# MLOps Deployment from DEV to PROD

# **Objective**

The objective of this lab was to simulate the process of deploying code from a **development environment (DEV)** to a **production environment (PRD)** in an MLOps pipeline. In this lab, I performed the roles of both the **Developer** and the **Gatekeeper**, following the steps to commit code, push it to GitHub, and review and run it as the Gatekeeper.

## Steps Followed

# 1. Developer Role: Setting Up the Project

#### **Project Setup and Dependencies**

- I started by **creating a new Python project** and setting up a **virtual environment** (**venv**) to isolate project dependencies. This ensured that my project could run in different environments without conflicts.
  - I used pip to install necessary packages such as numpy, pandas, and scikitlearn, and created a requirements.txt file to document all dependencies.

#### **Git Repository Setup**

- I cloned the remote GitHub repository to my local machine using the following command:
  - git clone https://github.com/RaghadAlmutairi/lab-mlops-deploy-prod-to-dev.git
- I initialized the Git repository in the local project folder:
   git init

#### **Commit and Push Code**

- I added all files (excluding the venv directory) to Git and committed the changes:
   git add .
  - git commit -m "Set up virtual environment and add requirements.txt"

After committing, I pushed the changes to the remote GitHub repository:

git push origin main

 This completed the task of pushing the code to the remote repository as a Developer.

# **Creating a Pull Request (PR)**

 Once my code was pushed, I created a Pull Request (PR) in GitHub to request the Gatekeeper to review and merge my changes. I followed the instructions in the lab to ensure that my PR was clear and properly formatted.

# 2. Gatekeeper Role: Reviewing and Running the Code

# **Pulling the Latest Code**

- As the Gatekeeper, I first reviewed the Pull Request created by the Developer.
   Once the code was reviewed and verified, I merged the PR.
- I pulled the latest changes to my local machine using the command:

git pull origin main

# **Setting Up the Environment**

• I created a new virtual environment (venv) on my local machine:

python -m venv venv

• Then, I activated the virtual environment and installed the required dependencies using:

pip install -r requirements.txt

#### **Running the Project**

- After setting up the environment, I ran the code to ensure that everything worked correctly and there were no errors.
- Since the project ran successfully, I was able to provide feedback to the Developer confirming that everything was set up properly.

## 3. Swapping Roles

After completing the tasks as both the **Developer** and **Gatekeeper**, I swapped roles with my partner to gain hands-on experience with both sides of the process. This allowed me to see both the development and deployment aspects of the pipeline.

# **Challenges Faced and How I Solved Them**

## 1. Git Configuration Issues

- **Challenge:** When I first tried to commit my changes, Git prompted me for my email and username configuration, which I had not set up yet.
- **Solution:** I ran the following commands to configure my Git username and email:

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git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
git config --global user.name "RaghadAlmutairi"
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After setting this up, I was able to commit my changes successfully.

# 2. Authentication Issues When Pushing Code

- **Challenge:** While pushing my changes to GitHub, I encountered an authentication error.
- **Solution:** I used **VS Code's GitHub integration** to authenticate my GitHub account and push the code without issues. This ensured that my GitHub credentials were properly stored and used.

#### Conclusion:

In this lab, I successfully completed the requirements as both the **Developer** and **Gatekeeper**, following the outlined steps:

- **As the Developer**, I set up the virtual environment, installed dependencies, committed my changes, pushed the code to GitHub, and created a pull request.
- **As the Gatekeeper**, I reviewed the pull request, set up the environment, installed dependencies, and tested the project.

This exercise allowed me to gain hands-on experience in the **MLOps** deployment process, understanding how to manage version control, set up isolated environments, and

collaborate effectively in a team. The experience deepened my understanding of **CI/CD** practices and the importance of good communication between developers and gatekeepers.

