CI/CD Pipelines

- A CI/CD pipeline is a concept central to software. It spans a whole field of process, testing methods and tooling, all facilitated by git code versioning process.

- Continuous Integration (CI): Every time you add a new code or change, you immediately have to test it (by running the data through it (pipeline)).
This ensures new addition doesn't cause any problems & if there is an issue, you can resolve it and fix it before it becomes a bigger problem.

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- Continuous Deployment (CD): - Once you're confirmed that the new code/addition or change fits perfectly, you can make the changes live and functional in the main track.

- Use Toy Train eg. for easy explanation

- CI/CD in the context of pipelines deployment, focuses on automating data operations and transformations.

- CI in Data Pipelines.
- Automated Testing :- They check the integrity and quality of data transformations, ensuring that data is processed as expected and any error is spotted early.

- Version Control :- Data pipeline code is stored in repositories like Git, allowing tracking & managing changes.

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- Consistent Environment :-
- Data Quality Checks :- Include checks for null values, data range violations, data type mismatches, or other custom quality rules.

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→ Continuous Data Pipeline Deployment (CD)

- Automated Deployment
- Monitoring and Alerts
- Rollbacks
- Infrastructure as Code (IaC)

⇒ While CI/CD is a concept, there are various tools and frameworks developed to implement and support CI/CD practices, such as Jenkins, GitHub CI/CD, Travis CI, Circle CI, and many others.