

# Barfi : Flow Based Programming for Data Science (New Component)

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**krishadi** #1 March 17, 2022, 11:24am

I wanted a Flow Based Programming tool to be integrated within my workflow. So, built **barfi**, which provides a **streamlit** component. Still work in progress, would appreciate feedback and ideas. Have uses cases? Would be great to know them 😊

**Here is a demo app.**

Repository here: <https://github.com/krish-adi/barfi>

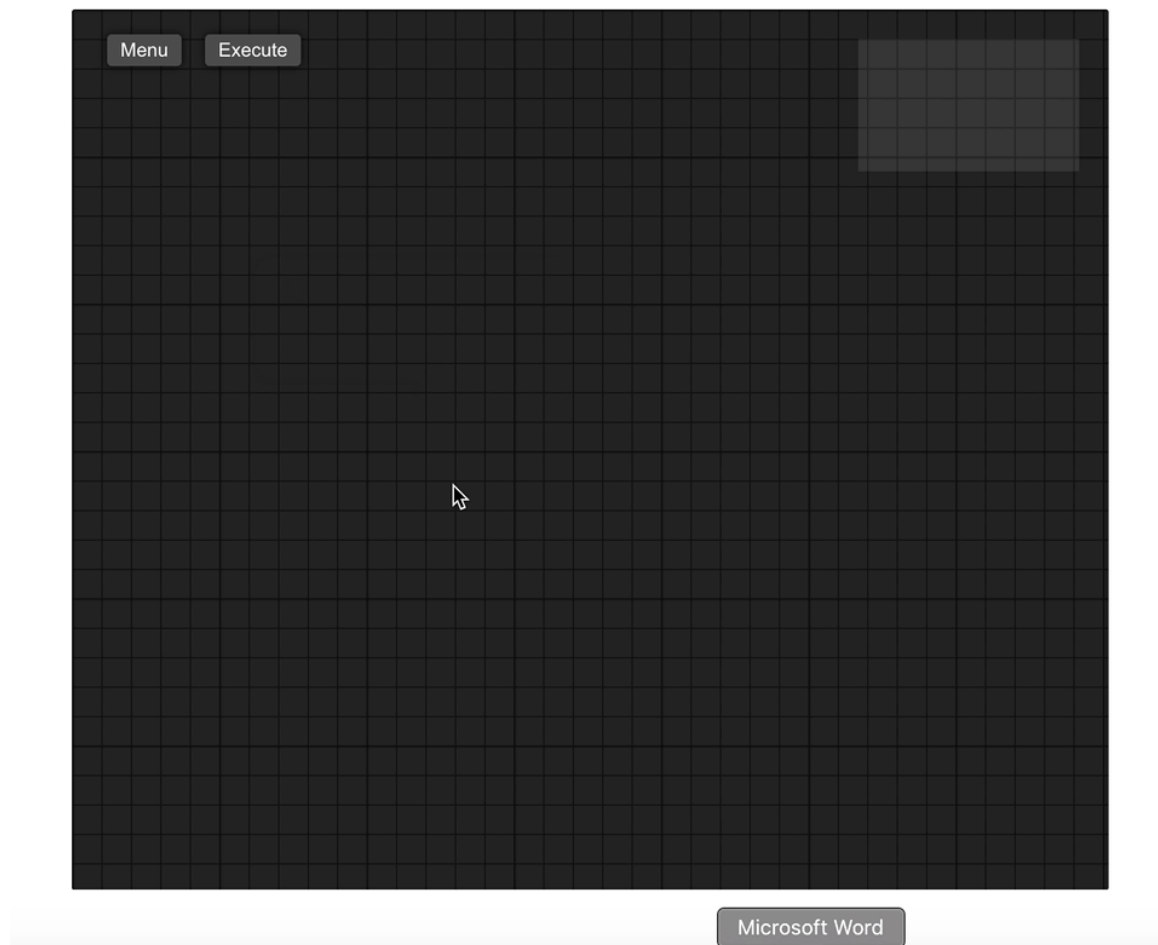
*Quickstart*

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pip install barfi

from barfi import st_barfi, Block

my_block = Block(name='My Block')
my_block.add_input()
my_block.add_output()

st_barfi(base_blocks=[my_block])
```



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[AvratanuBiswas](#) #2 March 17, 2022, 12:40pm

Hey [@krishadi](#) ,

Welcome to the Streamlit community Forum 🎉🎈

This is a pretty cool implementation. Love the idea. Great work ! 😊

Best

Avra

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[andfanilo](#) #3 March 17, 2022, 2:40pm

Welcome [@krishadi](#) ,

Nice work! I wanted to build a graph-based Pandas query builder one day, maybe I can use this for it 😊

Feel free to add it to the [Streamlit Components - Community Tracker - Show the Community! - Streamlit](#) so we don't lose track of it.

Have a nice day,  
Fanilo

**krishadi** #4 March 17, 2022, 4:09pm

That sounds like an interesting use-case. Let me know if you need some particular UI components to pull it off.

**chris\_klose** #5 March 18, 2022, 10:28am

Welcome **@krishadi** 🎈,

This component could be very promising. A few thoughts and ideas:

- Could it be used to represent an ML process? First I have a loader (specification option of the file path, then I pass the data to a preprocessor e.g. SentenceSplitter or similar, then to the model for training (selection model possible, etc.).
- Another idea could be to use it to model the architecture neural networks? That is, first input layer (with modification options of the neurons, then other layers).

A small demo of how to use the component (maybe with one of my suggestions?) in practice would emphasize the usefulness of the component for me and increase the barrier to use the component.

Best regards  
Chris

**krishadi** #6 March 18, 2022, 12:51pm

Hey **@chris\_klose** !

Both the use-cases are definitely possible. For

Case 1: You would need a text input box in the 1st Block (I am building that as we I write this) and the other Blocks you can specify the logic. Do you some parts of the SentenceSplitter and the Model implemented somewhere?

Case 2: You would need an a number input or a dropdown to select the specifics of the layer in the Block. I'll implement this as well. Do you have an example neural network use-case that I can implement this for?

Thanks for the idea! 😊

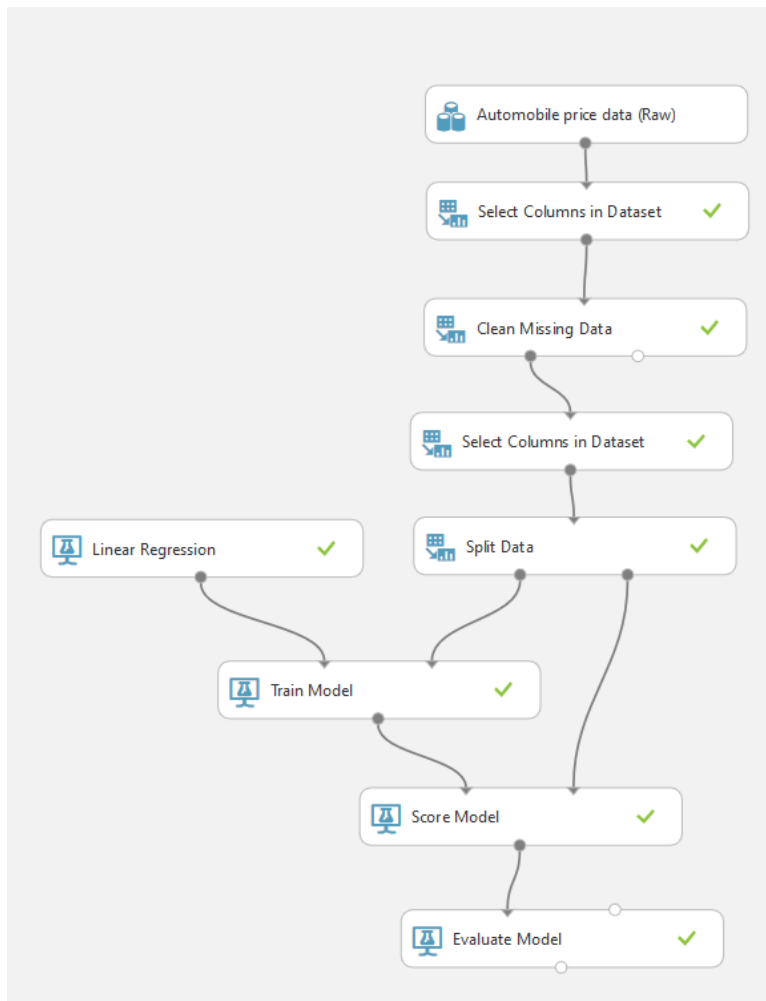
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[chris\\_klose](#) #7 March 18, 2022, 3:27pm

Case 1: I guess something super simple would do e.g. tf-idf-transformer, label-encoder etc. from sklearn ( [sklearn.preprocessing.LabelEncoder — scikit-learn 1.0.2 documentation](#)) .

Would be a cheap version of ML Azure Studio's interface 😊 .



Cas 2: Maybe a simple NN for MNIST with keras? ([The Functional API \(keras.io\)](#)) It would also require to allow other params such as activation by selecting it from a dropdown too.

