

# MAIN FLOW SERVICES & TECHNOLOGIES

Data Science with Python Internship: Task 5



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### Notes from task 5:

## Feature Engineering and Selection

## **Description:**

Engineer new features and select relevant features for model training.

## Responsibility:

- 1. Generate meaningful features from existing data.
- 2. Use techniques like PCA or feature importance to select the most important features.

  Optimize feature sets for improved model performance.

## Feature Engineering

#### **Definition:**

Feature engineering is the process of using domain knowledge to create new features from raw data that make machine learning algorithms work better.

#### Importance:

- Enhances model performance by providing more relevant information.
- Helps in capturing domain-specific knowledge which raw data might not explicitly present.
- Simplifies model complexity by transforming data into more informative and non-redundant forms.

## **Feature Selection**

#### **Definition:**

Feature selection is the process of selecting a subset of relevant features for use in model construction. This reduces the dimensionality of the data, which can lead to better model performance and reduced overfitting.

#### Importance:

- Reduces the risk of overfitting by eliminating irrelevant or redundant features.
- Improves model accuracy by focusing on the most informative features.
- ❖ Enhances model interpretability by simplifying the model.
- **❖** Decreases training time and computational costs.