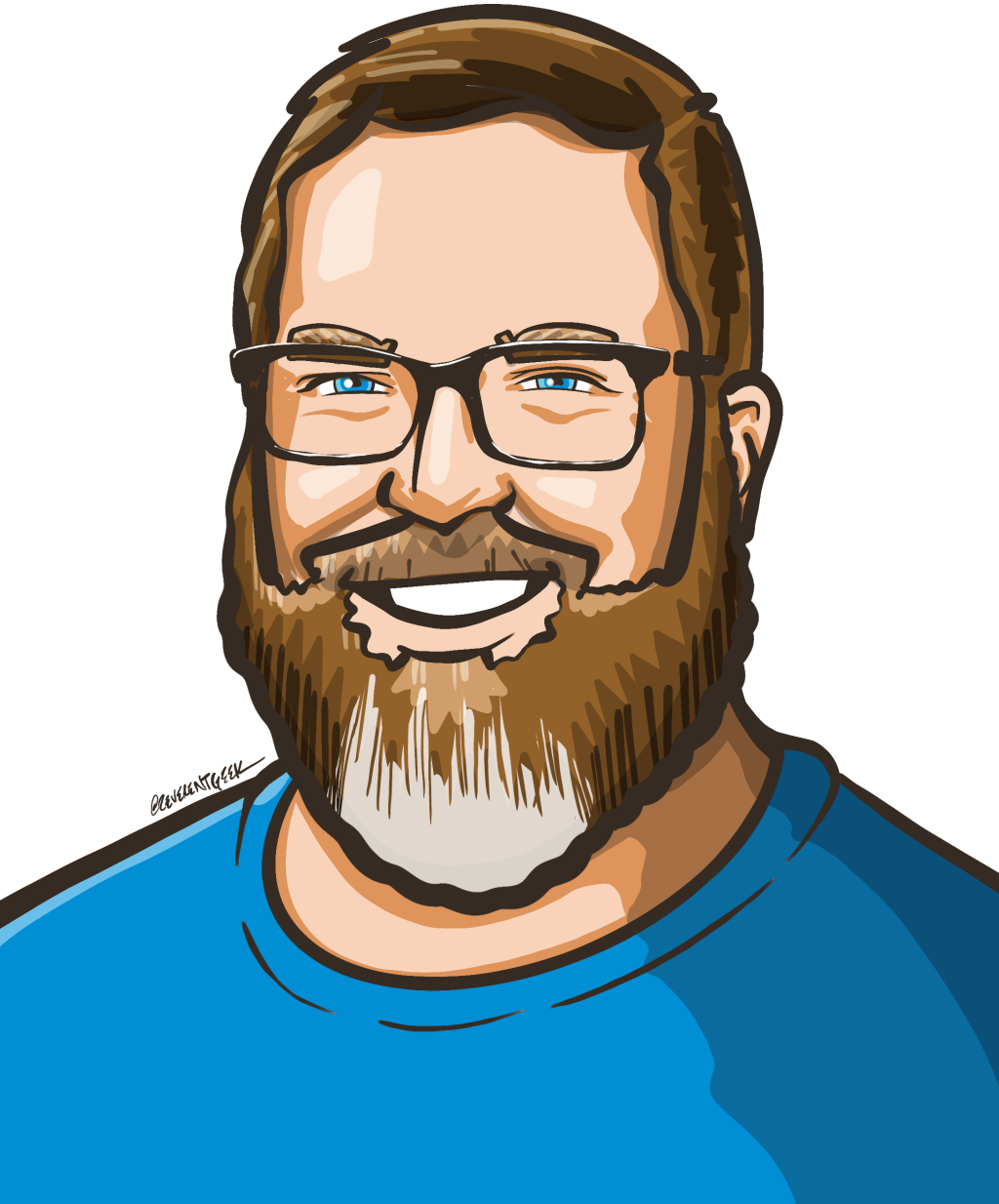




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ASPIRING .NET WITH OPENAI AND OLLAMA
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**Aspire is designed to improve the
experience of building cloud-native apps**

Why Aspire

Orchestration

- Service Management
- Configuration
- Service Discovery
- Health & Telemetry

Integrations

- Azure Services
- Local Development
- Multi-Platform
- Community Ecosystem

Tooling

- IDE Integration
- Dashboard
- AppHost & CLI

Service Defaults & Features

- **Security Defaults**

- Azure AD authentication
- Secure secrets management

- **Resilience & Scalability**

- Automatic retry policies
- Circuit breakers for failure protection

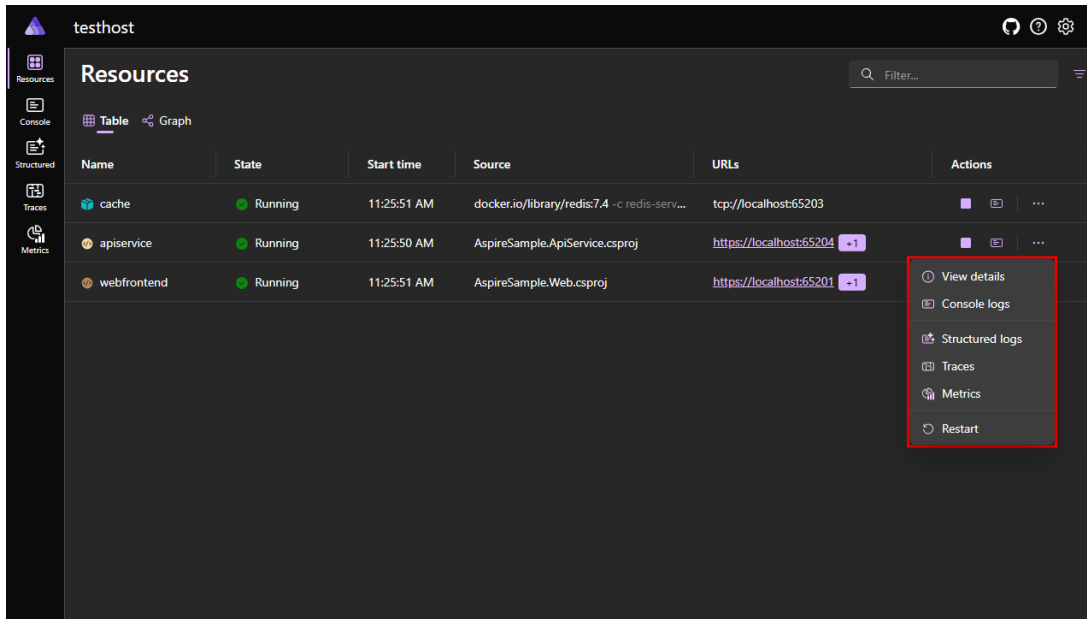
- **Custom Commands**

- Workflow automation
- Database migrations, data seeding
- Development environment reset

- **Launch Profiles**

- Multiple environments (local, cloud, test)
- Environment variable configuration

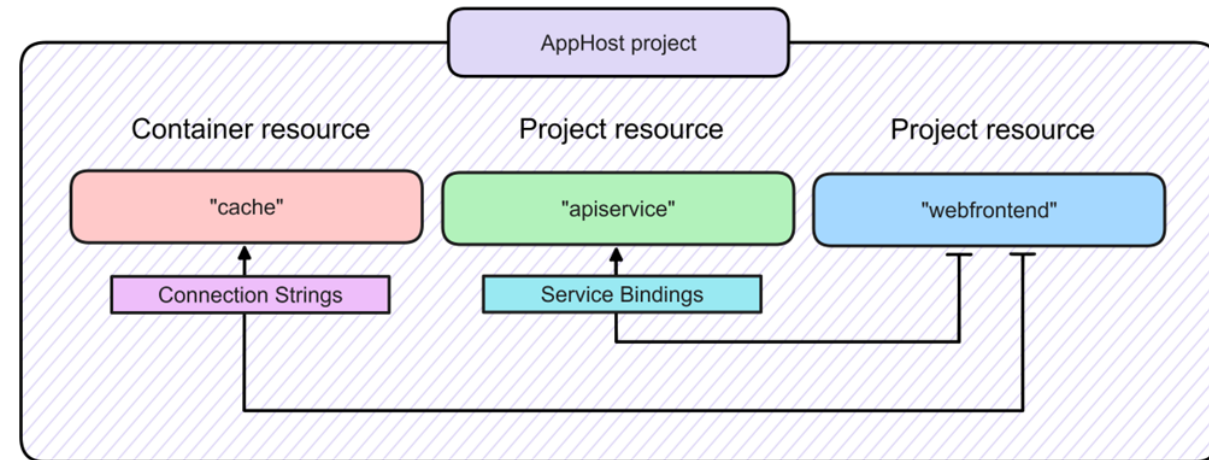
Aspire Dashboard



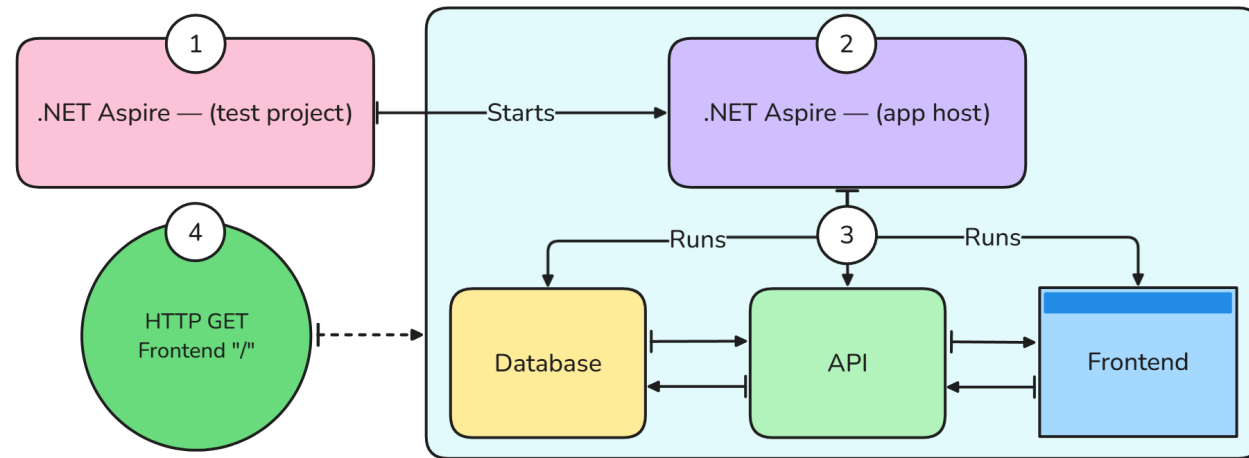
- Real-time Monitoring
- Interactive Debugging
- Resource Management
- Secret Management
- Copilot AI Debugging
- GenAI Visualizer

Service Discovery and Configuration

- **Automatic Configuration:** AppHost passes settings to services
- **Implicit Discovery:** Services reference only what they need
- **Named Endpoints:** Multiple endpoints per service
- **Environment Variables:** Structured configuration strings

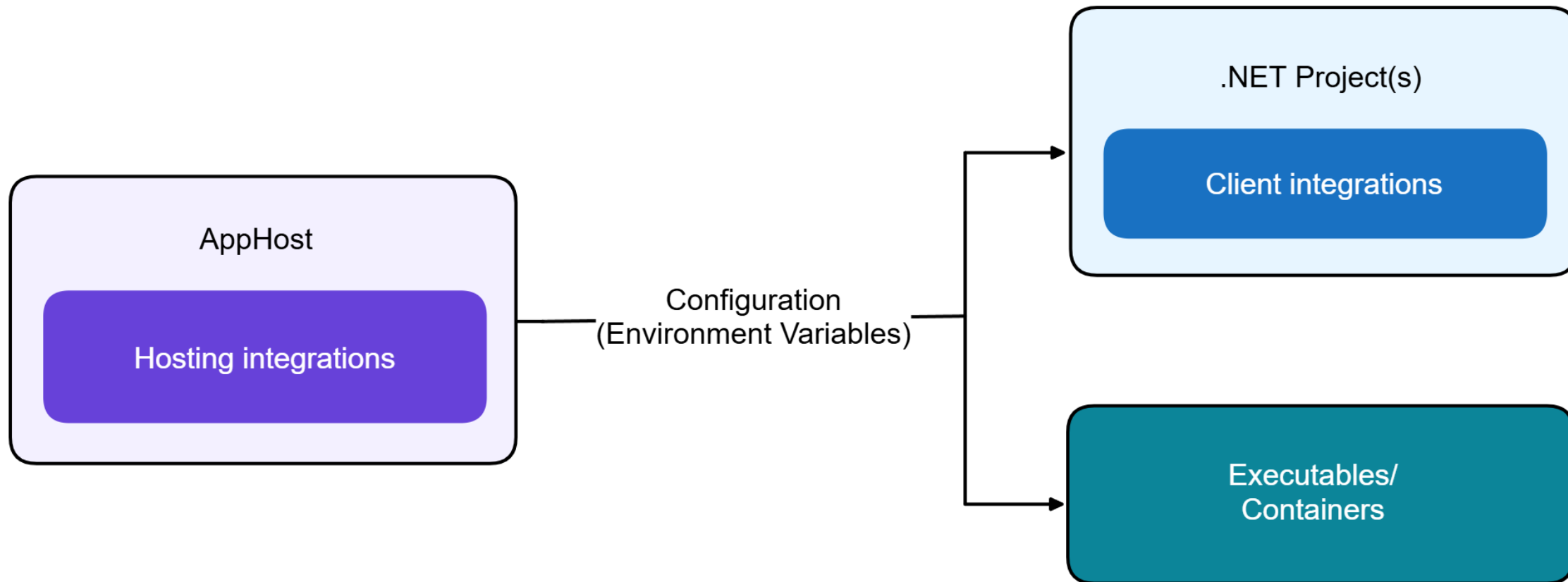


Testing in Aspire



- **Integration Testing:** Test multiple components together
- **Container Testing:** Test with containerized services
- **Emulator Support:** Use local emulators for cloud services
- **End-to-End Testing:** Test full application workflows

Aspire Integrations



Aspire Integrations

Hosting Integrations

- Provision and manage resources
- Automate infrastructure setup
- Cloud-native functionality
- Integrated logging and monitoring
- Authentication and authorization
- Configuration management

Client Integrations

- Configure service connections
- Consume hosted services
- Service discovery
- Service defaults
- Integrated logging and monitoring

Official Integrations

Cloud-Agnostic

- **Databases:** PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, SQL Server
- **Messaging:** Kafka, RabbitMQ, NATS
- **AI & Observability:** Ollama, Semantic Kernel, OpenTelemetry

Cloud-Specific

- **Azure Services:** OpenAI, Cosmos DB, SQL, Redis, Key Vault, App Service, ACR, App Config
- **AWS Support:** Via Hosting.AWS package

Community Toolkit Integrations

Multi-Language Support

- **JavaScript:** Bun, Deno
- **Systems Programming:** Go, Rust
- **Enterprise:** Java/Spring
- **Extensions:** Node.js, SQL, MongoDB, Redis

Additional Services

- **AI & Search:** Ollama, Meilisearch
- **Data:** SQLite, Data API Builder
- **Web:** Azure Static Web Apps emulator
- **Customization:** Advanced configurations

What's New in .NET Aspire 9.5

CLI & Tooling

- **aspire update** - Auto-update packages
- **SSH Remote port forwarding** in VS Code

Dashboard Enhancements

- **GenAI Visualizer** - Explore AI interactions
- **Multi-resource console logs view**

What's New in .NET Aspire 9.5 (continued)



New Integrations

- **OpenAI hosting** integration
- **GitHub Models & Azure AI Foundry** catalogs
- **Dev Tunnels** hosting support



Deployment

- **Azure Container App Jobs**
- **Built-in Azure deployment** via `aspire deploy`

Compute Environments & Aspire CLI

Multiple Environments

```
var k8s = builder.AddKubernetesEnvironment("k8s");  
var compose = builder.AddDockerComposeEnvironment("docker");  
  
builder.AddProject<Projects.Api>("api")  
    .WithComputeEnvironment(compose);  
  
builder.AddProject<Projects.Frontend>("frontend")  
    .WithComputeEnvironment(k8s);
```

Aspire CLI

```
# Install
curl -sSL https://aspire.dev/install.sh | bash
dotnet tool install -g Aspire.Cli

# Commands
aspire new | run | add | update
aspire config | publish | deploy
aspire exec
```

Azure Deployment

Targets

- Azure App Service
- Azure Container Apps
- Kubernetes

Azure Developer CLI

```
azd up          # Deploy everything
azd deploy      # App only
azd provision   # Infrastructure only
azd init        # Initialize
```

Features

- Auto-detects app structure
- Environment variable mapping
- Native Aspire support
- Credential providers
- Key Vault integration
- Secure access

Interactive Parameter Prompting

```
// Parameters without defaults trigger dashboard prompts
var apiKey = builder.AddParameter("api-key", secret: true);
var dbUrl = builder.AddParameter("database-url");

var api = builder.AddProject<Projects.Api>("api")
    .WithEnvironment("API_KEY", apiKey)
    .WithEnvironment("DATABASE_URL", dbUrl);
```

Interactive Parameter Prompting (continued)

Features

- **Automatic prompting** for missing parameters
- **Rich form inputs** in dashboard
- **Secret masking** for sensitive data
- **Validation support** with custom rules
- **Save to user secrets** for persistence

Input Types: Text, Password, Choice, Boolean, Number

Local to Cloud Integrations

Component	Local	Cloud
AI Models	Ollama, Foundry local, LM Studio	Azure OpenAI, AI Foundry
Models	Llama 3, Phi-4, Qwen	GPT-4.1, GPT-5-mini, Claude 4
Vector DB	Qdrant, Chroma, pgvector	Azure AI Search, Cosmos DB

Features: Zero-friction transitions • Emulator support • Hybrid development • Auto configuration • Secret management

Microsoft.Extensions.AI

API & Architecture	Description	Development	Description
Unified API	Common interface for AI providers	Local Development	Connect to Ollama, LM Studio
Pipeline Architecture	Chain components efficiently	Cloud Ready	Same code for Azure OpenAI
DI Integration	Works with .NET service container	Transport Options	HTTP, gRPC, direct calls
Provider-Agnostic	Single interface, multiple backends	Performance	Auto-batching and throttling

AI Local Development

```
// Local development with Ollama
builder.AddOllama("ollama")
    .WithModel("llama3");

// Add client to use the model
builder.AddOllamaApiClient()
    .AddChatClient();
```

```
public class ExampleService(
    IChatClient chatClient)
{
    // Use chat client...
}
```

- **Zero Cost Development:** No API charges for local models
- **Privacy & Security:** All data stays on your machine
- **Offline Capability:** Work without internet connectivity
- **Fast Iteration:** No network latency for testing
- **Model Experimentation:** Try different open-source models

AI Cloud Development

```
// Single line change for production
builder.AddAzureOpenAI("ai");

// Same client code works unchanged
builder.AddAzureOpenAIClient()
    .AddChatClient();
```

```
public class ExampleService(
    IChatClient chatClient)
{
    // Use chat client...
}
```

- **Latest Models:** Access to GPT-4, Claude, and cutting-edge AI
- **Global Availability:** 99.9% SLA with worldwide deployment
- **Managed Infrastructure:** No server maintenance required
- **Advanced Features:** Function calling, vision, audio processing
- **Compliance Ready:** SOC 2, HIPAA, and enterprise certifications

The Evolution of .NET AI Frameworks

Previous Landscape

- **Semantic Kernel:** High-level orchestration framework
- **AutoGen:** Multi-agent conversation framework
- **Fragmented Ecosystem:** Different APIs, patterns, abstractions

The Challenge

- **Inconsistent APIs:** Each framework had unique approaches
- **Integration Complexity:** Difficult to combine tools
- **Provider Lock-in:** Hard to switch AI providers
- **Learning Curve:** Multiple frameworks to master

Microsoft Agent Framework

Unified Multi-Agent Platform

- **Consolidation:** Replaces Semantic Kernel & AutoGen
- **Built on Microsoft.Extensions.AI:** Leverages unified abstractions
- **Multi-Agent Orchestration:** Coordinate multiple AI agents
- **Event-Driven Architecture:** Flexible agent communication

Microsoft Agent Framework (continued)

Key Features

- **Agent Types:** Task-based, conversational, autonomous
- **Memory Systems:** Short-term and long-term context
- **Tool Integration:** Function calling and external tools
- **Provider Agnostic:** Works with any AI backend

Learn more: [Microsoft Agent Framework](#)

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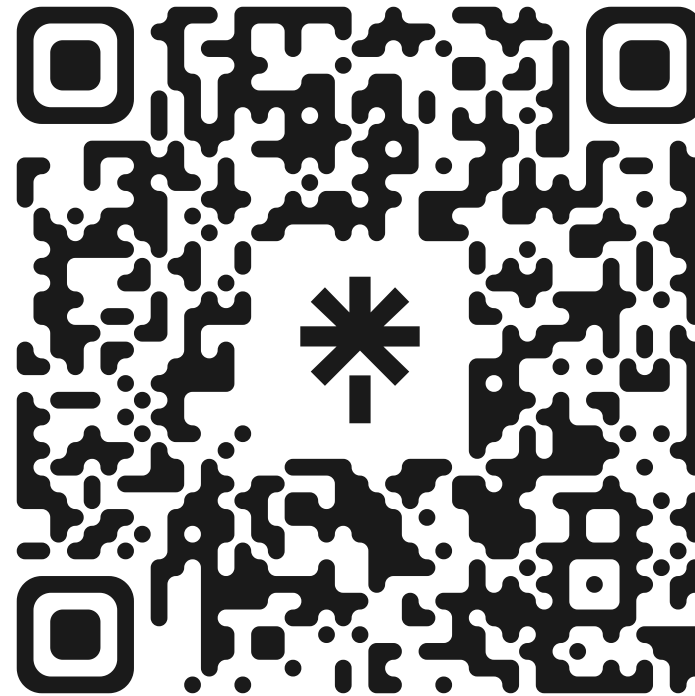


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