Airflow

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What is Airflow?

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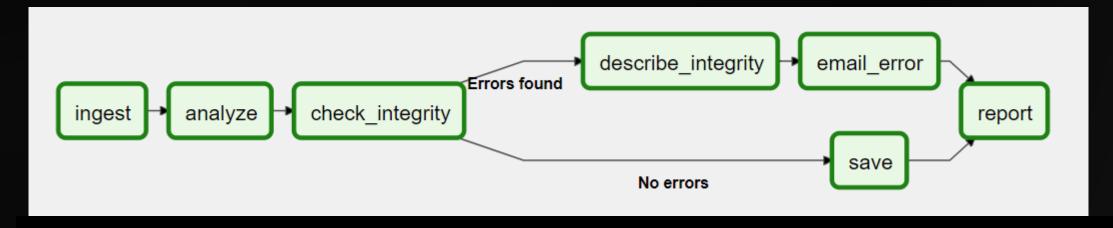
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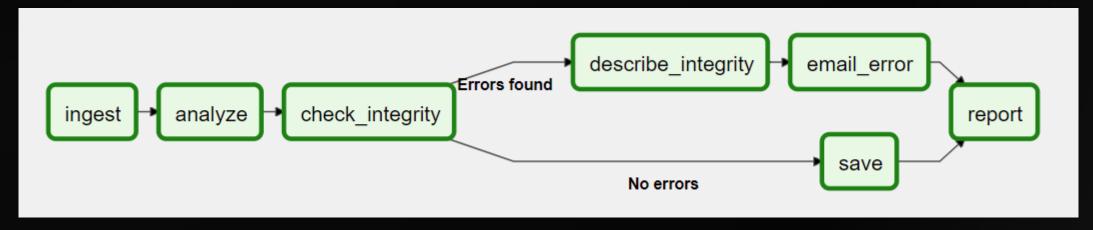
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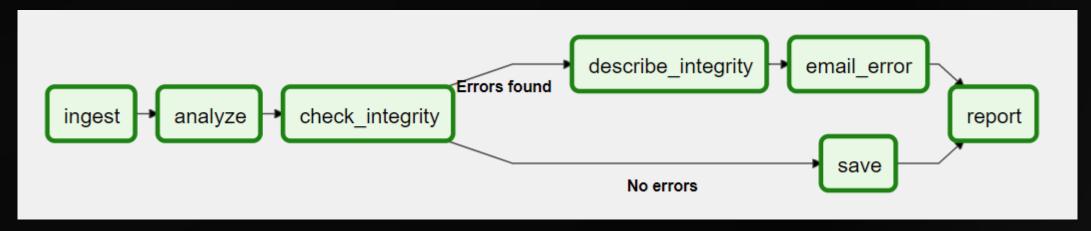
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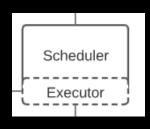


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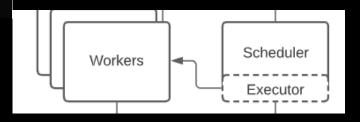
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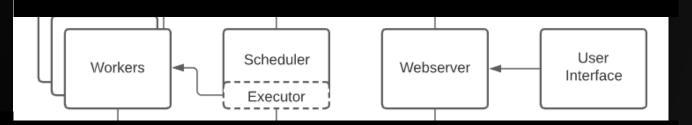
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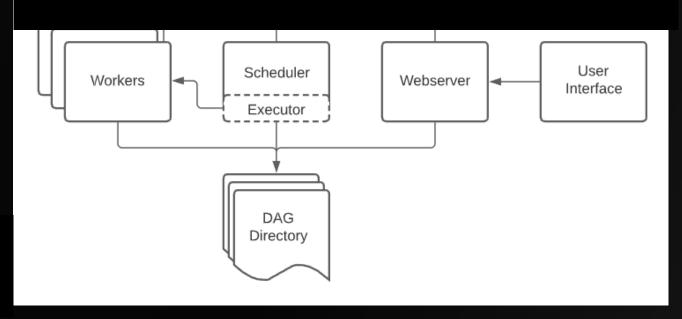
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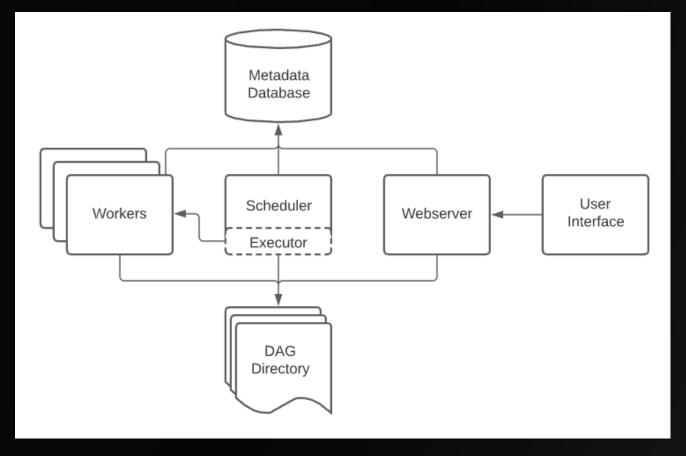
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♦ A metadata database

used by the scheduler, executor and webserver to store state.



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- Sensor
 - ♦ An operator for waiting for something. FileSensor, SqlSensor, ExternalTaskSensor

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