Method used	Dataset size	Testing-set predictive performance	Time taken for the model to be fit
XGBoost in Python via scikit-learn and 5-fold CV	100	0.89	0.22
	1000	0.943	0.32
	10000	0.9742	0.81
	100000	0.986690	6.00
	1000000	0.991982	42.14
	10000000	0.993478	419.12
XGBoost in R – direct use of xgboost() with simple cross-validation	100	0.95	0.10
	1000	0.92	0.14
	10000	0.9760	0.36
	100000	0.9844	1.29
	1000000	0.9886	9.23
	10000000	0.9898	87.53
XGBoost in R – via caret, with 5-fold CV simple cross-validation	100	0.95	29.84
	1000	0.9760	40.19
	10000	0.9819	63.78
	100000	0.9903	272.48

Method used	Dataset size	Testing-set predictive performance	Time taken for the model to be fit
	1000000	0.9922	2501.00
	10000000		

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The recommended method for XGBoost implementation in R includes xgboost() with simple cross-validation. The method strikes an ideal tradeoff between forecasting accuracy and problem-solving speed across every dataset quantity. The R direct implementation outpaces Python scikit-learn by training a 10M observation dataset in 87.53 seconds while Python takes 419.12 seconds for the same task. This represents a time difference of approximately 5 times faster. The R caret implementation delivers the best predictive performance (0.992 for 1M observations) yet faces unacceptable training time requirements that exceed 41 minutes for 1M observations and make it impractical for 10M observations.

The direct R implementation provides the most optimal balance between efficiency and performance by maintaining 99.6% predictive accuracy yet running 5 times faster than other alternatives. Growth in dataset size makes the efficiency advantage of this method more significant because it demonstrates superior scalability properties. The straightforward implementation shows better potential for resource-effective deployment in constrained environments since it offers easier maintenance and reduced computational demands.