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# Azure Machine Learning services with Python

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# Where Python is standing...
















## R vs Python: R's out of top 20 programming languages despite boom in statistical jobs (May, 2019)

"The main reason why Python is preferred to R is because Python is a real generic programming language with a very large user community," Tiobe's CEO Paul Jensen told ZDNet.

"After having been in the top 20 for about three years, statistical language R dropped out this month. This is quite surprising because the field of statistical programming is still booming, especially thanks to the popularity of data mining and artificial intelligence," [Tiobe notes](#).

- Source: <https://www.zdnet.com/google-amp/article/r-vs-python-rs-out-of-top-20-programming-languages-despite-boom-in-statistical-jobs/>

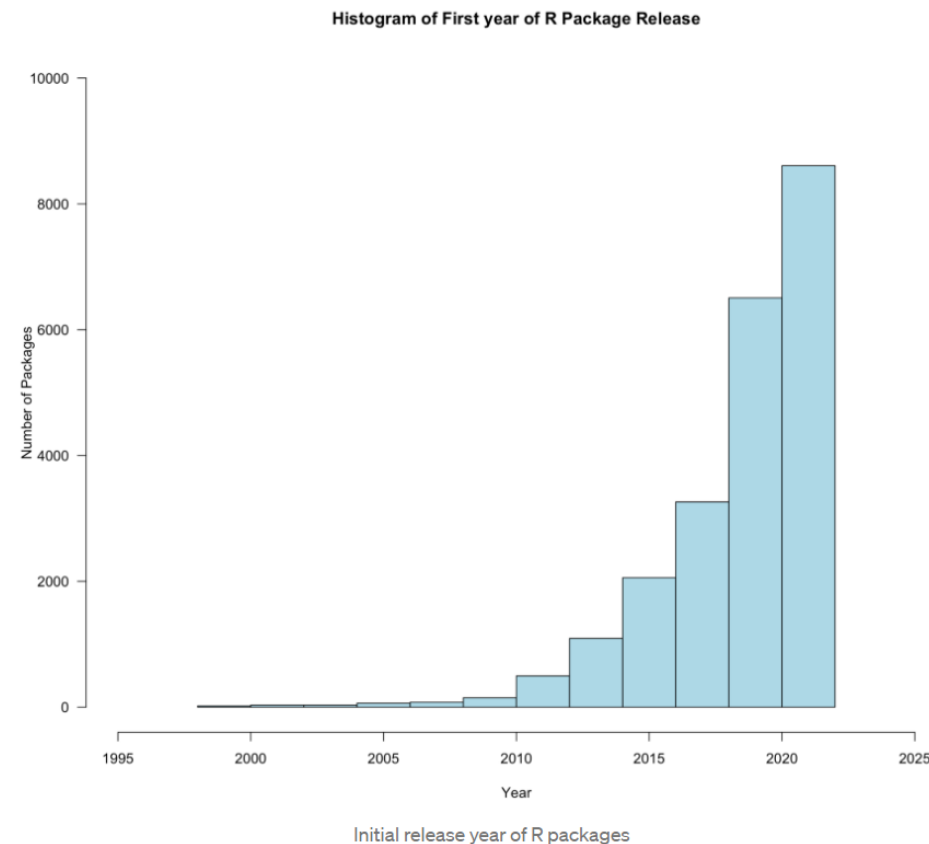
should be adopted when starting to build a new software system. The definition of the TIOBE index can be found [here](#).

May 2022	May 2021	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	2	▲	 Python	12.74%	+0.86%
2	1	▼	 C	11.59%	-1.80%
3	3		 Java	10.99%	-0.74%
4	4		 C++	8.83%	+1.01%
5	5		 C#	6.39%	+1.98%
6	6		 Visual Basic	5.86%	+1.85%
7	7		 JavaScript	2.12%	-0.33%
8	8		 Assembly language	1.92%	-0.51%
9	10	▲	 SQL	1.87%	+0.16%
10	9	▼	 PHP	1.52%	-0.34%
11	17	▲▲	 Delphi/Object Pascal	1.42%	+0.22%
12	18	▲▲	 Swift	1.23%	+0.08%
13	13		 R	1.22%	-0.16%
14	16	▲	 Go	1.11%	-0.11%
15	12	▼	 Classic Visual Basic	1.03%	-0.38%

# But things are looking better for R...

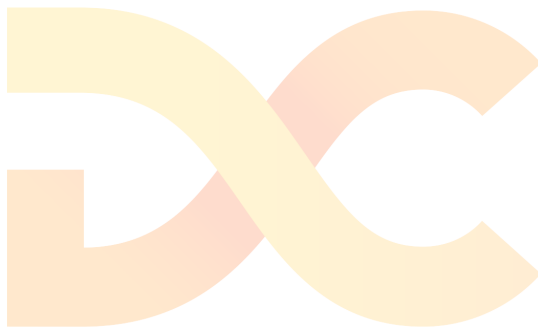
## First release and update dates of R Packages statistics

If years 2016 and 2017 were “data science years” and golden years for R, the decline happened in 2018 but improved back in 2019 and again R is on positive trend. There are many other statistics available to prove this.





# Agenda

- Azure Analytics family
  - Azure Machine Learning and Automated Machine Learning
  - How to Start with Azure ML
  - Notebooks, VM, Labs
  - Demo
    - Automated ML in Action
    - Using Azure ML
    - Python Azure SDK
  - Summary
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# Azure Analytics family

- **Azure Databricks** Managed, fast, easy and collaborative Apache® Spark™ based analytics platform optimized for Azure
- **Azure HD Insight** an open-source analytics service that runs Hadoop, Spark, Kafka, and more for big data processing in Azure
- **Azure Synapse Analytics** brings together enterprise data warehousing and Big Data analytics
- **Azure Analysis Services** Enterprise grade analytics engine as a service
- **Azure Stream analytics** Real-time data stream processing from millions of IoT devices
- **Machine Learning Service** Open and elastic AI development spanning the cloud and the edge
- **Cognitive Services** API based enterprise solutions
- **Azure Datalake Analytics\*** On-demand pay-per-job analytics service with enterprise-grade security, auditing, and support

\* deprecated

# Lifecycle in theory

1. define problem

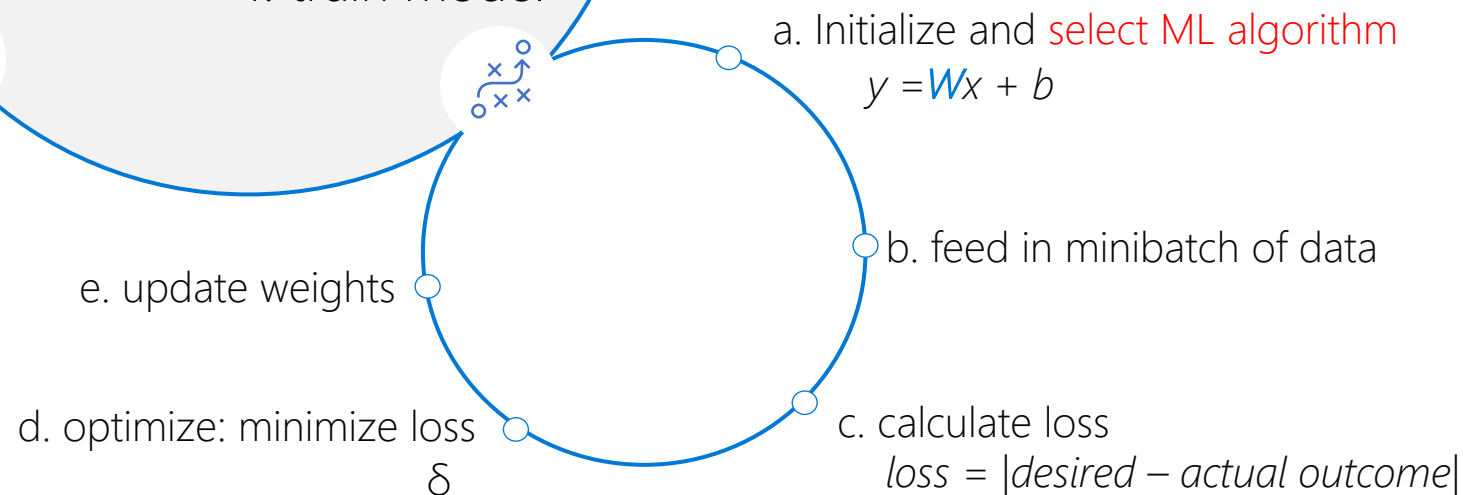
2. acquire + process data

3. design model architecture

4. train model

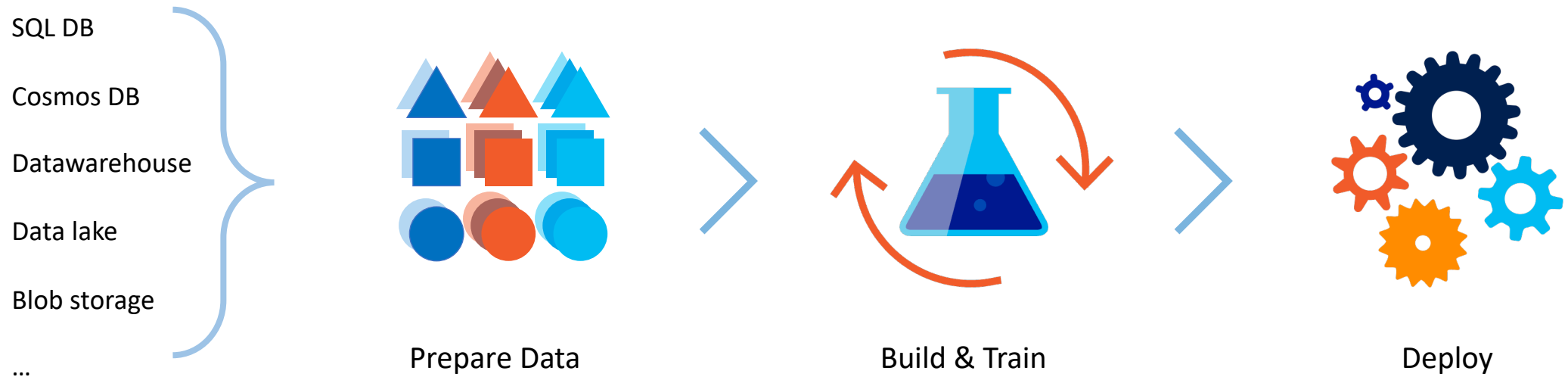
5. test/evaluate

6. deploy

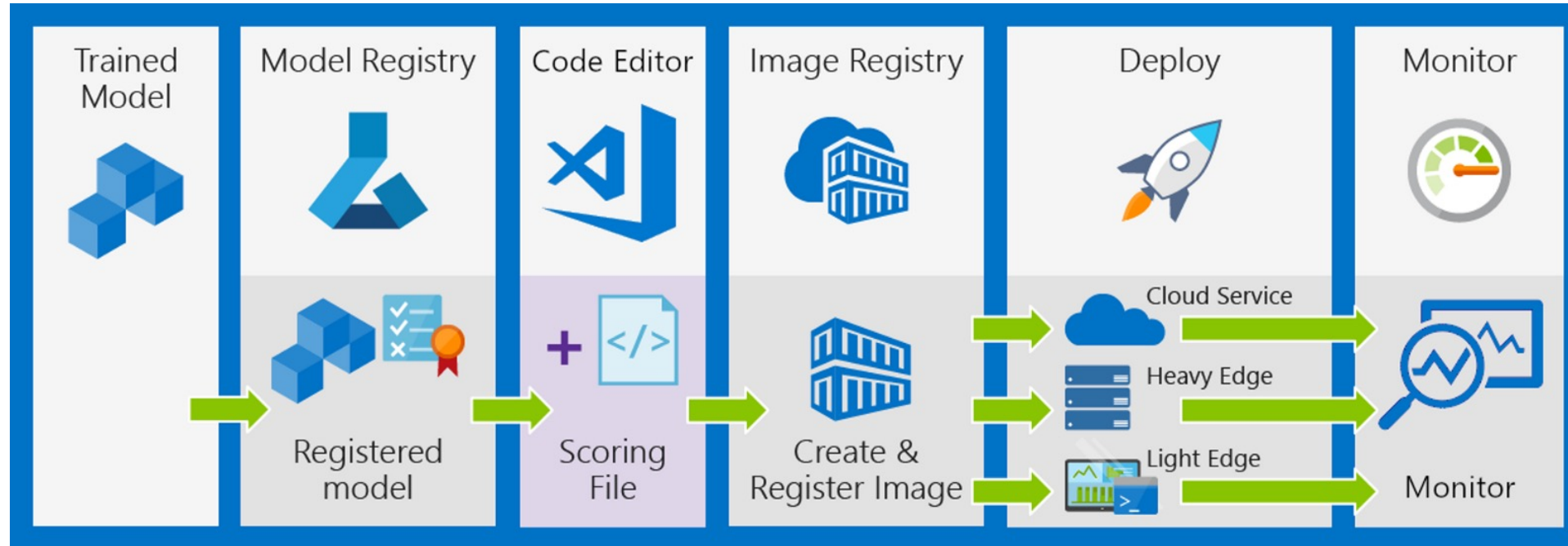




# Azure Machine Learning Process



# Model Lifecycle in practice



# What is automated machine learning?

Automated machine learning (automated ML) picks an algorithm and hyperparameters for you and generates a model ready for deployment. The model can be downloaded to be further customized as well.

# 12 Automated ML Cycle

Data

Feature

Algorithm

Tuning

Ranking

Explaining



## Data cleaning support

Automated ML currently supports automated data cleaning



## Feature engineering

Most time consuming part when done manually can now be done within minutes.



## Pick and play

Testing many different algorithms at once.



## What to leave out

Hyperparameter tuning: what to include what to leave out



## Ranking

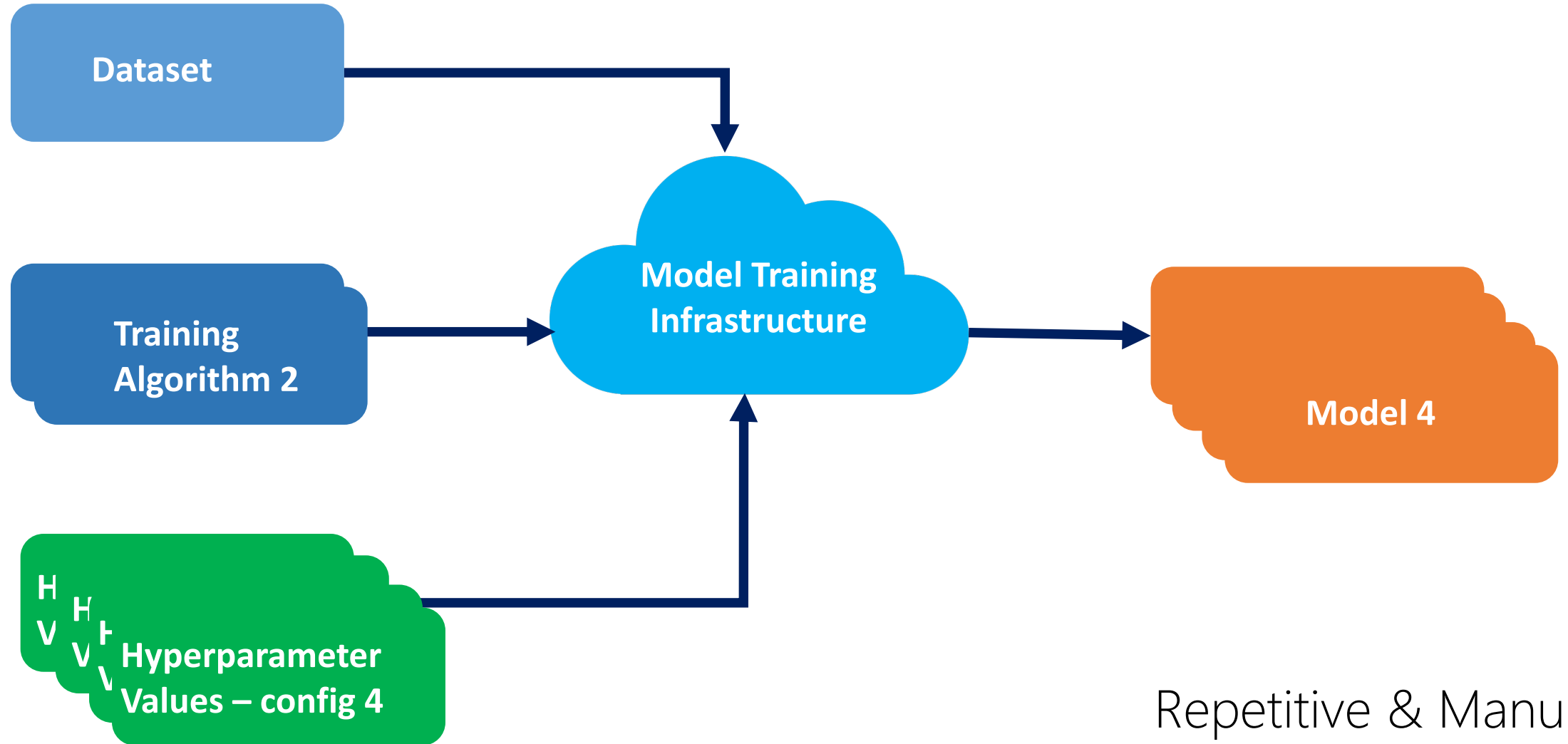
Having an overview of the best performing models based on accuracy & speed.



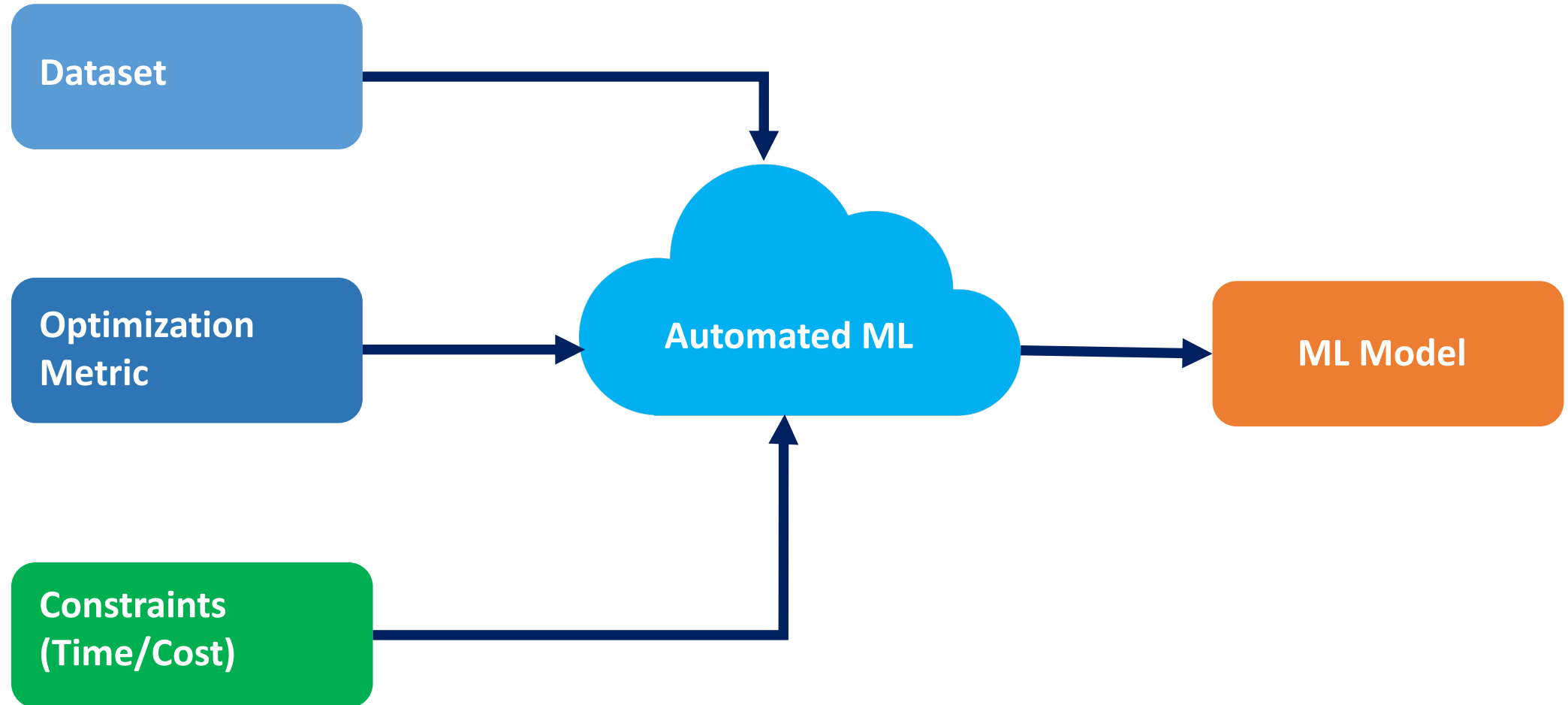
## Justification

Being able to explain what created an outcome and what features had the most significant impact

# Model Selection & Hyperparameter Tuning

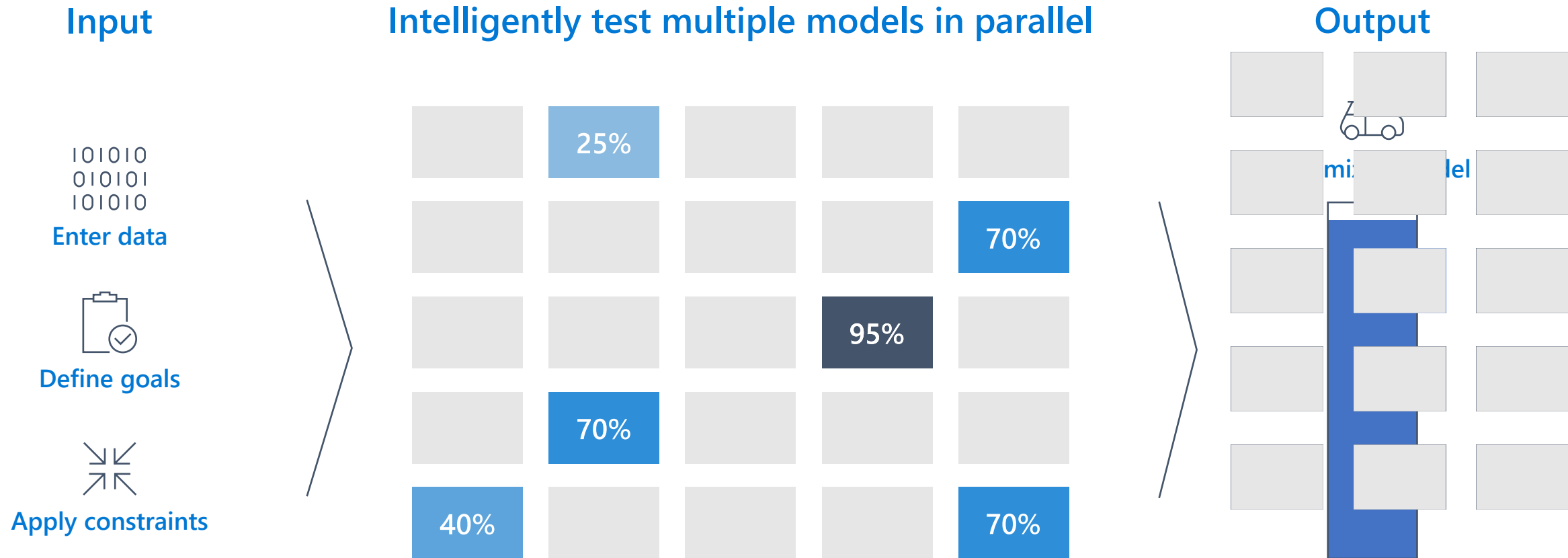


# Introducing Automated Machine Learning



Accessible & Faster

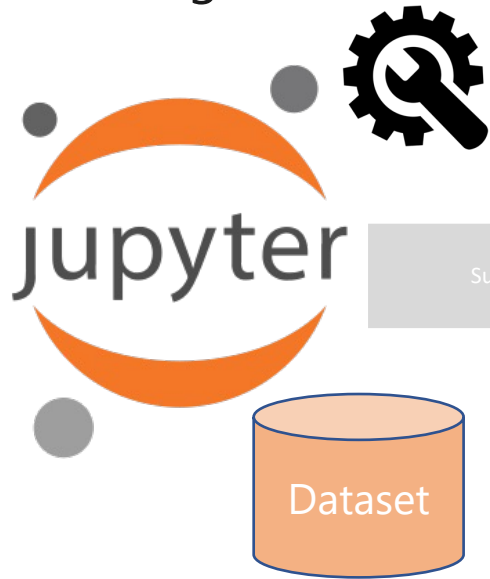
# Automated ML Accelerates Model Development



# Automated ML – User Experience

It is a „black box“?

Python Script  
Configuration



Submit

Automated ML



Models & Hyper  
parameters

Train & Repeat

Models (tuned Local / Cloud)

Iteration	Pipeline	Iteration metric	Best metric
0	<a href="#">SparseNormalizer, LogisticRegression</a>	0.99755788	0.99755788
1	<a href="#">StandardScalerWrapper, KNeighborsClassifier</a>	0.99788041	0.99788041
2	<a href="#">MaxAbsScaler, LightGBMClassifier</a>	0.99827043	0.99827043
3	<a href="#">MaxAbsScaler, DecisionTreeClassifier</a>	0.8321242	0.99827043
4	<a href="#">SparseNormalizer, LightGBMClassifier</a>	0.99794397	0.99827043
5	<a href="#">StandardScalerWrapper, KNeighborsClassifier</a>	0.9983558	0.9983558
6	<a href="#">StandardScalerWrapper, LightGBMClassifier</a>	0.99883517	0.99883517
7	<a href="#">StandardScalerWrapper, SGDClassifierWrapper</a>	0.99455258	0.99883517
8	<a href="#">MaxAbsScaler, LightGBMClassifier</a>	0.99753115	0.99883517
9	<a href="#">StandardScalerWrapper, KNeighborsClassifier</a>	0.99863863	0.99883517

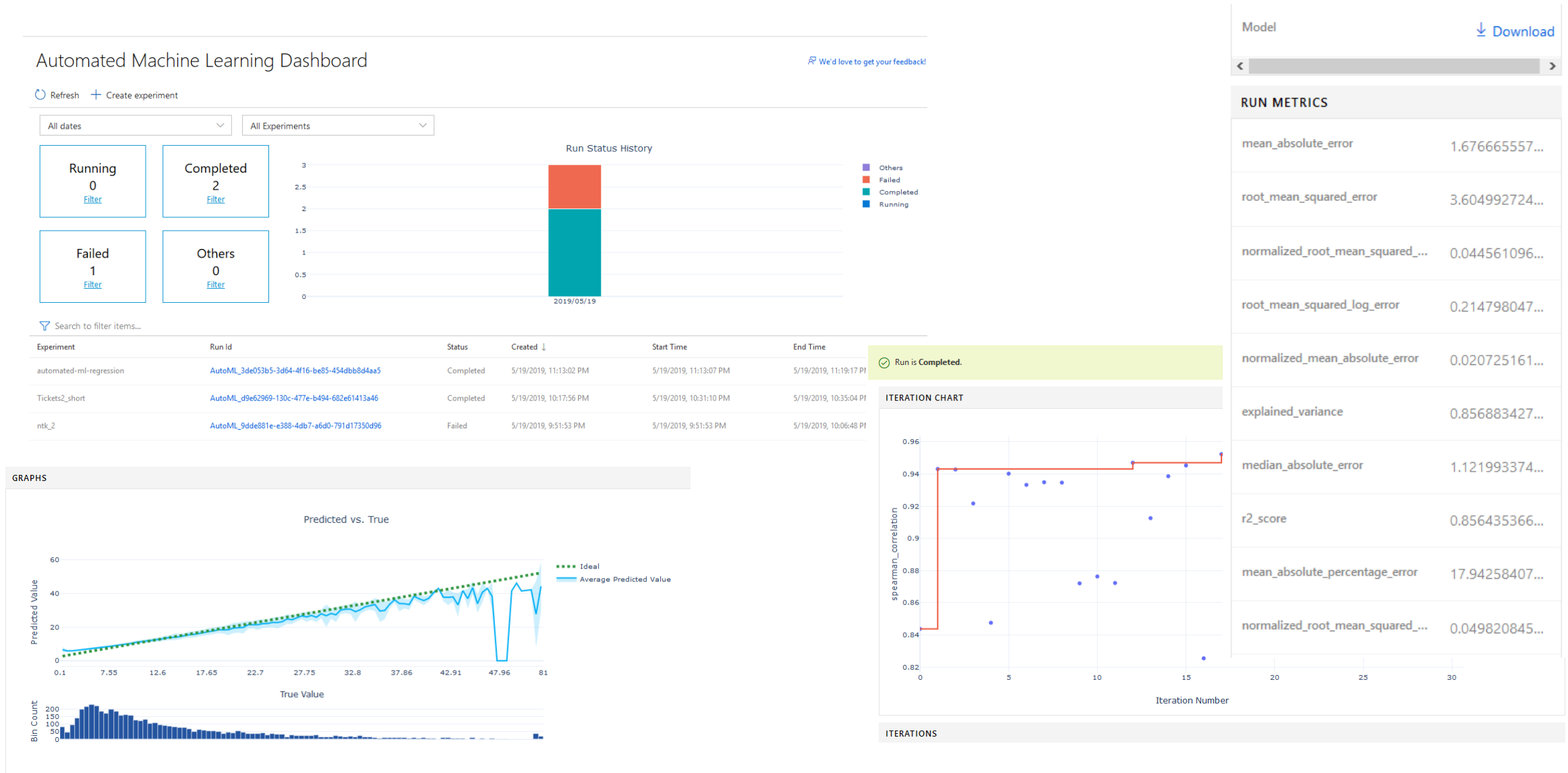
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Solution

High Quality Machine Learning Model

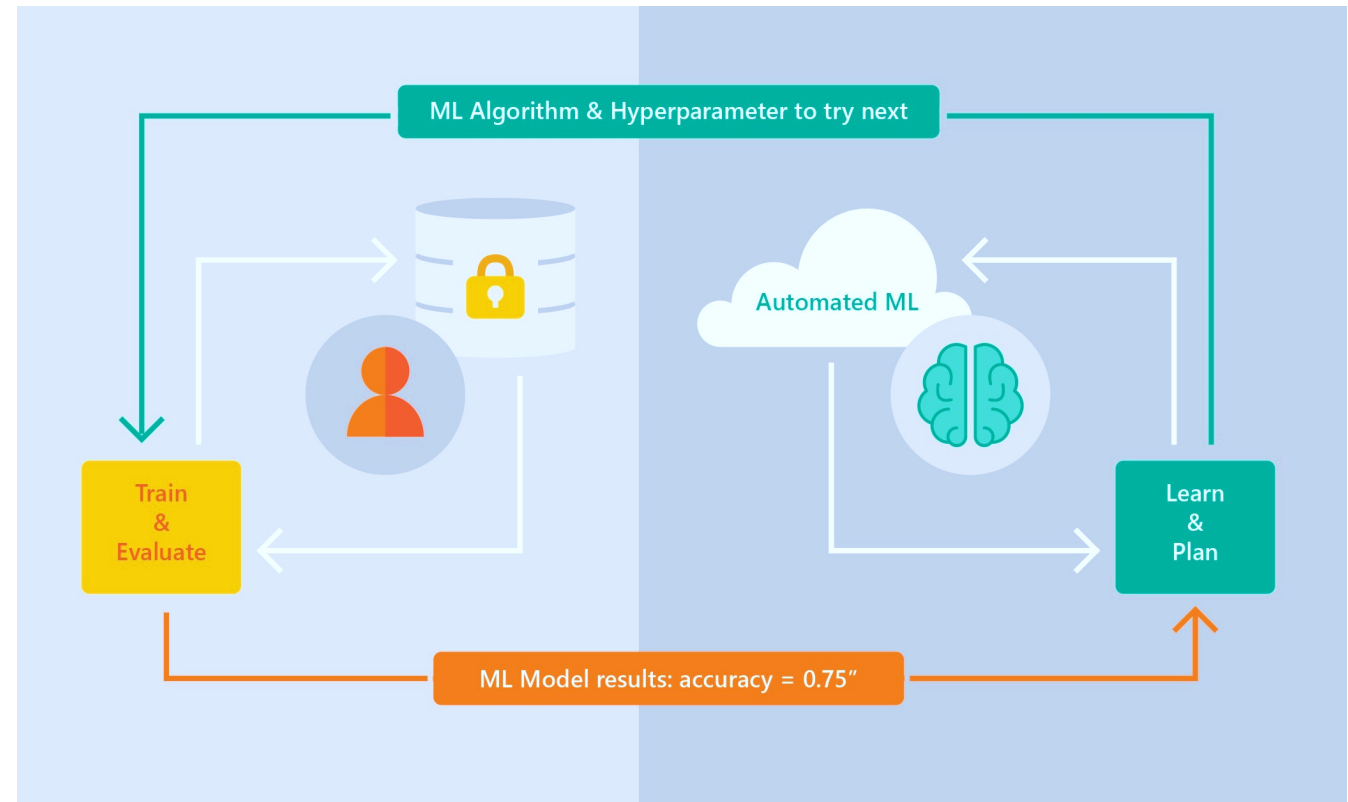


# Automated Machine Learning Dashboard



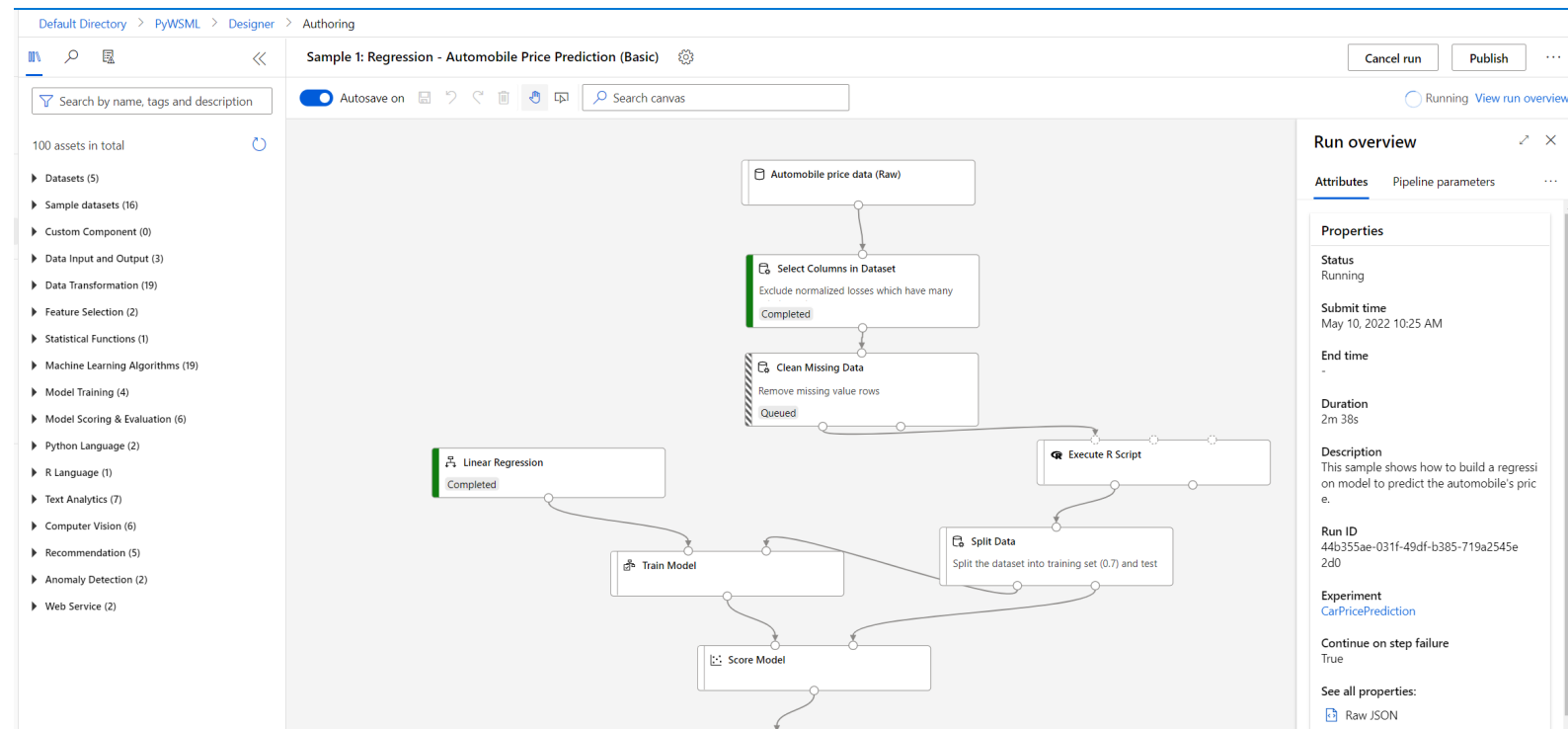
# Automated ML Capabilities

- ML Scenarios: Classification & Regression, Forecasting\*
- Integration: Azure Machine Learning, Azure Notebooks, Jupyter Notebooks
- Data Type: Numeric, Text
- Languages: Python SDK for deployment and hosting for inference
- Training Compute: Local Machine, Remote Azure DSVM (Linux), Azure Compute, Azure Databricks\*
- Transparency: View run history, model metrics
- Scale: Faster model training using multiple cores and parallel experiments



# Visual Interface

- Drag-n-Drop building ML models
- No limit to size or compute capacity for model training
- Powerful R and Python support
- One-Click deploy web service
- Rich support
- Community engagement

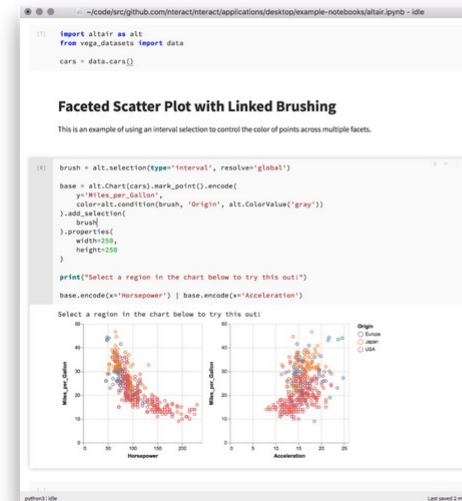


# Notebooks

- Notebooks offer flexibility to users
- Easier managibility
- Repetability
- How Netflix built analytics around Notebooks -> <https://medium.com/netflix-techblog/notebook-innovation-591ee3221233>



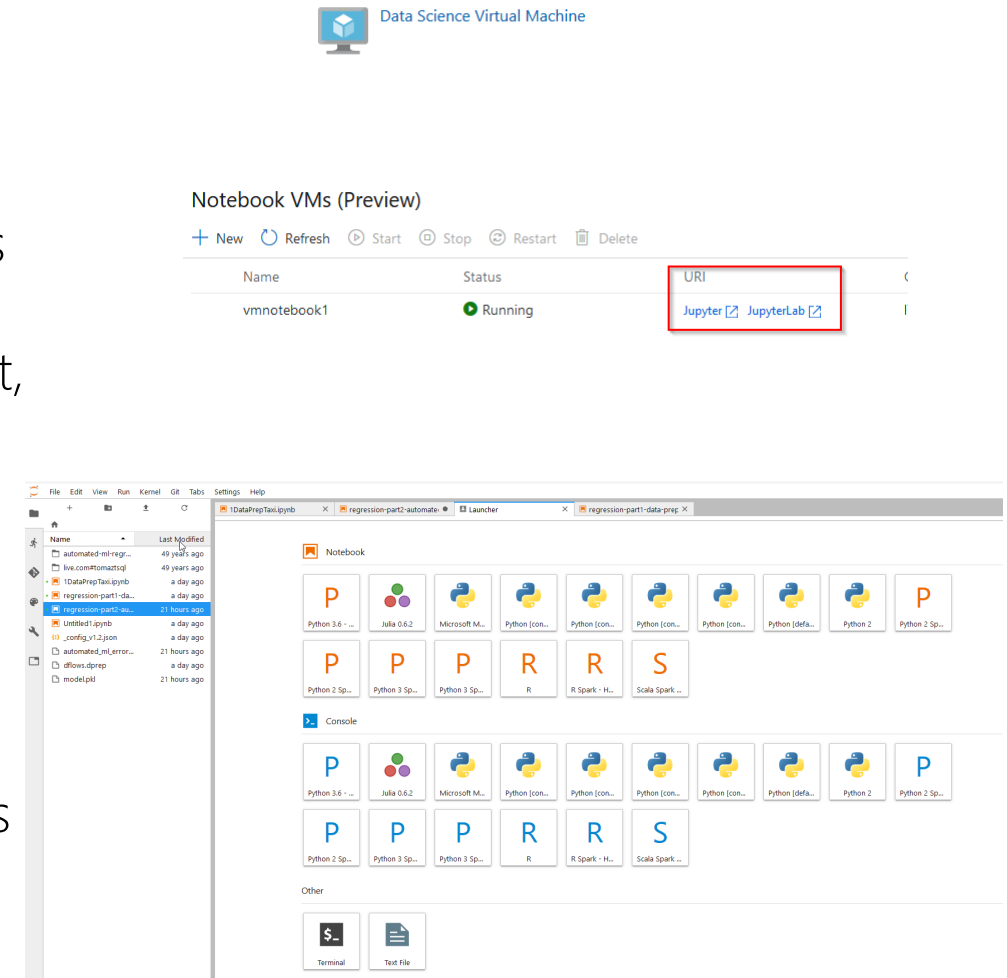
## Jupyter Notebooks




Project Jupyter began in 2014 with a goal of creating a consistent set of open-source tools for scientific research, reproducible workflows, computational narratives, and data analytics. Those tools translated well to industry, and today Jupyter notebooks have become an essential part of the data scientist toolkit. To give you a sense of its impact, Jupyter was awarded the [2017 ACM Software Systems Award](#)—a prestigious honor it shares with Java, Unix, and the Web.

# Notebook VMs and Jupyter Lab

- Dedicated Virtual Machine for Machine Learning
- Easy setup the configurations and extensions
- Continuous delivery and model maintenance (DevOps and pipelines)
- All the usuals: disaster recovery, update management, backup, Auto-shutdown, change tracking
- Serves as input or output | source or destination
- Git integration
- Jupyter Notebook integration
- Jupyter Labs (!!!!) (notebook, Console, terminal,...)
- 20+ pre-prepared Python/Scala/R/Julia environments
- Awesome Jupyter Labs extensions



# Azure Machine Learning SDK for Python

- Python SDK + Azure ML = 
- SDK to build and run machine learning workflows using Azure Machine Learning Services
- Explore, prepare and manage the lifecycle of your datasets used in machine learning experiments
- Manage cloud resources for monitoring, logging, and organizing your machine learning experiments
- Train models either locally or by using cloud resources, including GPU-accelerated model training.
- Use automated machine learning, which accepts configuration parameters and training data. It automatically iterates through algorithms and hyperparameter settings to find the best model for running predictions.
- Deploy web services to convert your trained models into RESTful services that can be consumed in any application.

# Azure Machine Learning SDK for Python #2

*Most important Namespaces:*

- Workspace (azureml.core.workspace.Workspace)
- Experiment (azureml.core.experiment.Experiment)
- Run (azureml.core.experiment.Run)
- Model (azureml.core.experiment.Model)
- Dataprep (azureml.dataprep.dataflow)
- For Management
  - ComputeTarget (azureml.core.compute.ComputeTarget)
  - RunConfiguration (azureml.core.compute.RunConfiguration)
  - ScriptRunConfig (azureml.core.compute.ScriptRunConfig)
  - Logging (azureml.core.logging.Logging)
- AutoMLConfig (azureml.train.automl.automlconfig.AutoMLConfig)
- Webservice (azureml.core.webservice.Webservice)

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In [36]: from azureml.core import Workspace

In [27]: ws = Workspace.create(name='myworkspace',
                             subscription_id='795030e3-e7aa-401f-abfa-0358e9324138',
                             resource_group='NTR_MLWorkspace_RS',
                             create_resource_group=True,
                             location='westeurope'
                             )
```

```
from azureml.core.runconfig import RunConfiguration
from azureml.core.compute import AmlCompute
list_vms = AmlCompute.supported_vmsizes(workspace=ws)

compute_config = RunConfiguration()
compute_config.target = "amlcompute"
compute_config.amlcompute.vm_size = "STANDARD_D1_V2"
```

```
from azureml.train.automl import AutoMLConfig

automl_config = AutoMLConfig(task="classification",
                             X=your_training_features,
                             y=your_training_labels,
                             iterations=30,
                             iteration_timeout_minutes=5,
                             primary_metric="AUC_weighted",
                             n_cross_validations=5
                             )
```

# Feature Engineering



## Dropping high cardinality or no variance features

- Features with no useful information are dropped from training and validation sets. These include features with all values missing, same value across all rows or with extremely high cardinality (e.g., hashes, IDs or GUIDs).

## Missing value imputation

- For categorical features, missing values are imputed with most frequent value. For numerical features, missing values are imputed with average of values in the column

## Generating additional features

- For DateTime features: Year, Month, Day, of week/ of year, Quarter, Week of the year, Hour, Minute, Second.
- For Text features: Term frequency based on word unigram, bi-grams and Char tri-char, Count vectorizer

## Transformations and encodings

- Numeric features with very few unique values are transformed into categorical features. Depending on cardinality of categorical features label encoding or (hashing) one-hot encoding is performed



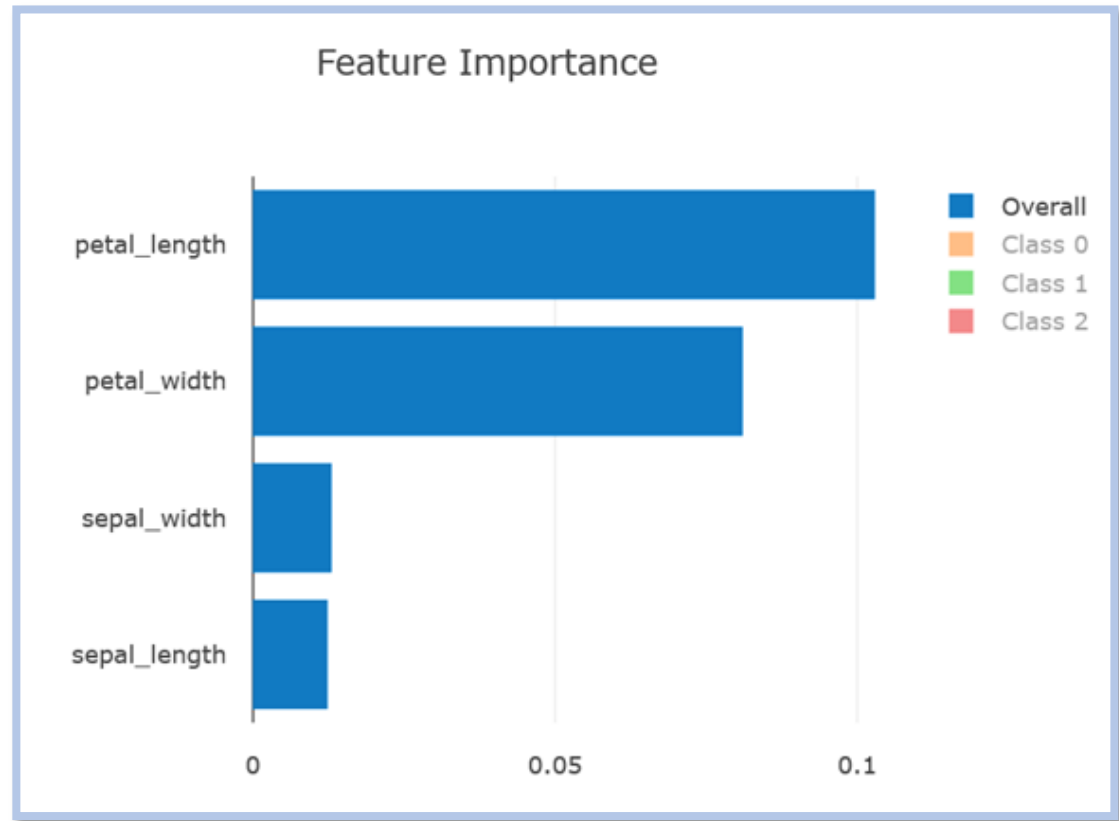
# Model Explainability and Interpretability

GA:

- Feature importance as part of training
- Simple UX for feature importance for a selected iteration
- Local feature importance for a given sample

Post GA:

- Importance of Raw data columns
- Accuracy and performance improvements



# Time Series Support

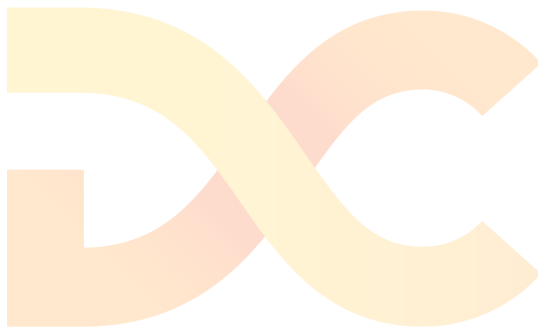
- Grain Index Featurization & Grouping
- Missing row imputation, including target column
- Improved time index featurization
- Guidance on time-series specific train/validation/test split
- Drop Column
- Lagging features
- Time aggregations, sliding window features

# Model deployment, frameworks and environments

- More than 20 predefined AzureML environments (GPU, CUDA, Ubuntu, ...)
- Creating custom environments
- Use different model frameworks (H2O, ONNX, PySpark, PyTorch, TensorFlow, TFKeras,...)
- Model versioning and artifacts
- Model endpoints and consumption



## Key take-aways

- AutoML new generation of Machine Learning
  - Let algorithm select the best strategy to get ML model
  - Azure Machine Learning one of the best ML platform
  - Build your enterprise around Notebooks (!)
  - Use Azure Python SDK to build your enterprise ML Experience
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Thanks!



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