

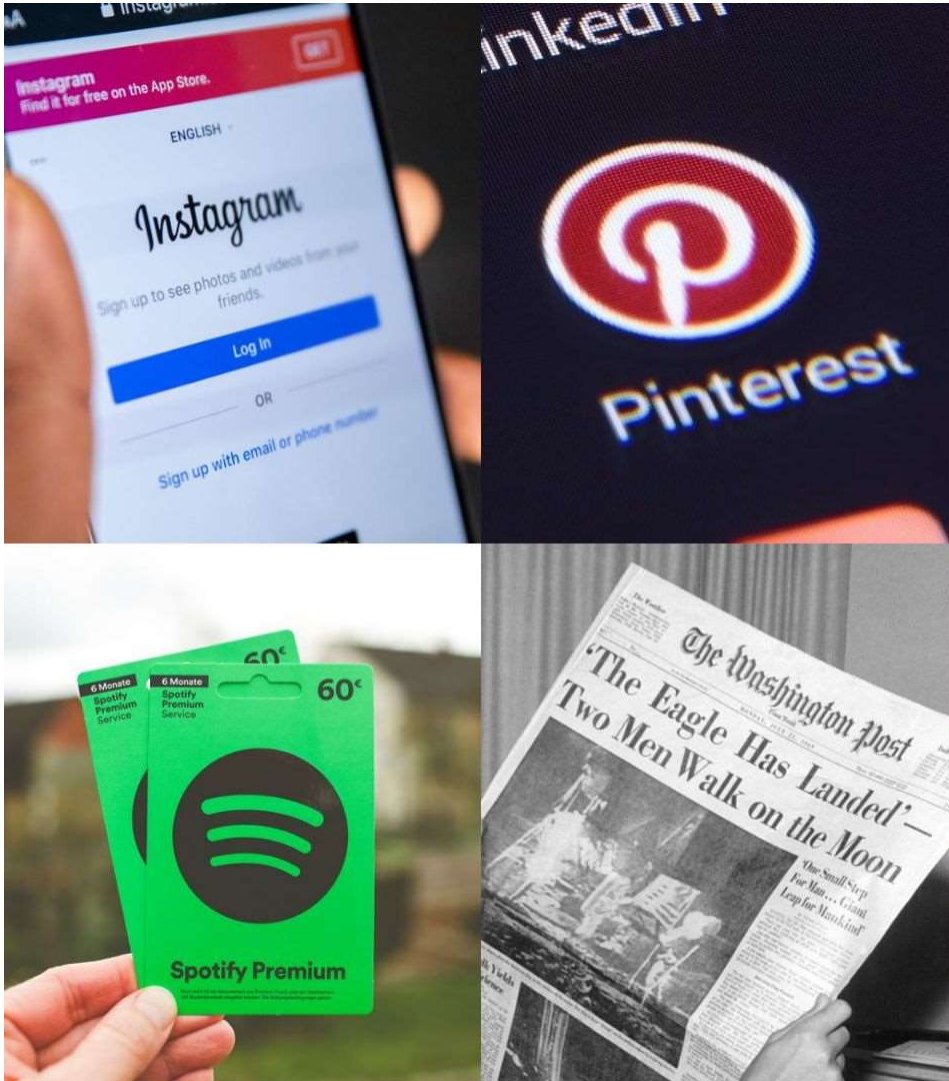


Machine Learning Deployment with Django

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What is Django ?

The web framework for perfectionists with deadlines.

An Open-Source python framework for web development.

Allows for rapid development of complex database-driven websites.

A high-level Web framework that takes care of much of the hassle of web development.

(No need to constantly reinvent the wheel)

<https://djangostars.com/blog/10-popular-sites-made-on-django/>

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Main differences between Django and Flask

Why Django is more suited towards Enterprise



Django Provides Object-Relational Mapping

Allows for linking of database tables to actual Python classes



Django Provides a Model-View-Controller framework

Allows for a decoupled approach to development



Easier to build complex Multi-Page websites with Django

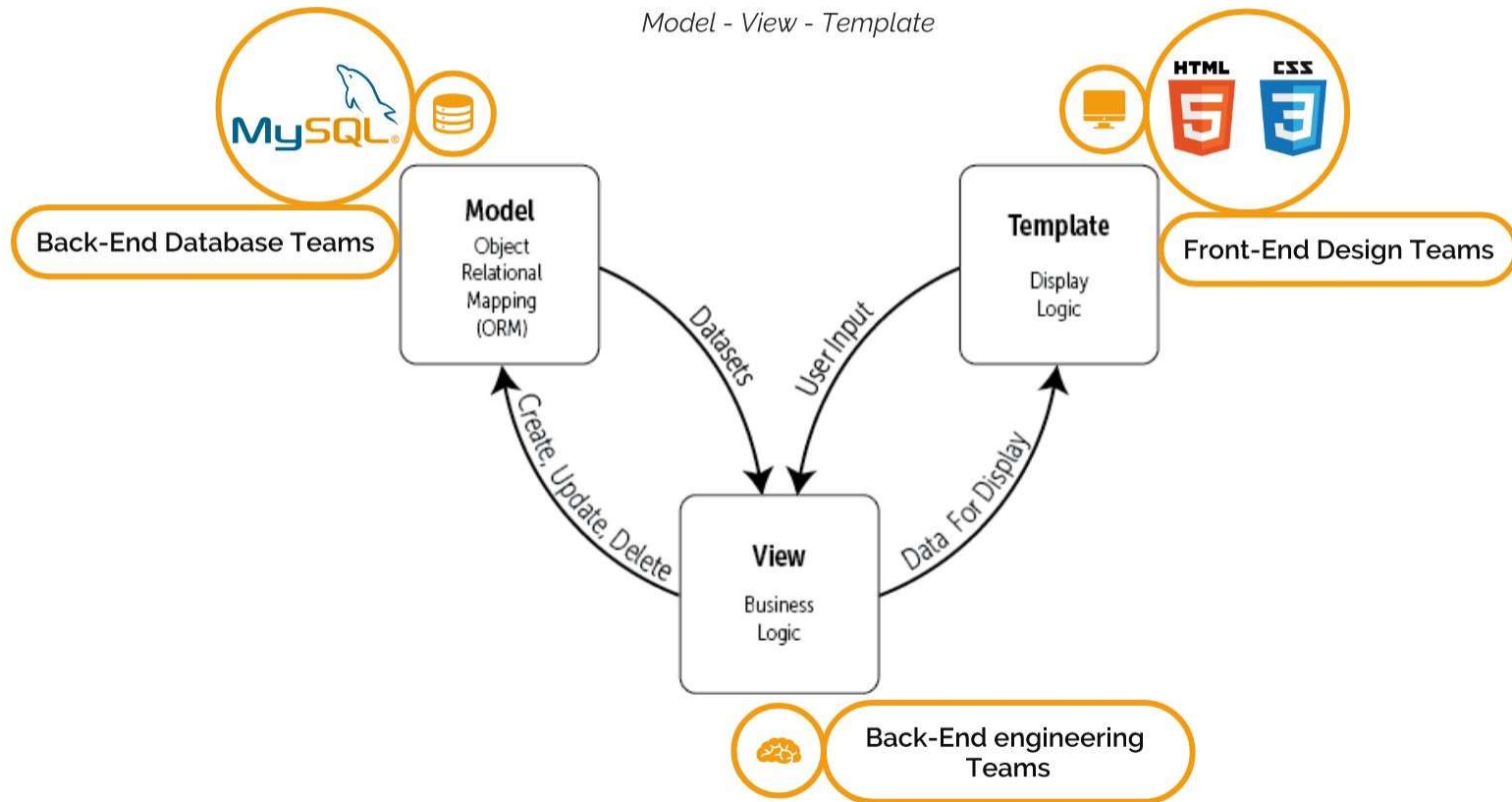
Flask applications are mostly single page applications, not ideal for enterprise scale

<https://medium.com/@SteelKiwiDev/flask-vs-django-how-to-understand-whether-you-need-a-hammer-or-a-toolbox-39b8b3a2e4a5>

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Django Structure

Model - View - Template



<https://djangobook.com/mdj2-django-structure/>

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Django, ML, and WSGI

WSGI = Web-Server Gateway Interface

WSGI forwards requests from web server to a backend python web application

Allows to serve 3rd-party software and control requests and responses

From the Python App, a response is sent back to the server, which then replies to the user

Universal across python frameworks

Making it Flexible, Scalable, and Reusable

Meaning, its a medium through which the server can communicate with external python applications

<https://www.liquidweb.com/kb/what-is-wsgi/>

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Django Rest Framework (DRF)

REST = Representational State Transfer

- DRF is an open source, well-matured Python and Django library intended to help APP developers build sophisticated web APIs.

Features:

- > *Serialization and DeSerialization*
- > *Authentication*
- > *Generic In-built Views which prevents having to constantly reinvent the wheel*
- > *Automatic URL Routing*

- DRF's modular, flexible, and customizable architecture makes the development of both simple, turnkey API endpoints and complicated REST constructs possible.

- In regards to ML, allows for an easier and affective way of achieving a 'Model As A Service'(MaaS) paradigm, which makes Model **Integration** and **Deployment** quick and easy.



ML Model Deployment

What to keep in mind...

- **Deployment:** The process of taking a trained ML model and making its predictions available to users or other systems

Also to provide a **service** that meets the users **needs**. If the user's **needs** are **not** met, deployment is **incomplete**.

- In order to decide how to deploy a model, you need to **understand** how end users should **interact** with the model's predictions.

> Will the users expect predictions to be calculated and delivered on a timely manner, or will they expect the predictions be available at any time?

> How will predictions be returned to the user? Will the user want predictions to be returned and stored in a database, or will they want the results returned in the form of a graph?

<https://mlinproduction.com/what-does-it-mean-to-deploy-a-machine-learning-model-deployment-series-01/>

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*Another thing to keep in mind: Creating a **Proper** Interface*

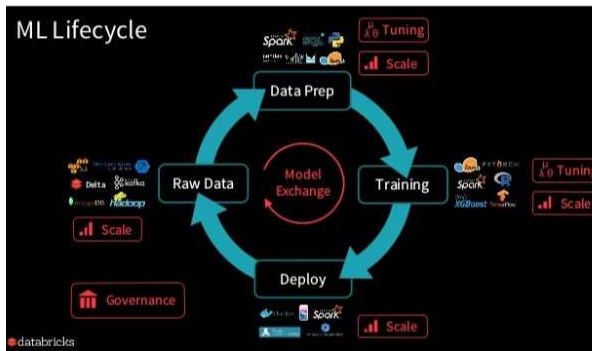
- Creating a proper interface to interact with our models is **just as important (if not more)** as the performance of the models themselves.
i.e. Proper and Non-Ambiguous specification of inputs and outputs.
- It's best if the interfacing is well-defined at the **beginning** itself.
Models can be optimized and improved as time goes on, but changing the interface will become more difficult ...
- "Creating **good interfaces** up front will save your machine learning team A LOT of time as you take on additional projects by making deployments **automated** and **repeatable**."

<https://mliinproduction.com/software-interfaces-for-machine-learning-deployment-deployment-series-02/>

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Machine Learning Registry

Keeping track of ML models



- A **machine learning model registry** is a centralized tracking system that stores lineage, versioning, and related metadata for published machine learning models.
 - > Registries provide a mechanism to store model metadata
 - > Registries make it easier for data science teams to experiment, test and select desired models that can affectively generate predictions.
- **Model Registries also help provide governance to the Machine learning life cycle regardless whatever tools are being used.**

MLFlow is an open source python model registry that helps with this.

<https://mlinproduction.com/model-registries-for-ml-deployment-deployment-series-06/>

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