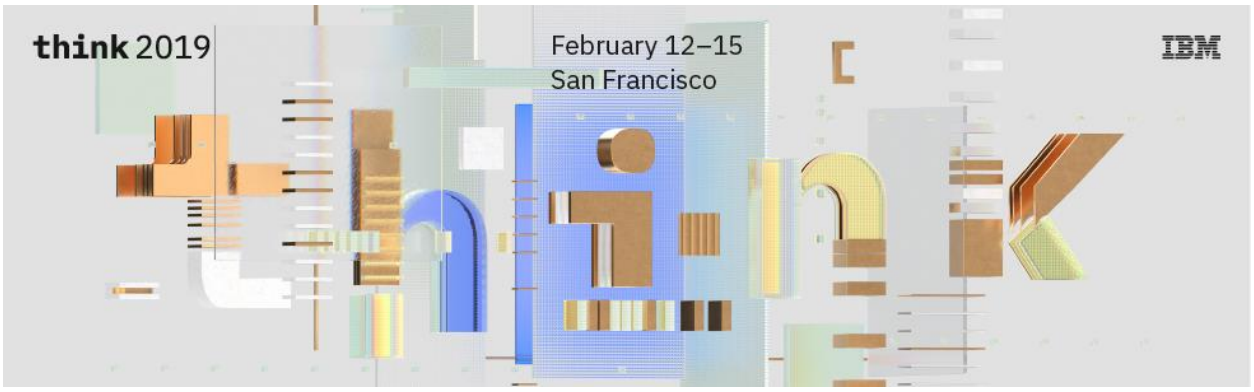

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Lab-2: Deploy a Continuous Machine Learning Model using Watson Studio

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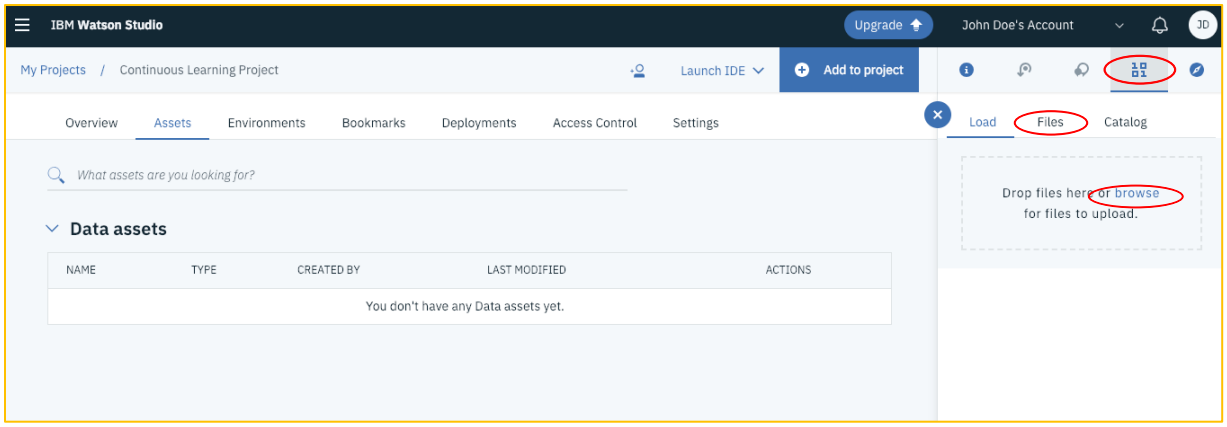
Introduction

In this lab, you will be using building a machine learning model to predict the appropriate drugs to treat patients with heart disease. This model will be deployed and made available online allowing any medical professional to see a list of drugs considered the most appropriate for each of their patients. That said, the doctors will still have the final decision. You are starting with a small dataset and will continue to be provided with data on a daily basis. Continuous learning will be set up to monitor the model performance and ensure the highest performing model is always available for doctors to use.

Step 1: Upload a New Data Asset.

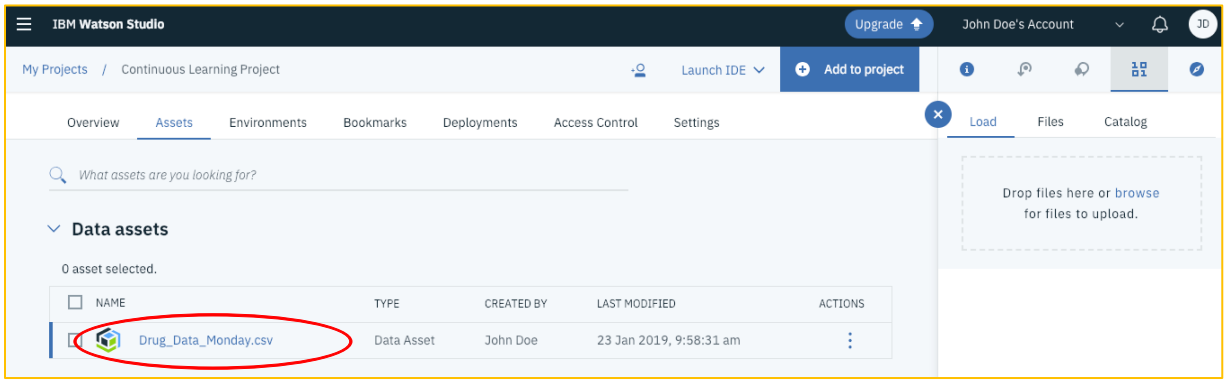
Before we build our models, we need to load data into our project.

1. Open Continuous Learning Data
2. Save the zip file to your desktop and unzip the contents.
3. Return to Watson Studio. In the top right of the screen, click the blue icon with 1's and 0's. This will open the data pallet.
4. Click on Load, browse, select the Drug_Data_Monday.csv file and click open.

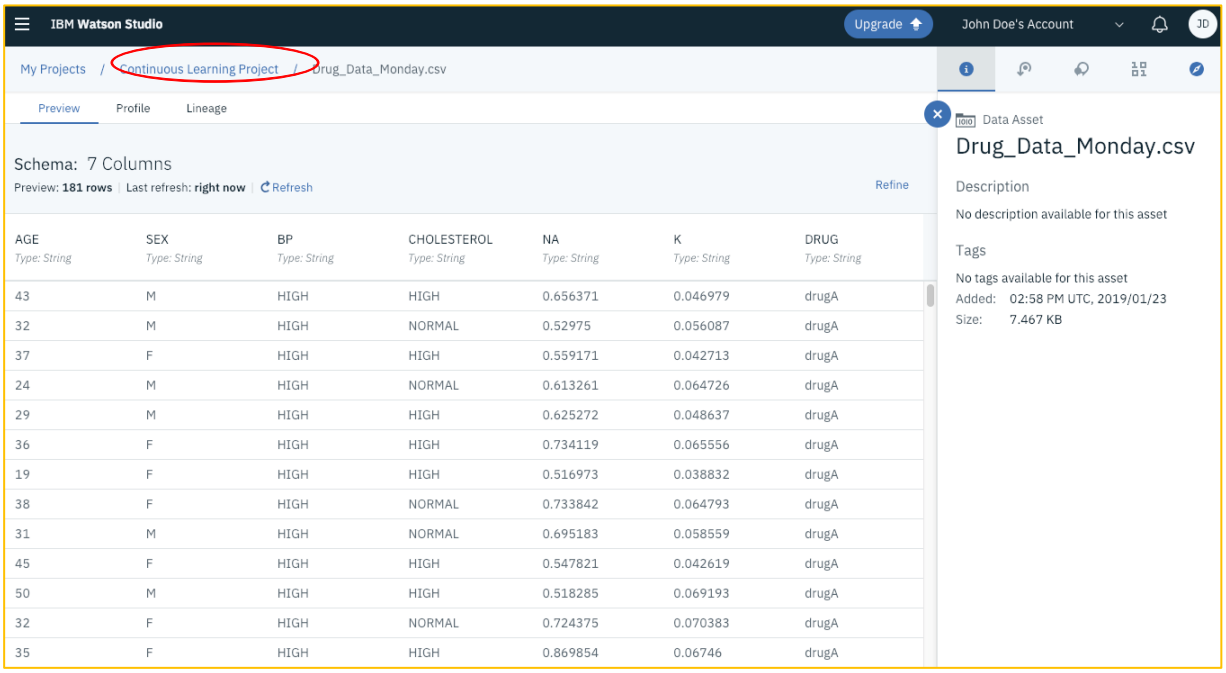


The CSV file should now be listed under "Data assets." It is now accessible by the Watson Studio modeling tools and applications.

5. Click on Drug_Data_Monday.csv under Data assets.

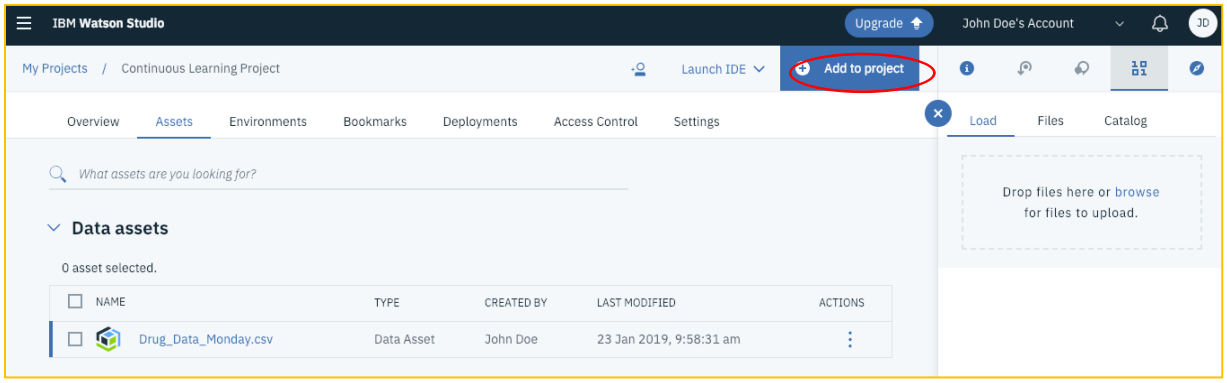


After clicking on Drug_Data_Monday.csv, you are brought to a data view. Once you are satisfied that this is the data you want, click on your project name to return to your project's assets.

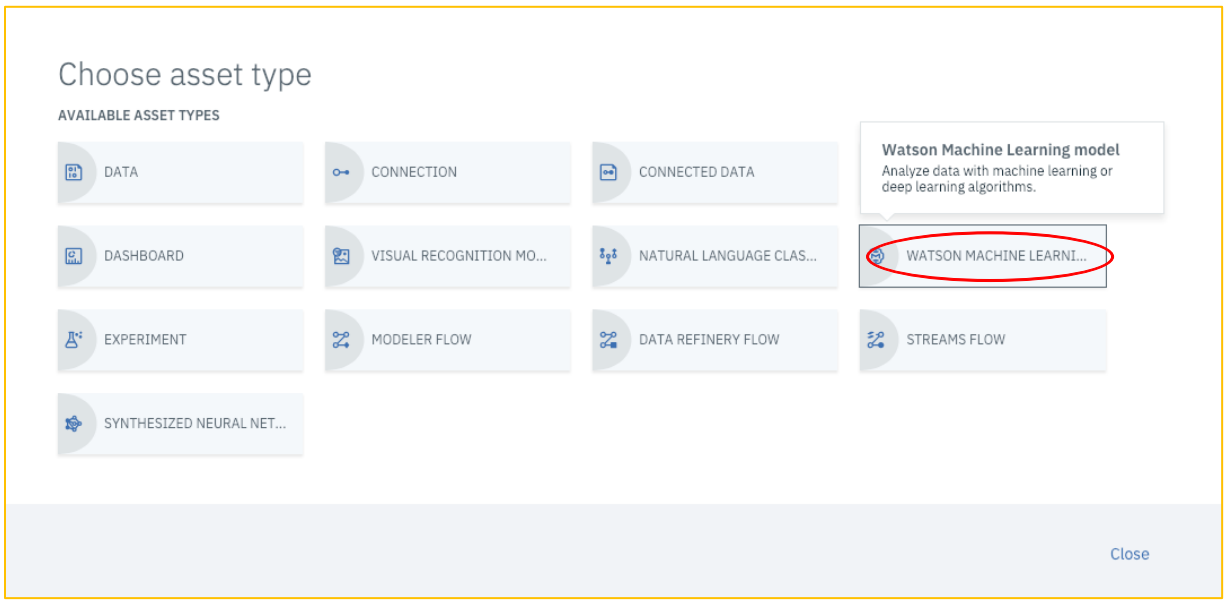


Step 2: Train, Compare, and Select a Machine Learning Model

1. Click on Add to project.

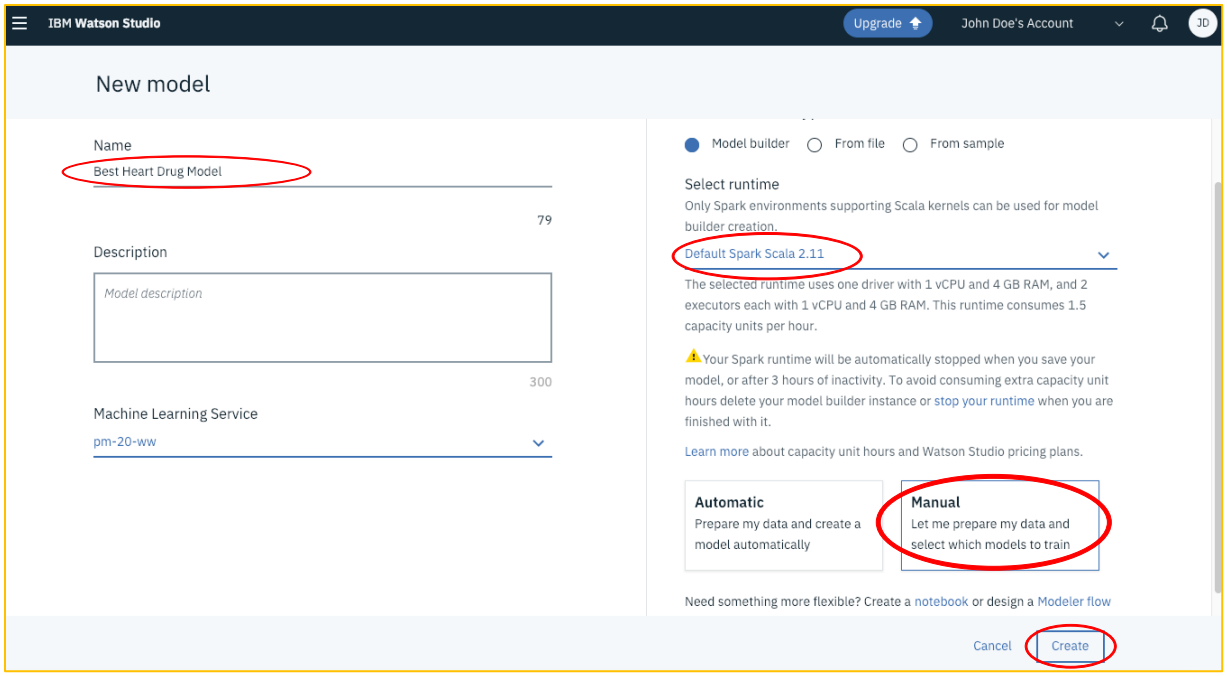


2. Click on Watson Machine Learning model.

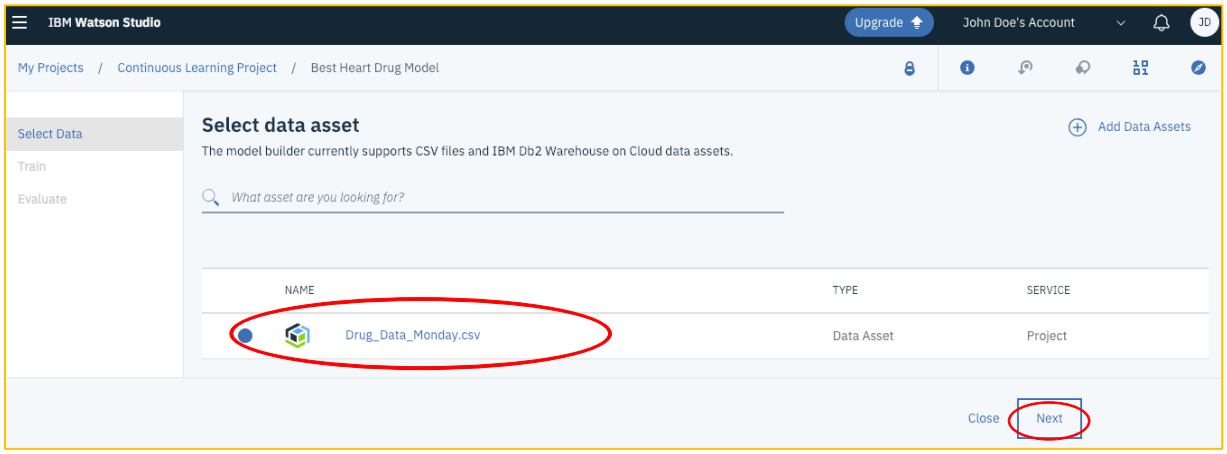


We are creating a model using a point-and-click UI called “Model builder” but can also create models through, APIs, notebooks, SPSS flows, Deep Learning flows, or the synthesized neural network tooling.

3. Enter a Name and a Description, select Default Spark Scala 2.11 under runtime, select Manual, and click Create.

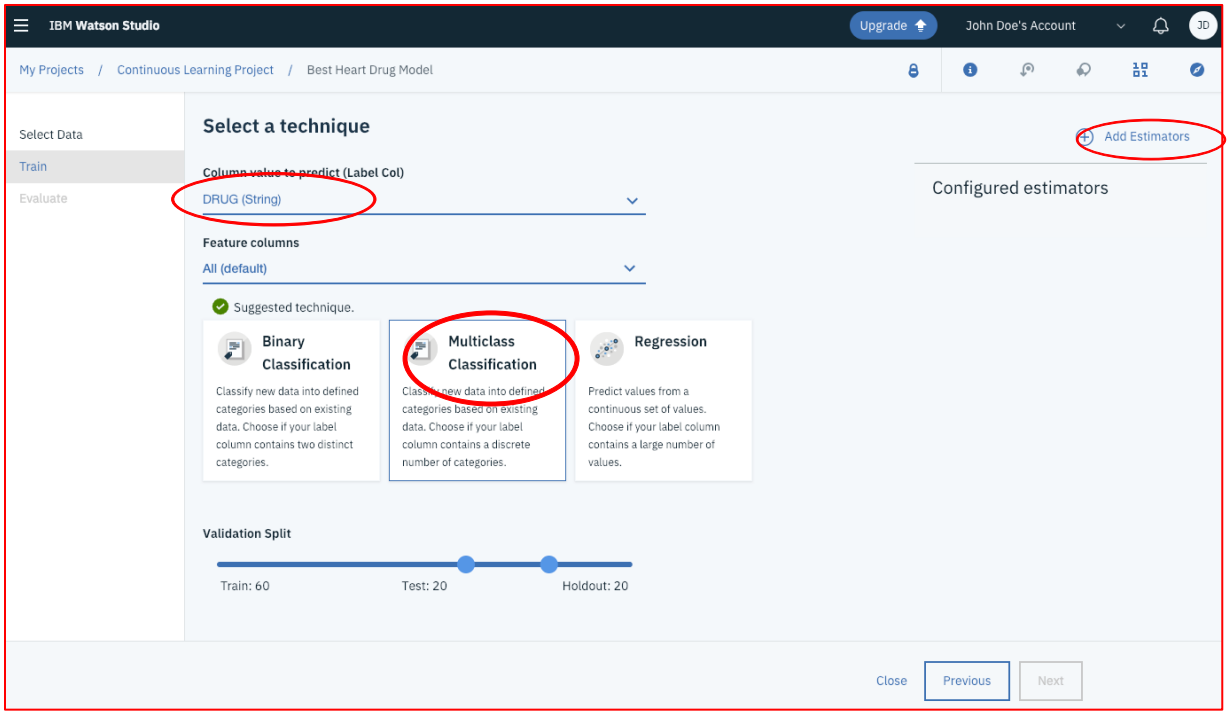


4. You will be brought to a “Select data asset” page. Select Drug_Data_Monday.csv as our data asset and click Next.



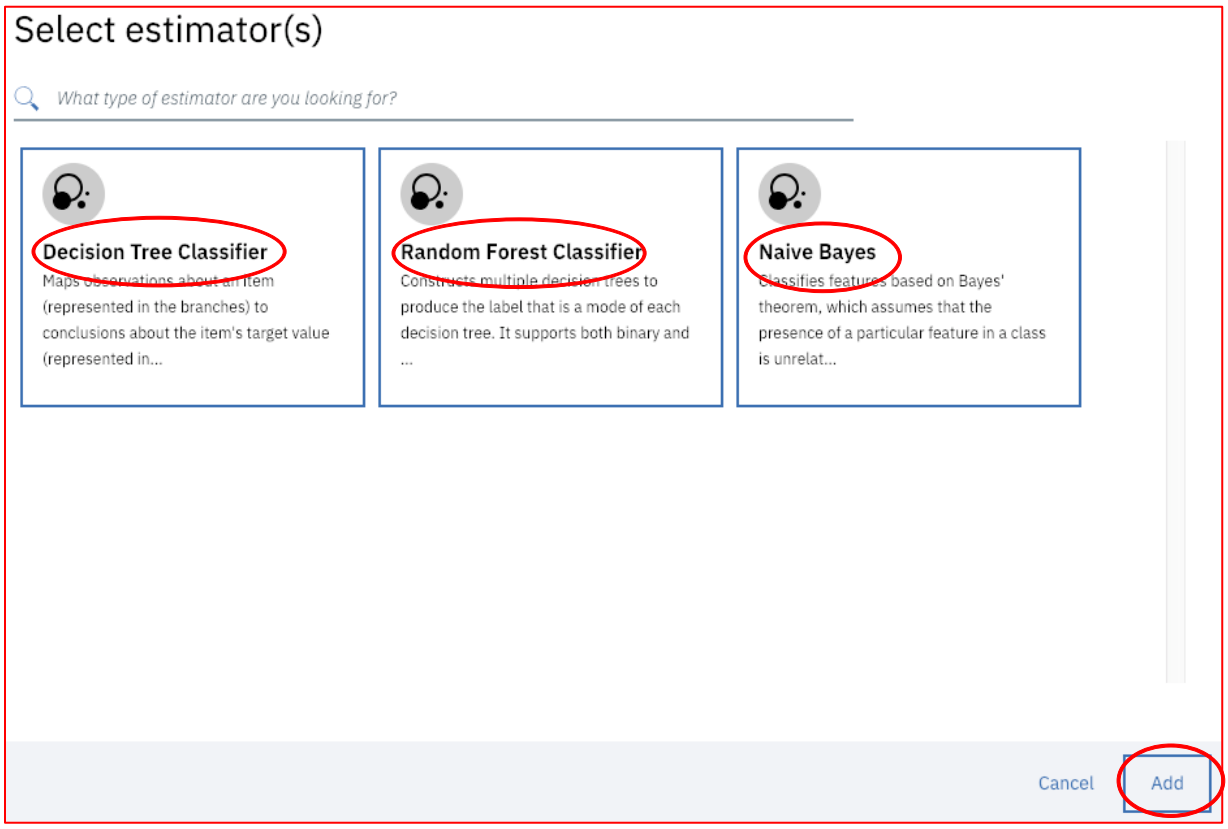
We will now choose which techniques may work well given our data and given our goal to predict which drug is the best suited for a given patient.

5. On the “Select a technique” page, click on the Select Label Col dropdown and select DRUG (String).
6. Select Multiclass Classification.
7. Click Add Estimators in the upper right corner of the page.

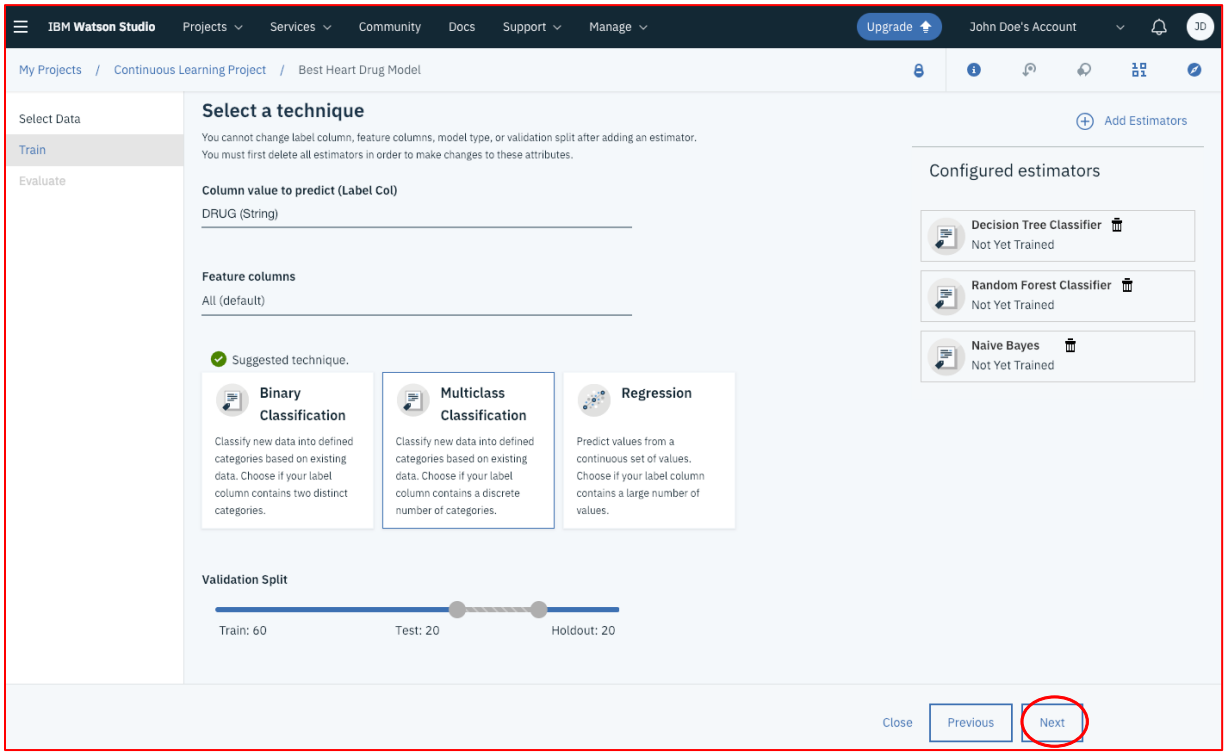


Watson Studio only presents the estimators that would work with our selections on the previous page.

8. Select all three estimator options. Click Add.

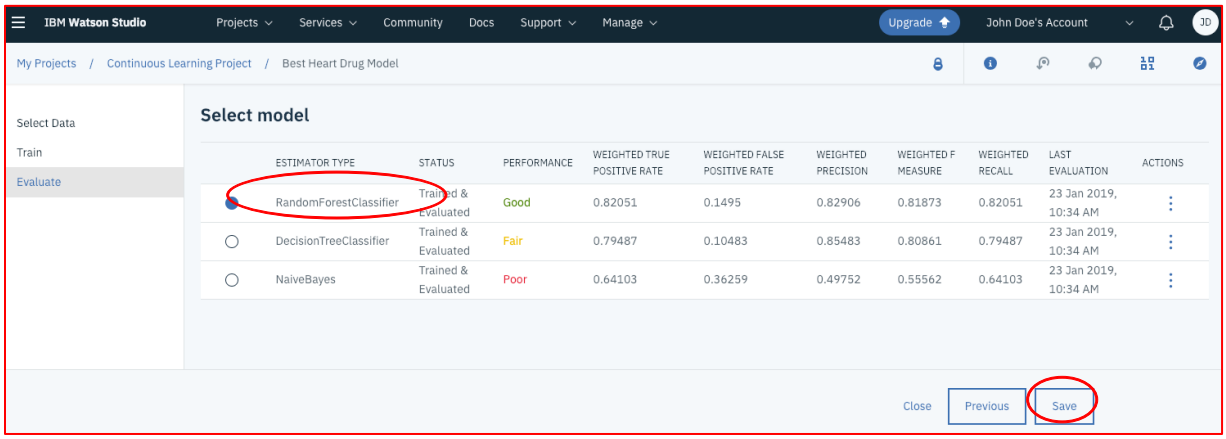


9. Back on the “Select a technique” page, click Next.

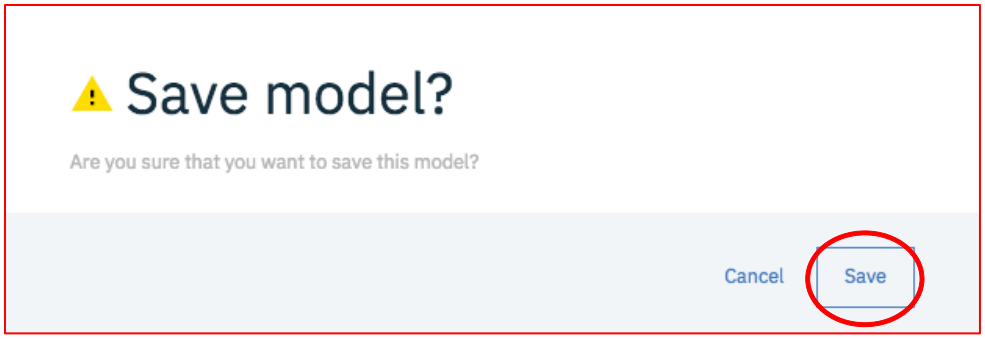


The Select model page will allow us to compare the results of different estimator types.

10. For this tutorial, select RandomForestClassifier.
11. Click Save.

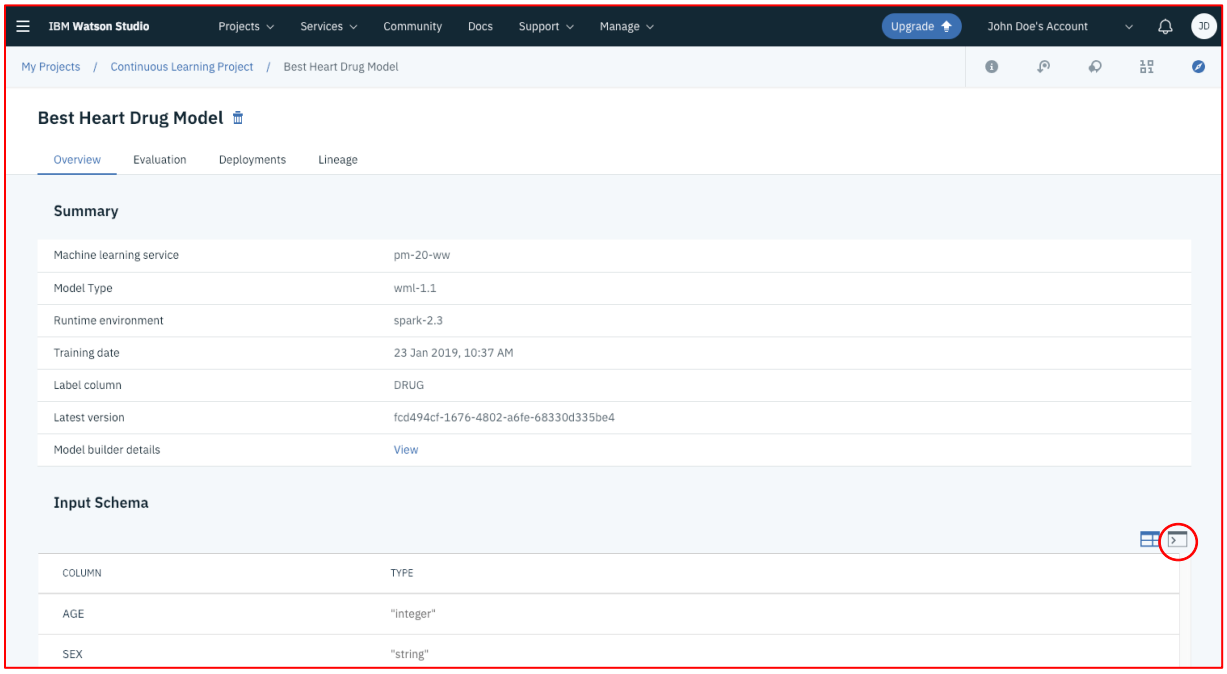


12. When the “Save model” window appears, click Save.

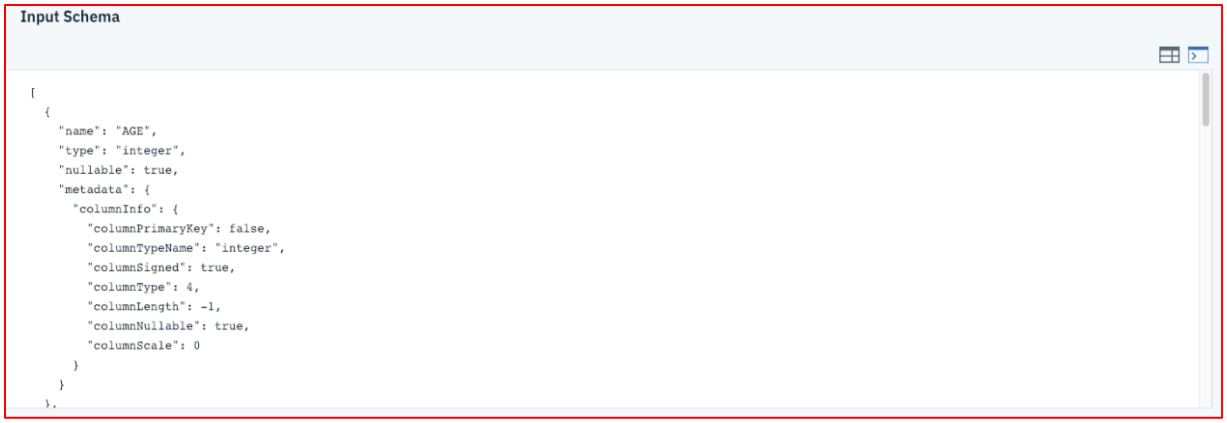


We have just saved the model in our Watson Machine Learning service and can now view information about the model specifications, details of construction, and input schema. The model can also be exposed as an API and used by data pipelines, applications, or other external systems.

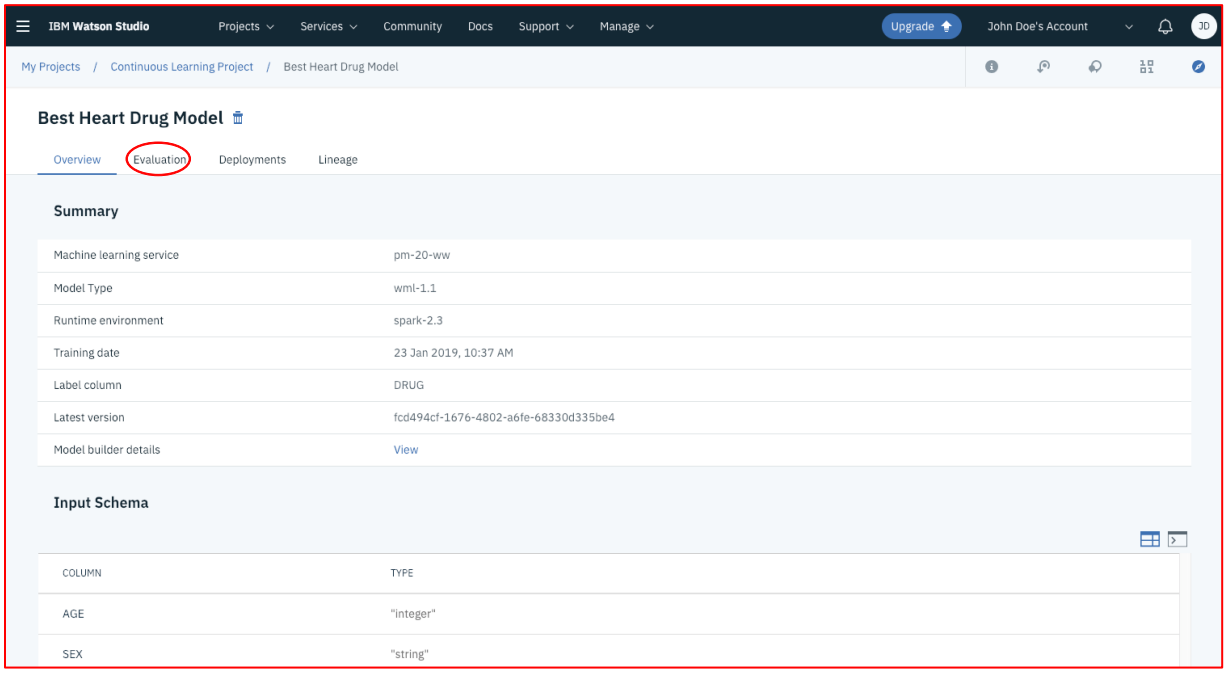
13. Click on the console button with an “angle bracket” to view the schema in JSON format.



This schema can be copied and used elsewhere to help existing systems easily interact with our model and the Watson Machine Learning service.



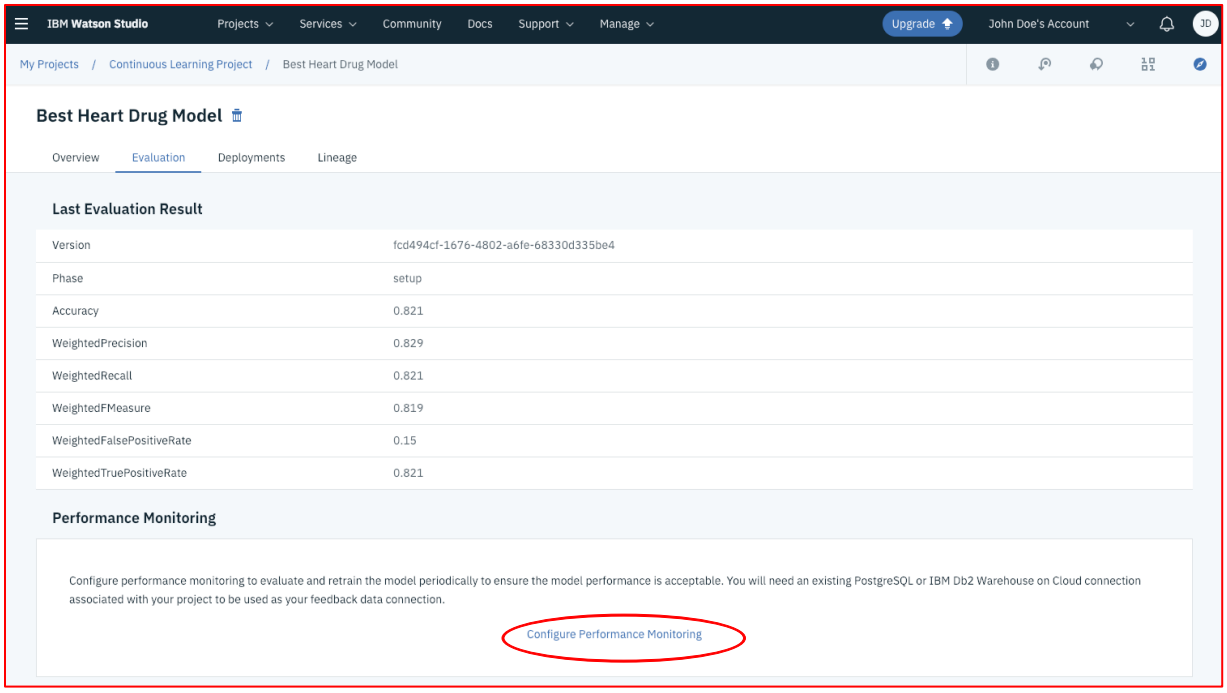
14. Scroll up and click on the Evaluation tab.



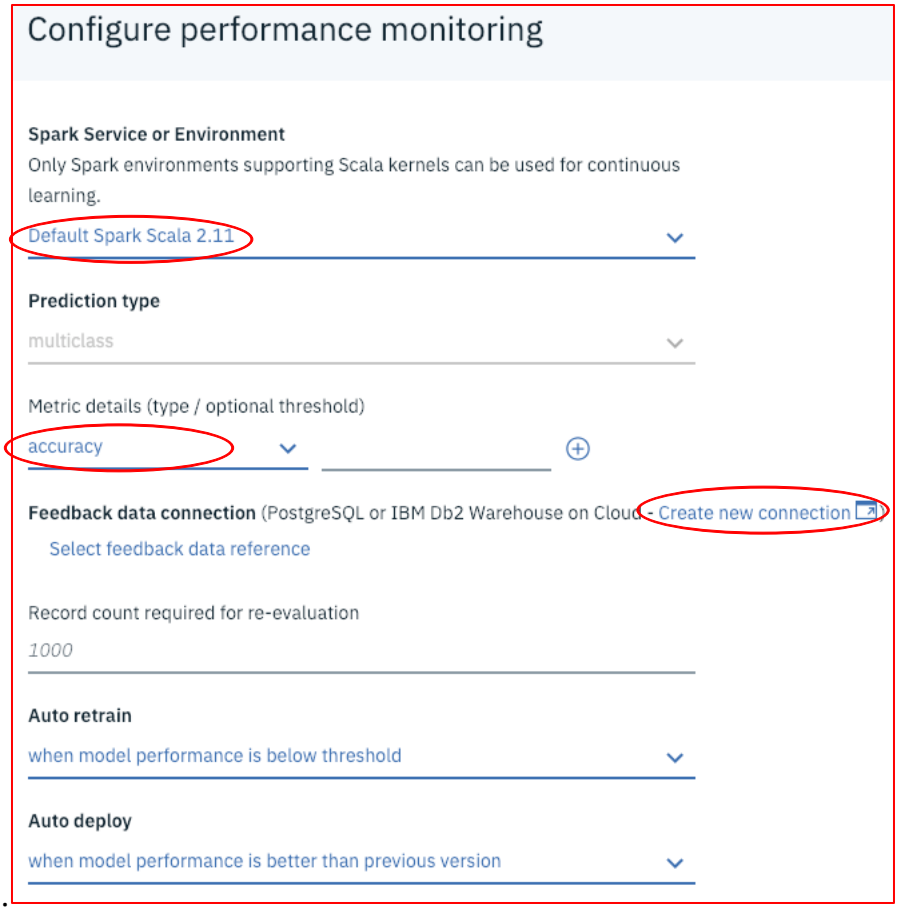
Step 3 Set up Continuous Learning Model Capabilities

Model performance is critical for solving data science problems. This page provides information and functionality to aid in continuous training, tuning, and redeployment. We will now set up parameters to automatically retrain our model.

1. Click on Configure Performance Monitoring.



2. Under Spark Service or Environment, select the Default Spark Scala 2.11 option.
3. Under Metric details, select Accuracy. This relies on a database table of new data. We will use DB2 Warehouse on Cloud, a data store optimized for analytic data sets.
4. Click on Create a new connection



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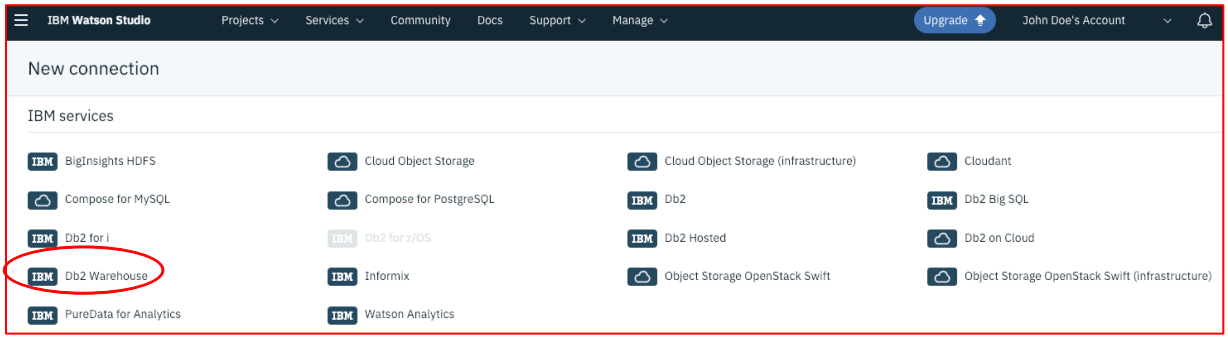
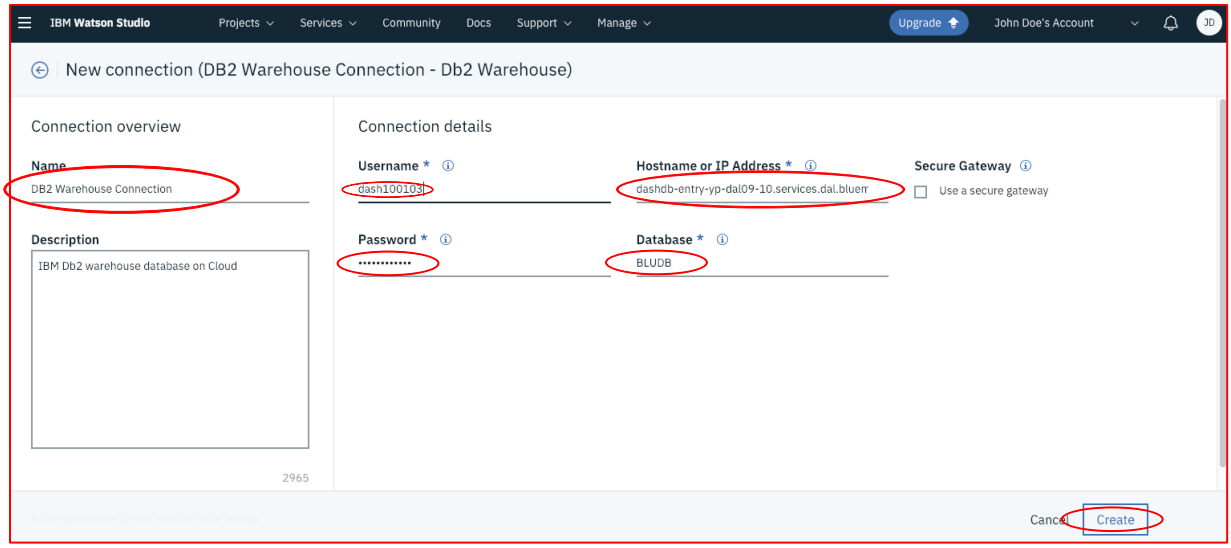
5. On the “New connection” page, click Db2 Warehouse.



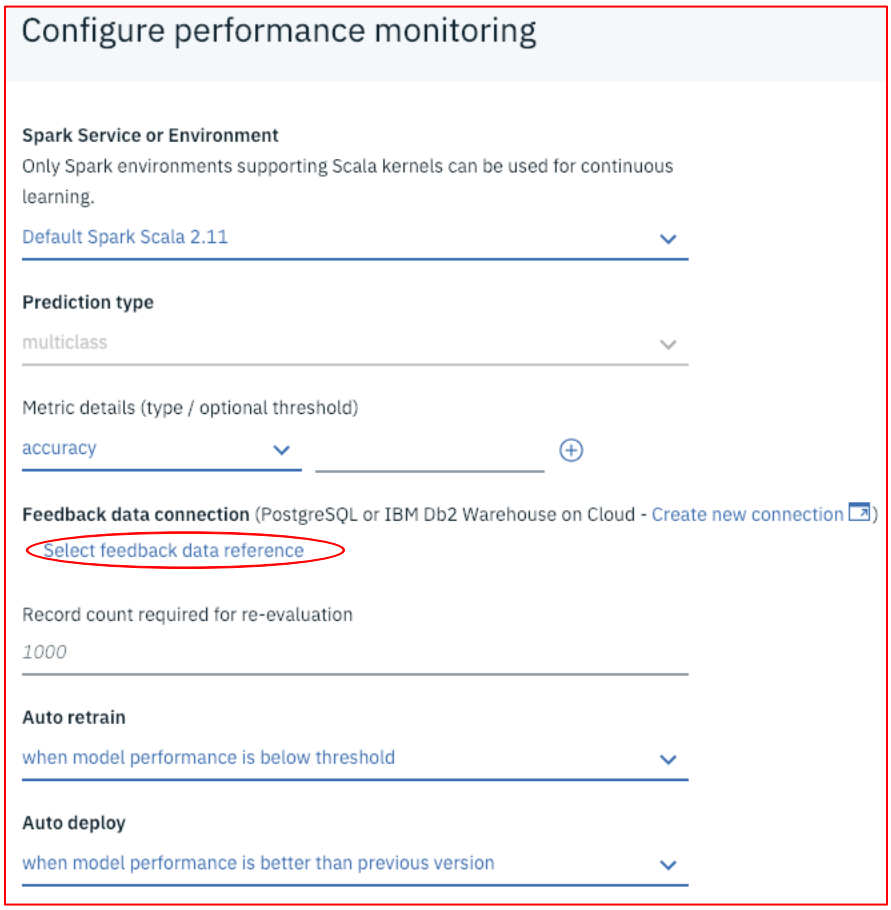
6. Click on Access DB2 Credentials

Ask your instructor for your assigned database.

7. Enter a Name for your connection (e.g. DB2 Warehouse Connection).
8. Using the credentials cut and paste the fields under Username, Hostname, Password, and Database.
9. Click Create.

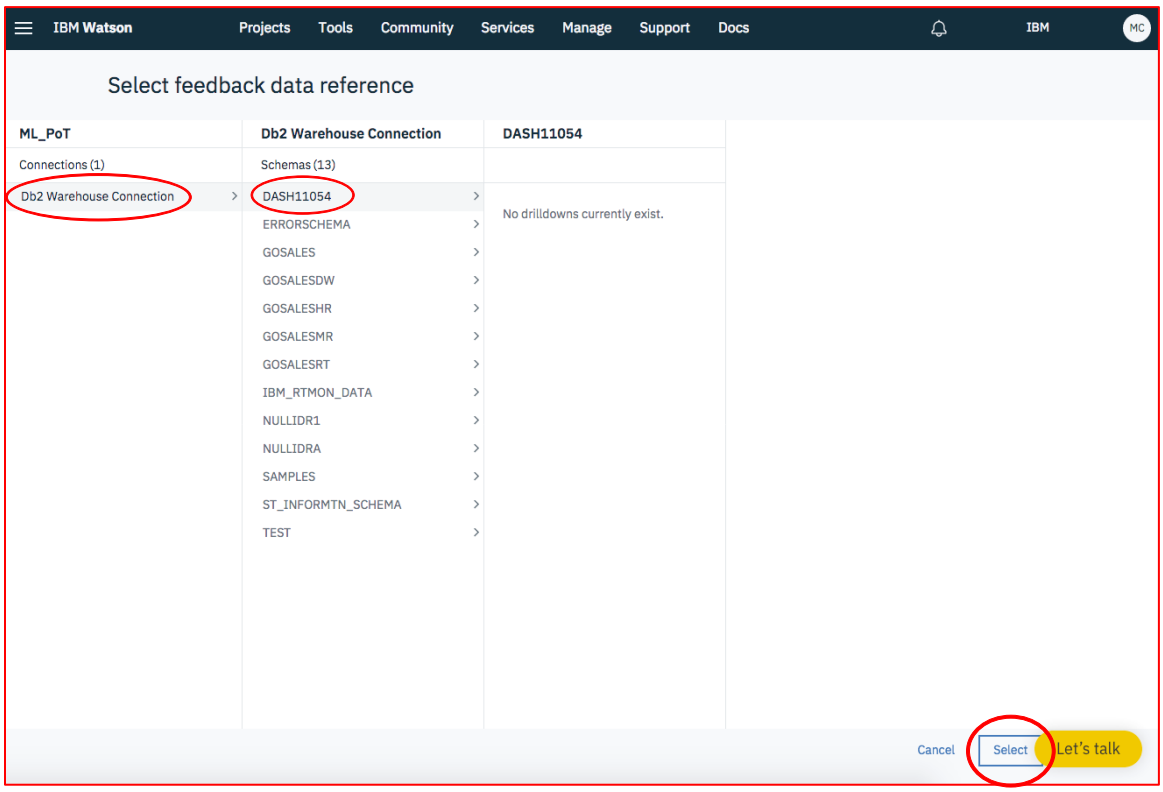


10. Return to the “Configure performance monitoring page” and click Select feedback data reference.

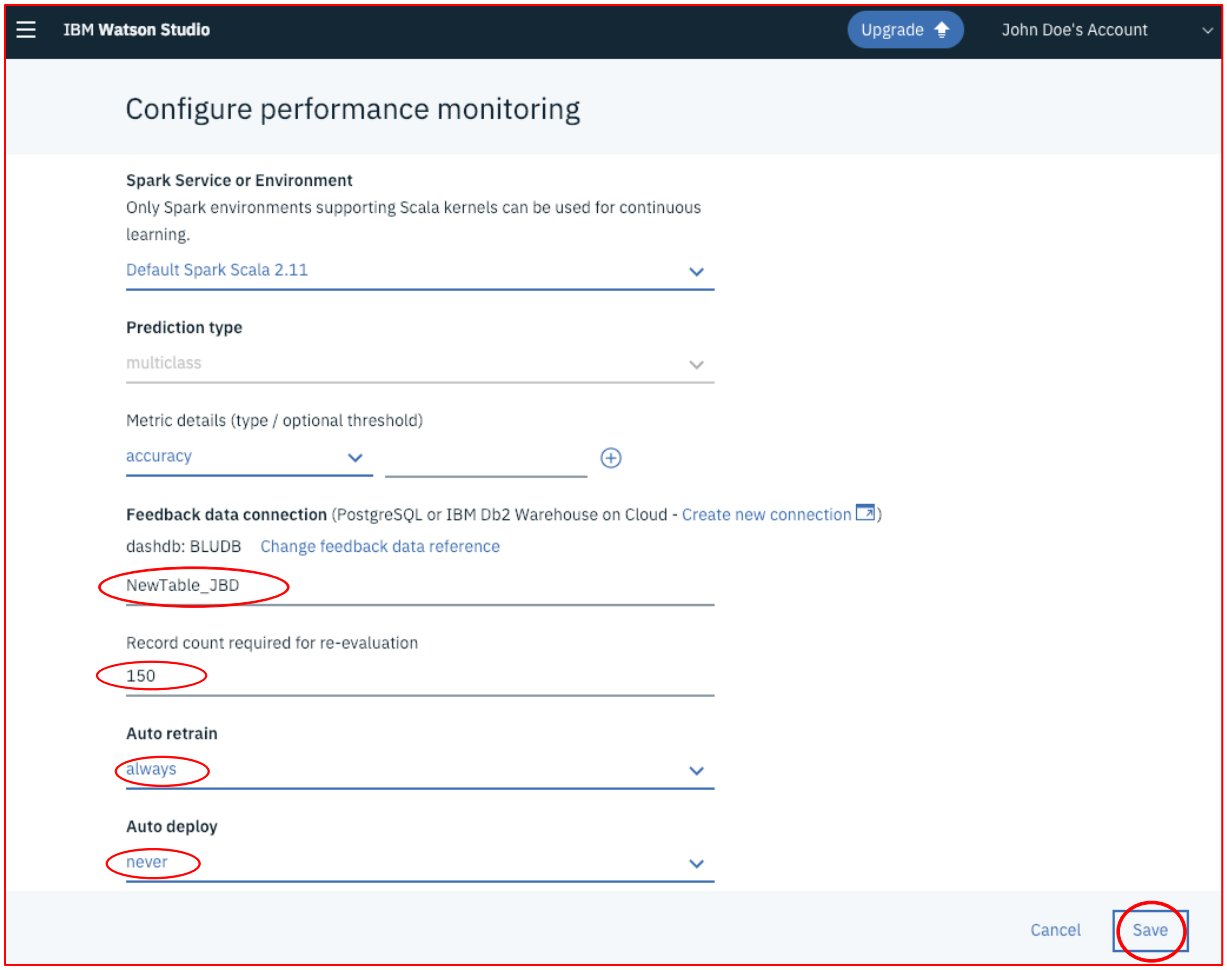


11. Click on your DB2 Warehouse-xx name.
12. Select the schema that matches DASH####.

13. Click select.



14. After returning to the "Configure performance monitoring" page, enter a unique table name (attendees are sharing the DB2 Warehouse service so make your name unique by appending your initials to the table name).
15. Enter 150 as the Record count.
16. Under Auto retrain select always.
17. Under Auto deploy, Never.
18. Click Save.

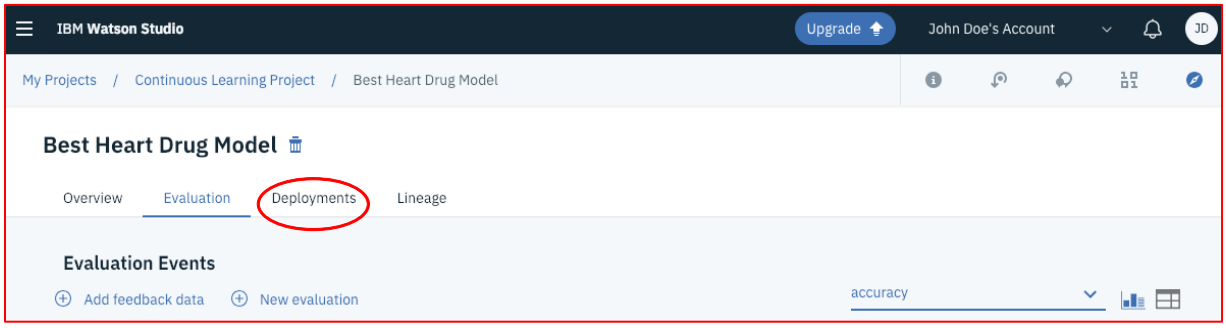


We have just set our model to retrain whenever new data is submitted. We set our model to never automatically redeploy as we would like to review each model before making it available to the medical staff who rely on it.

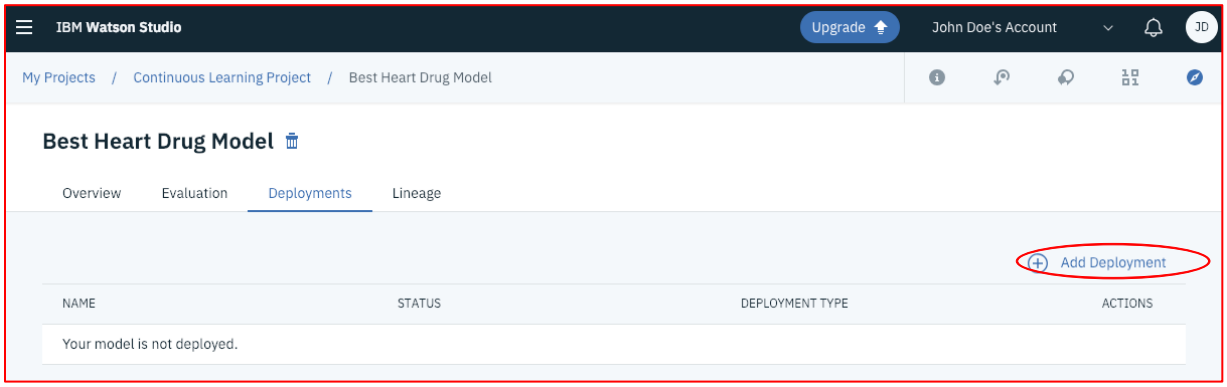
Step 4 Deploy a Machine Learning Model.

Now we will focus on deployment.

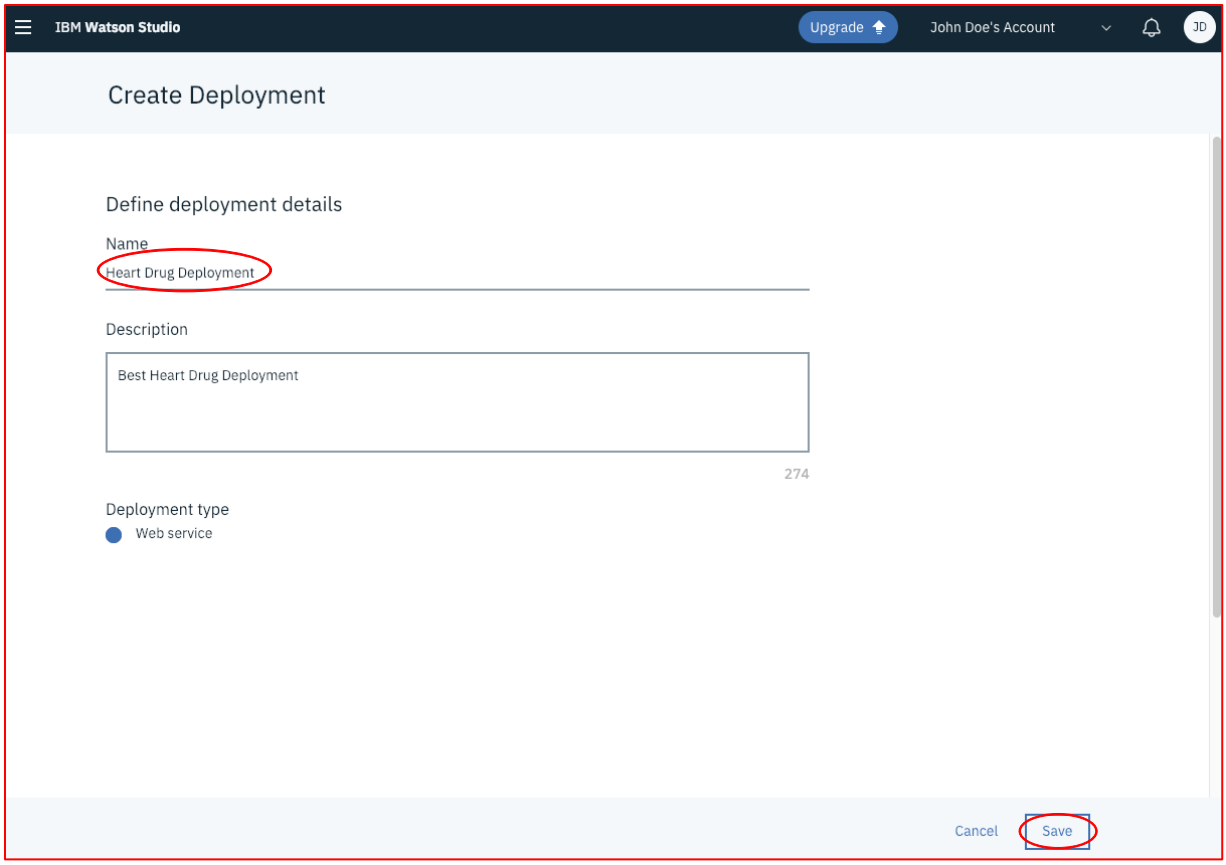
1. Click the Deployment tab.



2. Click Add Deployment.

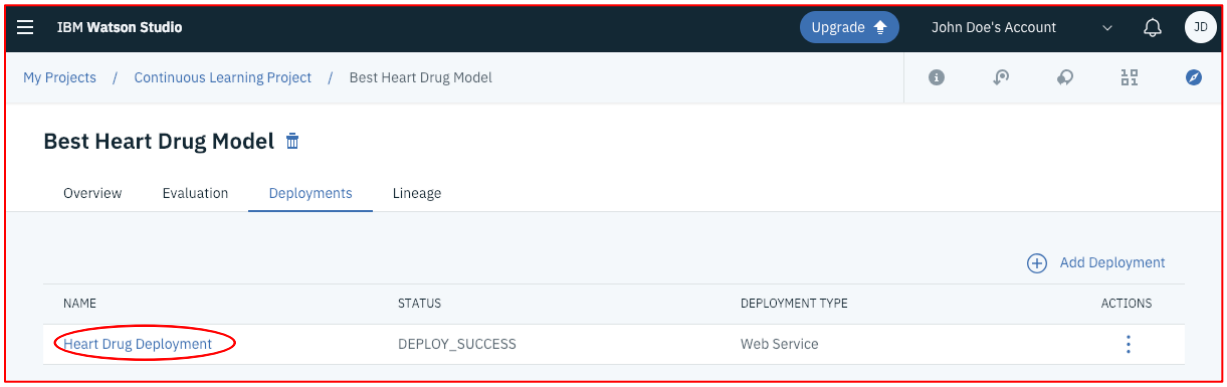


3. Enter a Name (e.g. Heart Drug Deployment).
4. Enter a Description.
5. Click Save.



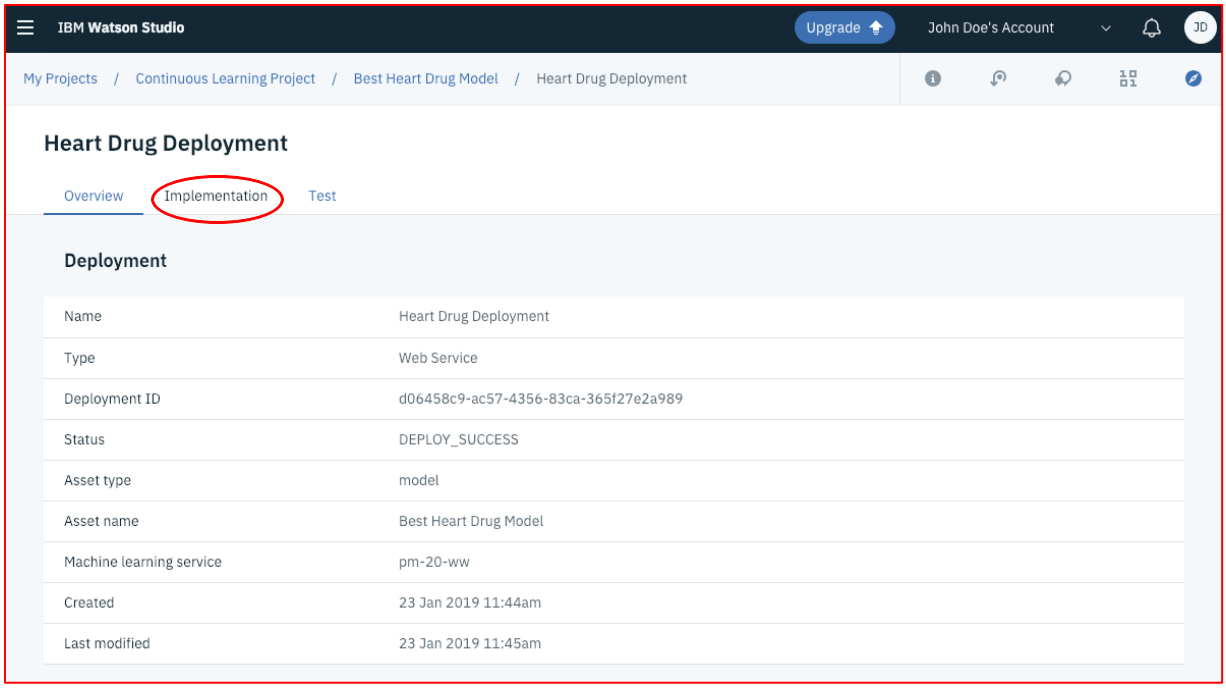
The model is now accessible by external systems.

6. Click on your deployment (e.g. Heart Drug Deployment).



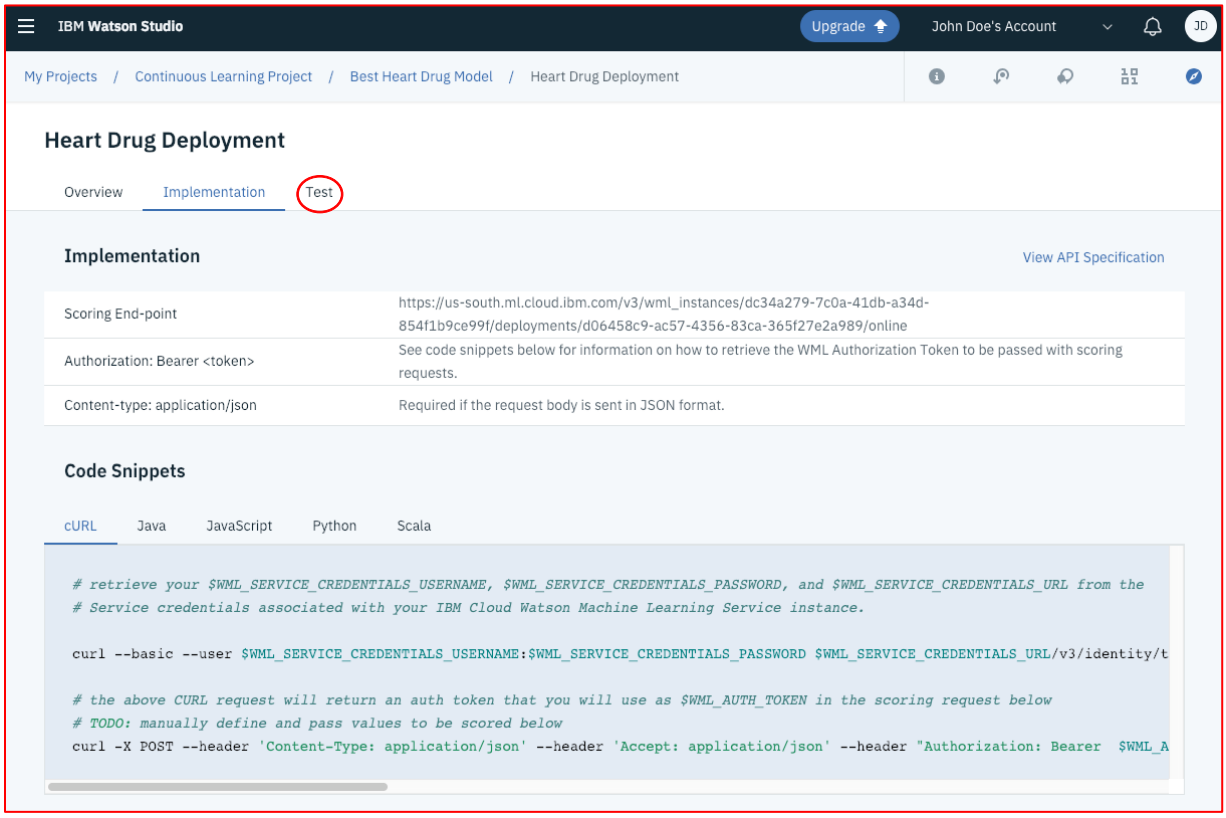
You are automatically brought to the Overview tab lists information related to the model deployment including services used and version number.

7. Click the Implementation tab.



The implementation tab provides developers information to help minimize the time it takes to develop models and place them in a production environment.

8. Click on the Test tab.



The Test tab allows manual testing of the deployed model and viewing of results.

9. Enter:

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   SEX: M

   BP: NORMAL

   CHOLESTEROL: HIGH

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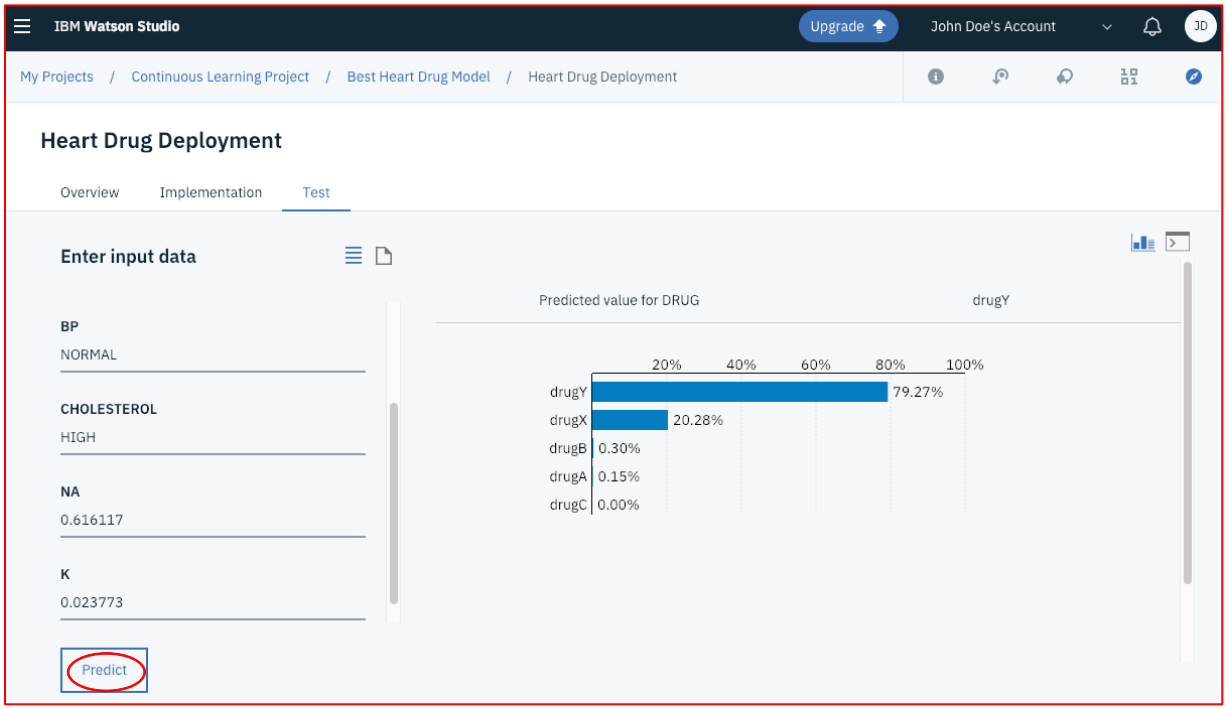
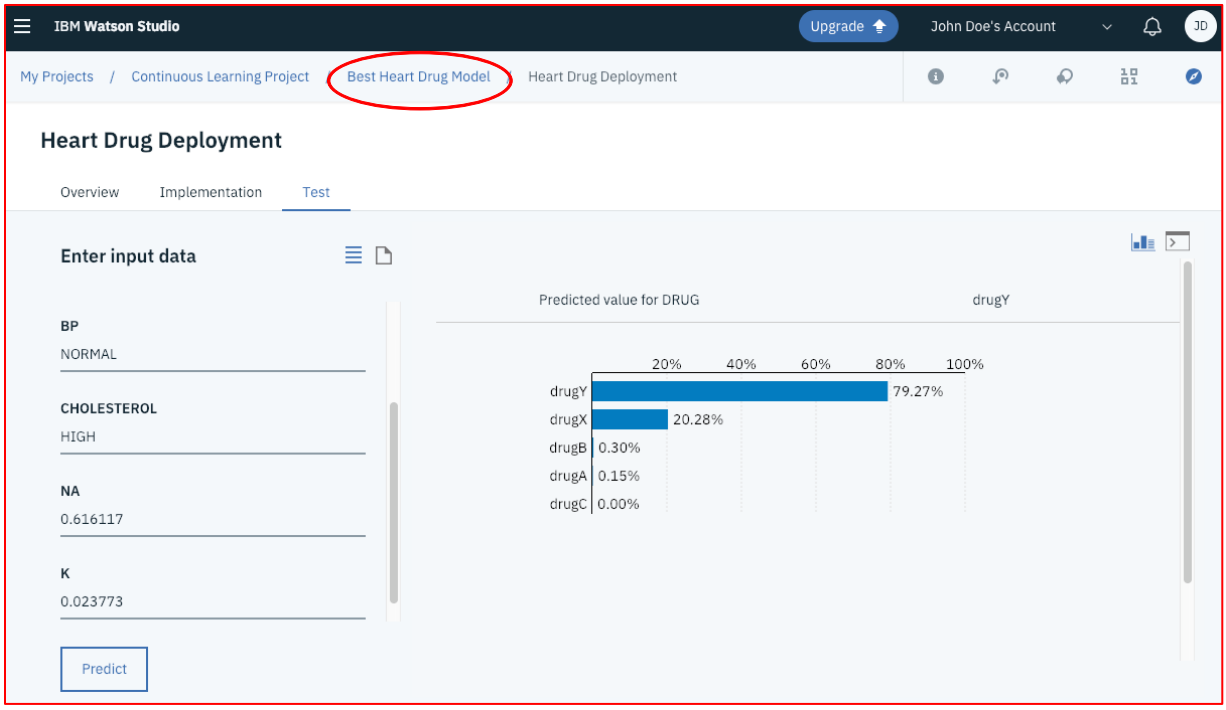
   K: 0.023773

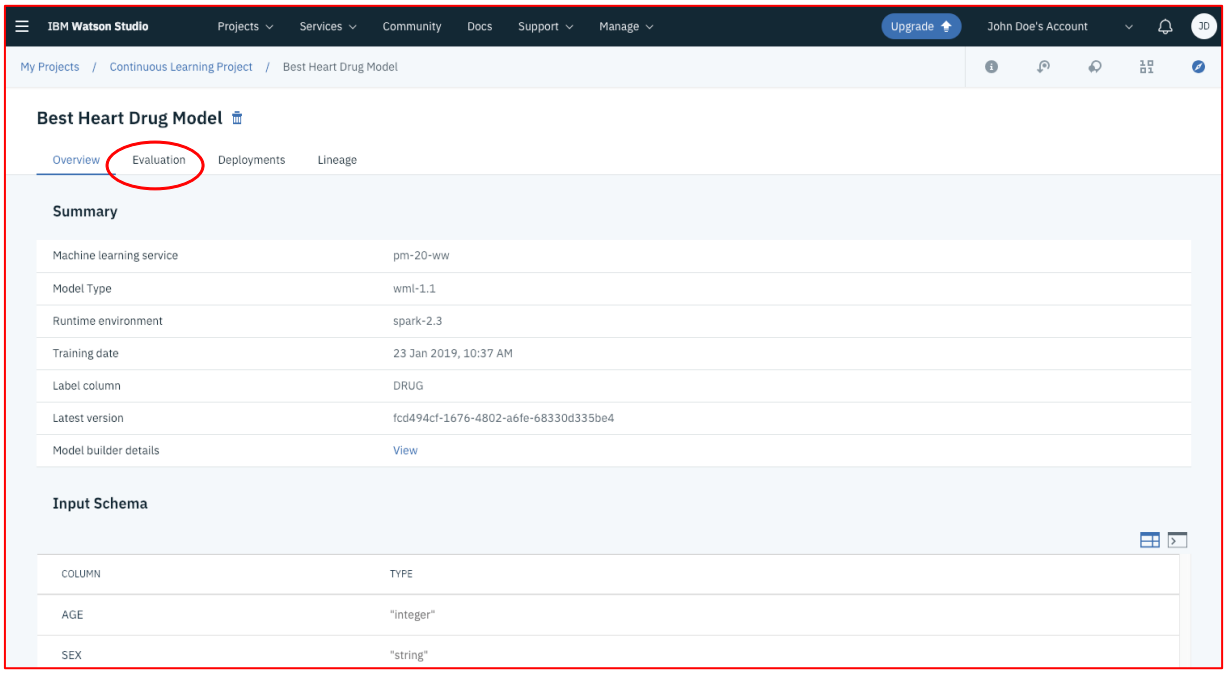
10. Click Predict.



11. Feel free to change the input data and run new predictions. When ready, click on your model name (e.g. Best Heart Drug Model)



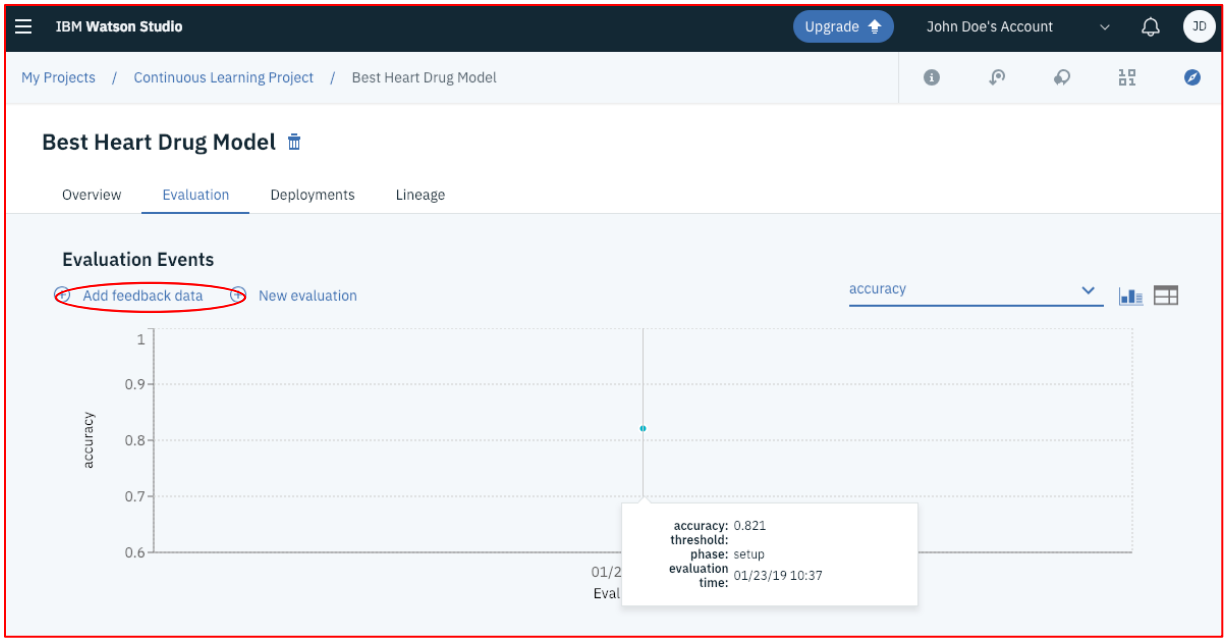
12. Click on the Evaluation tab.



13. If you scroll to the bottom you will be able to see which model version is deployed. Currently we only have one model.

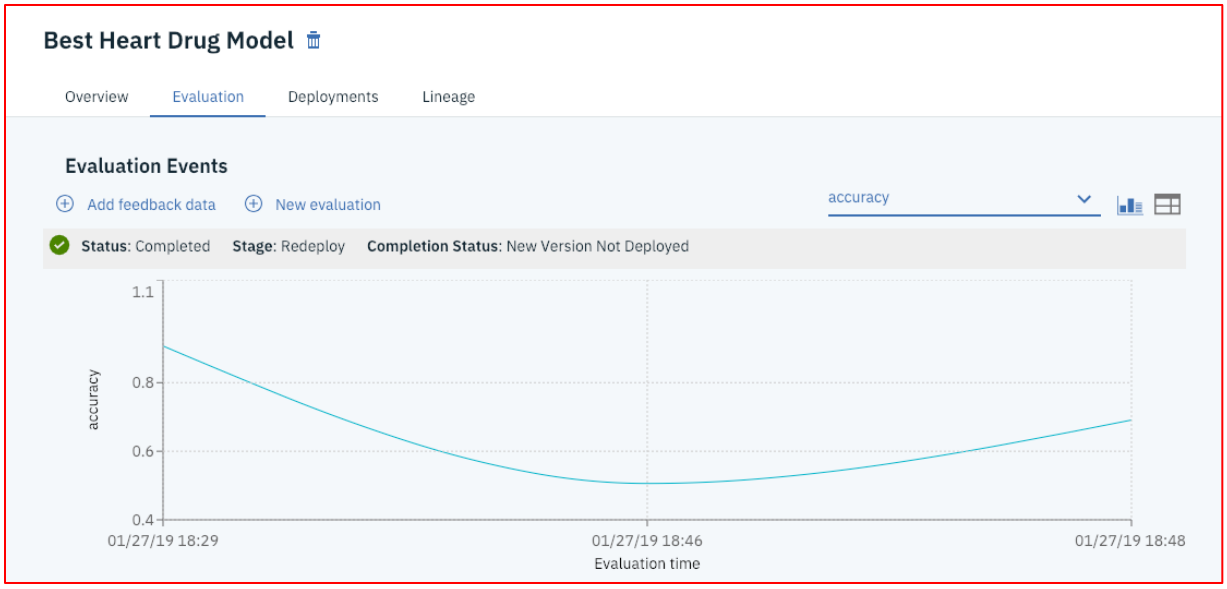
Suppose a day has passed and we have received more data to improve our model.

14. Scroll up and click on Add feedback data and select Drug_Data_Tuesday.csv.

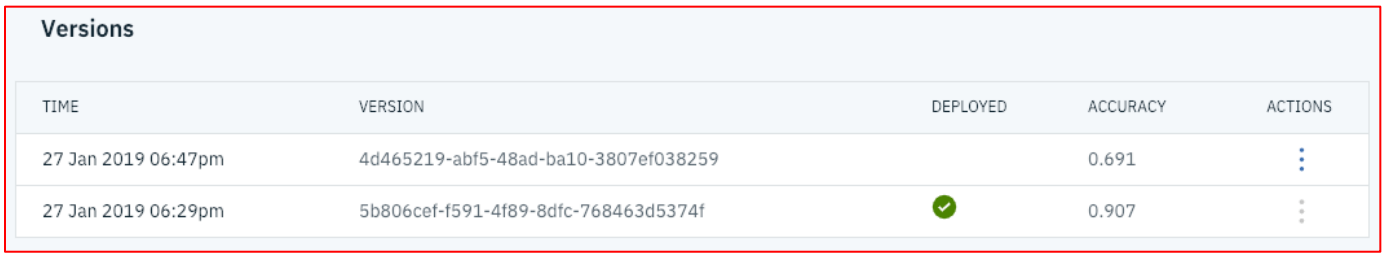


15. When the “New evaluation” window appears, click New Evaluation. Re-evaluating the model may take a few minutes. This is a great time to grab coffee.
16. Notice that additional data caused our original model’s performance to drop but retraining the model on the new unified dataset caused model performance to increase. Although we run these steps graphically, we can configure these steps to run easily through APIs.

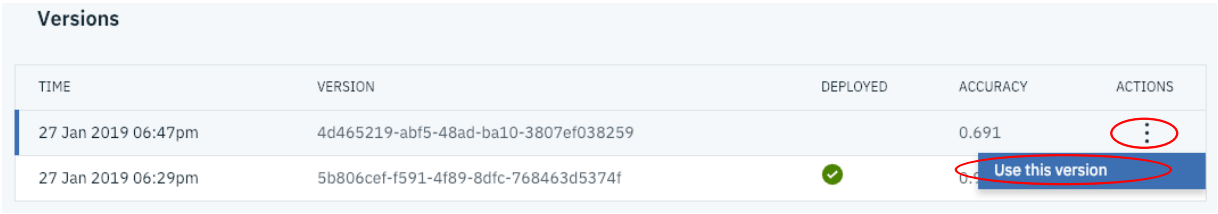
The continuous learning feature can be configured to automatically retrain or redeploy models under certain conditions (e.g. redeploy if accuracy falls below 0.9 or redeploy if the new model is better than the previous model). We currently have set our model to only allow manual redeployment. Our choice is now to either deploy this current model or re-run the model building process to build an entirely new model and choose the best algorithm to fit this new dataset.



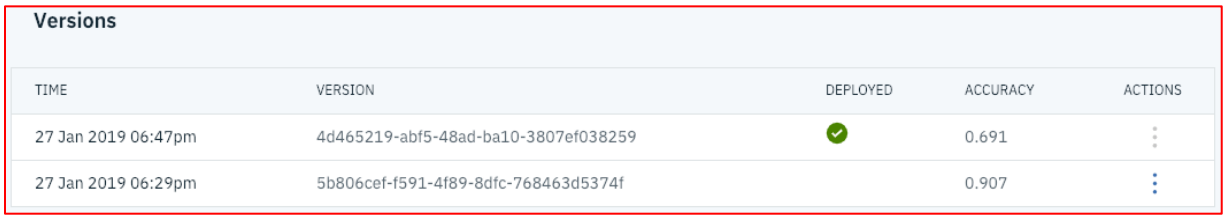
If you scroll down you will be able to see all model versions listed. We have two versions, but only our original model is deployed.



17. For the purpose of this lab, select the three dots under the Actions column and click Use this version to deploy the new model.



18. The new model version should now have a green checkmark under the Deployed column.



19. (Optional) scroll up and upload the final csv file, Drug_Data_Wednesday.csv, as feedback data.

During this lab we have very quickly compared various machine learning models and chosen the best one tuned to our dataset and objectives. We then created a continuous machine learning model that automatically monitors and retrains allowing Watson Machine Learning to keep applications, data pipelines, or external systems relying on the machine learning model as up to date as possible.

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