



Data + AI
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mlflow

Platform for Complete Machine Learning Lifecycle

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Outline – Introduction to MLflow: How to Use MLflow Tracking - Part 1

- Overview of ML development challenges
- Concepts and Motivations
- How MLflow tackles these
- MLFlow Components
 - MLflow Tracking
 - How to use MLflow Tracking APIs
 - Use Databricks Community Edition
 - Explore MLflow UI
 - Tutorials
- Q & A

<https://dbricks.co/mlflow-part-1>

Machine Learning Development is Complex

Traditional Software vs. Machine Learning

Traditional Software

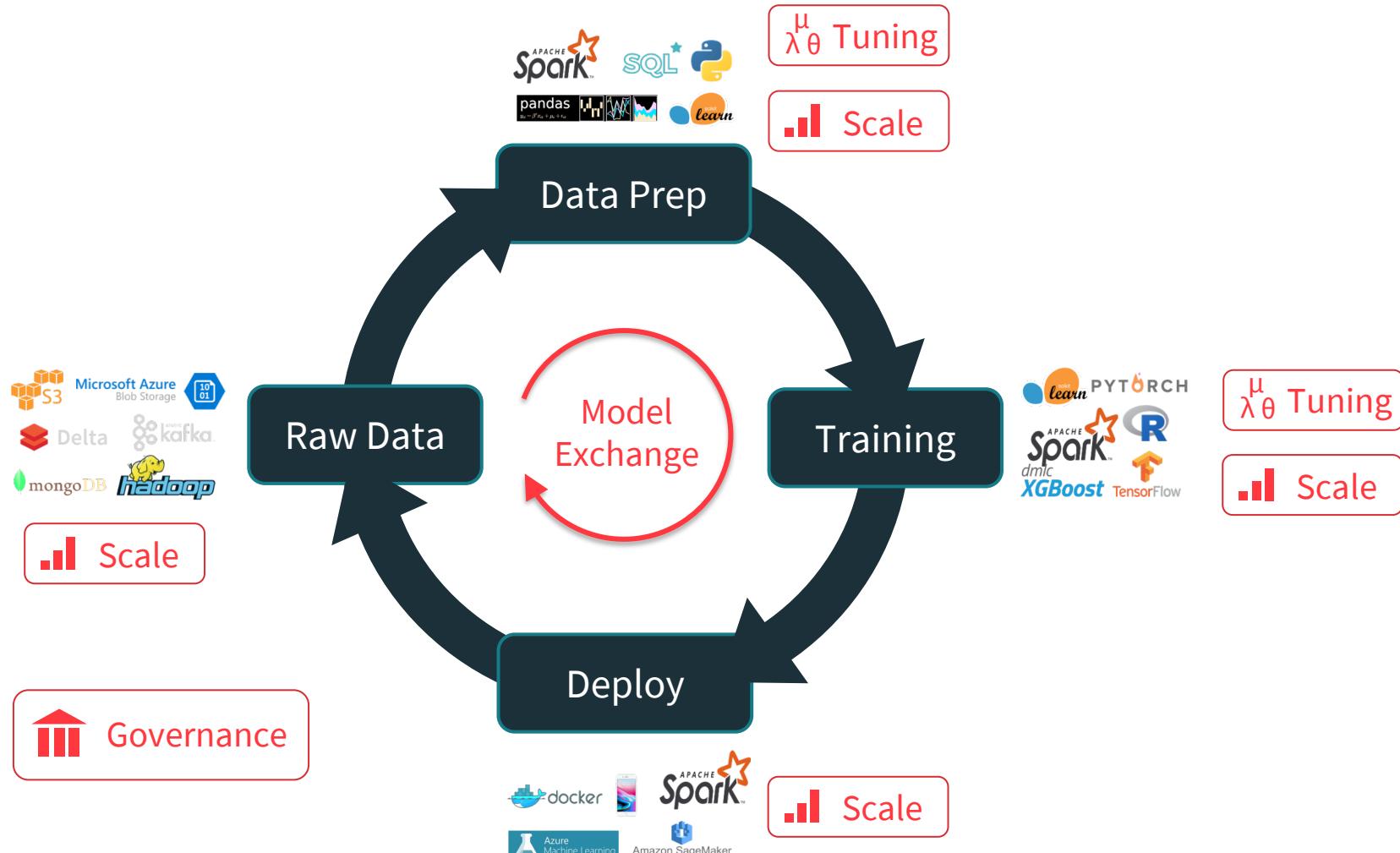
- Goal: Meet a functional specification
- Quality depends only on code
- Typically pick one software stack w/ fewer libraries and tools

Machine Learning

- Goal: Optimize metric(e.g., accuracy). Constantly experiment to improve it
- Quality depends on input data and tuning parameters
- Compare + combine many libraries, model



Machine Learning Lifecycle



Custom Machine Learning Platforms

Some Big Data Companies

- + Standardize the data prep / training / deploy loop:
if you work with the platform, you get these!
- Limited to a few algorithms or frameworks
- Tied to one company's infrastructure
- Out of luck if you left the company....

Can we provide similar benefits in an [open](#) manner?

Introducing **mlflow**

Open machine learning platform

Works with popular ML library & language

Runs the same way anywhere (e.g., any cloud or locally)

Designed to be useful for 1 or 1000+ person orgs

Simple. Modular. Easy-to-use.

Offers positive developer experience to get started!

MLflow Design Philosophy

API-First

- Submit runs, log models, metrics, etc. from popular library & language
- Abstract “model” lambda function that MLflow can then deploy in many places (Docker, Azure ML, Spark UDF)
- Open interface allows easy integration from the community

**Key enabler: built around
Programmatic APIs, REST APIs & CLI**

Modular Design

- Allow different components individually (e.g., use MLflow’s project format but not its deployment tools)
- Not monolithic
- But Distinctive and Selective

**Key enabler: distinct components
(Tracking/Projects/Models/Registry)**

MLflow Components

mlflow Tracking

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

mlflow Projects

Package data science code in a format that enables reproducible runs on any platform

mlflow Models

Deploy machine learning models in diverse serving environments environments

new

mlflow Model Registry

Store, annotate and manage models in a central repository

[databricks.com
/mlflow](https://databricks.com/mlflow)



mlflow.org



github.com/mlflow



twitter.com/MLflow

Key Concepts in MLflow Tracking

Parameters: key-value inputs to your code

Metrics: numeric values (can update over time)

Tags and Notes: information about a run

Artifacts: files, data, and models

Source: what code ran?

Version: what of the code?

Model Development without MLflow

```
data    = load_text(file)
ngrams = extract_ngrams(data, N=n)
model   = train_model(ngrams,
                      learning_rate=lr)
score   = compute_accuracy(model)

print(
    % (n, lr, score))

pickle.dump(model, open(          ))
```

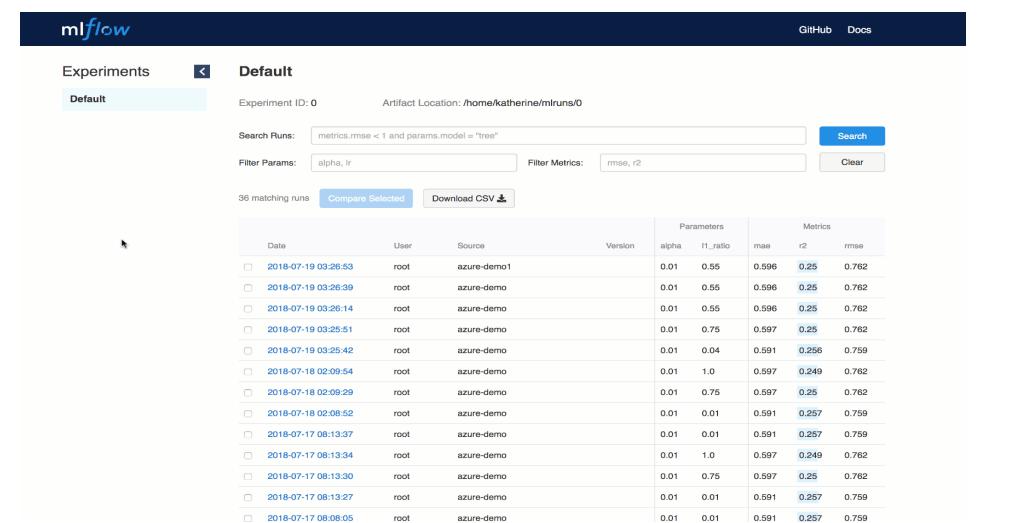
```
For n=2, lr=0.1: accuracy=0.71
For n=2, lr=0.2: accuracy=0.79
For n=2, lr=0.5: accuracy=0.83
For n=2, lr=0.9: accuracy=0.79
For n=3, lr=0.1: accuracy=0.83
For n=3, lr=0.2: accuracy=0.82
For n=4, lr=0.5: accuracy=0.75
...
```

What version of
my code was this
result from?

Model Development with MLflow is Simple!

```
data      = load_text(file)
ngrams   = extract_ngrams(data, N=n)
model    = train_model(ngrams,
                      learning_rate=lr)
score    = compute_accuracy(model)
with mlflow.start_run() as run:
    mlflow.log_param("data_file", file)
    mlflow.log_param("n", n)
    mlflow.log_param("learn_rate", lr)
    mlflow.log_metric("score", score)
    mlflow.sklearn.log_model(model)
```

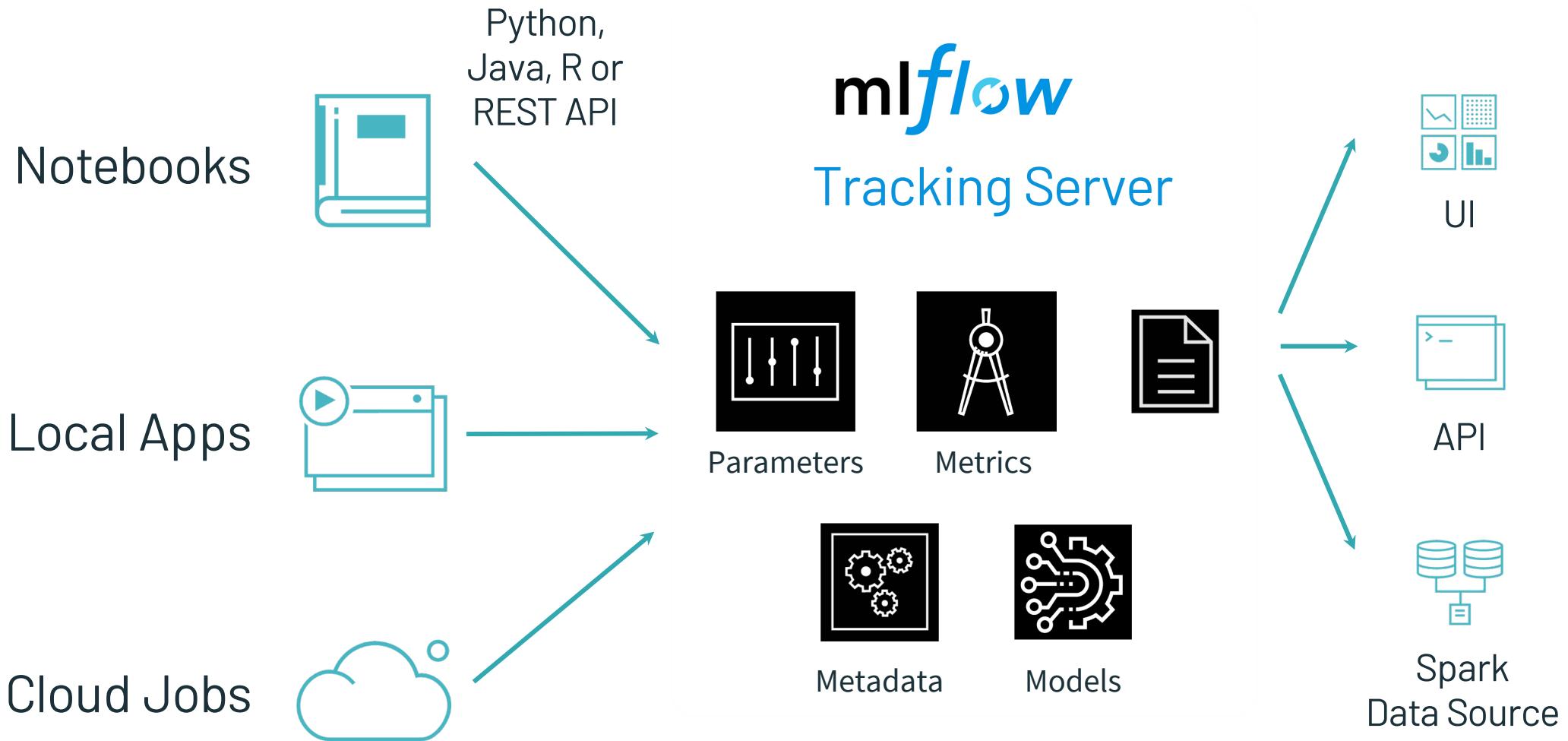
```
$ mlflow ui
```



The screenshot shows the MLflow UI interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the query "metrics.rmse < 1 and params.model = 'tree'". Below the search bar, there are two filter inputs: "Filter Params: alpha, lr" and "Filter Metrics: rmse, r2". A "Clear" button is also present. The main area displays a table of 36 matching runs. The columns in the table are Date, User, Source, Version, Parameters (alpha, l1_ratio), and Metrics (rmse, r2). The data in the table is as follows:

Date	User	Source	Version	Parameters	Metrics
2018-07-19 03:26:53	root	azure-demo1	0.01	0.55	0.596 0.25 0.762
2018-07-19 03:26:39	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.55	0.596 0.25 0.762
2018-07-19 03:26:14	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.55	0.596 0.25 0.762
2018-07-19 03:25:51	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.75	0.597 0.25 0.762
2018-07-19 03:25:42	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.04	0.591 0.256 0.759
2018-07-18 02:09:54	root	azure-demo	0.01	1.0	0.597 0.249 0.762
2018-07-18 02:09:29	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.75	0.597 0.25 0.762
2018-07-18 02:08:52	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.01	0.591 0.257 0.759
2018-07-17 08:13:37	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.01	0.591 0.257 0.759
2018-07-17 08:13:34	root	azure-demo	0.01	1.0	0.597 0.249 0.762
2018-07-17 08:13:30	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.75	0.597 0.25 0.762
2018-07-17 08:13:27	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.01	0.591 0.257 0.759
2018-07-17 08:08:05	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.01	0.591 0.257 0.759

MLflow Tracking



MLflow Tracking Backend Stores

Entity (Metadata) Store

- FileStore (local filesystem)
- SQLStore (via SQLAlchemy)
 - PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite

Artifact Store

- S3 backed store
- Azure Blob storage
- Google Cloud Storage
- DBFS artifact repo

What Did We Talk About?

Modular Components greatly simplify the ML Lifecycle

- Open machine learning platform
- Available APIs: Python, Java and R
(Soon Scala)

Developer Experience

- API-First and Modular design
- Simple. Easy-to-use
- Offers positive developer experience to get started

Learning More About MLflow

- pip install mlflow to get started
- Find docs & examples at mlflow.org
- Peruse code at [MLflow Github](https://github.com/mlflow/mlflow)
- Join the [Slack channel](#)
- More [MLflow tutorials](#)

MLflow Tracking Tutorials

<https://github.com/dmatrix/mlflow-workshop-part-1>

Thank you! 😊

Q & A

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