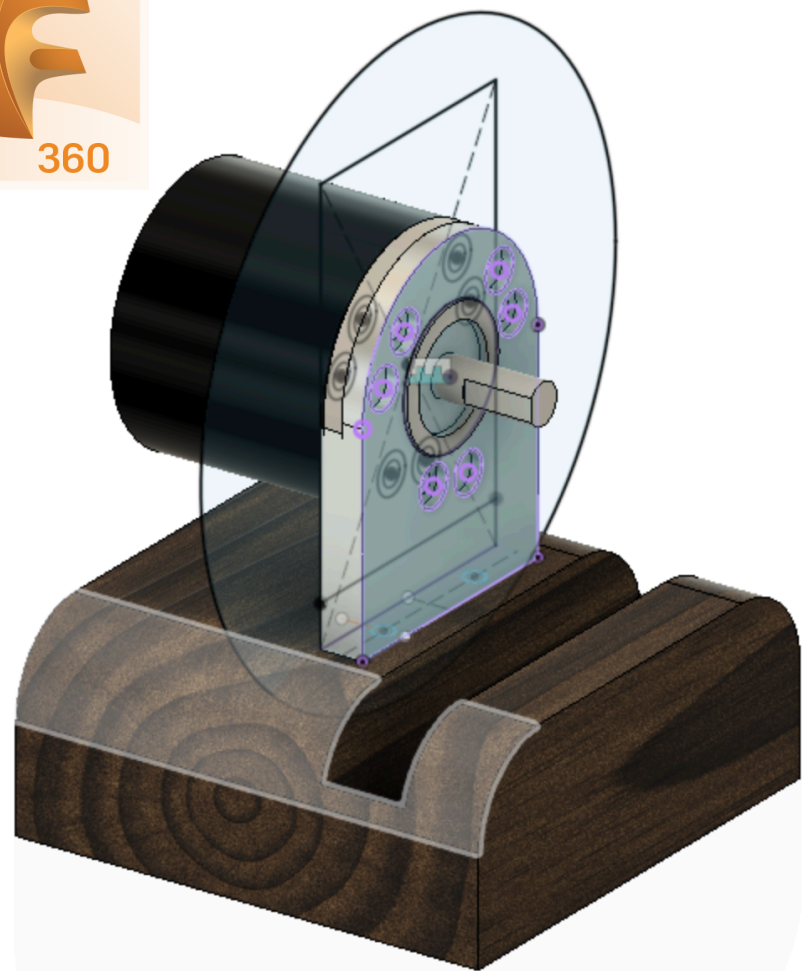
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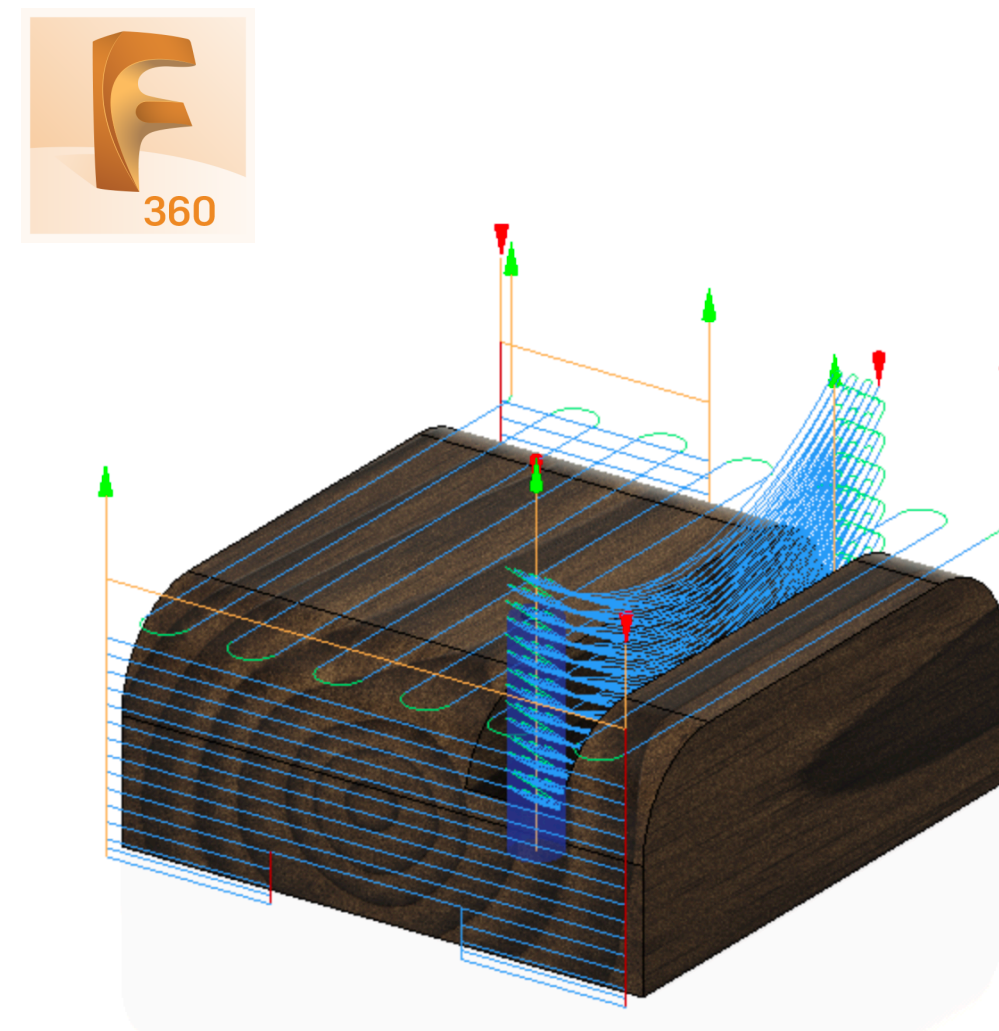
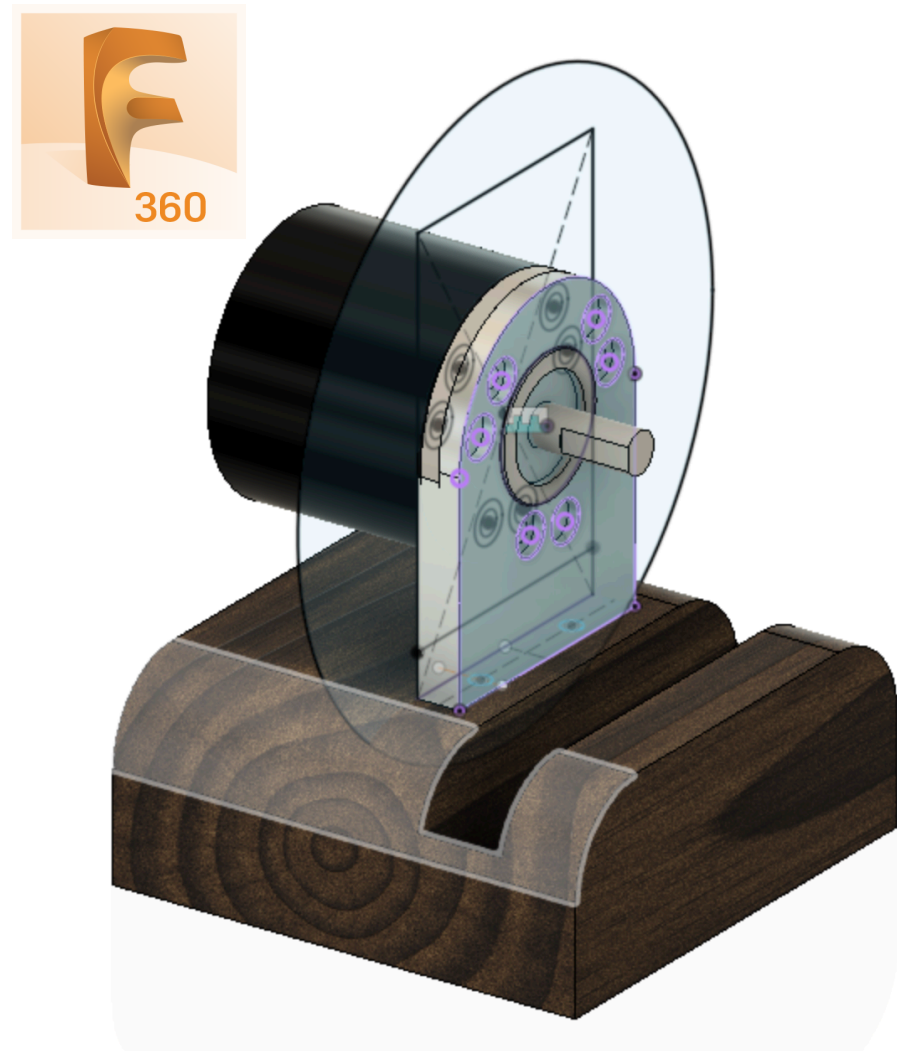
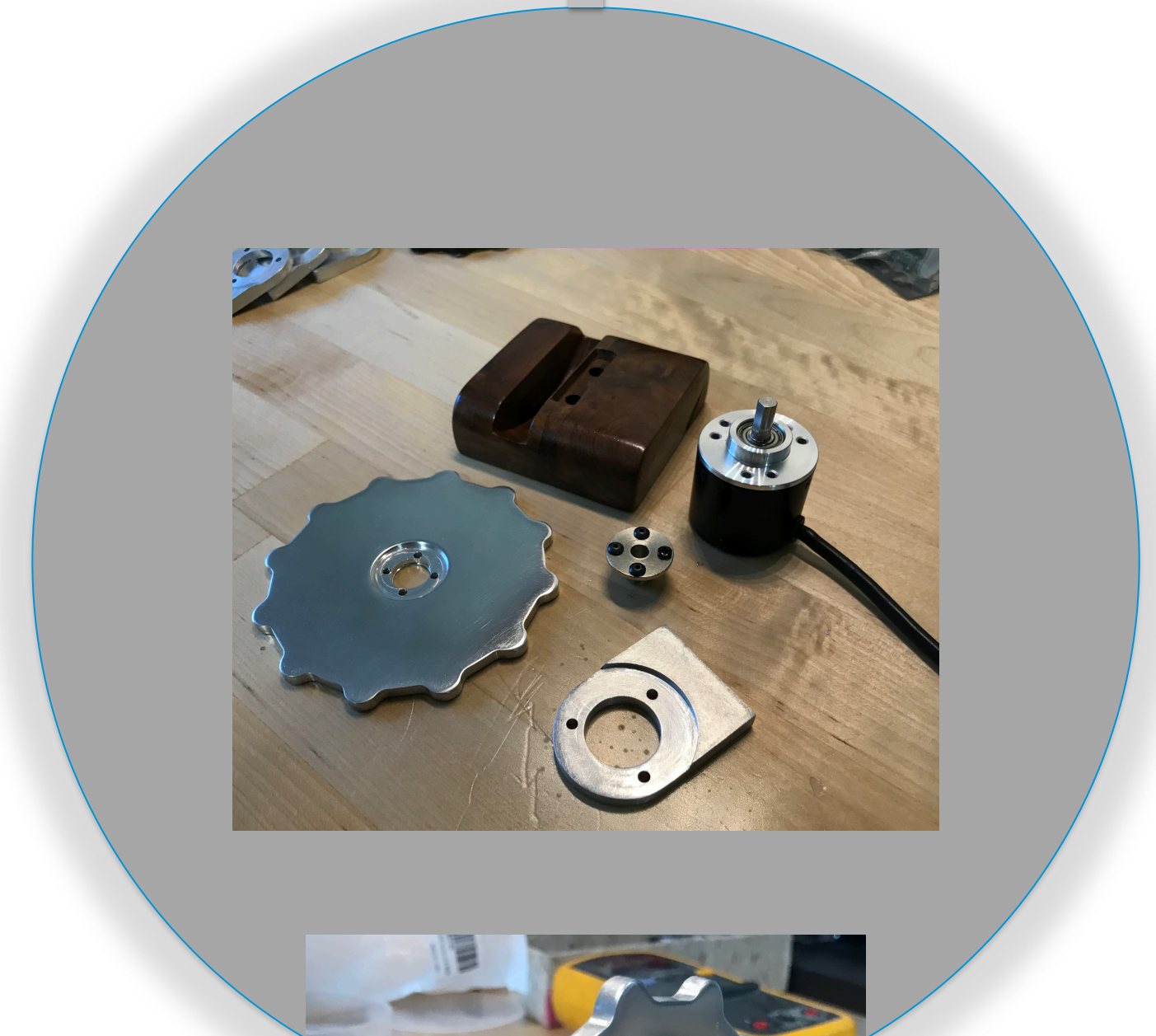
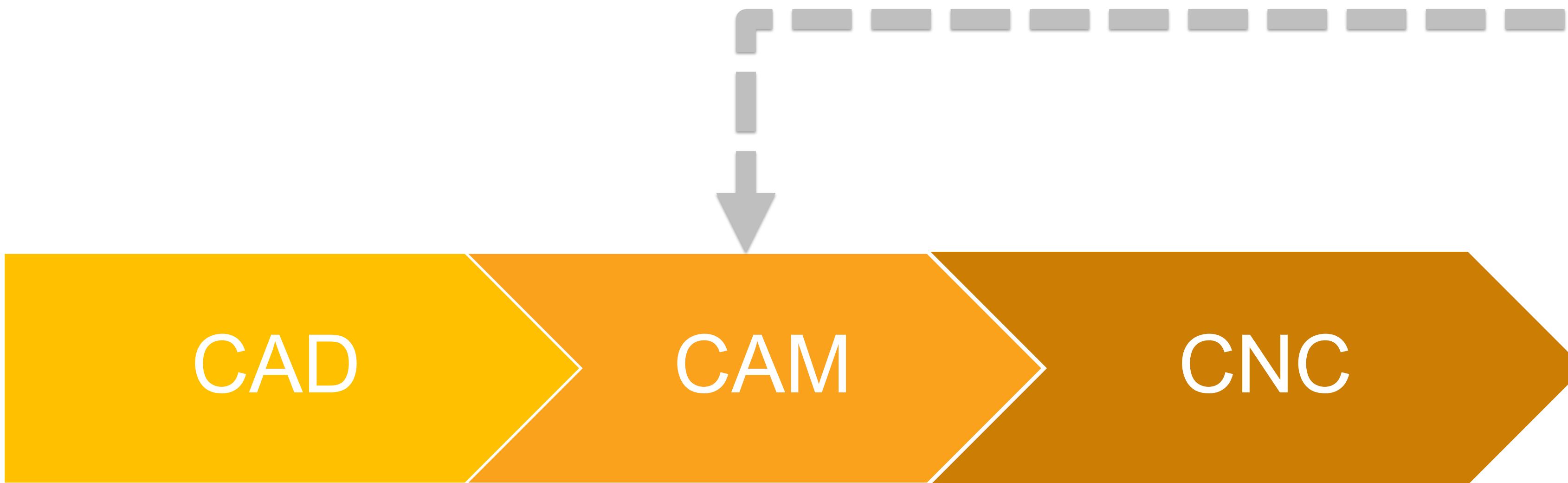


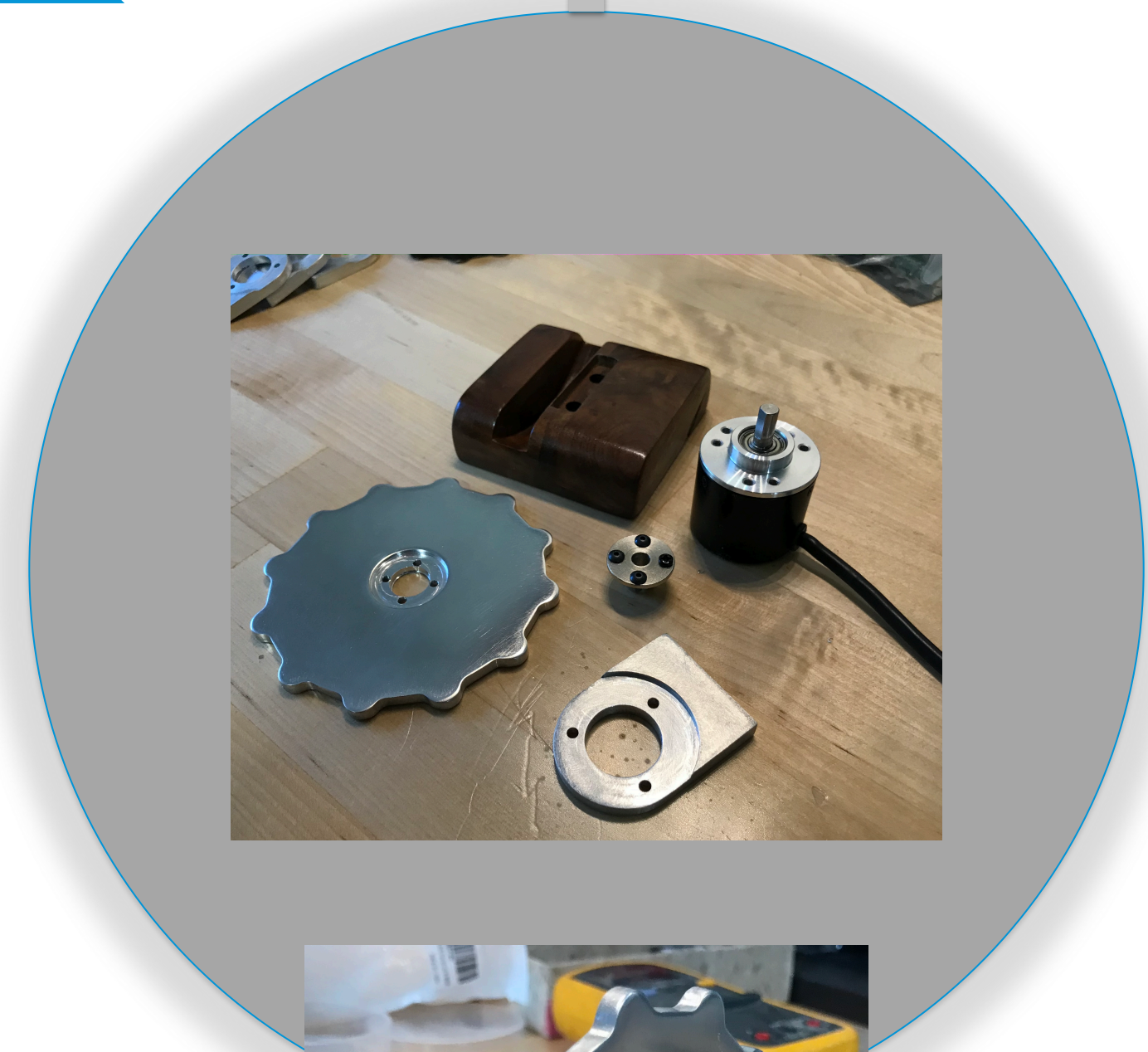
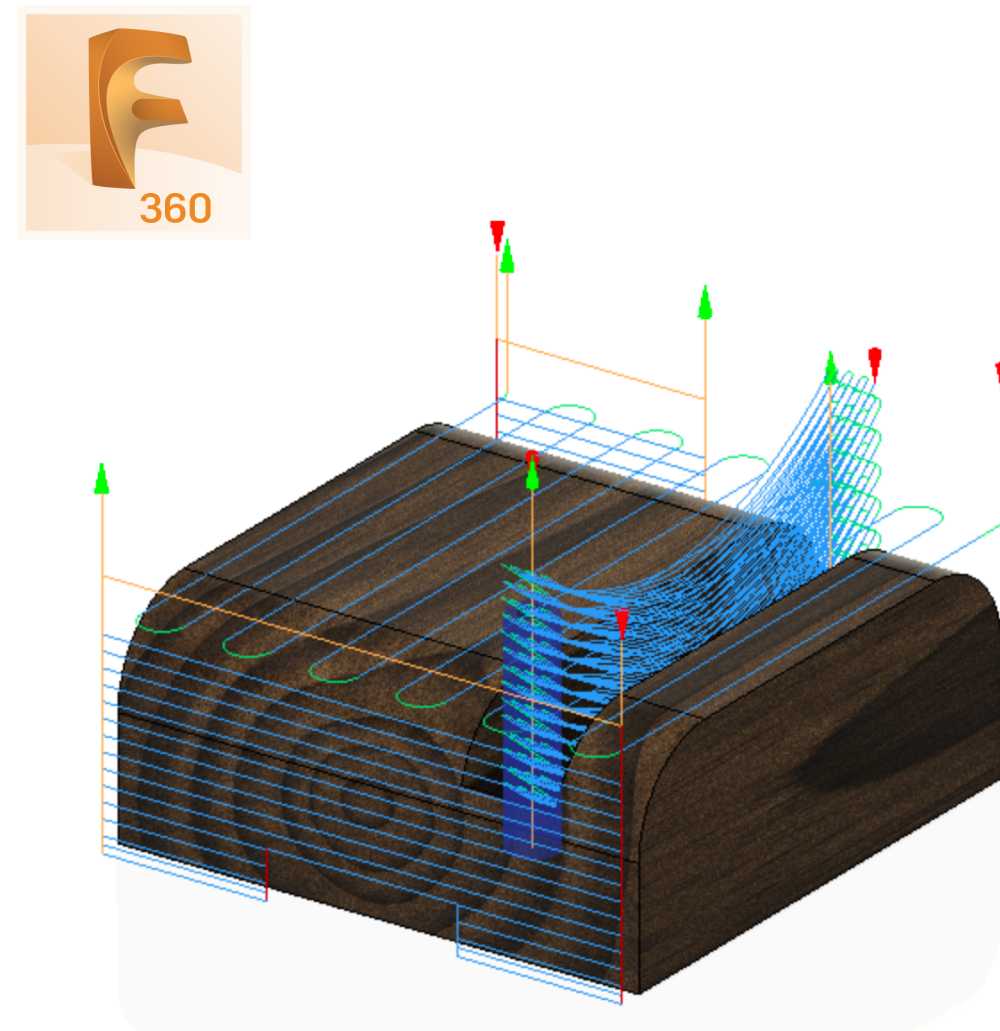
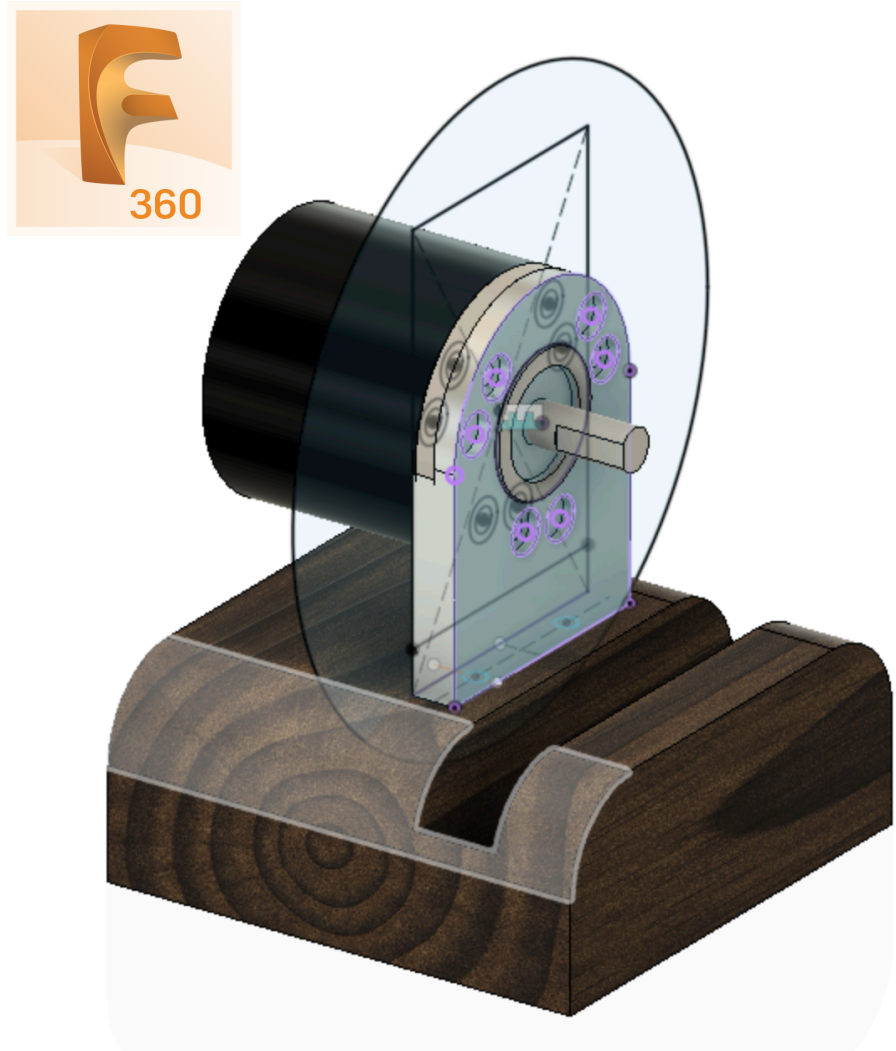
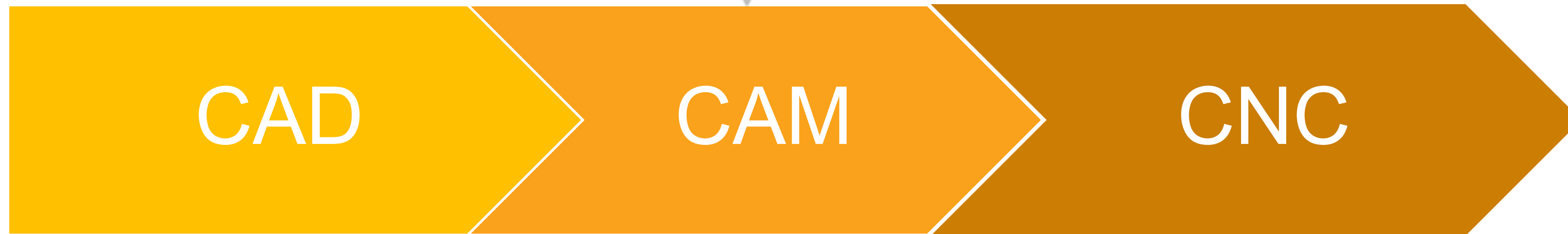
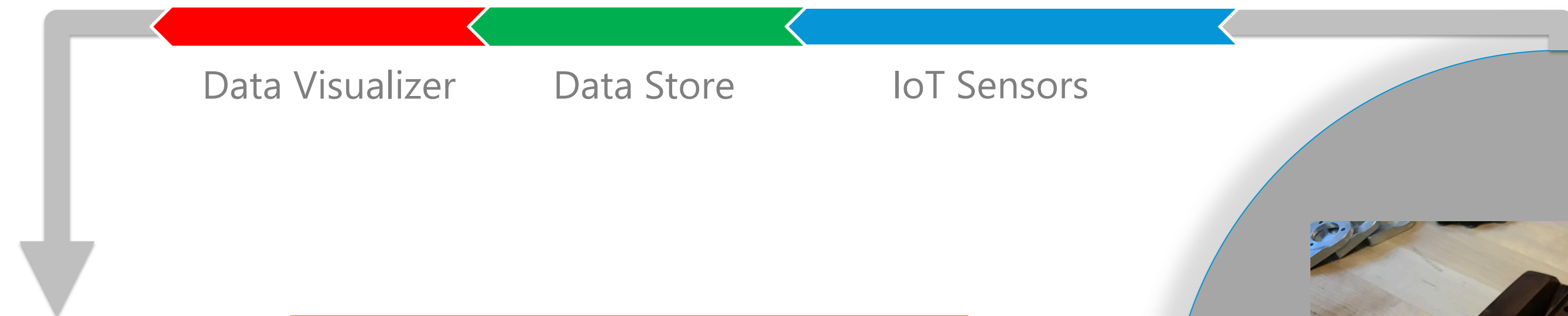
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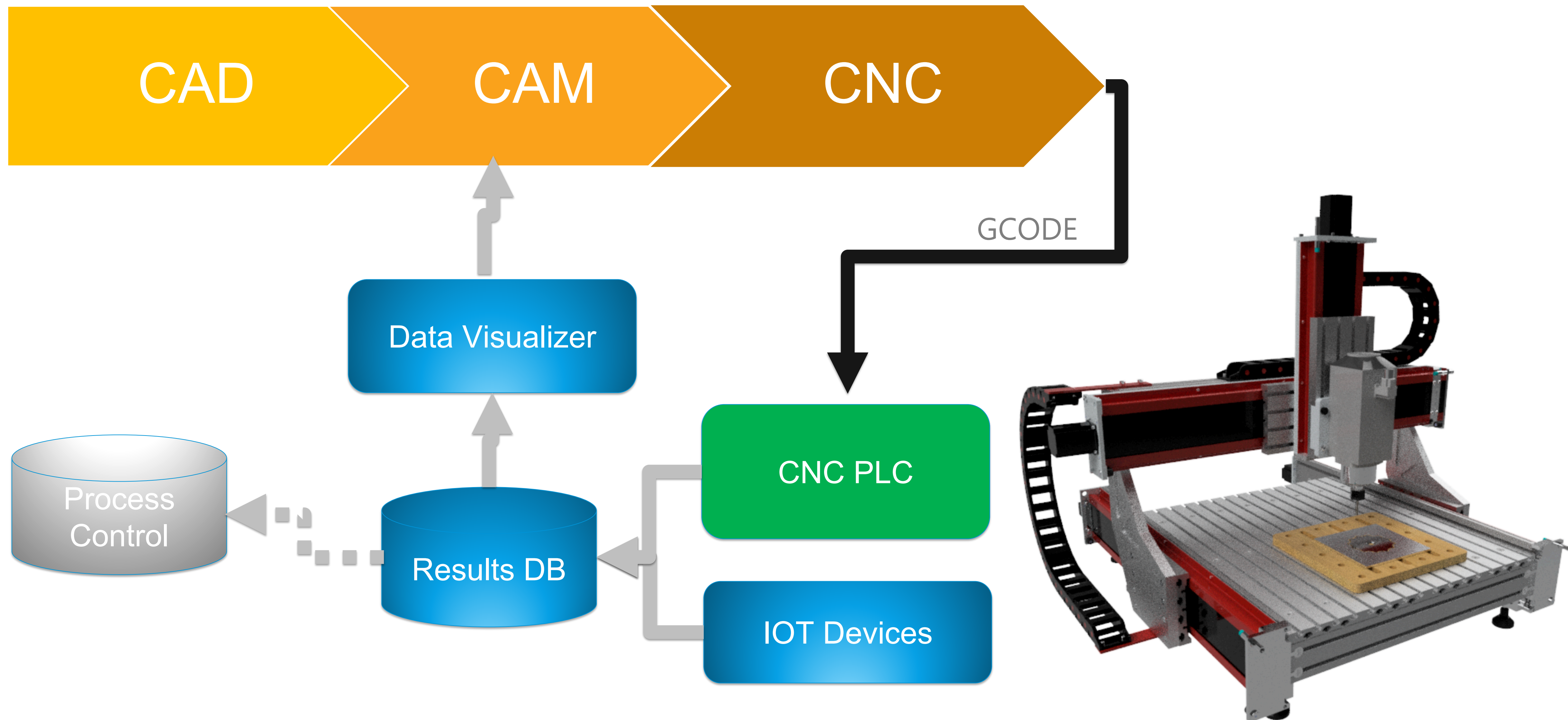
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CNC



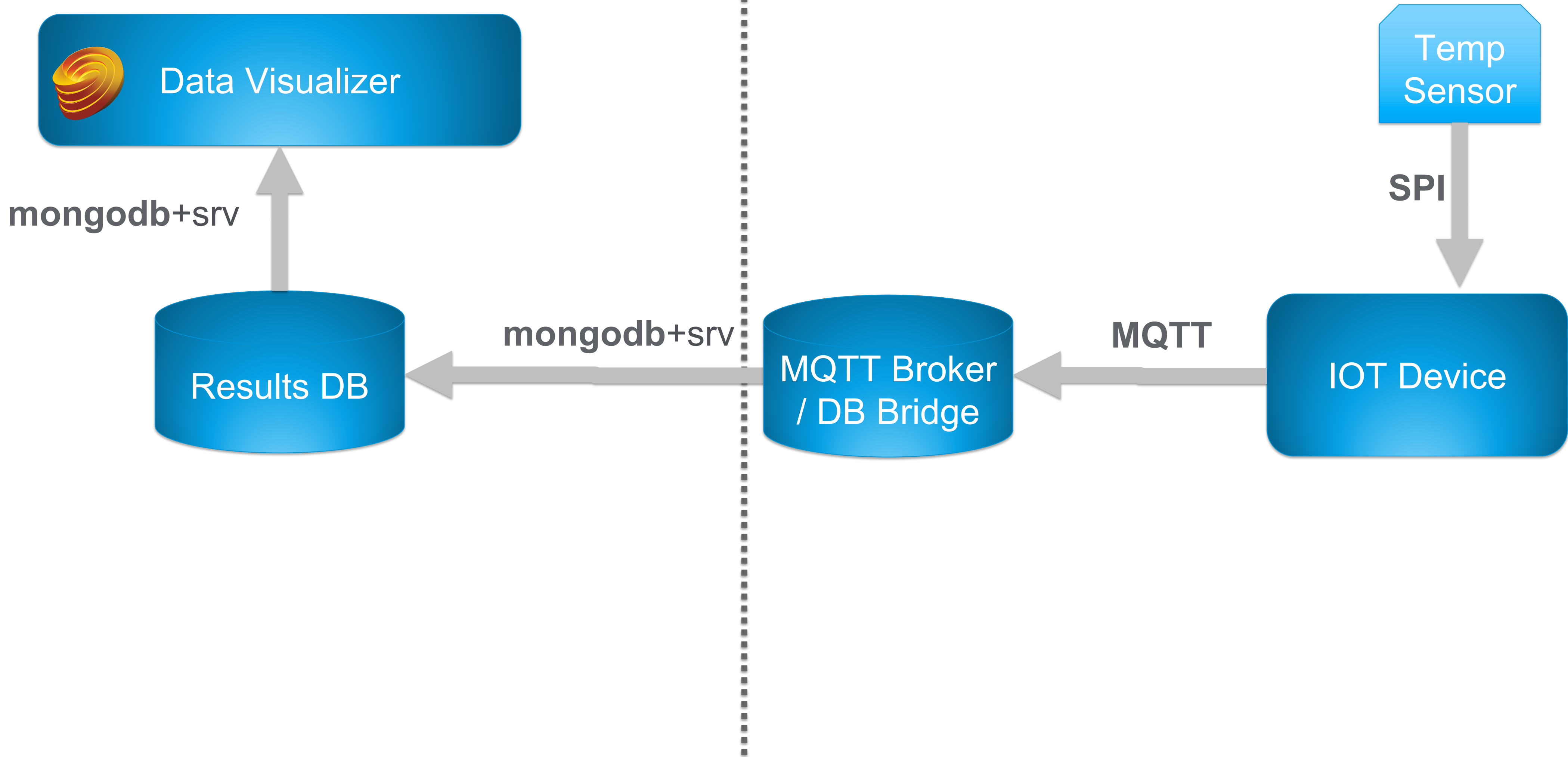






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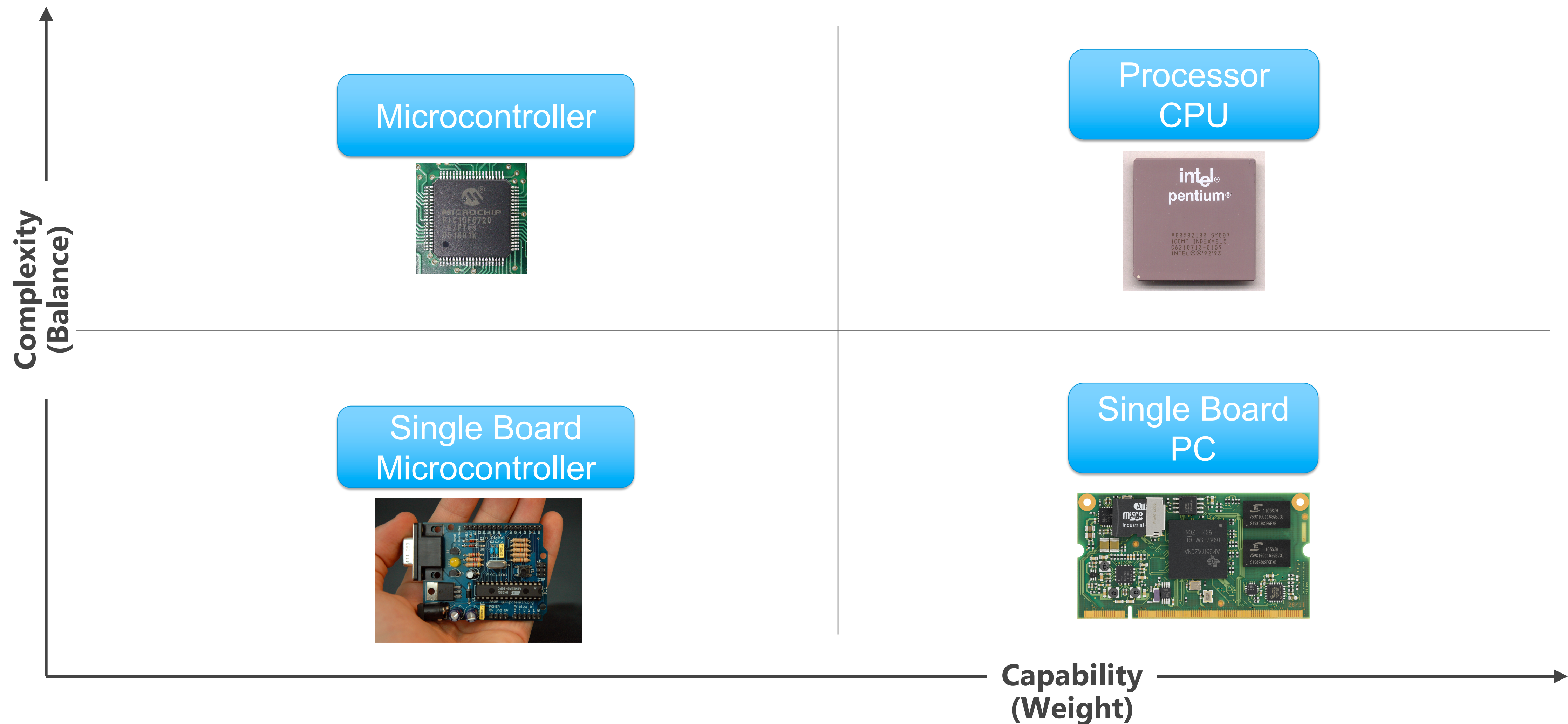
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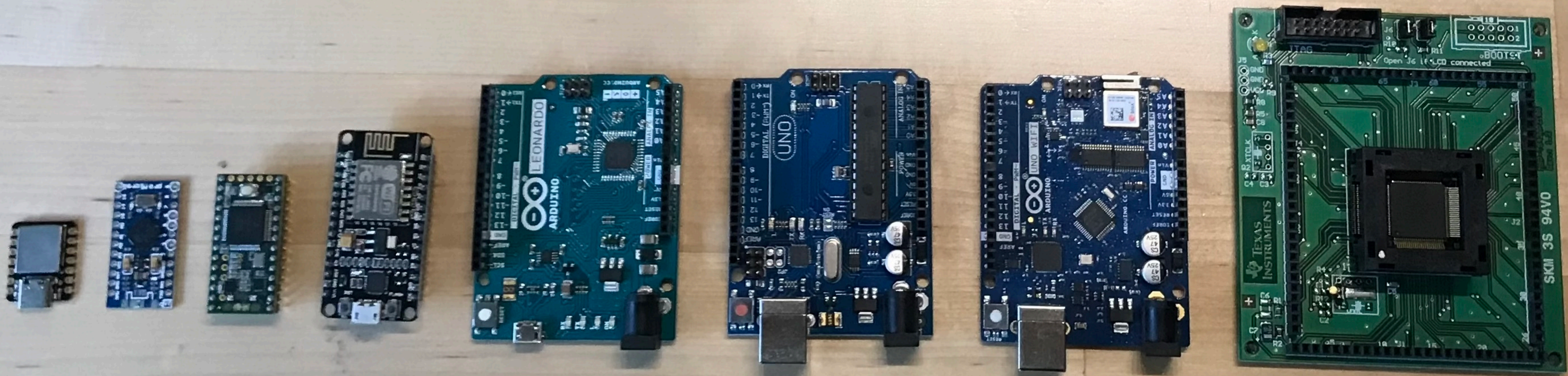


**simplify, then add
lightness**

Colin Chapman

Compute Solution Matrix





NodeMCU ESP12E (WiFi with Limited-I/O)

Our Solution Recipe

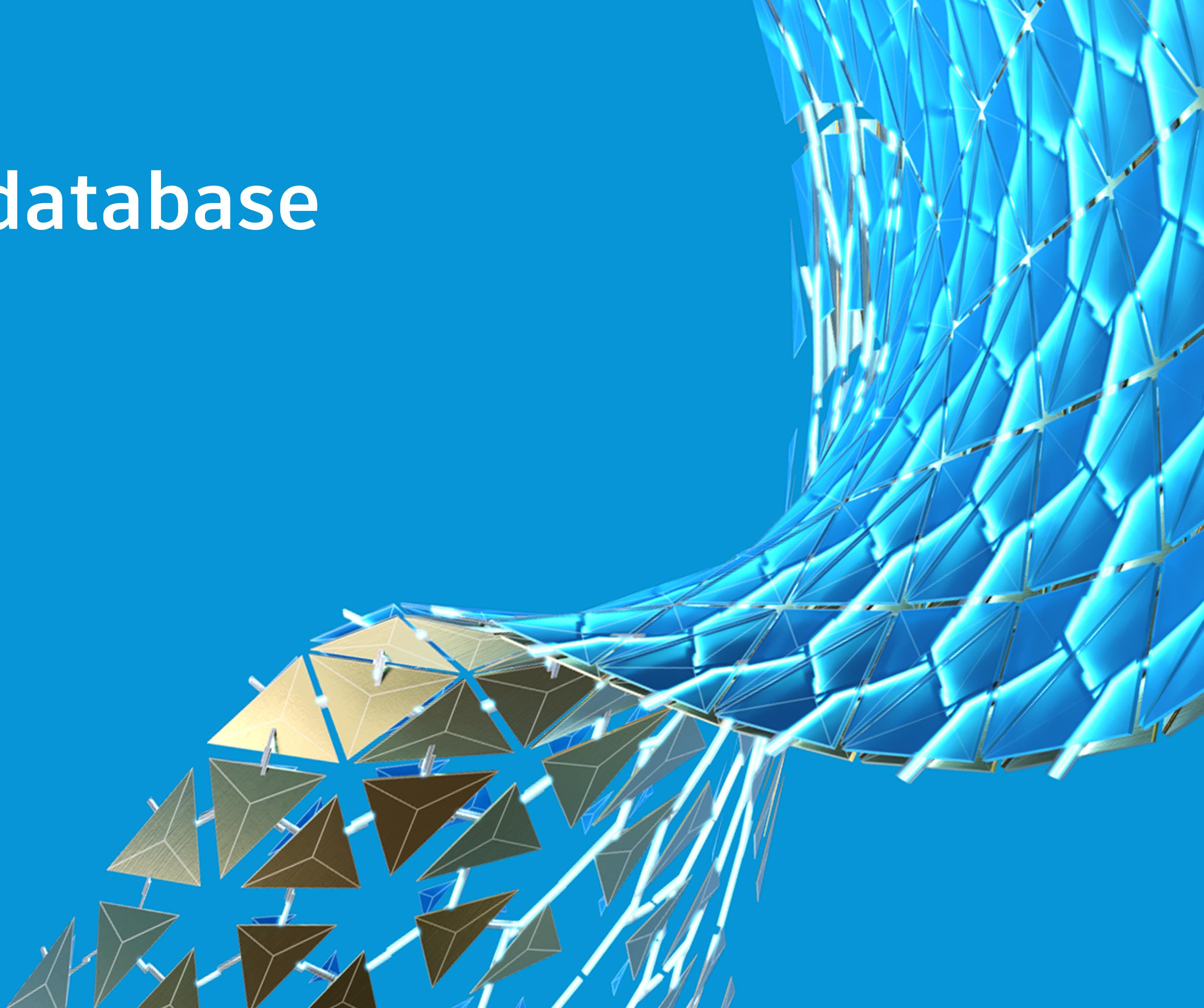
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Database	MongoDB
DB Protocol	MongoDB+SRV
IoT Protocol	MQTT
IoT Device	ESP8266 NodeMCU ESP-12E
Temperature Sensor	DS18B20

Our Plan

- Deploy database
- Build the MQTT broker
- Build the IoT sensor
- Build the IoT firmware
- Test MQTT → Database
- Translate our Fusion 360 model
- Build Forge visualization service
- Put it all Together
- Wrap things up




Deploy the database





Get started free

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or

8 characters minimum

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Included with your free cloud database:

- ✓ 512 MB of Storage
- ✓ Shared RAM
- ✓ Highly available replica sets, end-to-end encryption, automated patches, REST API

Additionally, get access to the following when you launch a dedicated cluster:

- ✓ 10 GB or more of storage
- ✓ Dedicated RAM
- ✓ Performance optimization tools
- ✓ Backups & point-in-time recovery
- ✓ Enterprise security features including encryption key management, LDAP integration, and granular database auditing
- ✓ Global Clusters

DATA STORAGE

Clusters

Triggers

Data Lake

SECURITY

Database Access

Network Access

Advanced

We are deploying your changes (current action: configuring MongoDB)

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Clusters

Create a New Cluster

Find a cluster...

SANDBOX

Cluster0

Version 4.2.10

CONNECT METRICS COLLECTIONS

CLUSTER TIER

M0 Sandbox (General)

REGION

AWS / Oregon (us-west-2)

TYPE

Replica Set - 3 nodes

LINKED REALM APP

None Linked

ATLAS SEARCH

Create Index



Enhance Your Experience

For dedicated throughput, richer metrics and enterprise security options, upgrade your cluster now!

Upgrade

Get Started

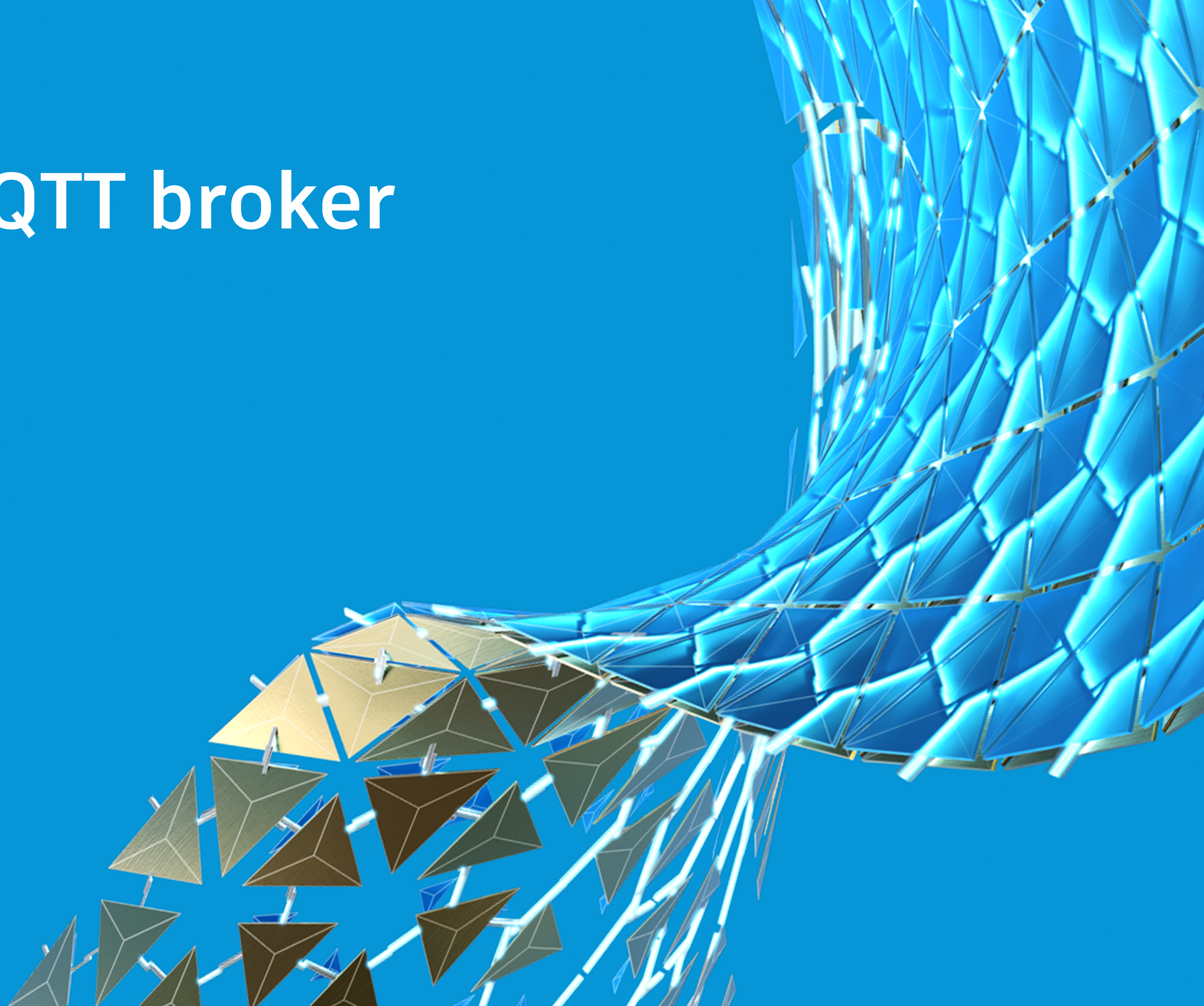
Feature Requests

System Status: All Good

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Build the MQTT broker



Building a Simple MQTT Broker (+MongoDB Bridge)

- **Libraries Used:** mongodb, mosca (MQTT)
- **Description:** Listens to port 1888, receives MQTT messages, inserts them into the results database using a simple sensor schema

```
MQTTBroker.js
1  //Mongo DB Connection
2  const MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient
3  const dbConnectionString = MongoDB = "mongodb+srv://MQTTBroker:forme2no@cluster0.cnyhr.mongodb.net/
  • <dbname>?retryWrites=true&w=majority"
4  const client = new MongoClient(dbConnectionString, {useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true})
5  client.connect(); // create persistent connection
6
7  //MQTT Broker
8  var mosca = require('mosca')
9  var config = {port: 1888}
10 var MQTTBroker = new mosca.Server(config)
11
12 MQTTBroker.on('ready',()=>{
13   console.log('MQTT Broker Service Started!')
14 })
15
16 MQTTBroker.on('published',(packet)=>{
17   message = packet.payload.toString()
18
19   if(!isNaN(message)){
20     console.log('Publishing Topic: '+packet.topic.toString()+ ' Value: '+message)
21     var activeCollection = client.db('AU2020IoTDemo').collection('test_ESP12') //TODO: map collection
  • name to CNC job name dynamically
22     activeCollection.insertOne({
23       when:new Date(),
24       temperature: message, // Sensor value, in this case (Temp), it will be degrees celsius (float)
25       sensor_type: packet.topic.toString().slice(0,4), // sensor type is only 'Temp' presently
26       sensor_name: packet.topic.toString().slice(5,25) // sensor name can be 'StockMaterial', 'Tool',
  • 'Spindle', 'StepperX', etc.
27     })
28   }
29 })
```

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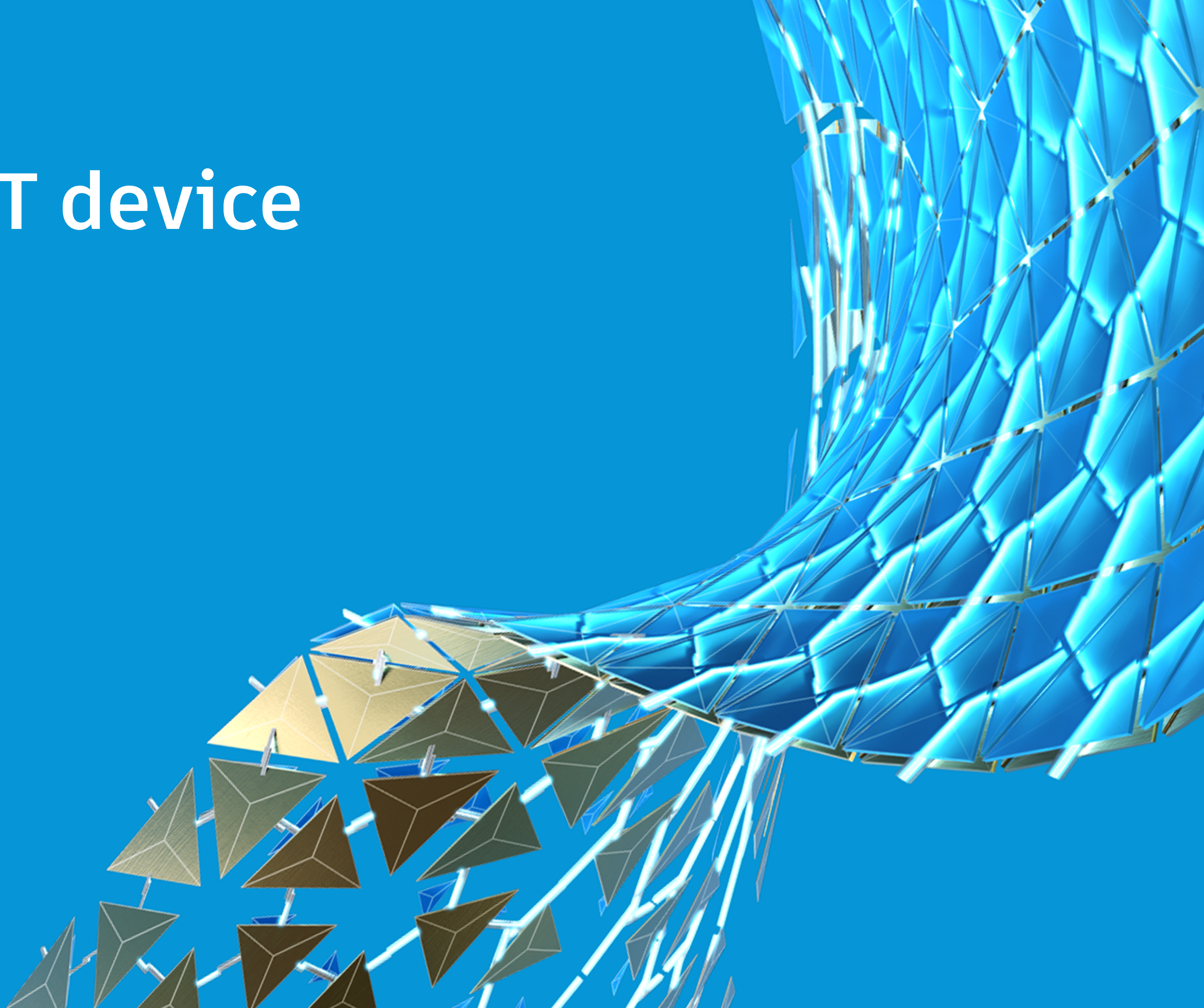
Testing a Simple MQTT Broker

- **Libraries Used:** mongodb, mosca (MQTT)
- **Description:**
 - **MQTTPublish.js** – Will send MQTT messages when the user passes in Topic/subtopic string and the sensor value
 - **MQTTSubscribe.js** – Will subscribe to receive MQTT messages using the specified topic/subtopic string.

```
MQTTBroker.js  MQTTPublish.js
1 //MQTT client
2 var mqtt = require('mqtt')
3 var client = mqtt.connect('mqtt://localhost:1888')
4
5 //what topic?
6 var topic = 'Temp/Default'
7 var sensorValue = 0
8
9 client.on('connect', ()=>{
10   process.argv.forEach(function (val, index, array){
11     if (index == 2){
12       topic = val
13     }
14     if (index == 3){
15       sensorValue = val
16     }
17   })
18   client.publish(topic, sensorValue.toString())
19   console.log('Sending Topic: '+topic.toString()+ ' Value: '+sensorValue.toString())
20   return process.exit(22)
21 })
22
```

```
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1 //MQTT client
2 var mqtt = require('mqtt')
3 var client = mqtt.connect('mqtt://localhost:1888')
4
5 //what topic?
6 var topic = process.argv.slice(2);
7
8 client.on('message', (topic, message)=>{
9   message = message.toString()
10   console.log(message)
11 })
12
13 client.on('connect', ()=>{
14   client.subscribe(topic)
15 })
16
```


Build the IoT device

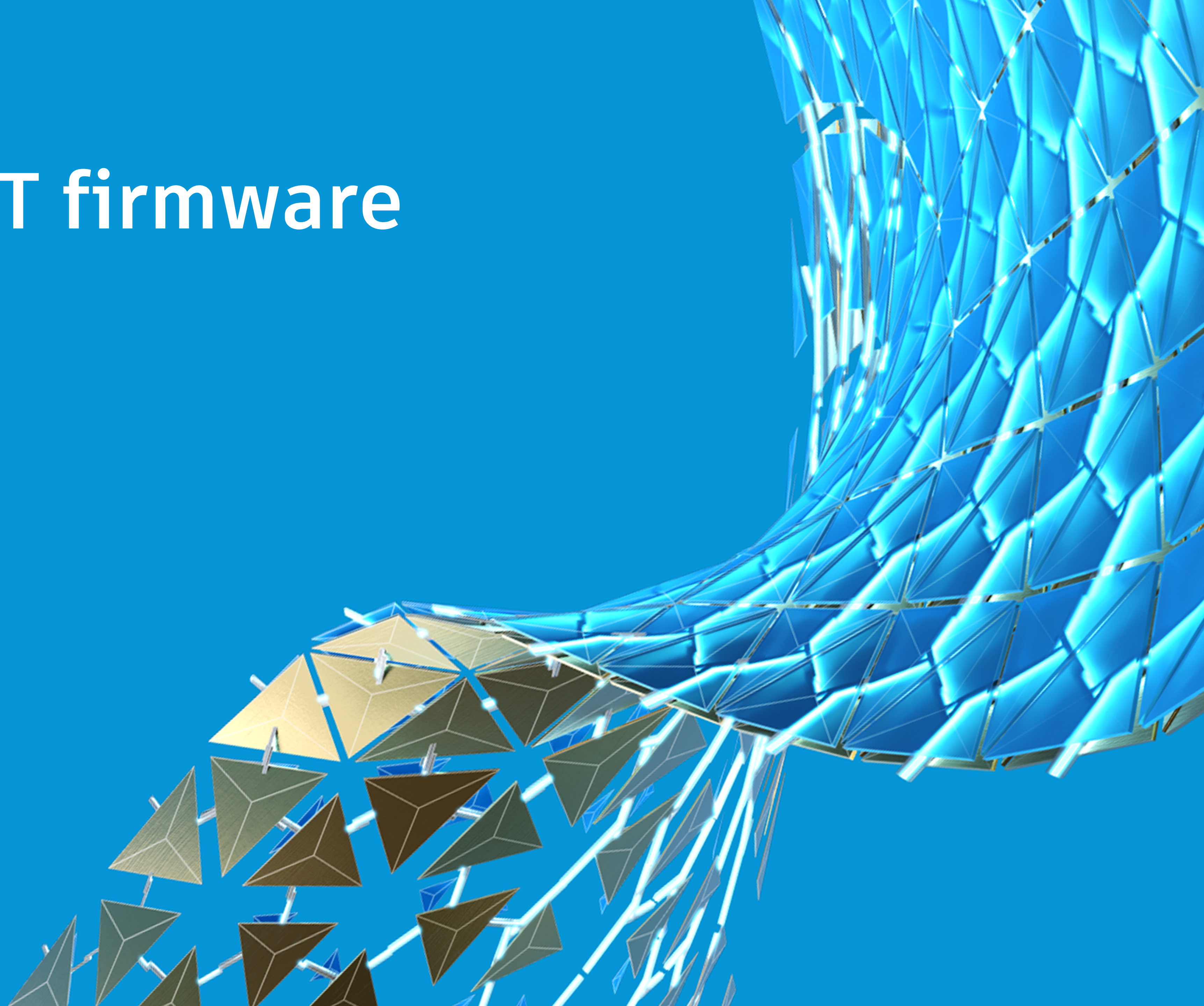


Building IoT device

- See class video and handout for details
- BOM:
 - ESP8266 NodeMCU ESP-12E
 - DS18B20 Digital Thermometer
 - 4.7k Resister
- Connections:
 - Temp Sensor.VCC = Vin on ESP board
 - Temp Sensor.GND = GND on ESP Board
 - Temp Sensor.Data = GPIO 5
 - 4.7k resister connected to GPIO 5 and Vin



Build the IoT firmware



Build the IoT Firmware

- See class video and handout for details
- Nathan's Four Essential IoT Device Features
 1. WiFi client to connect to access point
 2. Ability to act as WiFi access point to receive WiFi credentials from user
 3. Feature to allow user to reset controller to an unconfigured state (double reset)
 4. MQTT Client to publish and subscribe to MQTT events



```
Arduino File Edit Sketch Tools Help
CNC-IoT-TempSensor-ESP12 | Ard

CNC-IoT-TempSensor-ESP12 §
}
}

void checkTempSensors(){
  // get the temps
  // update MQTT data with temp info + sensor type and name (MQTT topic/subtopic)
}

void updateMQTTData(float temp){
  char mqtt_payload[100] = "";
  snprintf(mqtt_payload, 100, "%.2f", temp);
  Serial.print("Publish Message: ");
  Serial.println(mqtt_payload);
  client.publish(MQTT_Topic, mqtt_payload, true);
  Serial.println("> MQTT data pub

}

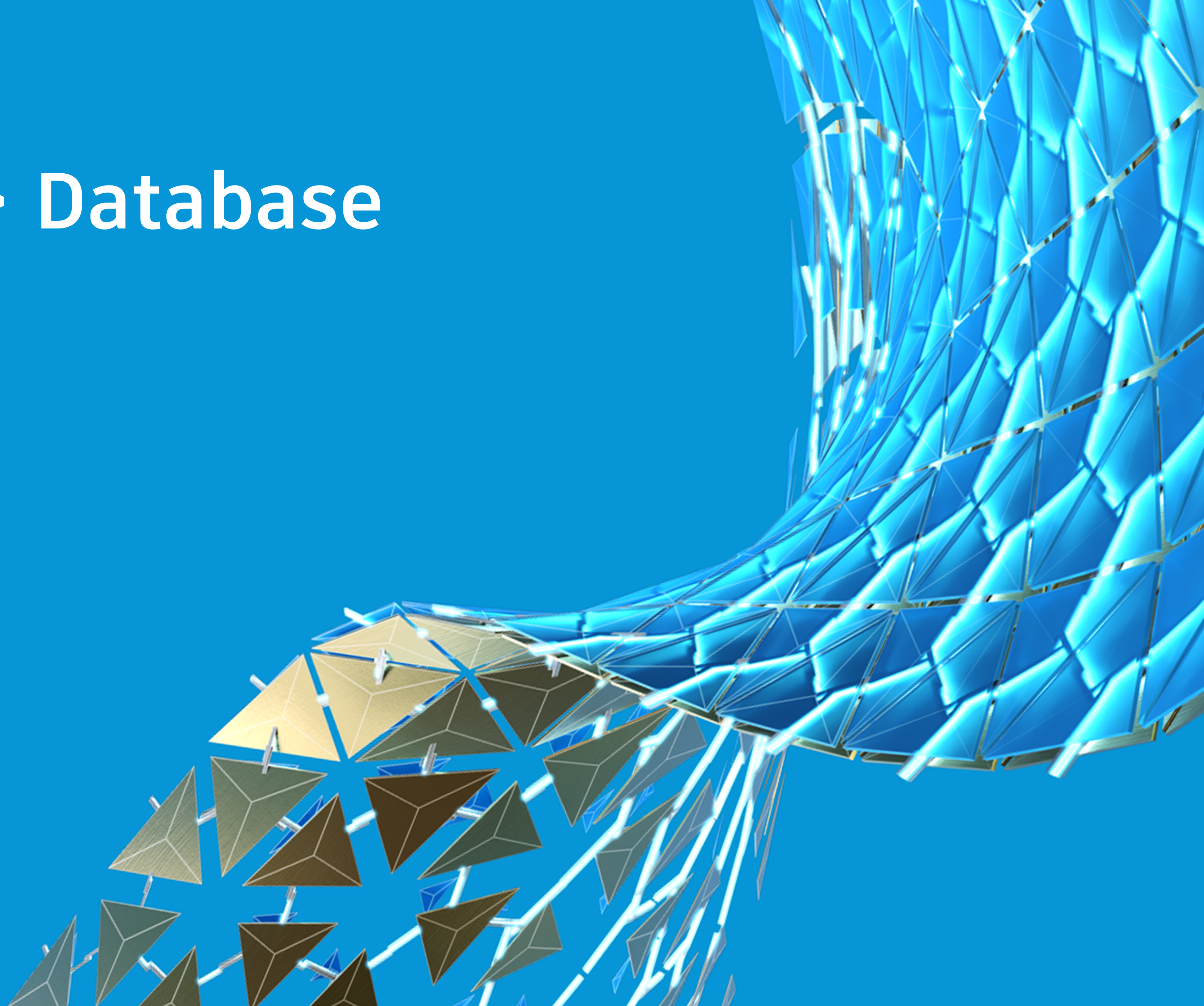
void mqttCallback(char* topic, byte* payload, unsigned int length){
  Serial.print("MQTT Message arrived [");
  Serial.print(topic);
  Serial.print("] ");
  for (int i=0; i < length; i++){
    Serial.print((char)payload[i]);
  }
  Serial.println();
}

void connectMQTTClient(){
  while (!client.connected()){ //loop until connected
    Serial.print("***** Re-Attempting MQTT connection...");
    if (client.connect(UUIDClientName, mqtt_username, "")){
      Serial.println(" -> MQTT client connected");
    } else {
      Serial.print("failed, rc=");
    }
  }
}

Done compiling.

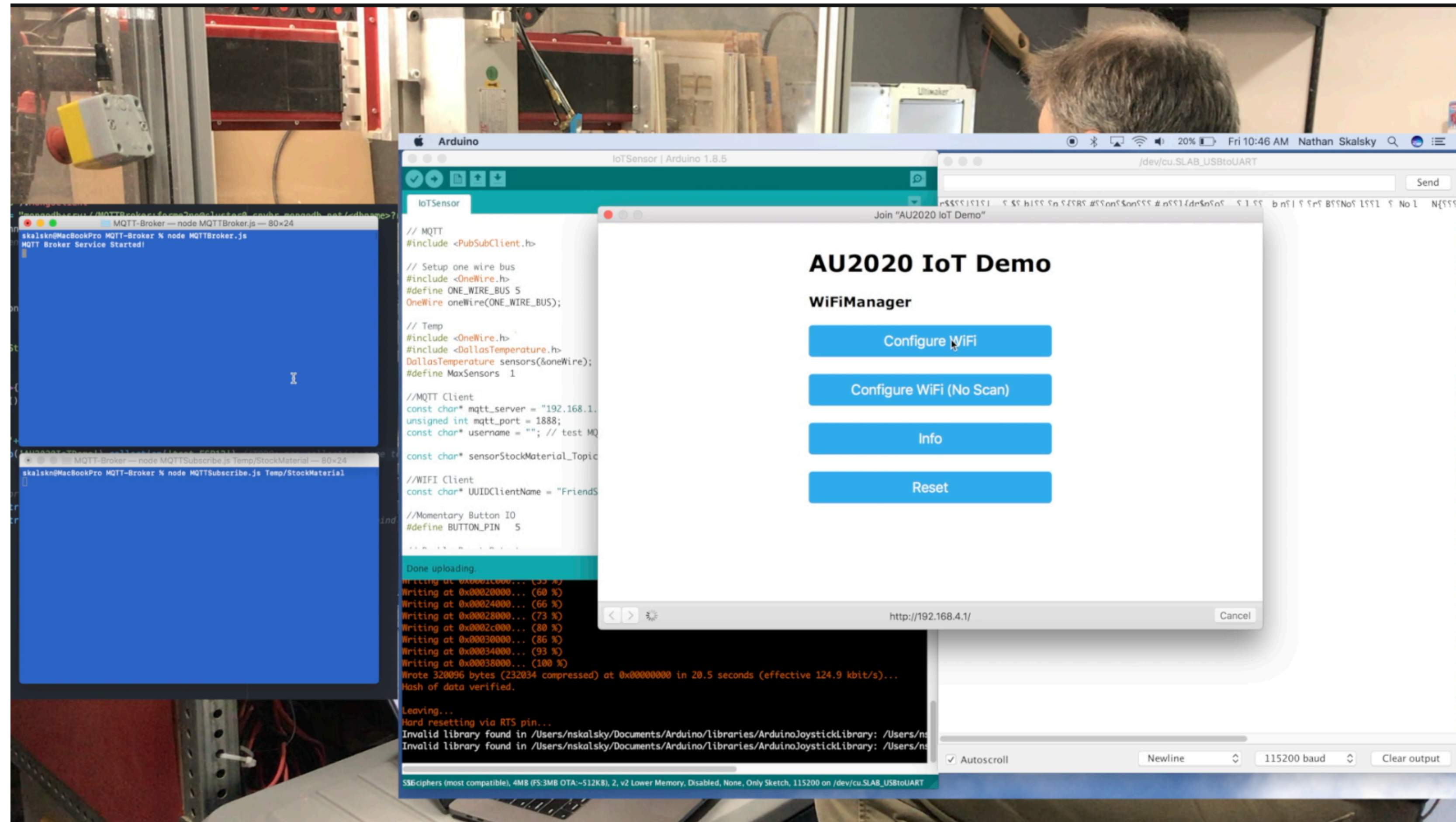
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IROM : 281288 - code in flash (default or ICACHE_FLASH_ATTR)
IRAM : 27312 / 32768 - code in IRAM (ICACHE_RAM_ATTR, ISRs...)
DATA : 1276 ) - initialized variables (global, static) in RAM/HEAP
RODATA : 1544 ) / 81920 - constants (global, static) in RAM/HEAP
BSS : 29584 ) - zeroed variables (global, static) in RAM/HEAP
Sketch uses 311420 bytes (29%) of program storage space. Maximum is 1044464 bytes.
92 NodeMCU 1.0 (ESP-12E Module), 80 MHz, Flash, Legacy (new can return nullptr), All SSL ciphers (most compatible), 4MB (FS:3
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Test MQTT > Database

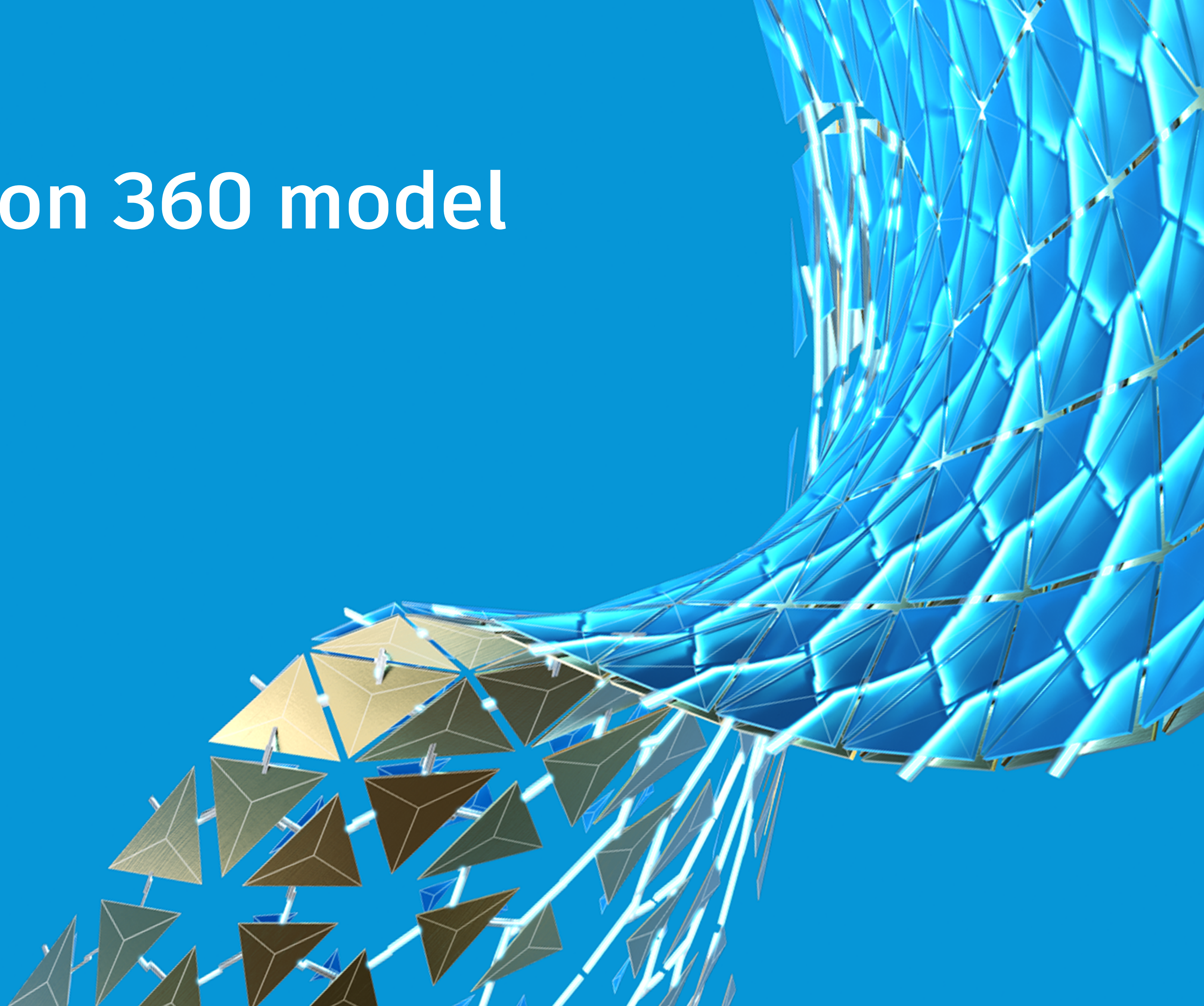


Unit testing MQTT to database

- See class video and handout for details

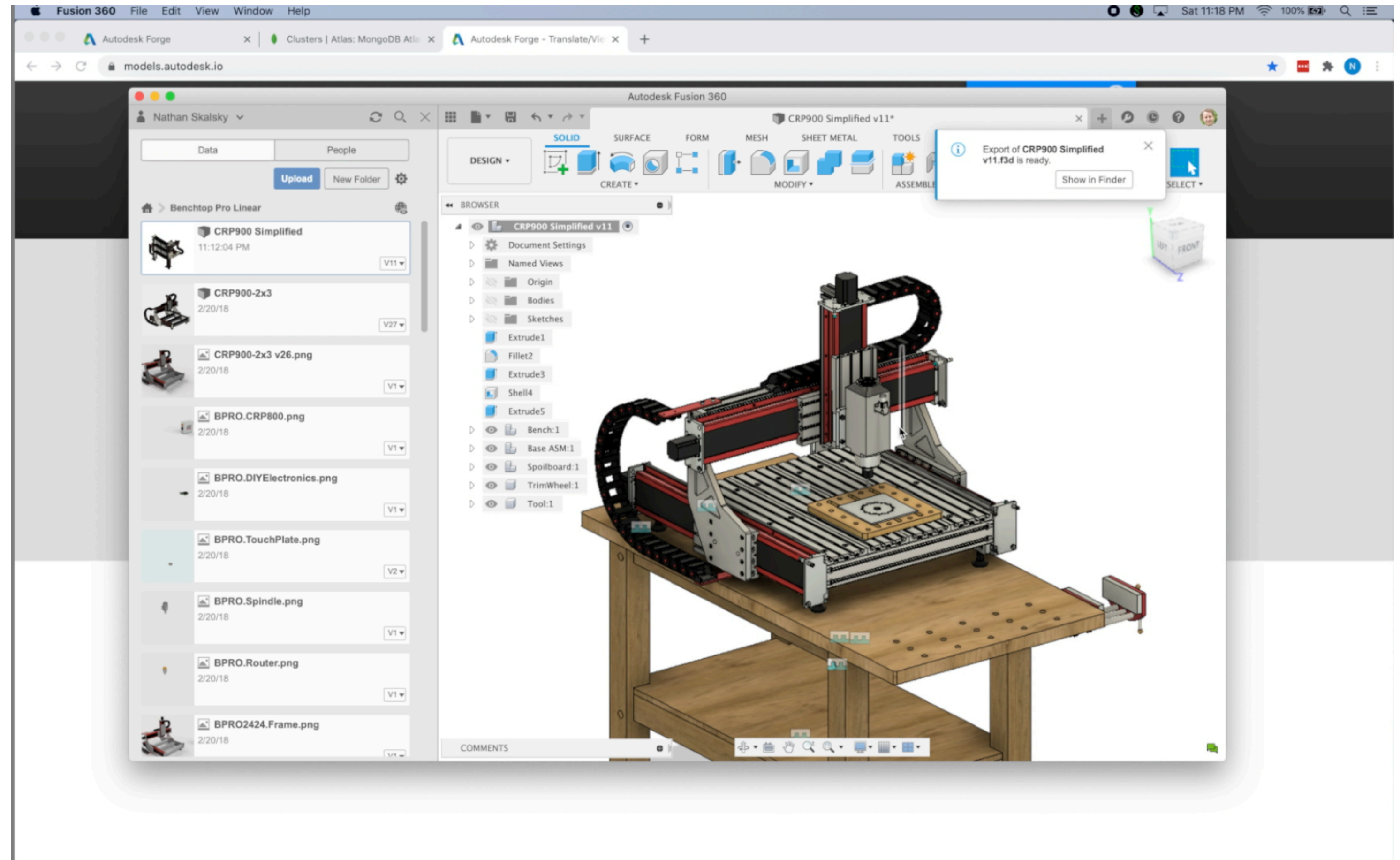


Upload Fusion 360 model



Upload Fusion 360 model to Forge

- See class video and handout for details
- Upload model to models.autodesk.io using forge API credentials

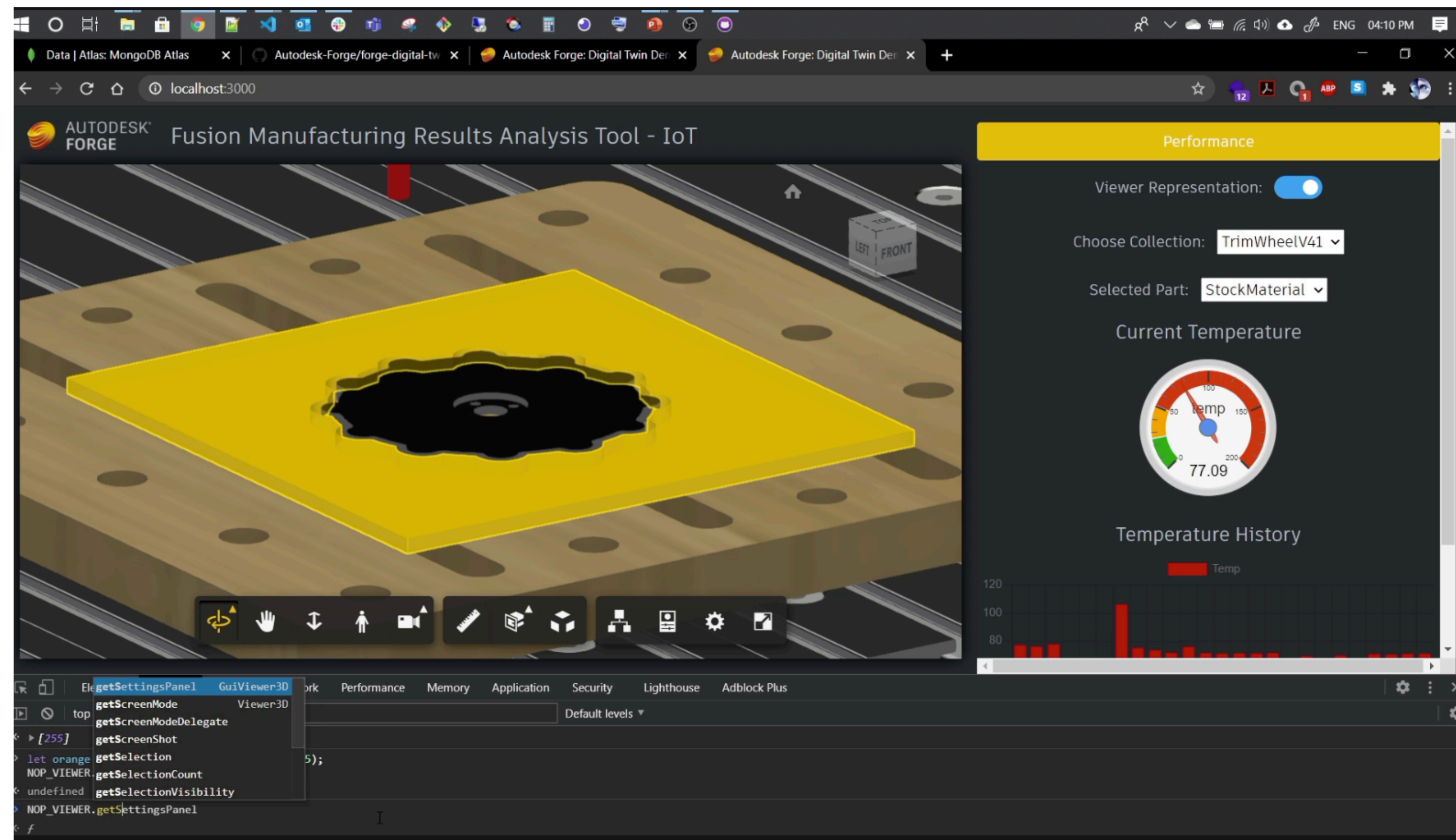


Build the Visualization Service

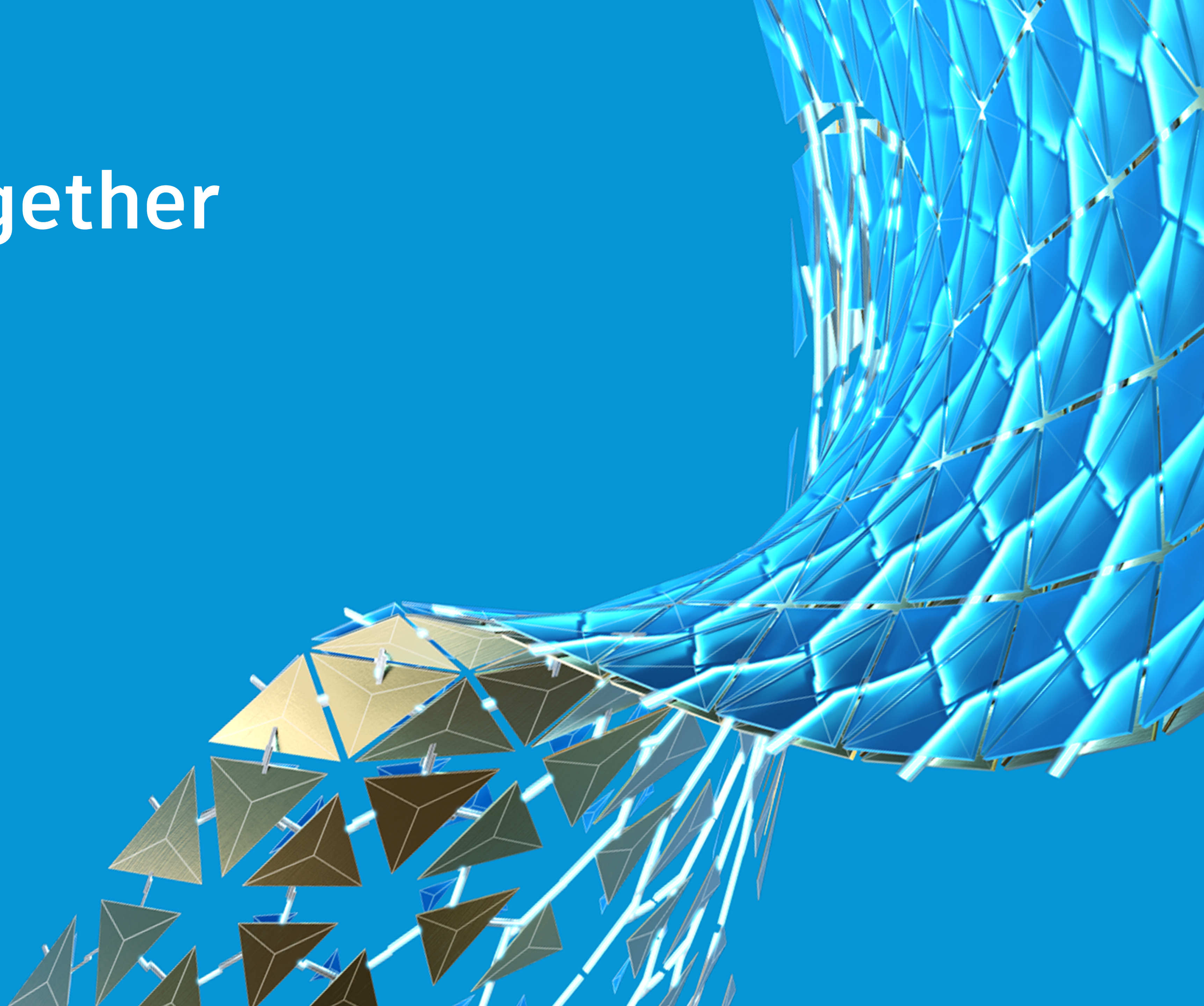


Build the visualization web experience

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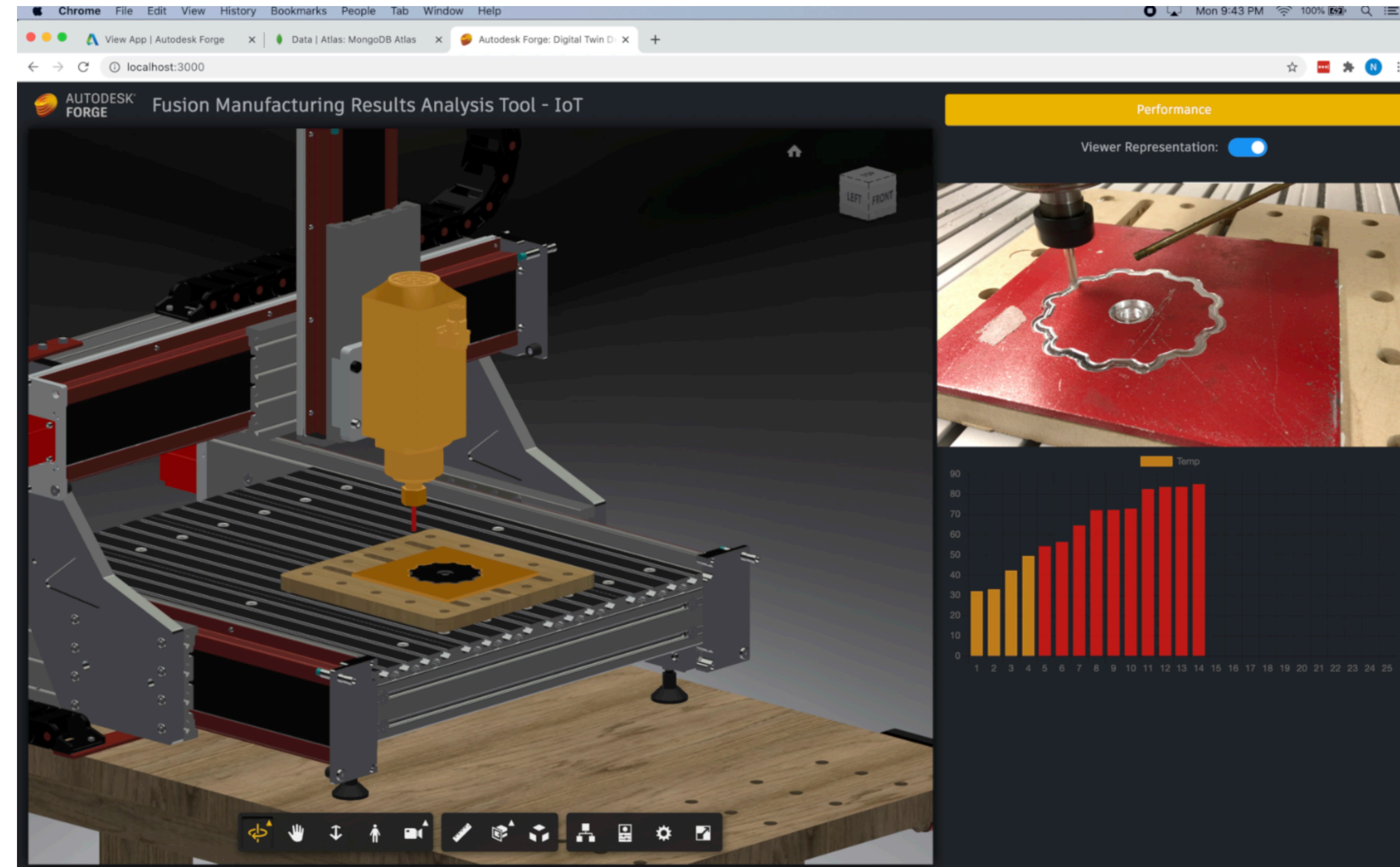


Put it all together

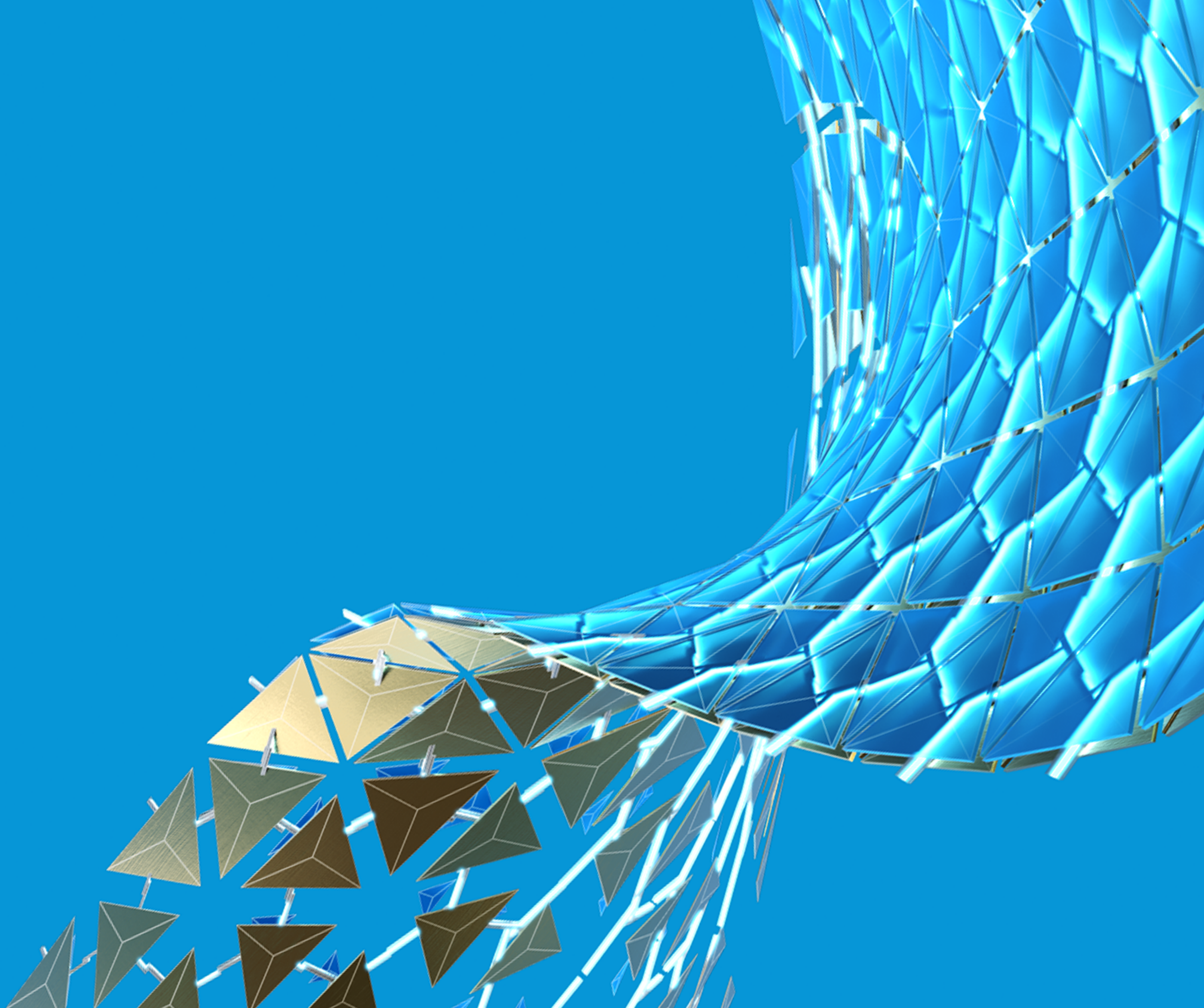


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- Watch the video as we put the demo in action!



Wrap-up



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Digital Resources and References

- **Download this Sample Project** > <https://github.com/Autodesk-Forge/forge-iot-cnc>
- **Forge API Documentation** > <https://forge.autodesk.com/developer/documentation>
- **Forge Viewer** > <https://forge.autodesk.com/en/docs/viewer/v7/overview/>
- **MongoDB Atlas** > <https://docs.atlas.mongodb.com/>
- **NodeMCU ESP8266** > <https://www.instructables.com/NodeMCU-ESP8266-Details-and-Pinout/>
- **MQTT** > <https://mqtt.org/mqtt-specification/>
- **Digital Thermometer (DS18B20)** > <https://datasheets.maximintegrated.com/en/ds/DS18B20.pdf>



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