INTRODUCTION TO EDGE AI

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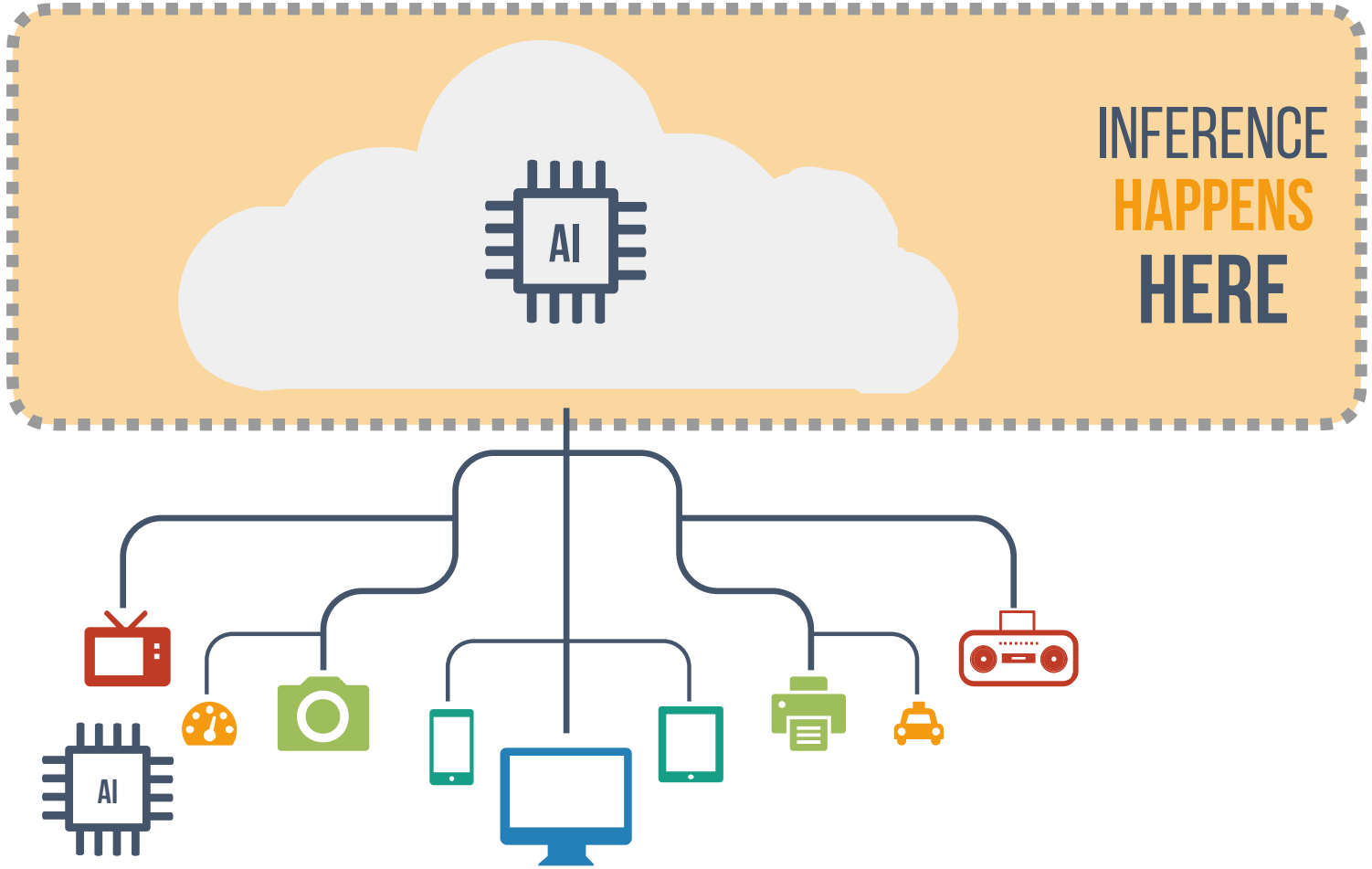

1. **Scalability**
   Cloud AI systems are highly scalable, allowing for adjustments based on the workload and user demand.

2. **Accessibility**
   Users can access these technologies from anywhere in the world, requiring only an internet connection.

3. **Cost-Effectiveness**
   You can utilize AI tools and computing power on a pay-as-you-go basis, which helps manage costs effectively.

4. **Integration and Collaboration**
   The integration enables seamless data flow and collaboration across different platforms and teams.

5. **Continuous Improvements**
   Cloud AI services are maintained by providers who ensure that the AI models are continuously updated.

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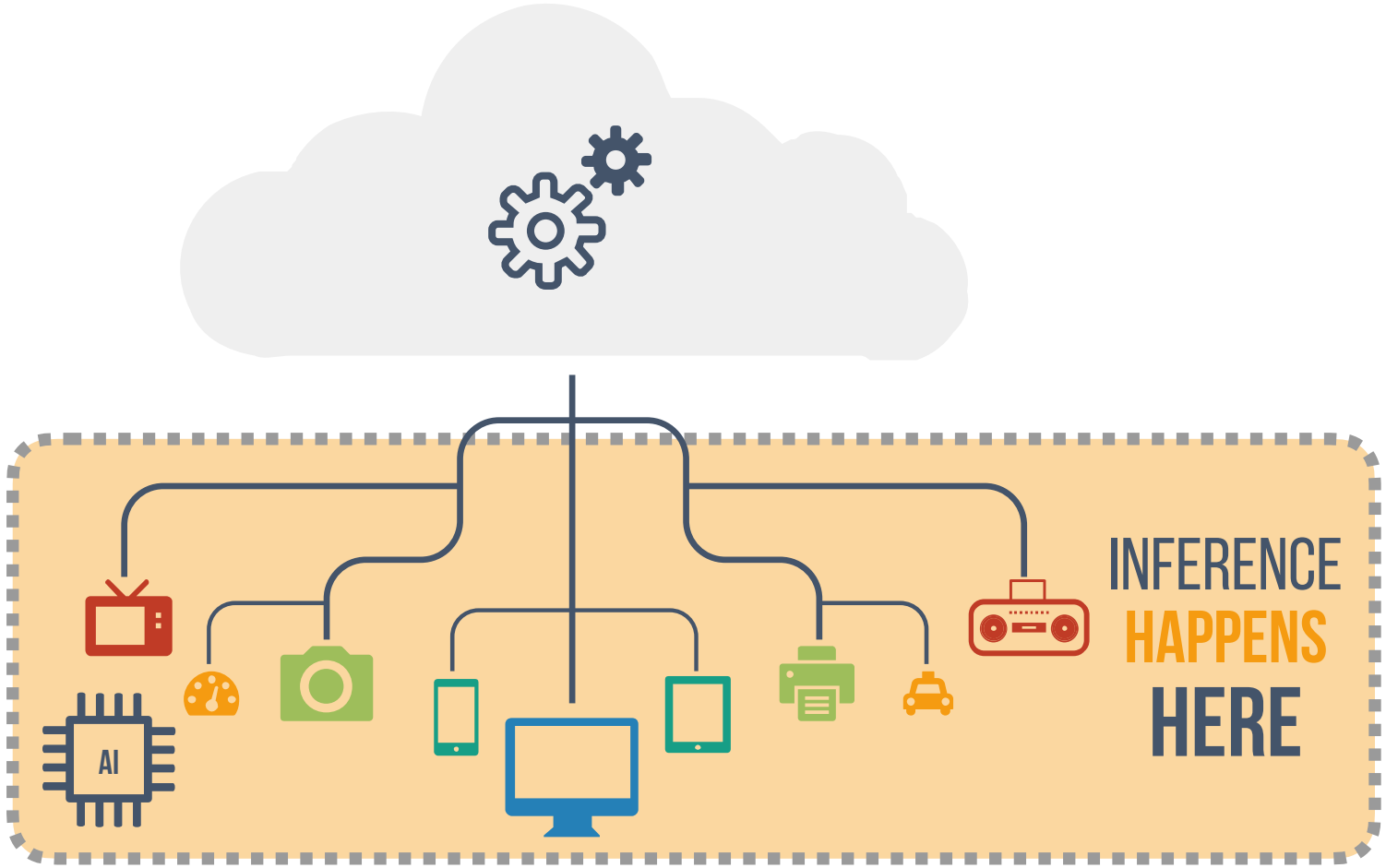


1. **Low Latency**
   Local processing significantly reduces response times and improves the performance of real-time applications.

2. **Reduced Bandwidth**
   By processing data on the device itself, Edge AI decreases the volume of data transmitted over the network.

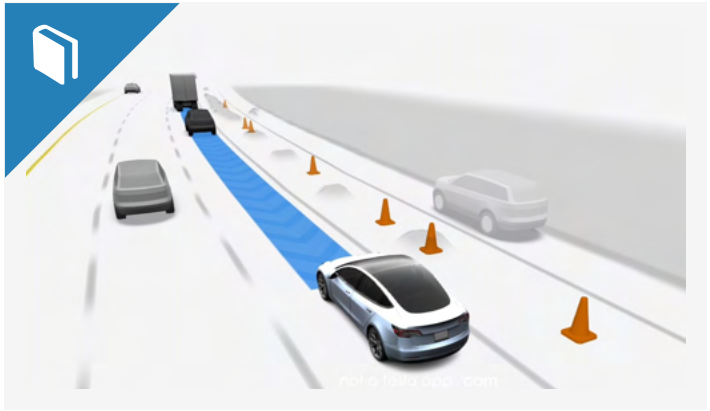
3. **Enhanced Privacy and Security**
   Local data processing means sensitive information does not have to leave the device, enhancing data privacy.

4. **Operational Reliability**
   Edge AI allows devices to operate uninterrupted, independently of the cloud or central servers.

5. **Energy Efficiency**
   Processing data locally can be more energy-efficient than sending data to a cloud for analysis.

EDGE AI EXAMPLES

Example in different industries



Tesla Full Self Driving

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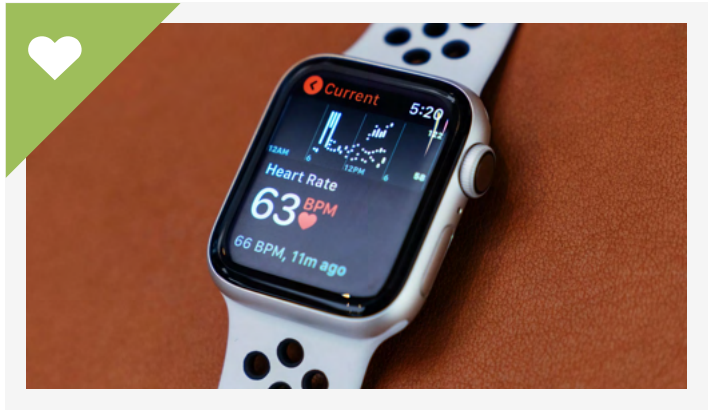
See and Spray

By John Deere



Apple Watch

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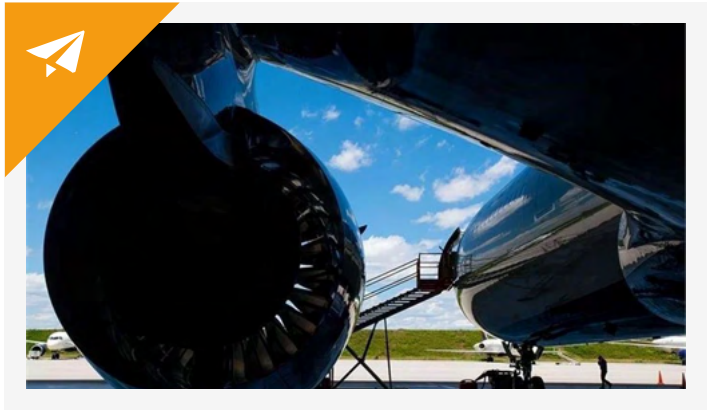

Delta Airlines Predictive Maintenance

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Jabra PanaCast 50

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Perseverance Mars Rover

By NASA

SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Security & Privacy in Edge AI

As we integrate AI into devices at the edge of our networks, we must adopt robust measures to protect sensitive information and maintain user trust.

Data Encryption

Ensuring data remains encrypted during processing and storage.

Firmware Updates

Protecting devices from unauthorized access and ensuring they run trusted software.

Data Anonymization

Processing data in ways that prevent identification of individuals

Regulatory Compliance

Meeting standards such as GDPR and AI Act (European Union) by keeping data processing local

COMPONENTS OF EDGE AI

Specialized Hardware and Software

AI Models

Lightweight, optimized models for local inference.

Edge Devices

Incorporate many IoT gadgets, smartphones, cameras, and more.

Software Framework

TensorFlow Lite, PyTorch Mobile, ONNX Runtime.

Hardware Accelerators

Specialized chips (e.g., NVIDIA Jetson, Google Edge TPU).

EDGE AI HARDWARE

Examples of Hardware for Edge AI

Microcontrollers and Microprocessors

Basic computing units for simple AI tasks.

Edge Accelerators

Specialized hardware like NVIDIA Jetson, Google Edge TPU, and Intel Movidius.

Smart Sensors

Integrated sensors with built-in AI capabilities for real-time data processing.

Mobile Devices

Smartphones and tablets equipped with AI chips (e.g., Apple's A-series, Qualcomm's Snapdragon).

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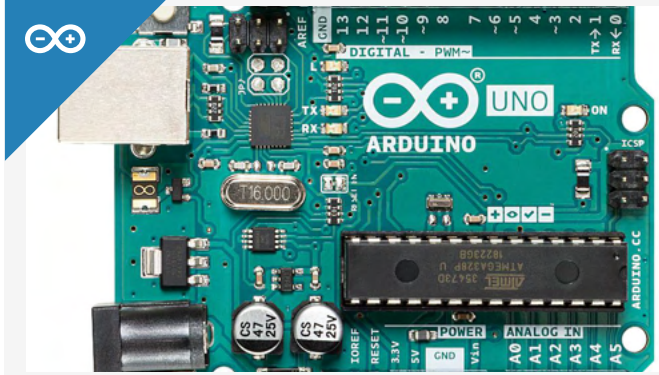

Arduino Microcontroller

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Intel Neural Compute Stick 2

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BrainChip Akida

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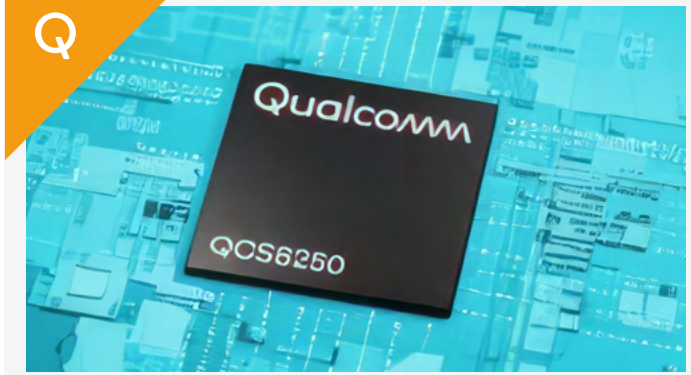

Qualcomm QCS8250

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NVIDIA Jetson

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Google EdgeTPU

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EDGE AI SOFTWARE

Frameworks for Edge AI

1 **TensorFlow Lite**
Lightweight version of TensorFlow optimized for mobile and edge devices.

2 **TensorRT**
Runs ML models efficiently on any NVIDIA device.

3 **Hailo RT**
Efficient runtime for Hailo AI chips.

4 **PyTorch ExecuTorch**
Enables on-device inference capabilities across mobile and edge devices.

5 **Intel OpenVINO**
A toolkit designed to optimize ML and DL models for Intel hardware.

6 **Qualcomm SNPE**
It allows run DL models on Qualcomm Snapdragon mobile platforms.

7 **ONNX Runtime**
Cross-platform, high-performance scoring engine for ONNX models.

8 **Edge Impulse**
A platform for developing, optimizing, and deploying AI models to edge devices.

BRING IT ALL TOGETHER

Workflow for Edge AI Model Deployment

Step 01

MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING (PYTORCH, TF, KERAS, JAX, ETC)

01

Trained model weights & model computational graph

Step 02

MODEL OPTIMIZATION (PRUNING, QUANTIZATION, KD, ETC)

02

Optimized model weight & model computational graph

Step 03

EXPORT TO INTERMEDIATE REPRESENTATION (ONNX)

03

IR model weight & computational graph with optimizations.

Step 04

MODEL COMPILATION & BINARY GENERATION (.BIN, .DLC, .XML, .BLOB, ETC)

04

Compiled binary file ready for deployment on edge devices.

Step 05

MODEL INTEGRATION & INFERENCE (.C, .H, .CPP, .HPP)

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