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# Dr. NMS

## or: How Facebook Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Network

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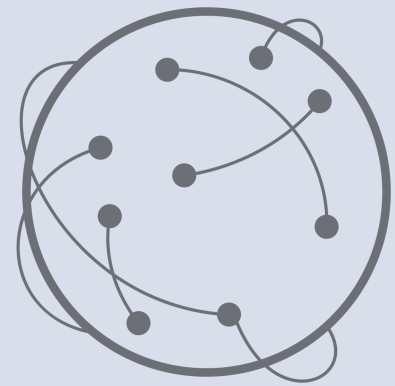
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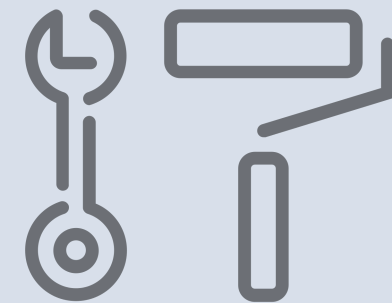
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INFRASTRUCTURE

# ZERO IMPACT NETWORK

# We'll be talking about



**Facebook scale**



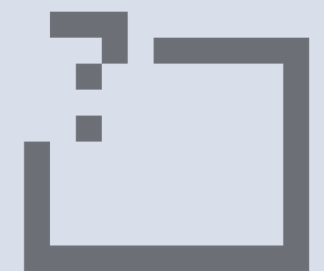
**FDN**



**Tales from  
the real world**



**This journey  
is 1% finished**



**Q&A**

A photograph of an astronaut in a white space suit floating in space. The astronaut's helmet is clear, showing a view of the Earth. The astronaut's hands are raised in a gesture. In the background, there are various pieces of equipment, including a control panel with dials and a framed picture of a yellow sun or planet against a blue background.

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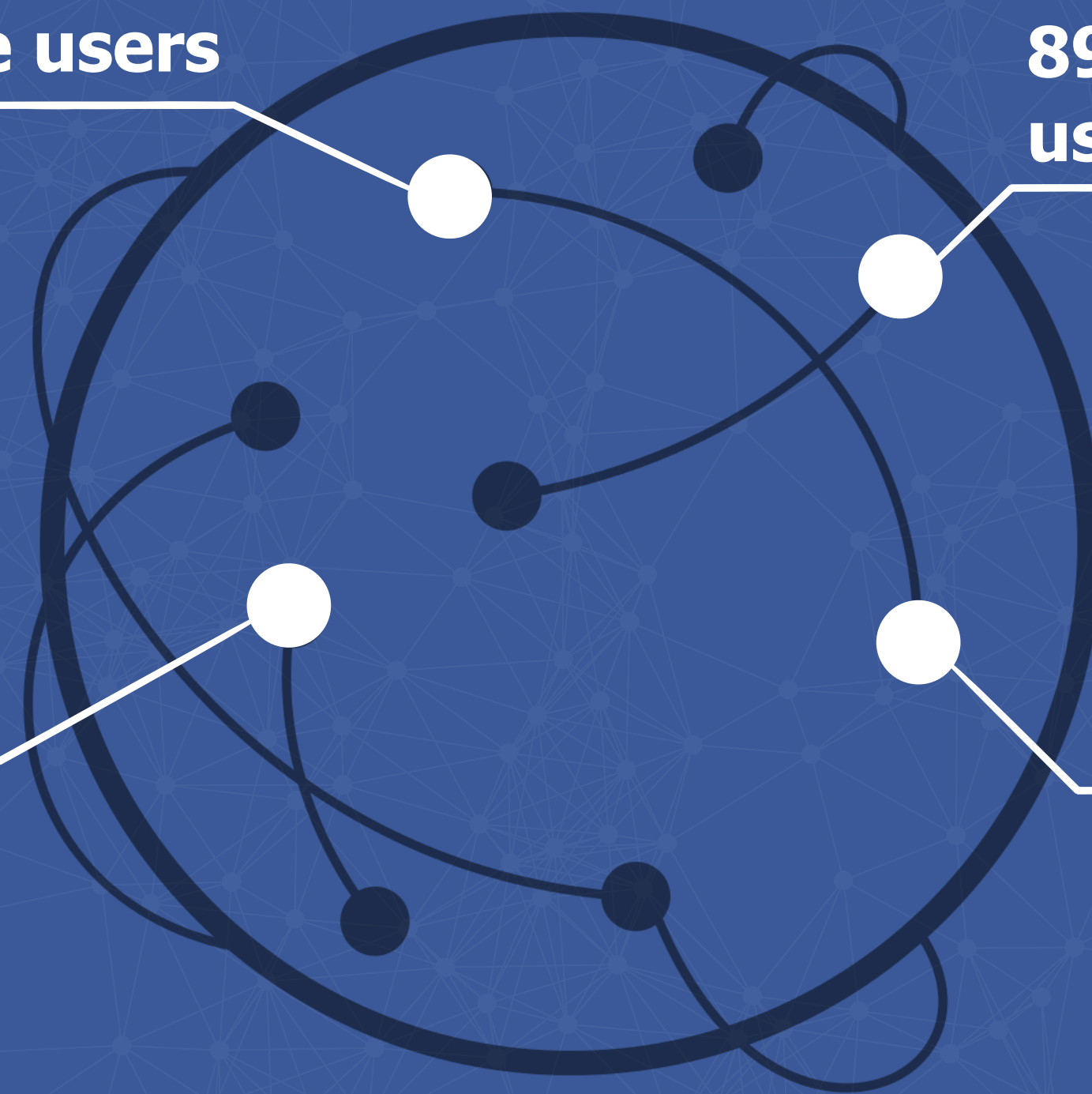
as of December 2014

**1.19 billion mobile  
monthly active users**

**890 million daily active  
users on average**

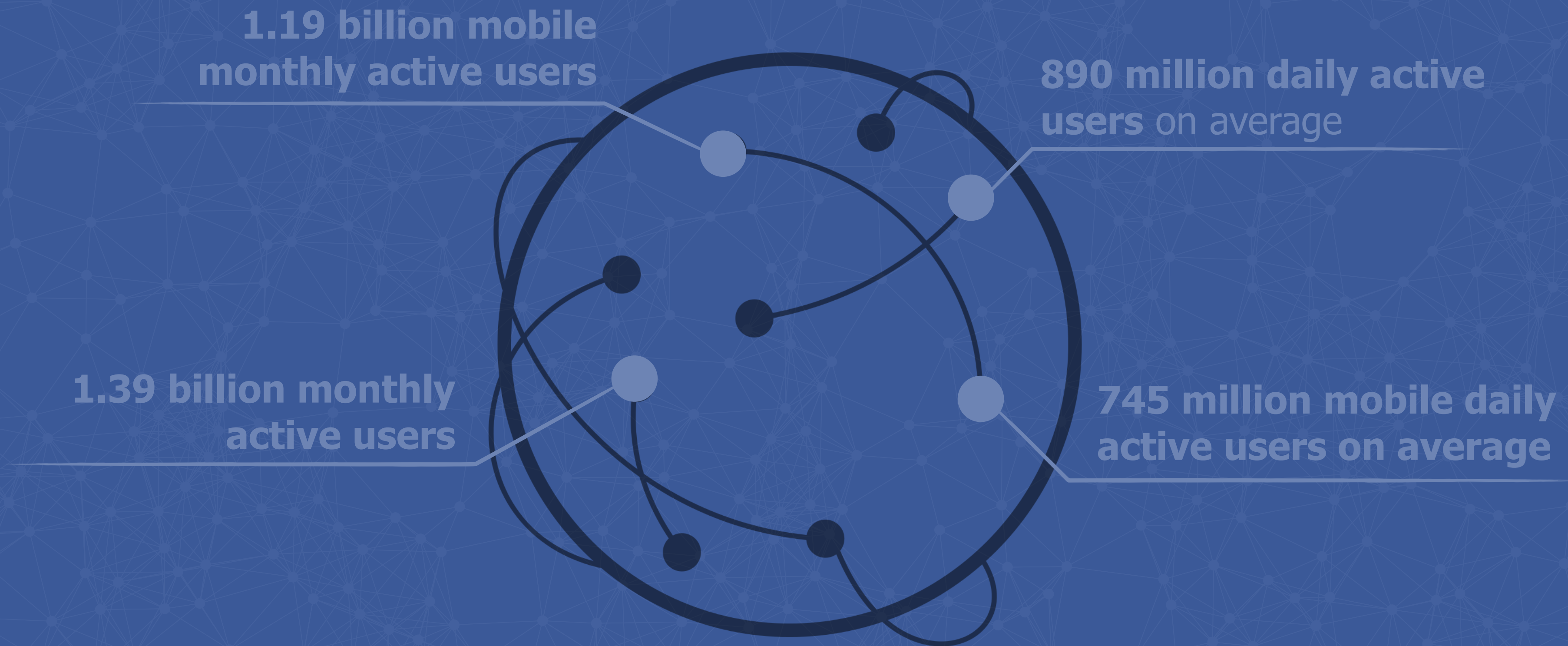
**1.39 billion monthly  
active users**

**745 million mobile daily  
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**Approximately 82.4% of our daily active users are outside the US and Canada**



A hand is pointing at a topographic map. The map features contour lines and a network of lines that resemble a network graph. The background is a light blue color. The text is centered and reads: 

# What does that mean for the Facebook Network?

# Lots of traffic and global footprint

# Network traffic



Machine to machine

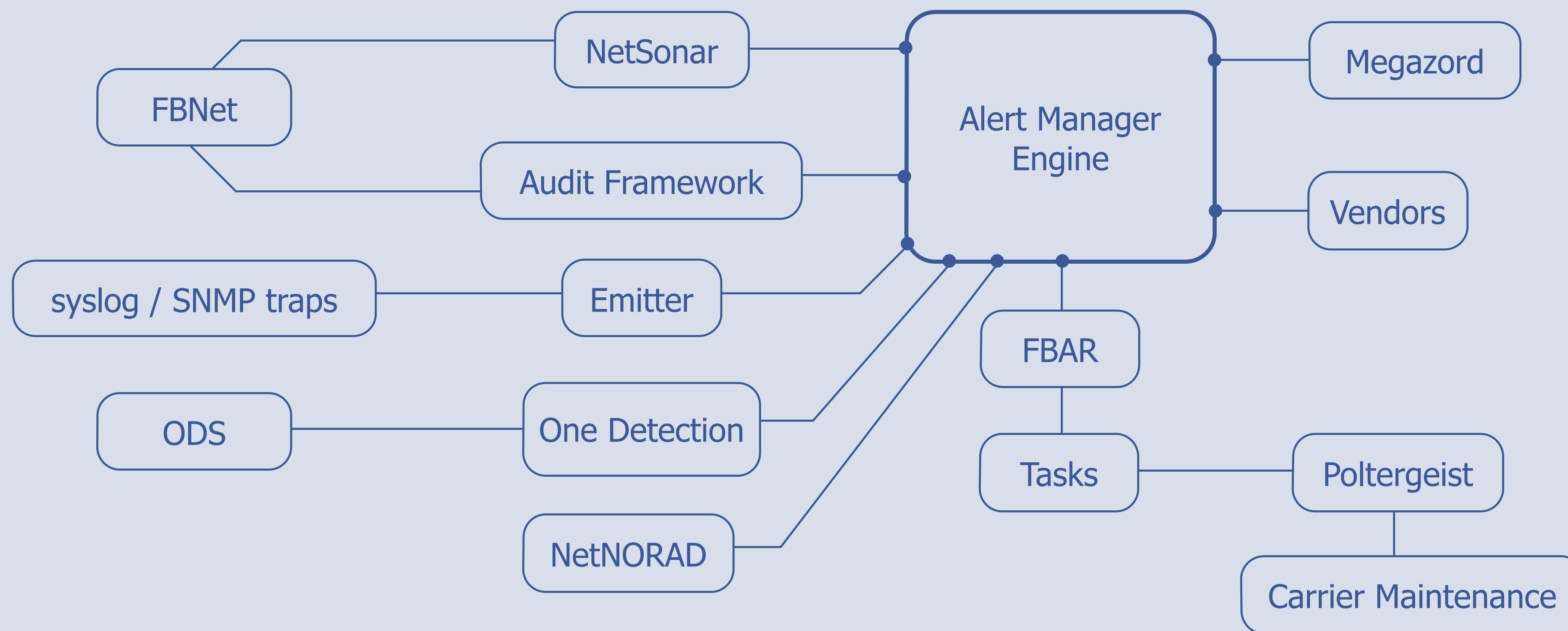
Machine to user



**Engineers build robots,  
robots manage the network**

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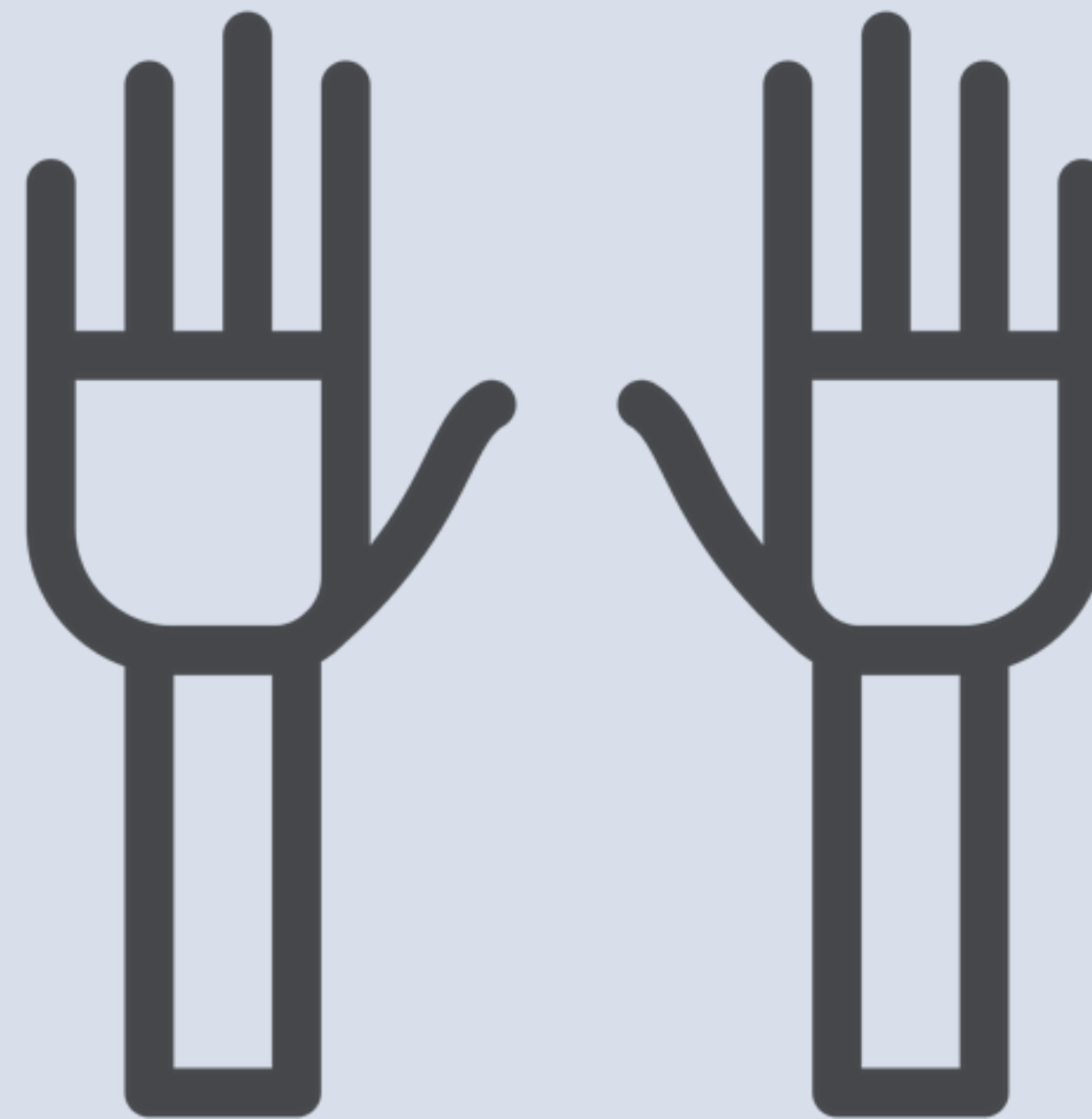
# FBNet

The brains to help guide our robots run the network



# Drain Services

The movers of traffic on the network devices





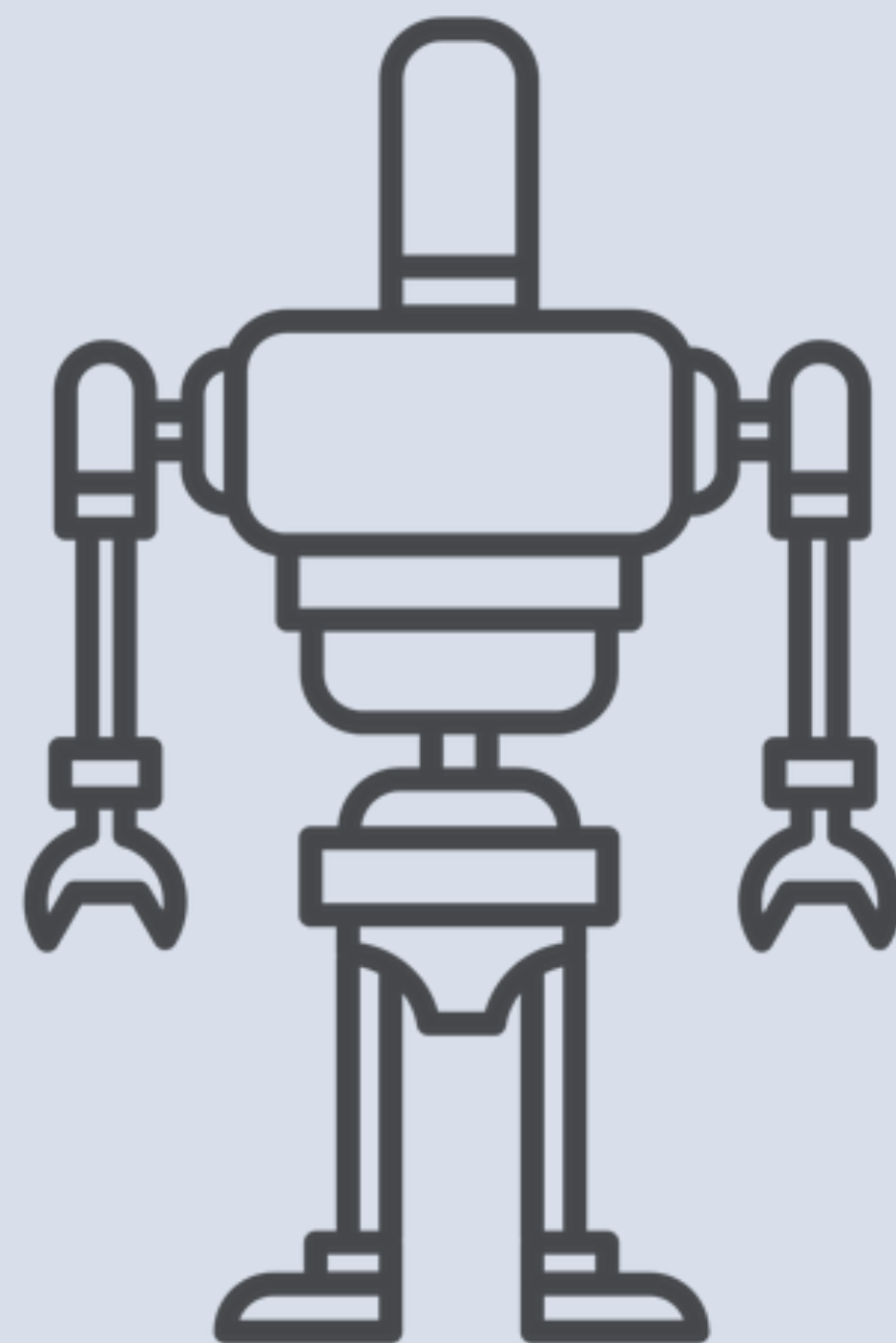
# NetNORAD

Our Packet Loss detection system



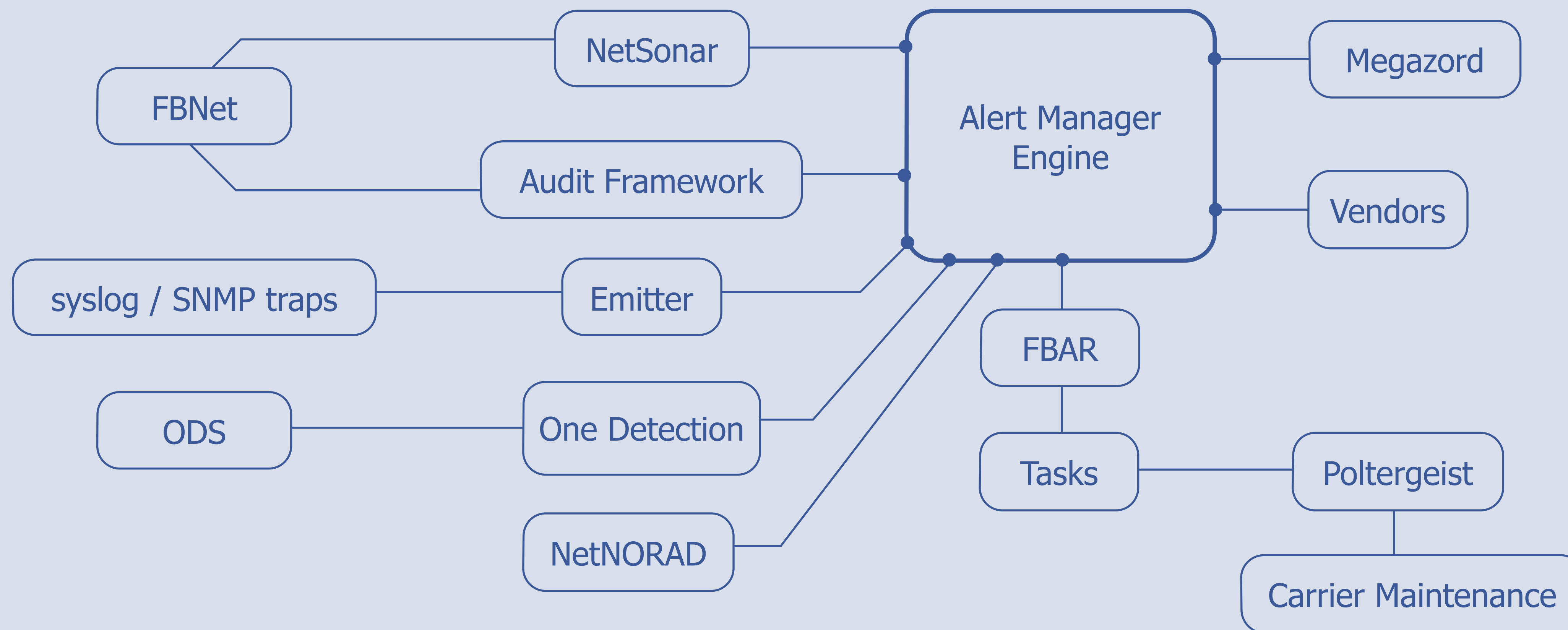
# Megazord

Our alarm correlation engine



# Facebook Defined Networking

all components in action



A low-angle shot of several colorful umbrellas (green, blue, purple) against a clear blue sky. The umbrellas are suspended from a metal structure, likely part of a Ferris wheel or a similar ride. The text "Tales from the real world" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

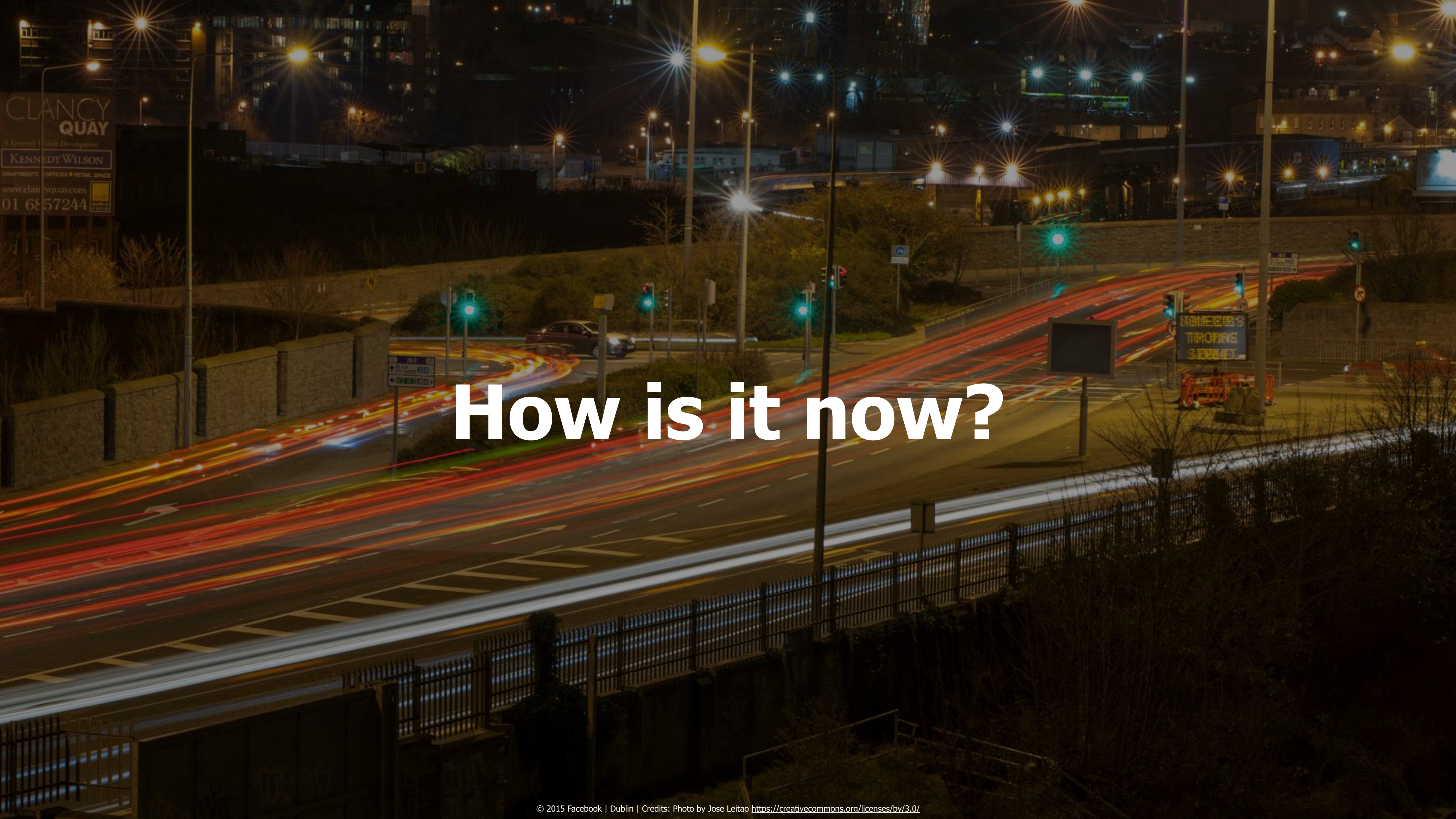
# Tales from the real world

# Circuits @ scale

Manual approach



Hybrid approach



# How is it now?



**Fully automated**

# How is it now?

**Notification  
from vendor**





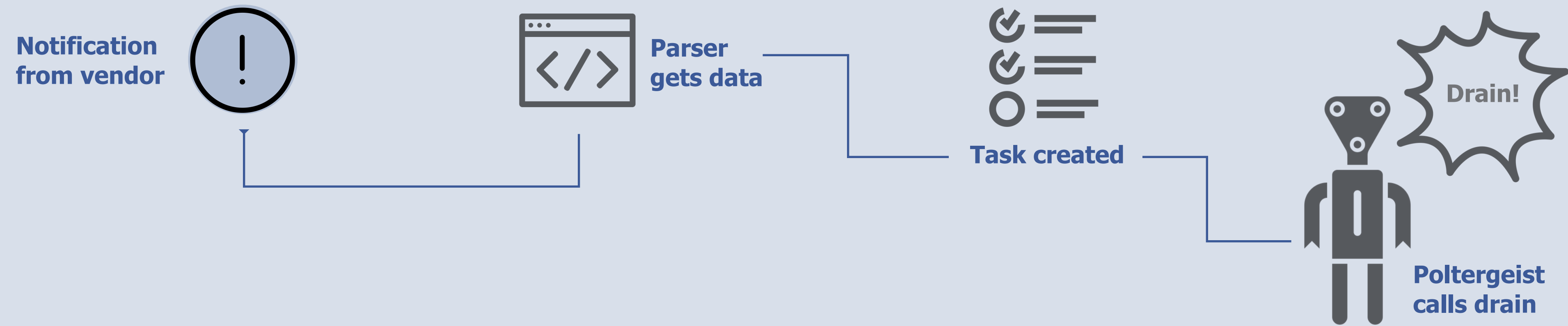
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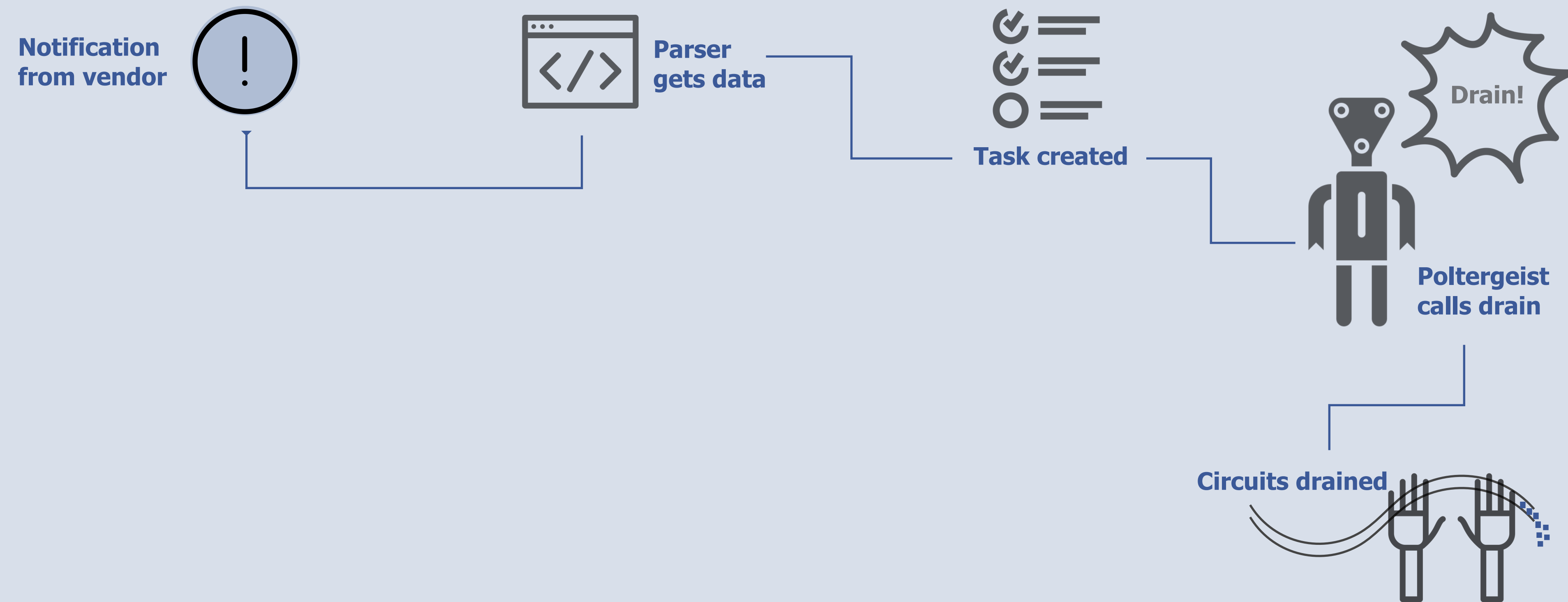
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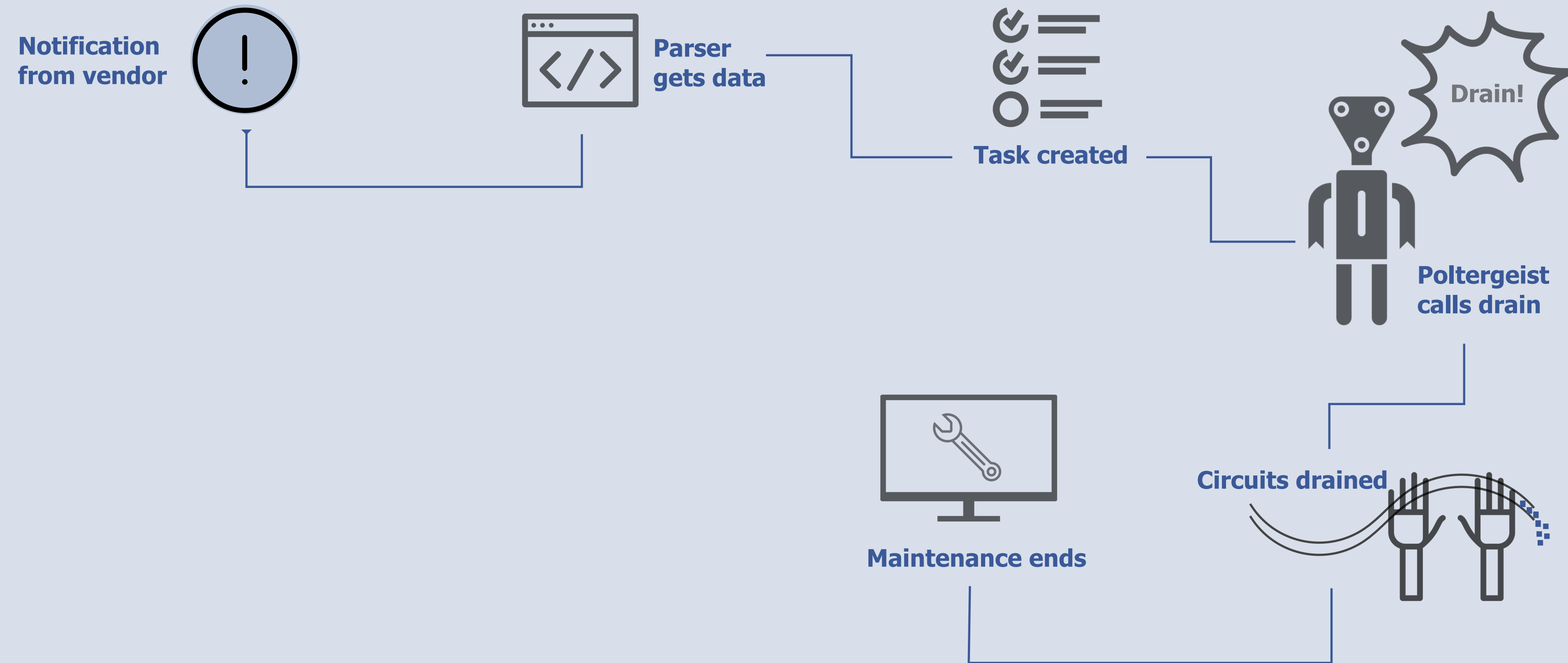
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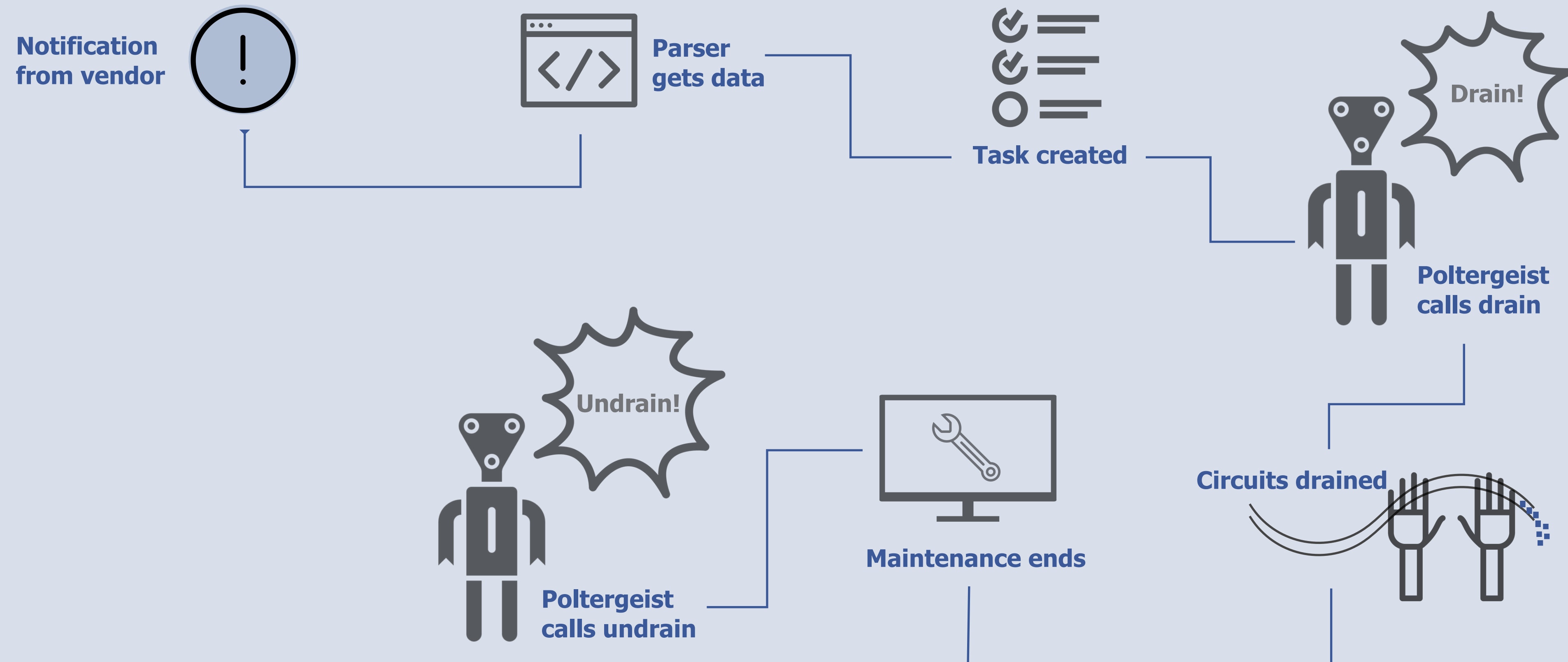
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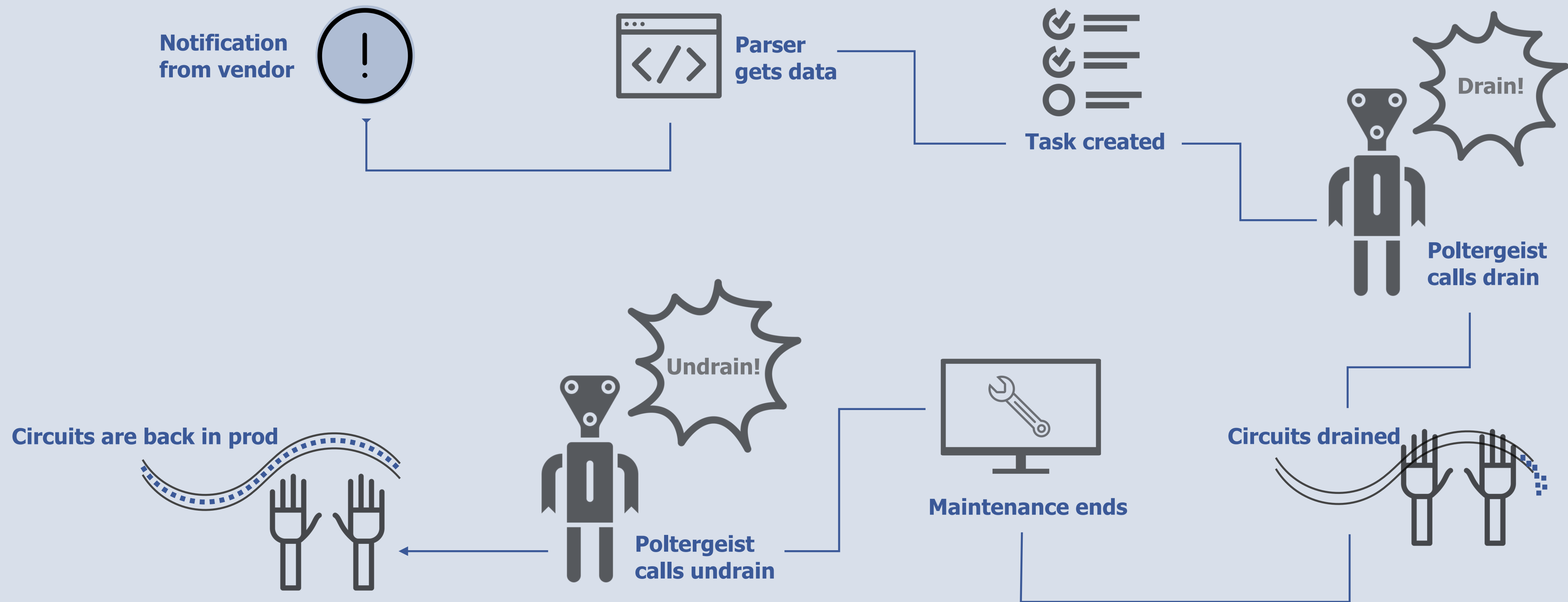
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A school of hammerhead sharks swimming in clear blue water. The sharks are silhouetted against the light blue background, showing their characteristic wide, flat heads and pointed snouts. They are swimming in various directions, creating a sense of movement and depth.

# What about fiber-eating sharks?



# Seriously...

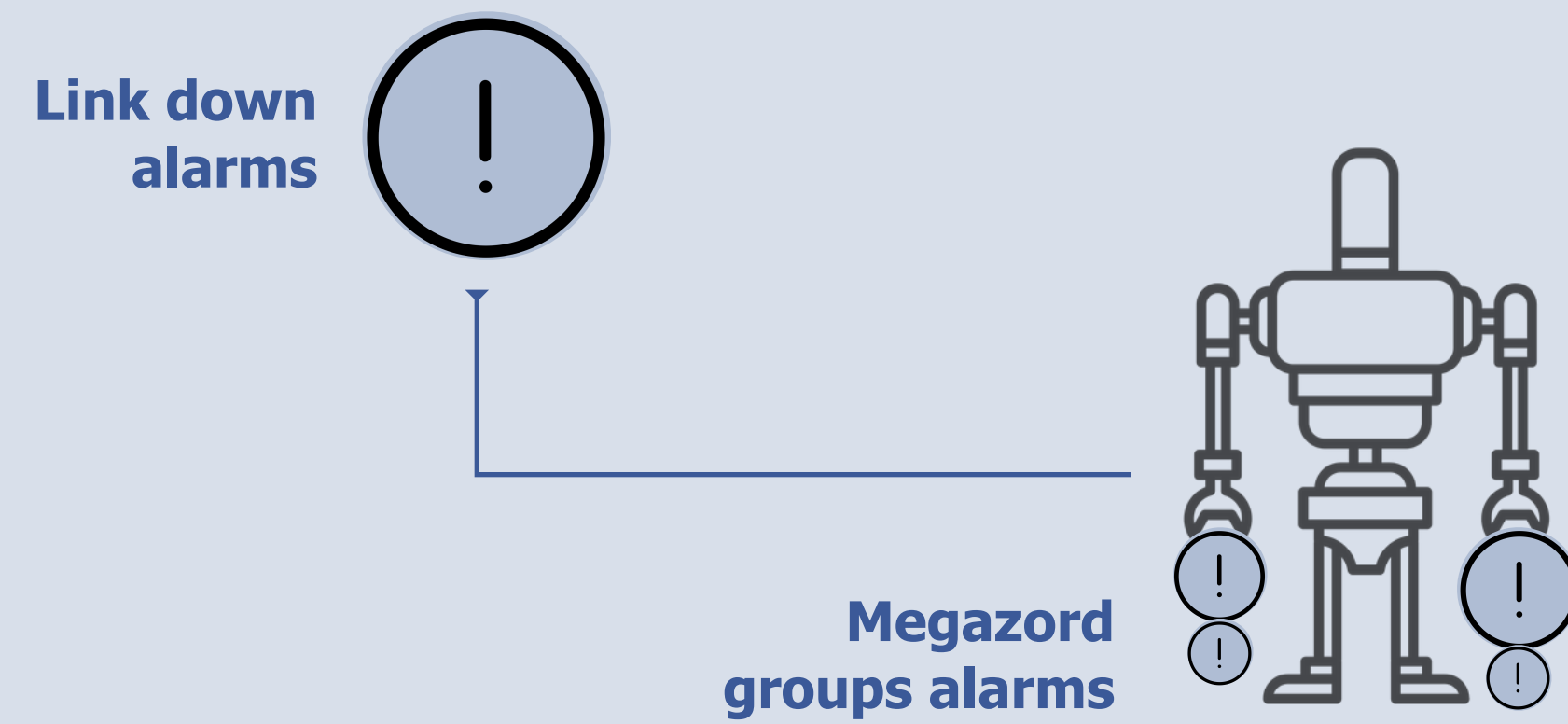


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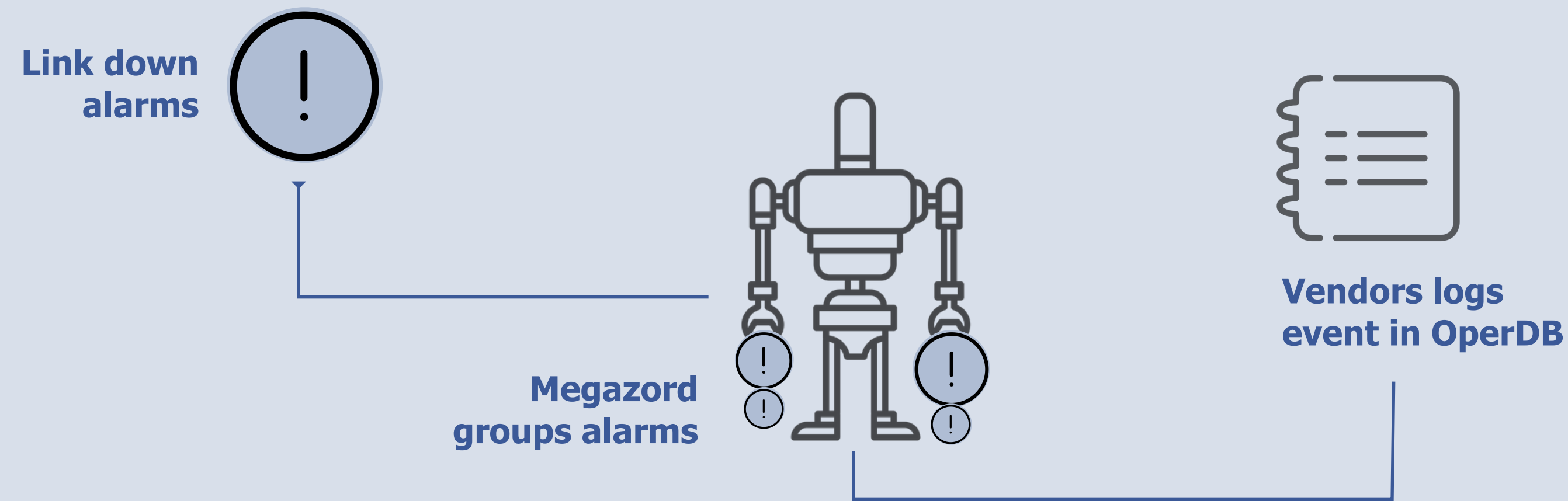
**Link down  
alarms**



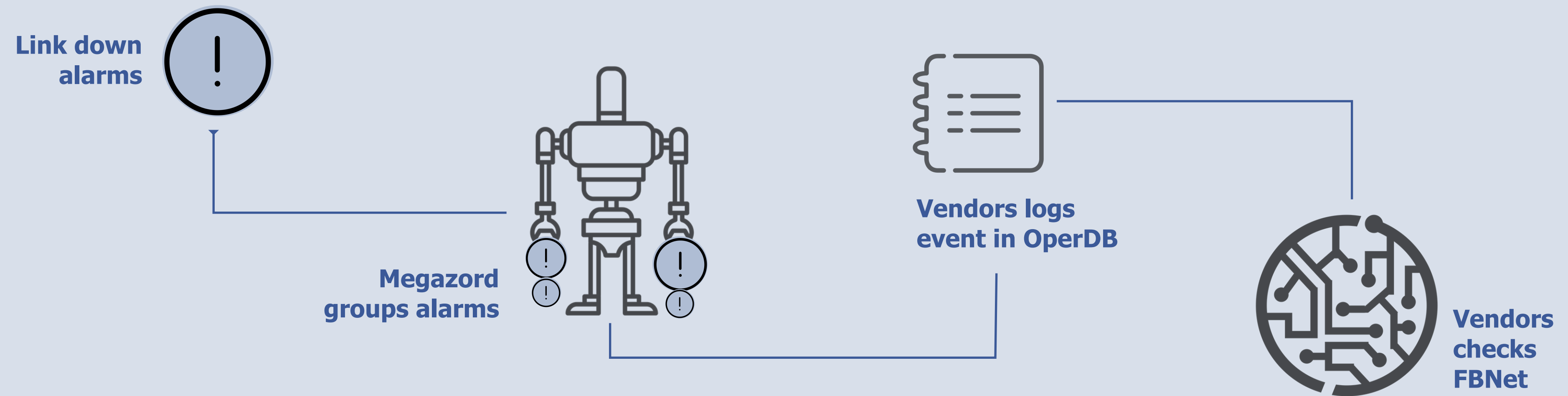
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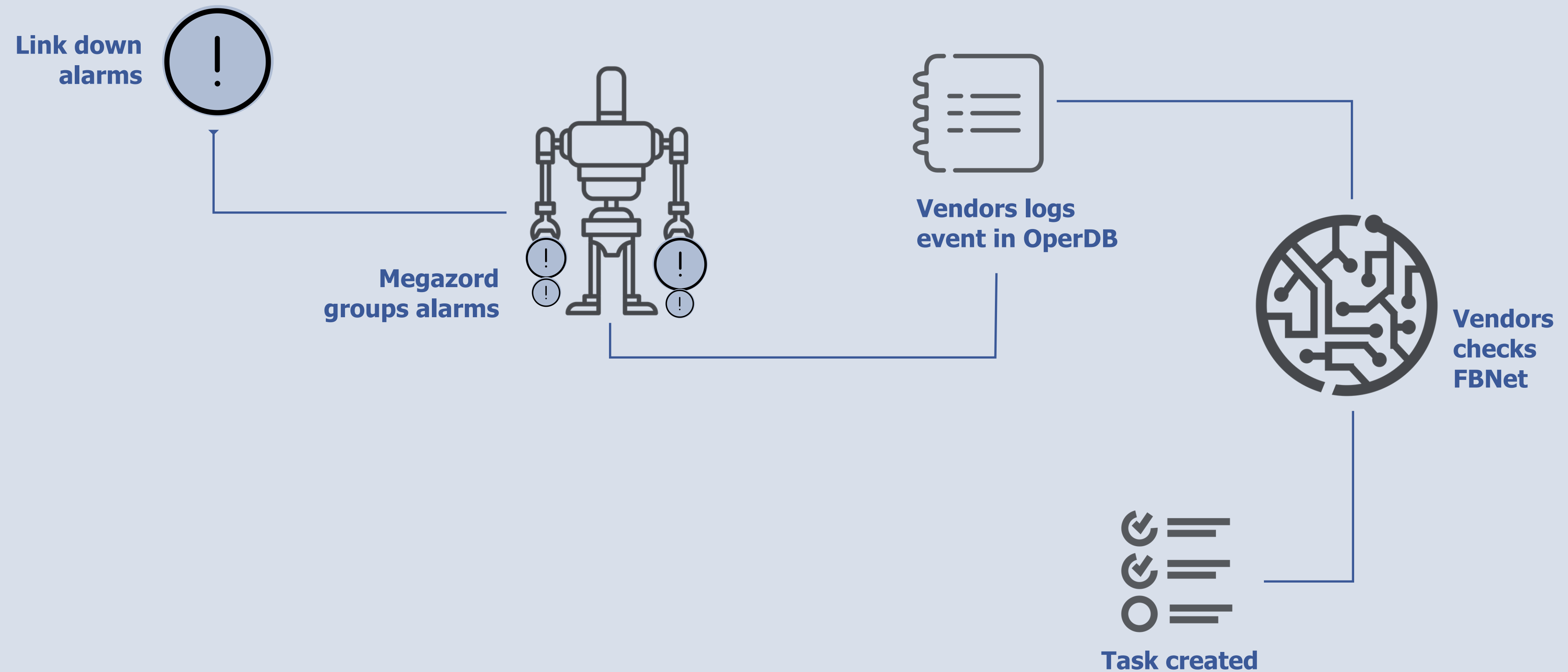
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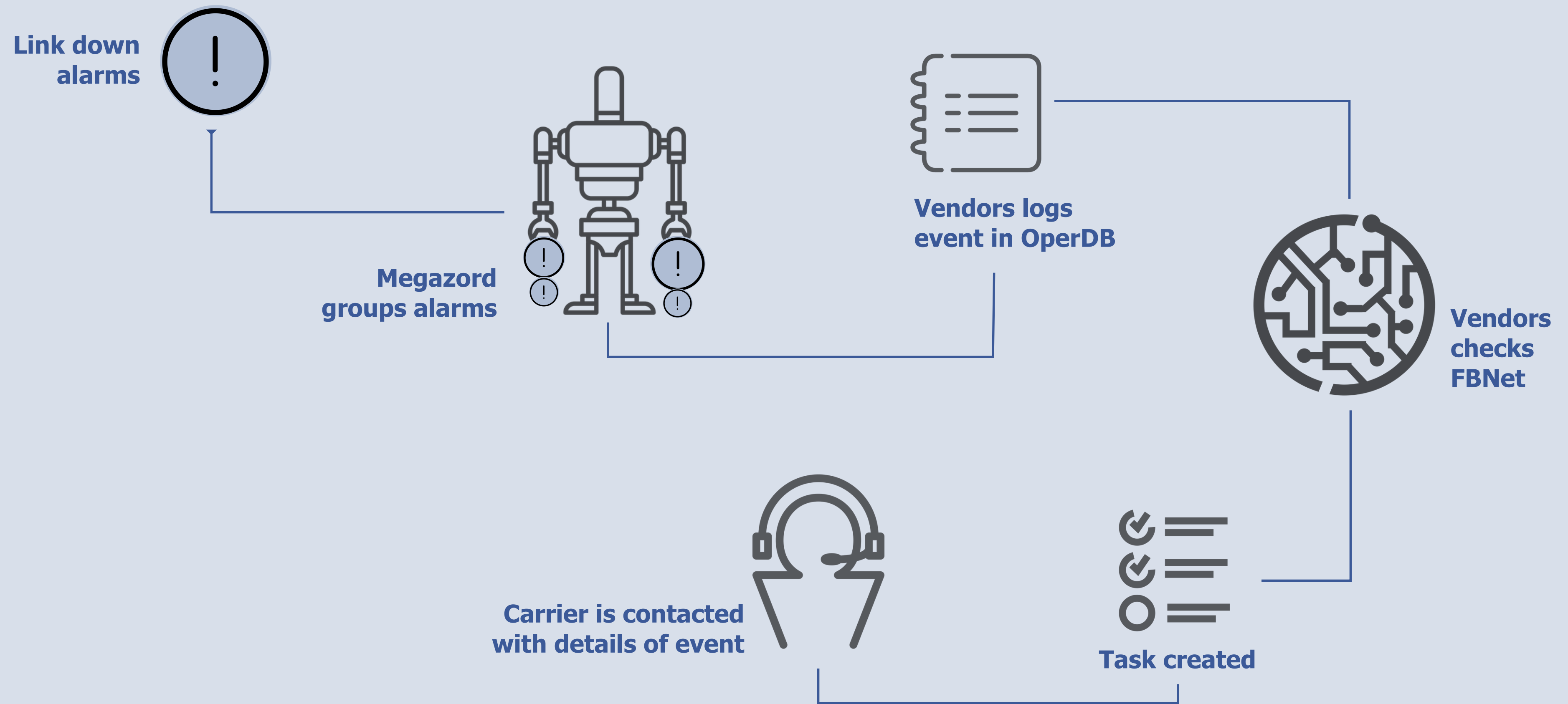
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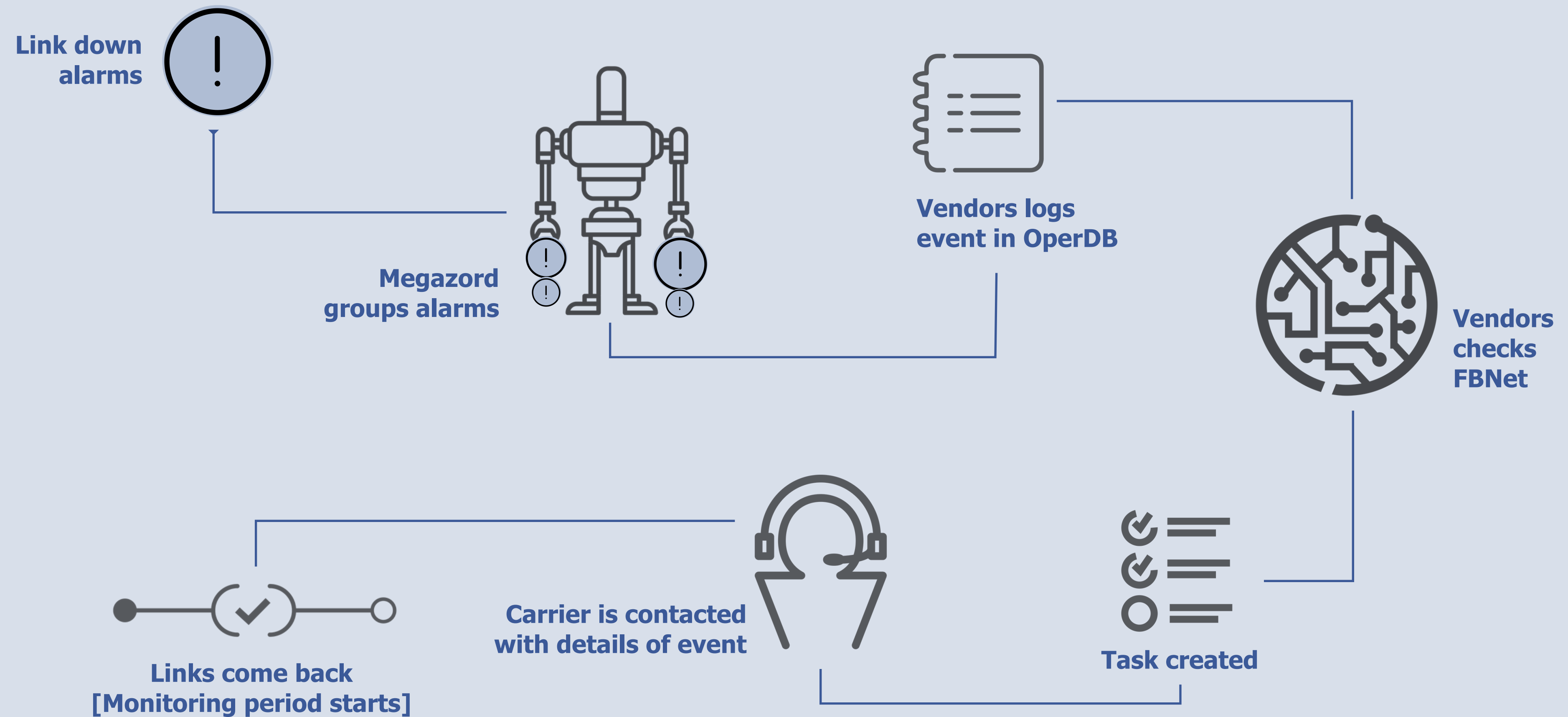
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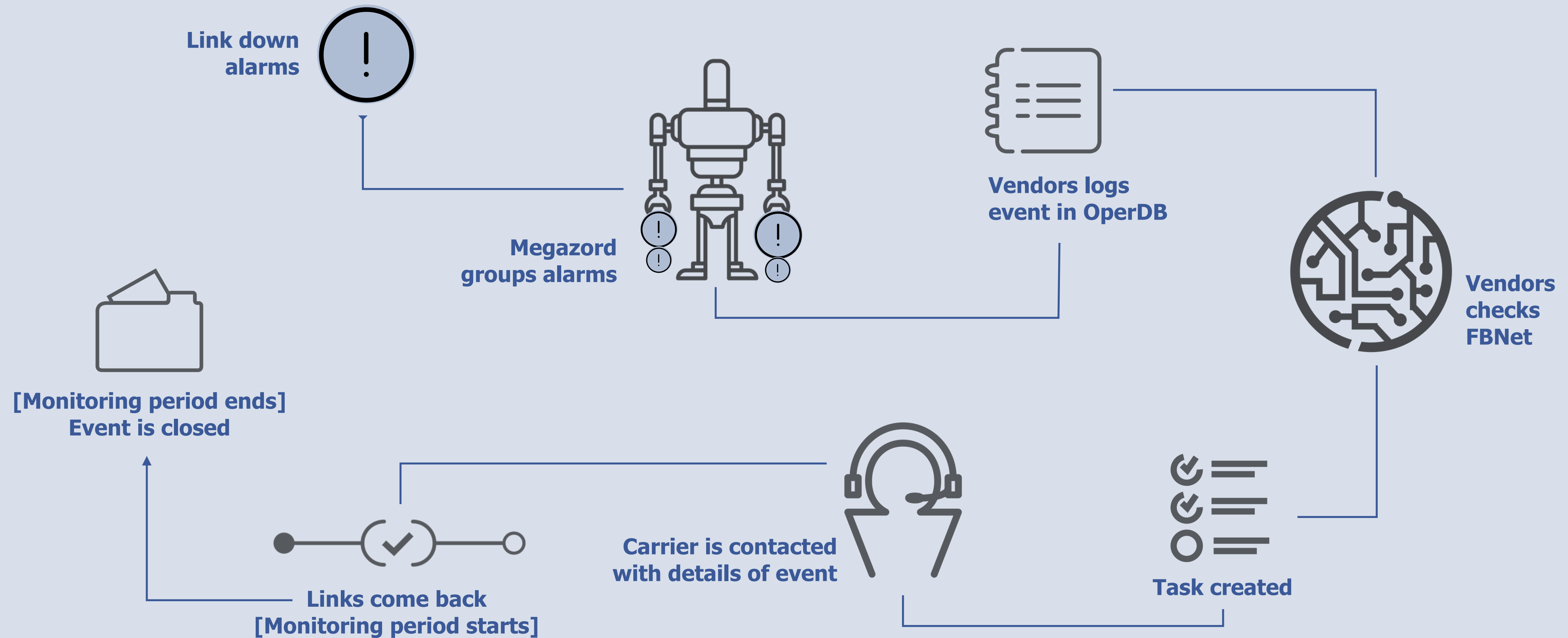


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# Handover

# The memory leak debacle

Free memory over time



The background of the image is Raphael's famous fresco, 'The School of Athens'. It depicts a group of ancient Greek philosophers in a grand, classical building with arches and statues. The scene is filled with various figures engaged in different activities of learning and teaching. The text 'How would this be solved with humans?' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**How would this be solved with humans?**



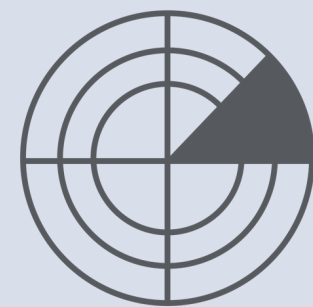
**Lots of them + coffee**

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**ODS detector  
for free memory  
goes bellow threshold**

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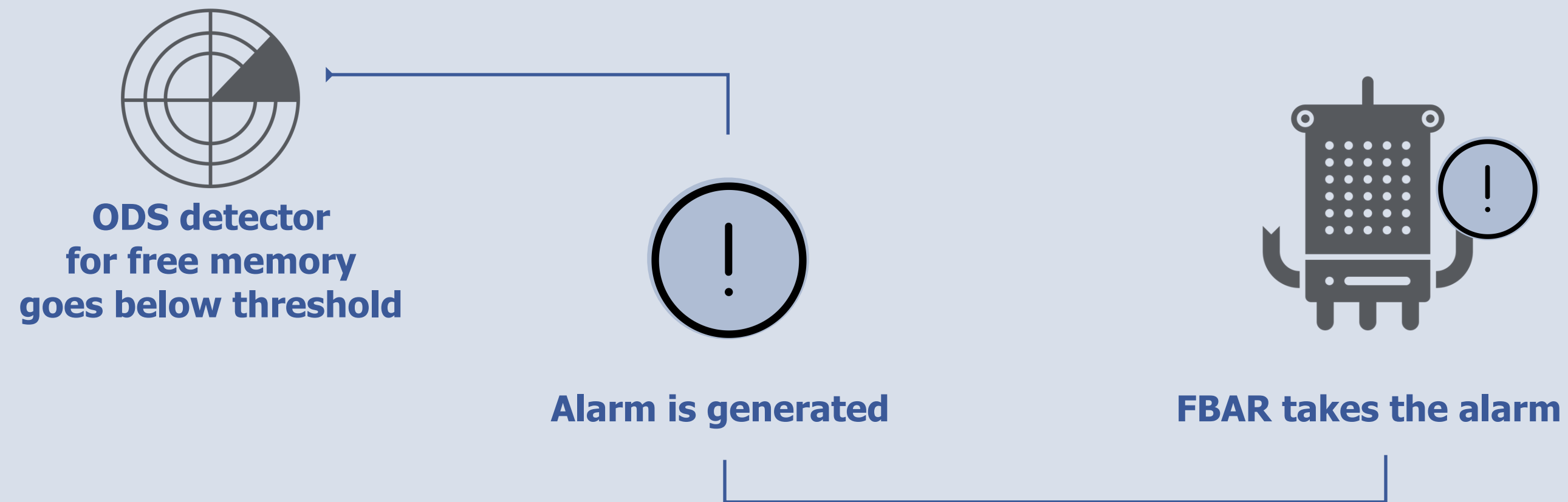


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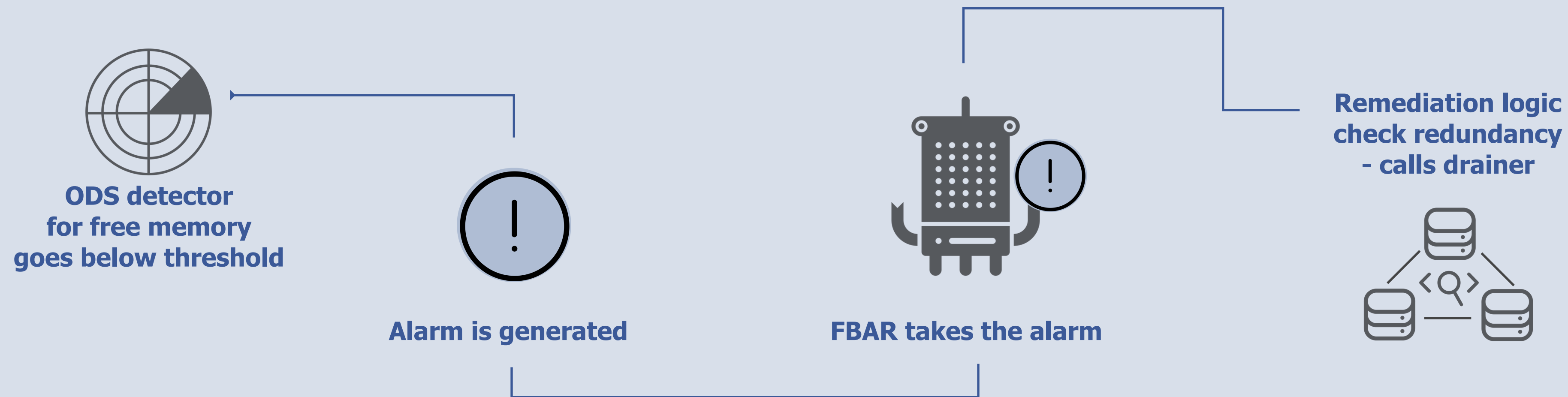
**Alarm is generated**

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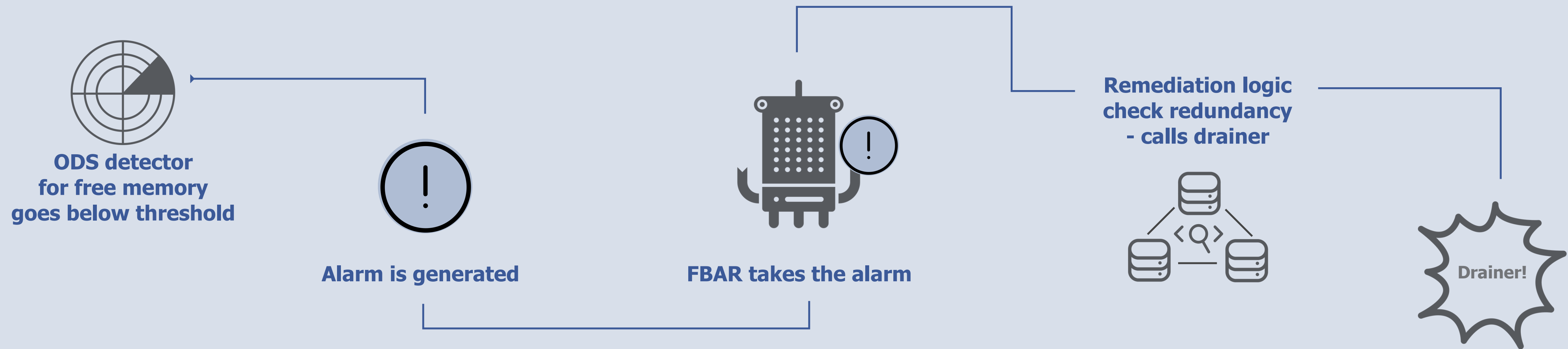




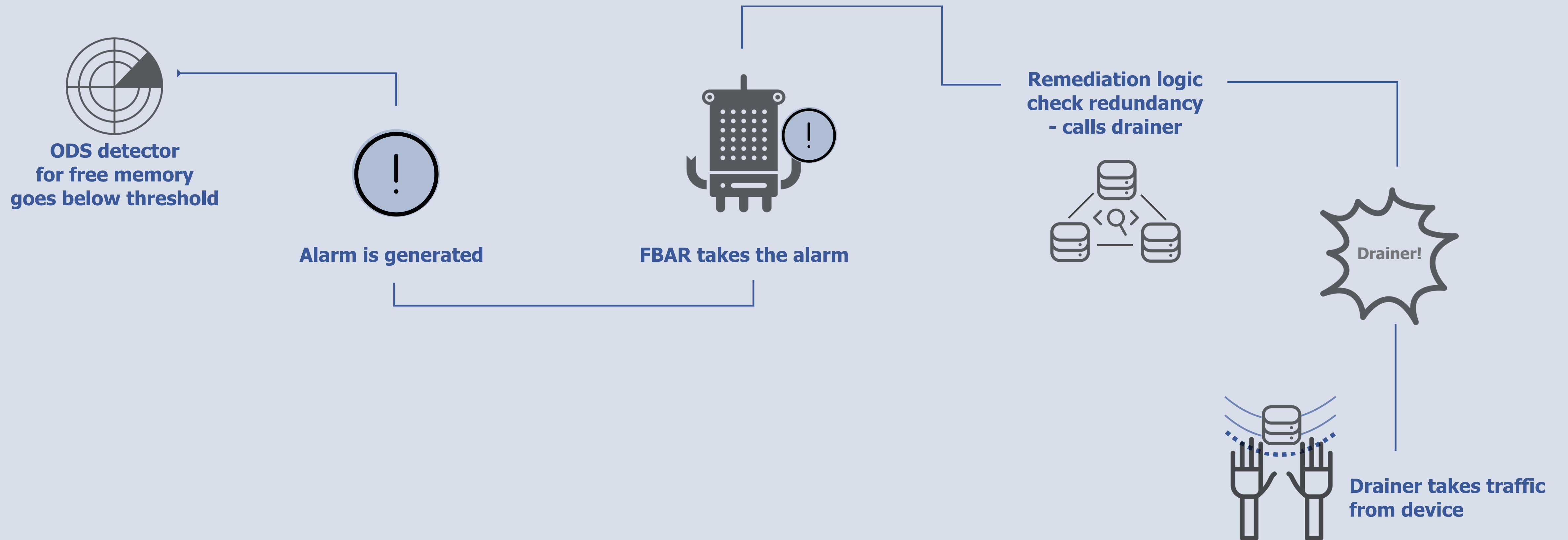
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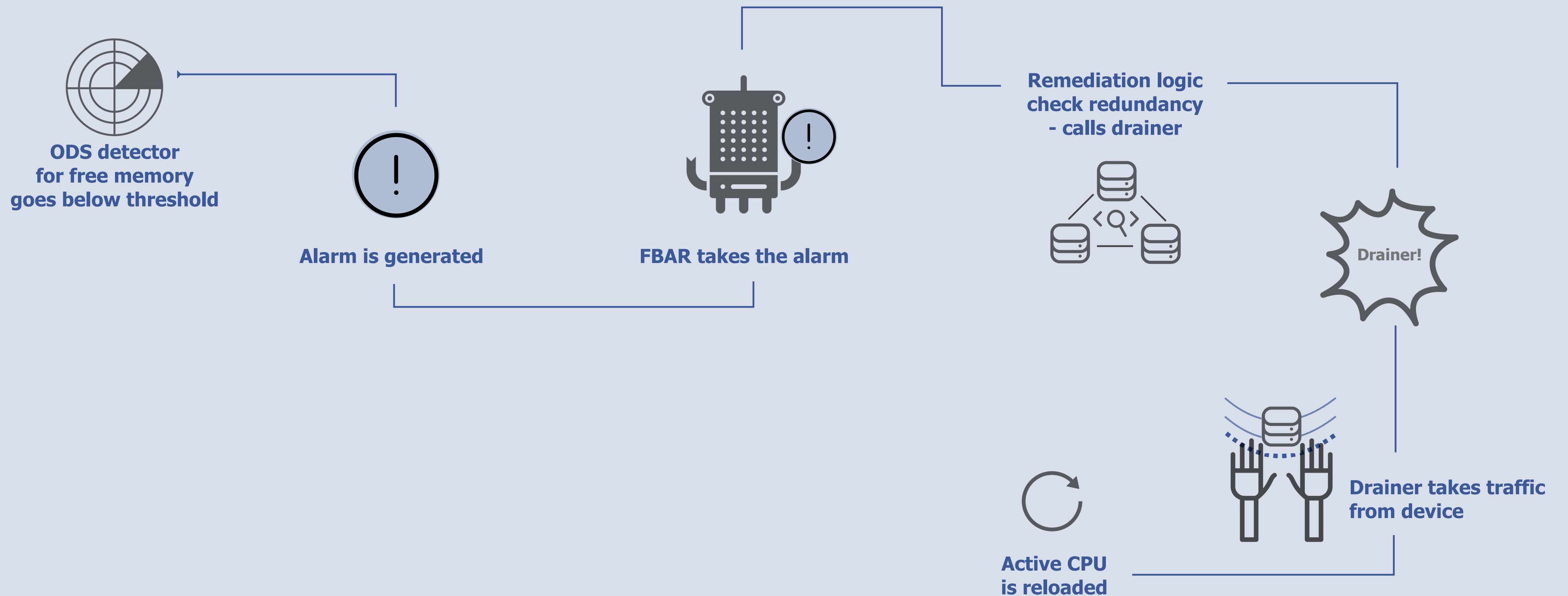
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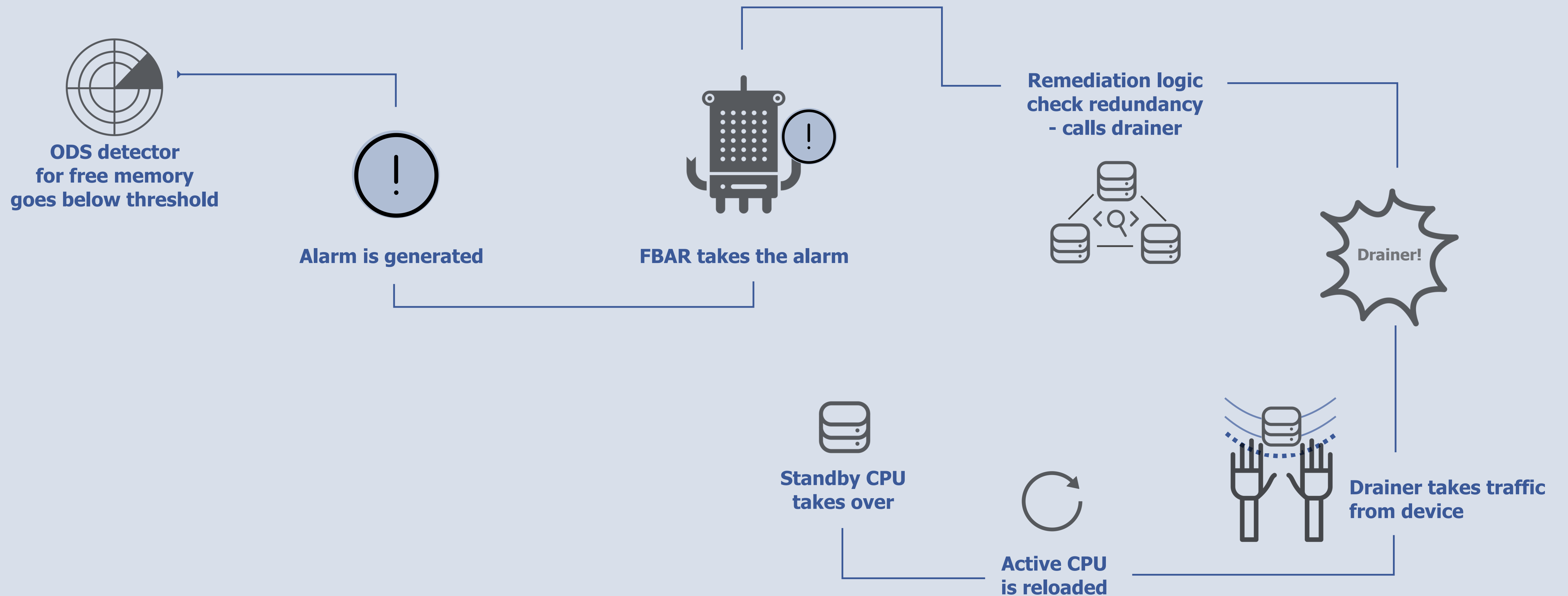
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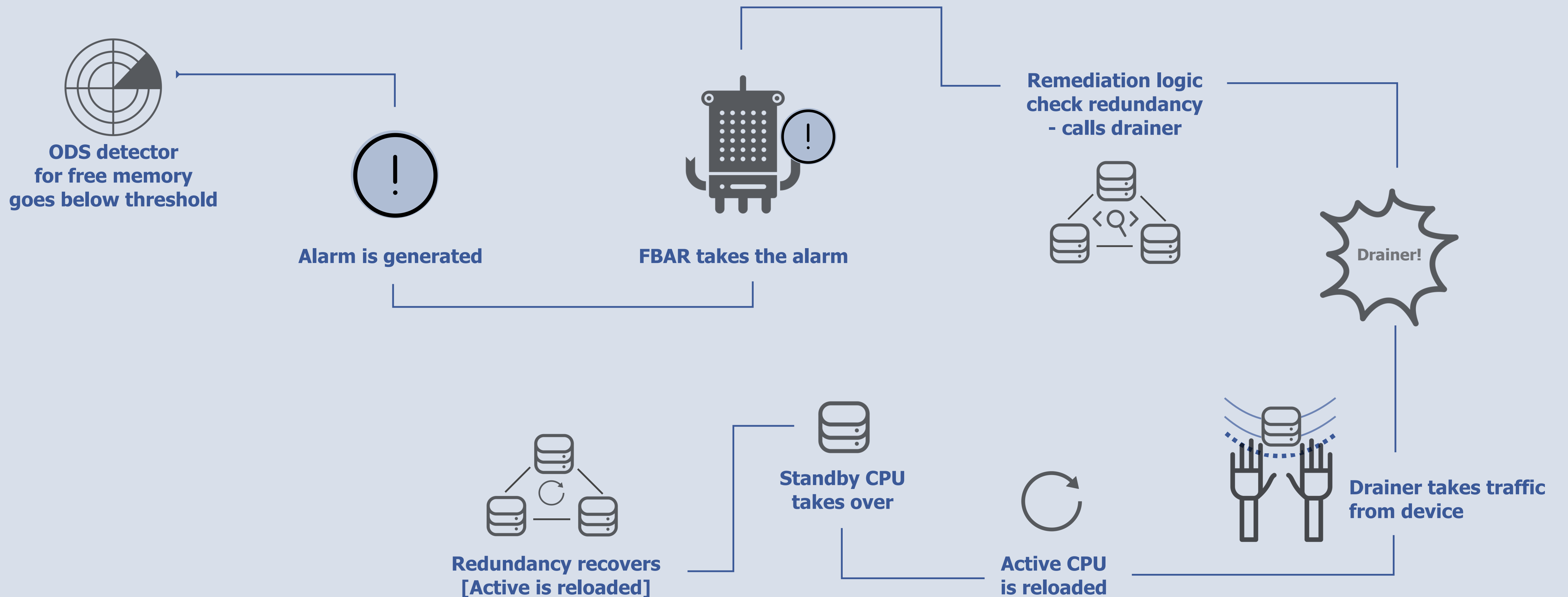
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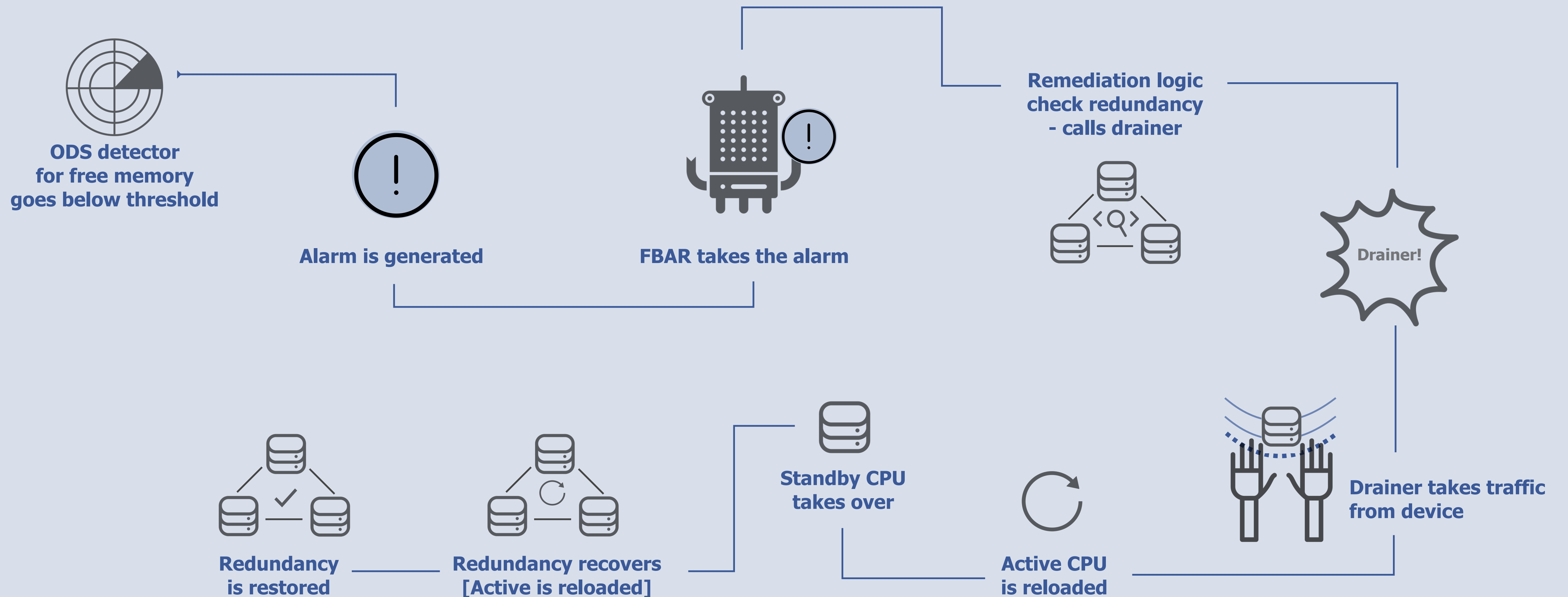
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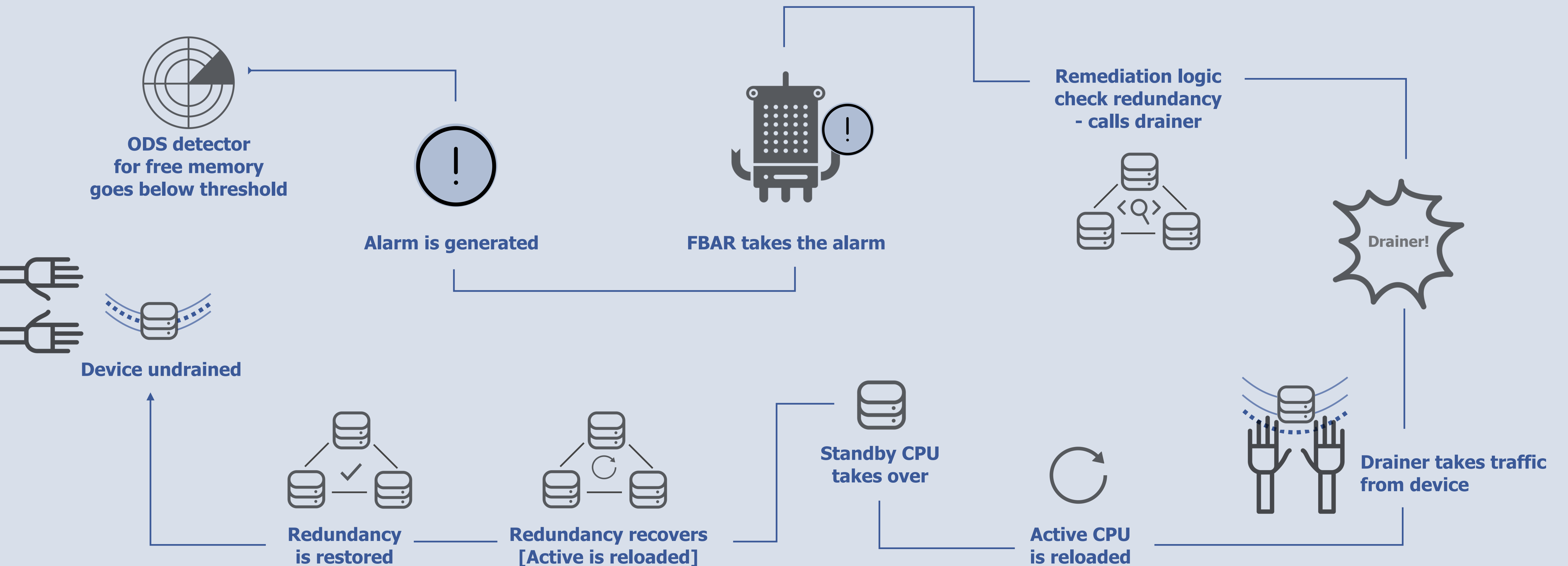
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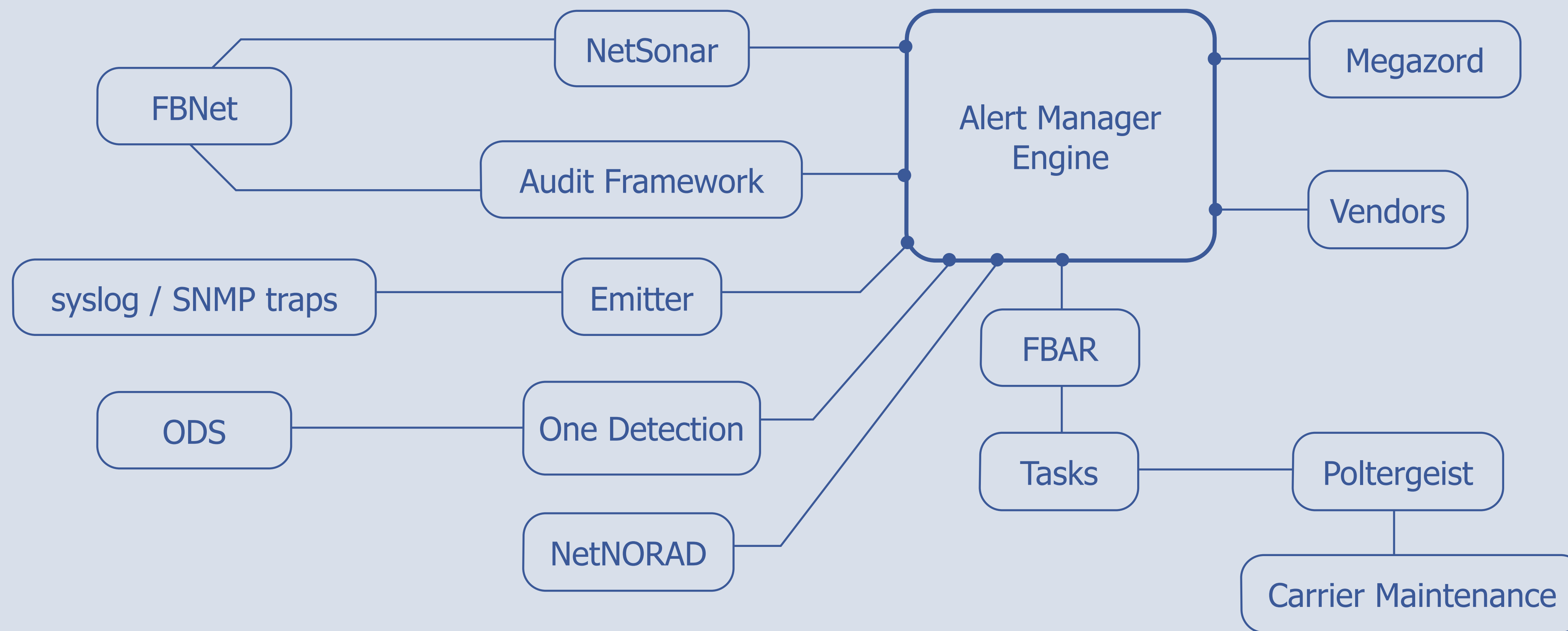
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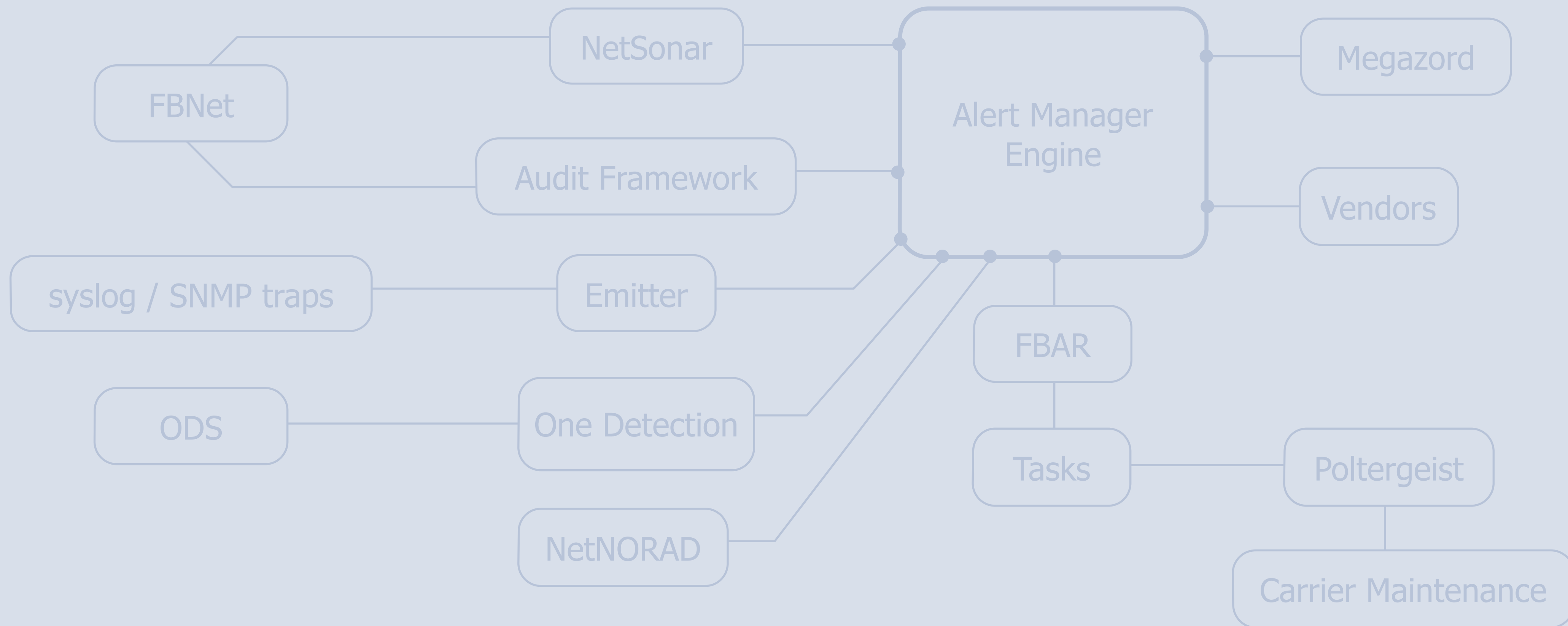
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all components in action



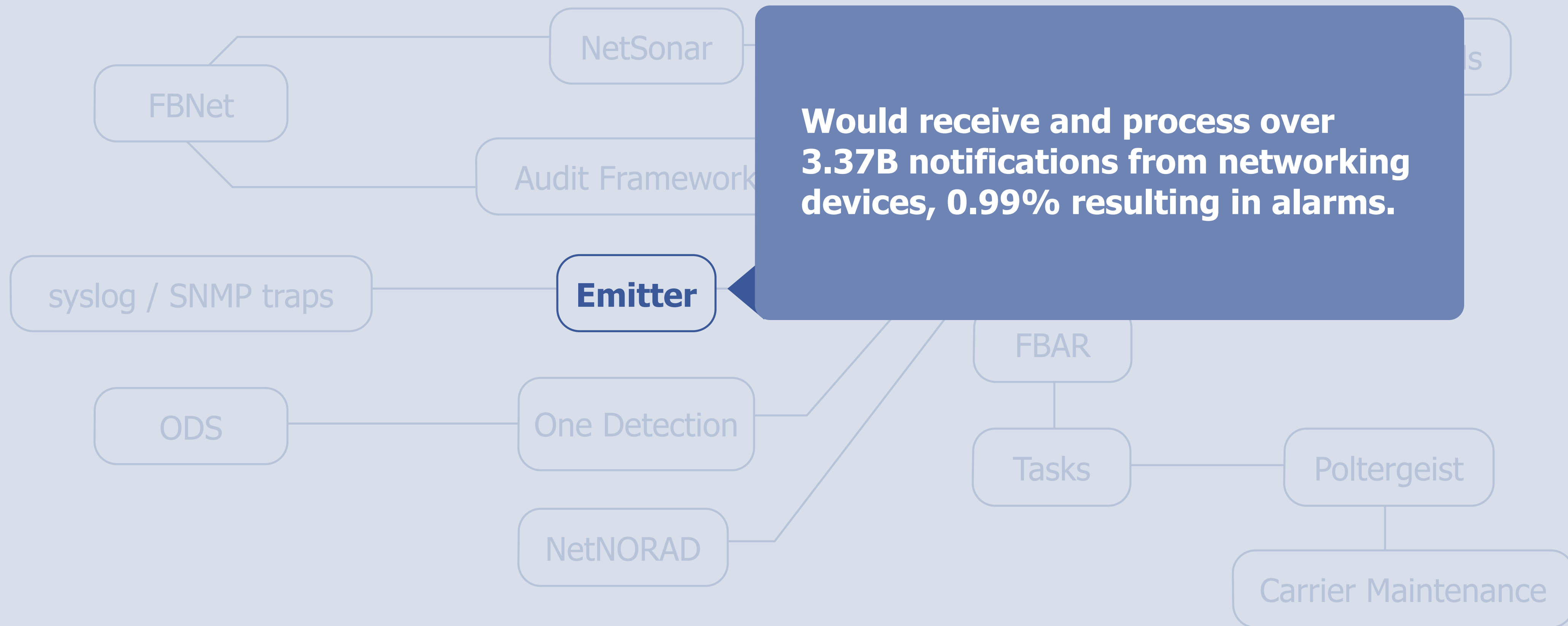
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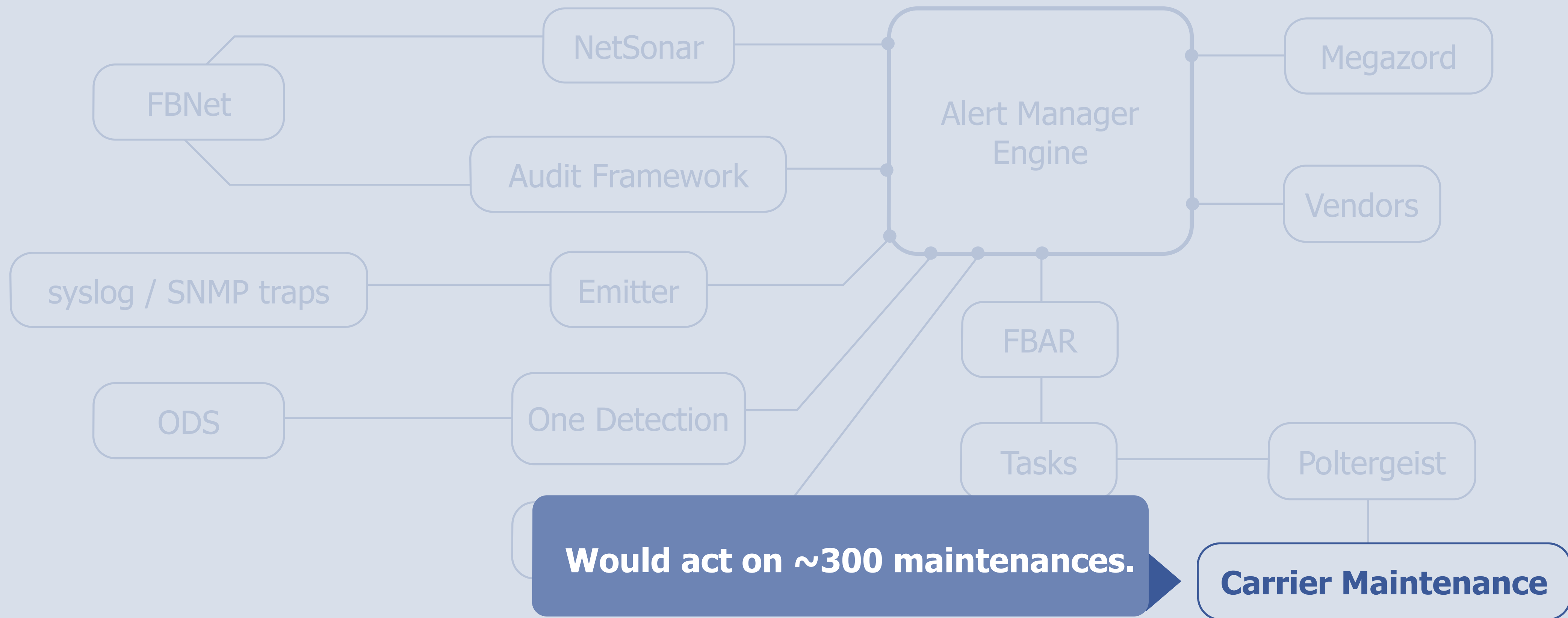
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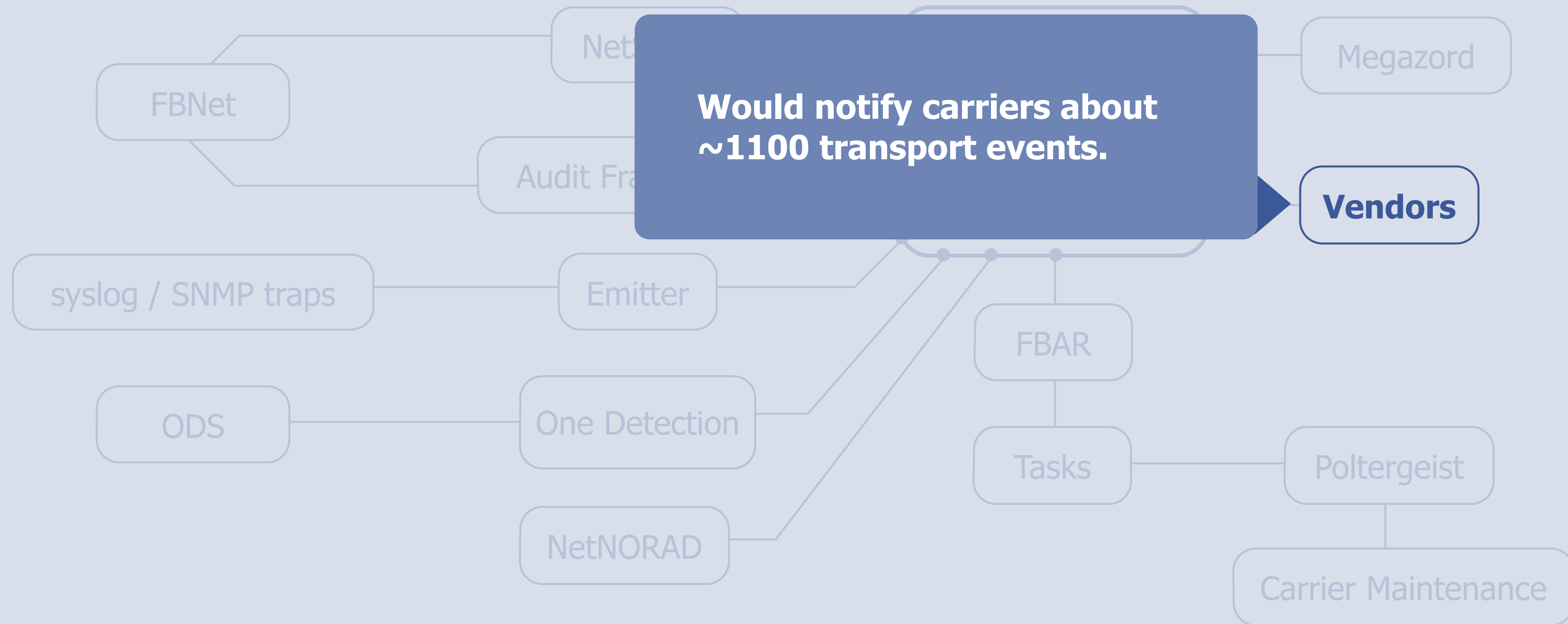
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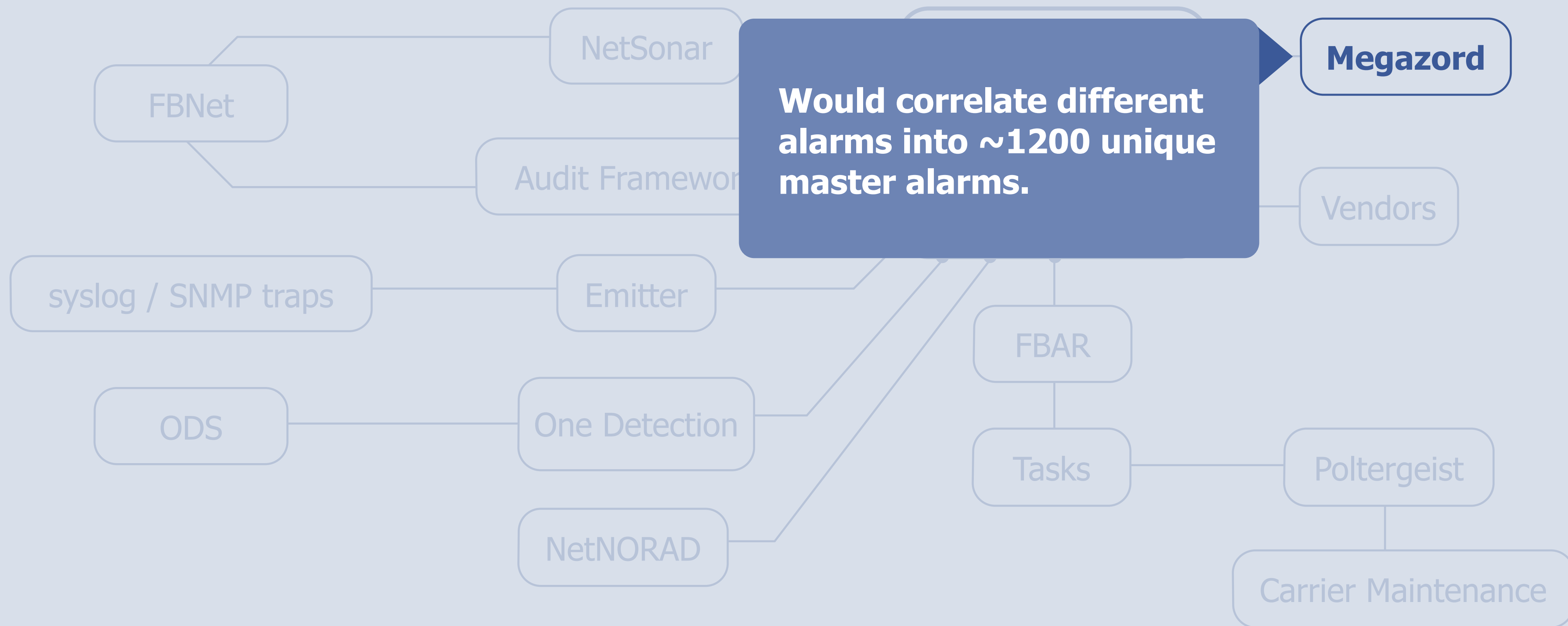
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Three tin wind-up robots are shown standing side-by-side. The robot on the left is silver with red eyes and a yellow mouth. The robot in the middle is blue with yellow eyes and a yellow mouth. The robot on the right is green with red eyes and a yellow mouth. All three robots have a grey face, a grey body, and red feet. They are connected by a grey metal rod that runs through their waists. The text "Single on-call in charge of the whole network" is overlaid in white on the robots.

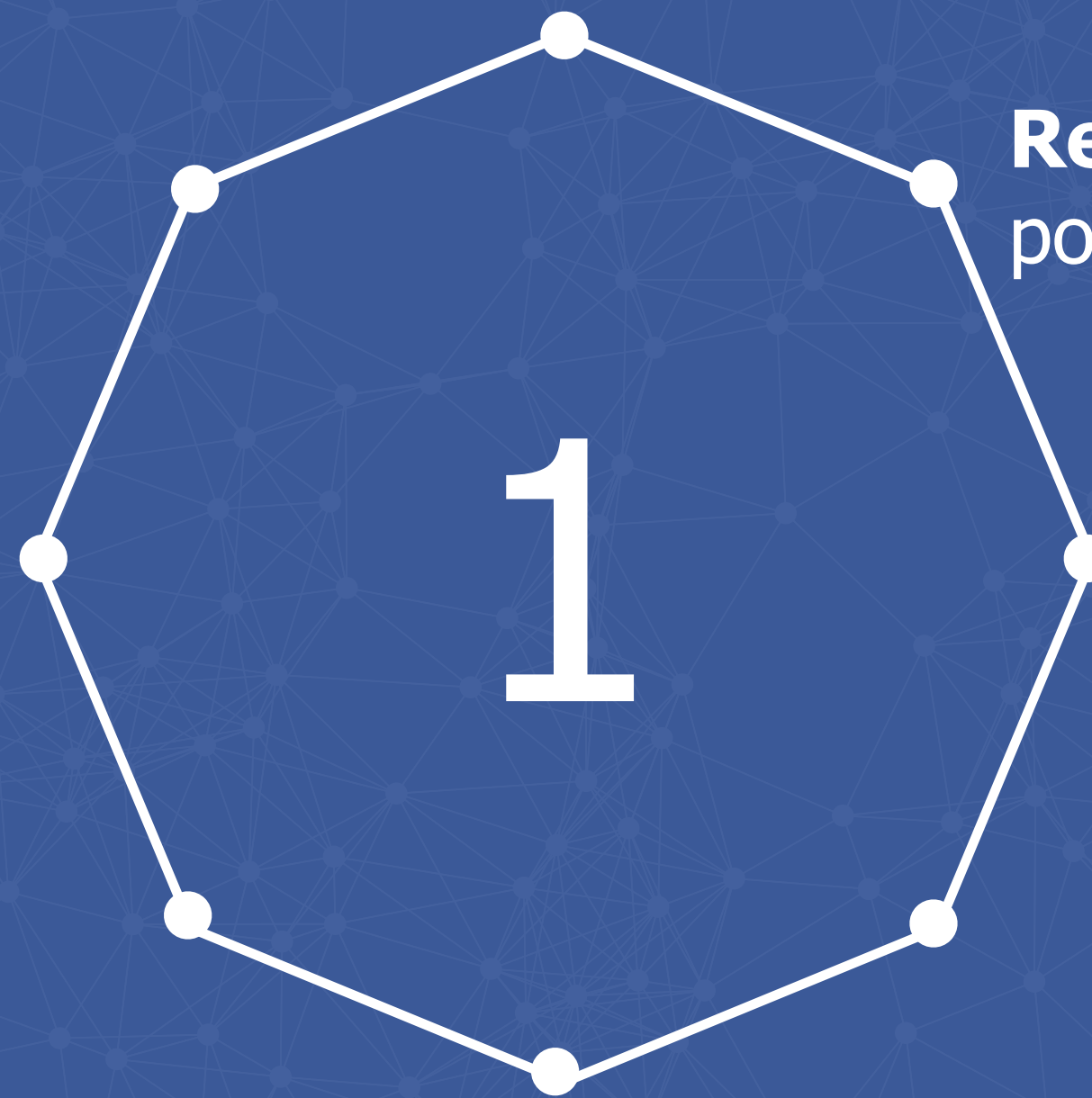
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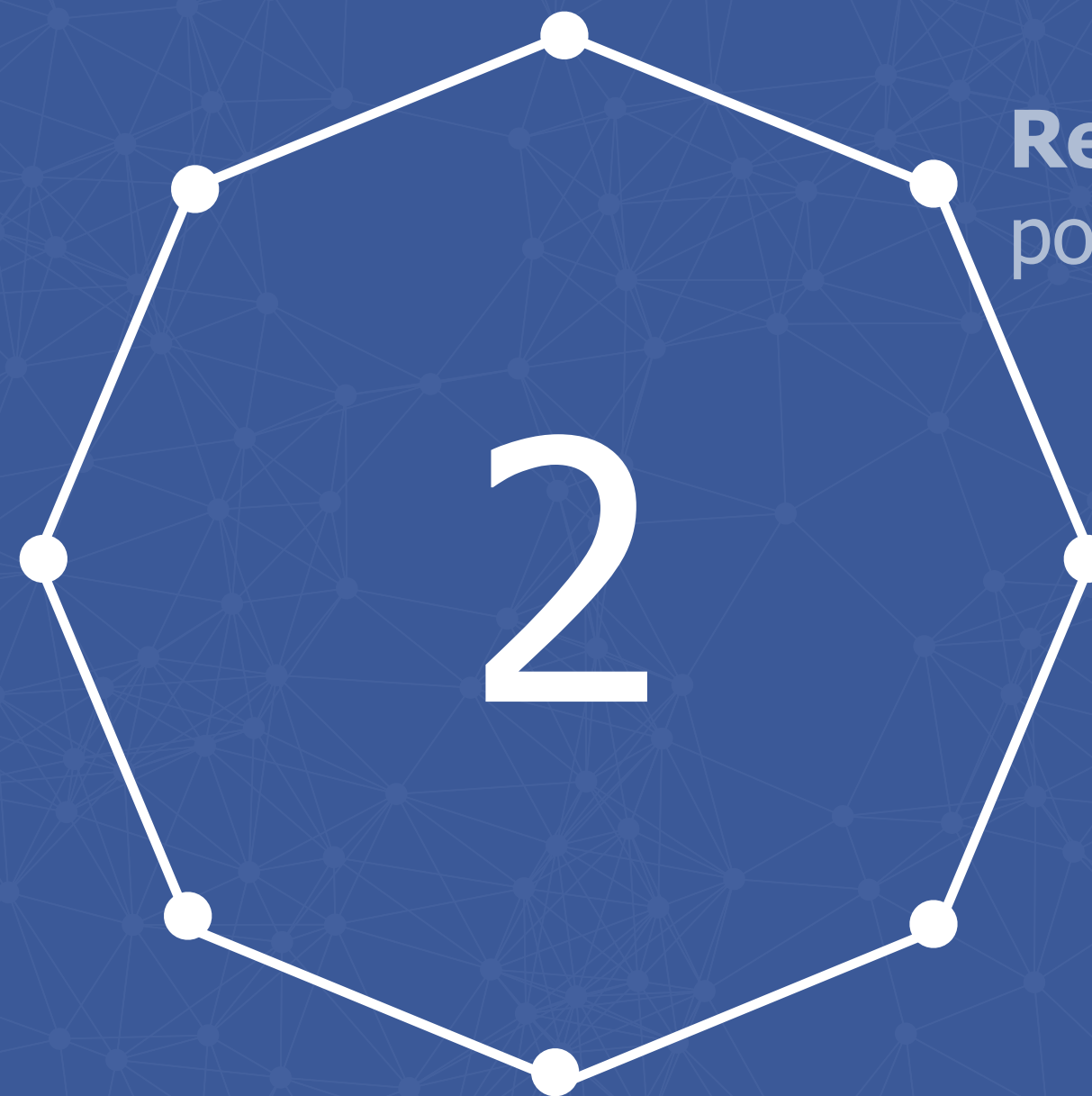
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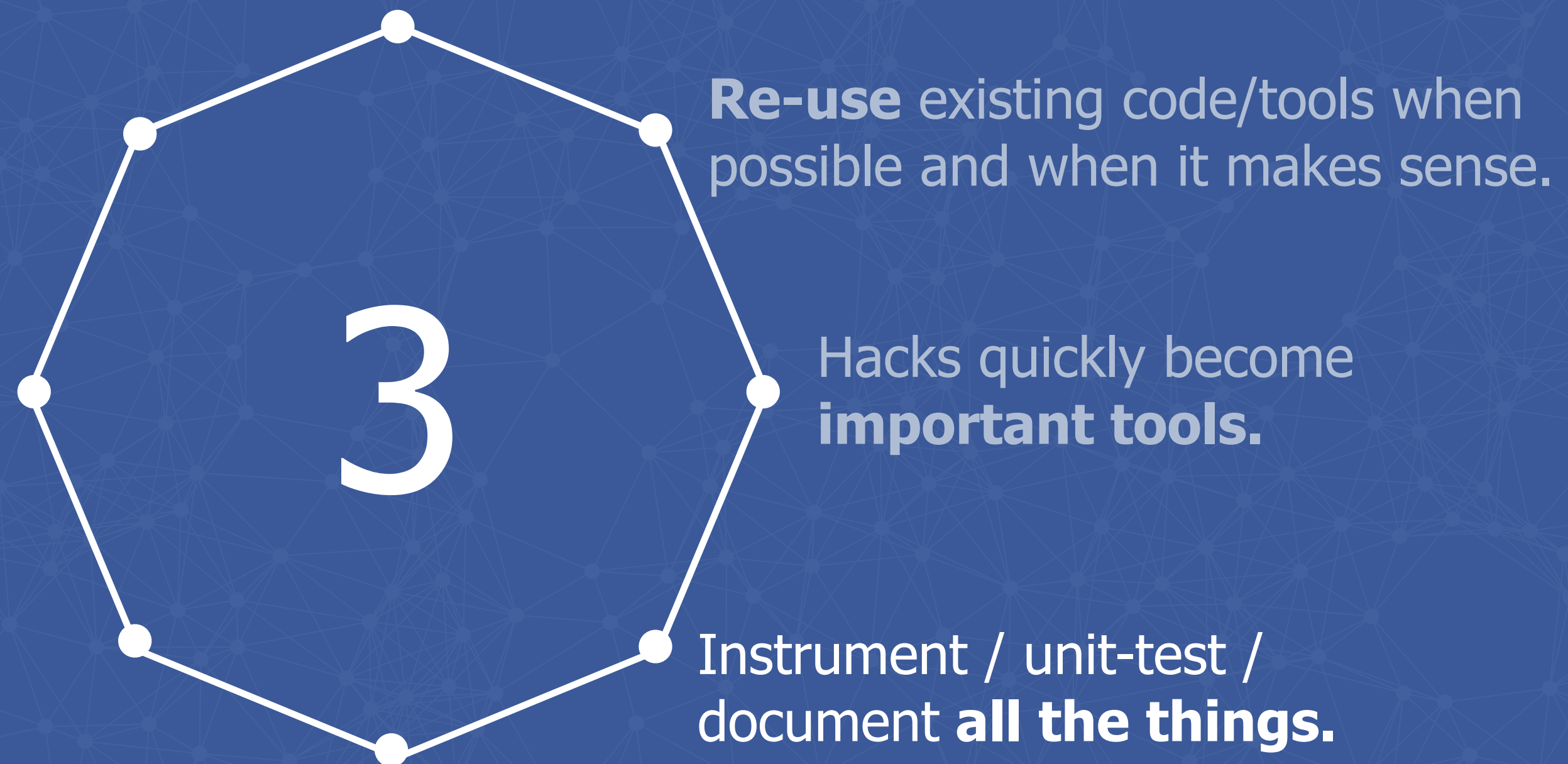
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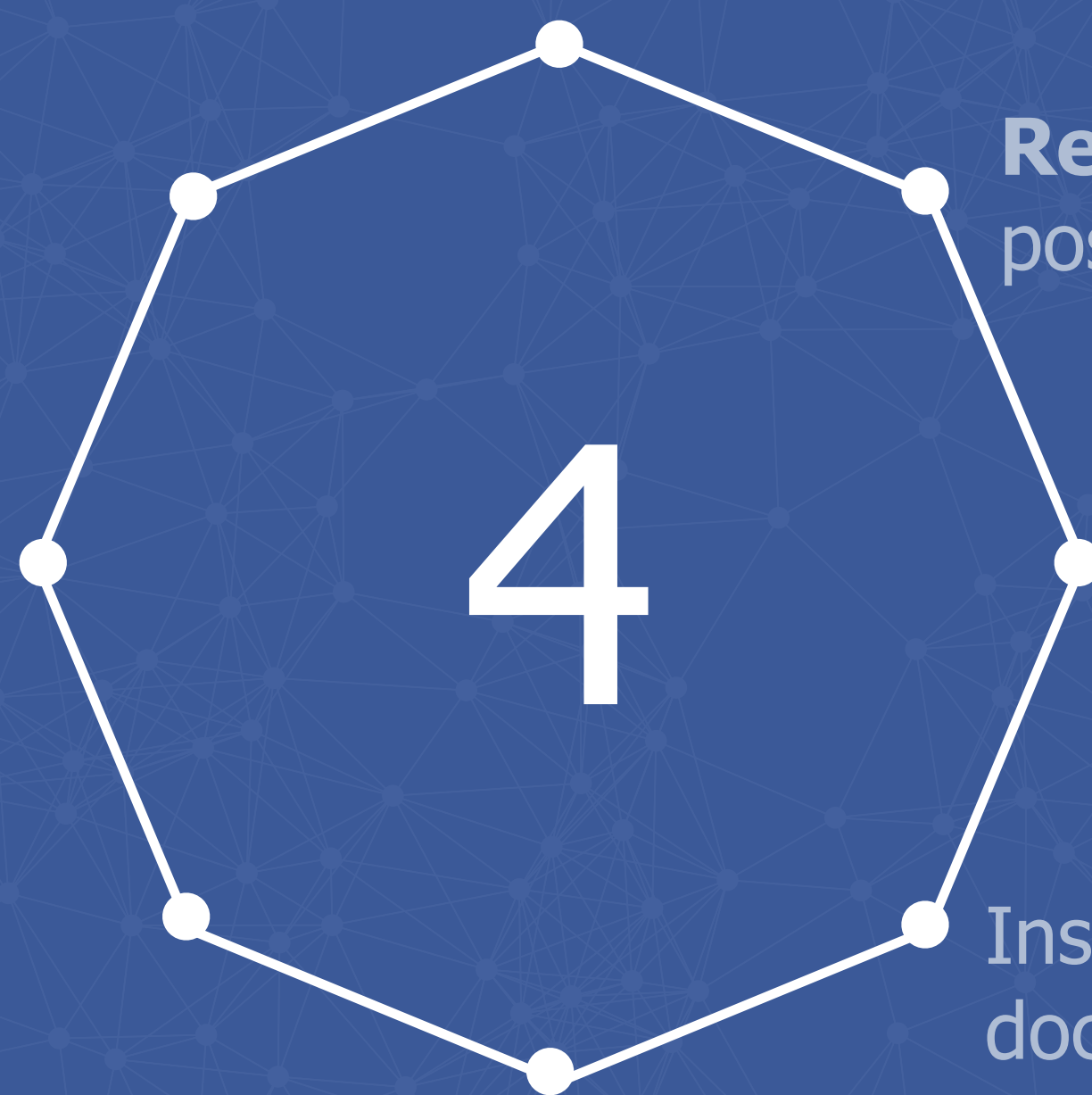
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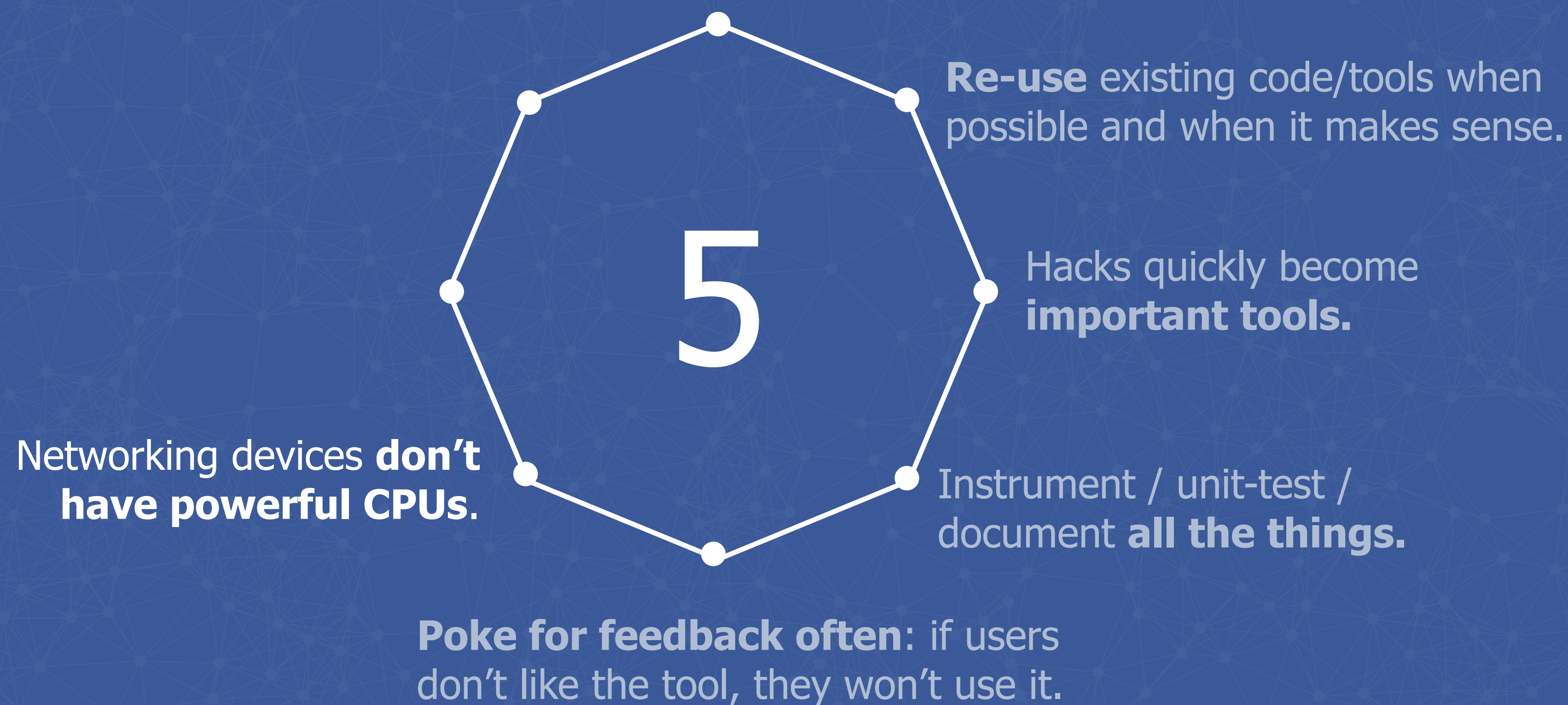
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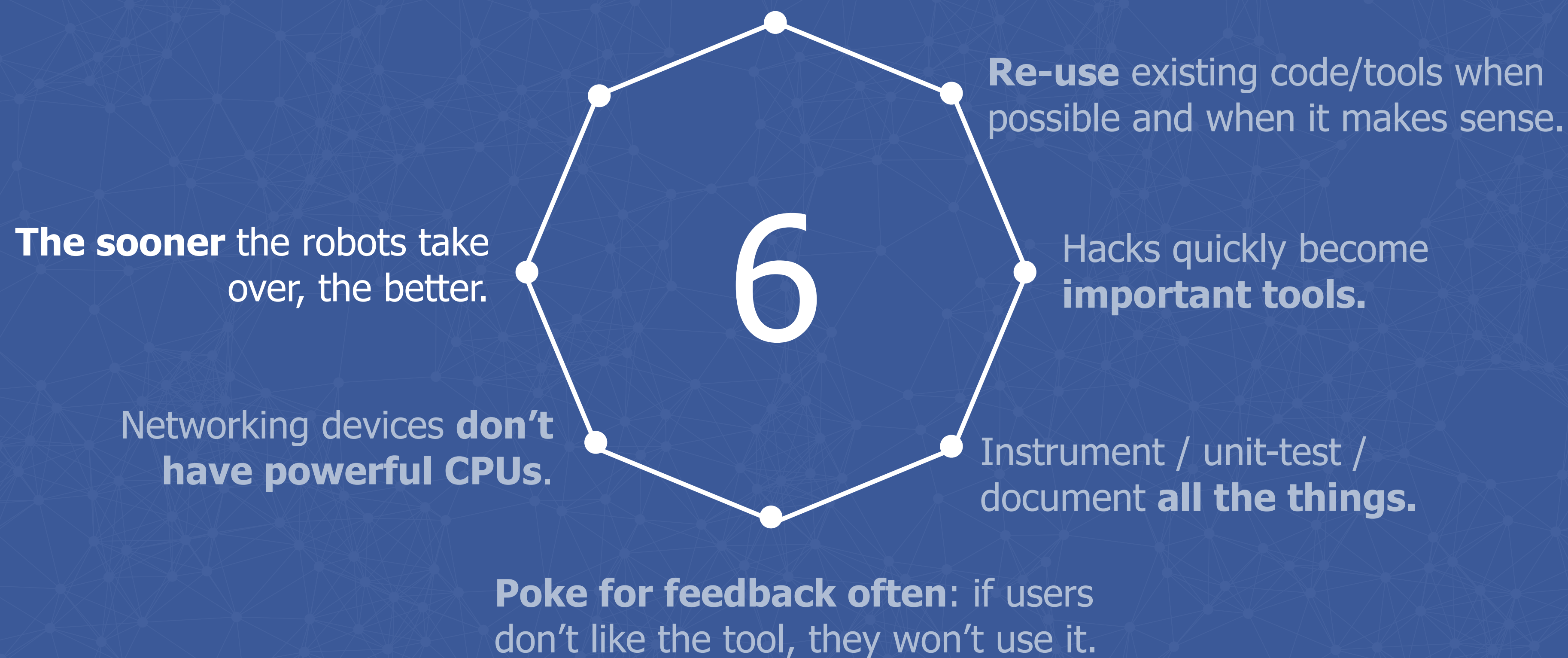
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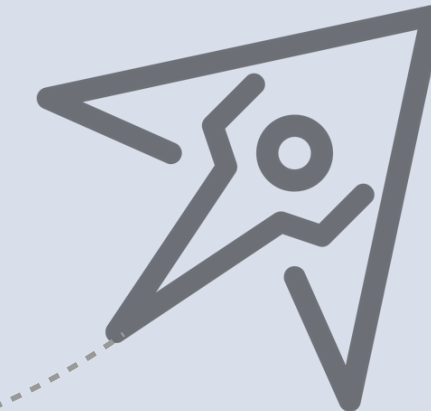
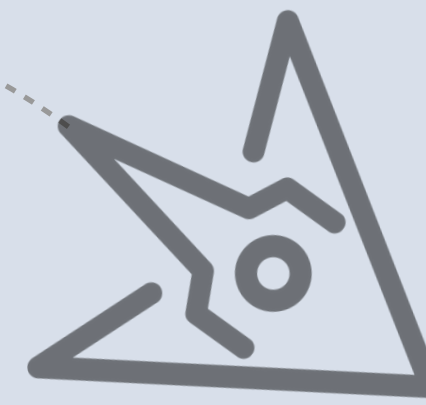


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# What's in the near future?

The journey is 1% finished



FBOSS / Wedge / sixpack  
operationalization  
improvements

Better visibility in the  
WDM space and  
correlation between the  
Optical / IP worlds

PCE

Continuous development  
of existing tools



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POSTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR FRIENDS AT  THE FACEBOOK ANALOG RESEARCH LABORATORY

