

# Privacy-Preserving Analytics in and out of the Clouds

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# Compute-First Networking

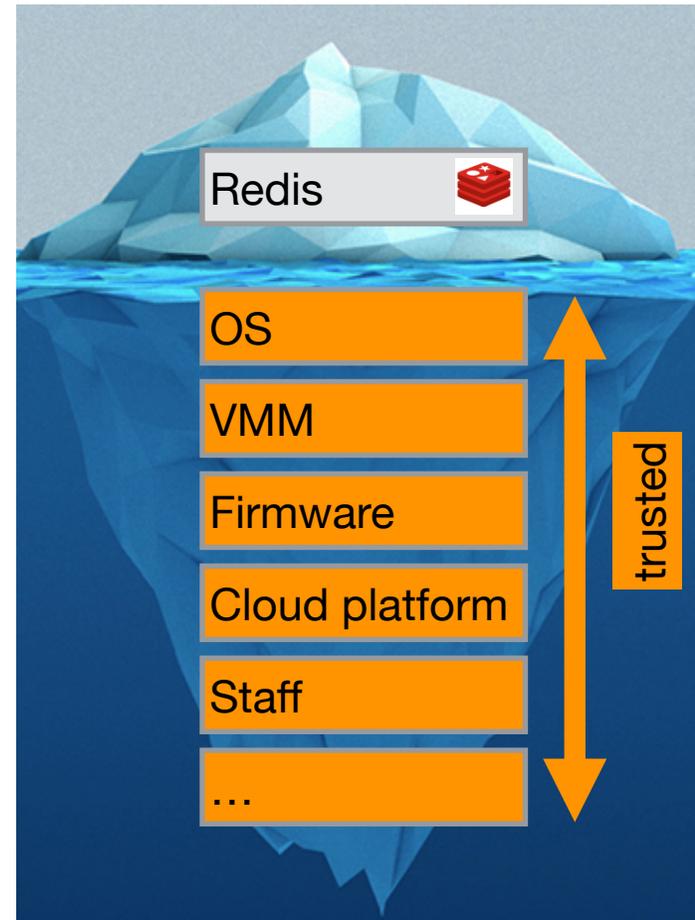
- Should do to IP, what IP did to POTS
- Need to think 40-50 years ahead in s/w terms
- Scale up ( $10^{23}$  nodes per person)
- Verification or Generative (correct & smaller by design) code
- Invariants (C (max latency), plank's constant (min size)) matter more...

# 1 In Cloud. Trust Issues: Provider Perspective

Cloud provider does not trust users

Use virtual machines to isolate users from each other and the host

VMs only provide one way protection

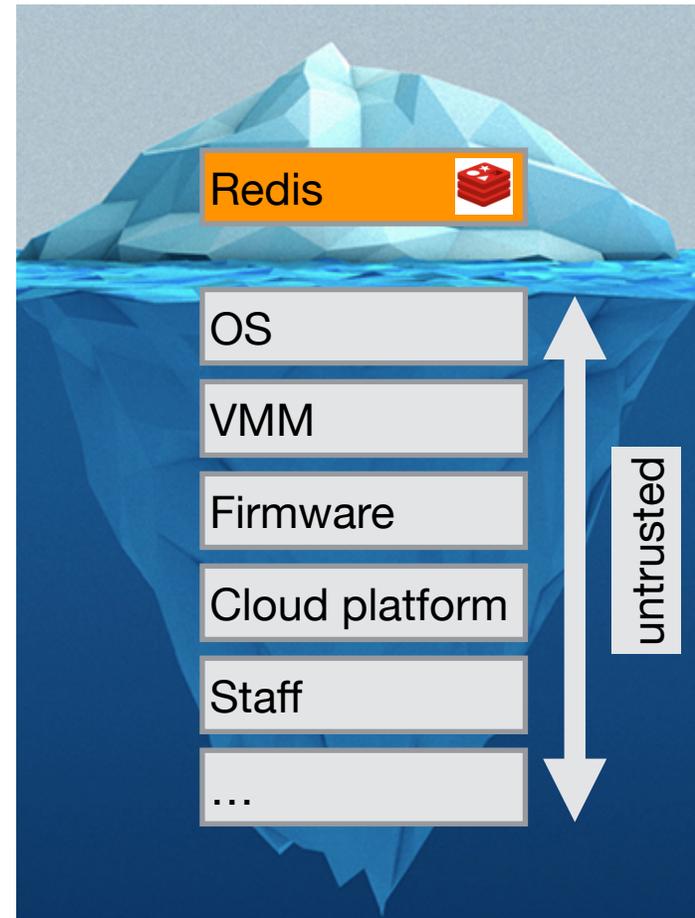


# Trust Issues: User Perspective

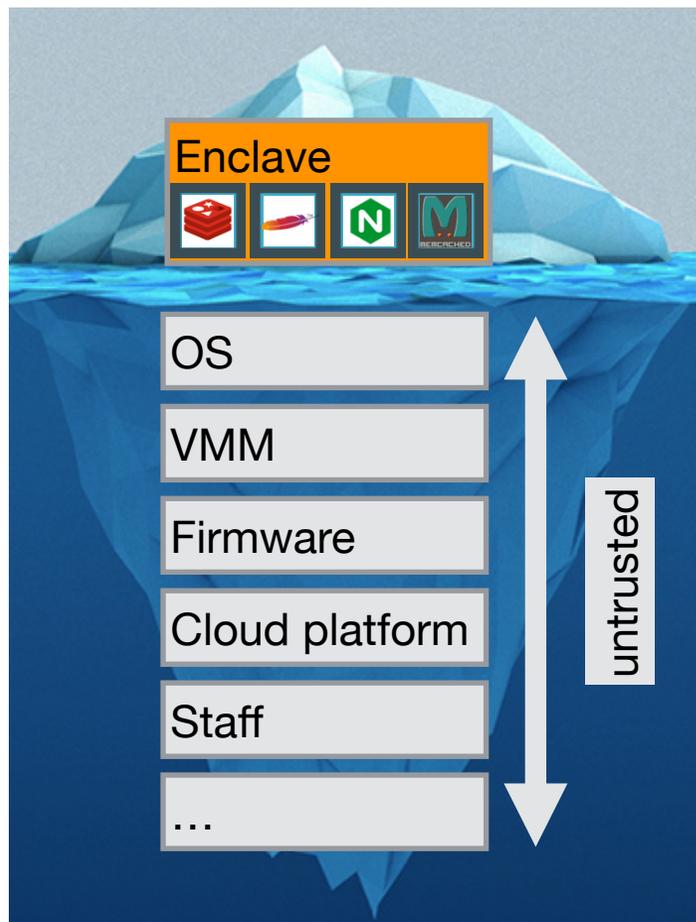
Users trust their applications

Users must implicitly trust  
cloud provider

Existing applications implicitly  
assume trusted operating system



# Trusted Execution Support with Intel SGX



Users create HW-enforced trusted environment (enclave)

Supports unprivileged user code

Protects against strong attacker model

Remote attestation

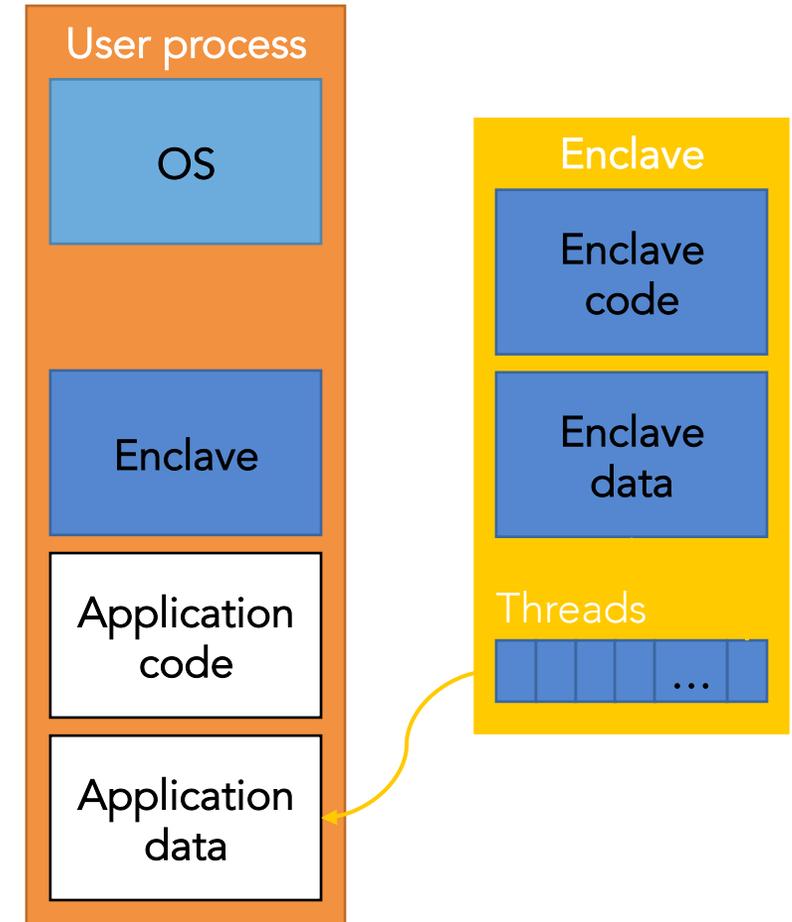
Available on commodity CPUs



# Trusted Execution Environments

Trusted execution environment (TEE)  
in process

- Own code & data
- Controlled entry points
- Provides **confidentiality & integrity**
- Supports multiple threads
- Full access to application memory



# Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX)

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Extension of Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) in recent Intel CPUs

- Skylake (2015), Kaby lake (2016)

Protects confidentiality and integrity of code & data in untrusted environments

- Platform owner considered malicious
- Only CPU chip and isolated region trusted

# SGX Enclaves

SGX introduces notion of **enclave**

- Isolated memory region for code & data
- New CPU instructions to manipulate enclaves and new enclave execution mode

Enclave memory **encrypted** and **integrity-protected** by hardware

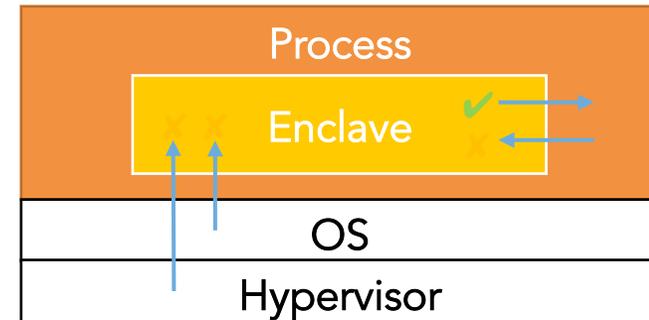
- Memory encryption engine (MEE)
- No plaintext secrets in main memory

Enclave memory can be accessed only by enclave code

- Protection from privileged code (OS, hypervisor)

Application has ability to defend secrets

- Attack surface reduced to just enclaves and CPU
- Compromised software cannot steal application secrets



# SGX SDK Code Sample

## SGX application: untrusted code

```
char request_buf[BUFFER_SIZE];
char response_buf[BUFFER_SIZE];

int main()
{
    ...
    while(1)
    {
        receive(request_buf);
        ret = EENTER(request_buf, response_buf);
        if (ret < 0)
            fprintf(stderr, "Corrupted message\n");
        else
            send(response_buf);
    }
    ...
}
```

## Enclave: trusted code

```
char input_buf[BUFFER_SIZE];
char output_buf[BUFFER_SIZE];

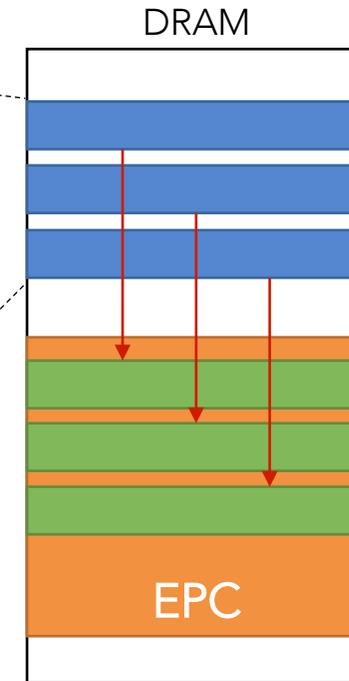
int process_request(char *in, char *out)
{
    copy_msg(in, input_buf);
    if(verify_MAC(input_buf))
    {
        decrypt_msg(input_buf);
        process_msg(input_buf, output_buf);
        encrypt_msg(output_buf);
        copy_msg(output_buf, out);
        EEXIT(0);
    } else
        EEXIT(-1);
}
```

Server:

- Receives encrypted requests
- Processes them in enclave
- Sends encrypted responses

# SGX Enclave Construction

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2 { char output_buf[BUFFER_SIZE];  
  
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Enclave populated using special instruction (**EADD**)

- Contents initially in untrusted memory
- Copied into EPC in 4KB pages

Both data & code copied before execution commences in enclave

# SGX Support for Spark

## SGX-Spark

- Protect data processing from infrastructure provider
- Protect confidentiality & integrity of existing jobs
- No modifications for end users
- Acceptable performance overhead

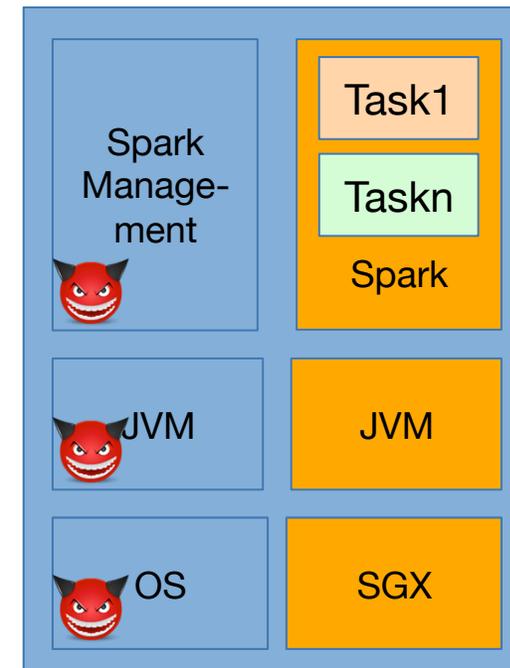
Idea:

Execute only sensitive parts of Spark inside enclave

- Code that accesses/processes sensitive data

Code outside of enclave only accesses encrypted data

- Partition Spark
- Run two collaborating JVMs, inside enclave and outside of enclave

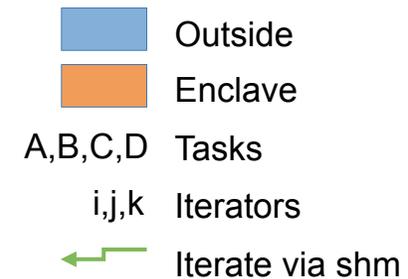
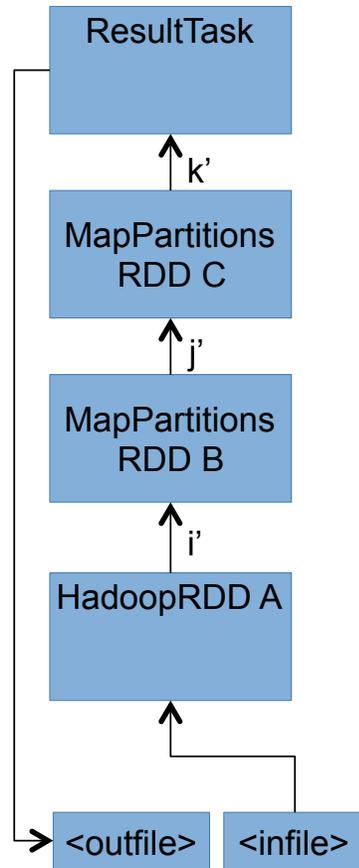


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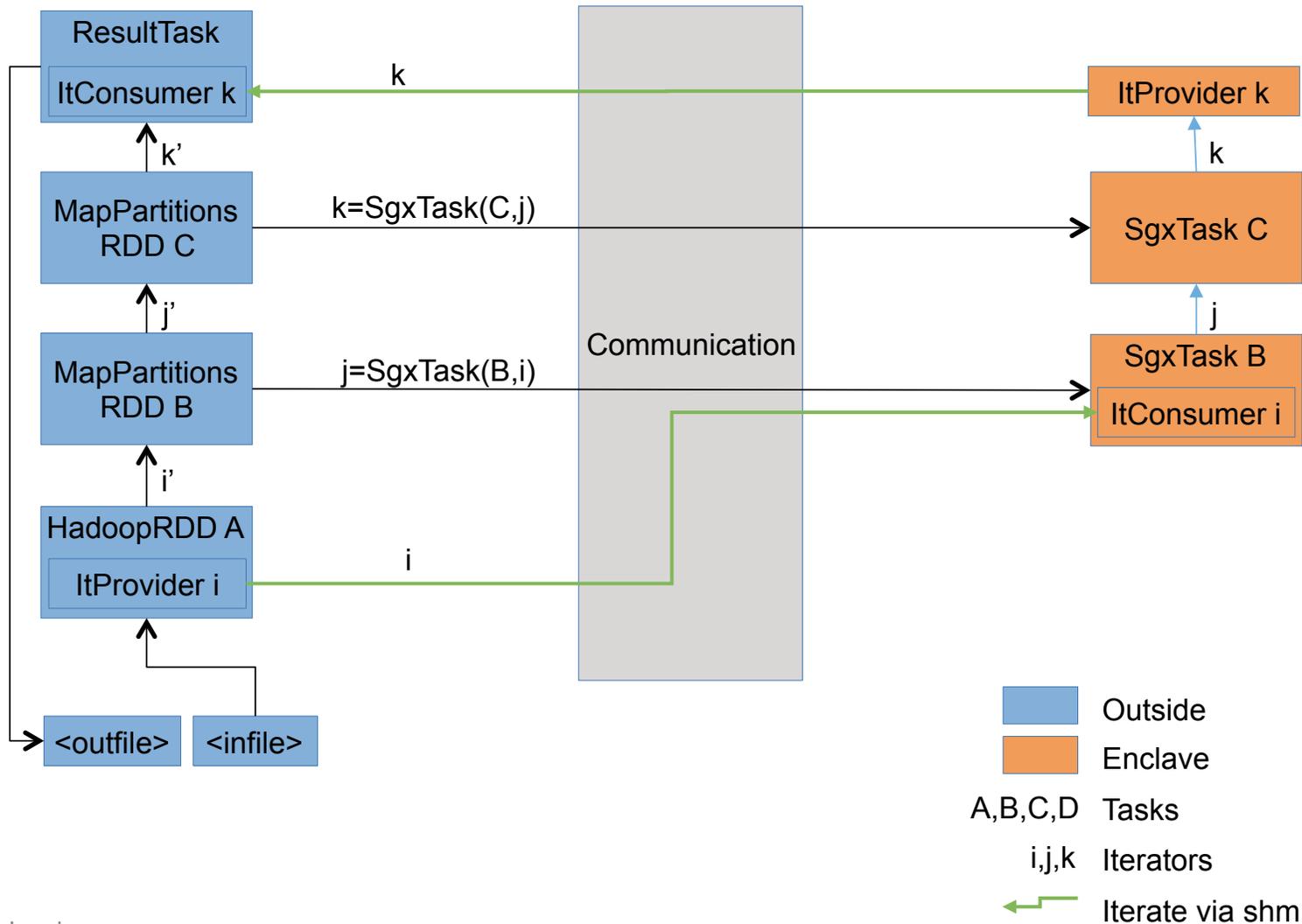
Goal: Move minimal amount of Spark code to enclave

Outside	Enclave
<b>HadoopRDD</b> Provide iterator over input data partition (encrypted)	
<b>MapPartitionsRDD</b> Execute user-provided function (f) (eg <code>flatMap(line =&gt; {line.split(" ")})</code> ) (i) Serialise user-provided function $f$ (ii) Send $f$ and $it$ to enclave JVM (iv) Receive result iterator $it\_result$	(iii) Decrypt input data (iv) Compute $f(it) = it\_result$ (v) Encrypt result
<b>ExternalSorter</b> Execute user-provided reduce function $g$ (eg <code>reduceByKey{case (x, y) =&gt; x + y}</code> )	(iii) Decrypt input data (iv) Compute $g(it2) = it2\_result$ (v) Encrypt result
<b>ResultTask</b> Output results	

# Partitioning Spark



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## 2. Alternatives (as well as)

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- MPC
  - Hard to comprehend
  - High latency
- Homomorphic Cryptography
  - Easier to understand
  - Lower throughput
- Differential Privacy or K-Anon or Fuzzing
  - Easier still to understand
  - Limited number of duty cycles



### 3. The HAT ecosystem – Not a Cloud == Databox in the Wild

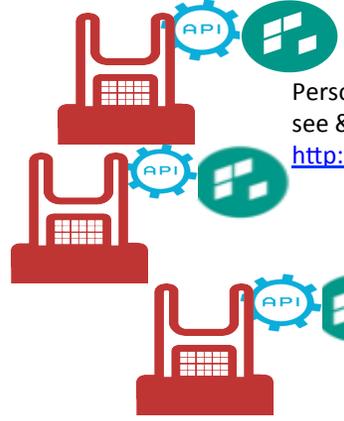
*To evolve and emerge a digital service ecosystem of organisations and people where individuals are able to acquire, use, control and exchange their own data for their own good and the good of society*

*Ownership Model:*

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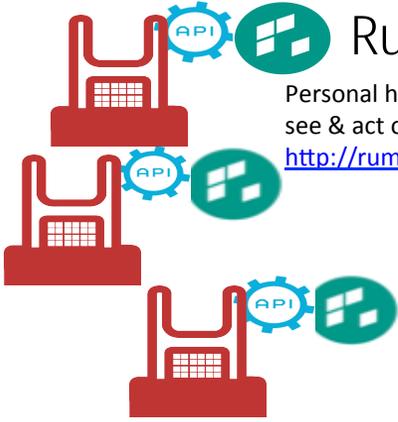
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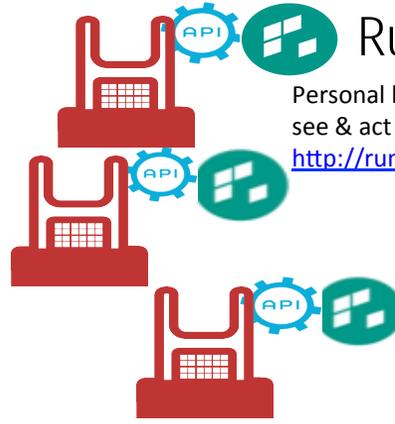
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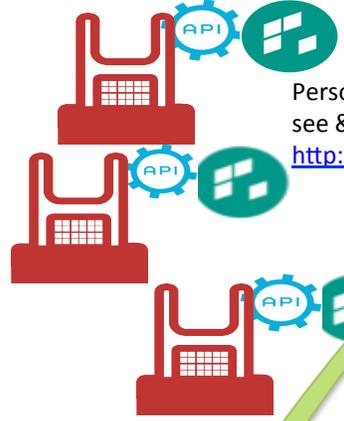
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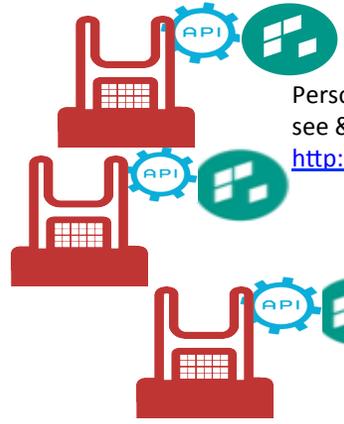
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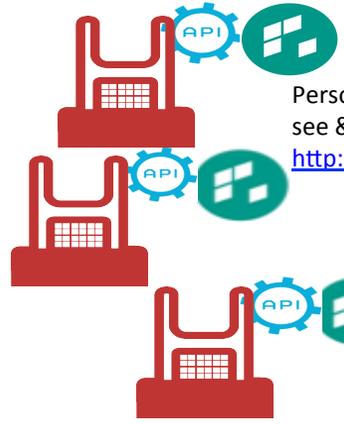
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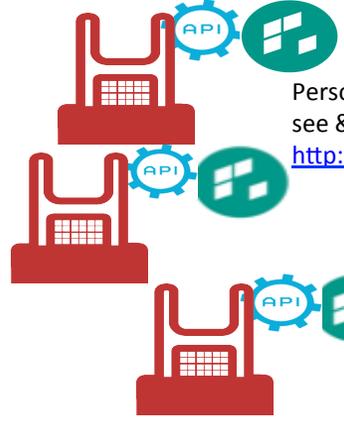


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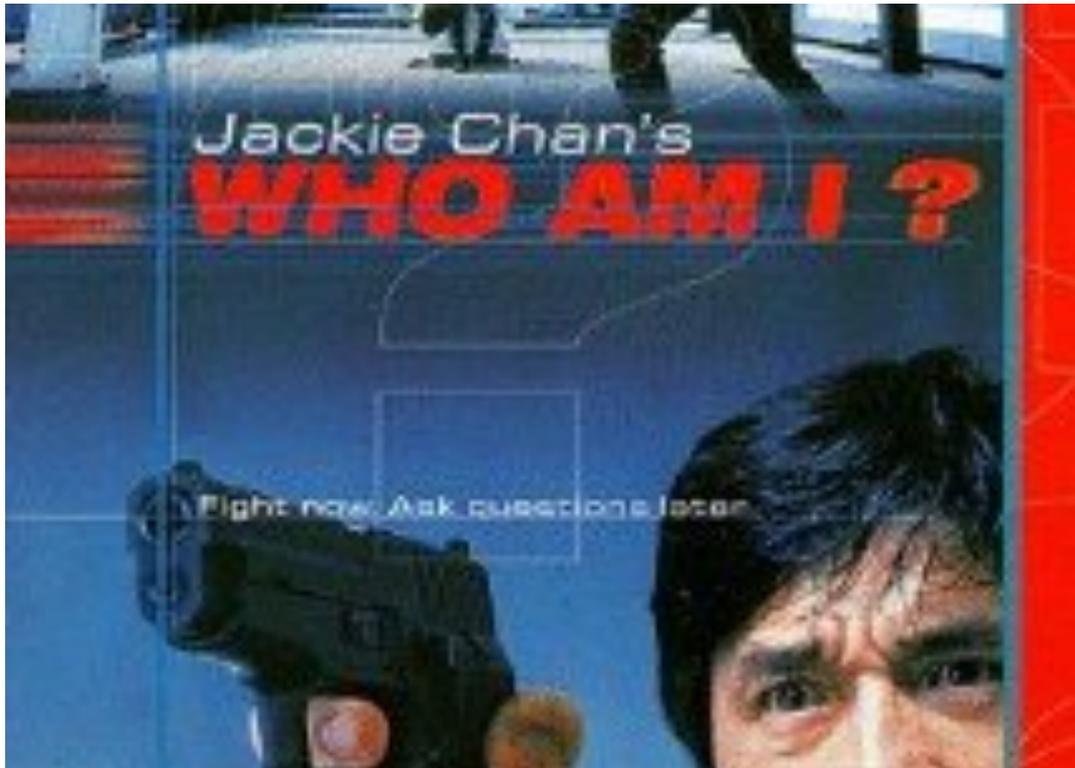


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