

# LearnAI - Machine Learning on Azure

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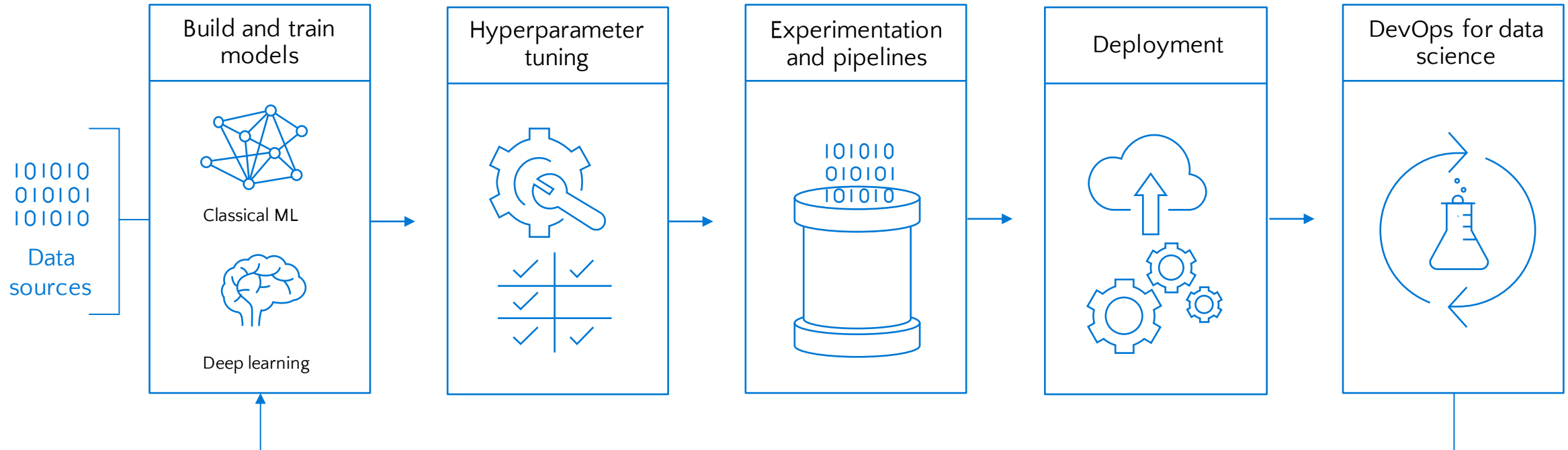
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# Overview

- Machine Learning on Azure
- Custom AI
- Compute Targets (DSVMs and Managed Compute)
- DevOps for Machine Learning
- Azure Machine Learning Pipelines
- Flexible and Support for Open Source Frameworks
- Deployment
- Tool Agnostic Python SDK

# Building blocks for a Data Science Project



# Machine Learning on Azure

## Domain Specific Pretrained Models

To reduce time to market



Vision



Speech



Language



Search

## Familiar Data Science Tools

To simplify model development



PyCharm



Jupyter



Visual Studio Code



Command line

## Popular Frameworks

To build machine learning and deep learning solutions



PyTorch



TensorFlow



Scikit-Learn



ONNX

## Productive Services

To empower data science and development teams



Azure  
Databricks



Azure Machine  
Learning



Machine  
Learning VMs

## Powerful Hardware

To accelerate deep learning



CPU



GPU



FPGA



From the Intelligent Cloud to the Intelligent Edge



# Azure Machine Learning Service

Set of Azure Cloud  
Services



Python  
SDK

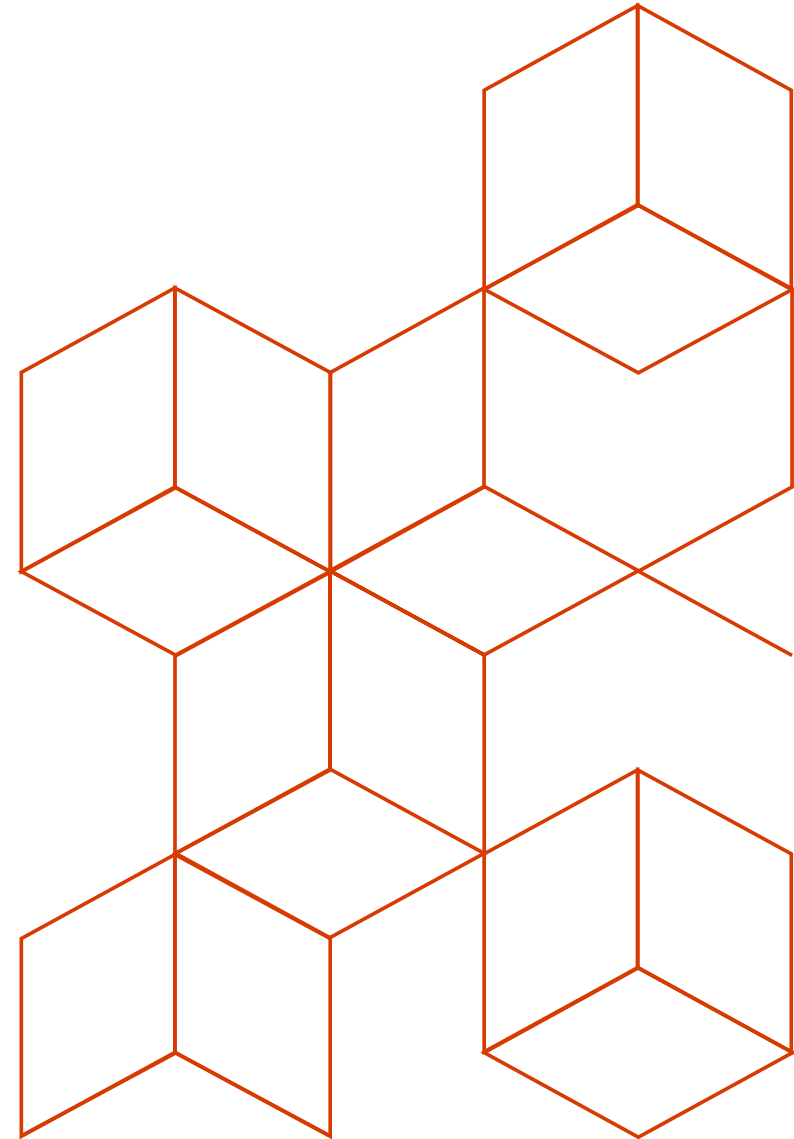
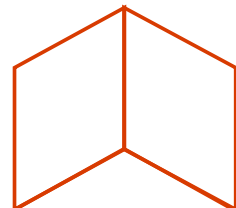
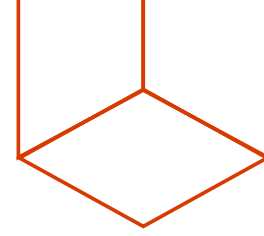
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That enables you to:

- ✓ Prepare Data
- ✓ Build Models
- ✓ Train Models

- ✓ Manage Models
- ✓ Track Experiments
- ✓ Deploy Models

**Custom AI**



# Productive Services

Empower data science and development teams



## Integrated data science & data engineering teams

Desktop solutions not adequate

Need a unified big data & machine learning solution



Azure Databricks

+



Azure Machine Learning  
service



## Individual data scientists

Desktop solutions adequate

Need cloud for sporadic compute needs



Machine Learning VMs

# Azure Machine Learning Service



Bring AI to everyone with an end-to-end, scalable, trusted platform



**Boost your data science productivity**



**Increase your rate of experimentation**



**Deploy and manage your models everywhere**



**Built with your needs in mind**

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- Managed compute
- DevOps for machine learning
- Simple deployment
- Tool agnostic Python SDK
- Support for open source frameworks

Seamlessly integrated with the Azure Portfolio



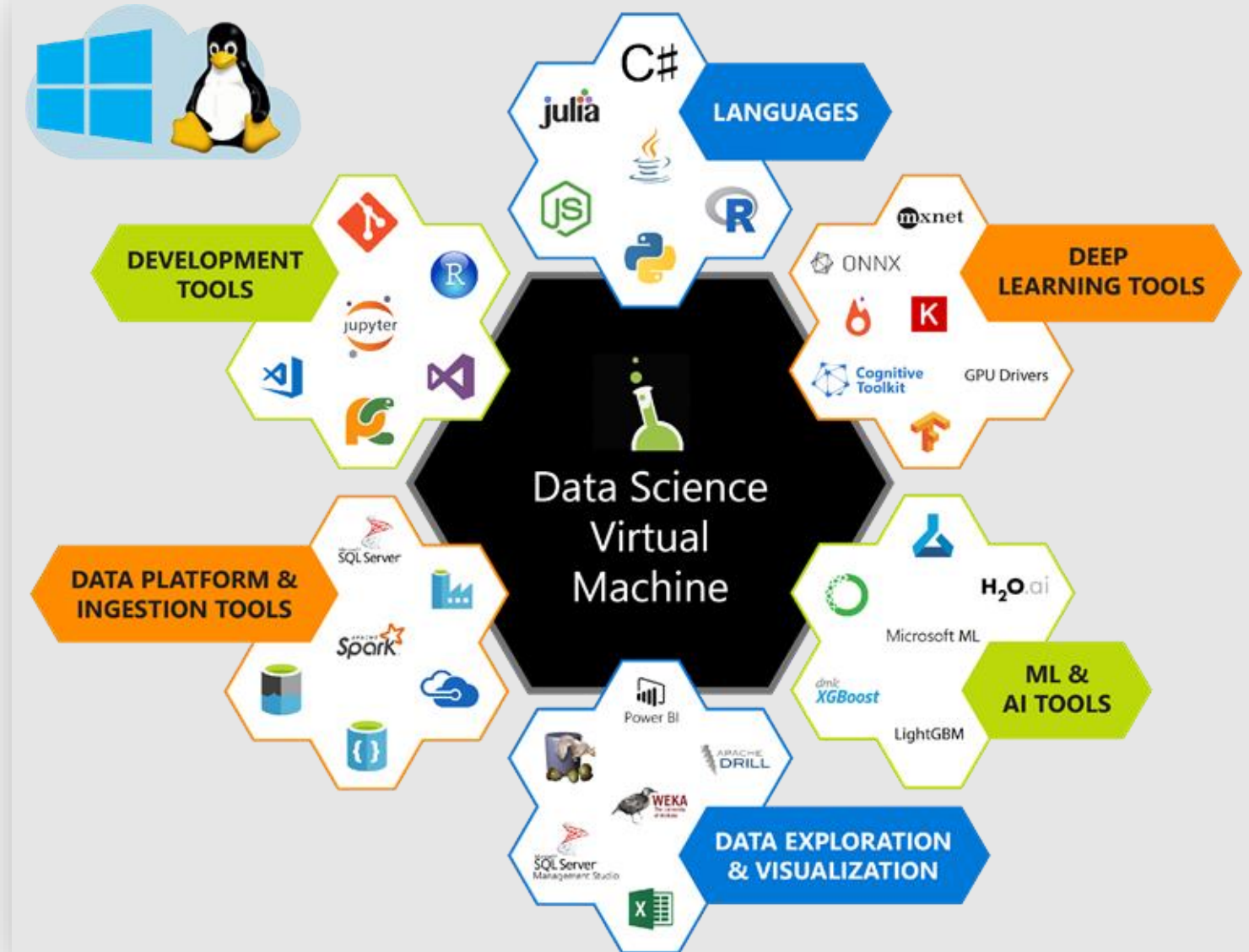
# Data Science Virtual Machine



# Data Science Virtual Machines (DSVM)

Pre-Configured environments in the cloud for  
Data Science & AI Modeling,  
Development & Deployment.

Samples to get started



# Why Data Science VMs?



Elastic analytics  
desktop in the  
cloud



Get started quickly  
on Azure Machine  
Learning

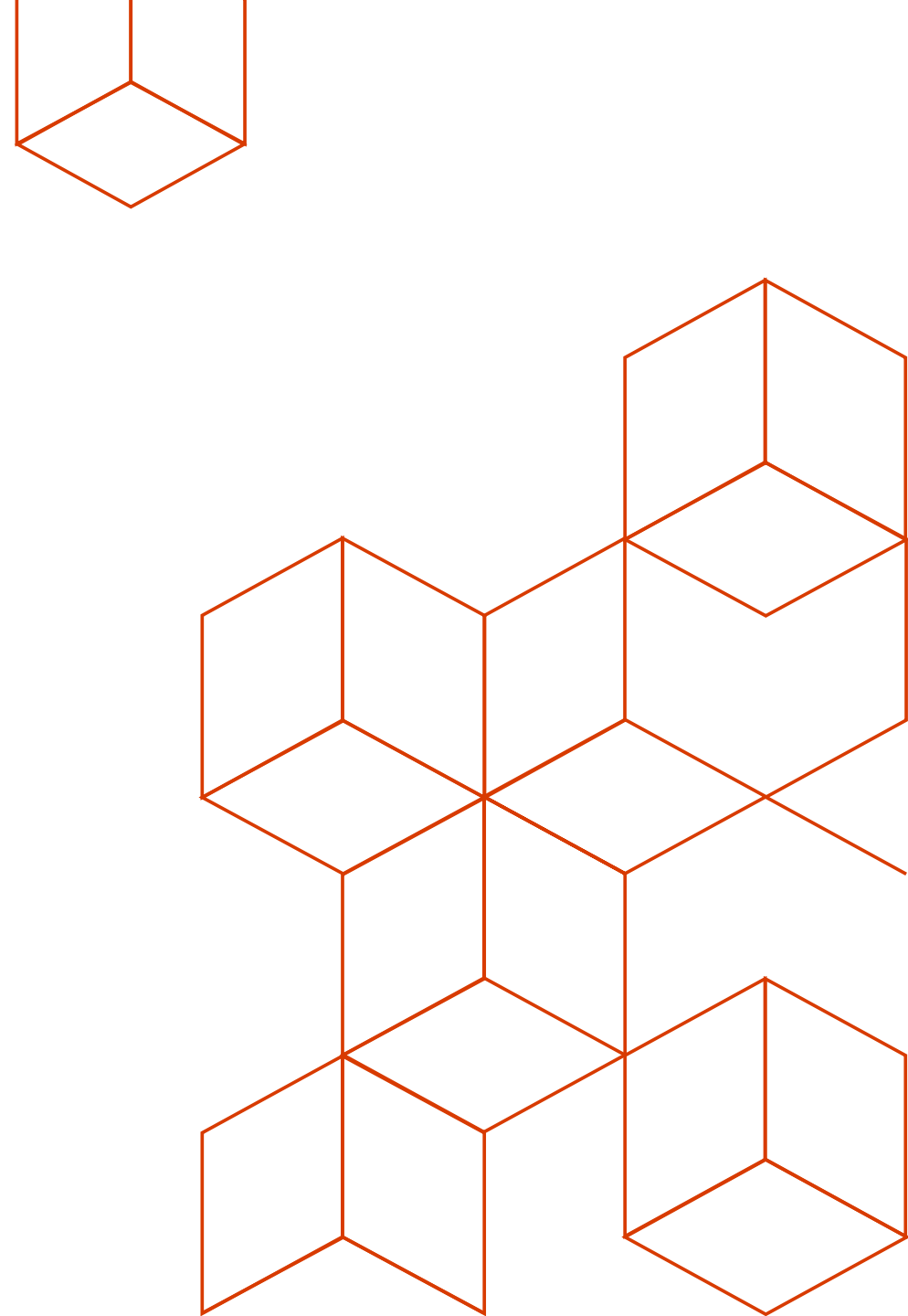


Pre-setup  
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work and school

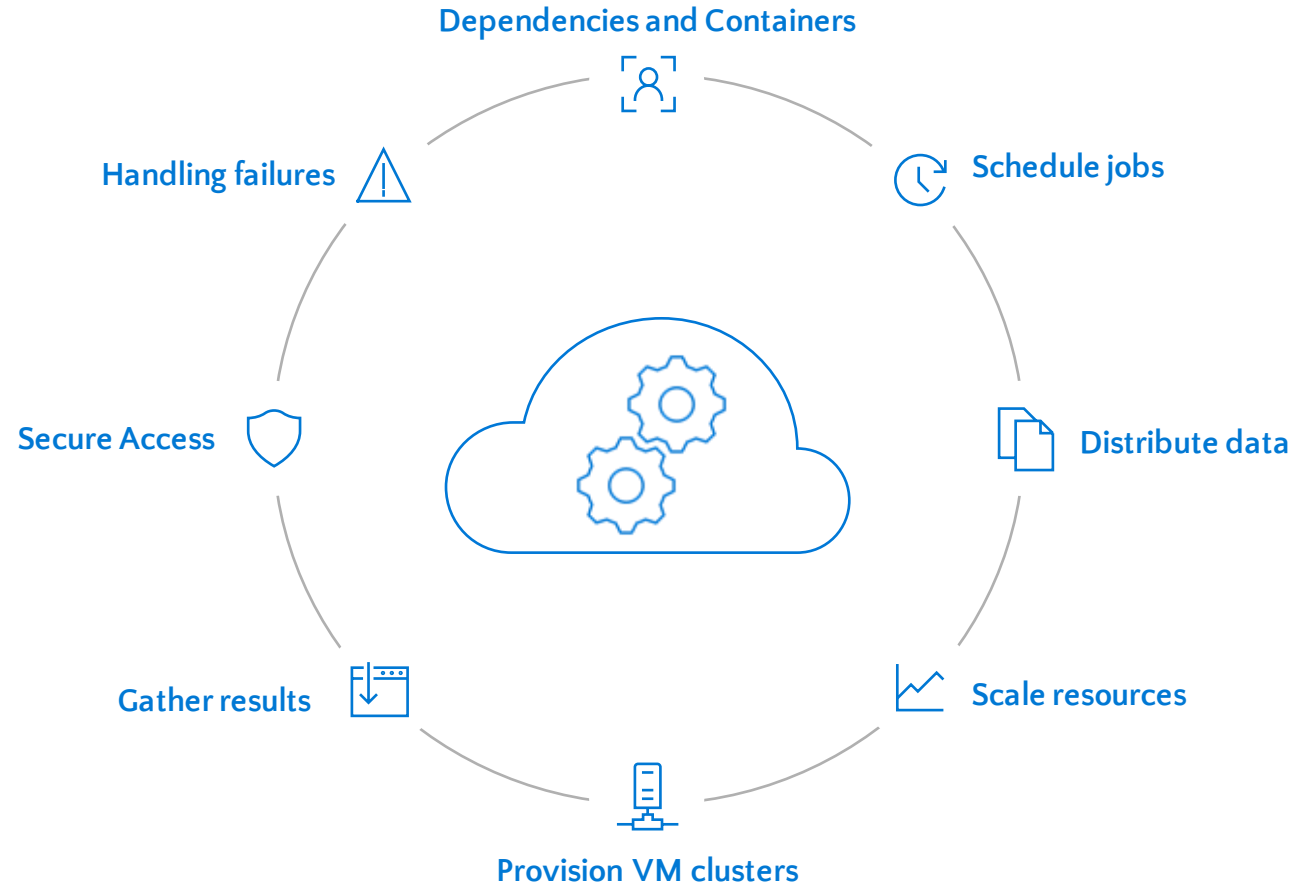


Enterprise Ready  
and globally  
available

# Managed Compute



# Distributed training on managed compute

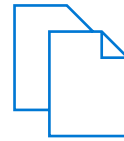


# Training Infrastructure



## Dependencies and Containers

Leverage system-managed AML compute or bring your own compute



## Distribute data

Manage and share resources across a workspace



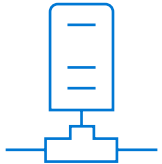
## Schedule jobs

Train at cloud scale using a framework of choice



## Scale resources

Autoscale resources to only pay while running a job



## Provision VM clusters

Use the latest NDv2 series VMs with the NVIDIA V100 GPUs

# Powerful Infrastructure

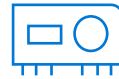
Accelerate deep learning



CPUs

General purpose machine learning

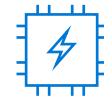
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GPUs

Deep learning

N Series



FPGAs

Specialized hardware accelerated deep learning

Project Brainwave

Optimized for flexibility

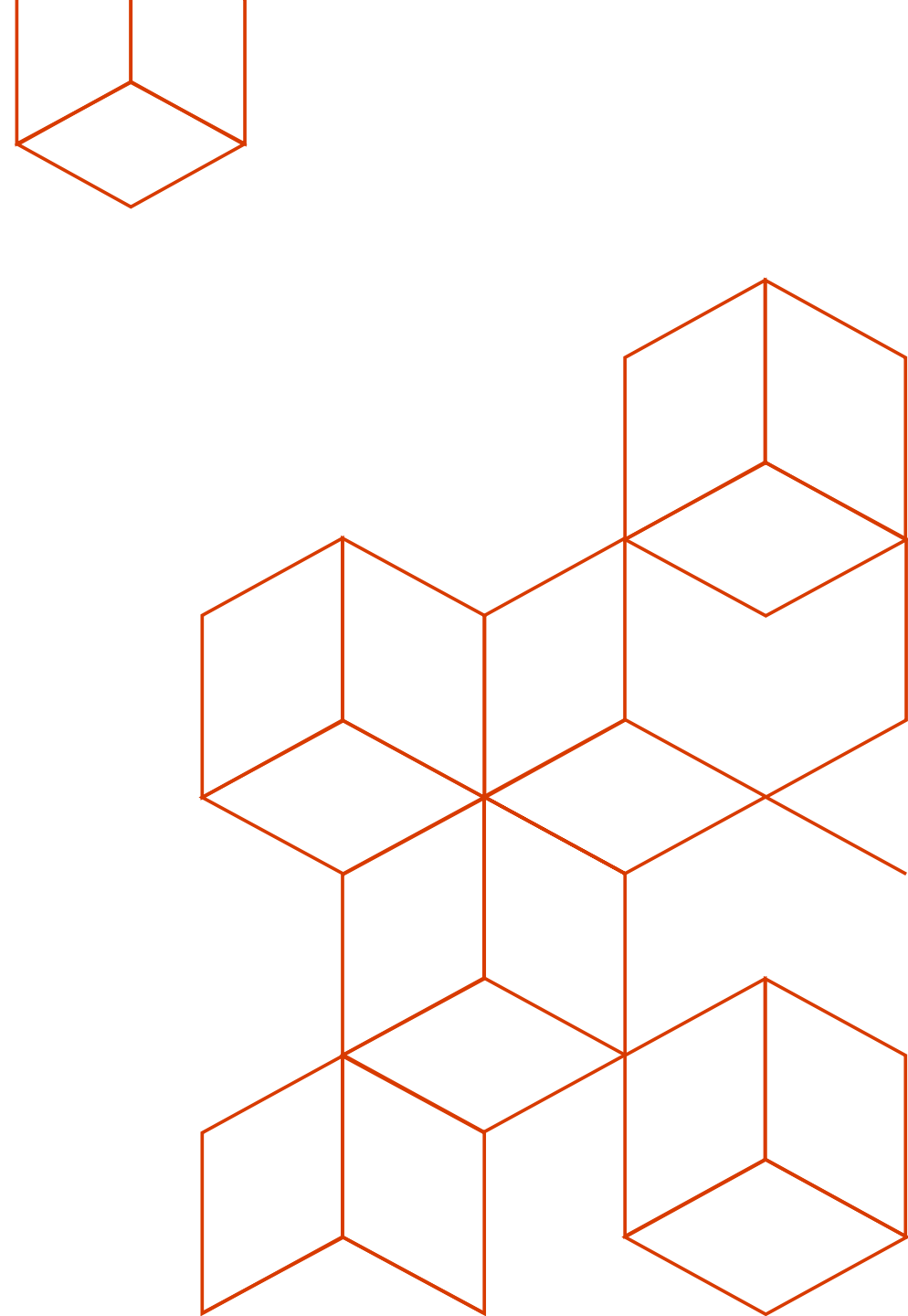
Optimized for performance



## FPGA NEW UPDATES:

Support for image classification and recognition scenarios  
ResNet 50, ResNet 152, VGG-16, SSD-VGG, DenseNet-121

# DevOps for Machine Learning





# DevOps loop for data science

## Prepare



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Data

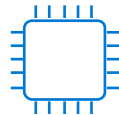
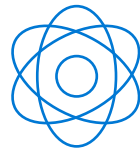
## Experiment



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Build model  
(your favorite IDE)

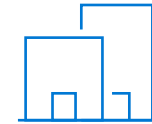


Train &  
Test Model



Register and  
Manage Model

## Deploy



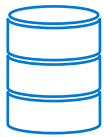
Build  
Image



Deploy Service  
Monitor Model

# DevOps loop for data science

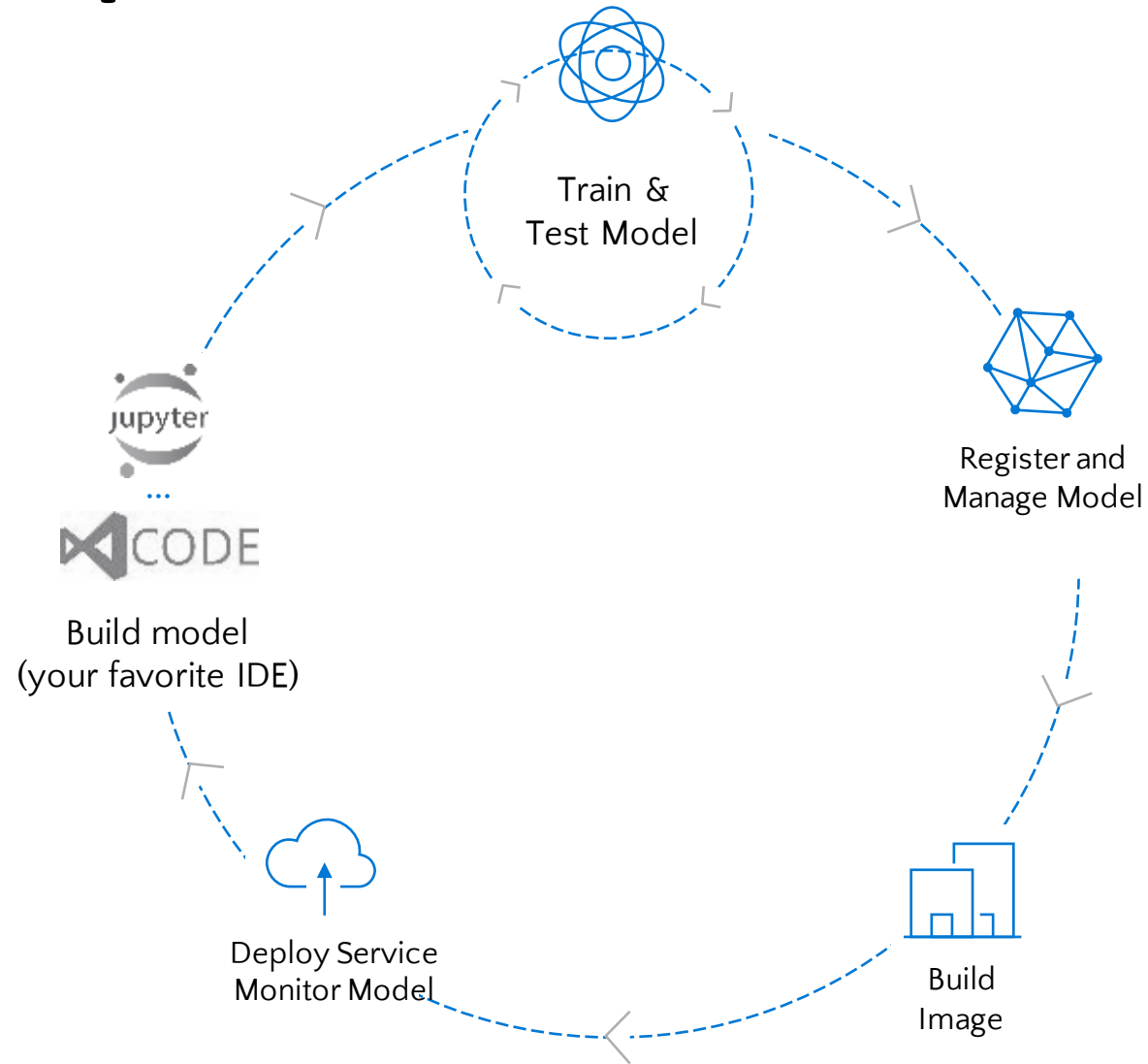
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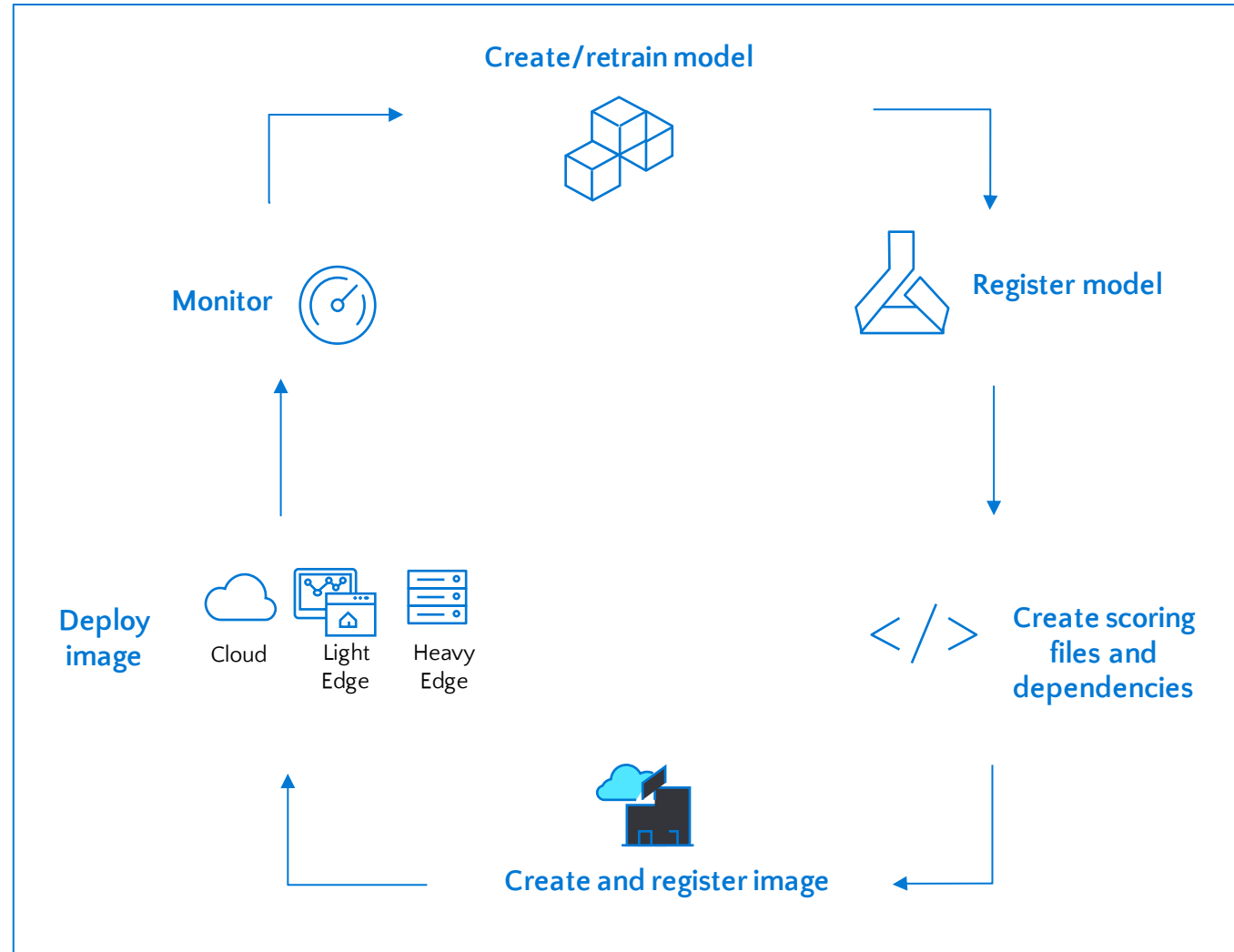
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Prepare  
Data



# Model Management in Azure Machine Learning

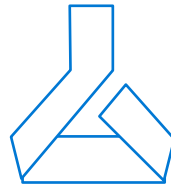


# Model Management in detail



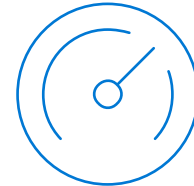
## Create/Retrain Model

Enable DevOps with full CI/CD integration with VSTS



## Register Model

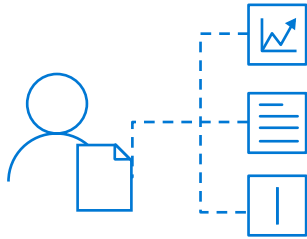
Track model versions with a central model registry



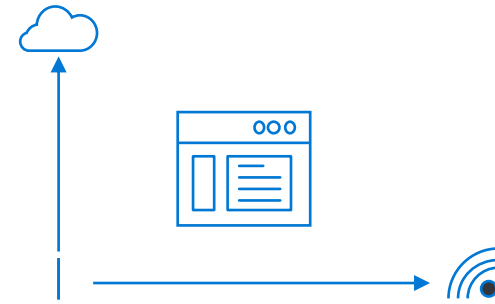
## Monitor

Oversee deployments through Azure AppInsights

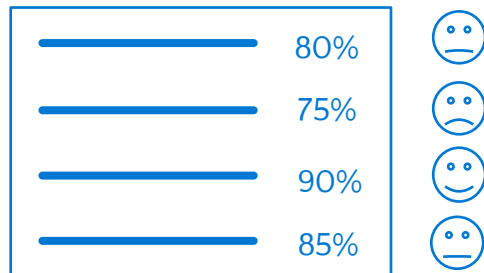
# Experimentation



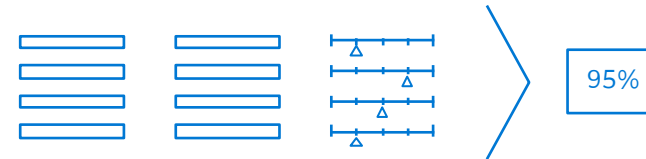
Leverage service-side capture of run metrics, output logs and models



Manage training jobs locally, scaled-up or scaled-out



Use leaderboards, side by side run comparison and model selection

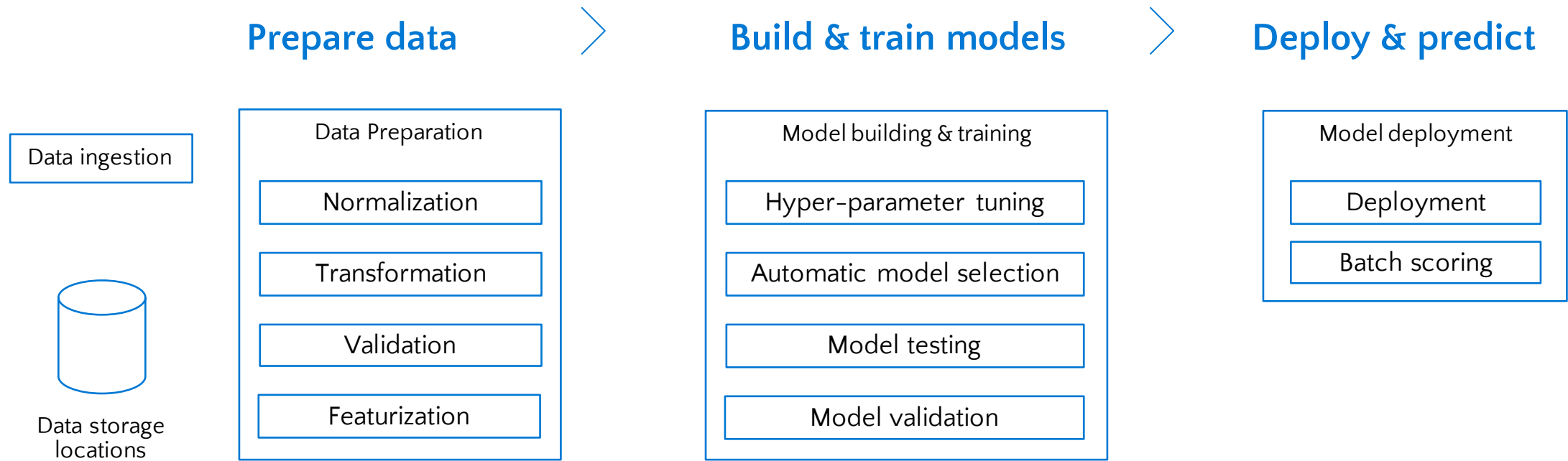


Conduct a hyperparameter search on traditional ML or DNN

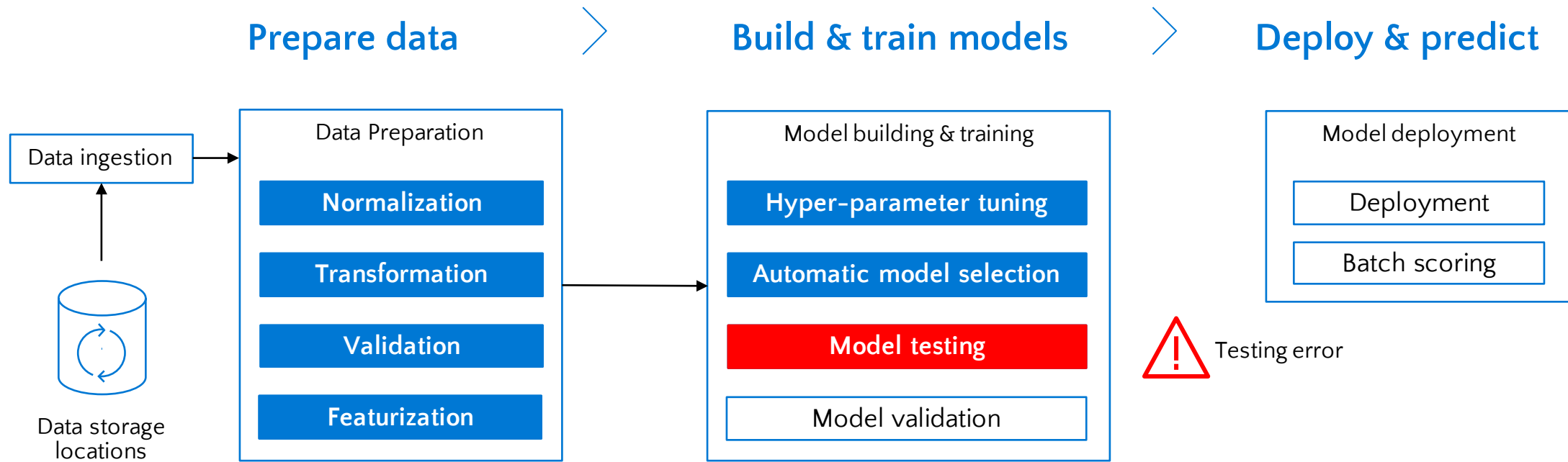
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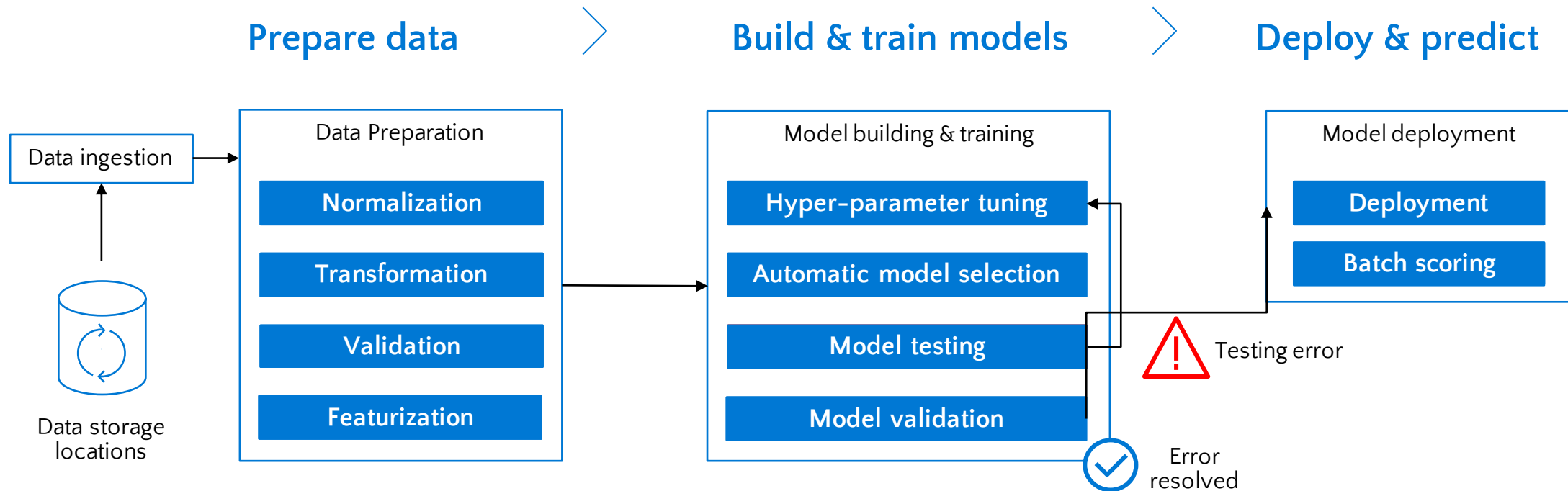


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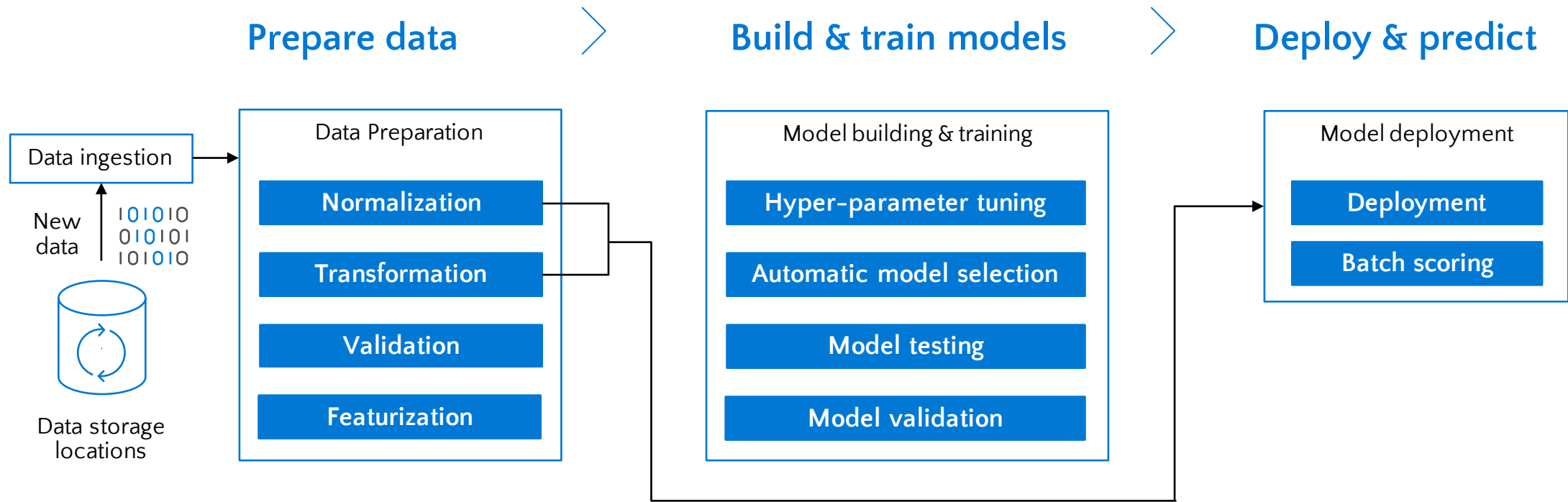




# Azure Machine Learning Pipelines



# Azure Machine Learning Pipelines with new data

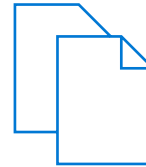


# Advantages of Azure ML Pipelines



## Unattended runs

Schedule a few steps to run in parallel or in sequence to focus on other tasks while your pipeline runs



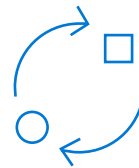
## Tracking and versioning

Name and version your data sources, inputs and outputs with the pipelines SDK



## Reusability

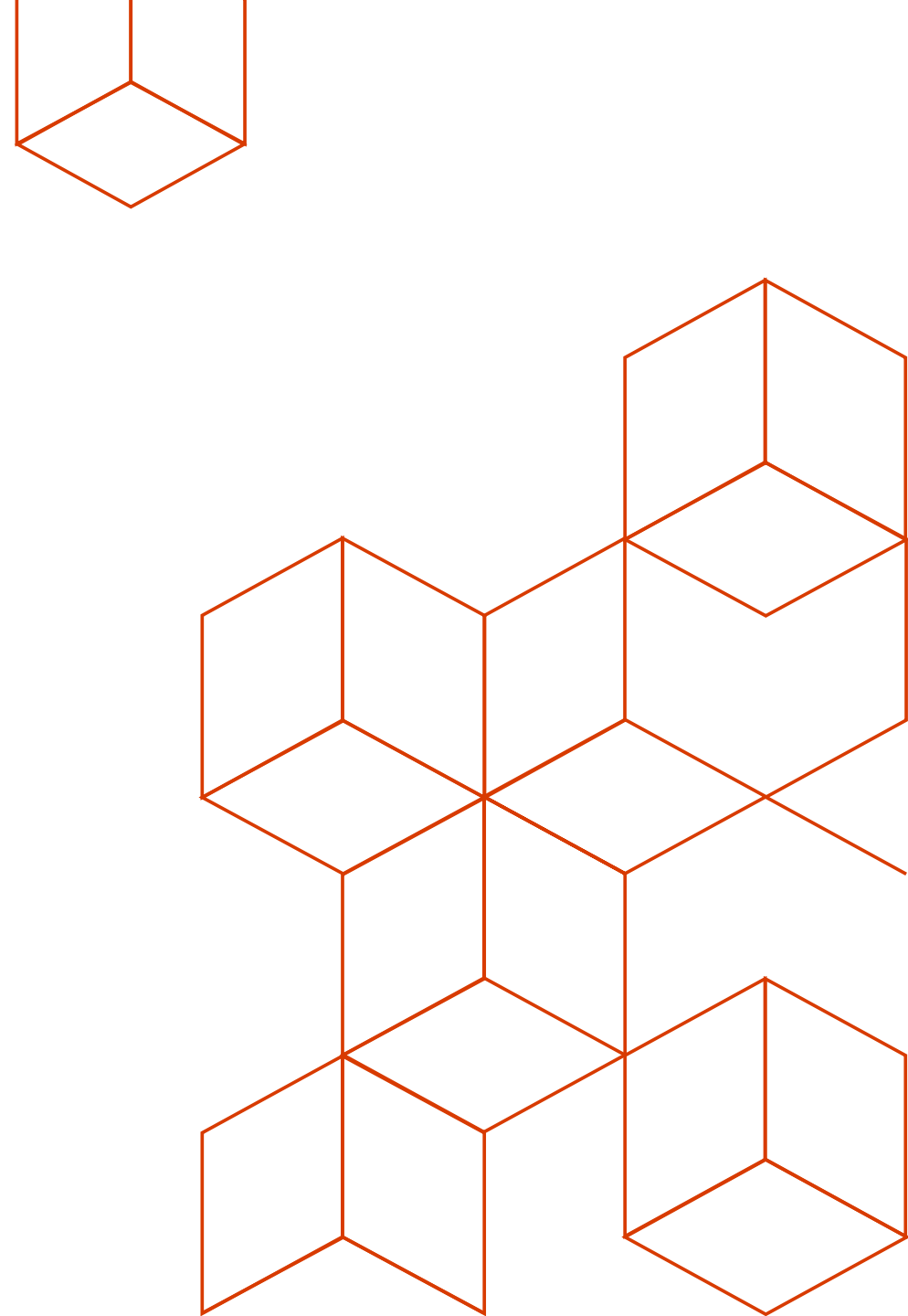
Create templates of pipelines for specific scenarios such as retraining and batch scoring



## Mixed and diverse compute

Use multiple pipelines that are reliably coordinated across heterogeneous and scalable computes and storages

# **Support for Open source frameworks**



# Popular Frameworks

Use your favorite machine learning frameworks



TensorFlow



PyTorch



Scikit-Learn



MXNet



Chainer



Keras



without getting locked into one framework



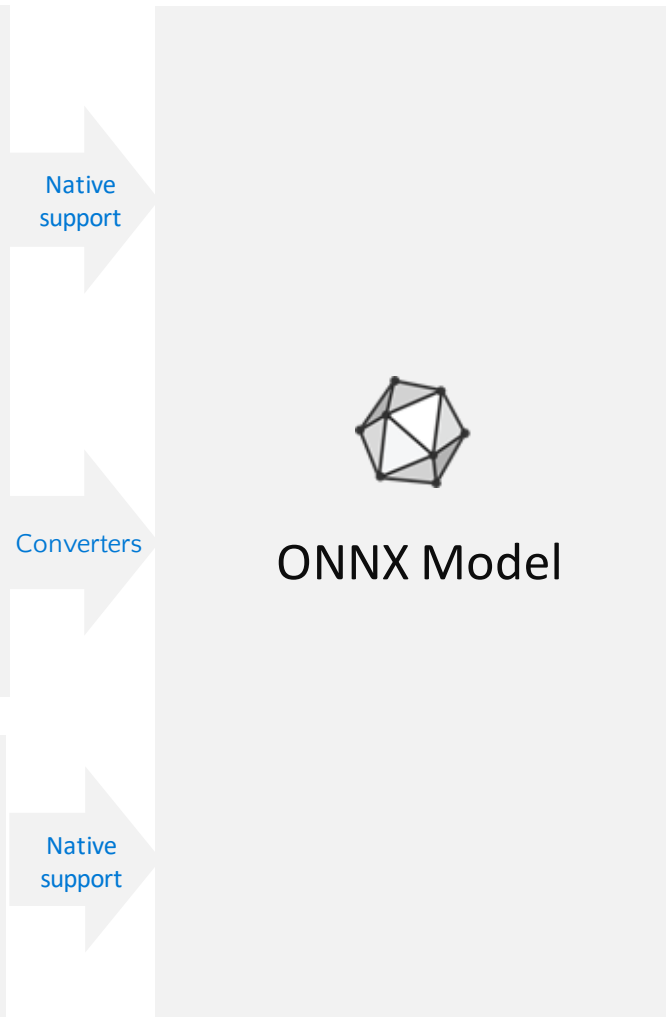
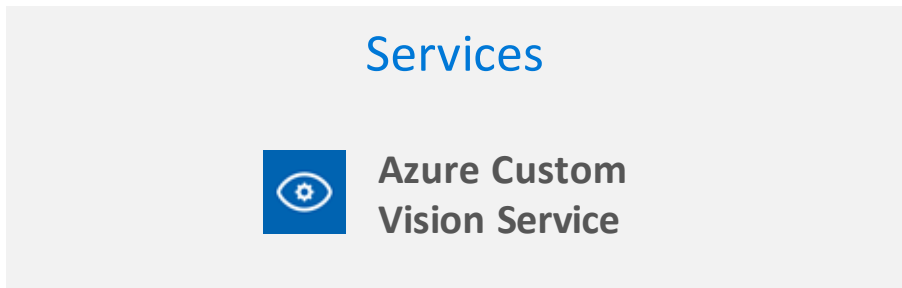
ONNX

Community project created by Facebook and Microsoft

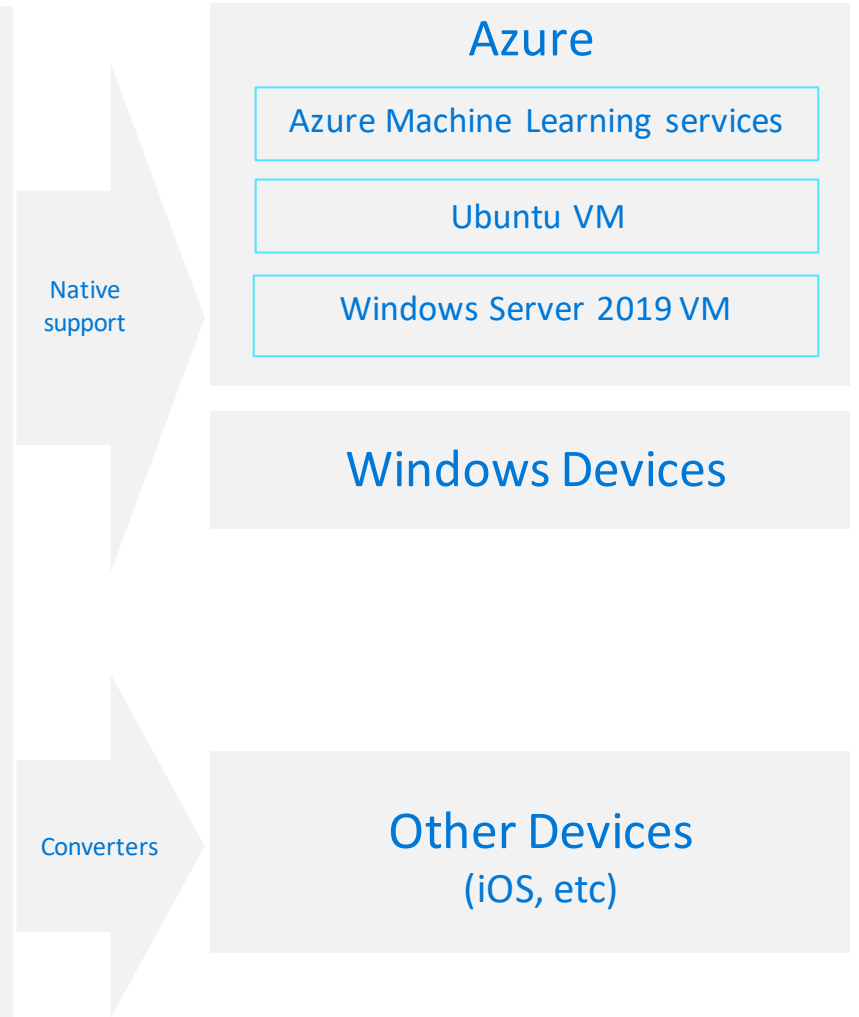
Use the best tool for the job. Train in one framework and transfer to another for inference



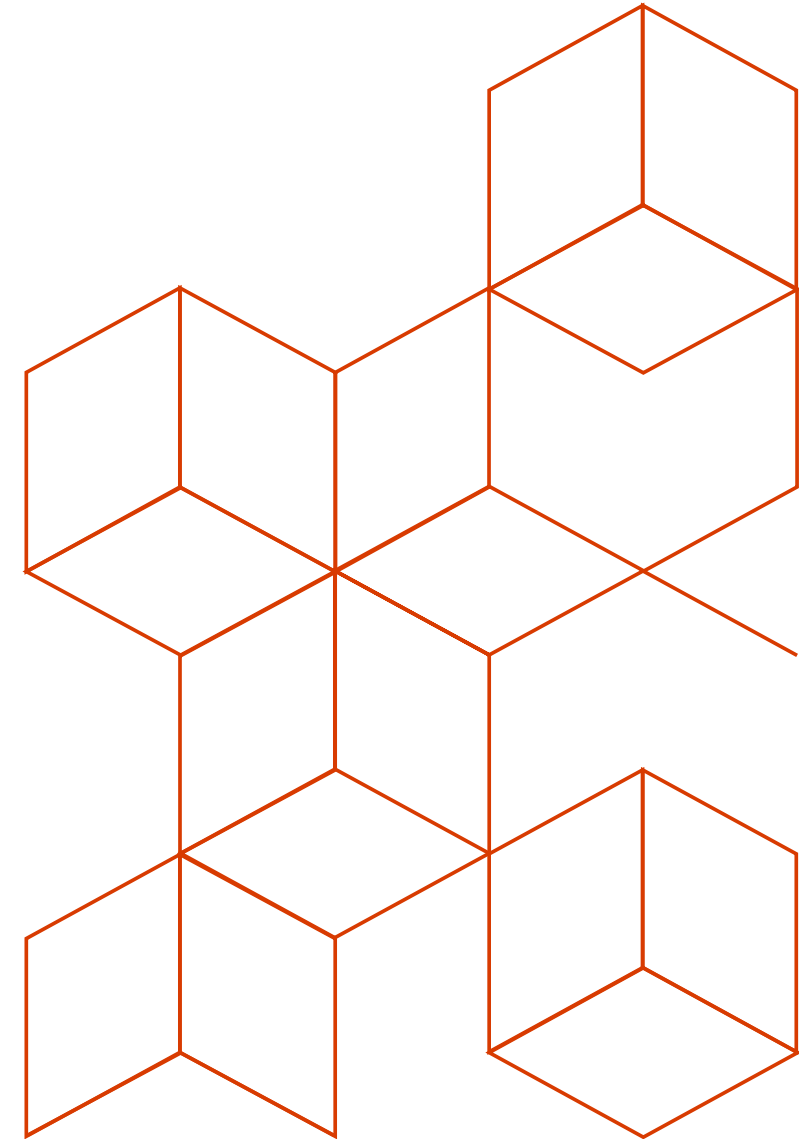
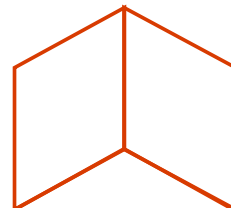
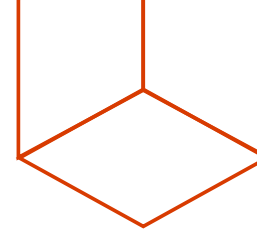
# Create



# Deploy

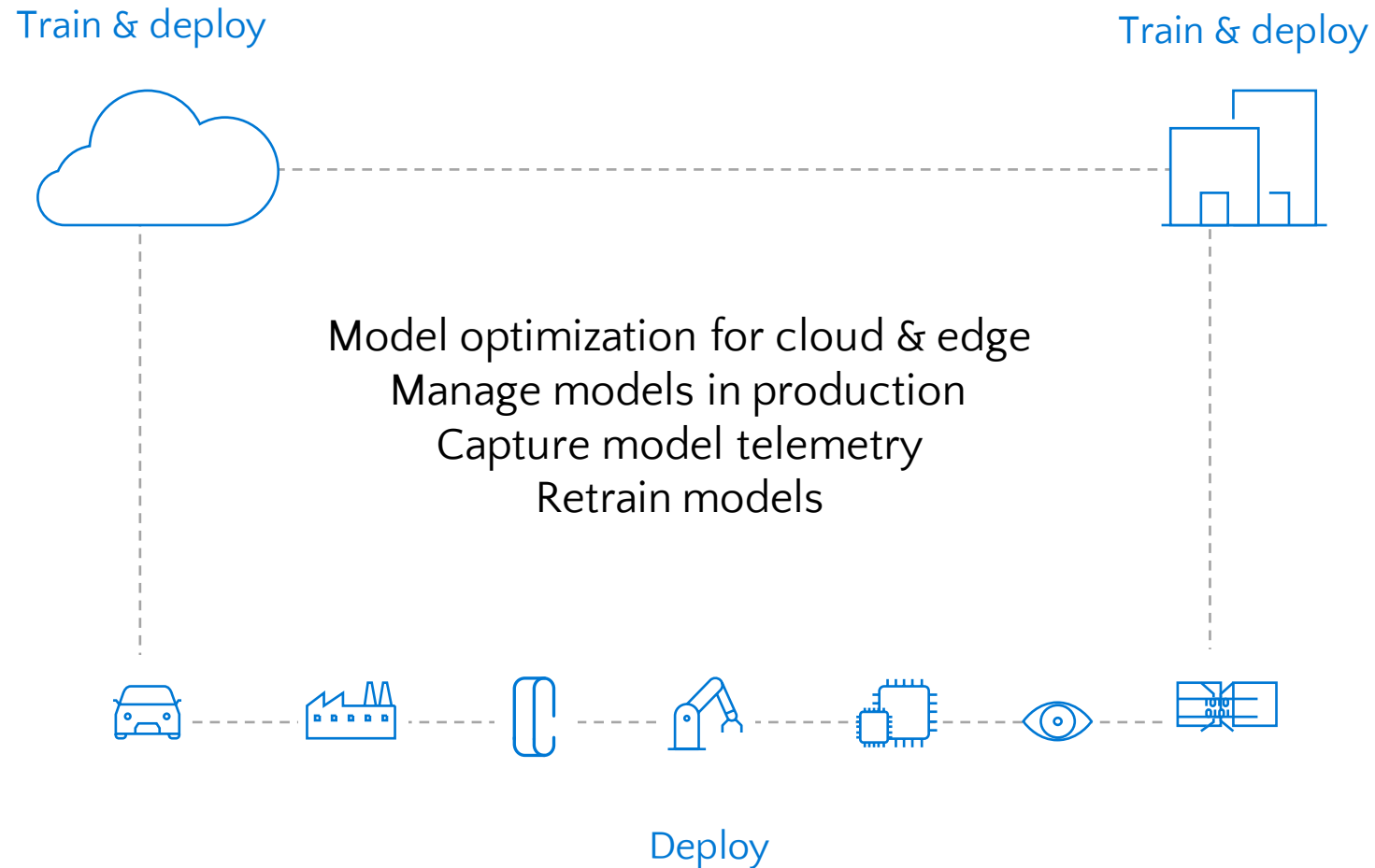


# Deployment



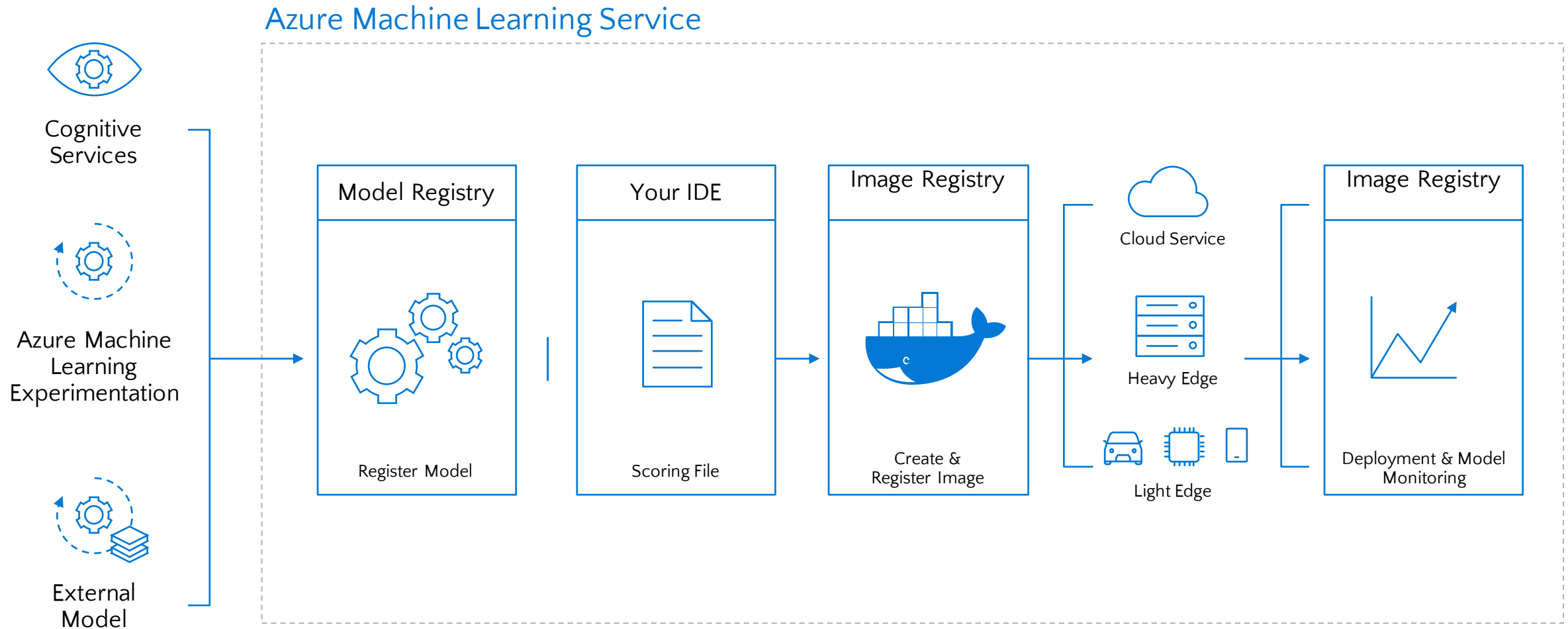
# Flexible Deployment

Deploy and manage models on intelligent cloud and edge





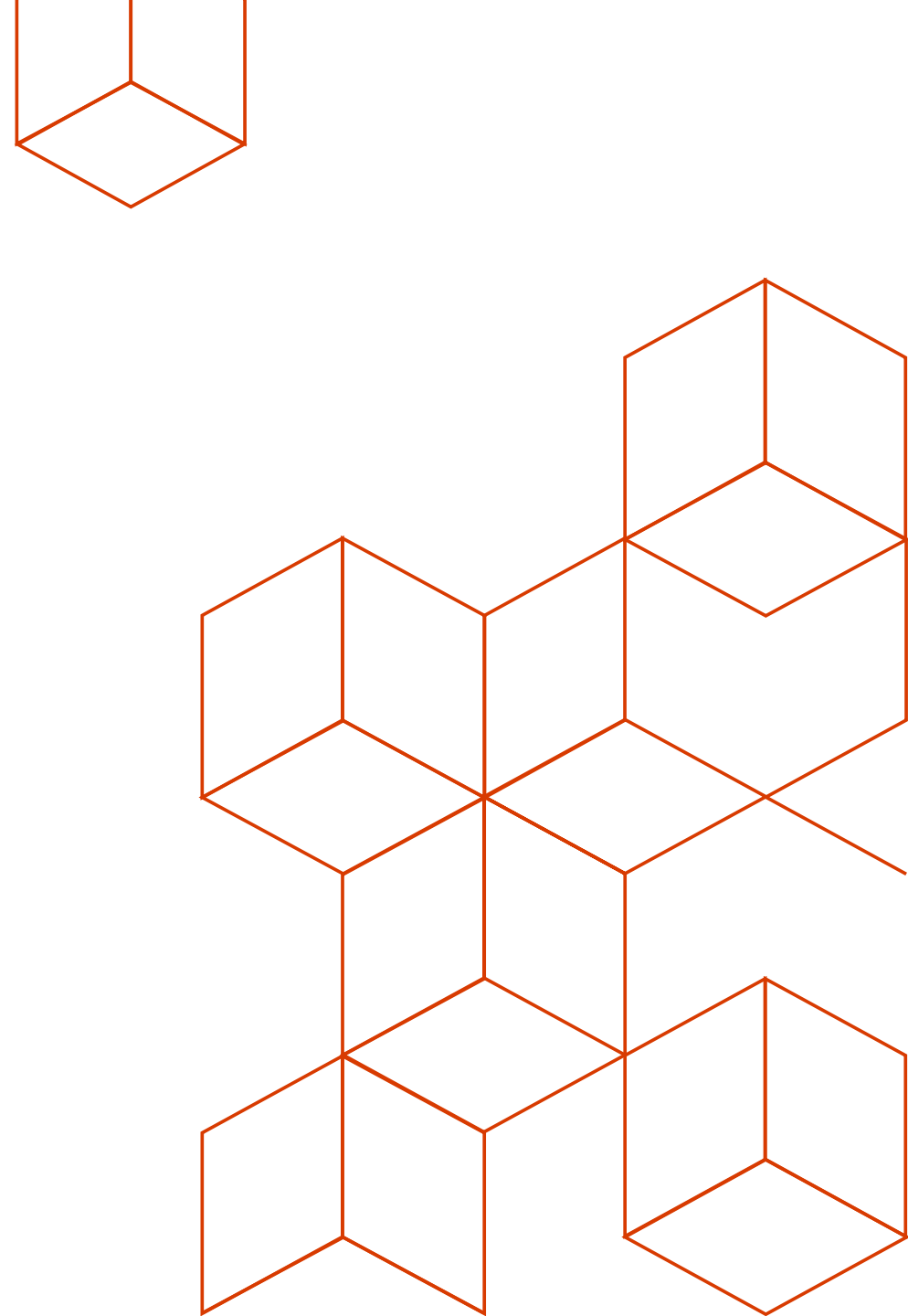
# Deploy Azure ML models at scale



# Deployments to Compute Targets

Compute target	Deployment type	Description
<a href="#">Azure Container Instances (ACI)</a>	Web service	Fast deployment. Good for development or testing.
<a href="#">Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)</a>	Web service	Good for high-scale production deployments. Provides autoscaling, and fast response times.
<a href="#">Azure IoT Edge</a>	IoT module	Deploy models on IoT devices. Inferencing happens on the device.
<a href="#">Field-programmable gate array (FPGA)</a>	Web service	Ultra-low latency for real-time inferencing.

# Tool Agnostic Python SDK



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PyCharm



Jupyter

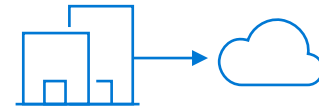


Visual Studio Code

Use your favorite IDEs, editors, notebooks, and frameworks



Integrate with other services like Azure Databricks

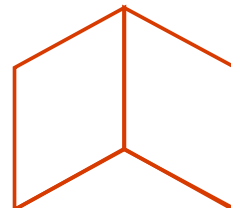
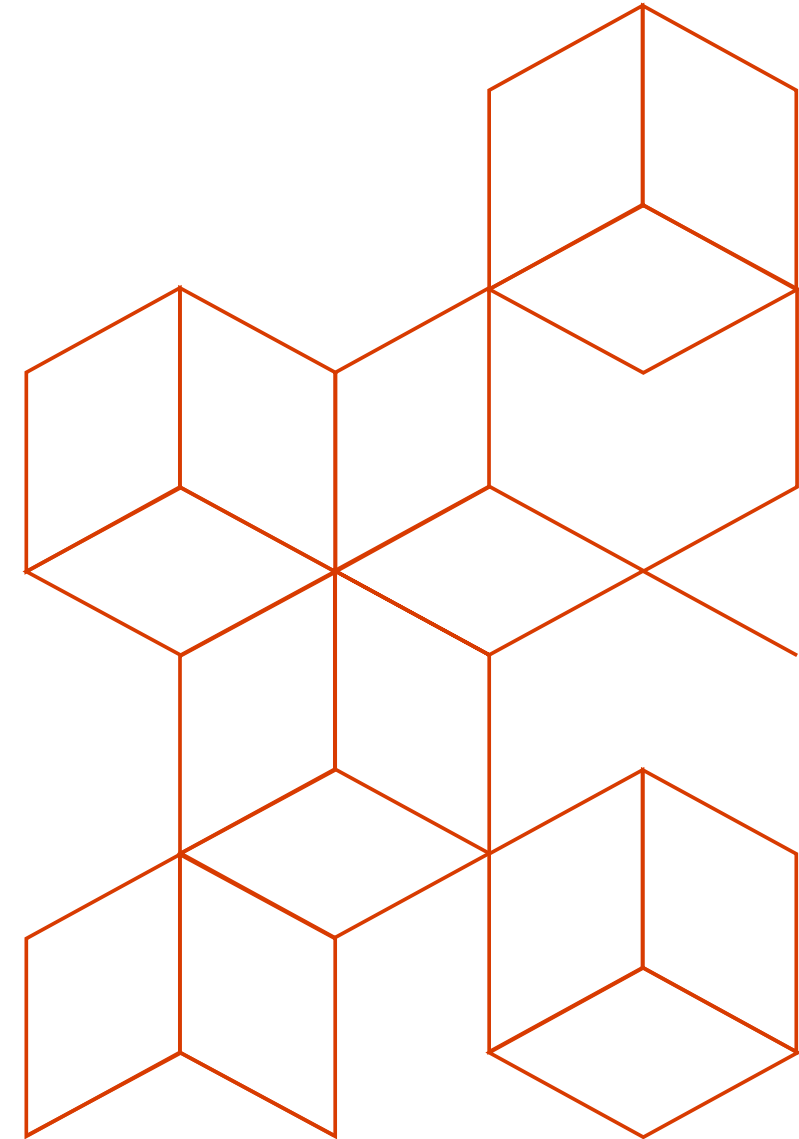
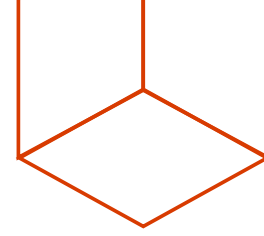


Flexibility of your local environment or curated cloud environment



Get started quickly without any complex pre-requisites

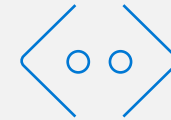
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DataPrep SDK**



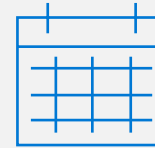
# Customer Challenges and Pain Points

- Understanding the semantics of data is difficult and time-consuming
- Merging data from different sources is a manual process
- Detecting, troubleshooting and fixing errors is a high tax
- Custom code is always required
- Operationalization is challenging

## Examples of manual, non-scalable work



Data formatting



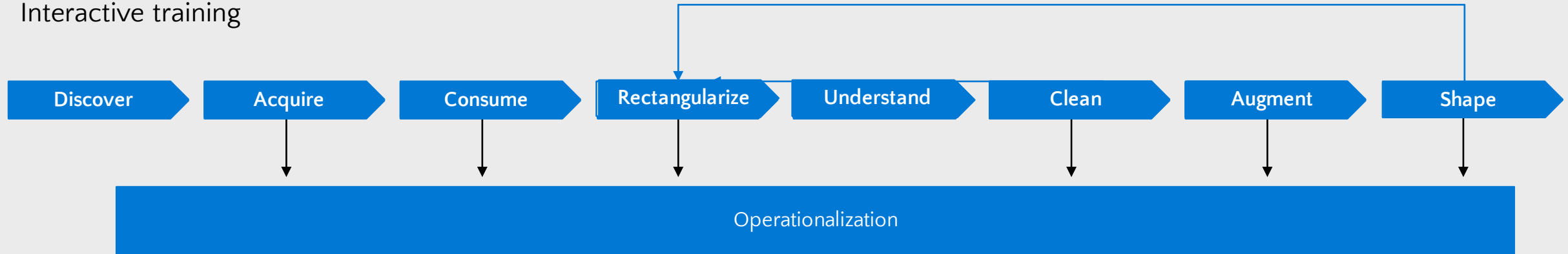
Dealing with dates



'Rectangularizing' data

# Data Lifecycle

## Interactive training



## Retraining/scoring



# Data Prep SDK

## SDK

Familiar pattern for  
complex transforms

Responsive, lazy  
evaluations

Share pipelines via  
serialization

Support for execution

## Core Engine

Scale through streaming

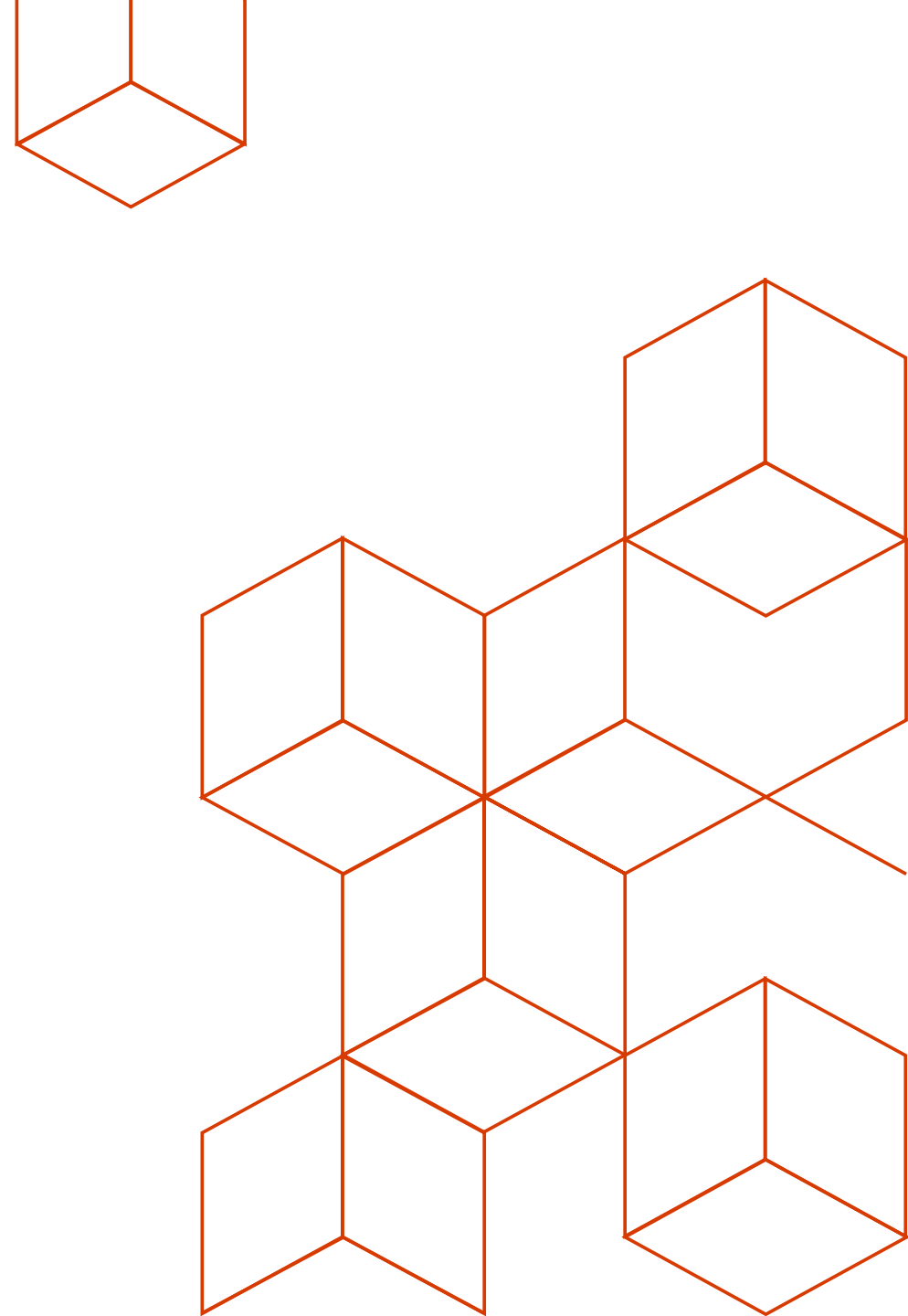
Multiple runtimes (Scale Up/Scale Out) single artifact

Intelligent transforms (by example, autoSplit, autojoin, fuzzy grouping, ...)

Smart file reading



# Summary





# Azure Machine Learning service

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# Resources beyond this AI Airlift

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**Azure Machine Learning with Azure Databricks**

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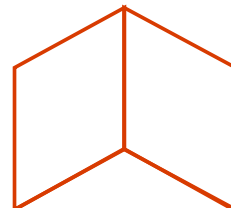
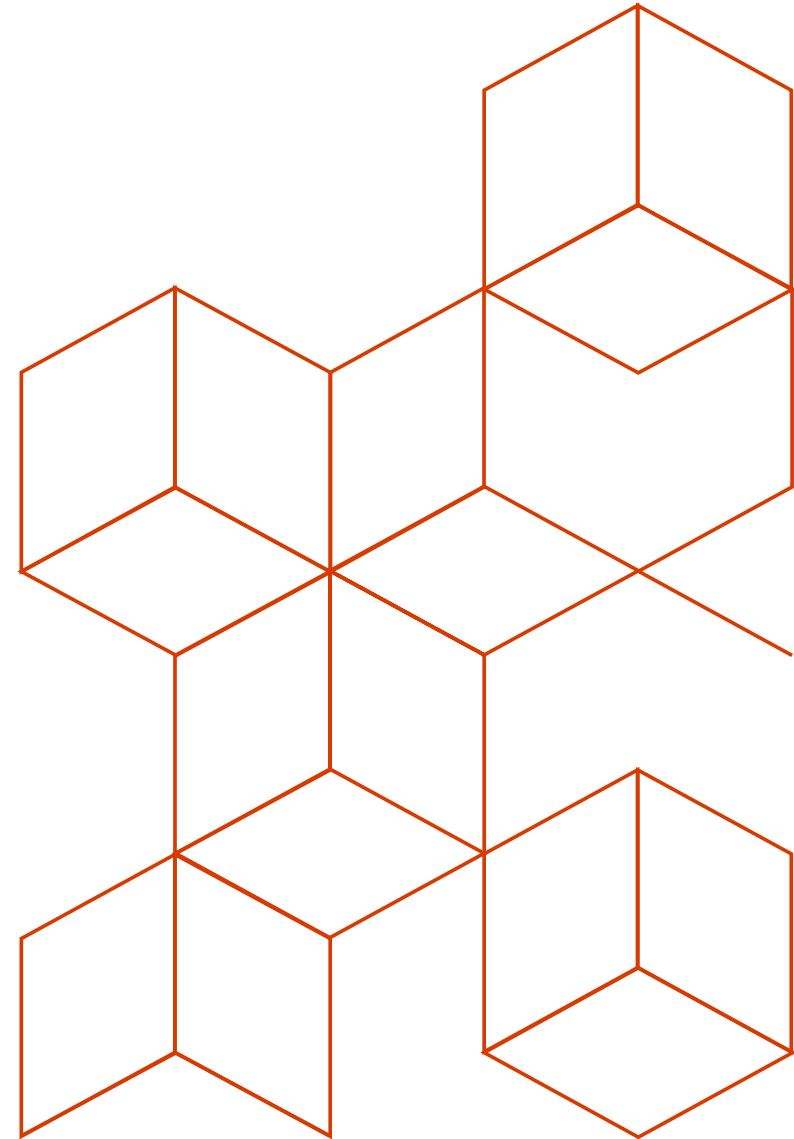
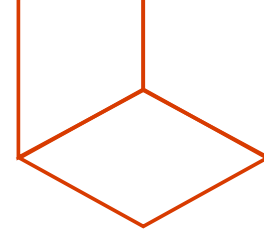
**Azure Notebooks**

<https://notebooks.azure.com/azureml/projects/azureml-getting-started>

**Azure ML Docs**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/machine-learning/service/>

# Questions



# Resources for this Airlift

## Azure Subscriptions

<https://aka.ms/learnAIsubscriptions>

## Azure Databricks Notebooks

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## Git Repository for LearnAI CustomAI Partner Airlift

[https://github.com/azure/learnai\\_azure\\_ml](https://github.com/azure/learnai_azure_ml)

