

Evolution of Data Ingestion at Prezi



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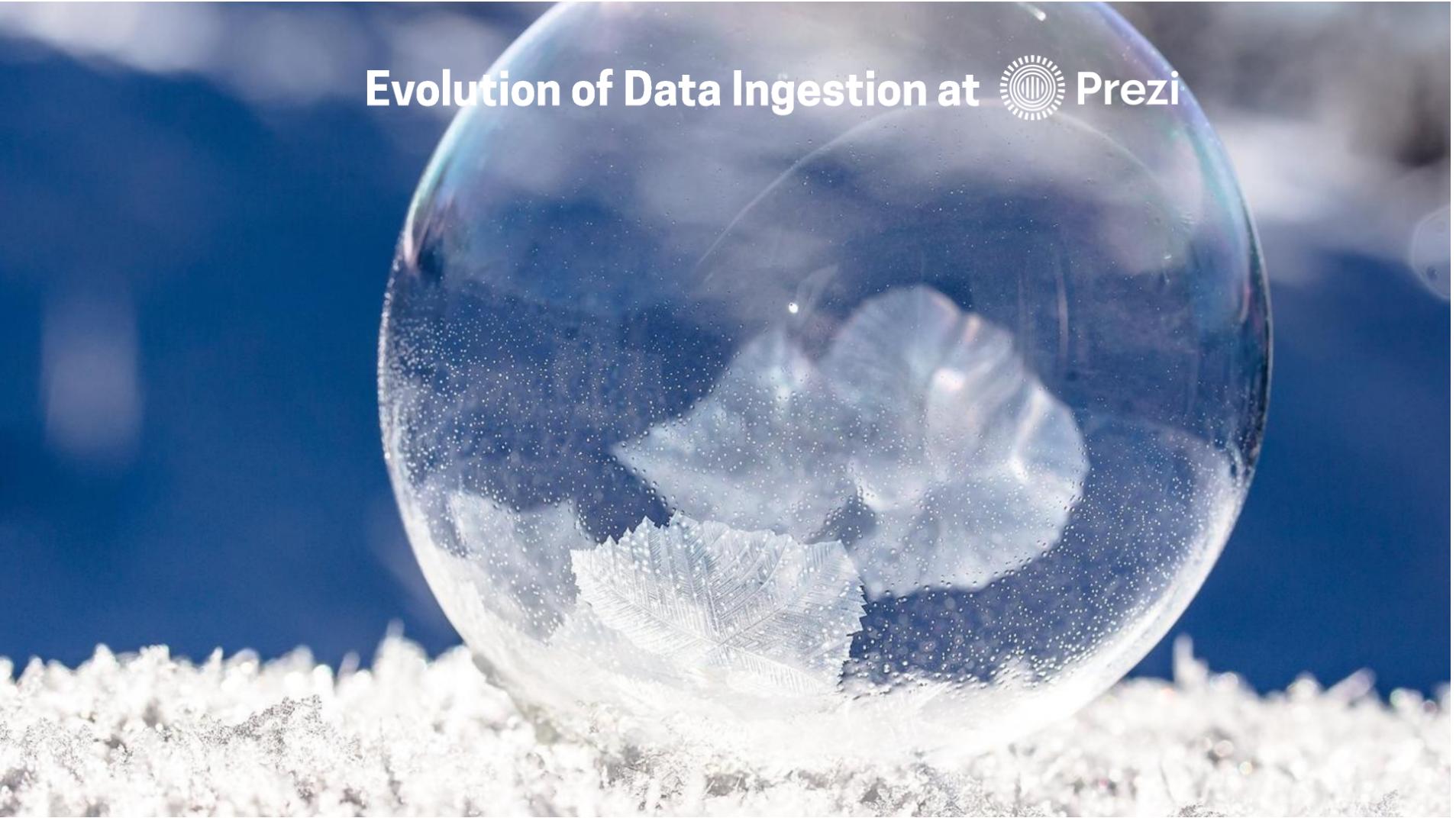
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About Prezi



100+ million
users

3.5+ billion
prezi views



Budapest

San
Francisco

Riga

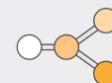


Data

Data
Team

Data
Consumers

Our data



Around 2 PB of data



~1 TB/day

Data Team

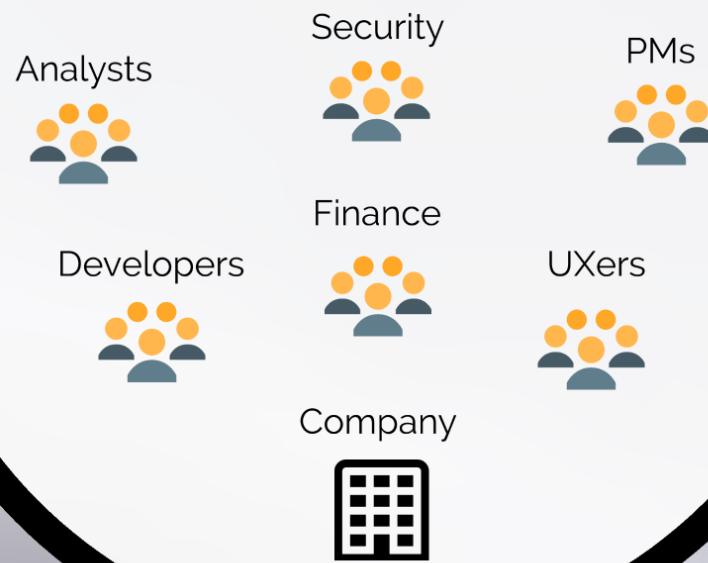
Data Science
& Analytics

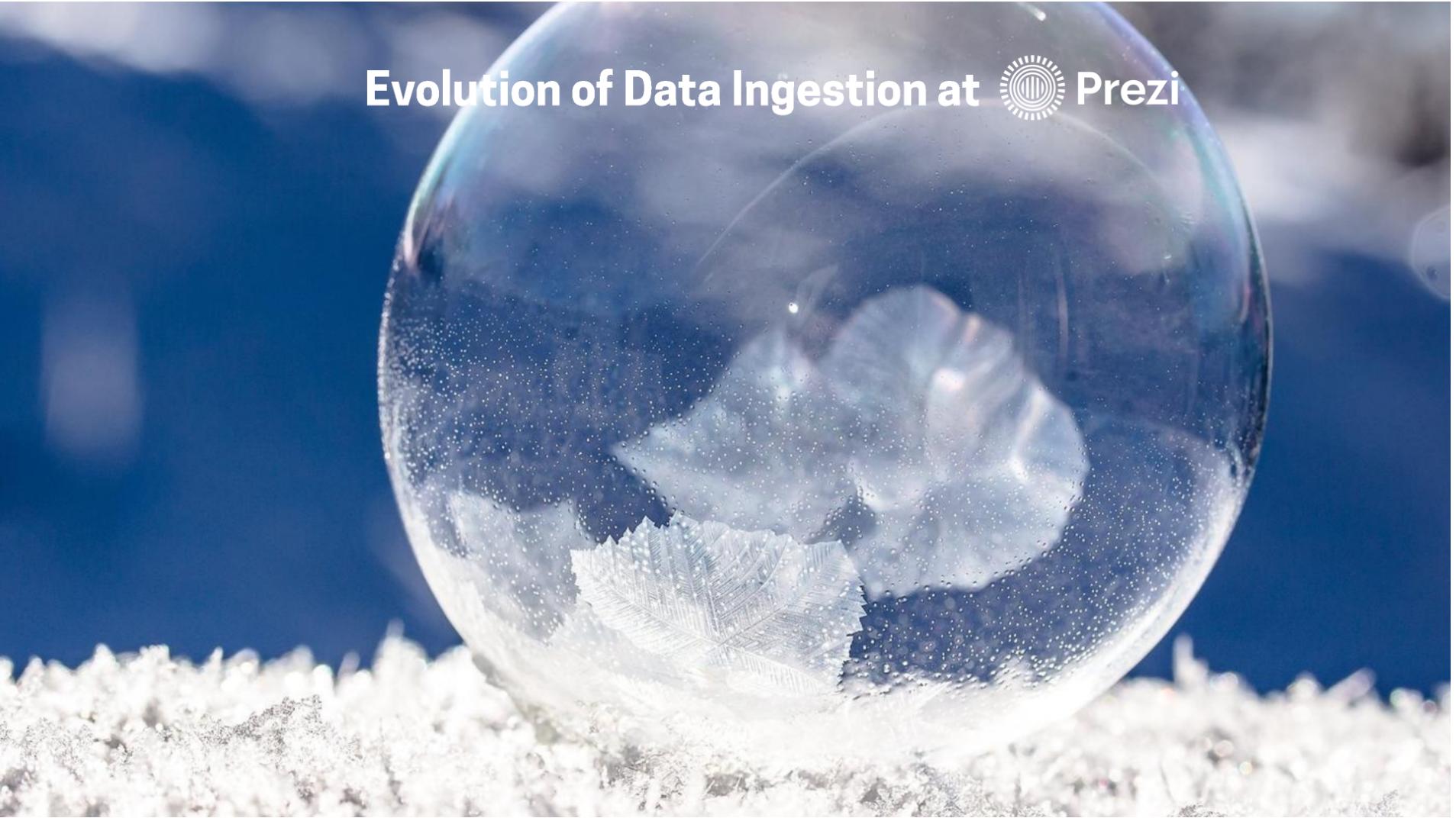


Data Platform
Engineering



Data Consumers





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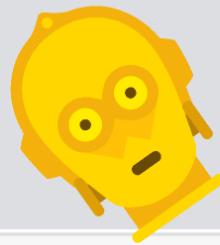


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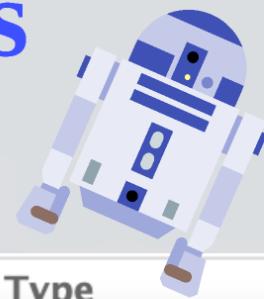
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errorcode	[reason]	string
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errorMessage		string
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errorObj		string
errors	Authentication problem	string
error_case		string
error_code		string
error_domain	NSURLErrorDomain	string
error_message		string
error_message	user_not_found	string
error_msg	token expired	string
error_msg	fjttj	string
error_phase		integer
error_reason	subprocess failed	string
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error_type		string
error_type	not_compatible	string
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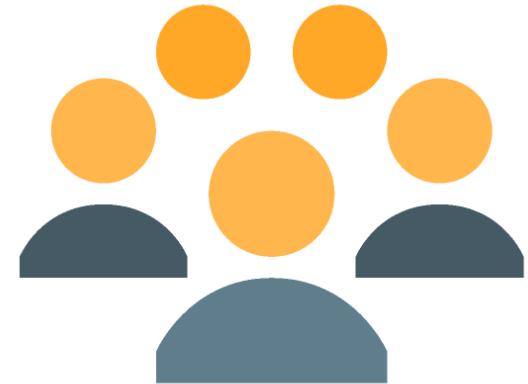
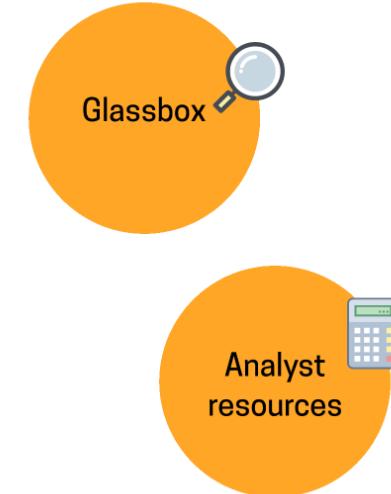


At the birth of data

"Glassbox" project with clear value proposition

Support and effort from both bottom and top

Rewiring the whole product



Glassbox

- 1 Reduce time from question/idea to insight
- 2 Improve quality and consistency of logs
- 3 Empower more parts of the organisation

Shift in focus



Way less "garbage in" due to SDKs, approval process, and quality checks



Less data cleansing and ETL maintenance



Less time spent to answer "Is this what I think it is?"



More deep dive analysis

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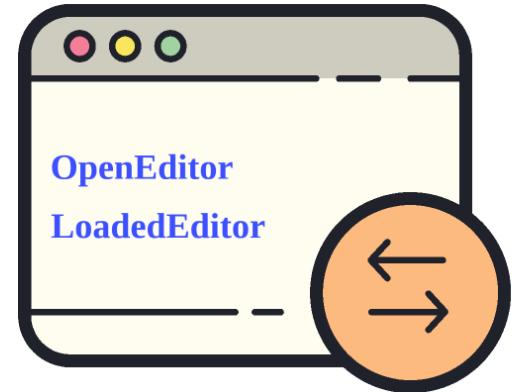
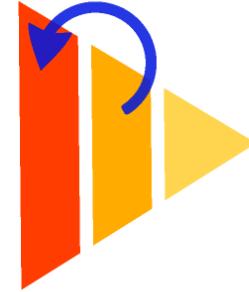
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Enforced review process

- 1 Transparency // job story loops, click flows
- 2 Naming convention // track user intent
(and some technical events)
- 3 Events and info attached universal across platforms

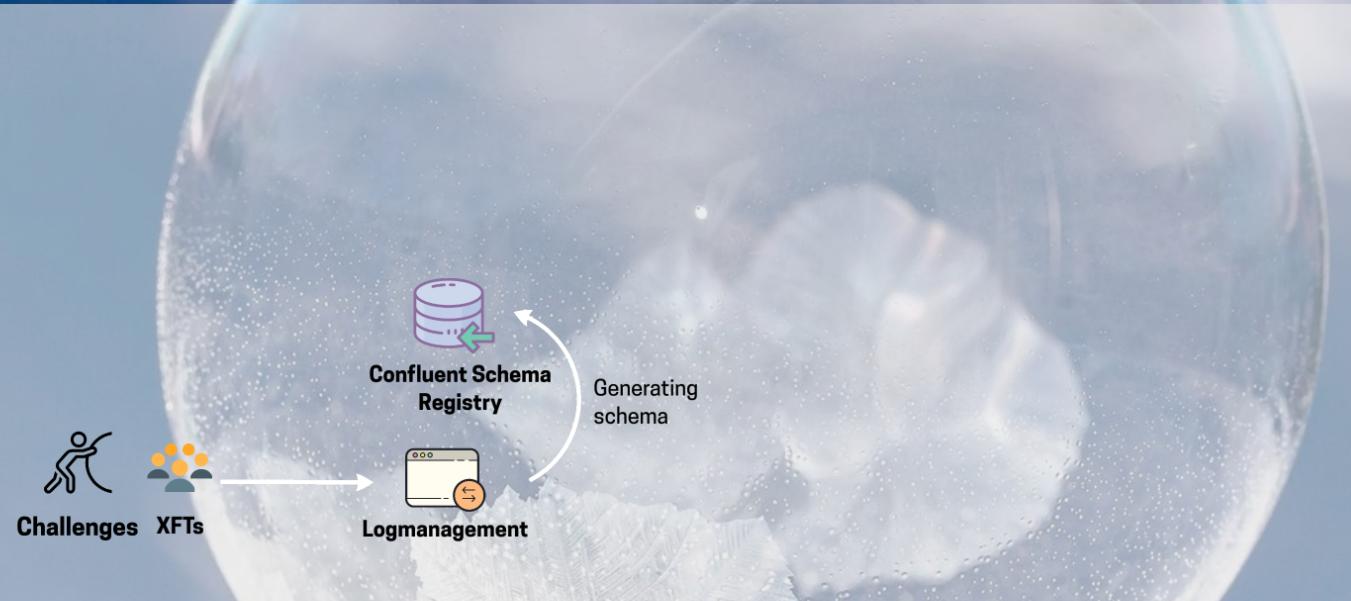
Each event lives in one place and has to get
APPROVAL from the admins before
developers can touch the code



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Generating schema for every platform

Platform specific strict schema

```
{  
  "name": "platform",  
  "type": [  
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     "name": "Platform",  
     "fields": [  
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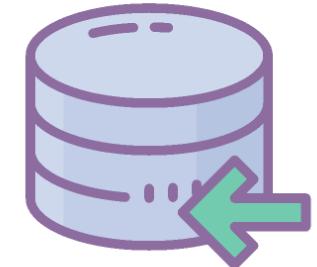
No Compatibility

Generic loose schema

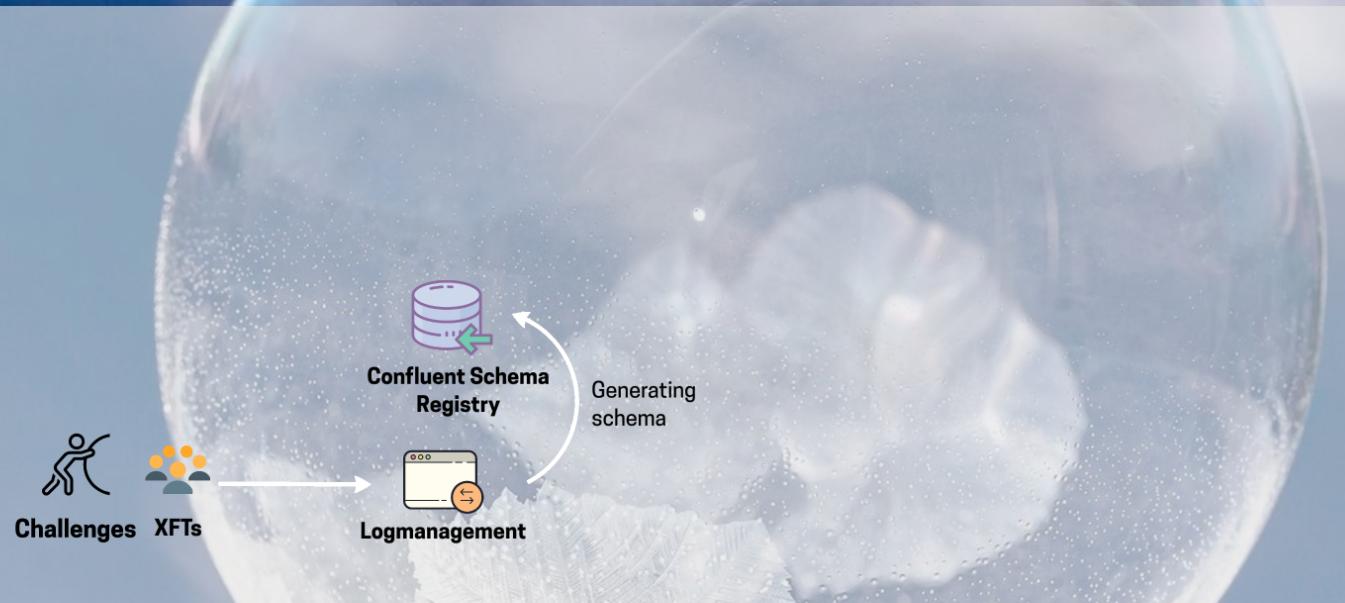
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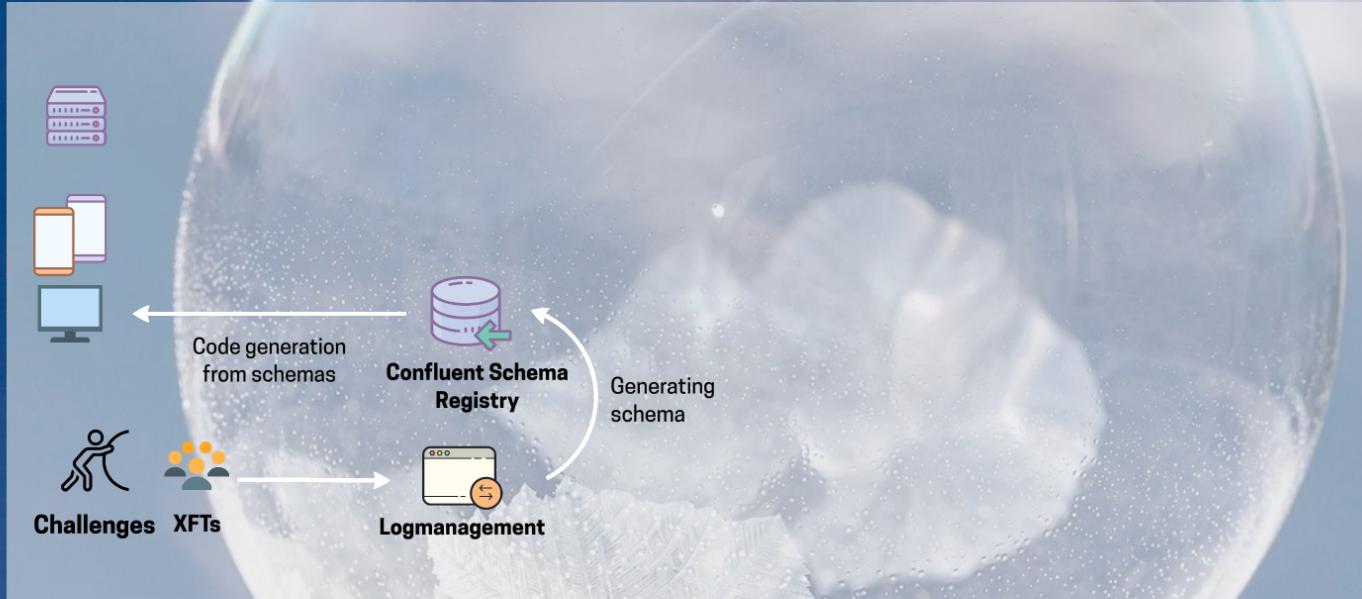
Full compatibility



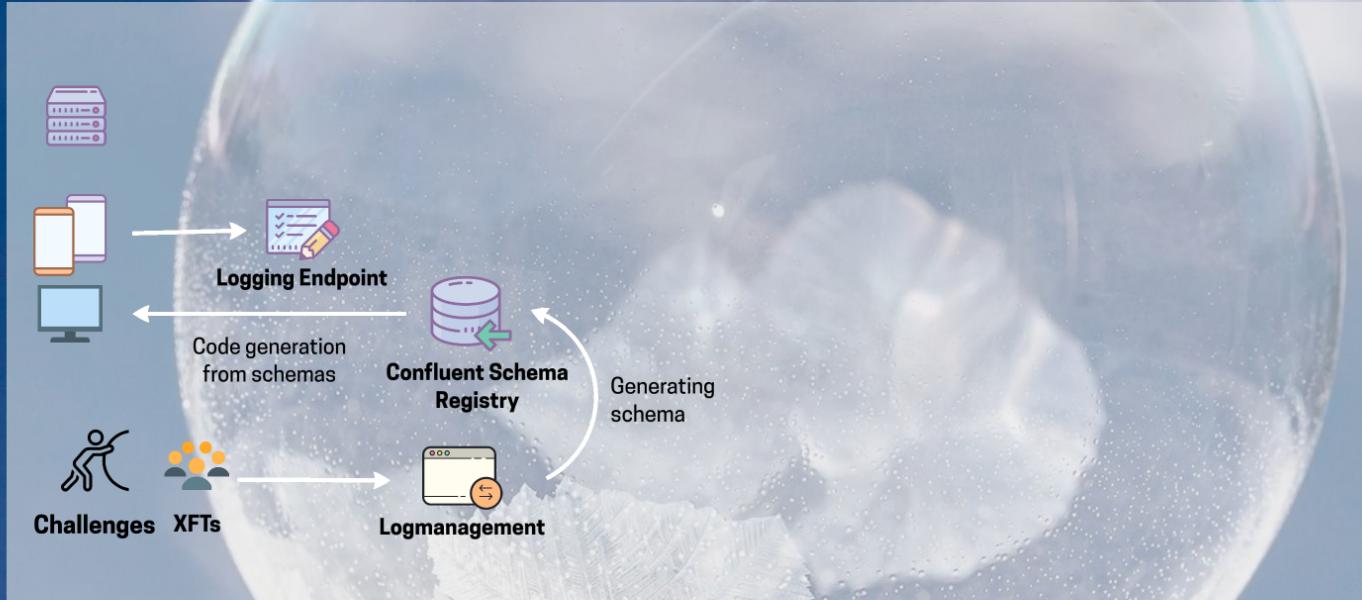
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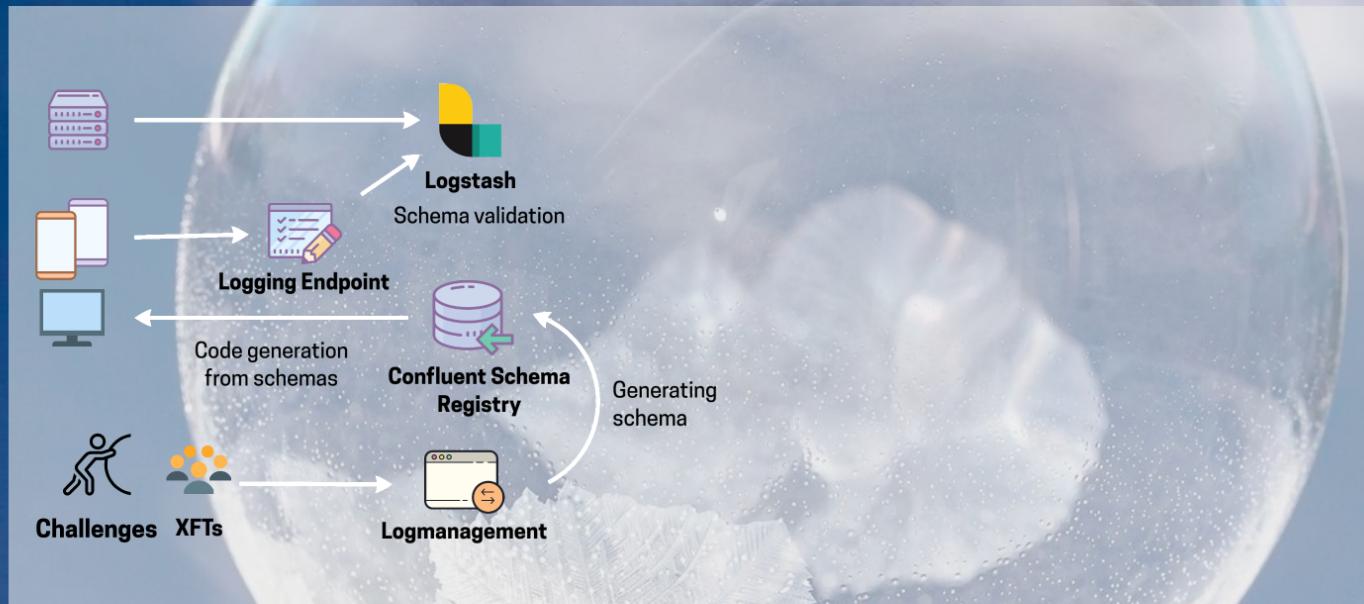
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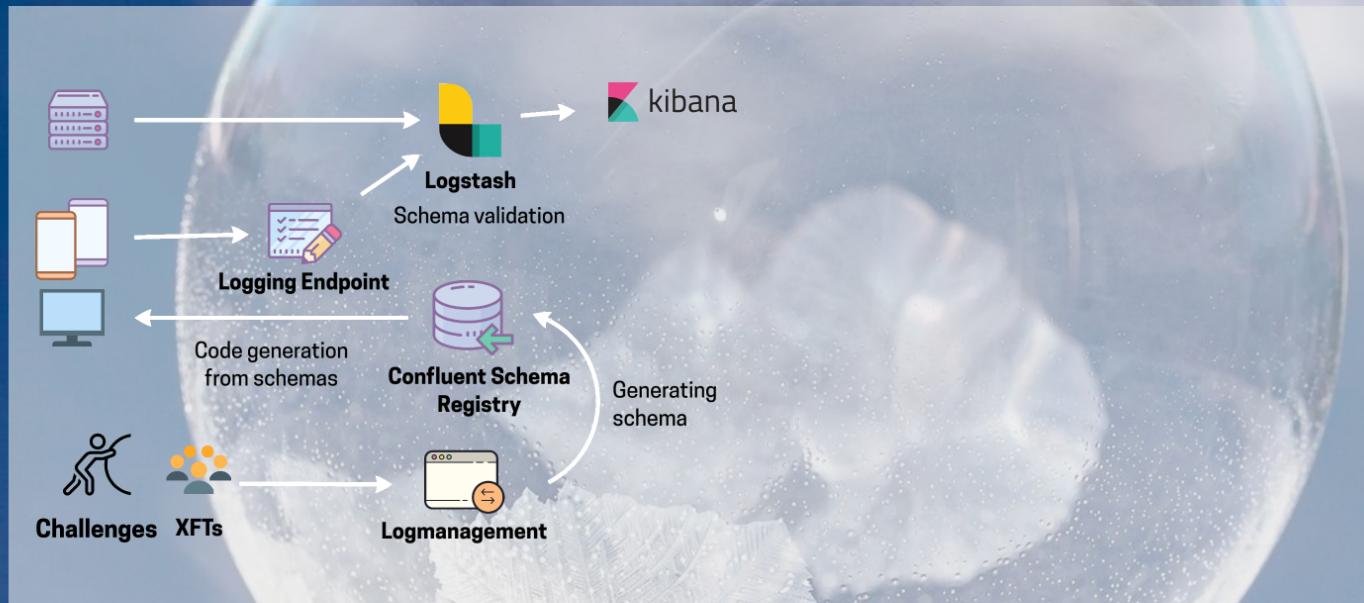
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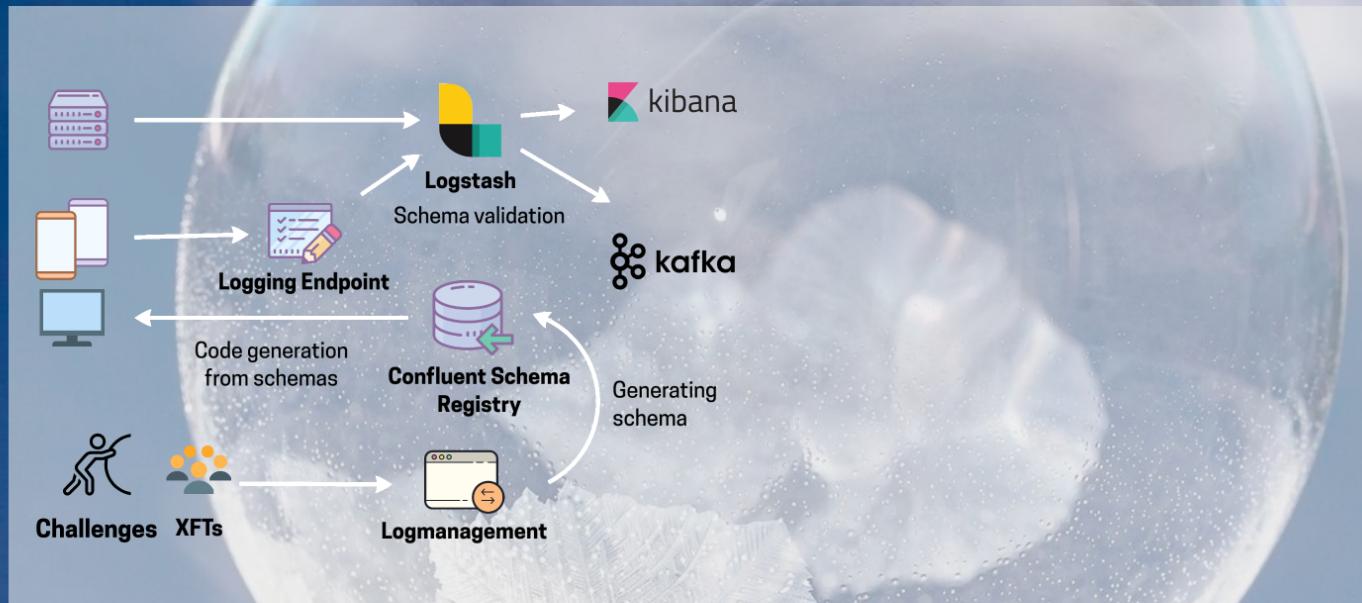
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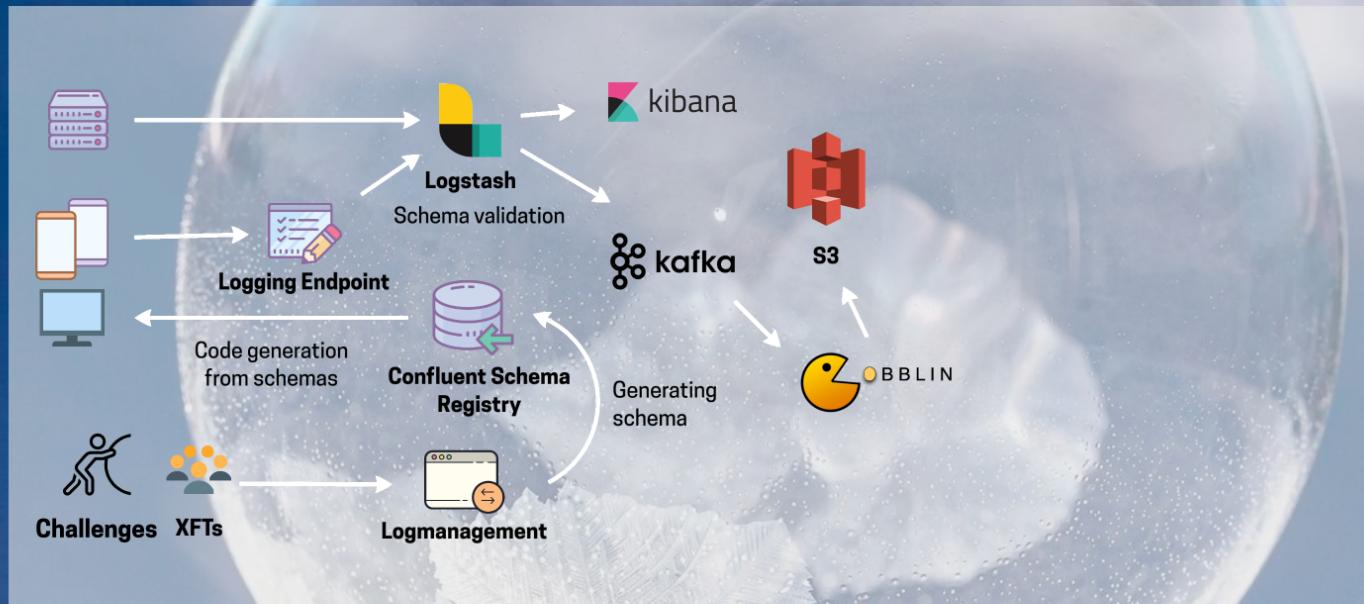
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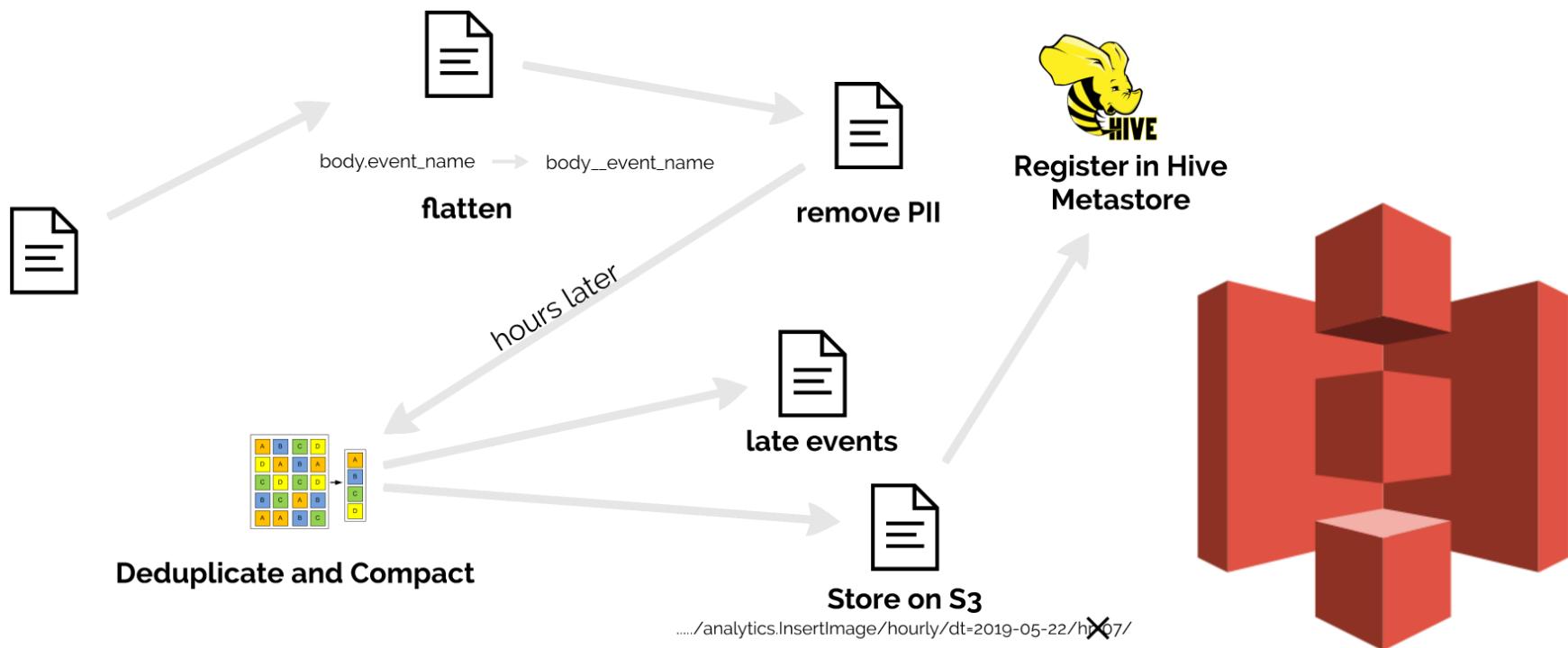
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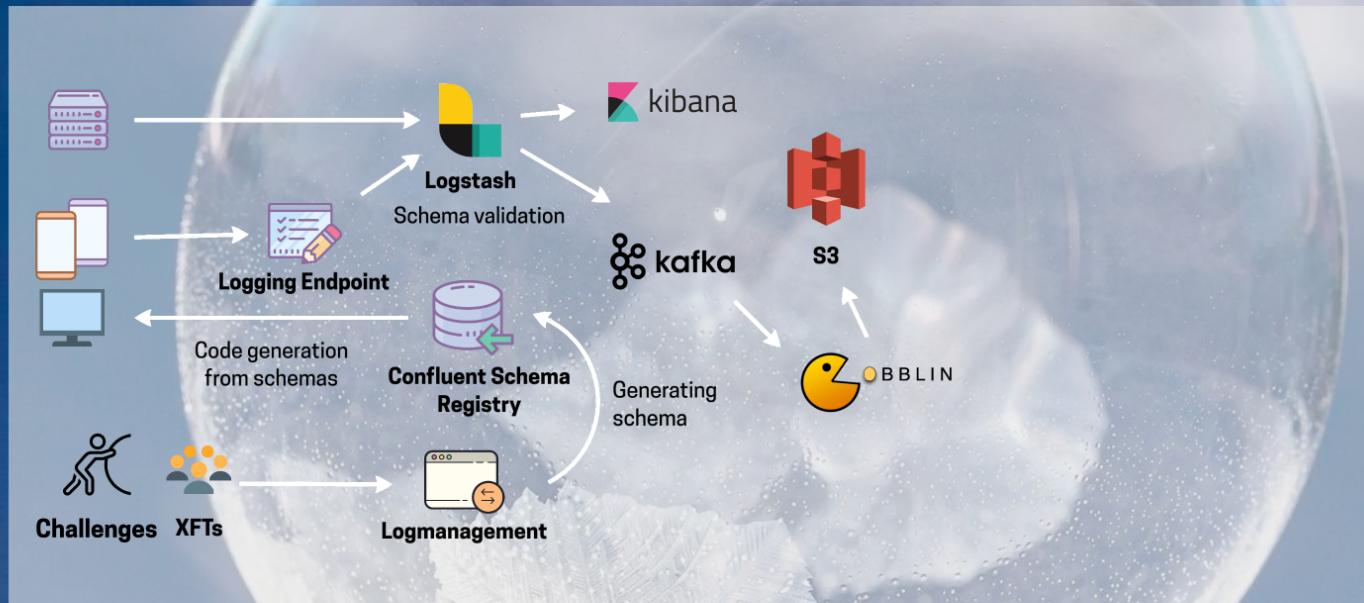
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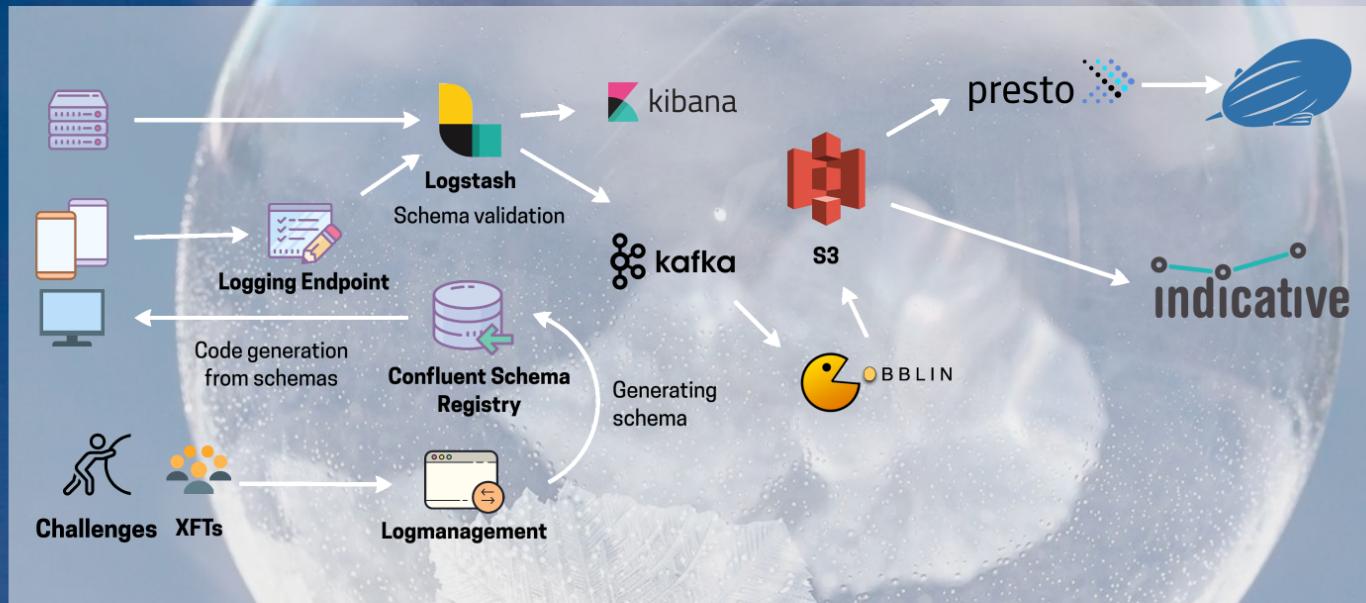
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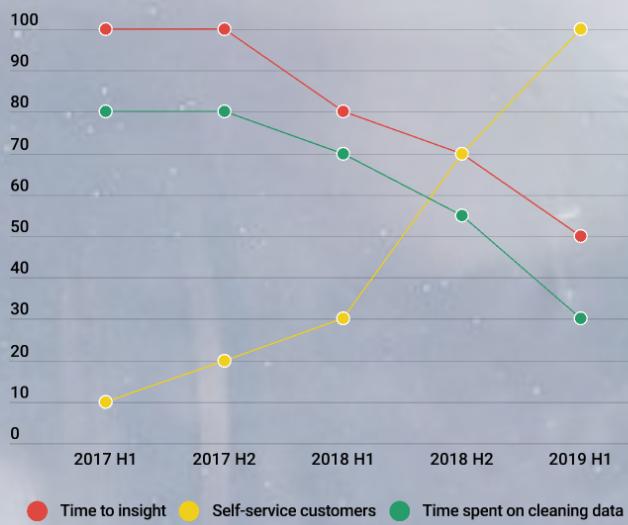
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Results



DS&A
team

Company

Next steps

Better utilized analyst resources



Time spent on cleaning data went down



Less interrupts due to self-service analytics



Shift to an even more strategic role

Better access to data



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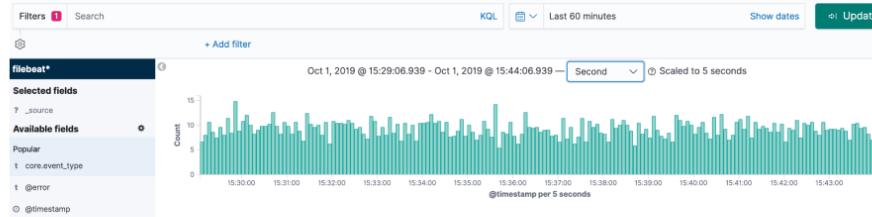
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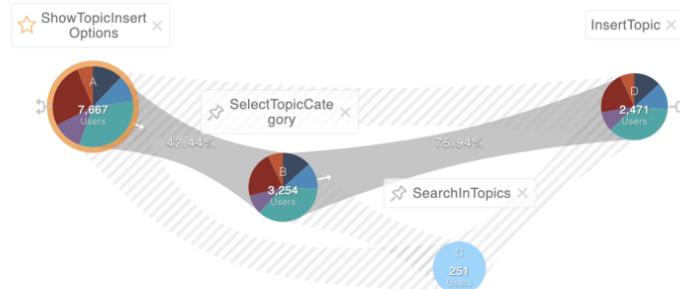
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Decreased time to catch bugs in logging

Decreased time to DWH

Decreased time to insight



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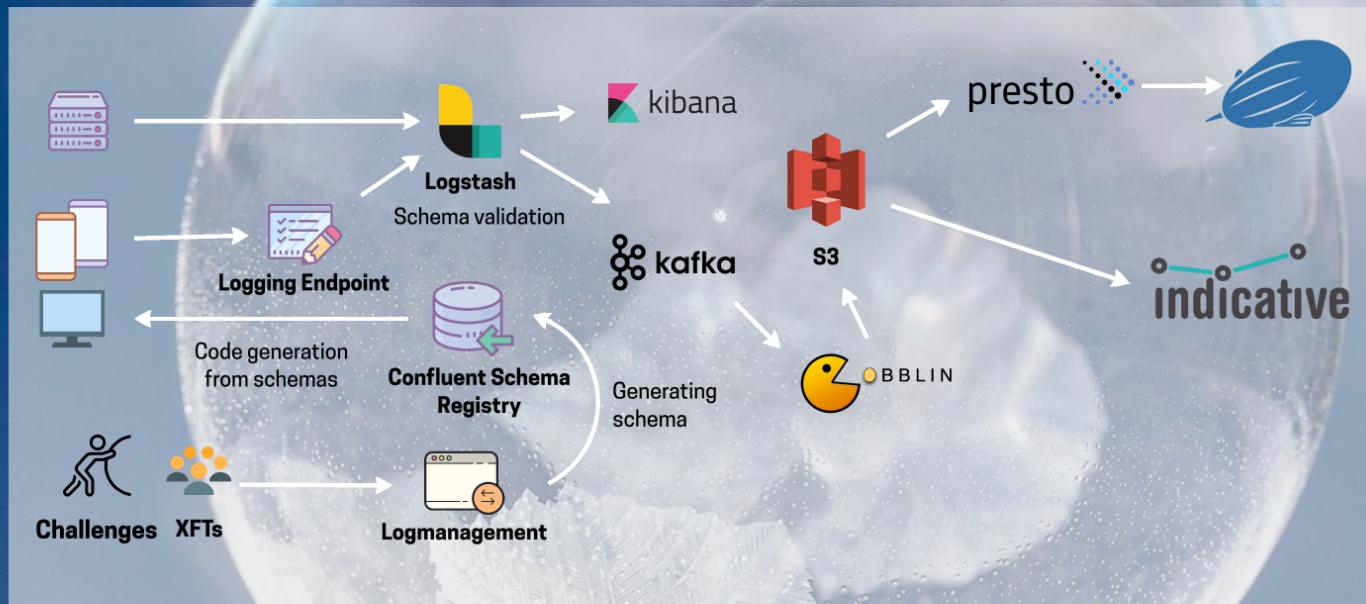


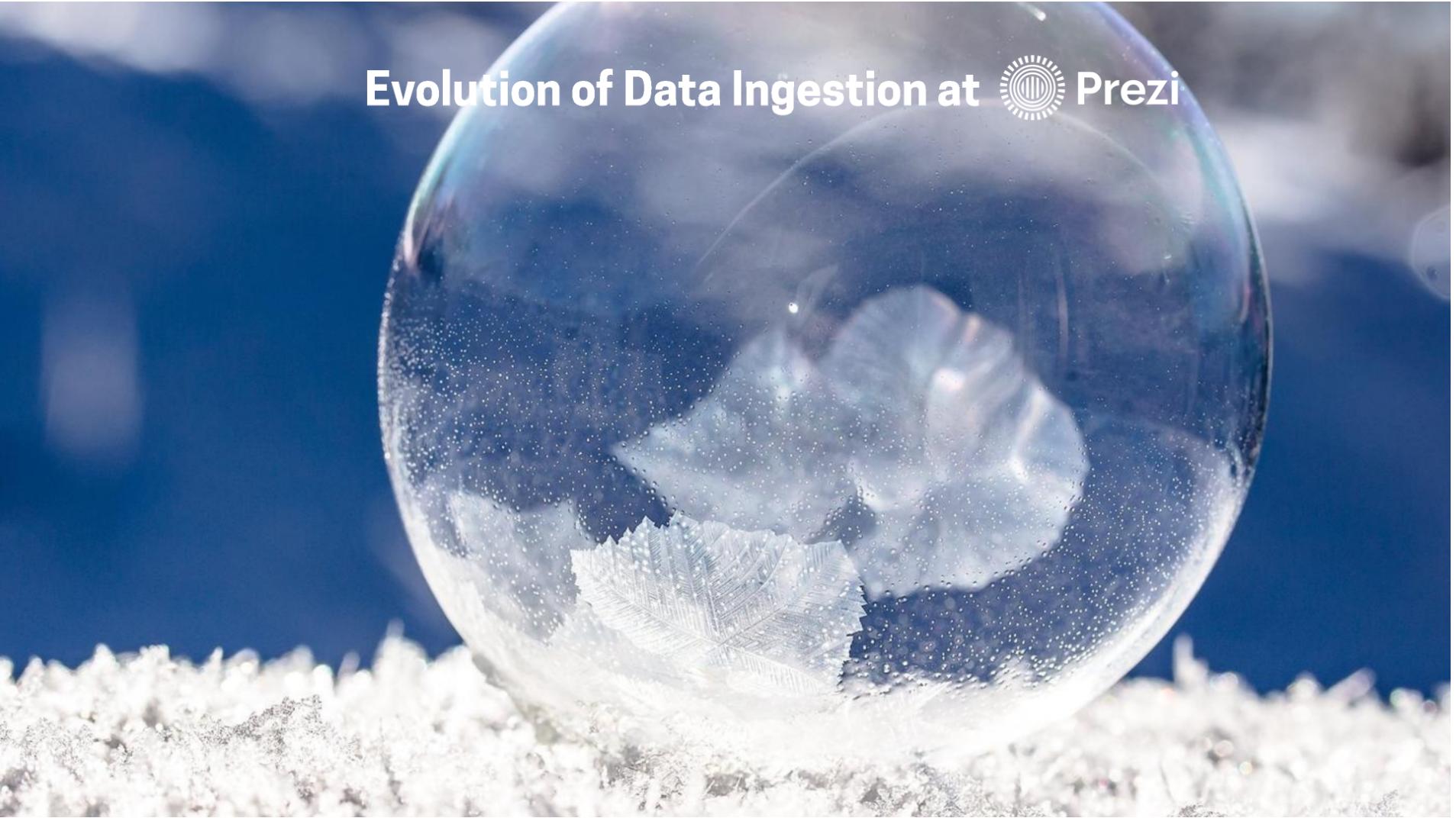
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More widespread use of real-time usage triggers

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