Flexible Static: Static Site Personalization at the Edge

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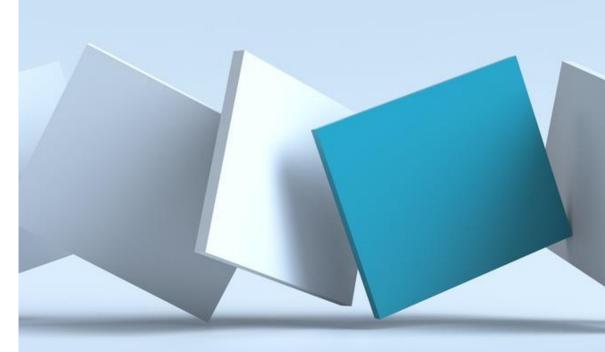
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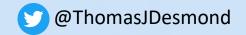
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What are we looking at today?

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- What are static sites?
- How can we add flexibility?
- Demo personalization at the edge
 - Next.js, Vercel Edge Functions, Sitecore Personalize

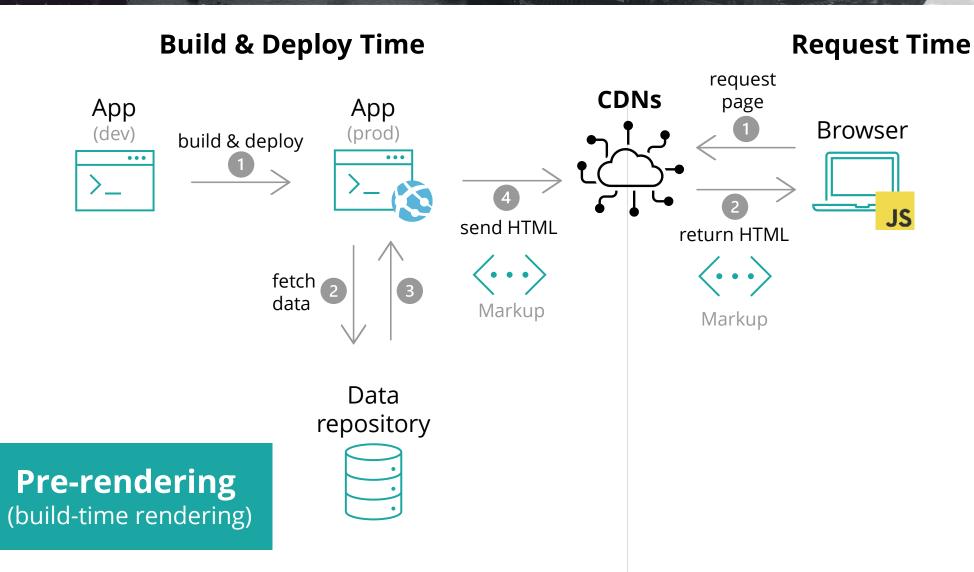


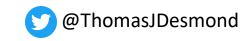


What is Static Site Generation (SSG)?

Static Site Architecture (Full Static)









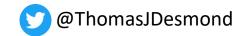
Adding Flexibility to Static Sites

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Static Site with Rehydration

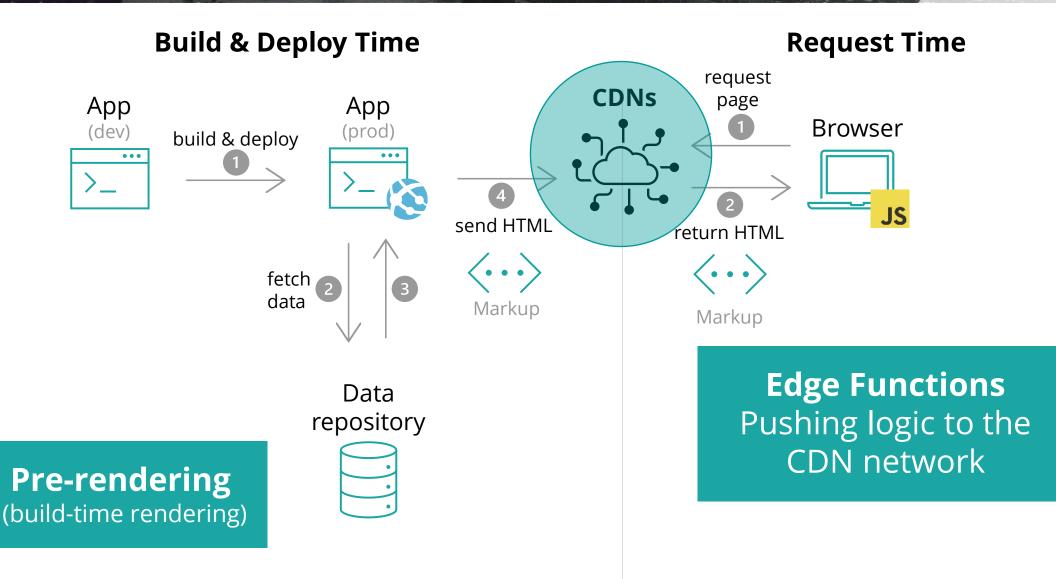


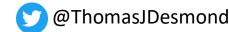
Build & Deploy Time Request Time request **CDNs** page Арр Арр APIs Browser (dev) (prod) build & deploy JS send HTML return HTML • • • • • • fetch data Markup Markup Rehydration Data dynamic data is fetched from repository the end user's web browser, not the web server **Pre-rendering** build-time rendering



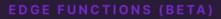
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Static Site Architecture w/ Edge Functions





Vercel Introduces Edge Functions

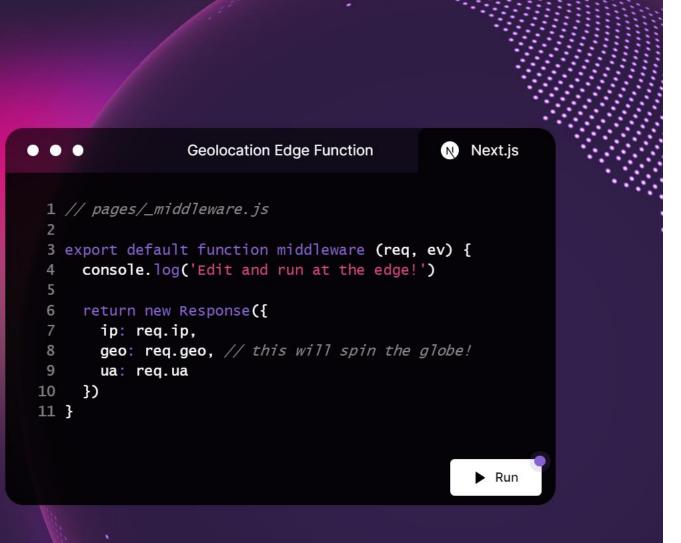


Fearlessly Dynamic

Edge Functions give you the benefits of static with the power of dynamic. Now you can personalize and experiment without sacrificing speed or performance.

Get Started

Read Docs



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What can we do at 'The Edge'?

- What information we have at the Edge?
 - Geolocation, Cookies, Requested URL
 - Fetch third party data
- What can we do with that information?
 - Logging, Rewrite/Redirect URLs





Example Time

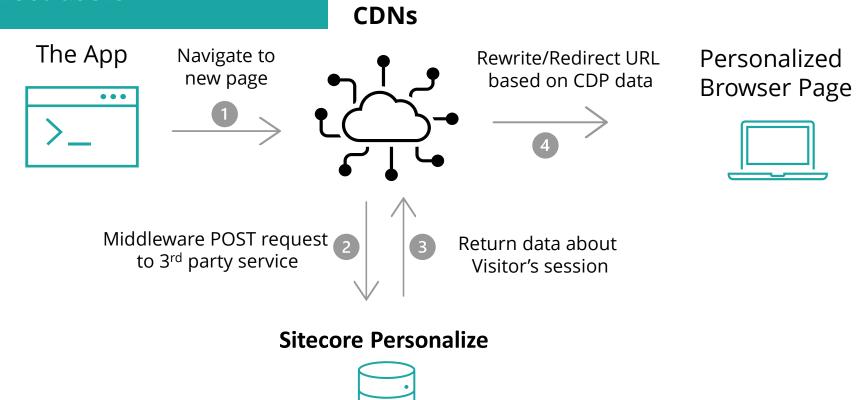


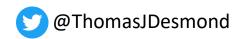
Getting Started with Middleware

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Request time flow using Sitecore Personalize to determine where to direct users



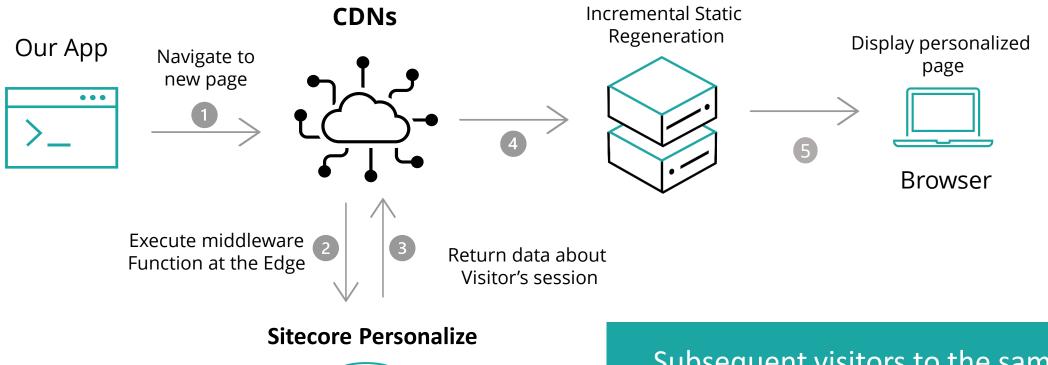


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Redirect URL Demo

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Flow for generating static page at request time

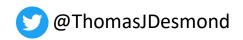


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Subsequent visitors to the same page get the already statically generated page



- API Reference for Middleware functions and types
- Edge Functions docs
- <u>Smart Hub CDP Docs</u>
- Example Edge Function use cases on GitHub
- Edge Functions feature page



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