



# AUTOHOPTS

Hyperparameter Optimization

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# DeepCure

Using AI to discover highly effective small-molecule drug candidates

Analyzing a space of one trillion compounds and multiple hyperparameters in parallel



# Problem

DeepCure trains and evaluates hundreds of machine learning models every day

Algorithms are run by command line, making it:

- Easy to make **mistakes** because there is minimal validation
- Hard to get new employees up to speed
- **Inaccessible** to employees without a strong machine-learning background

# Project Scope



## Start New Experiment

Configure search space and experiment setup. Send to scheduler to start training

## Monitor Experiment

Has anything broken or failed?

## Analyze Results

What models performed best?  
What should be considered next?

## Investigate

Once there's a good drug candidate, investigate further



# Goal

Minimize the overhead in problem solving and increase the speed of DeepCure's hypothesis testing cycle by making it **easier to start an experiment**

# Target Users

- New employees with **minimal** ML experience
- Employees with **some** ML experience
- Advanced users with **significant** ML and DeepCure experience

# Solution

Intuitive web app that lets DeepCure employees easily start a new experiment

- **Accessible** to users regardless of level of ML knowledge, with advanced options available for more advanced users
- **Code must adapt** to DeepCure's changing needs

# Begin New Experiment

Submit

Experiment Name:

3rd cephalosporins

Path to Data:

C:/MoleculeSet

Answer Column:

delta\_g

Worker Class:

Generic

Split Type:

train-test

Test Size:

1

Problem:

regression

Models:

classical

Flag File: optional

Upload

Model Configurations: optional

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# Demo

# Product Highlights

- Adaptive Interface
- Reusable Components
- Dynamically Generated Forms
- Input Validation

# Adaptability

Default flags and models are maintained by DeepCure. Changes to these defaults are parsed **automatically**, ensuring all users start from the same baseline.

```
"n_neighbors": {  
  "display_name": "Number of Neighbors",  
  "lower": 3,  
  "upper": 20,  
  "quantization": 1,
```



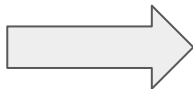
Number of Neighbors:

Lower

Upper

Quantization

```
"n_neighbors": {  
  "display_name": "Number of Nay-bohrs",  
  "lower": 10,  
  "upper": 200,  
  "quantization": 10,
```



Number of Nay-bohrs:

Lower

Upper

Quantization

# Reusable Components

Each Model contains multiple Parameter components, and each Model is a component.

Each Flag is a separate component.

Creating a component is like using an object constructor, allowing the same code to be **reused** in a for loop.


```
<div v-for="(param_value, param_name) in model_params">
  <Parameter :param_name="param_name"
    :param_value="param_value"
    :lower.sync="param_value.lower"
    :upper.sync="param_value.upper"
    :quantization.sync="param_value.quantization"
    :selected.sync="param_value.selected"
    :error_count.sync="param_value.error_count"
    class="content"
  ></Parameter>
</div>
```

```
▼ <Main> router-view
  ► <Model>
  ► <Model>
  ▼ <Model>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Parameter>
    <Transition>
  ► <Model>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
    <Flag>
```

# Dynamically Generated Content

Input cards are created based on the object they represent. Card type is **dynamically** chosen based on input type.

```
"logistic_reg": {  
  "display_name": "Logistic Regression",  
  "parameters": {  
    "penalty": {"display_name": "Penalty"...},  
    "C": {"display_name": "C"...},  
    "class_weight": {"display_name": "Class Weight"...},  
    "verbose": {"display_name": "Verbose"...},  
    "n_jobs": {"display_name": "Number of Jobs"...}  
  },  
}
```

☒ Logistic Regression 

C:

Lower

1

Upper

3

Distribution: uniform Log: false Type: Float

Class Weight:

balanced

Type: Categorical

Number of Jobs:

1

Type: Categorical

Penalty:

l1

l2

Type: Categorical

Verbose:

1

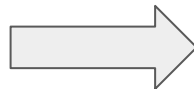
Type: Categorical



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```
"c": {  
  "display_name": "C",  
  "type": "Float",  
  "lower": 1,  
  "lower_min": 0,  
  "lower_max": 1000,  
  "upper": 3,  
  "upper_min": 50,  
  "upper_max": 1000,  
  "quantization": null,  
}
```



**C:**

Lower

Upper

Distribution: uniform Log: false Type: Float

```
"penalty": {  
  "display_name": "Penalty",  
  "type": "Categorical",  
  "selected": [...],  
  "sequence": [...],  
  "error_count": 0  
},
```



**Penalty:**

I1
I2

Type: Categorical

# Dynamically Generated Content

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```
"knn_reg": {  
  "display_name": "K-Nearest Neighbors Regression",  
  "parameters": {  
    "n_neighbors": {"display_name": "Number of Neighbors"...},  
    "weights": {"display_name": "Weights"...},  
    "algorithm": {"display_name": "Algorithm"...},  
    "leaf_size": {"display_name": "Leaf Size"...},  
    "p": {"display_name": "P"...},  
    "metric": {"display_name": "Metric"...}  
  },  
}
```

✓ K-Nearest Neighbors Regression

Algorithm:

auto

Type: Categorical

Leaf Size:

30

Type: Categorical

Metric:

minkowski

Type: Categorical

Number of Neighbors:

Lower

3

Upper

50

Quantization

1

Distribution: uniform Log: false Type: Int

P:

1

2

Type: Categorical

Weights:

uniform

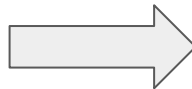
distance

Type: Categorical

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```
"n_neighbors": {  
  "display_name": "Number of Neighbors",  
  "type": "Int",  
  "lower": 3,  
  "lower_min": 0,  
  "lower_max": 50,  
  "upper": 50,  
  "upper_min": 50,  
  "upper_max": 1000,  
  "quantization": 1,  
}
```



**Number of Neighbors:**

Lower

Upper

Quantization

Distribution: uniform Log: false Type: Int

# Input Validation

Input validation reflects values contained in the default options file.

```
"n_neighbors": {  
  "display_name": "Number of Neighbors",  
  "type": "Int",  
  "lower": 3,  
  "lower_min": 0,  
  "lower_max": 50,  
  "upper": 50,  
  "upper_min": 50,  
  "upper_max": 1000,  
}
```



**Number of Neighbors:**

Lower

Lower must be less than 50

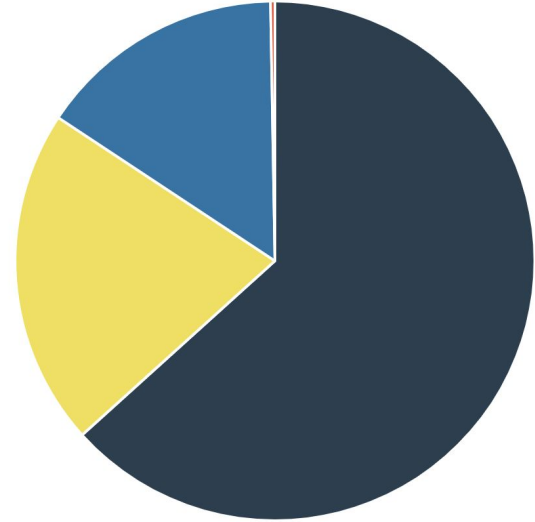
Upper

Upper must be greater than 50

# Software and Tools

## Programming languages used in this repository

Vue	63.31 %
JavaScript	20.99 %
Python	15.43 %
HTML	0.27 %



Discussion 21

Commits 16

Changes 5

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9/10 discussions resolved

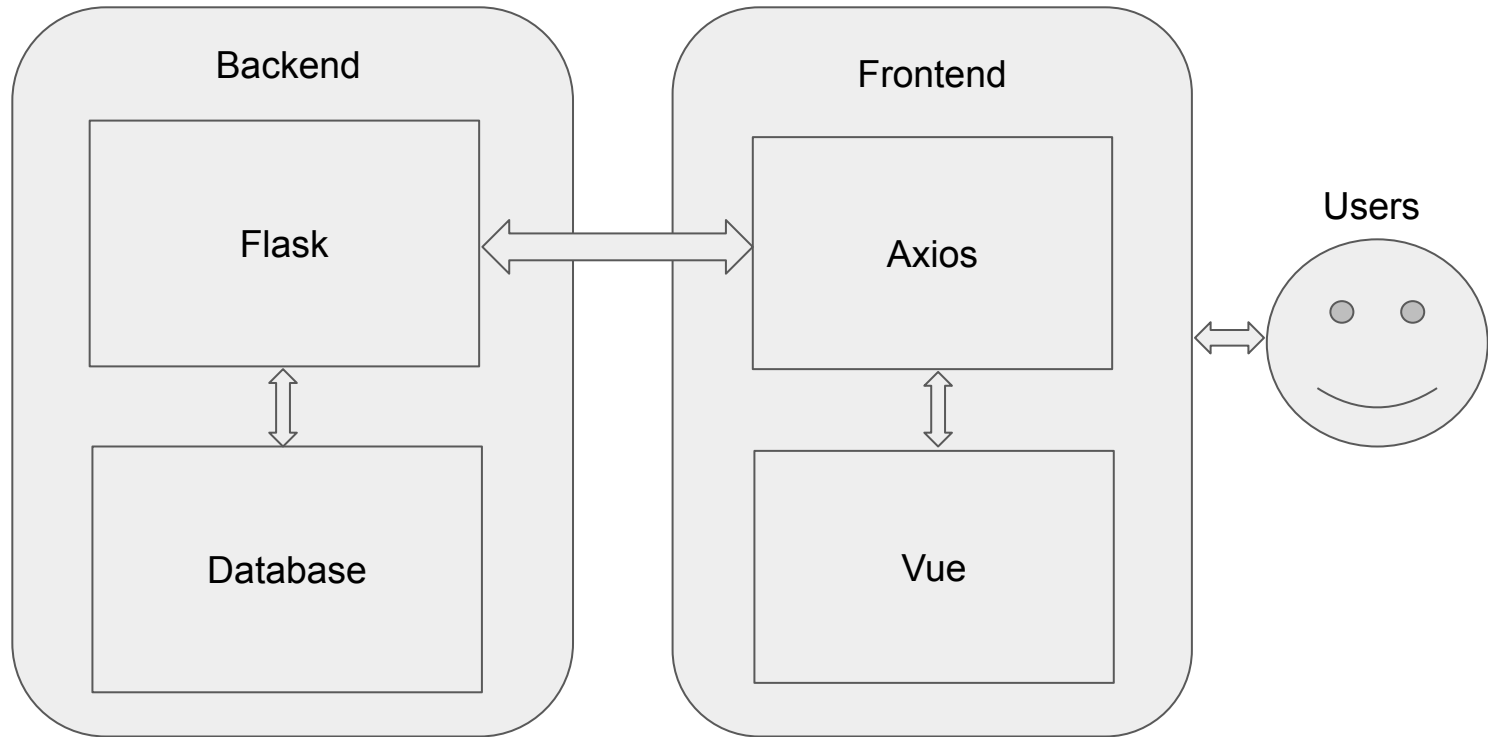


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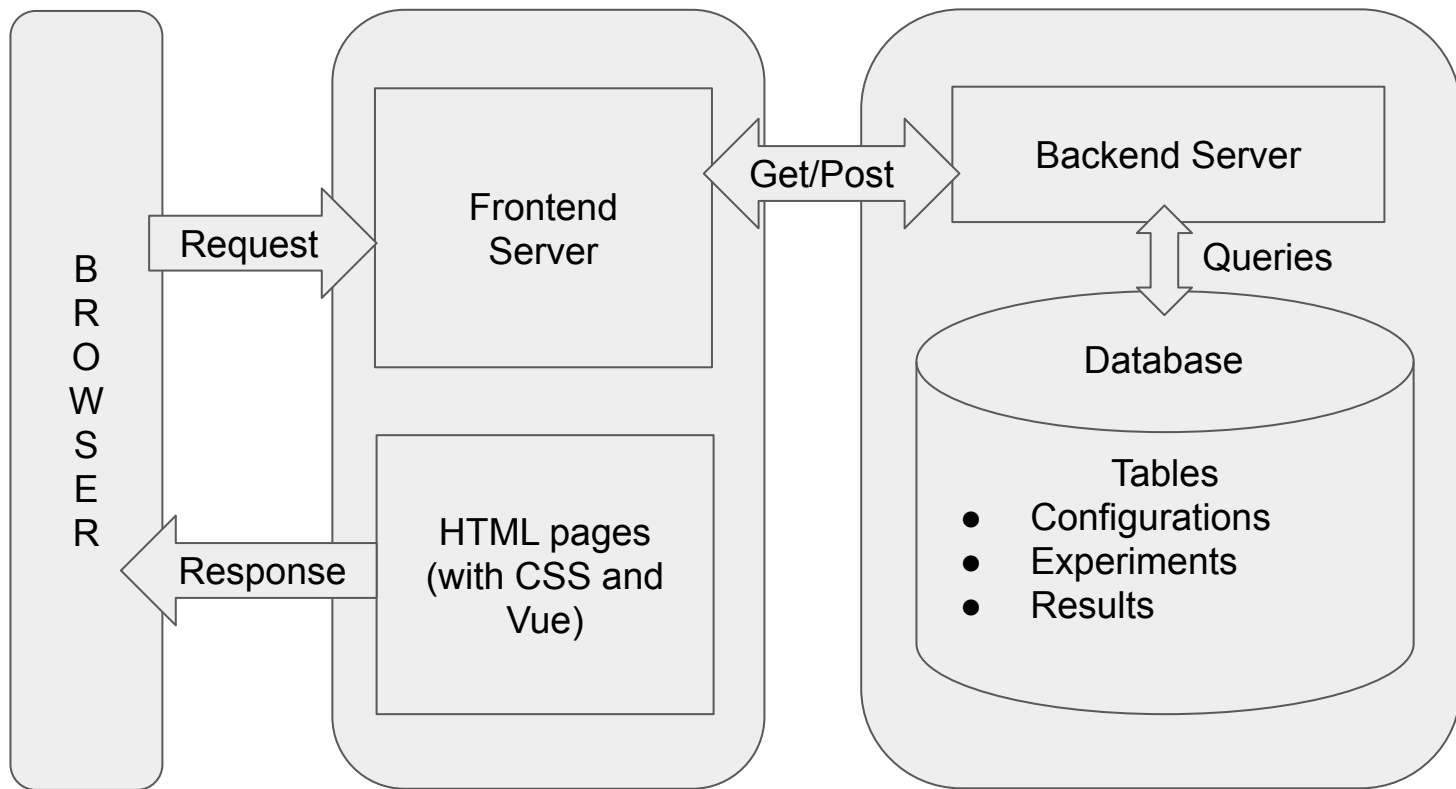


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# System Architecture



# Application Workflow





# Next Steps

- **Documentation** for project handoff
- DeepCure **integration**
  - Use real data
  - Submission, their monitoring, analyzing experiments
- **Backlog** for features for future development



# What We Learned

- **Development**
  - Confidence as software engineers, optimality: testable code vs. beautiful prototype (but deadlines!); branch structure
- **Organization**
  - Regular meetings, solid notes, timeline tags for feature implementations
- **Communication**
  - Team-client communication: clarification
  - Member-member: getting stuck & falling behind; open and collaborative on implementing issues
- **Teamwork**
  - Open and collaborative on implementing issues; all the difference passionate and serious about project
- **Have fun!**

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# Questions?