



# MLflow Workshop

Spyros Stasis



# Workshop Outline

## MLflow Overview

- Project Lifecycle
- MLflow components

## Hands on examples:

- Boston housing prices regression
- MNIST classification



# Reproducible Research Tools

## Machine Learning Project:

- Stages:

Raw Data → Data Preparation → Model Development → Deployment

- Considerations:
  1. Data
  2. Environment
  3. Parameters
  4. Deployment

## Tools for tracking/reproducible machine learning pipelines:

- Uber Michelangelo, Facebook FBLearner, Tensorflow TFX
- Data Version Control (DVC)
- Pachyderm



# What is MLflow?

- Open source project developed by Databricks
- Main principles:
  - Agnostic
  - Universal
  - Ease of use
  - Flexibility/Scalability



## Open source machine learning platform

- Works with any ML library, algorithm, language, etc
- *Open interface* design (use with any code you already have)

### mlflow Tracking

Record and query  
experiments: code,  
data, confs, results

### mlflow Projects

Packaging format  
for reproducible  
runs and workflows

### mlflow Models

General format  
that standardizes  
deployment paths

new

### mlflow Model Registry

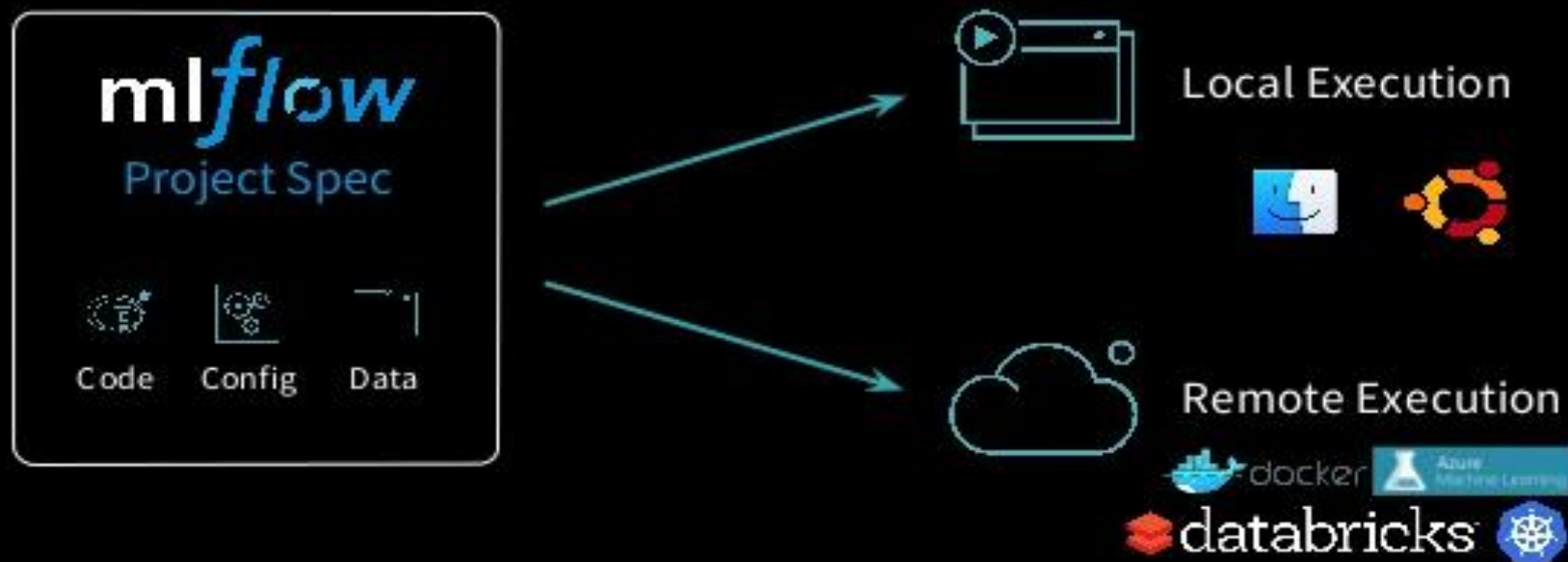
Centralized model  
management,  
review & sharing



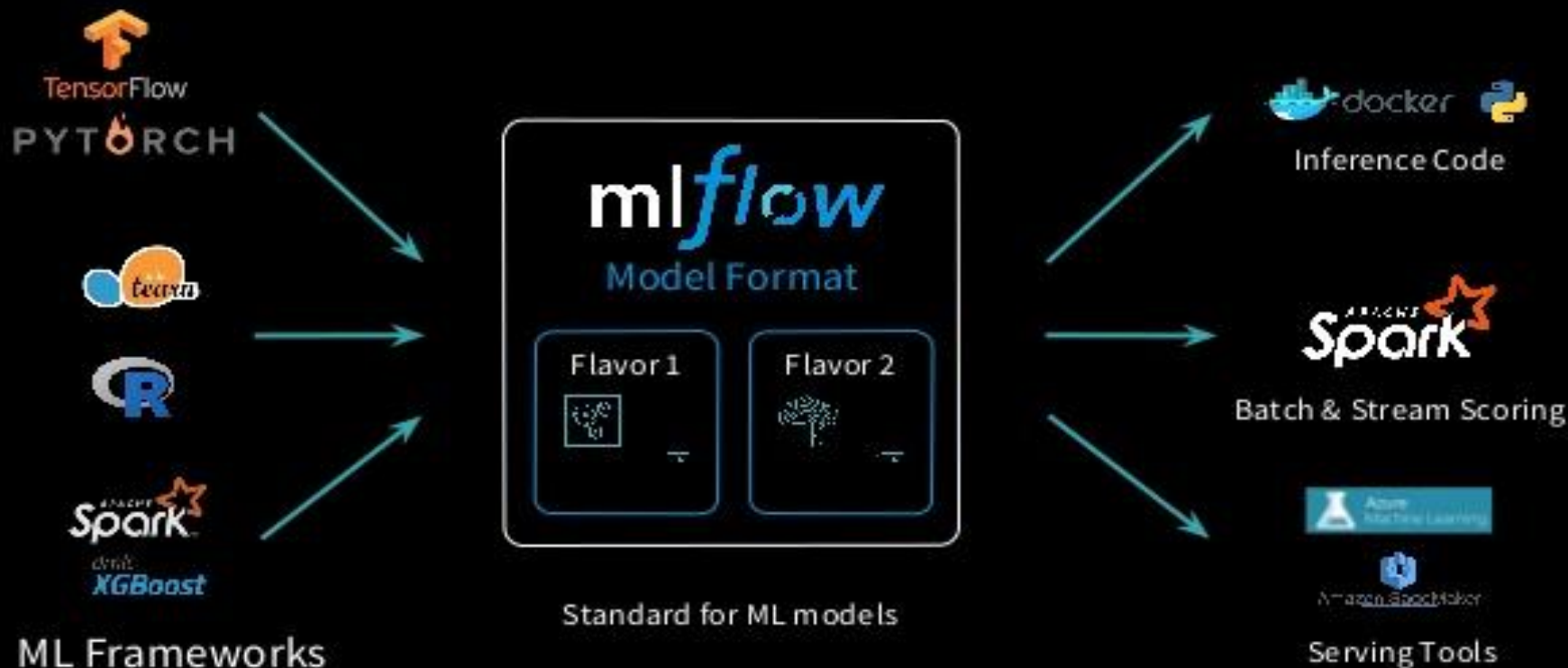
# MLflow Tracking



# MLflow Projects



# MLflow Models





# MLflow Model Registry

GitHub-like environment for organizing & reviewing models





[https://github.com/Pyrsos/qmul\\_mlflow](https://github.com/Pyrsos/qmul_mlflow)



# Boston housing regression

- Try out:
  - Different regression techniques:
    - Linear Regression
    - Lasso
  - Additional metrics:
    - Max Error
    - Median absolute error
  - Logging artifacts
    - Perform PCA on the input data
    - Store the image in the MLflow logs



# MNIST example

- Try out:
  - Different model architectures:
    - Add/remove dense layers
    - Change layer sizes/activation
    - Try and keep track of these changes
  - Custom metrics:
    - Define and log custom metrics
    - Track the metric over time (over epochs/batches)



# Resources

- [Mlflow Infrastructure for a complete Machine Learning Lifecycle](#)
- [Accelerating the Machine Learning Lifecycle with mlflow](#)
- [Simplifying model management with mlflow](#)



Thank you! Any questions?