Learning Session Series

Topic: MLOps for Al Engineer and Data Scientist

Sub-topic: Containers for ML Deployment

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Learning section objective:



- ❖ Gain an introductory knowledge about Web APIs.
- ❖ Understand Basic Concept of Docker and how to containerize a simple Flask/Fast Api.
- ❖ To have fundamental knowledge of kubernertes
- ❖ To learn the concept of continuous delivery in MLOps.

Agenda

- ➤ Introduction to WebApi
- Introduction to Docker
- > Introduction to Kubernetes
- Containerize web apps using docker
- ➤ An introduction to automating ML deployment workflow



✓ What is Web Api?

Web Api is a type of Apis that was derived from the concept of web development, to aid functionality for http clients or web browsers.

- ✓ Features of Web Api
- ➤ Web Apis are client-side oriented.
- Most times access is via URI using http requests.
- ➤ Web Api uses REST for it interactions.

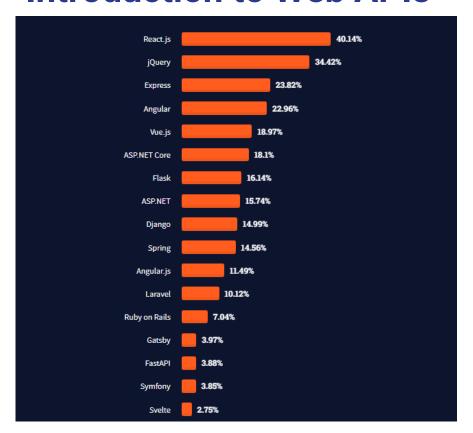


Figure 1: 2021 Survey on web frameworks popularity [StackOverflow]

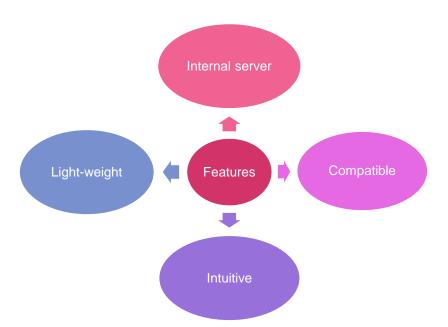


Reference: https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2021/



What is FlaskApi?

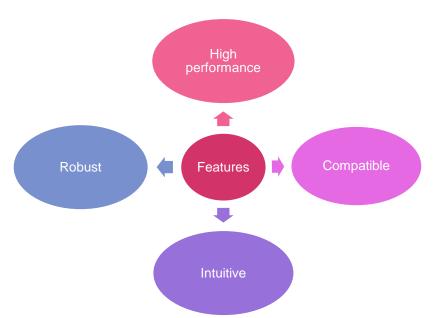
According to wikipedia, Flask is a "micro web framework written in python for developing APIs".





What is FastApi?

According to FastApi documentation, FastApi is a "modern high-performance web framework for building APIs with Python 3.6 and above."



Flask API vs Fast API



No data validation	Possess data validation
Does not support Async	Async code(async/wait) support
Has larger community	Has a small community



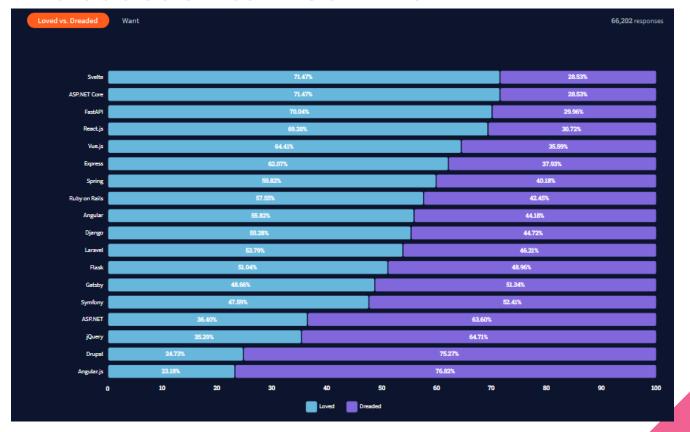


Figure 2: 2021 survey on Loved vs Dreaded Web frameworks [Stackoverflow]

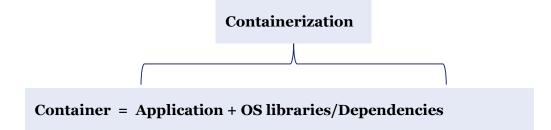
Tea Break | Quiz

- 1) Which of the following is a way of accessing REST api?
- a) URI using http requests; b) command prompt; c) others
- 2) Which of the web api frameworks below handles data validation
- a) Fast api b) Flask api c) All of the above



✓ What is containerization?

According to IBM, "Containerization is the packaging of software code with just the operating system (OS) libraries and dependencies required to run the code to create a single lightweight executable—called a container—that runs consistently on **any** infrastructure."





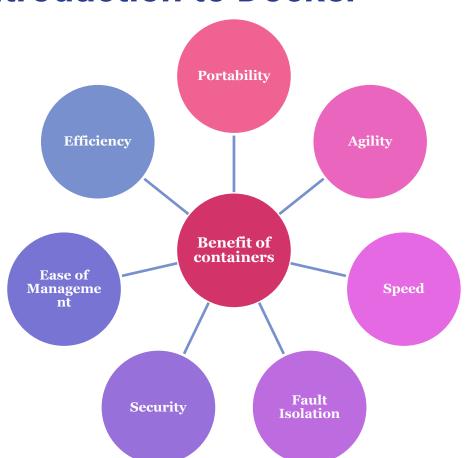


Figure 3: Benefit of containers

Reference:

https://www.ibm.com/cloud/learn/containerization#tocwhat-is-co-r25Smlqq

- ✓ What is containerization?
- ✓ Containerization vs Virtualization

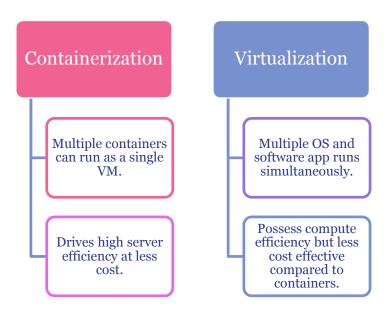


Figure 4: Comparism of container vs virtualization



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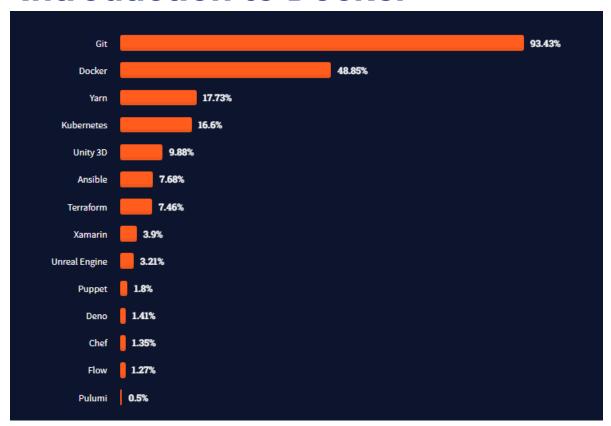


Figure 5: 2021 Survey result on 'Other' tools used by developers [StackOverflow]



What is Docker?

According to docker documentation, "Docker is an open platform for developing, shipping, and running applications."

Reference: https://insights.stackoverflow.com/survey/2021/ https://docs.docker.com/get-started/overview/

Architecture & component of docker



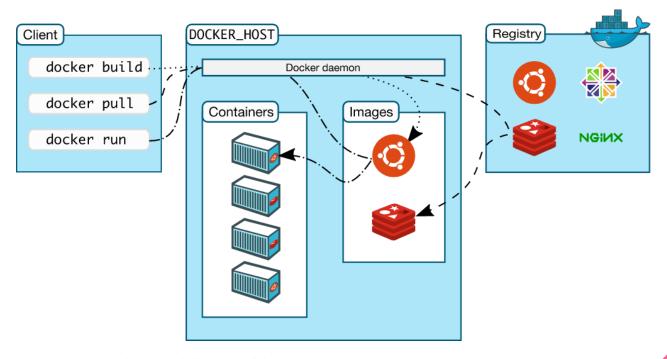


Figure 6: An architectural diagram of docker

Architecture & component of docker



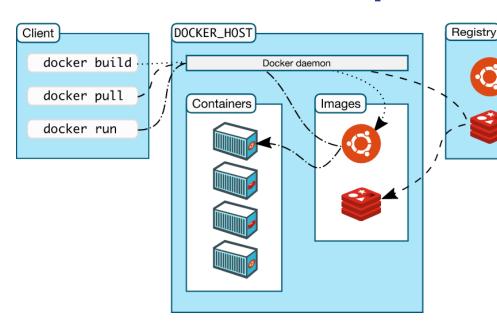


Figure 5: An architectural diagram of docker

Components of Docker

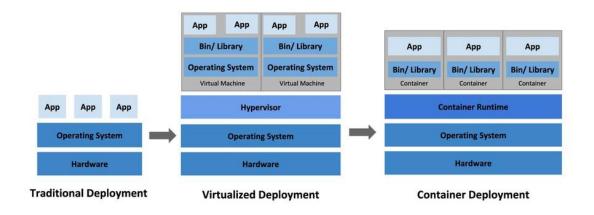
NGINX

- Images:- the template for creating containers.
- Containers:- Live instance of images that allows app to run.
- Registries:- repositories for docker images.
- Docker Engine:- Daemon, Client, and REST API

Architecture & component of docker



WHY DO WE NEED CONTAINERS



https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/what-is-kubernetes/

Figure 6: Traditional deployment vs Virtualized Deployment vs Container Deployment

Reference: https://speakerdeck.com/helayoty/kubernetes-101-for-java-developers

First Encounter with Docker



Playing with Docker images:

- How to list/remove images
- How build images
- How to tag images
- How to understand image layers
- How to develop executable images
- Sharing images online

- docker image ls/ docker image rm --tag <image repo>:<image tag>
- docker image build -t <image repo>:<image tag>
- docker image rm --tag <image repo>:<image tag> .
- docker image history <image repo>:<image tag>)
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 - docker login

- docker –version
- docker-compose --version

Playing with Docker containers:

- Docker Installation
- How to remove containers
- How to list containers
- How to stop/kill containers
- How to re(start) containers
- How to create containers

- pip install docker
- docker container rm <identifier(id)>
- docker ls (--all)
- docker container stop/kill <identifier(id)>
- docker container re(start) <identifier(id)>
- docker container create --publish 8080:80 < directory/script>

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First Encounter with Docker



How to write a docker file.

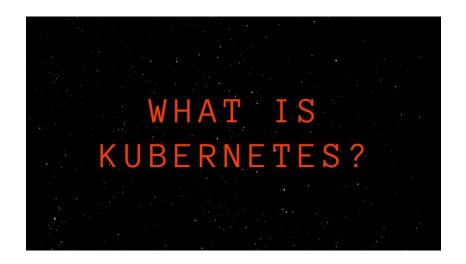
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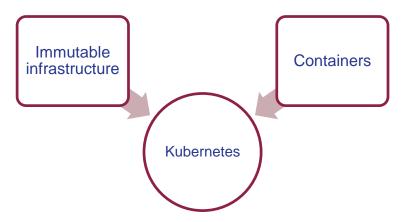
Using docker compose to compose a project:

- Basics of docker-compose
- How to start services and list services
- How to stop running services

- Create a yaml file
- Docker-compose up
- Docker-compose stop

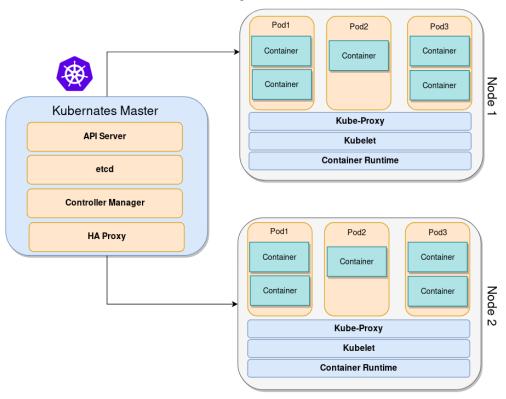






"Kubernetes as a container or microservice platform that orchestrates computing, networking, and storage infrastructure workloads. Because it doesn't limit the types of apps you can deploy (any language works), Kubernetes extends how we scale containerized applications so that we can enjoy all the benefits of a truly immutable infrastructure."

√ K8s Architectural Components

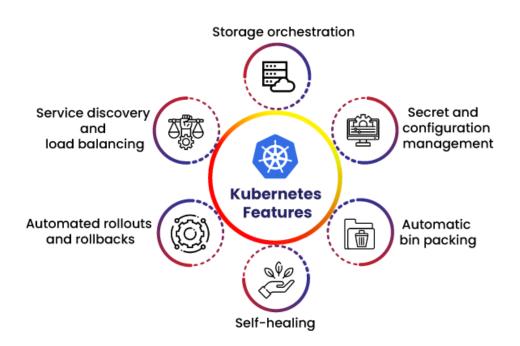






Reference: https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/hands-on-cloudnative-applications/9781838821470/389d9f6f-3524-43b6-8473-1d2f6485e54f.xhtml

√ Advantages of Kubernetes

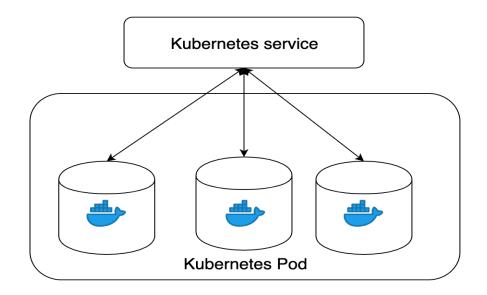






- ✓ Limitations of kubernetes
- Complexity (manage kubernetes server and container server)
- Running costs(hosting, staffing cost, etc)
- Just a tool, not a solution(its not a full solution like heroku)



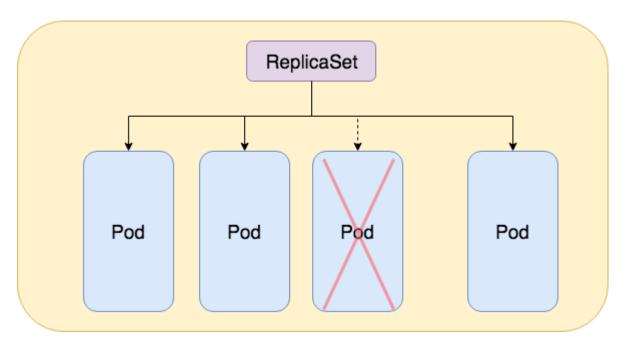


A group of running containers is refer to as **Pod**

Figure 9: A kubernetes pod

Reference: https://www.veritis.com/services/kubernetes/

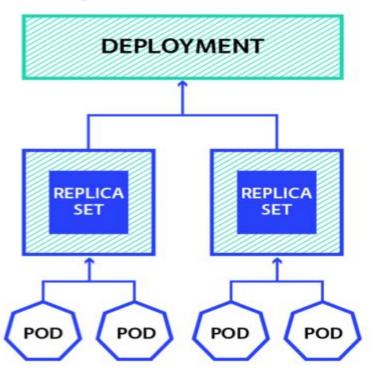




The ability of given number of pods to run at the same is enabled by **Replica Set**.

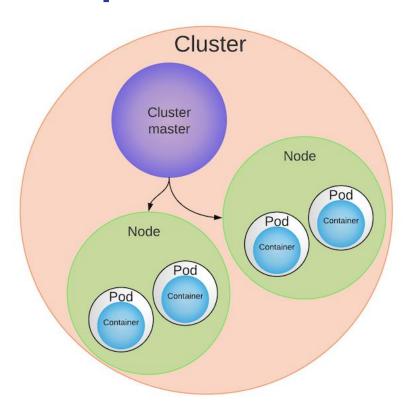
Figure 10: A kubernetes Replicaset





The rollback and rollout of pods is referred to as **Deployments.**

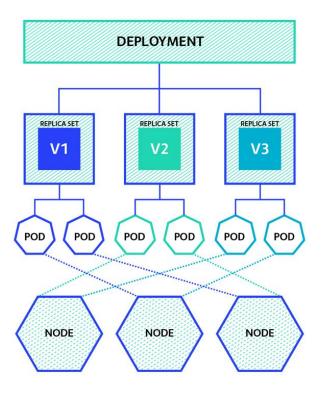




The entire system or all collective running machine is referred to as a **Cluster.**

So a group of nodes forms a cluster.





The machines in a cluster are referred to as **Nodes**.

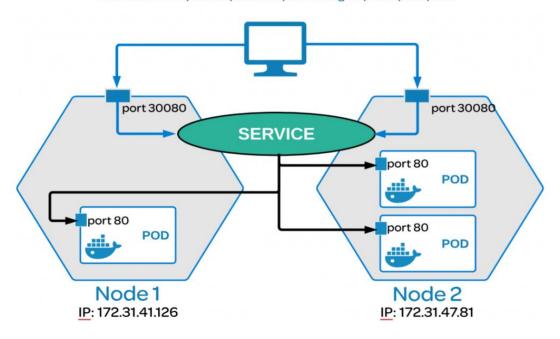
Nodes can be a **worker** or a **master**. The control panel is run by the master node. While the worker node consist of software to run containers and its managed by the control plane.

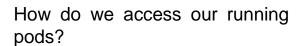
Figure 13: Kubernetes Nodes

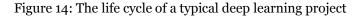
Reference: https://godleon.github.io/blog/Kubernetes/k8s-Deployment-Overview/

Kubernetes Service

A service allows you to dynamically access a group of replica pods.







Reference: https://medium.com/avmconsulting-blog/single-and-multi-port-service-in-kubernetes-k8s-8bo8529d9ba6

Tea Break | Quiz

- 1) Which of the following allows one to access pods?
- a) Kubernetes service, b) containers, c) pods
- 2) A group of nodes is refer to as:
- a) Replicaset, b) Cluster, c) None of the above
- 3) Nodes can be categorize as:
- a) Worker and walker node, b) Cluster and walker node, c) Worker and master node



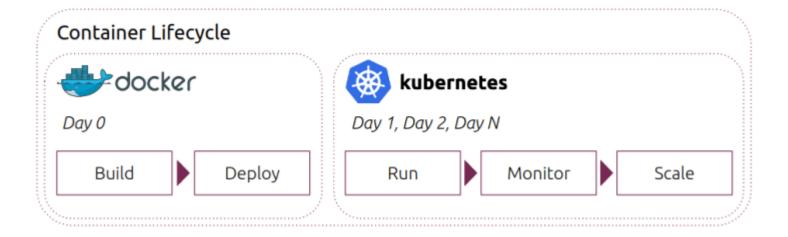


Figure 15: The life cycle of a container

Introduction to kubernetes- Alternative options



AWS Fargate / EC2

Azure Container Instance

Google Cloud Run

Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service

Azure Kubernetes Service

Open shift Container Platform

Deployment of container on kubernetes (EKS, GKE, etc)



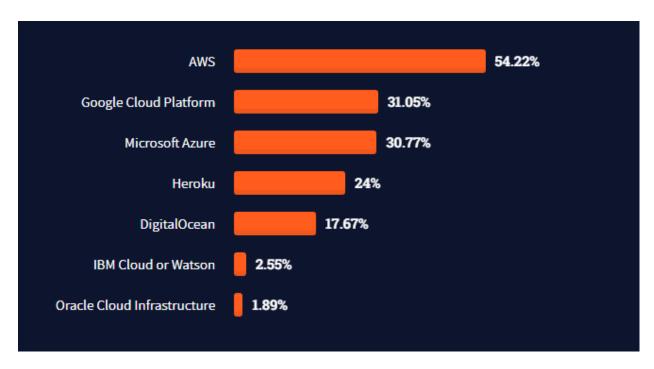


Figure 16: Stackoverflow survey on most used cloud services by developers

An introduction to automating ML deployment workflow



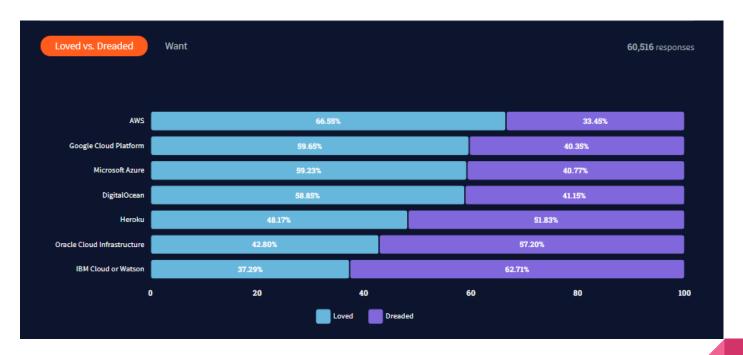


Figure 17: Stackoverflow survey on most loved vs most dreaded

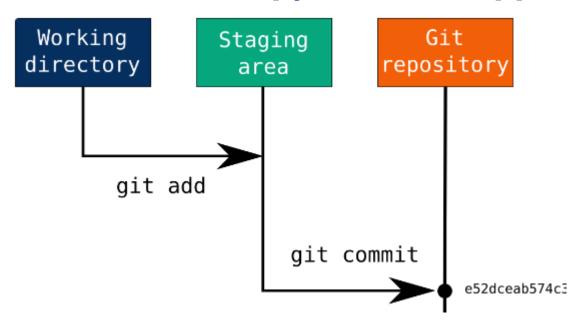
Containerize a python web app using docker



- 1) Create a project folder
- 2) Clone repo
- 3) Create a virtual environment
- 4) Install Flask/Fast
- 5) Develop a module(or script to solve a problem import it into the Flask/Fast app.
- 6) Test it using postman
- 7) Create a dockerfile at the root level of the project folder
- 8) Create a yaml file at the root level of the project folder
- 9) Containerize the project folder, try to push to docker hub.
- 10) Apply docker-compose to run application
- 11) Push to github.

Containerize a python web app using docker











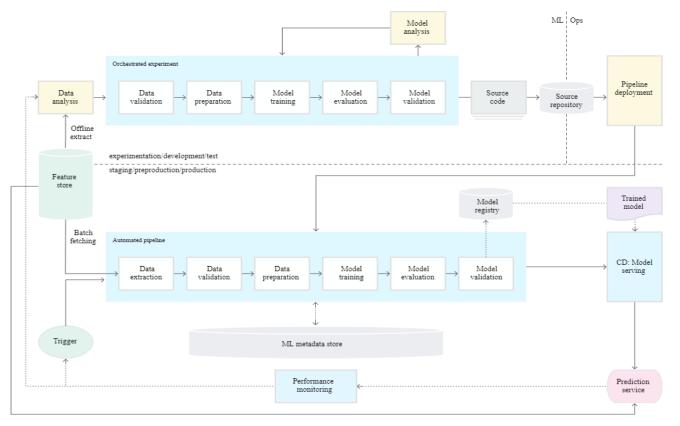


Figure 17: ML pipeline automation for CT

Reference: https://bit.ly/3IsaoLi



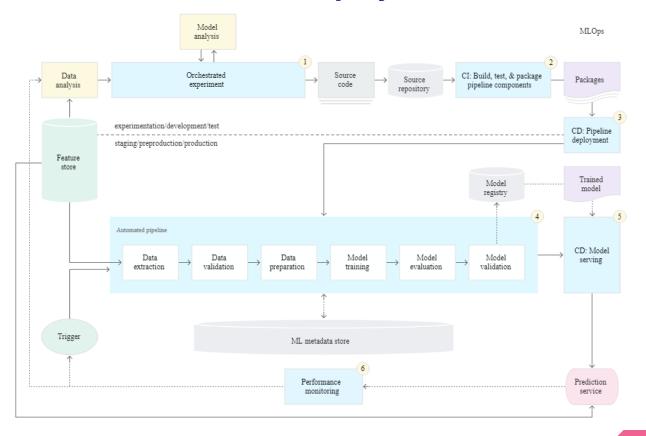


Figure 18: CI/CD and automated ML pipeline

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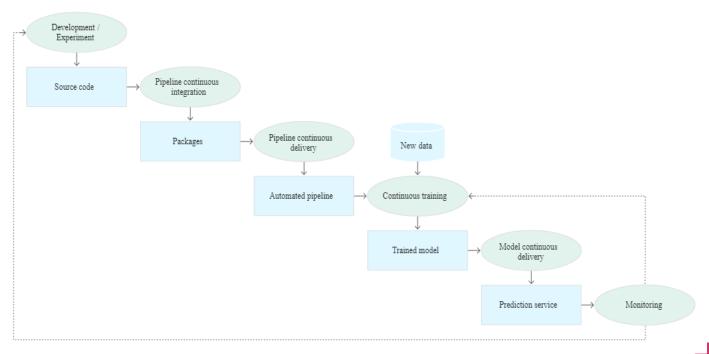


Figure 18: Stages of the CI/CD automated ML pipeline

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RECOMMENDED READING

- https://stackify.com/docker-build-a-beginners-guide-to-building-docker-images/
- https://pythonbasics.org/flask-rest-api/
- https://www.digitalocean.com/community/cheatsheets/how-to-use-git-a-reference-guide
- https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-actions
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- http://docs.aws.amazon.com/elasticbeanstalk/latest/dg/create_deploy_docker_image.h
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ASSIGNMENT

1) Create a program that reads the length and width of a farmer's field from the user in feet. Display the area of the field in acres.

Hint: There are 43,560 square feet in an acre. [source: The python workbook]

- 2) Containerize and push your app to github.
- Build your docker image
- Version the docker image to Docker Hub

REFERENCE



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 https://www.slideshare.net/AmazonWebServices/managing-your-application-
- lifecycle-on-aws-continuous-integration-and-deployment

 https://www.bmc.com/blogs/docker-101-introduction/
- https://docker-curriculum.com/#getting-started

