



mlflow: Platform for Complete Machine Learning Lifecycle

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I have used **ML Frameworks** Before...





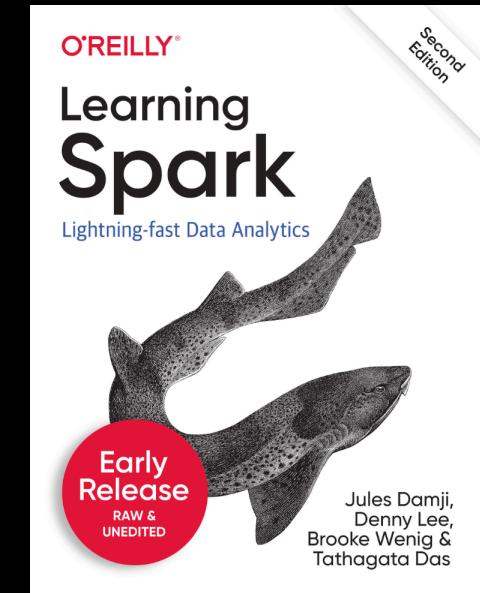
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VISION

Accelerate innovation by unifying data science,
engineering and business

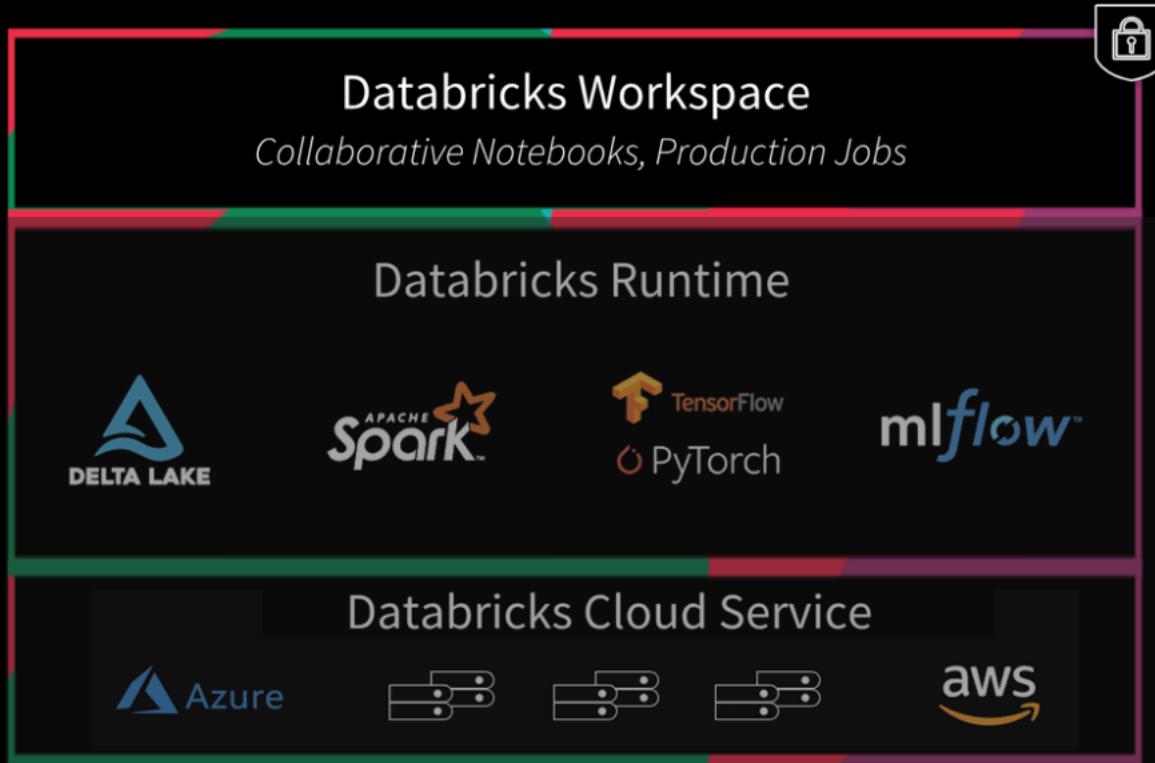
SOLUTION

Unified Analytics Platform

WHO WE ARE

- Original creators of   
- 2000+ global companies use our platform across big data & machine learning lifecycle

The Unified Analytics Platform



Outline

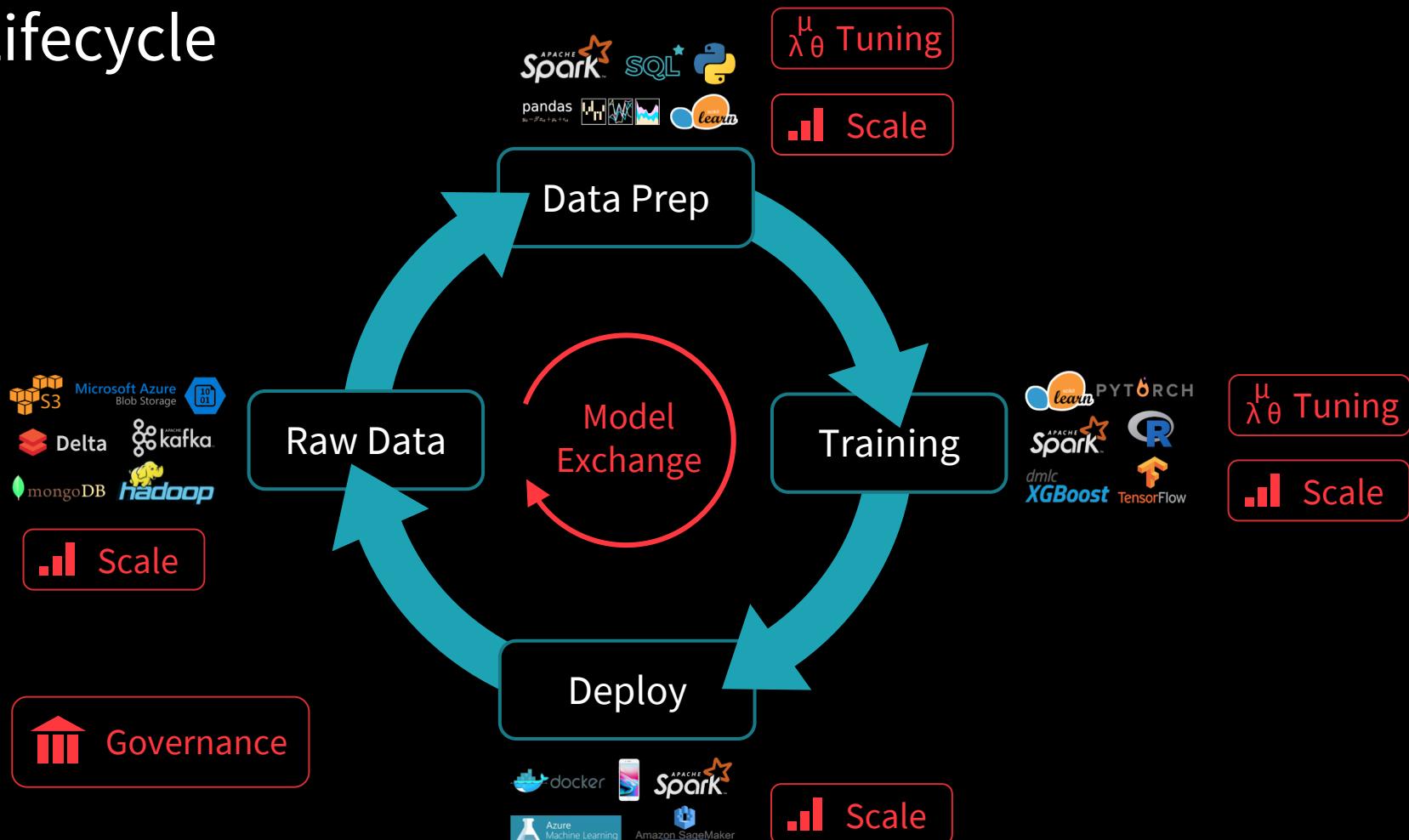
- Overview of ML development challenges
- How MLflow tackles these
- MLflow Components
- Ongoing Roadmap
- Managed MLflow Demo
- Q & A
- (Break?)
- Set up Environment
- Hands of Tutorial

Machine Learning Development is Complex

ML Development Challenges

1. Zoo of software tools
2. Tracking & reproducing results
3. Productionizing models
4. Scaling

ML Lifecycle



Custom ML Platforms

Facebook FBLearn, Uber Michelangelo, Google TFX

+ 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. 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

Key enabler: built around REST APIs and 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)

MLflow Components

mlflow Tracking

Record and query experiments: code, configs, results, ...etc

mlflow Projects

Packaging format for reproducible runs on any platform

mlflow Models

General model format that supports diverse deployment tools

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("For n=%d, lr=%f: accuracy=%f"
      % (n, lr, score))

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

```
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?

Key Concepts in 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?

MLflow Tracking API: Simple!

mlflow Tracking

Record and query experiments: code, configs, results, ...etc

```
import mlflow

# log model's tuning parameters

with mlflow.start_run():
    mlflow.log_param("layers", layers)
    mlflow.log_param("alpha", alpha)

# log model's metrics
mlflow.log_metric("mse", model.mse())
mlflow.log_artifact("plot", model.plot(test_df))
mlflow.tensorflow.log_model(model)
```

Model Development with MLflow is Simple!

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mlflow.log_param("data_file", file)
mlflow.log_param("n", n)
mlflow.log_param("learning_rate", lr)
mlflow.log_metric("score", score)

mlflow.sklearn.log_model(model)
```

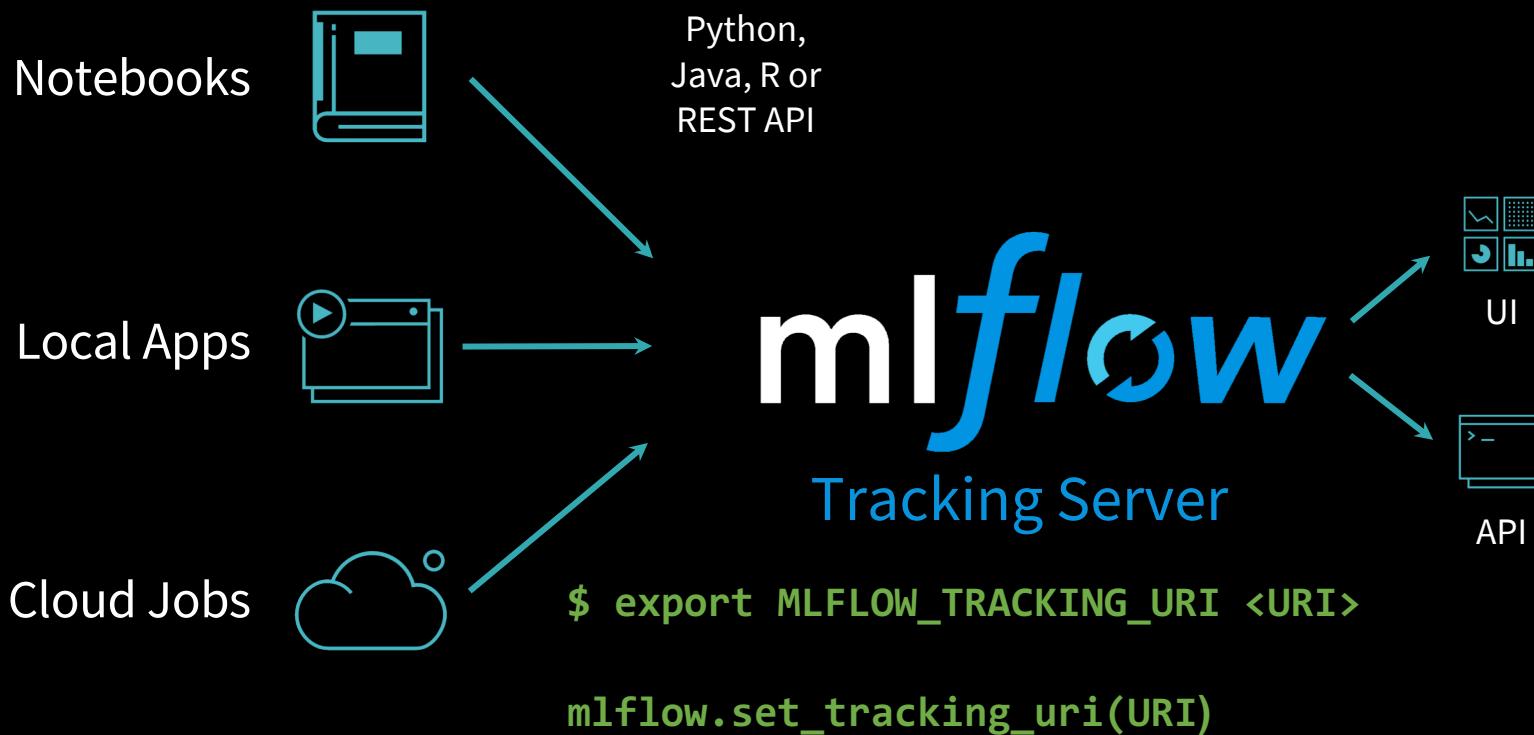
\$ mlflow ui

Data	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	0.597 0.25 0.762
2018-07-19 03:26:14	root	azure-demo	0.01	0.55	0.597 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	0.61	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

Track parameters, metrics, output files & code version

Search using UI or API

MLflow Tracking



MLflow Tracking Backend Stores

1. Entity (Metadata) Store

- FileStore (local filesystem)
- SQLStore (via SQLAlchemy)

2. Artifact Store

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

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MLflow Projects Motivation

Diverse set of tools



Diverse set of environments

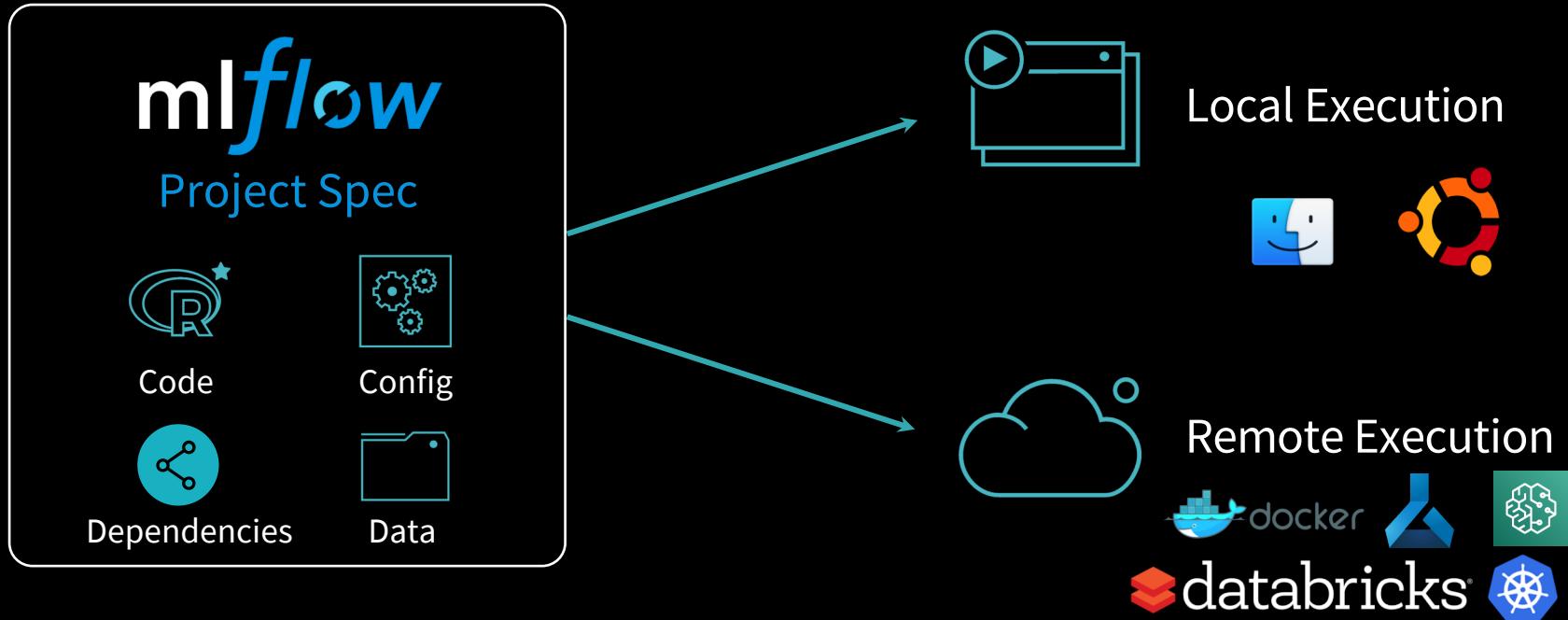


mlflow
Projects

Packaging format
for reproducible
runs
on any platform

Result: It is difficult to productionize and share.

MLflow Projects



MLflow Projects

Packaging format for reproducible ML runs

- Any code folder or GitHub repository
- Optional MLproject file with project configuration

Defines dependencies for reproducibility

- Conda (+ R, Docker, ...) dependencies can be specified in MLproject
- Reproducible in (almost) any environment

Execution API for running projects

- CLI / Python / R / Java
- Supports local and remote execution

Example MLflow Project

```
my_project/
  └── MLproject
      ├── conda.yaml
      ├── main.py
      ├── model.py
      └── ...

```

```
conda_env: conda.yaml

entry_points:
  main:
    parameters:
      training_data: path
      lambda: {type: float, default: 0.1}
    command: python main.py {training_data} {lambda}
```

```
$ mlflow run git://<my_project> -P lambda=0.2
mlflow.run("git://<my_project>", ...)
```

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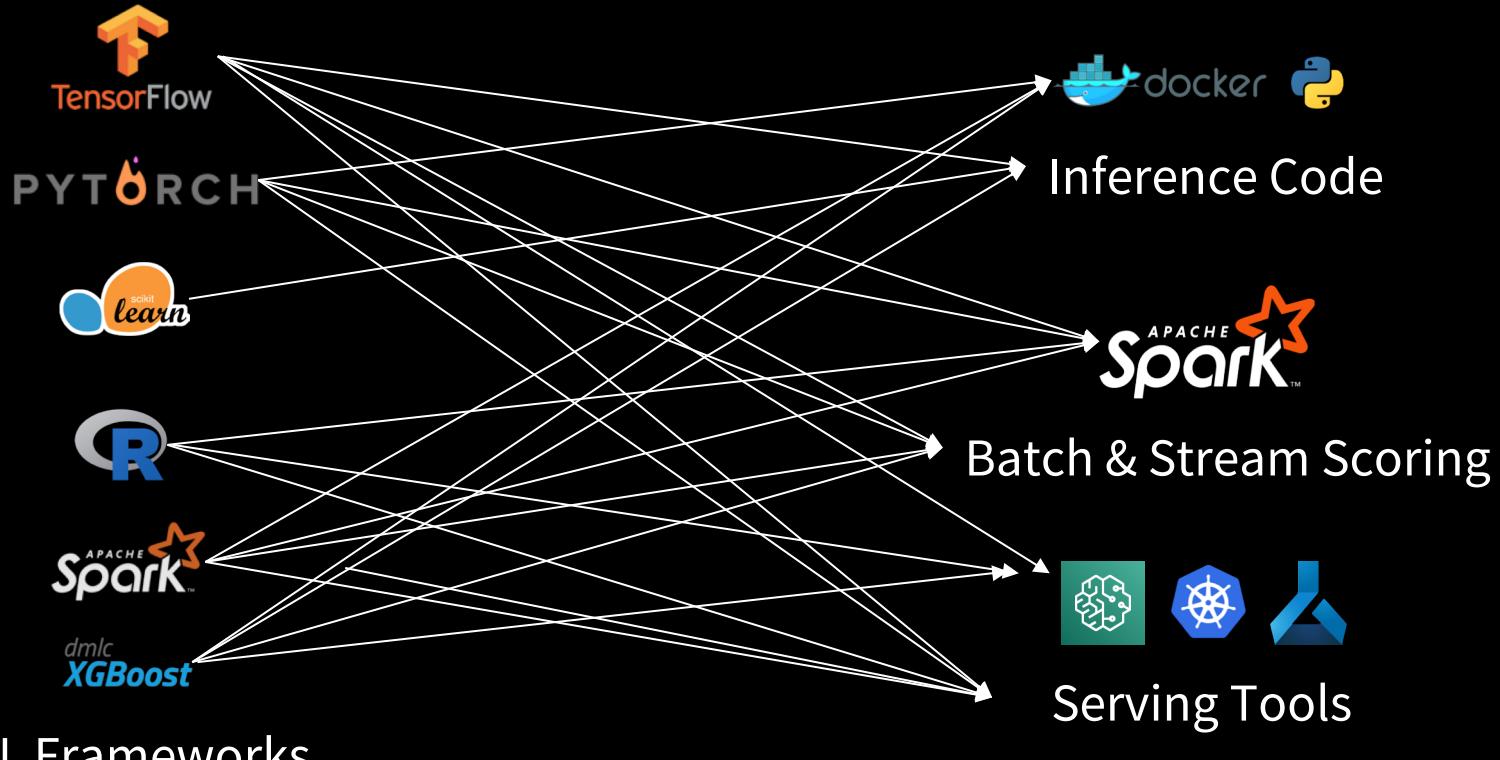
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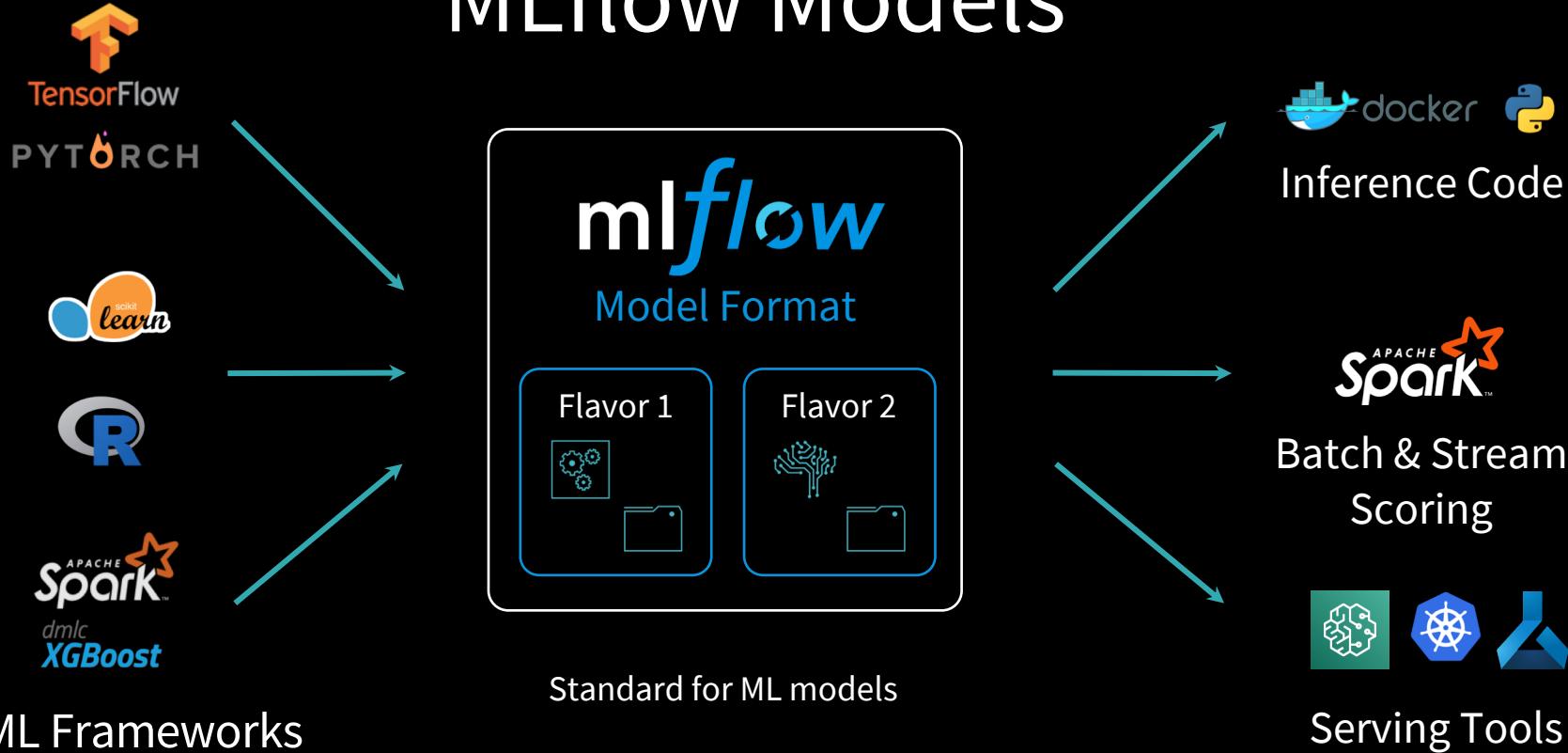
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MLflow Model Motivation



ML Frameworks

MLflow Models



Example MLflow Model

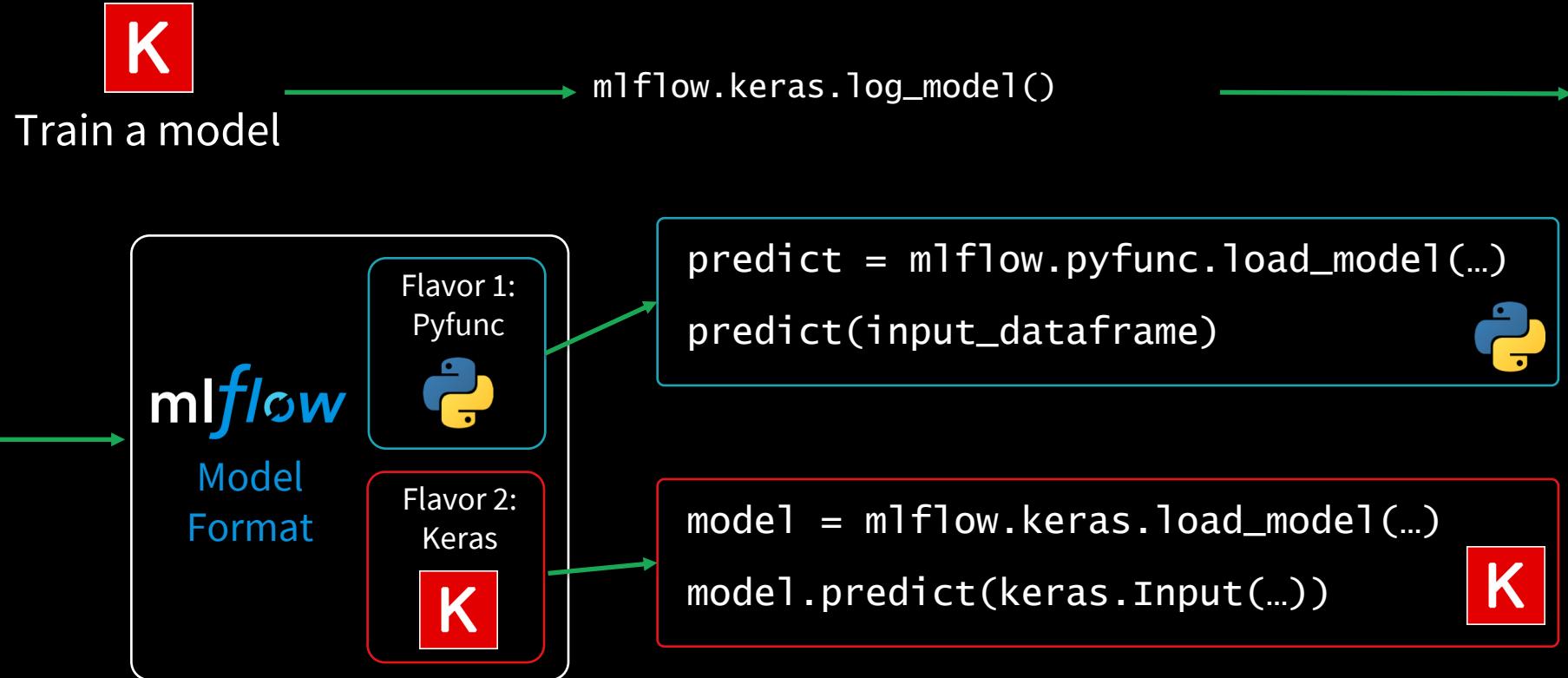
```
my_model/  
└── MLmodel
```

```
run_id: 769915006efd4c4bbd662461  
time_created: 2018-06-28T12:34  
flavors:  
    tensorflow:  
        saved_model_dir: estimator  
        signature_def_key: predict  
    python_function:  
        loader_module: mlflow.tensorflow
```

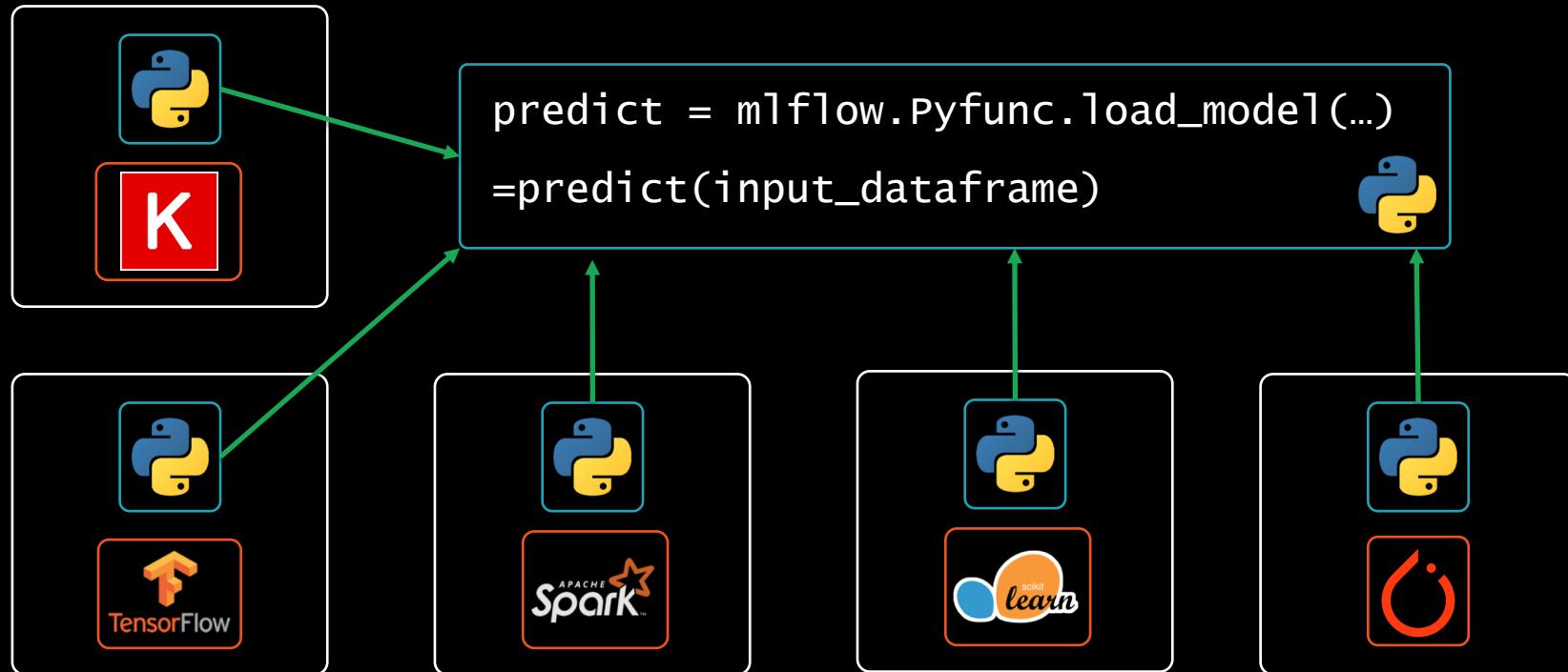
} Usable by tools that understand TensorFlow model format
} Usable by any tool that can run Python (Docker, Spark, etc!)

```
└── estimator/  
    └── saved_model.pb  
    └── variables/  
        ...  
        >>> mlflow.tensorflow.log_model(...)
```

Model Flavors Example



Model Flavors Example



MLflow Roadmap 1.2 & Beyond

MLflow 1.2 was released recently! Major features:

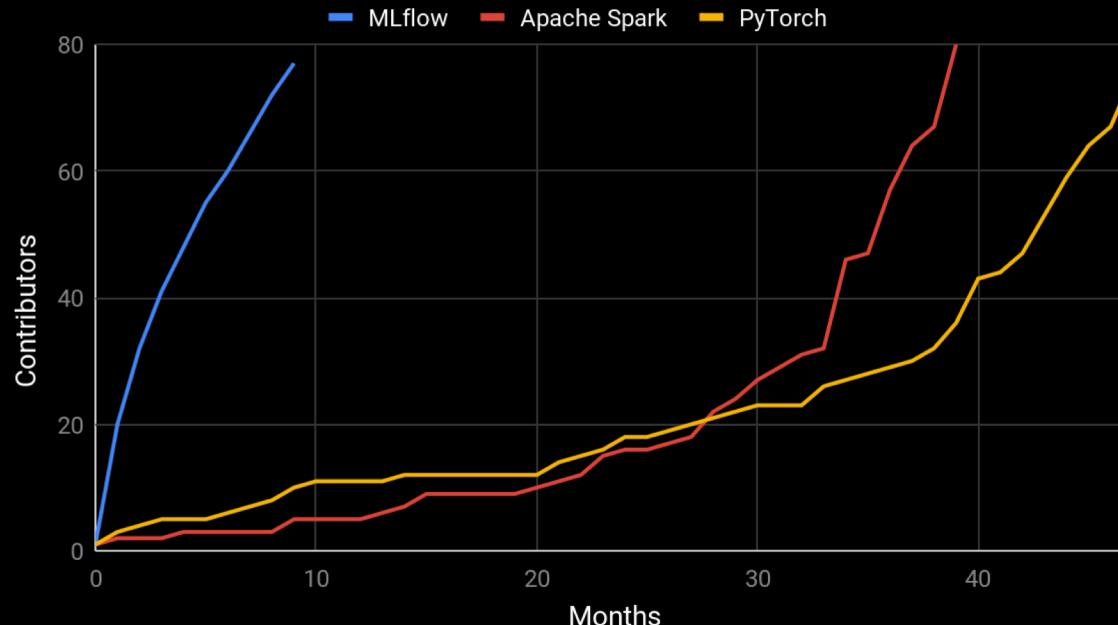
- New metrics UI
- Model metadata & management & registry
- Multi-step workflows
- Improved search capabilities
- Support for ONNX models

MLflow Project & Community Growth

Rapid Community Adoption

- 77 code contributors from > 40 companies in the past 8 months

Project Contributors Over Time



Learning More About MLflow

- `pip install mlflow` to get started
- Find docs & examples at mlflow.org
- <https://github.com/mlflow/mlflow>
- tinyurl.com/mlflow-slack

What Did We Talk About? **mlflow**

Workflow tools can greatly simplify the ML lifecycle

- Simplify lifecycle development
- Lightweight, open platform that integrates easily
- Available APIs: Python, Java & R
- Easy to install and use
- Develop locally and track locally or remotely
- Deploy locally, cloud, on premise...
- Visualize experiments



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Managed MLflow Demo



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