



# Deep Dive into the ArcGIS Geotrigger Service

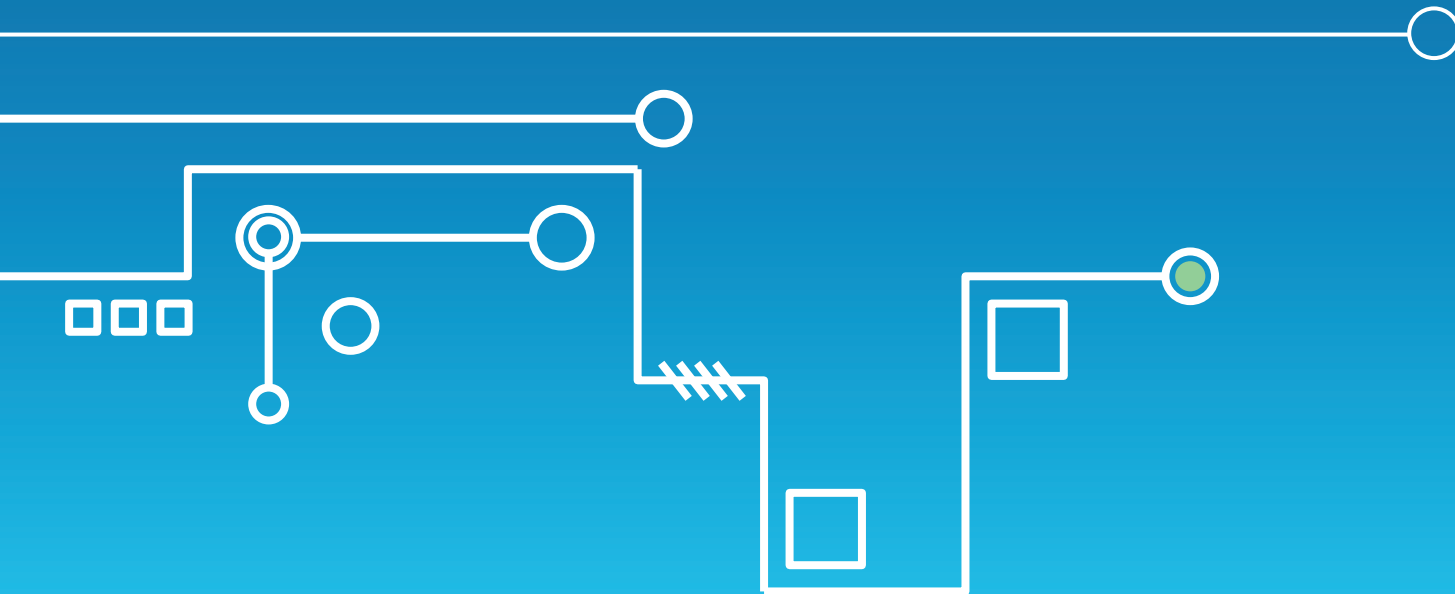
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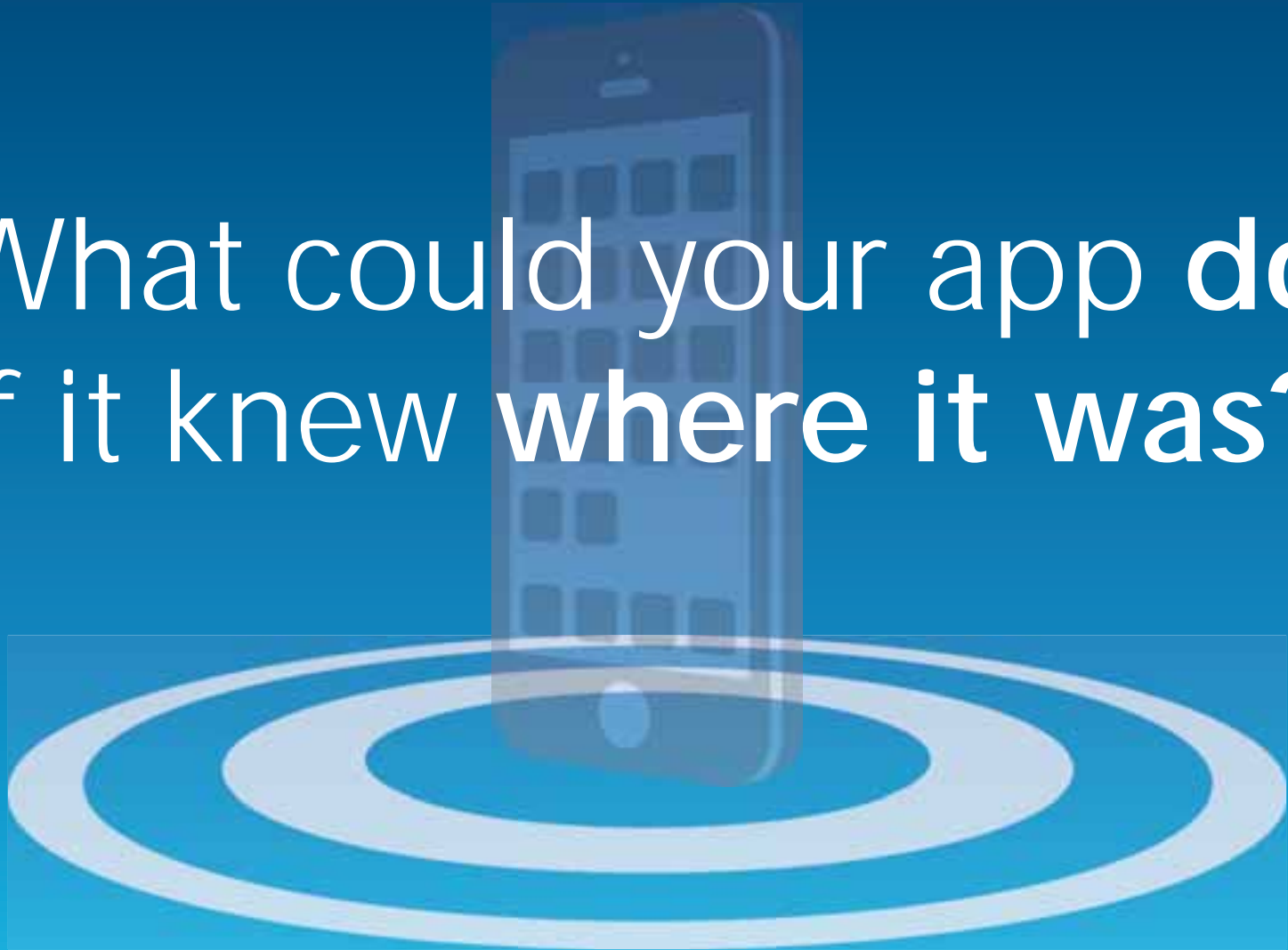
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# Geotrigger SDKs and API Just Launched!

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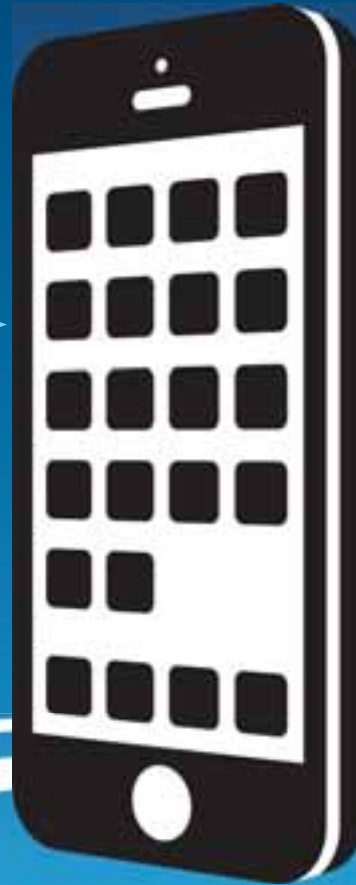
What could your app do  
if it knew **where it was?**



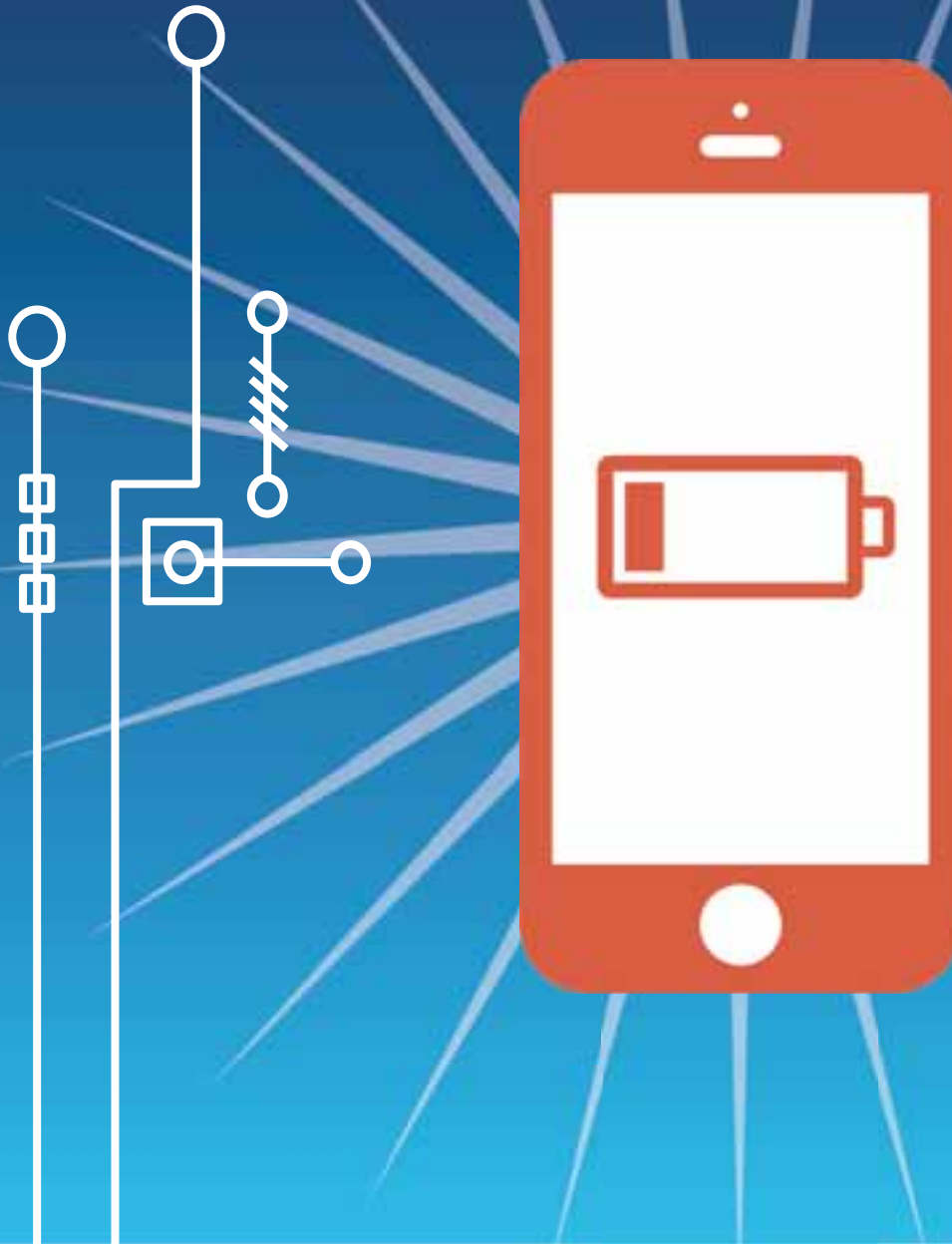
# Geotrigger: An Invisible Button

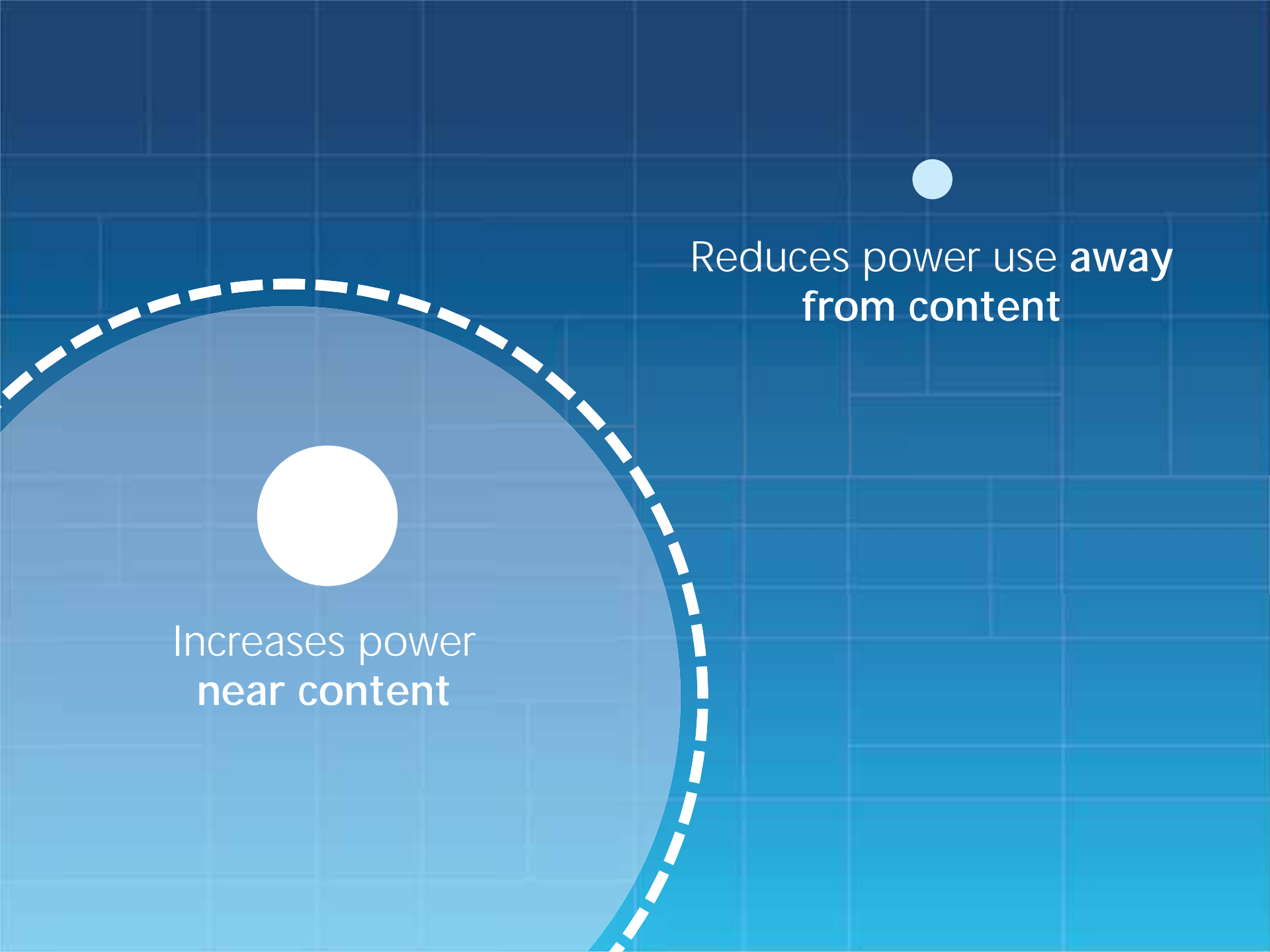


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What about  
**Battery  
Drain?**





Increases power  
near content

Reduces power use **away**  
from content

# Differences between **iPhone** and **Android**





# iOS Location Services

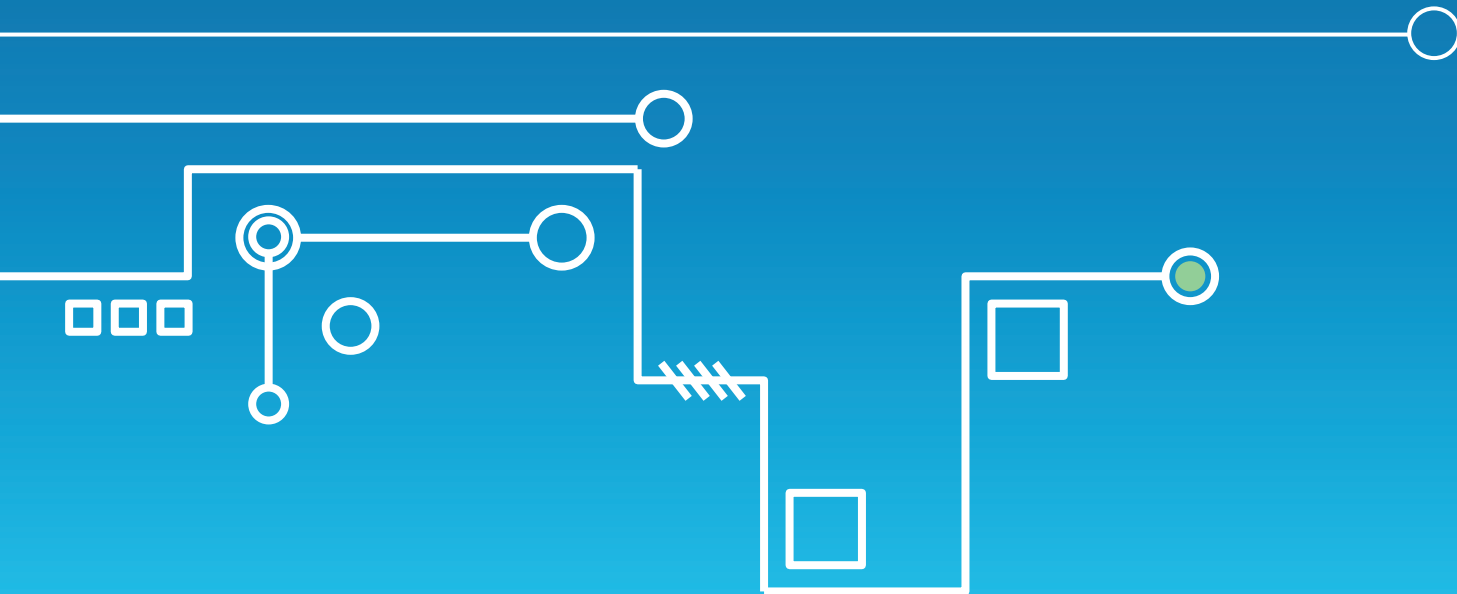
- App registers for location updates from the operating system
- iOS delivers location events to a delegate object in the app when it's running
- iOS may terminate your app due to high memory conditions, etc.
- If terminated, iOS will re-launch the app in the background when a location event is received
- Less control over when the data is received, but less code to manage

# Android Location Services

- App creates a background service which runs persistently
- The app's service requests location data from the OS
- The OS delivers location data to the service
- More control available on Android, but also requires more code to manage

# Geotrigger Technology

- Mobile SDKs
- Web APIs
- Battery Management
- Tracking Profiles





# Getting Started

# Getting Started

1. Create an **account** at [developers.arcgis.com](https://developers.arcgis.com) or sign in if you already have an ArcGIS account
2. Create an **application** [developers.arcgis.com/en/applications/](https://developers.arcgis.com/en/applications/)

# Register a new application

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## < Register New Application

Name

My App

Required

Tags

mapping, iphone, android

Comma separated, e.g. "mapping, iphone, android"

Redirect URI

Optional. Adding redirect URIs to your application will allow users with ArcGIS online subscriptions to login to your application via OAuth 2. Otherwise leave this blank.

Description

Tell us about your application. 3000 is allowed.

# Get your app's client\_id

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## OAuth Credentials

Client ID

eKNjzFFjH9A1ysYd

Client Secret

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# Authentication

The Geotrigger API uses OAuth 2.0

- All requests to the **Geotrigger API** are made with an **access token**.
- To get an access token for your application, make a request with the **client\_id** and **client\_secret** to the "**oauth2/token**" endpoint of **ArcGIS Online**.



## 2. Register for Push Notifications

### Apple

- Go to your Apple Developer account to get a Push Certificate (iOS).
- Make sure the push cert has been set on your app and that your application is registered to handle push notifications.

<https://developer.apple.com/notifications/>

## 2. Register for Push Notifications

### Android

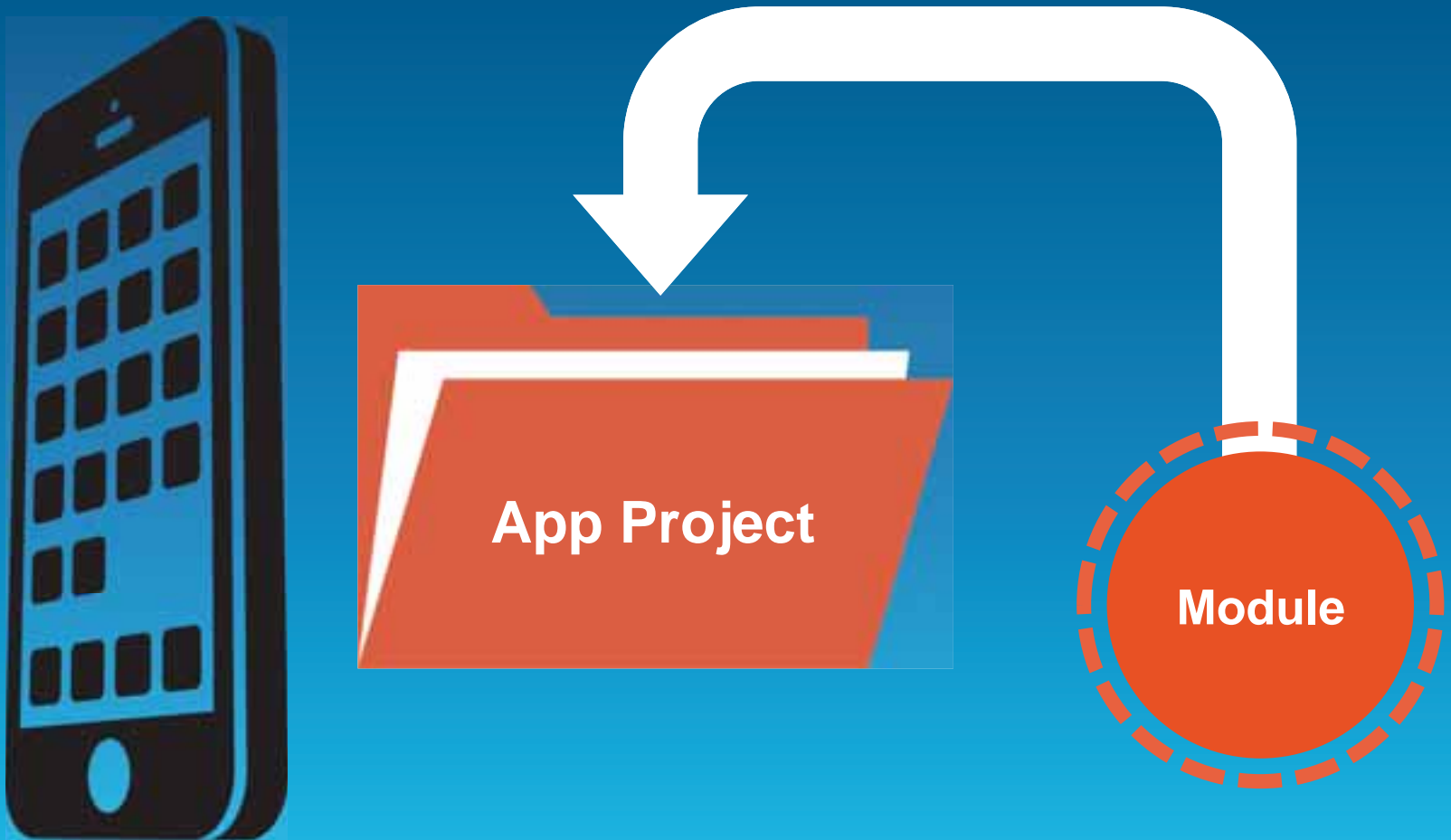
- Get a GCM key (Google).
- Make sure you've GCM key in the push notification settings for your app and make sure you set your GCM sender ID when you initialize the Geotrigger service.

<http://developer.android.com/google/gcm/>

### 3. Download the Sample App

- Download the **sample app** for your platform (iOS or Android).
- [github.com/Esri/geottrigger-sdk-android](https://github.com/Esri/geottrigger-sdk-android)
- [github.com/Esri/geottrigger-sdk-ios](https://github.com/Esri/geottrigger-sdk-ios)

**Have an app already?  
Add the Geotrigger SDK to your  
native app**



# Android

## Eclipse

- Add the arcgis-geotriggers.jar as a dependency in Eclipse, find the library in the Project Explorer, right click on it, and select Add to Build Path.

## IntelliJ IDEA

- Add arcgis-geotriggers.jar as a module dependency in your module settings.
- In your IDE, make the call to start the tracker using your client ID.

*\*Due to the use of native location services in Gingerbread, the ArcGIS Geotrigger SDK for Android requires that your project is compiled with Android 2.3.3 (API level 10) or newer.*

# iOS

## Xcode

Add the following frameworks to your application:  
**CoreLocation, Security, SystemConfiguration,  
and MobileCoreServices.**

- Drag and drop the **GeotriggerSDK.framework** file from Finder into the Frameworks folder in **XCode**.

*\*The Geotrigger Service works only with native apps on iPhone and Android. GPS can only be accessed in the background by native applications. Do not try to add the Geotrigger SDK to a web app.*

# **\*Important\***

## **Test your push notifications!**

- Send a sample push notification to your iPhone or Android app.
- Once you've determined that push notifications are working, then you can test the Geotrigger service.

*\*You need to test your push notifications before you can test that the Geotrigger Service works.*

# Geotrigger Overview

- Triggers define the logic you want to happen
- Triggers can be set when devices **enter** or **leave** a place
- **Date and time** ranges can be applied to the triggers, i.e. only between 9am-5pm



# Geotrigger Components

- **Condition**
  - **Geometry** (polygon or circle)
  - **Direction** (enter or leave)
- **Action** (message, callback URL, or change tracking profile)
- **Tags** (to group content)
  - Example: Wikipedia article data
    - Tags for Buildings, History
    - Can allow users to subscribe to a subset of the data

## 4. Create your first Geotrigger

Create your first Geotrigger geographically close to your current location so you can test it out.

- Use the Geotrigger API  
[developers.arcgis.com/en/geotrigger-service/api-reference/trigger-create/](https://developers.arcgis.com/en/geotrigger-service/api-reference/trigger-create/)
- **Use the visual trigger editor**
  - Will allow you and your team to quickly set up triggers without writing code

# Create a trigger using the visual editor



# Create a trigger using the API

POST <https://geotrigger.arcgis.com/trigger/create>

```
{
  "condition": {
    "direction": "enter",
    "geo": {
      "latitude": 45.5165,
      "longitude": -122.6764,
      "distance": 100
    }
  },
  "action": {
    "notification": {
      "text": "Hello"
    }
  },
  "setTags": "buildings",
  "properties": {
    "foo": "bar"
  }
}
```

# Trigger Types

- Trigger action can be either
  - **Messages**
  - **Callback URL**
  - **Change tracking profile**
- Use “message” triggers when you want to simply send a push notification to users
- Use “callback” triggers when you want to receive the trigger notification on your own server

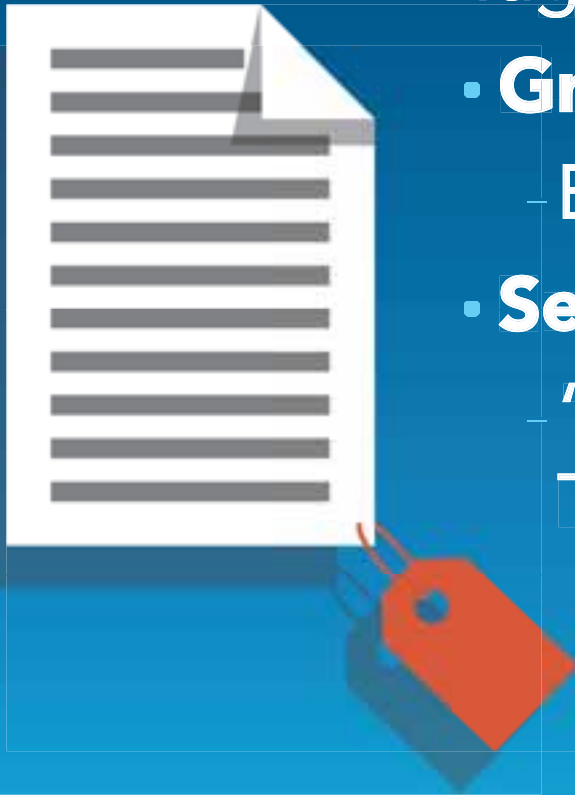
# Trigger Callback Data

- The trigger callback sends information about:
  - The trigger ID that ran
  - The user ID that encountered the trigger
  - The tags and any custom properties of the trigger
  - The confidence that the device is actually in the trigger area
  - The location of the device when the trigger ran

# Tags: a way to organize your data

Tags can be used to

- **Group your content** into categories
  - Eg: parks, restaurants, public places
- **Segment users** based on campaigns
  - “All users who registered during the Thanksgiving promotion”



# Trigger History

- Retrieve logs of all the triggers run for your application
- Trigger history includes
  - Place information
  - Device information
  - Location where the trigger was run



# Dashboard Statistics (by Taqtile)

8:42 PM 76%

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- Content
- Trigger
- Device











DSE > Triggers

Triggers list

New trigger

Showing all trigger 101 triggers

Search

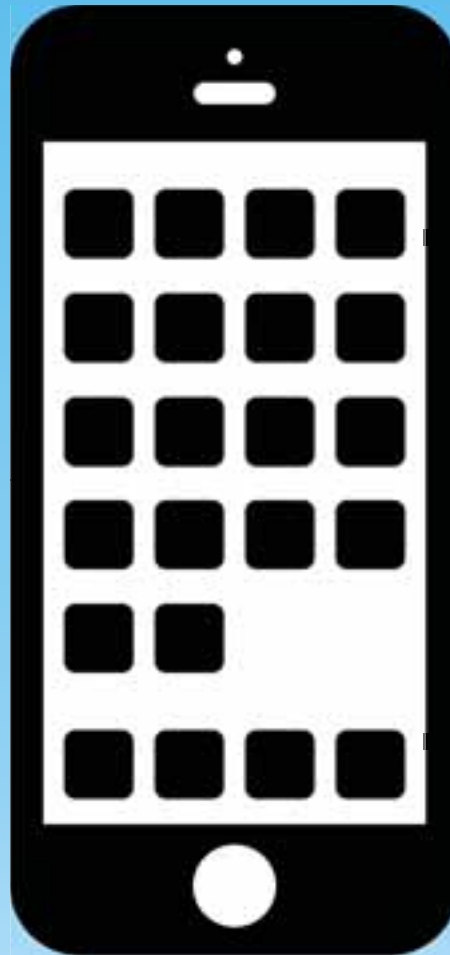
Trigger on	From time	To time	Geotrigger	Content	Actions
enter	10/22/2013 12:00:00 AM BST	11/11/2013 06:00:00 AM GMT	Park Plaza Riverbank	Park Plaza Riverbank	 
enter	10/09/2013 05:00:54 PM BST	12/09/2013 05:00:54 PM GMT	John Snow Pub	John Snow Pub	 
enter	10/09/2013 05:00:54 PM BST	12/09/2013 05:00:54 PM GMT	Royal Observatory	Royal Observatory	 
enter	10/09/2013 05:00:54 PM BST	12/09/2013 05:00:54 PM GMT	Royal Geographic Society	Royal Geographic Society	 
enter	10/09/2013 05:00:54 PM BST	12/09/2013 05:00:54 PM GMT	Forbidden Planet	Forbidden Planet	 



# Tracking Profiles

Battery Management built  
on top of Apple's and  
Google's core location  
services

**Rough  
Mode**

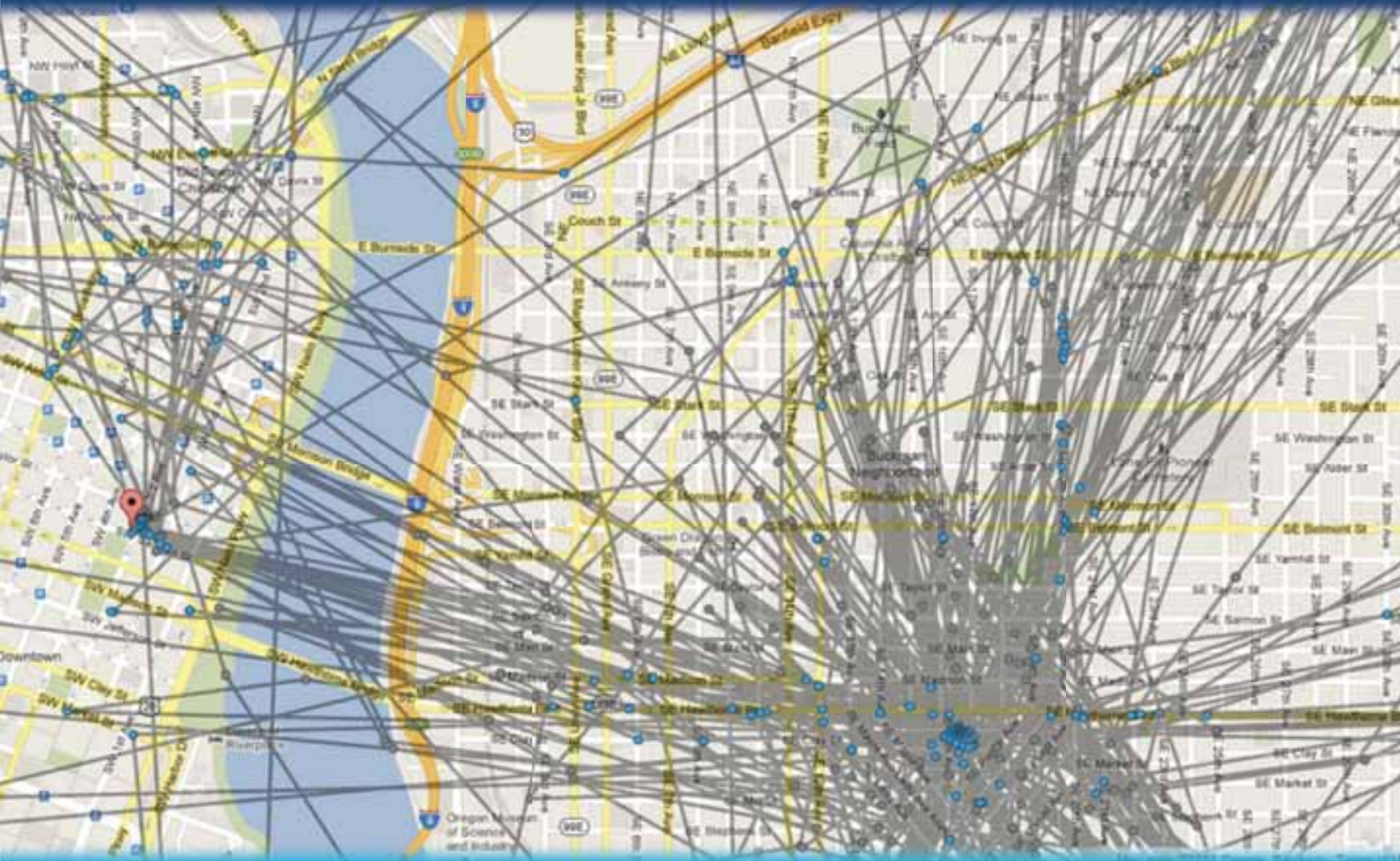


**Delayed  
Messaging**



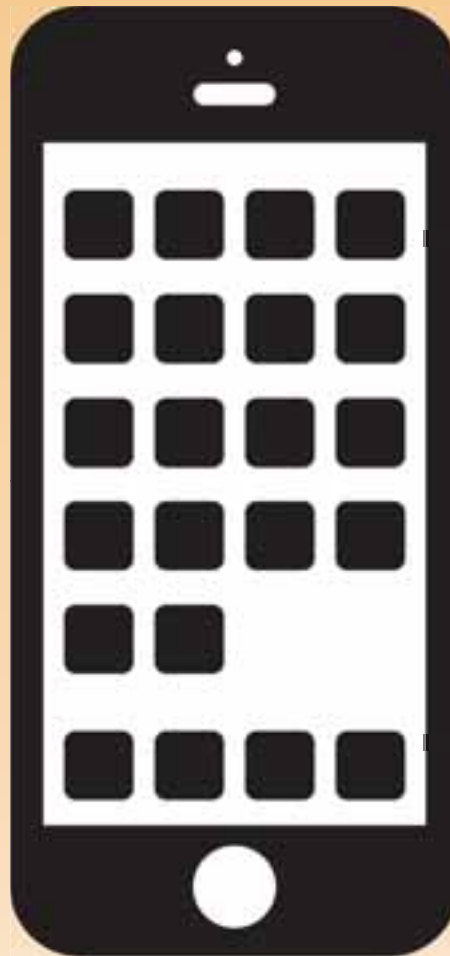
**Least Battery  
Drain**

# Data collected by one device in rough mode





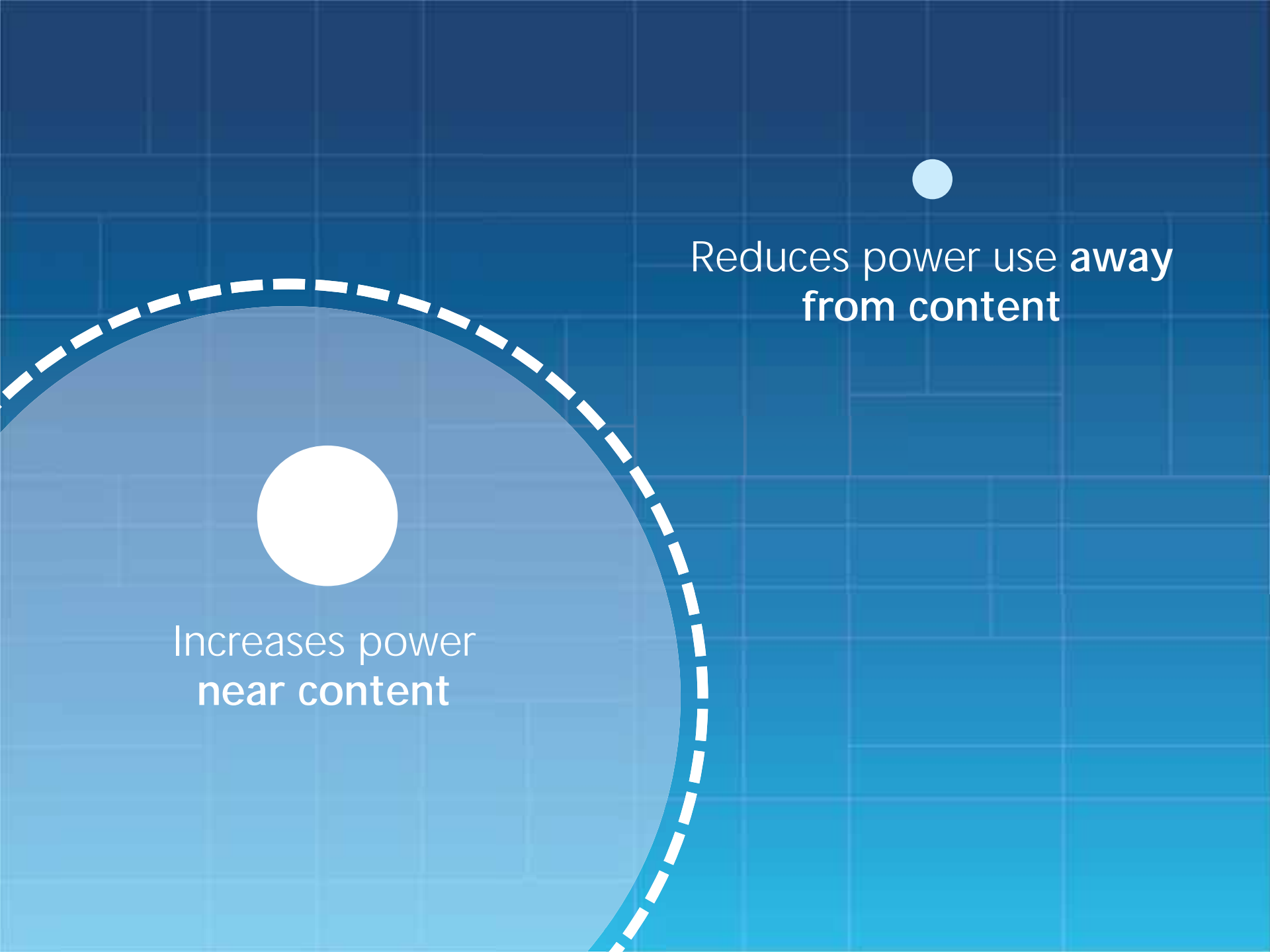
## Adaptive Mode



Fast  
Messaging



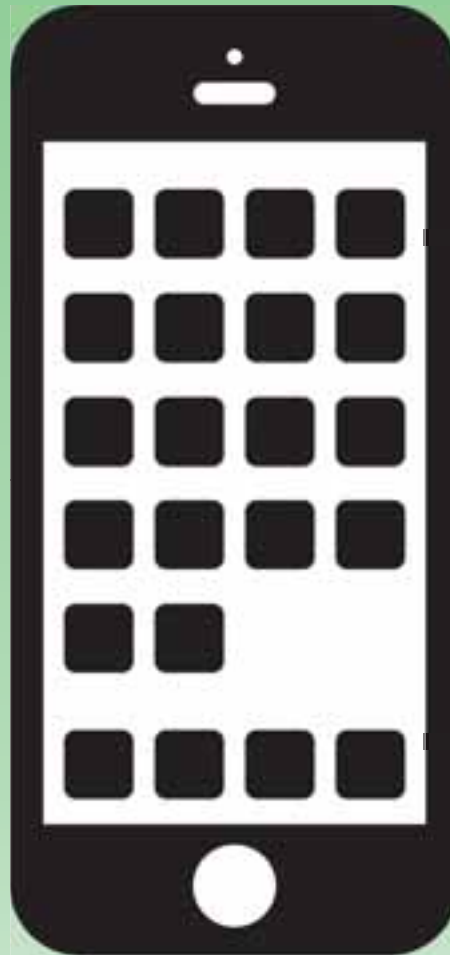
Minimal  
Drain



Increases power  
near content

Reduces power use **away**  
from content

**Fine  
Mode**



**Fastest  
Messaging**



**Most Battery  
Drain**





# Location data collected by one device in fine mode

2.5 million points since 2008

# Change tracking profile via a trigger

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      "distance": 100
    }
  },
  "action": {
    "trackingProfile": "fine"
  },
  "setTags": "buildings",
  "properties": {
    "foo": "bar"
  }
}
```

# GPS Differences across devices

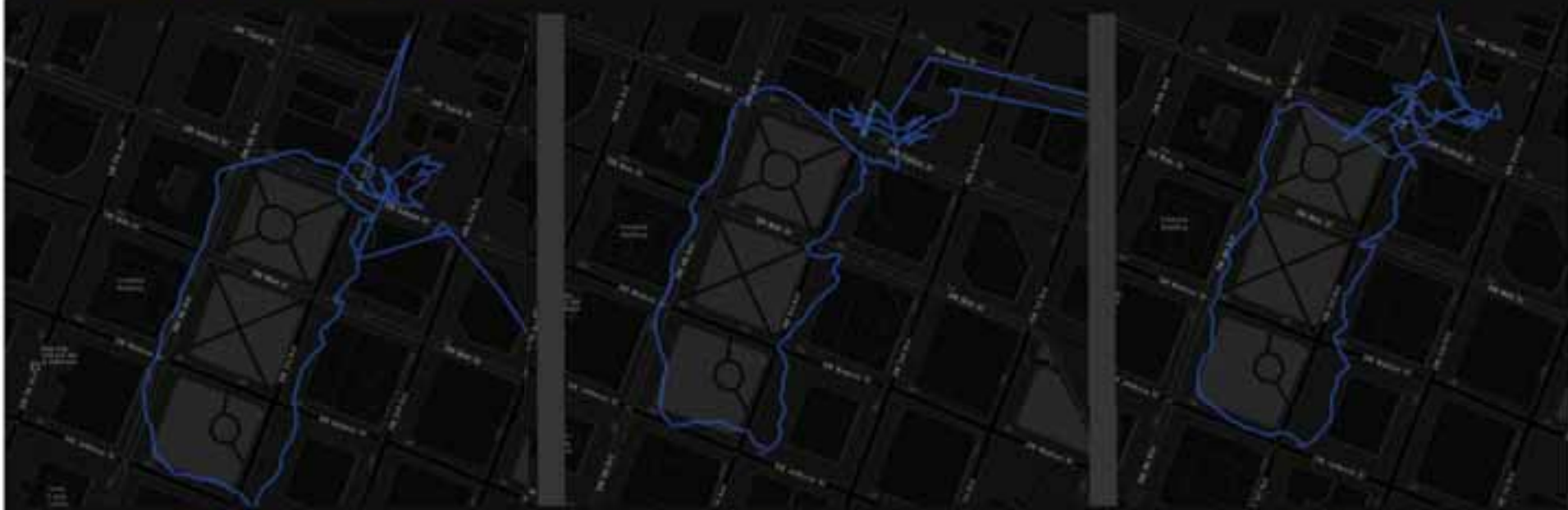


# March 2011: iPhone 3GS, 4



# Nov 2013: iPhone 4s, 5, 5S

## iPhone GPS Comparison



iPhone 4S

iPhone 5

iPhone 5S



## II. The User Experience of Location



Have **fun** building your  
**apps!**

# How do I use the Geotrigger Service with the ArcGIS Runtime SDKs?

(we need docs for this)



# How large should I make my triggers?

Depends on your use case and devices that will be using your app. Around 50m for best results.

*If you're running modern hardware in a wifi-rich environment using the adaptive or fine profile, you can expect to fire triggers, but don't expect this every time.*

# Edge Cases

Don't expect every trigger to fire. Some of the older hardware may be better in some cases, and some of the newer hardware may be better in some cases. Make sure to test your apps in the real world (outside).

We will publish a list of battery benchmarks and device-specific issues to help you with this.

*Sometimes Apple Push notifications don't get sent. Developers have no control over this and neither does our service.*

# How to get a Feature Service to turn into triggers?

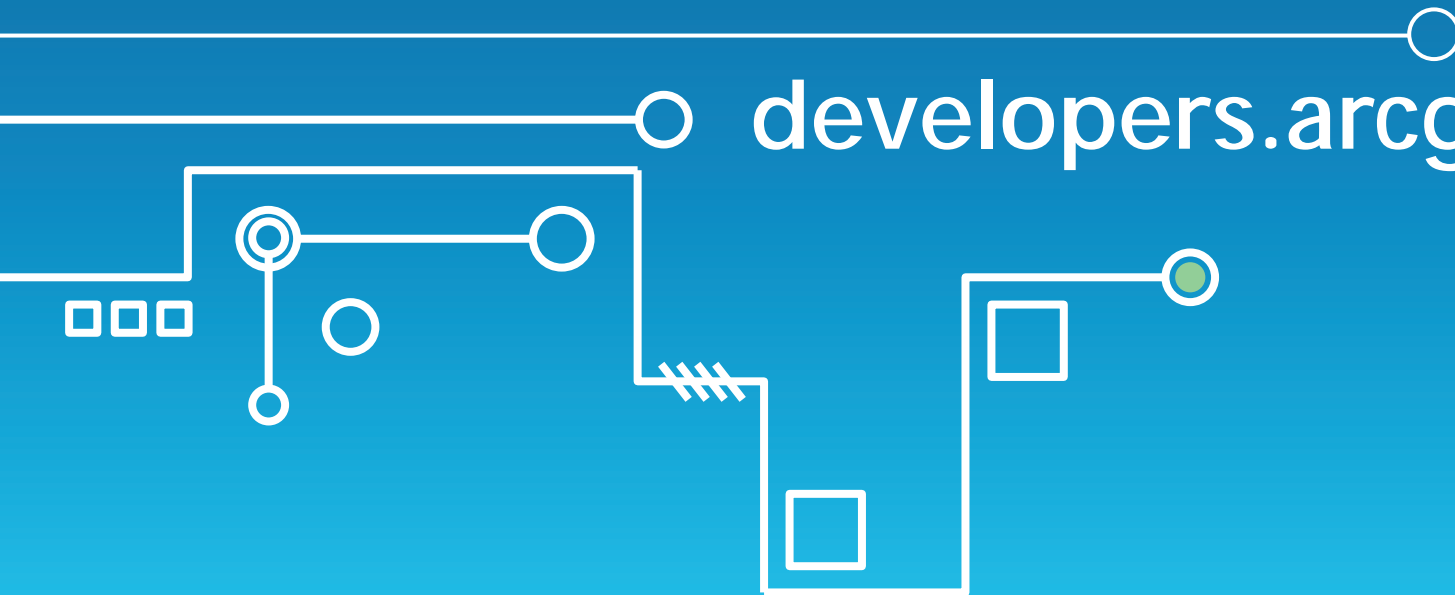
For now, use the Geotrigger API to migrate data from a Feature Service to the Geotrigger Service.

Coming soon: pre-written import scripts to help move data.

# Geotrigger SDKs and API!

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**Thank you!**  
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