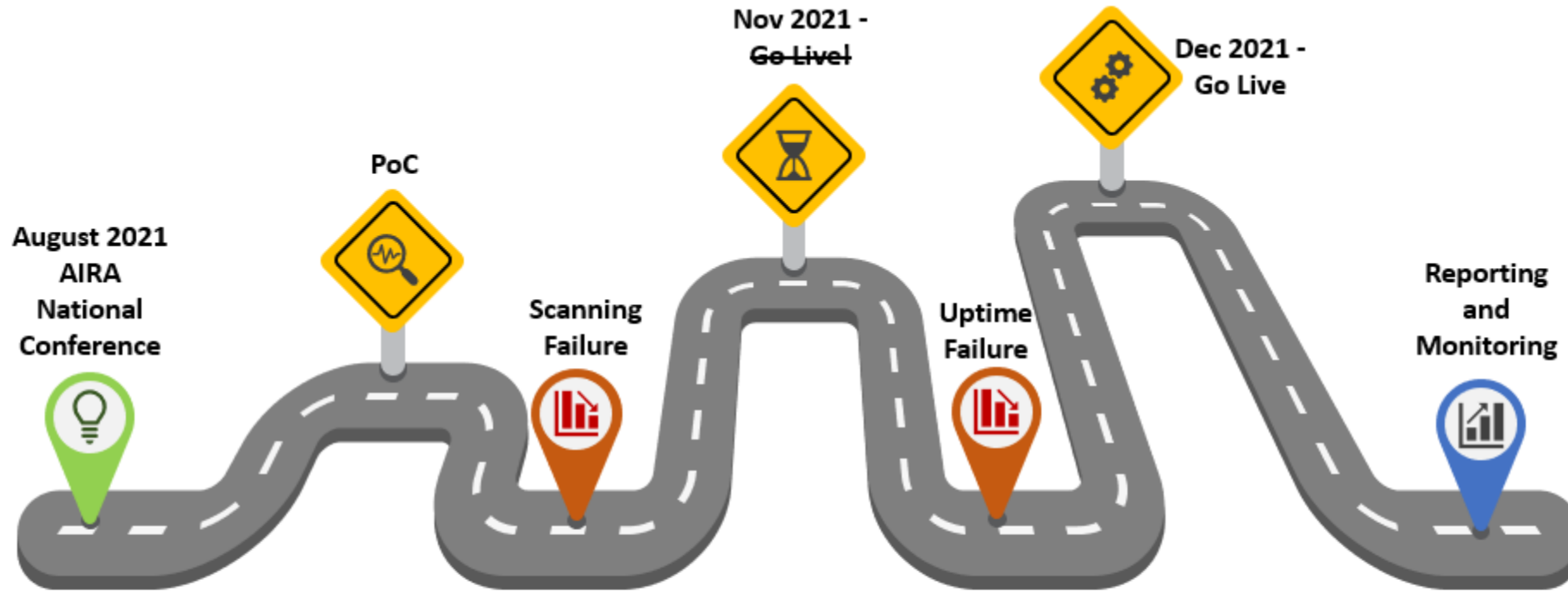


# Lessons Learned Implementing SMART Health Cards

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# Our Journey!



## Milestones

Represents significant milestones in the process of going live with a central Smart Health Card service.



## Events

Events along the way that steered the direction of the project.

# Discovery

- Who** is involved
- What** will this look like
- Where and When** - Consumer perspective
- Why** do we need this
- How** does it work

# Who is involved



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19 Jurisdictions



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# What will this look like



## COVID-19 Vaccination Record



Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

SIMPSON	BART	M
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name    Generation
01/01/1999	1054756	
Date of birth	Patient number (medical record or IIS record number)	

Vaccine	Product Name / Manufacturer	Date	Administering Clinic
	Lot Number		
1st Dose COVID-19	COVID-19 mRNA (PFR)	09/01/2021	PARENT RECORD (PROLD)
2nd Dose COVID-19	COVID-19 mRNA (PFR)	09/22/2021	PARENT RECORD (PROLD)



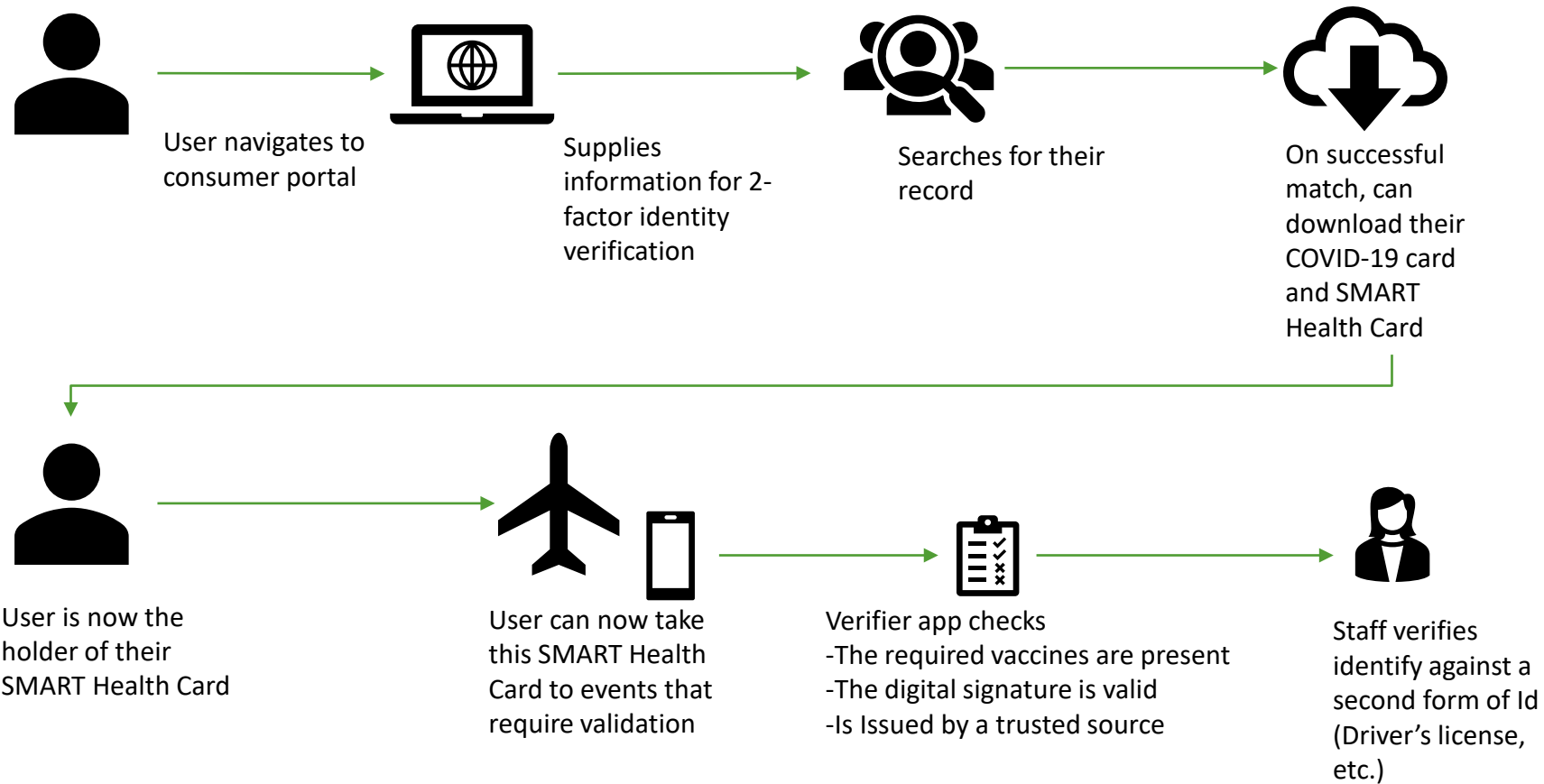
### Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Record



- This SMART Health Card is a Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Record (<https://smarthealth.cards/>)
- Keep a copy or share this with a trusted organization by letting them scan the 2D barcode (QR code) on your paper or phone screen
- Downloaded/Printed on 3/29/2022 at 3:28:22PM
- You may not misuse, modify, alter, amend or remove any of the content on this card. Misuse of this card in any way is expressly prohibited and may constitute a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment.

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# Where and When – Consumer Perspective



# Why do we need this

- Digital Version of Paper Records
- Consumer can persist test results and vaccine records
- Digital signatures to ensure the integrity of the records
- Trusted issuers to confirm from an authorized source

# How to verify a SMART Health Card - Verifier Portal

☐ <https://demo-portals.smarthealth.cards/VerifierPortal.html>





# Steps to Verify a QR Code

	Internet Required Step	Verification Step
1. Get QR Code Value		
2. Decode Numeric (sch:/567629....)		
3. Decode Compact Jws		
4. Extract Public Key URL		
5. Download Issuer Public Key	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Verify Issuer in Trusted Issuer Directory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Verify Signature		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Extract FHIR Bundle		
9. Verify vaccine requirements are met		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# Review

## 06 Reporting & Monitoring

We will need to be able to report on the volume of QR codes generated, access to the Issuer URL, how and where the QR codes are used within the jurisdiction. Additionally, we need to monitor for any problems.

## 05 19 Jurisdictions

These steps need to be repeated across 19 jurisdictions. In addition, jurisdictions often have multiple environments such as Production, QA, Test.

## 04 Registration

We need to go through a registration process in order to be listed as a Trusted Issuer. Each jurisdiction needs to sign a legal agreement and submit a form identifying themselves, their Issuer URL, and that they passed the QA process.



## 01 Scanner & App

You need more than just a scanner. You need a validator application installed that can interpret and validate the contents of the SMART Health Card.










## 02 Public Issuer URL

We will need to host our public keys in a publicly accessible web site. This site needs to be available 24/7. This site needs to be kept up to date with a list of all the valid public keys used over time. *Requires CORS enabled and at least TLS 1.2.*

## 03 Certificate Management

We will need to use ECC certificates. Issuers SHOULD generate new signing keys at least annually.

# Solution

-  1. American Samoa
-  2. CNMI
-  3. Colorado
-  4. Connecticut
-  5. Delaware
-  6. FSM
-  7. GUAM
-  ...
-  19. South Carolina

## Central SMART Health Card Service

{api}



# Proof of Concept Tools



# Scanning Problem!



## Our first QR Code

Includes BOM



## QR Code after changes

Excludes BOM

# Getting help from and contributing back to the open-source community

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. On the left, a list of comments from Paul Denning, Josh Mandel, JP Pollak, and Kevin Snow is visible. The main content area shows the pull request title '1.0.1' and a description: 'Update chunks to be 1-based index doe multi QR Code tokens. Thanks go to Kevin Snow' and 'Fixed issue preventing QR Codes from being scanned by verifier apps due to BOM in the compressed payload. Thanks go to Kevin Snow'. Below the description, there are two assets: 'Source code (zip)' and 'Source code (tar.gz)'. A 'Compare' button is also visible.

**Paul Denning**  
I think that Verifier app has a different set of trusted issuers than those listed at <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/the-commons-project/vci-directory/main/vci-issuers.json> so it probably does not have <https://testing.en>

**Josh Mandel** · Aug 31, 2021  
Will see if @JP Pollak spec-conformant supported" error  
Re: Common Trust that serves as an  
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**JP Pollak**  
thanks Josh. @CommonTrust Ne  
also: awesome th

**Kevin Snow**  
Thanks all. We've least gave them a the states through  
Regarding the QR code not scanning in the mobile app, I'll try adjusting the payload to look as close as possible to one of the [examples](#), fingers crossed that it helps pinpoint the difference.  
Again, thank you all for the timely response. It came in handy having that information for our community call.

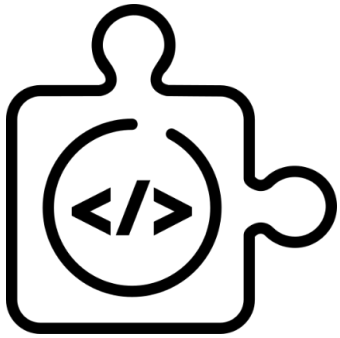
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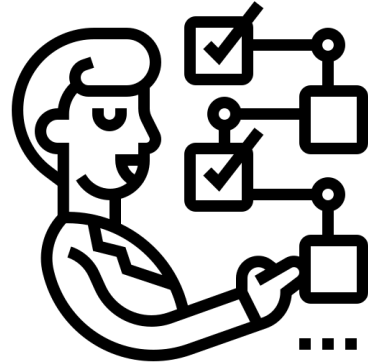
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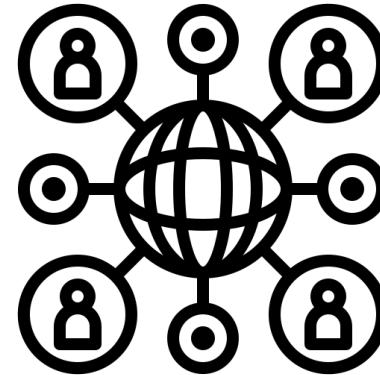
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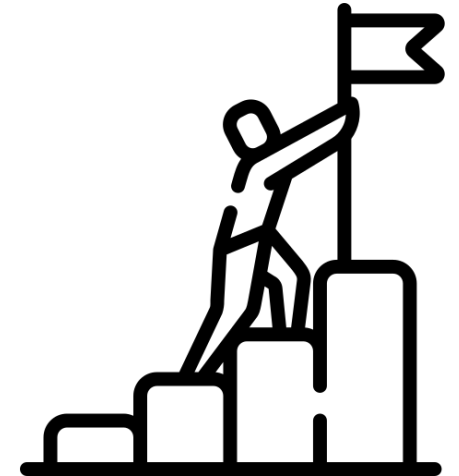
Unit Tests



Integration Tests



Endpoint Tests



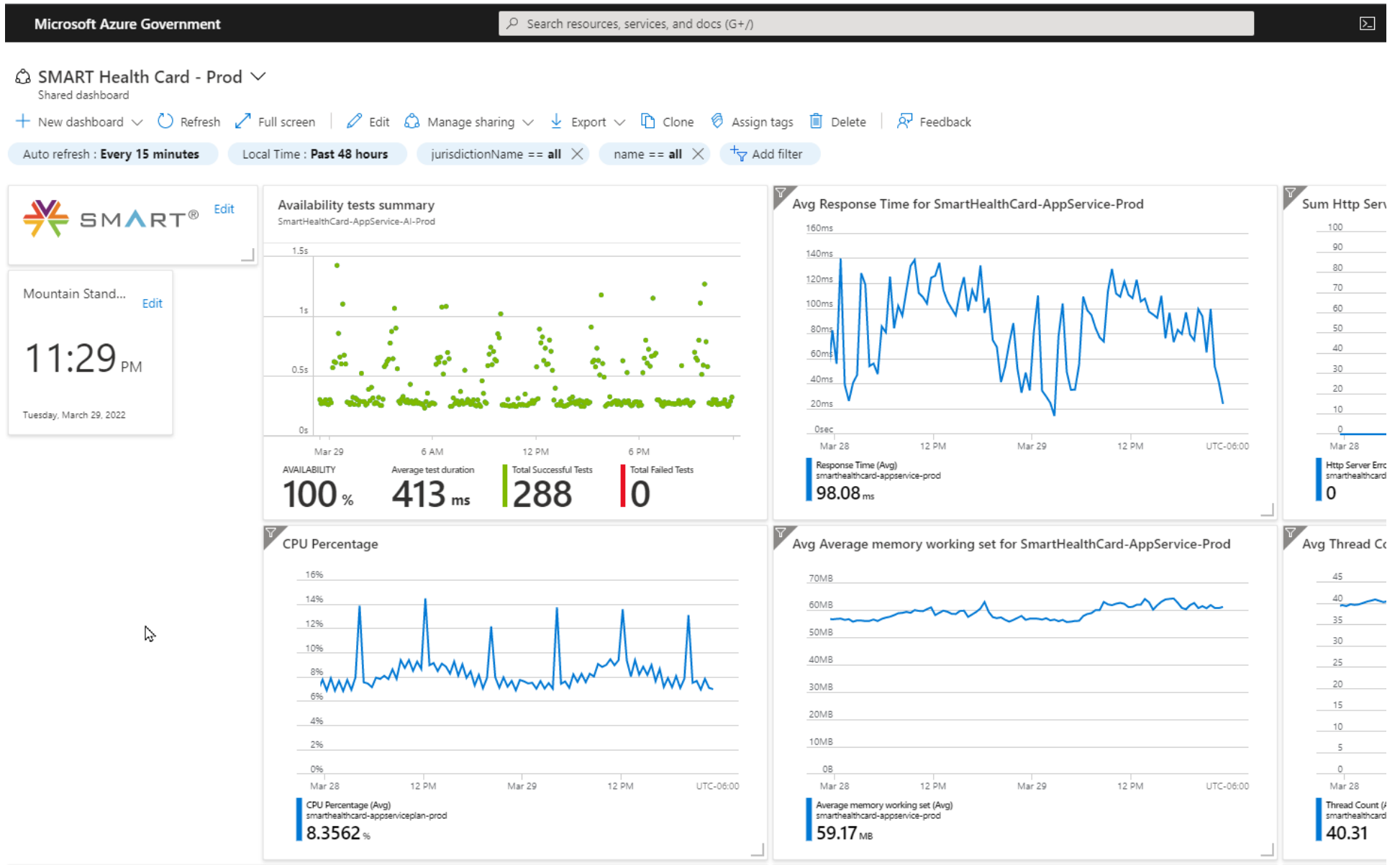
Load Tests

# Logging as a First-Class Citizen





# Monitoring and Alerting





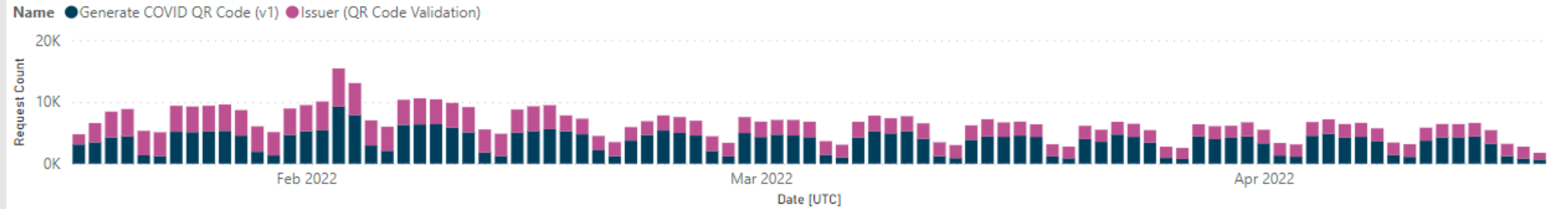
# Reporting



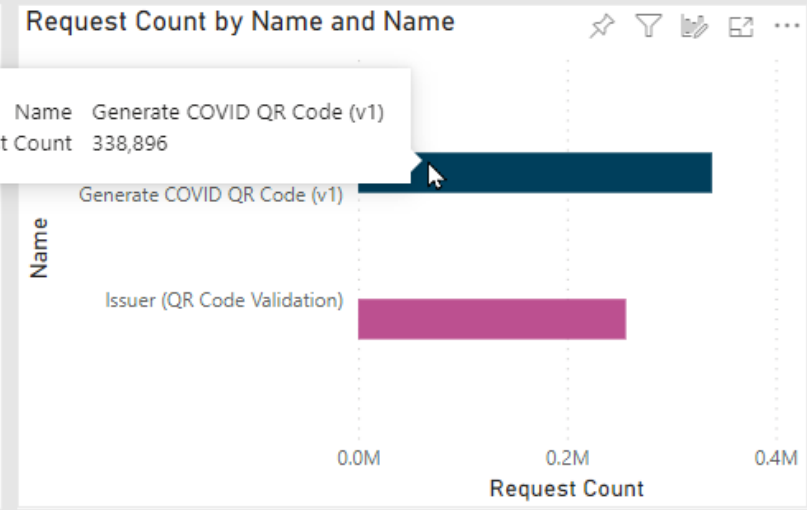
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Production  
Environment List

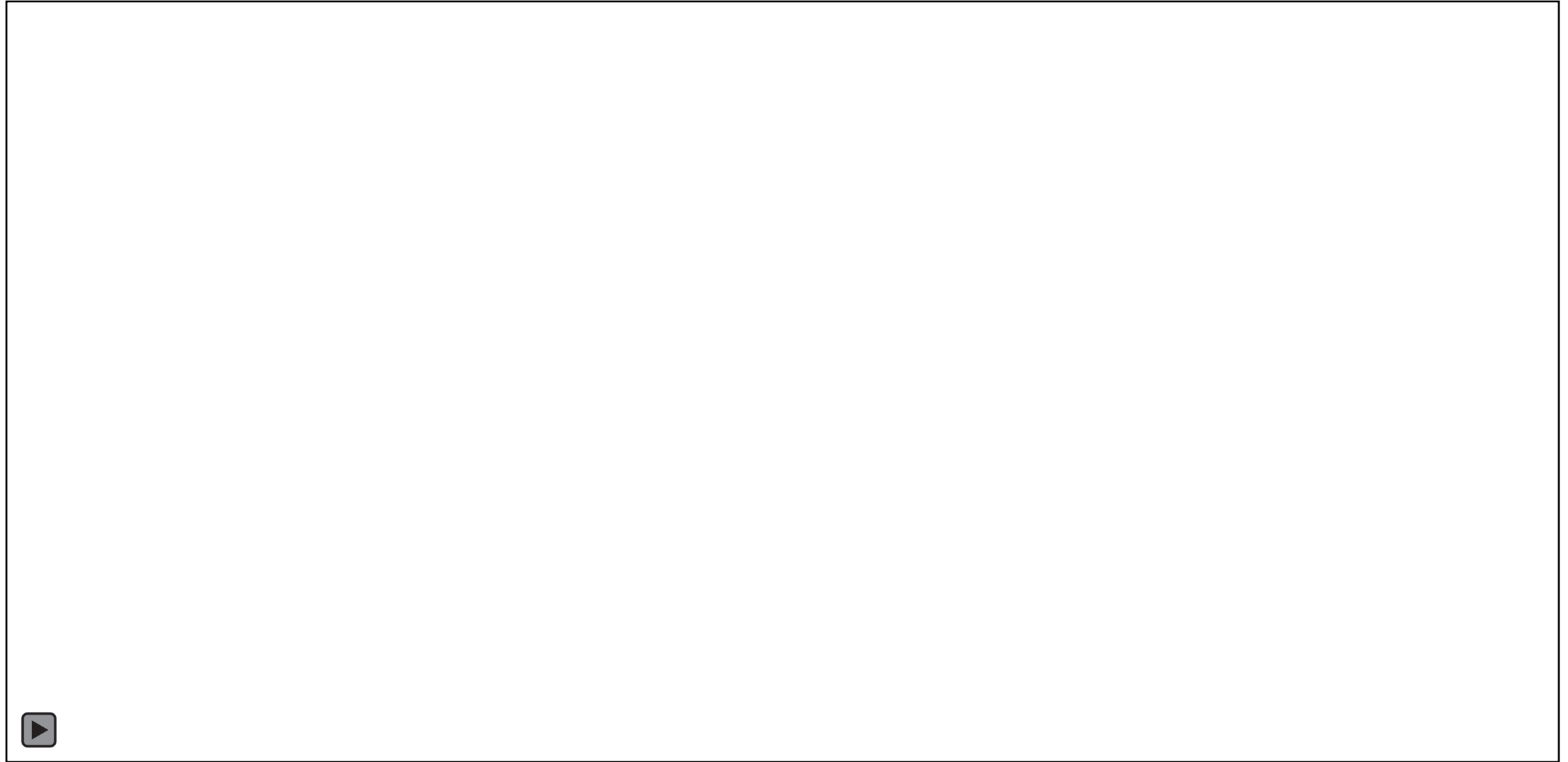
% Success Daily Volume



Jurisdiction Name	% Successful Calls	Request Count	Count of Errors	Avg Response Time in Seconds
cnmi	100.00%	13,105	0	0.0
colorado	100.00%	69,480	0	0.0
Connecticut	100.00%	140,826	1	0.0
Generate COVID QR Code (v1)	100.00%	96,425	1	0.0
Issuer (QR Code Validation)	100.00%	44,401	0	0.01
Delaware	100.00%	41,323	0	0.11
fsm	100.00%	13,339	0	0.02
guam	100.00%	17,061	0	0.07
Kansas	100.00%	6	0	0.16
kentucky	100.00%	52,273	0	0.13
Missouri	100.00%	6	0	0.17
nevada	100.00%	101,679	1	0.11
NewHampshire	100.00%	6	0	0.16
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# Explore Map – Where is the Issuer URL being accessed (video)



# Appendix

- Learning Resources
- Proof of Concept Tools (Explained)
- Sample API Request and Response
- Clean Architecture for the Pivot (Explained)
- Explore Map (Gif)



# Learning Resources

## ❑ VCI.org

SMART Health Card Implementation Guide

<https://smarthealth.cards/en/>

Technical Specification

<https://spec.smarthealth.cards/>

SMART Health Card Cards: Vaccination & Testing

<https://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-shc-vaccination-ig/>

## ❑ Verifier Portal

<https://demo-portals.smarthealth.cards/VerifierPortal.html>

## ❑ SMART Health Cards Dev Tools

<https://github.com/smart-on-fhir/health-cards-dev-tools>

# Proof of Concept Tools (Explained)



We are using an open-source library to help with generating SMART Health Cards



This is a serverless Function as a Service (FaaS) offering.

Runs at a low consumption cost and can scale up to 200 instances.

Each instance can generate 5 SMART Health Cards per second.



## Key vaults

Secure location to store secrets and certificates.

Works with ECC Certificates.

Capable of auto-renewing certificates on an annual basis.

# Sample API Request and Response

	Request	Response
Headers	<pre>1 POST https://{baseUrl}/delaware/api/v1/immunization/covid/qrcode 2 Content-Type:application/json 3 Authorization:Bearer {{accessToken}} 4 X-Request-ID:e34121ae-4cd9-4484-b293-2bc736090971</pre>	<pre>1 content-length:4881 2 content-type:image/jpeg 3 x-shc-value: shc:/56762959532654603460292540772804336028 4 ...</pre>
Body	<pre>1 { 2   "Patient": { 3     "FirstName": "Bartholomew", 4     "MiddleName": "JoJo", 5     "LastName": "Simpson", 6     "DateOfBirth": "1990-02-23T00:00:00" 7   }, 8   "Immunizations": [{ 9     "Cvx": "207", 10    "AdministrationDate": "2021-01-01T00:00:00", 11    "LotNumber": "000001-20characters", 12    "Performer": "ABC General Hospital - This is 50 Characters Long" 13  }, 14  { 15    "Cvx": "207", 16    "AdministrationDate": "2021-01-29T00:00:00", 17    "LotNumber": "000002-20characters", 18    "Performer": "ABC General Hospital - This is 50 Characters Long" 19  } 20 }</pre>	

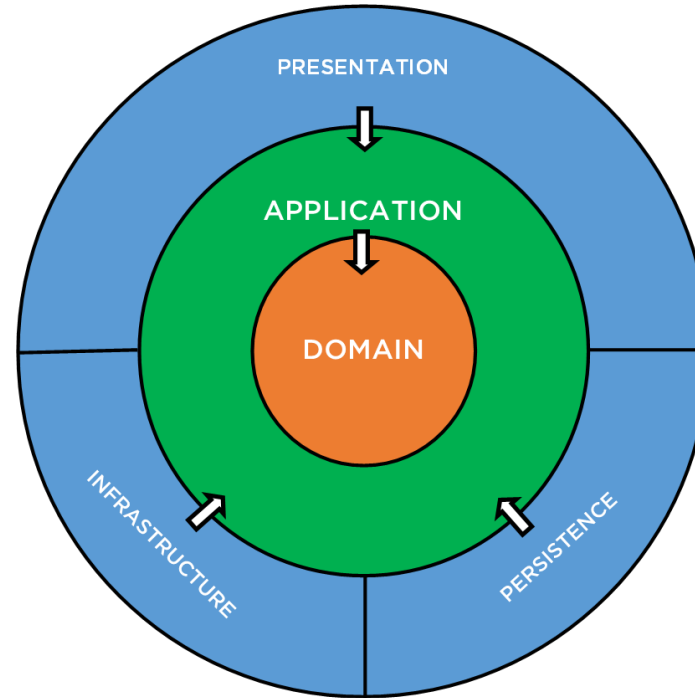


# Clean Architecture for the Pivot (Explained)

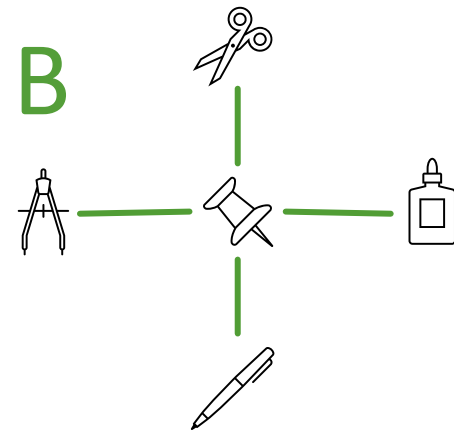
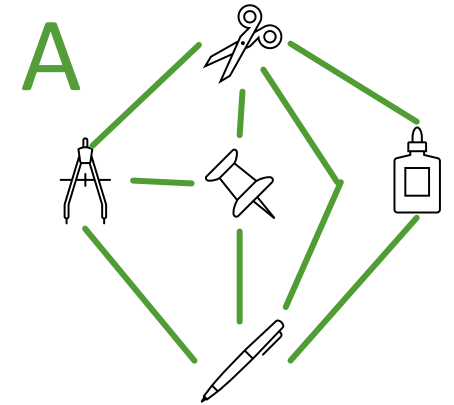
Clean Architecture is what allowed is to quickly pivot from out previous presentation tier (FaaS) and switch to PaaS

Clean Architecture is a collection of organizing principles so that is easy to understand and easy to change as the project grows.

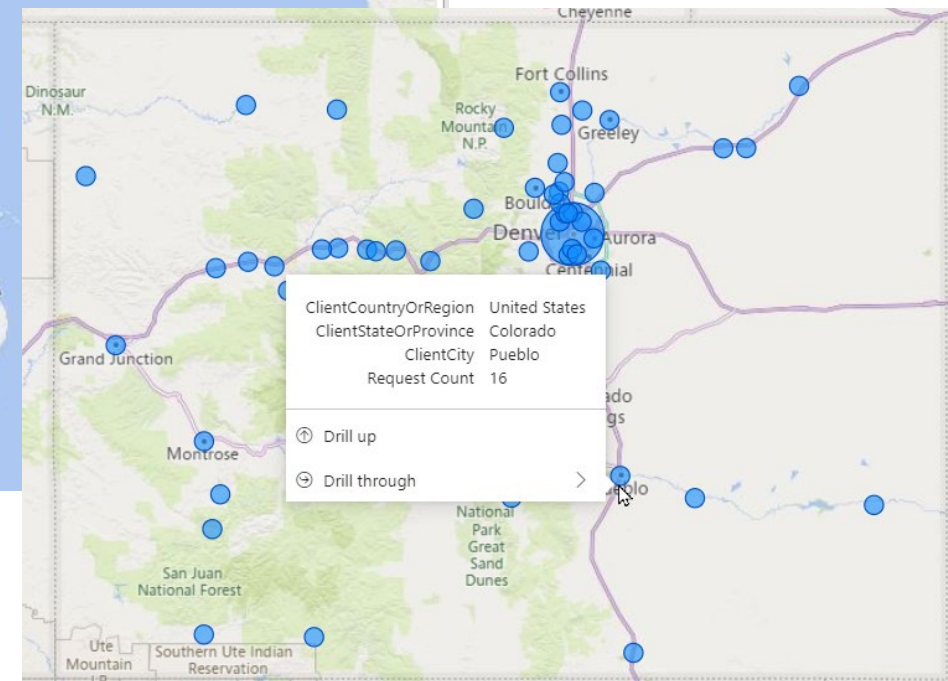
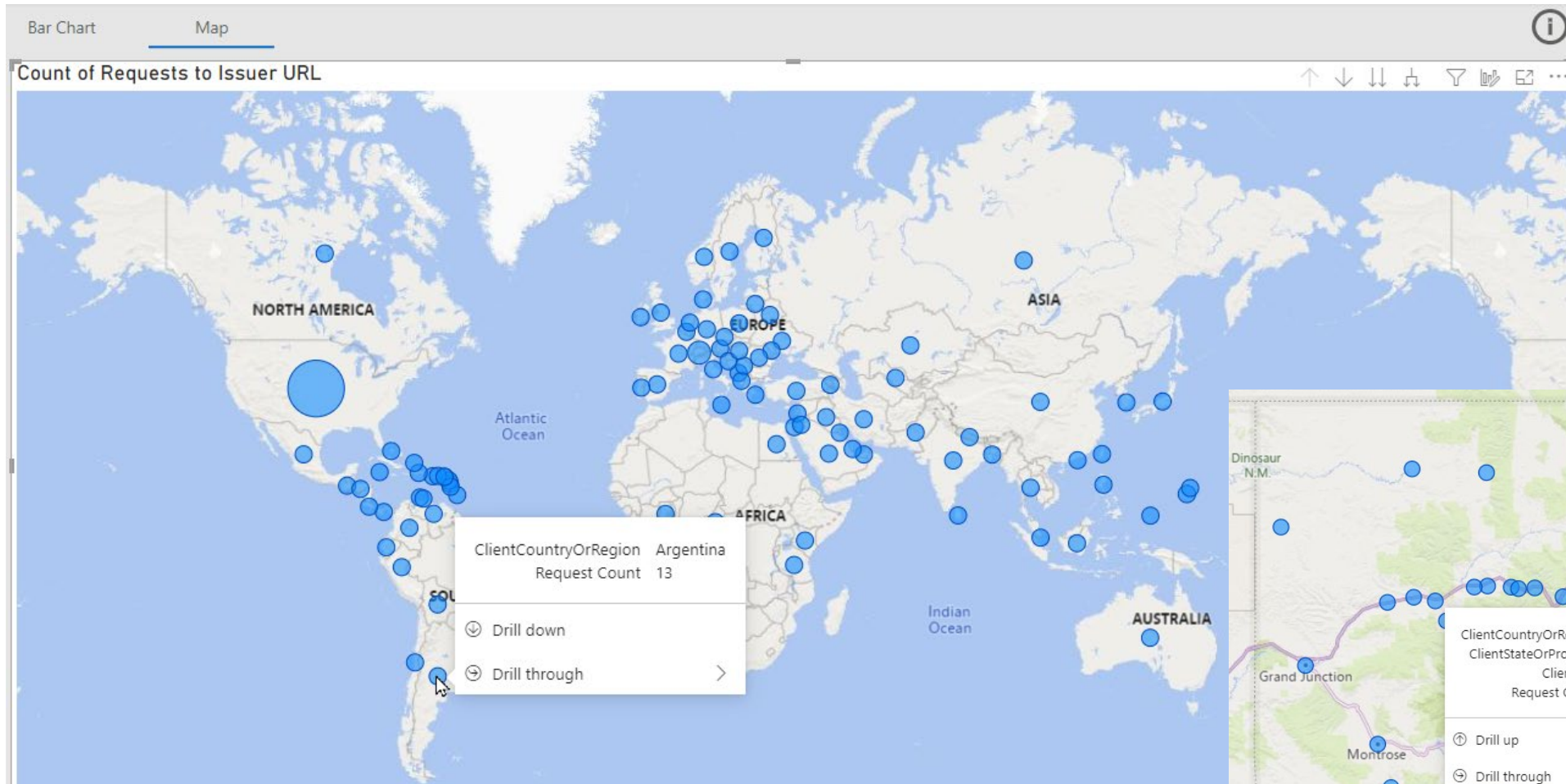
This allows the business to adapt to changing technology and interfaces



Exercise: If you need to replace the scissors with a knife.  
Would be it easier in A or B?



# Explore Map – Where is the Issuer URL being accessed (image)



- Map view allows you to zoom into requests throughout the world
- You can drill-down and view specific request