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Protecting the Twitter Platform

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Twitter: An Open Platform

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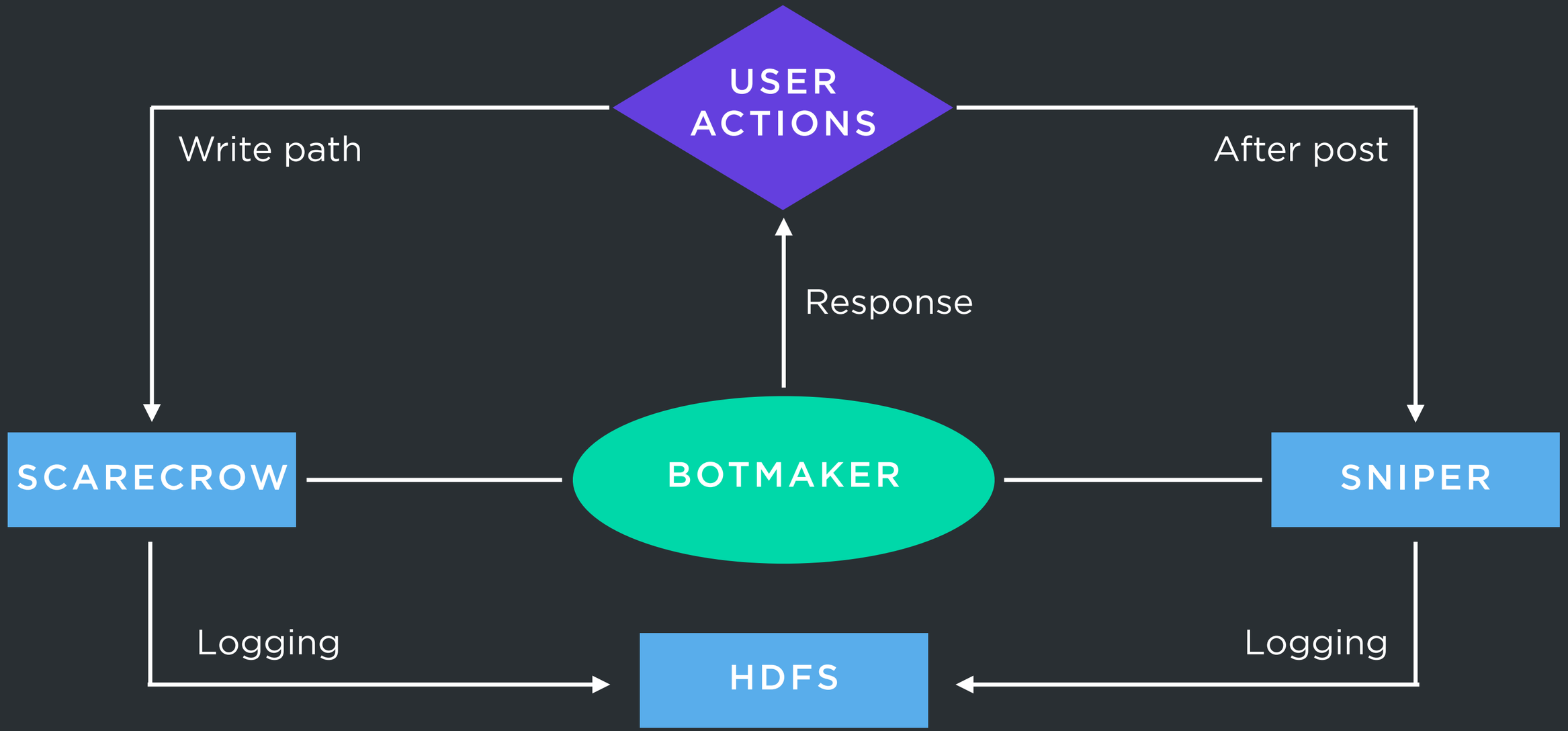
Protecting The Twitter Platform

- Building Protection against Attacks
- Detecting Attacks
- Lessons Learned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BotMaker
Description:
Deny tweets that contain a malicious URL
Event:
tweet_write
Condition:
tweetText MATCHES ".*MALICIOUS.URL.*"
Action:
Deny()

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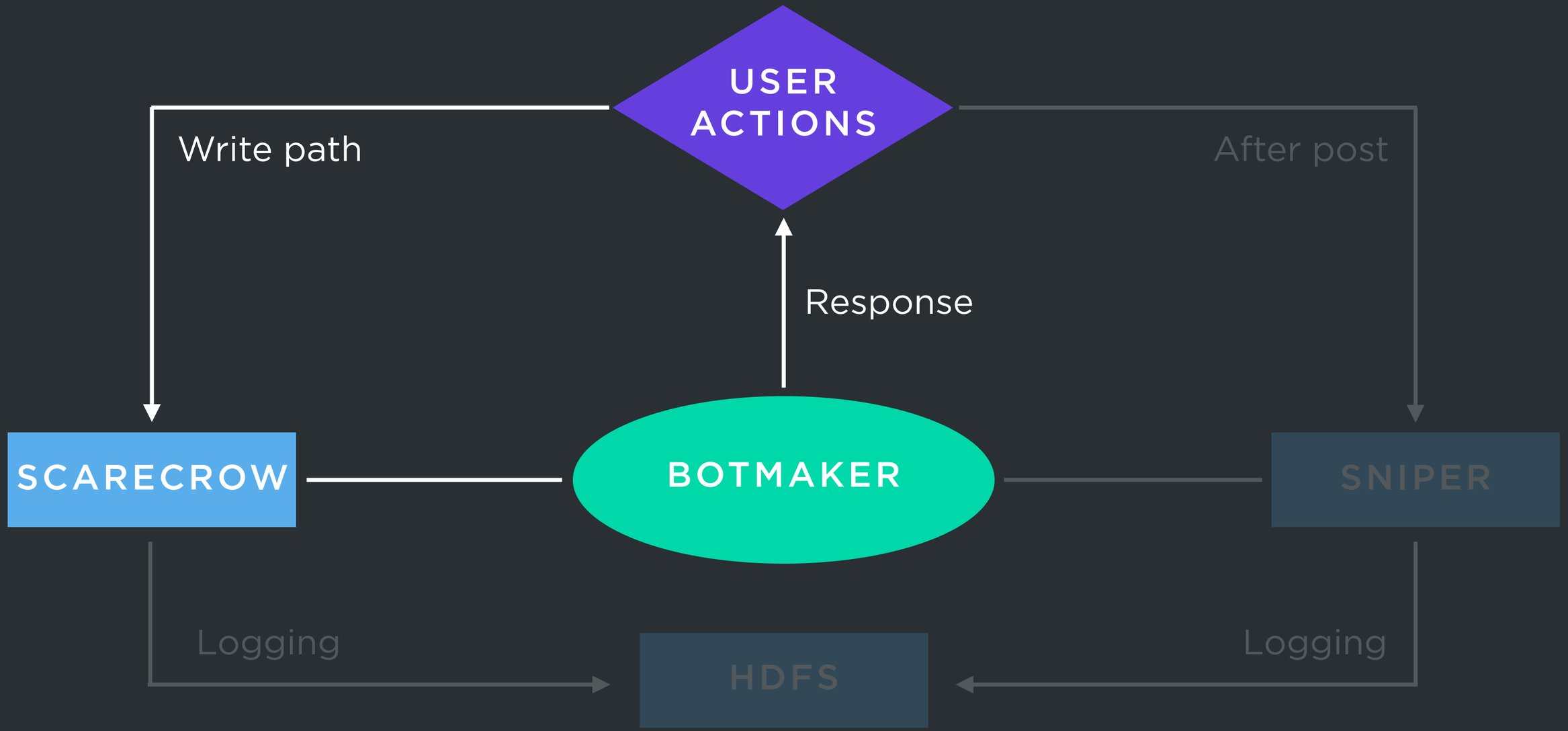
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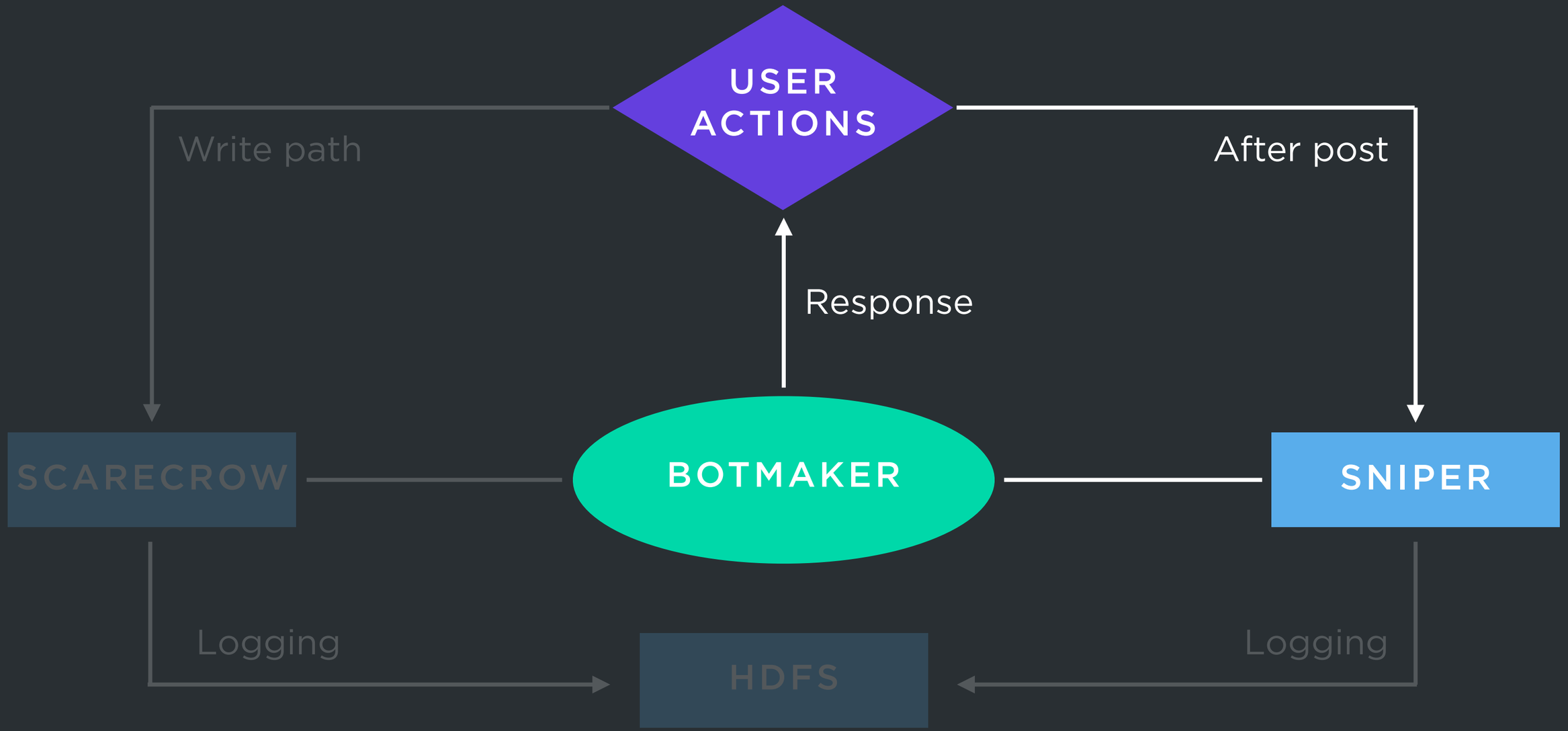
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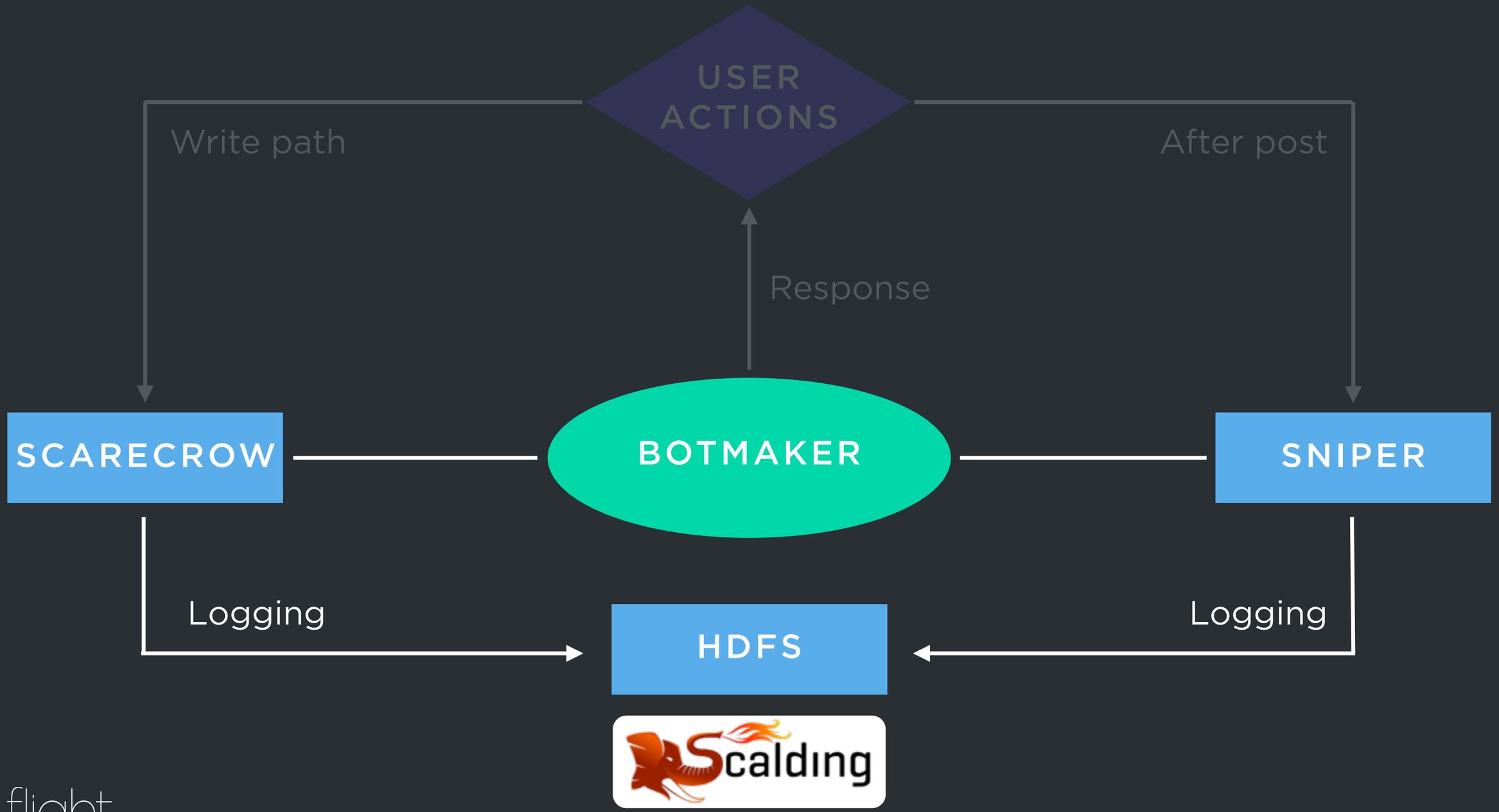
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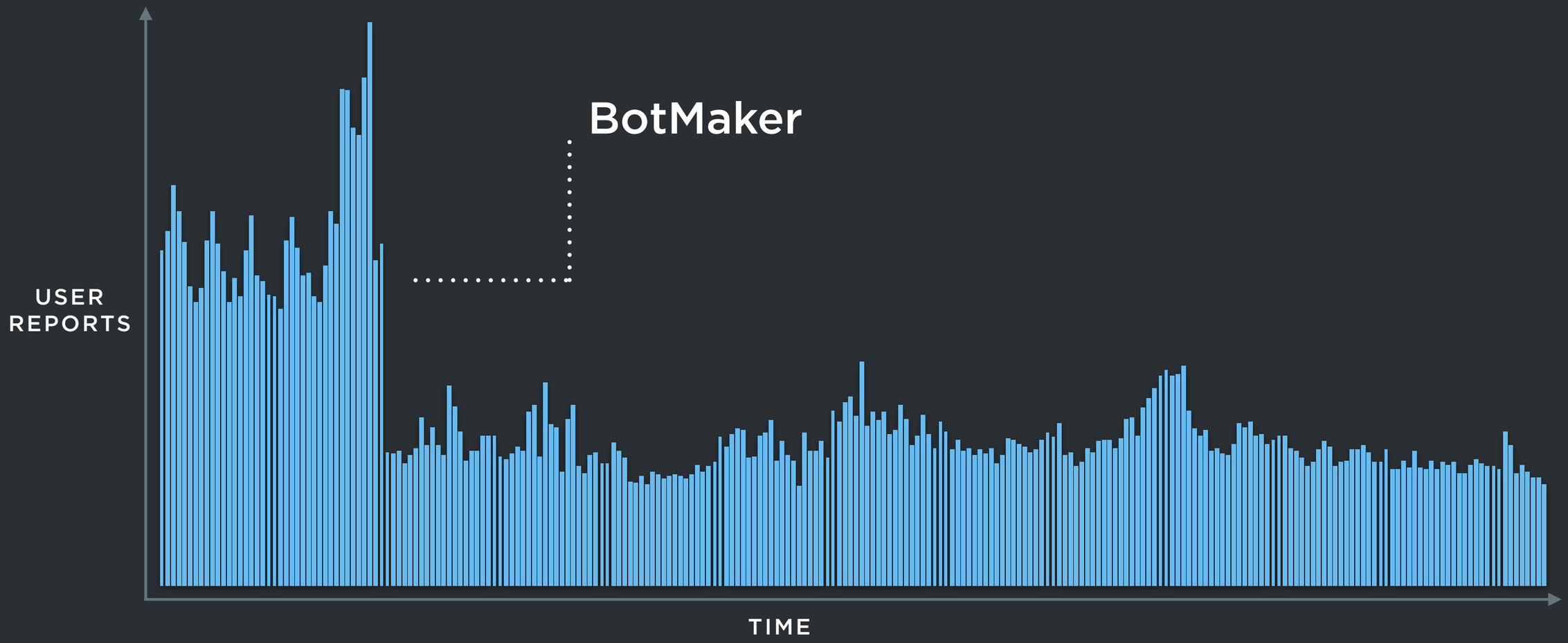

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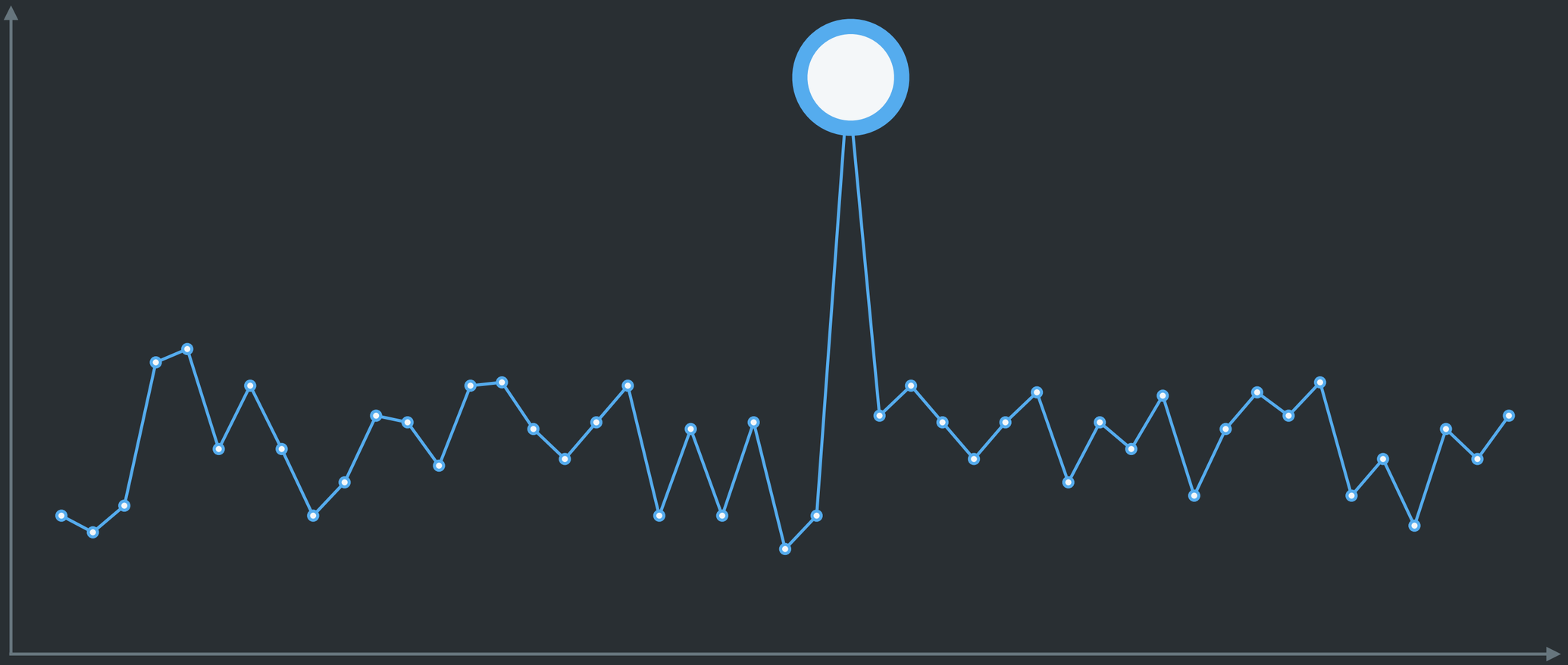

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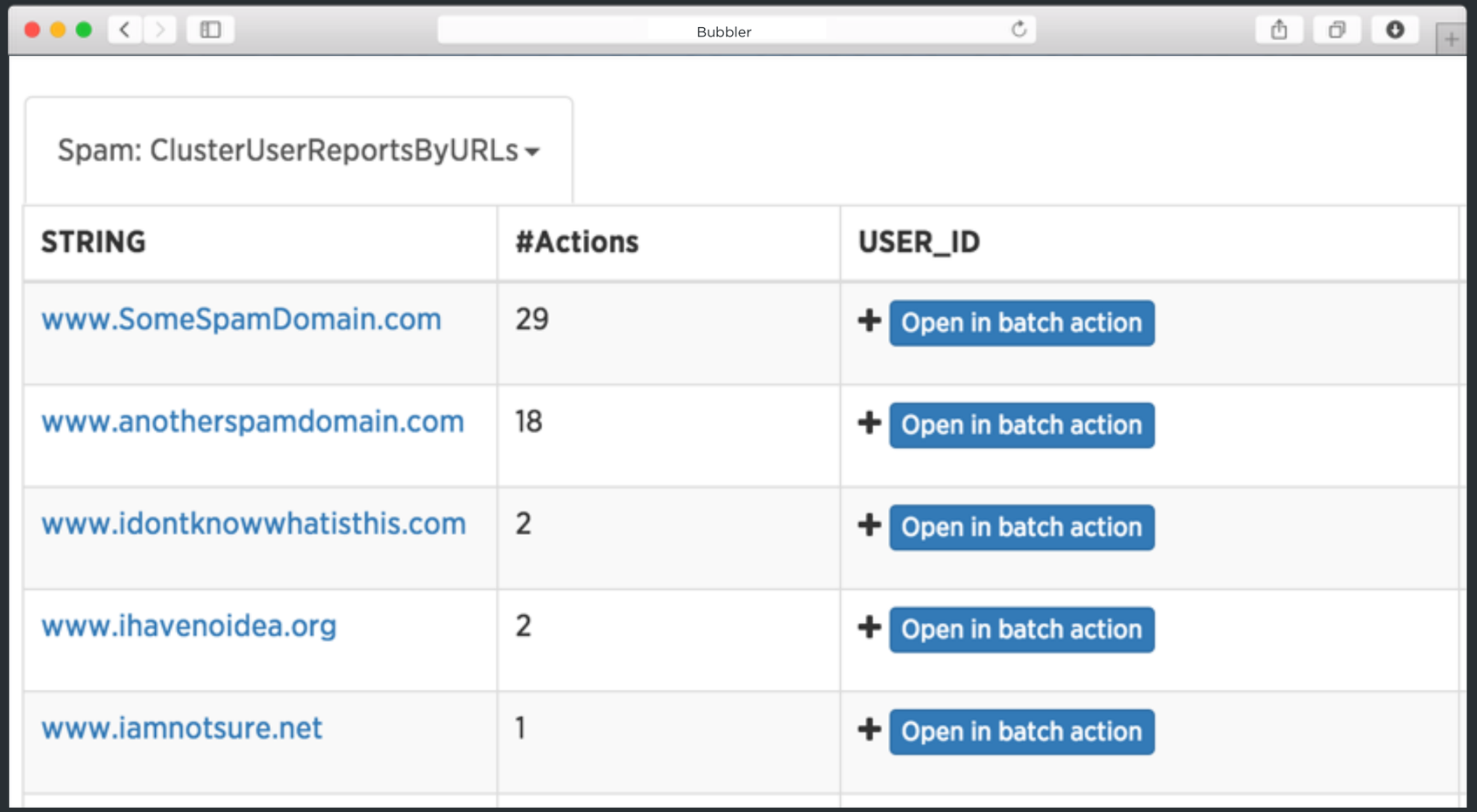

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What We Learned

A FEW ANECDOTES

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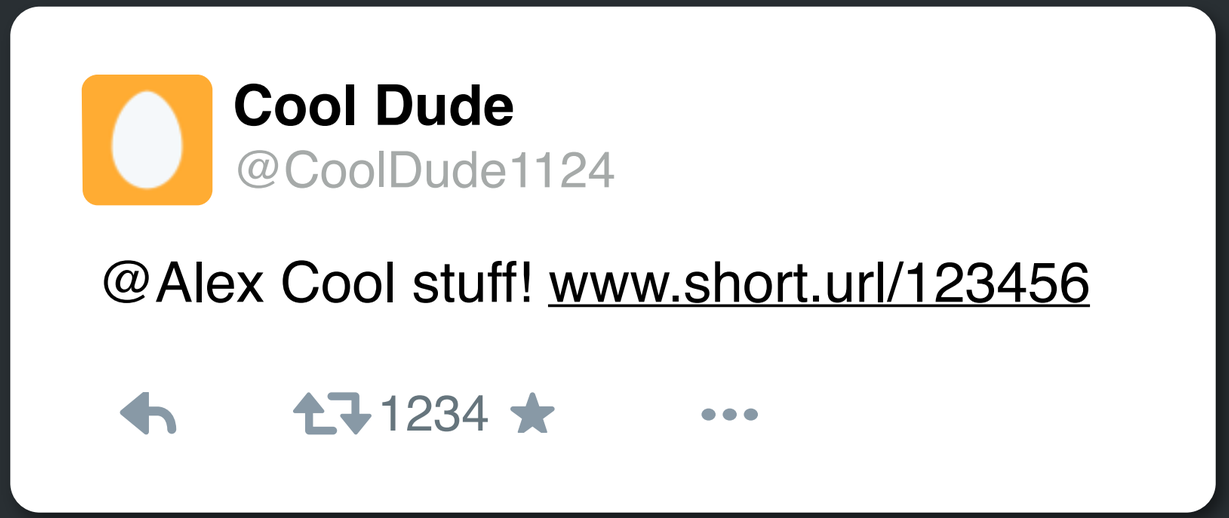
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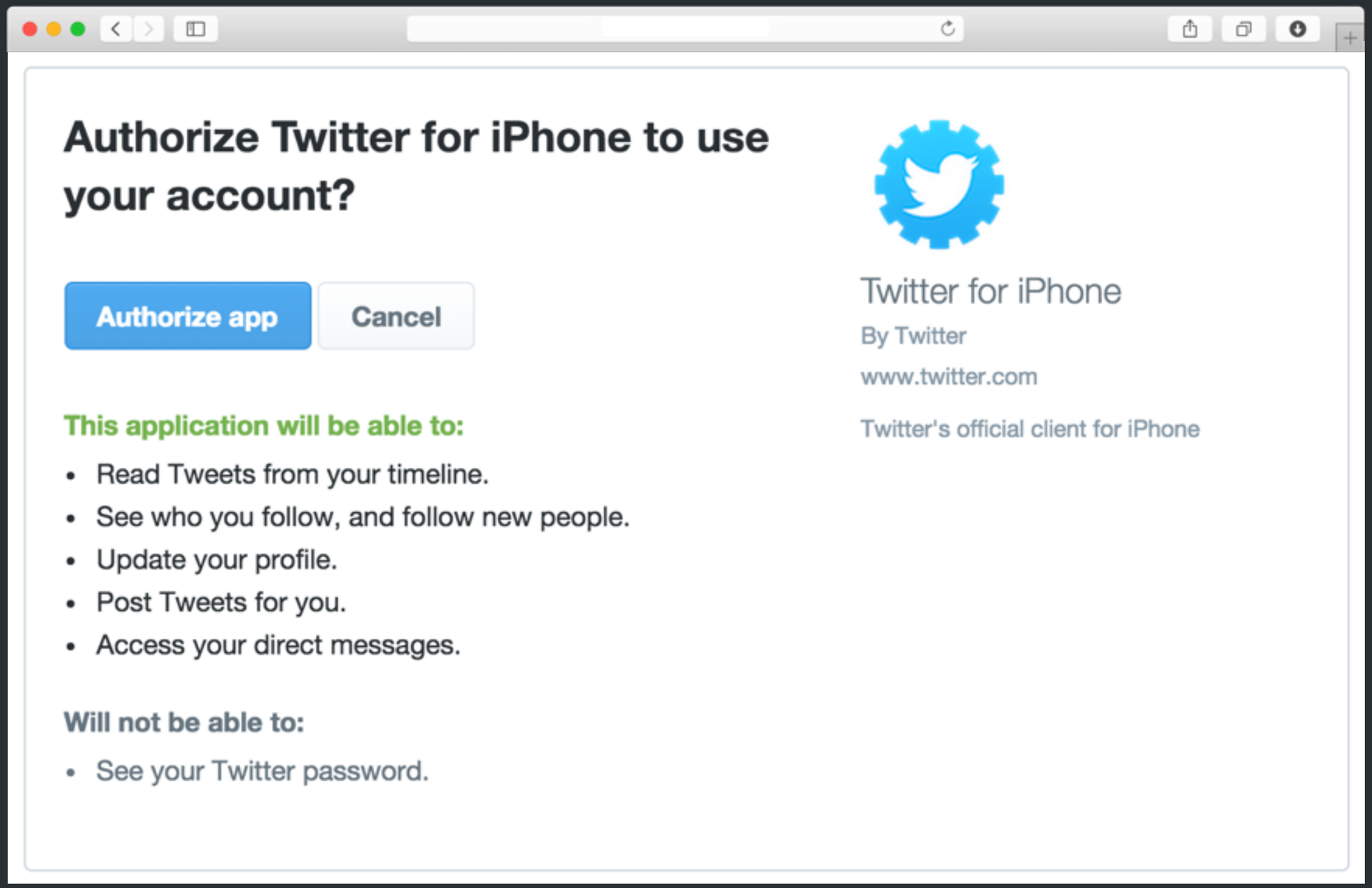
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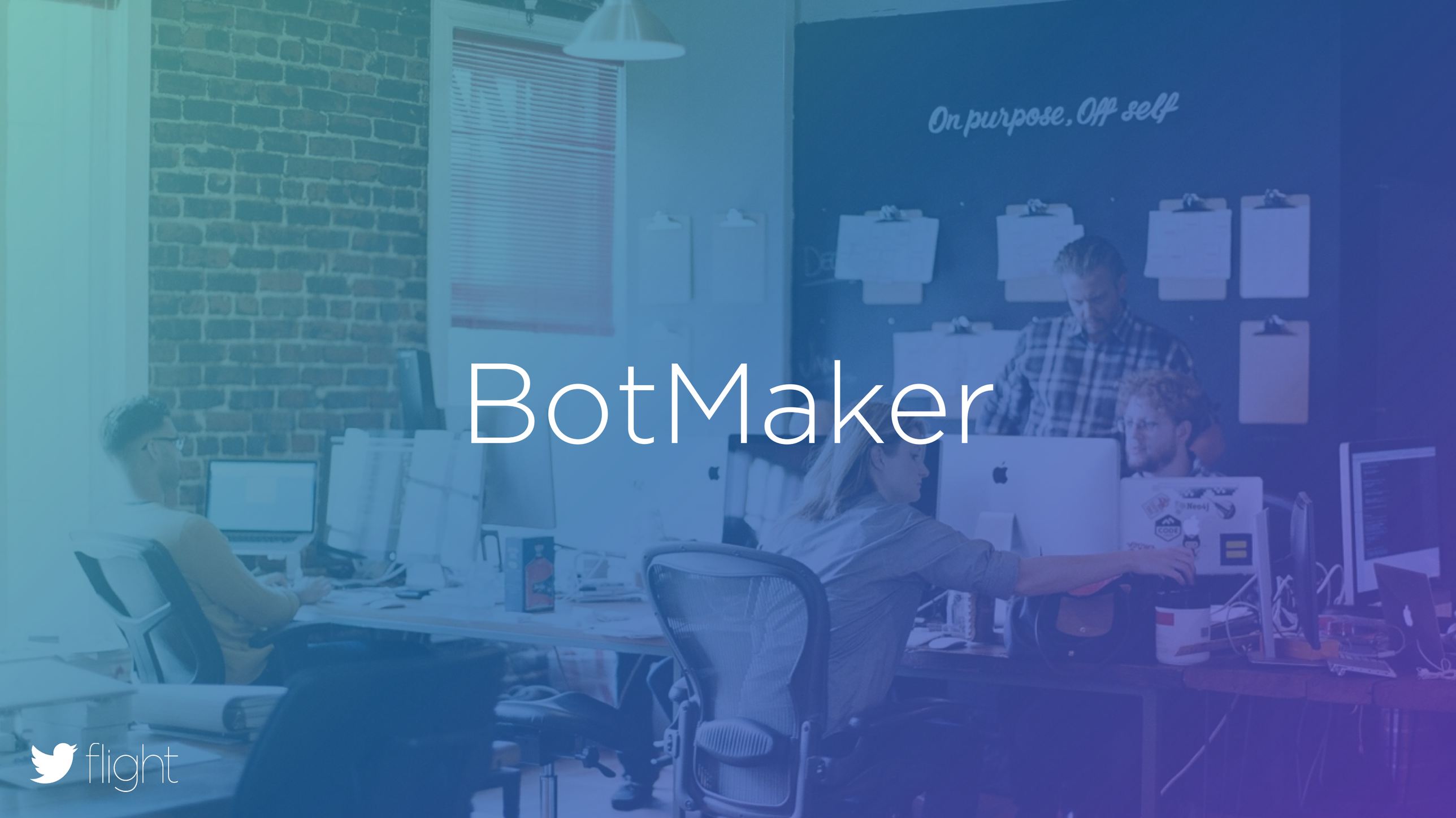

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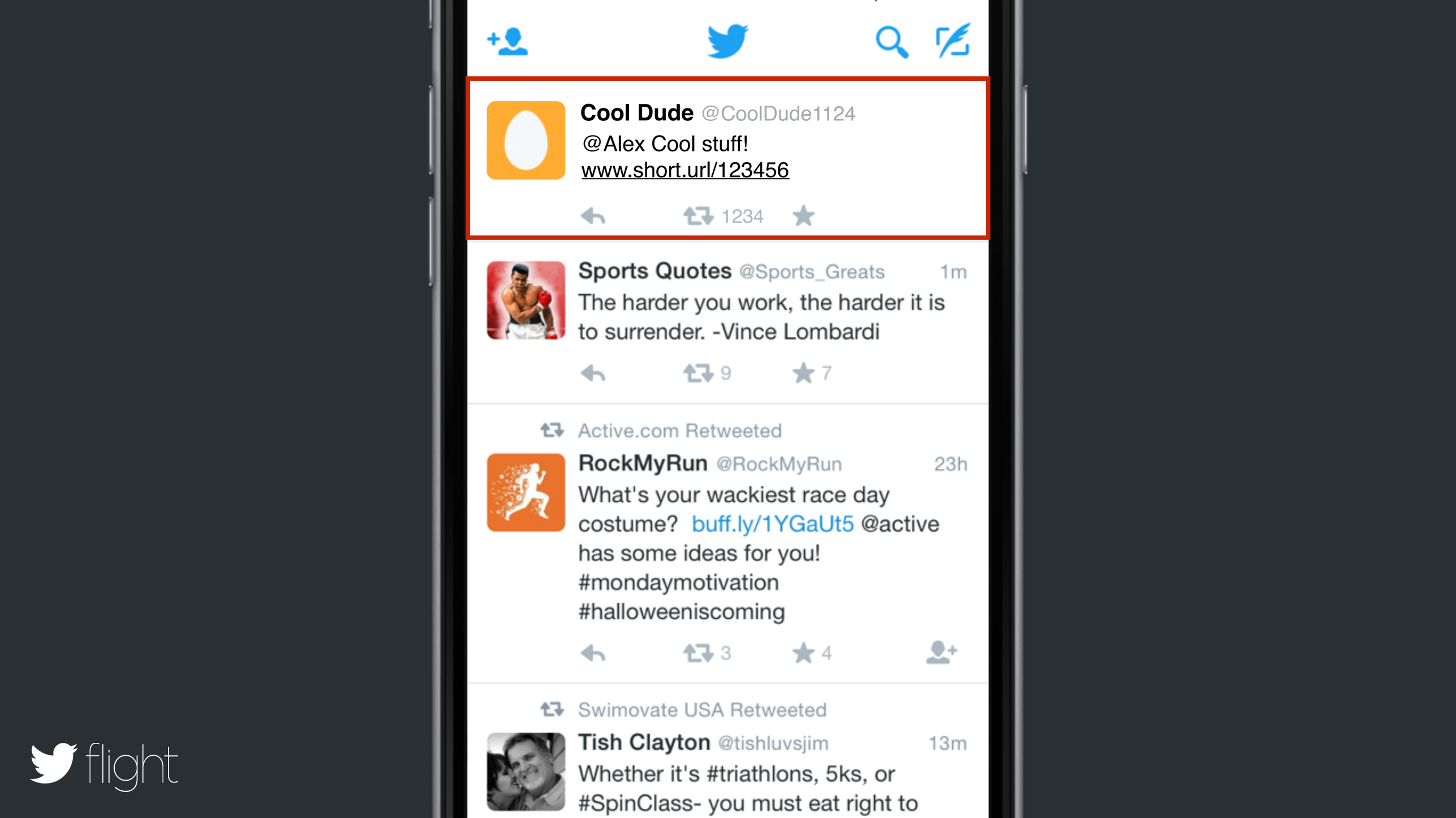
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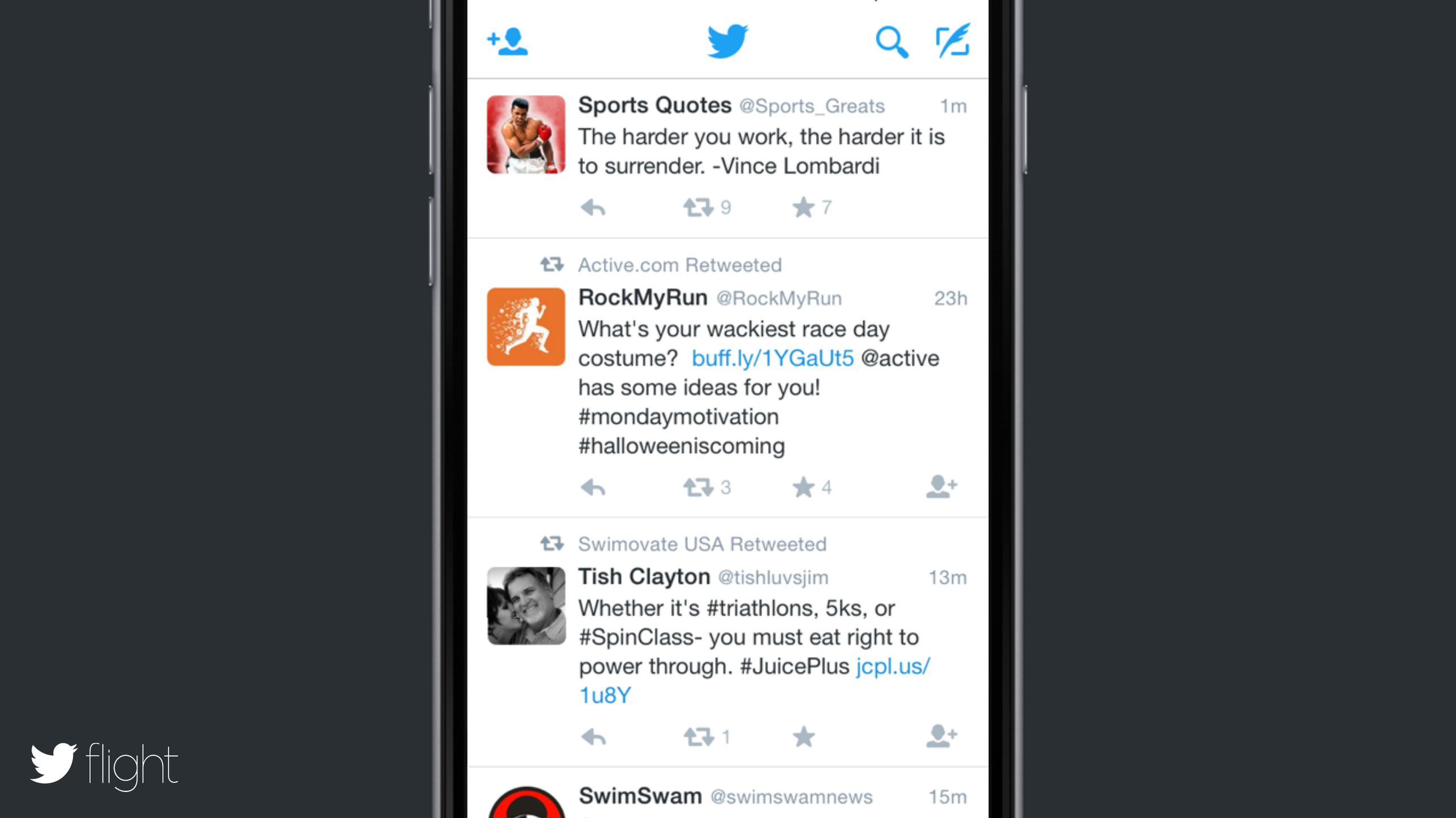
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