

Lecture 2: Virtual Machines & Virtual Environments

AI-5

Productionizing AI (MLOps)

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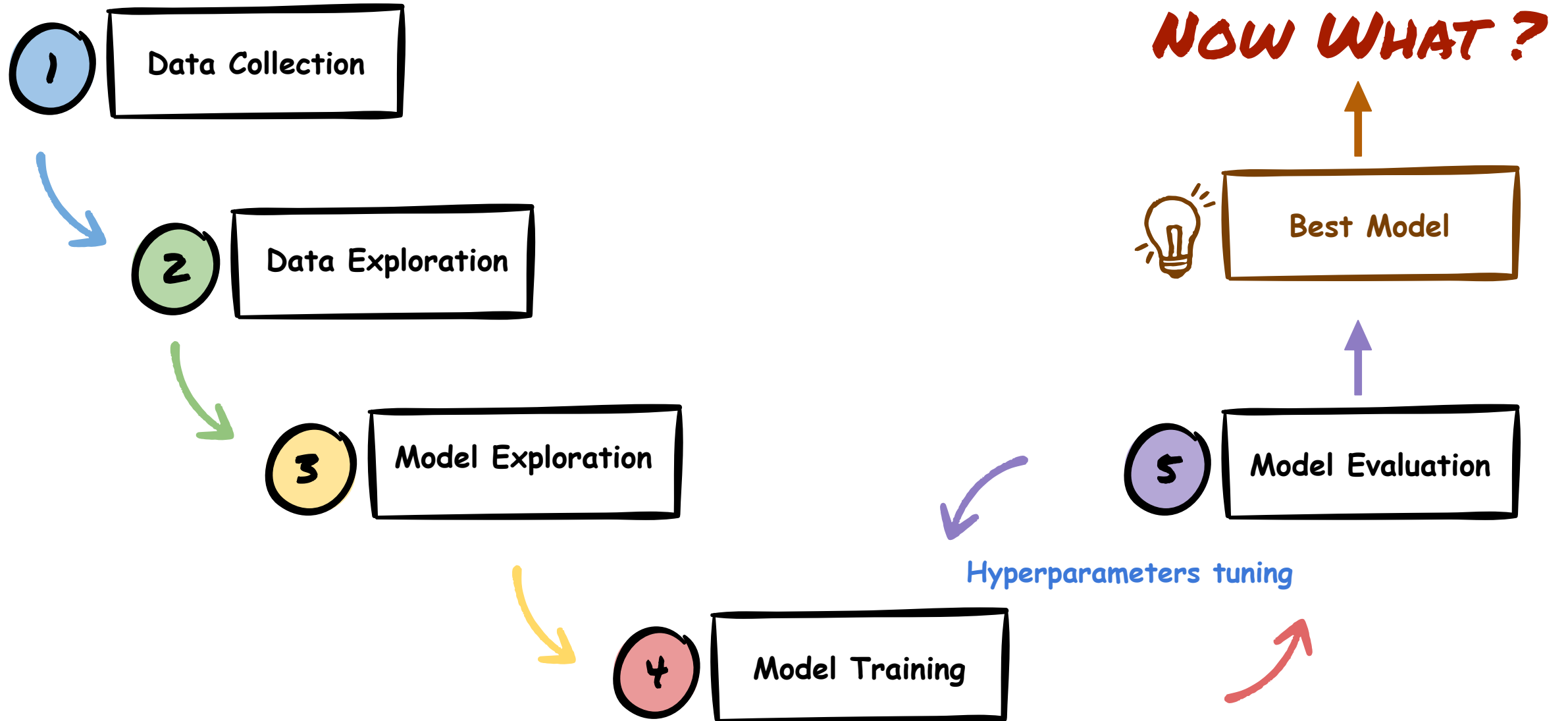
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Motivation: Deep Learning Flow



Motivation: Best Model

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We want to build a 🍄 Mushroom Finder App

- Pavlos likes to go the forest for mushroom picking
- Some mushrooms can be poisonous
- Help build an app to identify mushroom type and if poisonous or not

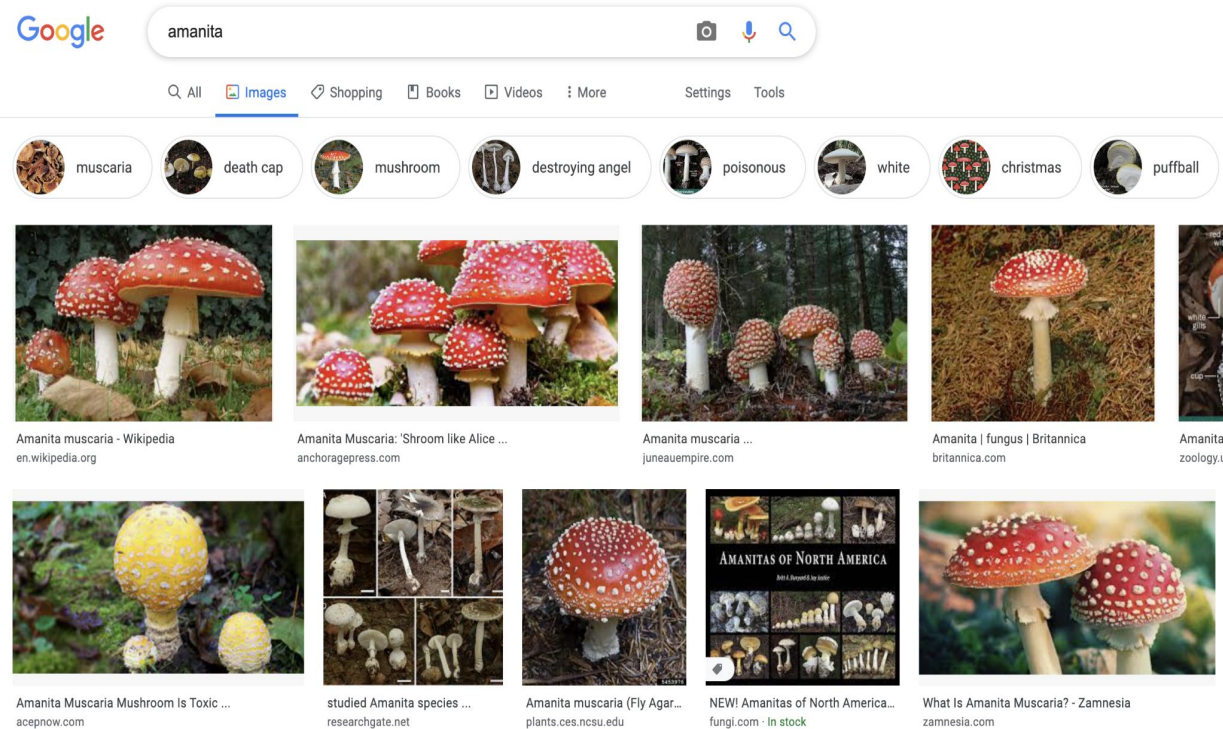


Credit: Nikolas Protopapas



Mushroom App: Data

- Collect images from Google
- For our demo we downloaded images for mushrooms **oyster**, **crimini**, **amanita (Poisonous)**
- Images organized into 3 labels



Python Script



Mushroom App: Models

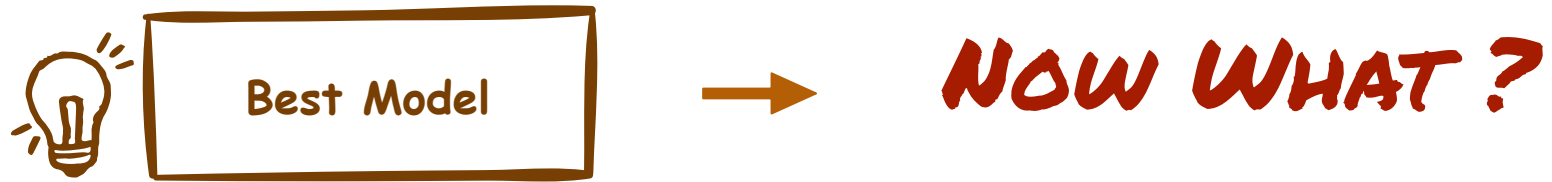
- Identify our problem task
- Try various model architectures
- Transfer Learning
- Hyperparameters tuning
- Experiment Tracking

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Mushroom App: Best Model





Mushroom App

- We want to build an app to take a photo of a mushroom and it helps us identify the type of mushroom
- How do we build the app?



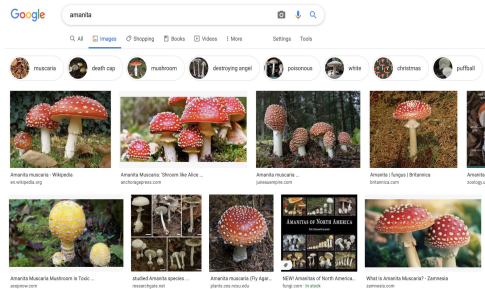
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How do we build an App?

- Collaborate with team to **design** and **develop**
- Expose best model as an **API**
- Build a **frontend** using HTML & javascript
- **Integrate** model prediction API into the app
- **Deploy** app to a cloud provider
- <http://awesome-mushroom-app.com> [Go live]

How do we build an App?

Data Collection



Python Script

Data Exploration
Model Exploration
Model Training
Model Evaluation

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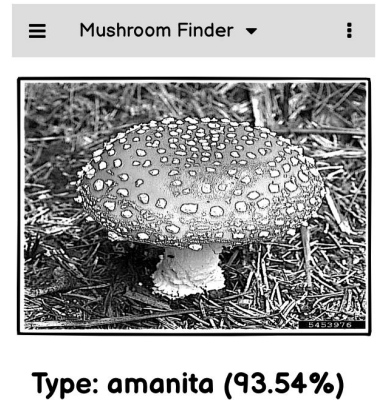
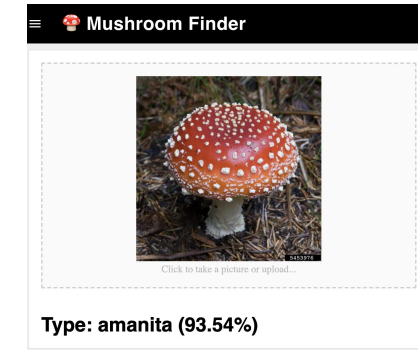
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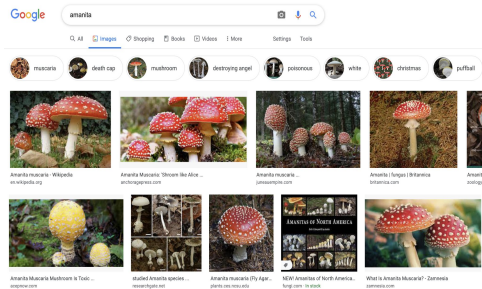
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IDE / Code Editor



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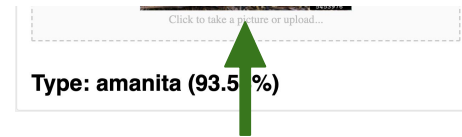
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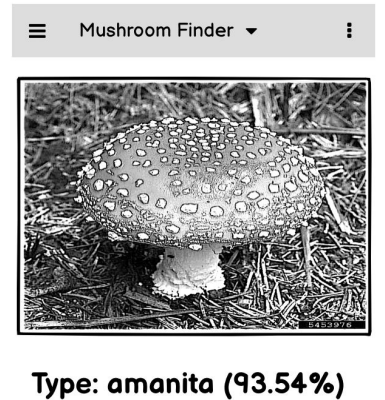
Mushroom Finder

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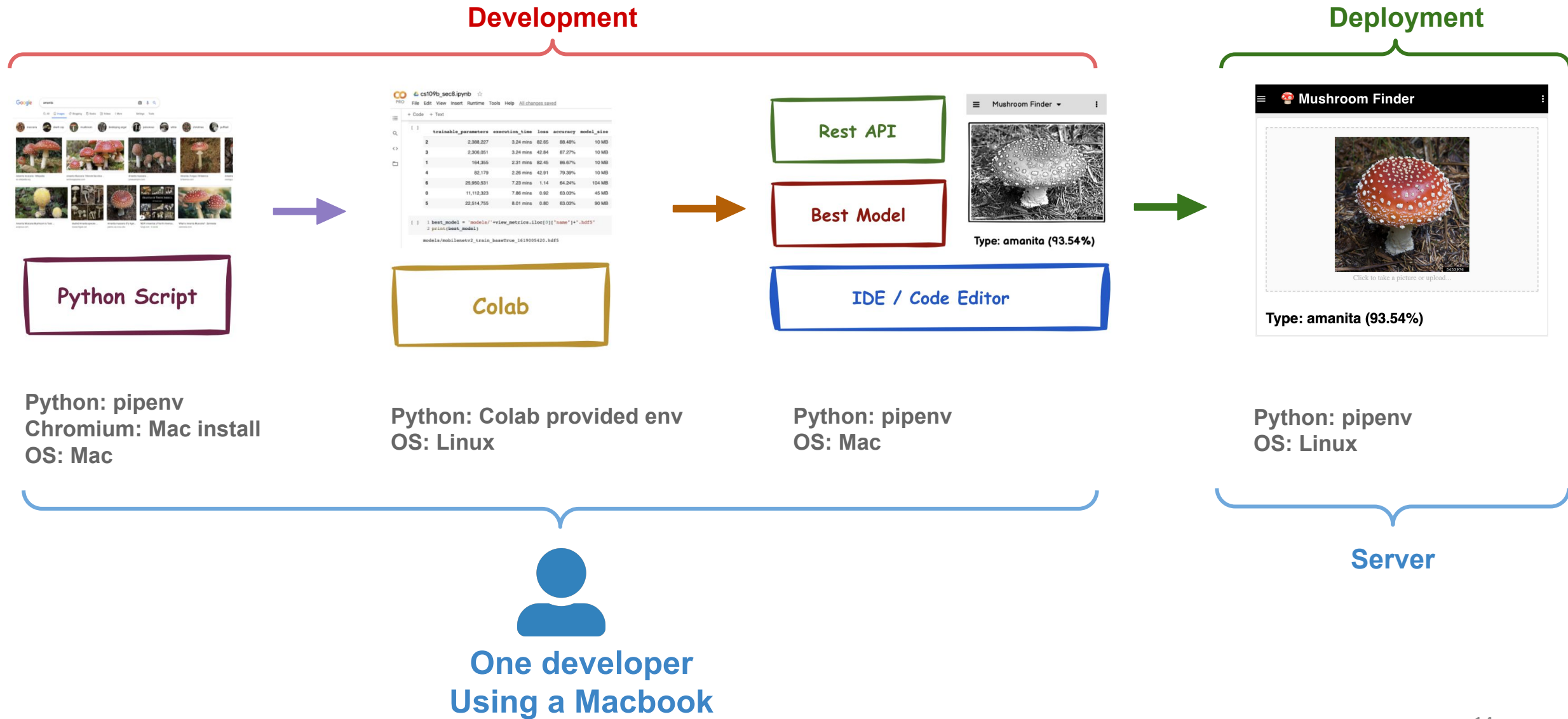
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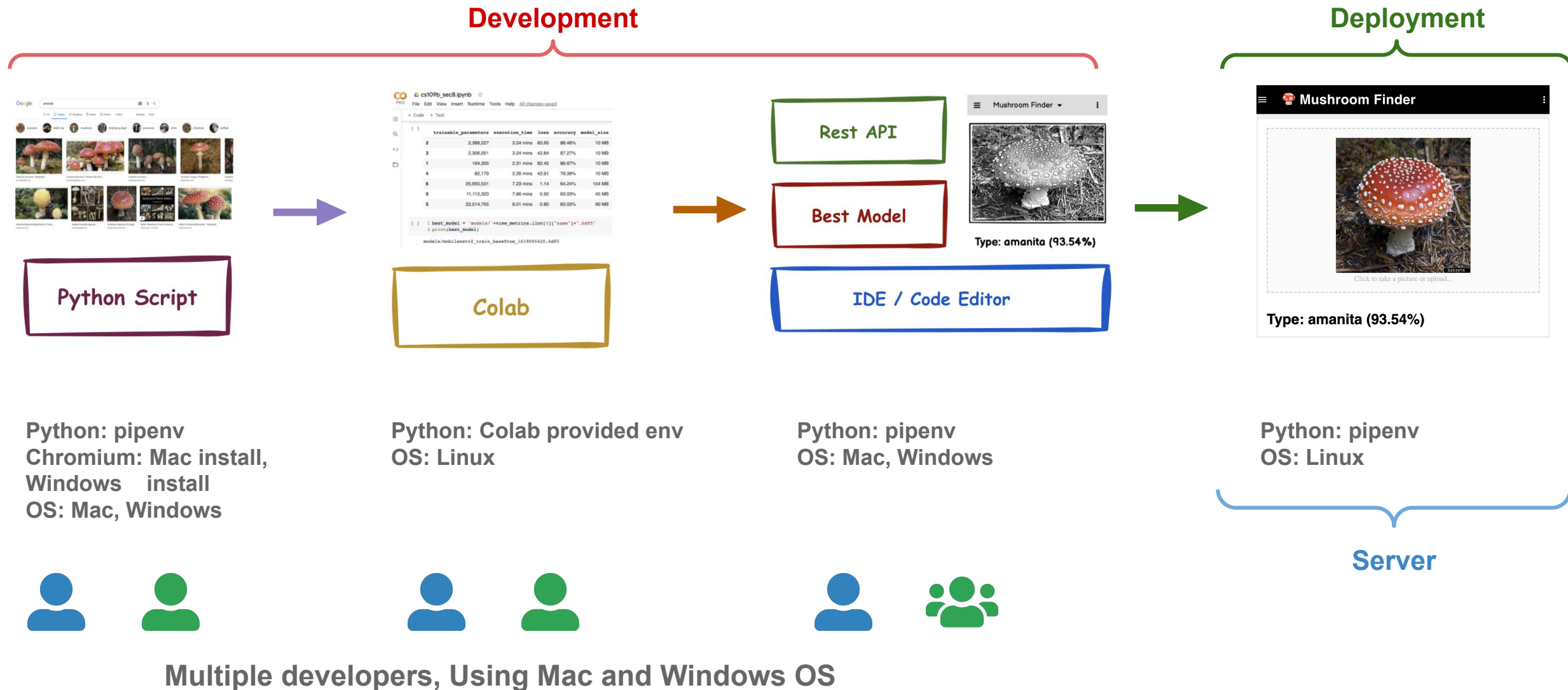


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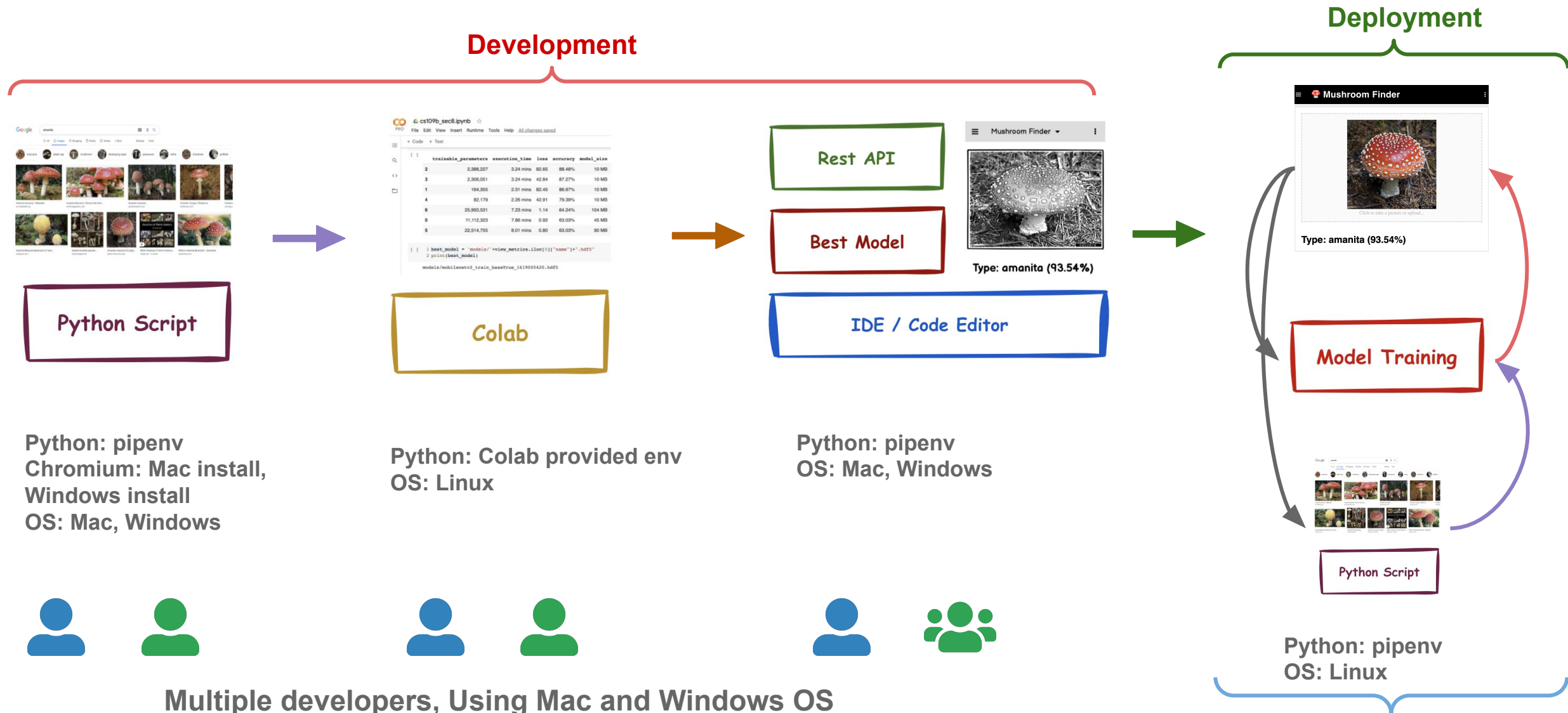
Challenges



Challenges - Multiple Developers



Challenges - Multiple Developers + Automation



Challenges / Solutions

Challenges:

- Required Installations for Specific Operating Systems
- Guidelines for Code Collaboration
- Methods for Sharing Datasets and Models
- Automation of Data Gathering and Model Training
- Onboarding Procedures for New Team Members
- Resolving "It Works on My Machine" Issues `_(ツ)_/`

Solutions:

- Isolate development into environments that can be shared
- Develop in a common OS regardless of developers host OS
- Track software/framework installs

Tools

- Virtual Machines
- Virtual Environments
- Containers

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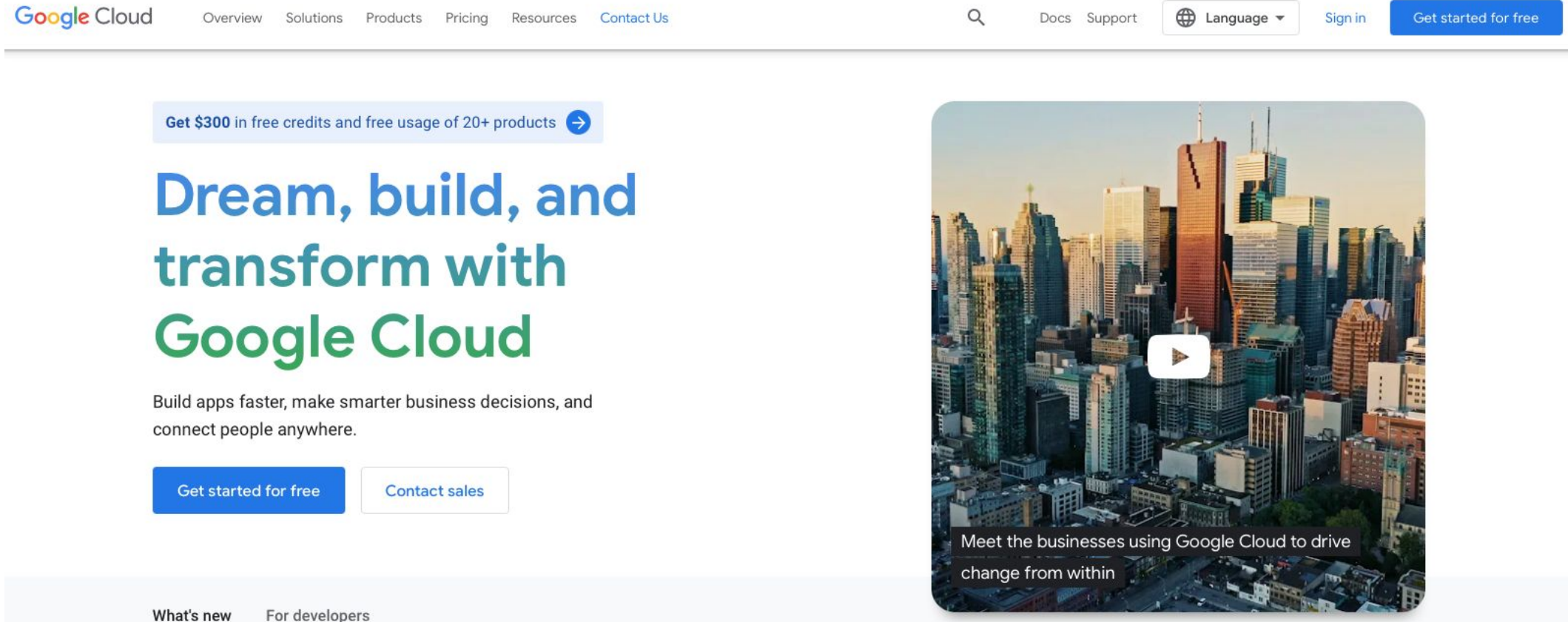
Running the Simple-Translate App on a **Virtual Machine**

To achieve this, follow the steps below:

- Create a Virtual Machine Instance.
- SSH into the Virtual Machine.
- Install Required Dependencies: git, Python.
- Download and Execute the Simple-Translate Python Script.
- For detailed instructions, please refer to the following link:
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Virtual Machines Tutorial

Google Cloud Platform: <https://cloud.google.com>



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Google Cloud

Overview Solutions Products Pricing Resources Contact Us

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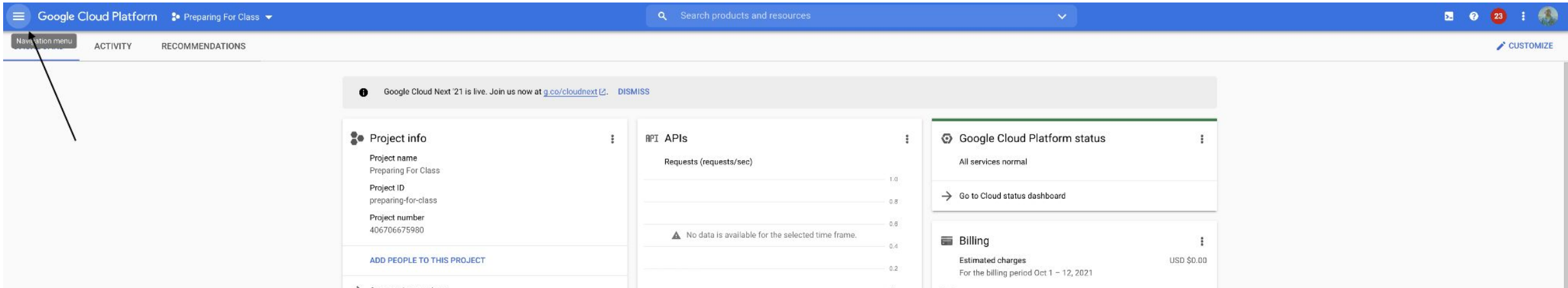
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What's new For developers

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Go to Navigation Menu



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Virtual Machines Tutorial

Select compute engine

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud console interface for the project 'ac215-project'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like 'Cloud overview', 'Products & solutions', 'PINNED', and 'MORE PRODUCTS'. The 'Compute Engine' link is highlighted under the 'PINNED' section. A blue arrow points from the text 'Select compute engine' to this link. The main content area displays a 'Welcome' message, project information, and quick access buttons for various services including 'Create a VM', 'Run a query in BigQuery', 'Create a GKE cluster', and 'Create a storage bucket'.

Virtual Machines Tutorial

Select Virtual Machines

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Google Cloud Platform

Preparing For Class

Search products and resources

Compute Engine

VM instances

CREATE INSTANCE

IMPORT VM

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CREATE SCHEDULE

Filter Enter property name or value

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CREATE INSTANCE

TAKE THE QUICKSTART

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Select all defaults

Google Cloud Platform

Preparing For Class

Search products and resources

Create an instance

To create a VM instance, select one of the options:

New VM instance

Create a single VM instance from scratch

New VM instance from template

Create a single VM instance from an existing template

New VM instance from machine image

Create a single VM instance from an existing machine image

Marketplace

Deploy a ready-to-go solution onto a VM instance

GENERAL-PURPOSE

COMPUTE-OPTIMIZED

MEMORY-OPTIMIZED

GPU

Machine types for common workloads, optimized for cost and flexibility

Series

E2

CPU platform selection based on availability

Machine type

e2-medium (2 vCPU, 4 GB memory)

vCPU

1 shared core

Memory

4 GB

CPU PLATFORM AND GPU

Display device

Enable to use screen capturing and recording tools.

Enable display device

Confidential VM service

Enable the Confidential Computing service on this VM instance.

Container

Deploy a container image to this VM instance

DEPLOY CONTAINER

Boot disk

Disk type

New balanced persistent disk

Disk size

10 GB

Image

Debian GNU/Linux 10 (buster)

CHANGE

Identity and API access

Service accounts

Service account

Compute Engine default service account

Access scopes

Allow default access

Allow full access to all Cloud APIs

Set access for each API

Monthly estimate

\$25.46

That's about \$0.03 hourly

Pay for what you use: No upfront costs and per second billing

DETAILS

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Virtual Machines Tutorial

Wait for instance to start and click on ssh

Google Cloud Platform

Preparing For Class

Search products and resources

Compute Engine

Virtual machines

VM instances

Instance templates

Sole-tenant nodes

Machine images

TPUs

Committed use discounts

Migrate for Compute Engi...

Storage

Disks

Snapshots

Images

Instance groups

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DELETE

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INSTANCE SCHEDULE

VM instances are highly configurable virtual machines for running workloads on Google infrastructure. [Learn more](#)

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Related actions

View billing report

View and manage your Compute Engine billing

Monitor VMs

View outlier VMs across metrics like CPU and network

Explore VM logs

View, search, analyze, and download VM instance logs

Set up firewall rules

Control traffic to and from a VM instance

Patch management

Schedule patch updates and view patch compliance on VM instances

DISMISS

Virtual Machines Tutorial

And here is your virtual machine

```
ssh.cloud.google.com/projects/preparing-for-class/zones/us-central1-a/instances/instance-1?authuser=0&hl=en_US&projectN...  
Connected, host fingerprint: ssh-rsa 0 B3:0F:76:49:9A:9A:D5:DD:7C:CC:3B:2B:2E:5B  
18:DB:C0:2C:D0:B3:EE:98:31:F3:10:8E:02:54:CC:E4:72:BE  
Linux instance-1 4.19.0-17-cloud-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.19.194-3 (2021-07-18) x86_64  
  
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;  
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent  
permitted by applicable law.  
protopapas@instance-1:~$
```

git clone <https://github.com/dlops-io/simple-translate.git>

Why should we use virtual machines?

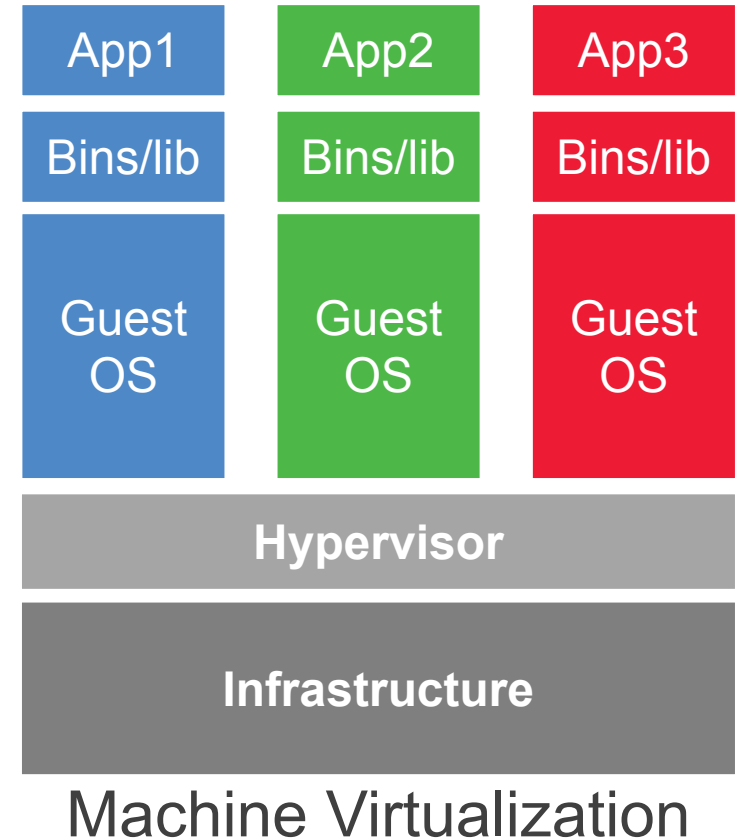
Motivation

- **Uniform Operating Environments:** Desire for a standardized OS across all team member workstations.
- **Consistent Software Configuration:** Requirement for identical software setups across the team.
- **Effortless Instance Management:** The need for simple procedures to instantiate and terminate VMs.

Virtual Machines!

Key Components of Virtual Machines & Hypervisors?

- Virtual machines **mimic** real hardware like CPUs and hard drives.
- **Hypervisors** manage these virtual machines on a server.
- **Unlimited** VMs can be run, subject to hardware limits.
- The main OS is the "**host**," and VMs run "**guest**" OS.
- Guest VMs can have different operating systems.



Why should we use virtual machines?

Advantages

- **Complete Autonomy:** it works like a separate computer system; it is like running a computer within a computer.
- **Enhance Security:** the software inside the virtual machine cannot affect the actual computer.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Purchase a single machine and run multiple operating systems.
- **Widely Adopted:** Utilized by all major cloud providers for on-demand server instances.

Software for Virtualization

- VirtualBox
- VMWare
- Parallels

Why should we use virtual machines?

Limitations

- **Local Hardware Dependency:** Relies on the hardware resources of the host machine.
- **Limited Portability:** Large file sizes can impede easy transfer or deployment.
- **Resource Overhead:** Additional computational and memory resources are required to operate.
- **Reduced Performance:** The guest system typically runs slower than the host environment.
- **Slow Initialization:** Extended startup times compared to native systems.
- **Graphics Constraints:** May lack the graphical capabilities of the host system.

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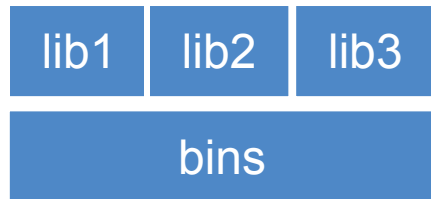
What are virtual environments

A virtual environment is an isolated Python setting in which the interpreter can execute libraries and scripts independently of other virtual environments.

- Consider a virtual environment as a **directory** containing the following **components**:
 - *`site_packages/`: A directory where third-party libraries are installed.*
 - *Symlinks: Links to system executables.*
 - *Scripts: These ensure that the code utilizes the interpreter and site packages specific to the virtual environment.*

Why should we use virtual environment?

Maggie took CS109B and used to run her Jupyter notebooks from the Anaconda prompt. Whenever she installed a module, it was placed in one of the following folders: `bin`, `lib`, `share`, or `include`. She could then import the module and used it without any issue.



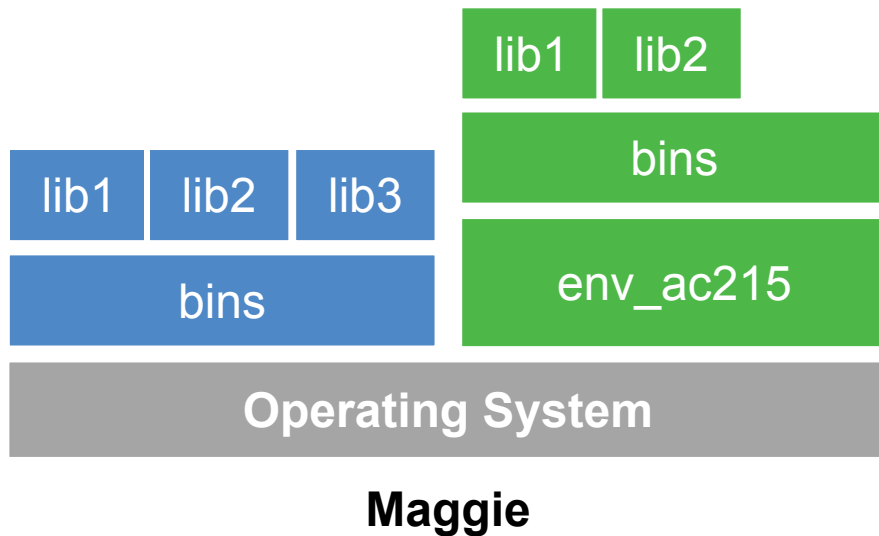
Operating System

Maggie

```
$ which python
/c/Users/maggie/Anaconda3/python
```

Why should we use virtual environment?

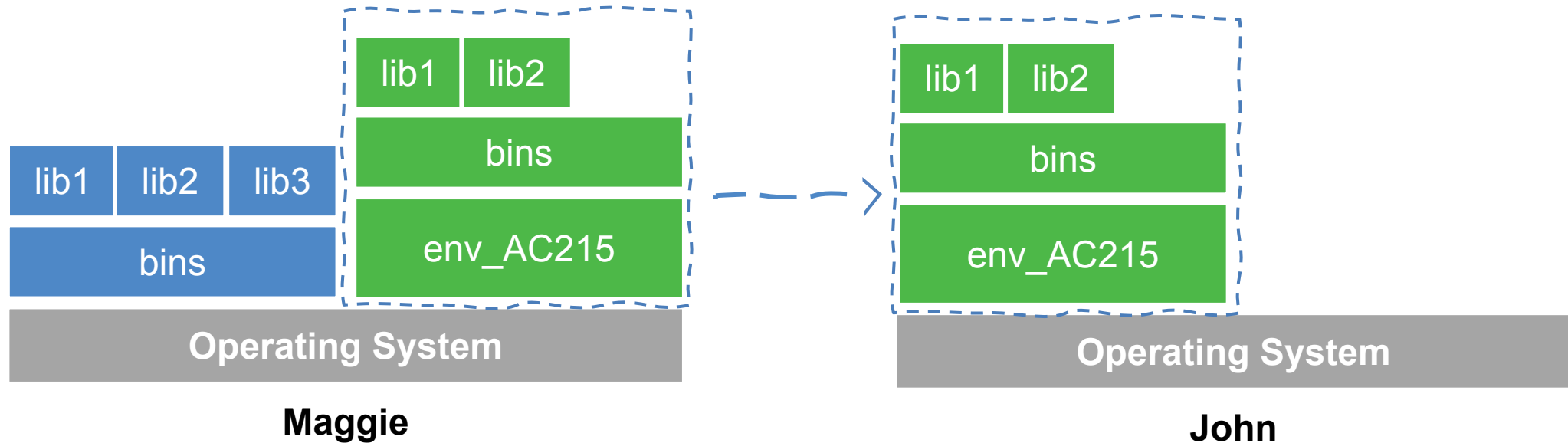
Maggie begins taking AC215 and decides that **isolating** the new coding environment from previous ones would be beneficial to avoid package conflicts. To achieve this, she employs a layer of **abstraction** known as a virtual environment. This helps her keep modules organized and prevents issues while developing new projects.



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/c/Users/maggie/Anaconda3/envs/env_ac215/python
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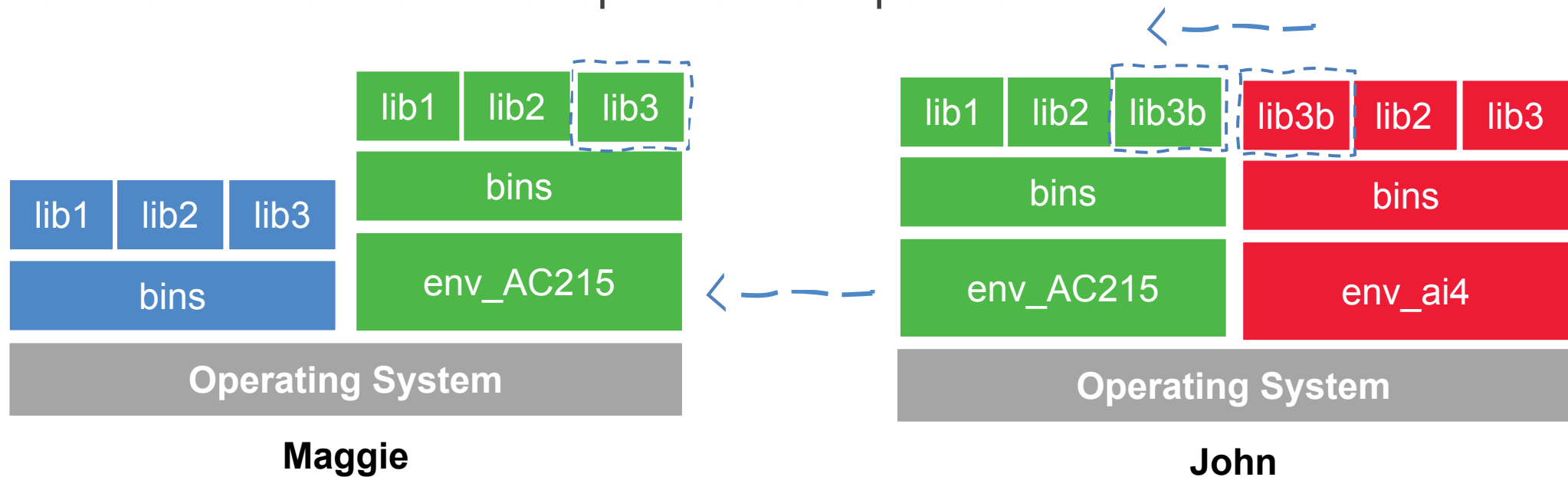
Why should we use virtual environment?

For the final project, Maggie collaborates with John and shares her working environment by distributing a .yml file for the Conda environment.



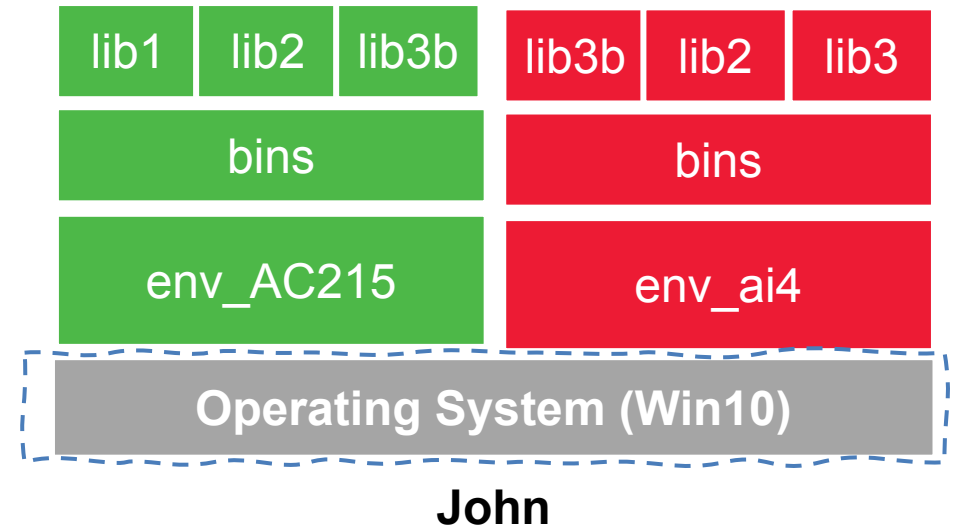
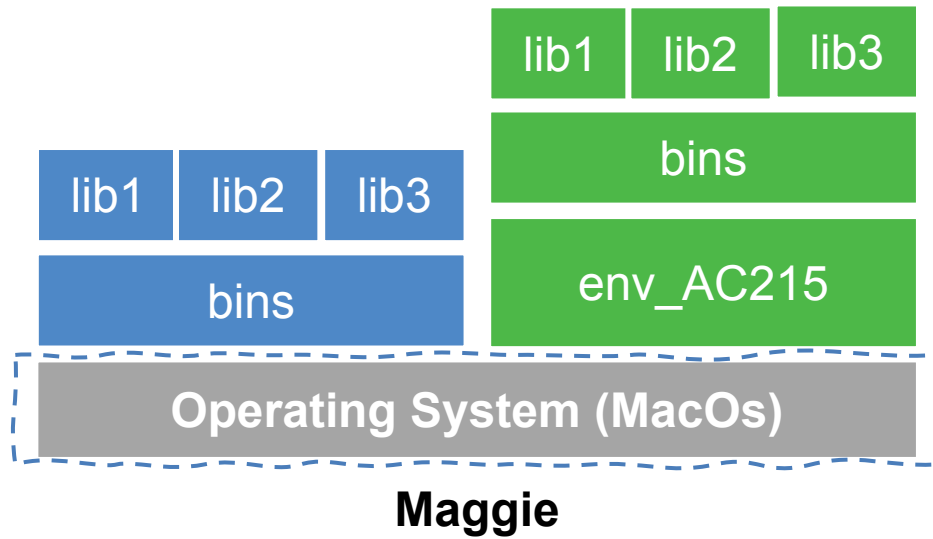
Why should we use virtual environment?

John experiments with a new method he learned in another class and adds a new library to the working environment. After seeing tremendous improvements, he sends Maggie back his code and a new .yml file (for conda env). She can now update her environment and replicate the experiment.



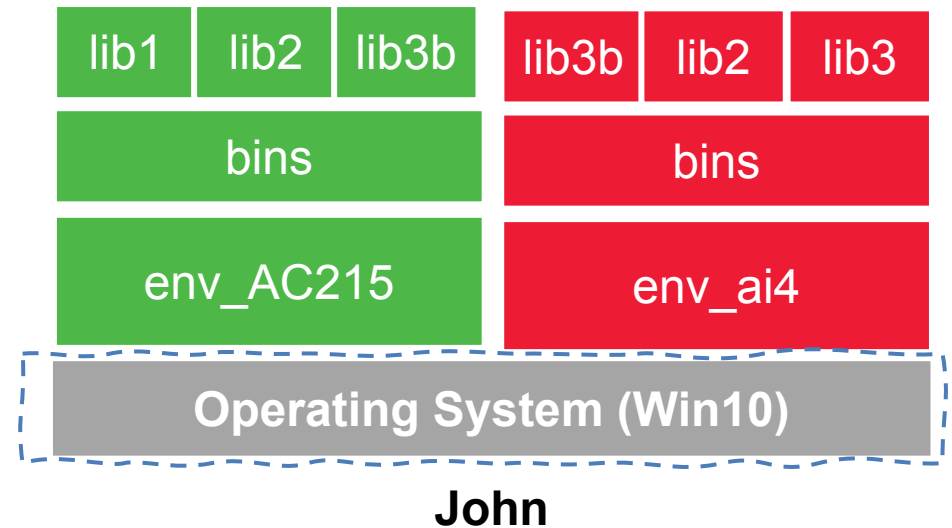
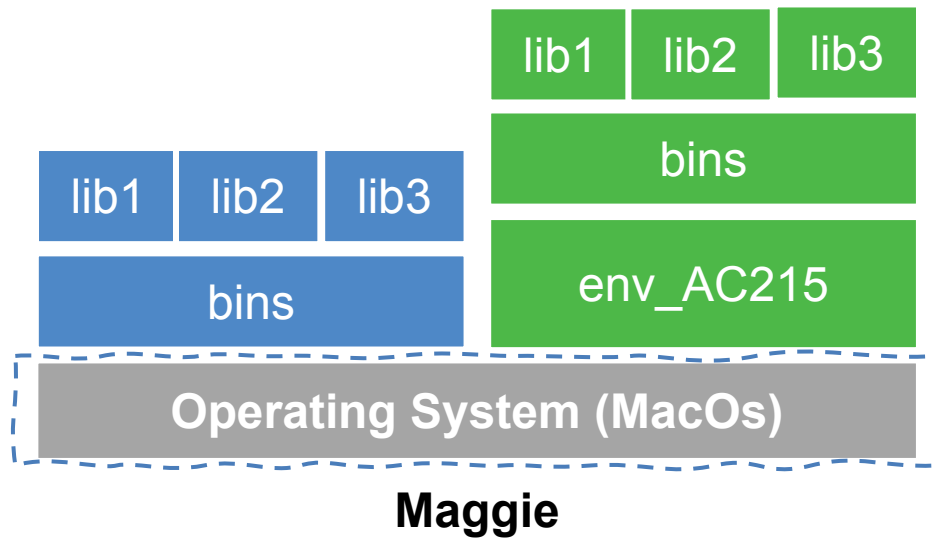
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- What could go wrong?



Why should we use virtual environment?

- What could go wrong?
- Unfortunately, Maggie and John are getting different results, which they suspect is due to their differing operating systems. Specifically, Maggie is using macOS, while John is on Windows 10.



Why should we use virtual environment?

- **Streamlines** code development and usage.
- Isolates dependencies in separate "**sandboxes**" for easy switching between applications.
- Given an operating system and hardware, we can get the exact code environment set up using **different technologies**.

Virtual environments

Pros

- **Reproducible Research:** Enables consistent and replicable outcomes.
- **Explicit Dependencies:** Clearly defines all required software and packages.
- **Enhanced Engineering Collaboration:** Streamlines teamwork by standardizing environments.

Cons

- **Setup Challenges:** Initial environment configuration can be complex.
- **Lack of Isolation:** Does not completely isolate the working environment.
- **OS Compatibility Issues:** May not function consistently across different operating systems.

Creating Virtual Environments

- **virtualenv (python2) / venv (python3)**

The default way to create virtual environments in python

- **conda**

Is a package manager and environment manager for Data Scientists

- **pipenv**

Production-ready tool that aims to bring the best of all packaging worlds to the Python world

- **mamba**

Fast (C++) replacement for the Conda package manager that aims to offer quicker dependency resolution and installation - **must do HW0 of CS109A**

- Virtual environments manager embedded in Python
- Incorporated into broader tools such as [pipenv](#)
- Allow to install modules using [pip package manager](#)

How to use it:

- create an environment within your project folder `python3 -m venv your_env_name`
- it will add a folder called `environment_name` in your project directory
- activate environment: `source your_env_name/bin/activate`
- install requirements using: `pip install package_name=version`
- deactivate environment once done: `deactivate`

Conda

- Virtual environments manager embedded in [Anaconda](#)
- Allow to use both [conda](#) and [pip](#) to manage and install packages
- Base virtual environment comes pre-installed with various engineering and data science packages

How to use it:

- create an environment

```
conda create --name your_env_name python=3.7
```

- it will add a folder located within your anaconda installation

```
/Users/your_username /anaconda3/envs/your_env_name
```

- **activate environment** `conda activate your_env_name` (should appear in your shell)
- **install requirements using** `conda install package_name=version`
- **deactivate environment once done** `conda deactivate`
- **duplicate your environment using YAML file** `conda env export > my_environment.yml`
- **to recreate the environment now use** `conda env create -f environment.yml`

How to use it:

- find which environment you are using

```
conda env list
```

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- install requirements using

```
conda install package_name=version
```

- deactivate environment once done

```
conda deactivate
```

- duplicate your environment using YAML file `conda env export > my_environment.yml`

- to recreate the environment now use `conda env create -f environment.yml`

- Built on top of *VirtualEnv*
- Fixes many shortcomings of *VirtualEnv*
- Distinguish development vs. production environments
- Automatically keeps track of packages and package dependencies using a Pipfile & Pipfile.lock

How to use it:

- Need to `pip install pipenv`
- To create a new environment run `pipenv install`
- Activate the environment by `pipenv shell`
- To install a new package `pipenv install numpy` or `pip install numpy` (this will not lock the package automatically)
- To sync from an existing Pipfile: `pipenv sync`

More on Virtual environments

Further readings

- Pipenv: Python Dev Workflow for Humans

<https://pipenv.pypa.io/en/latest/>

- For detailed discussions on similarities and differences among virtualenv and conda

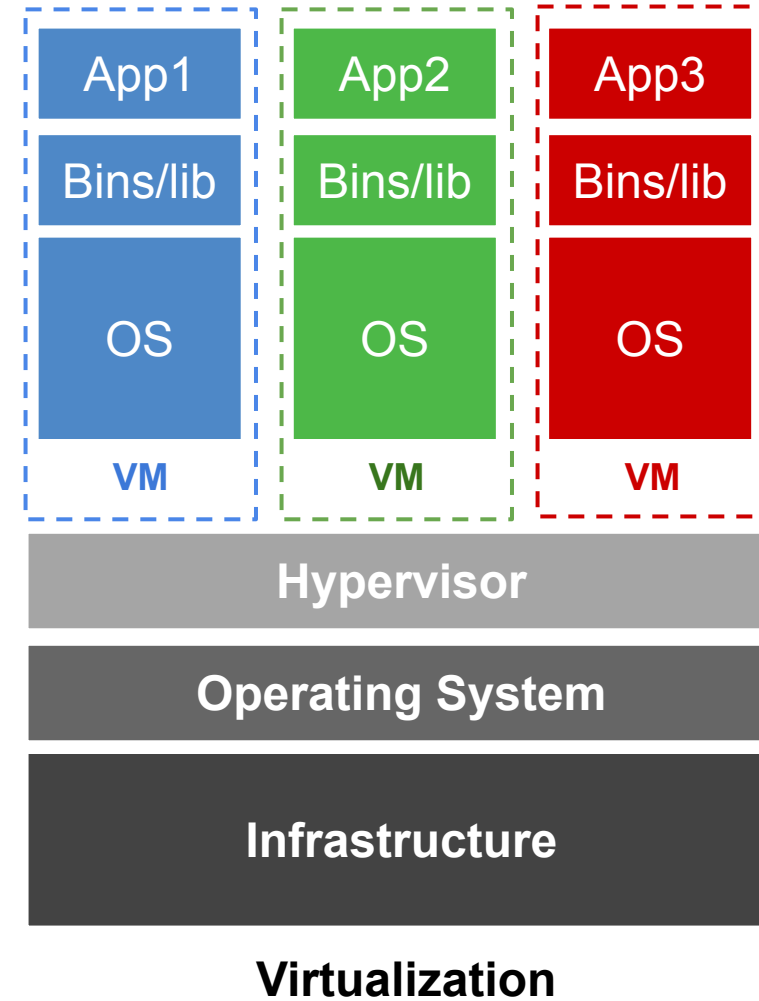
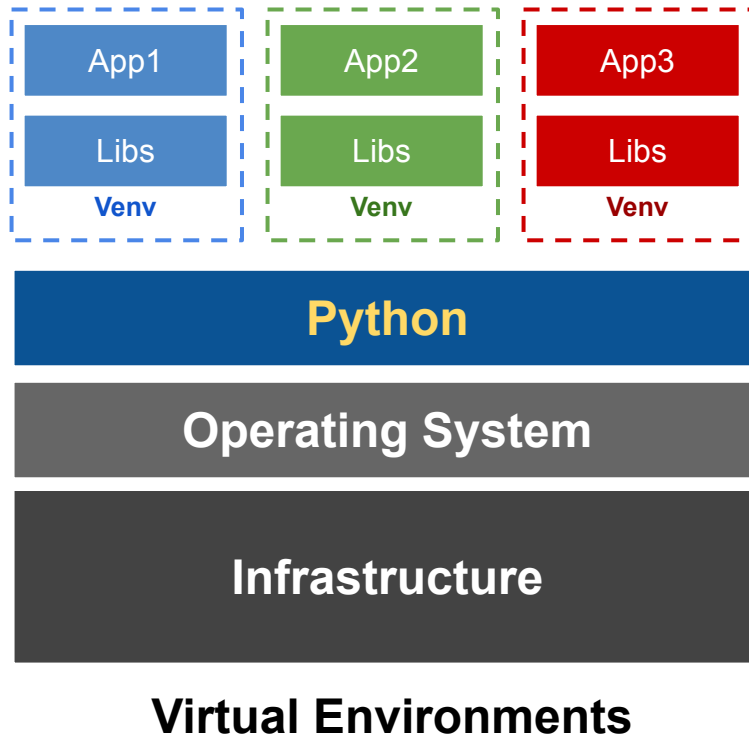
<https://jakevdp.github.io/blog/2016/08/25/conda-myths-and-misconceptions/>

- More on venv and conda environments

<https://towardsdatascience.com/virtual-environments-104c62d48c54>

<https://towardsdatascience.com/getting-started-with-python-environments-using-conda-32e9f2779307>

Virtual Environments vs Virtual Machine



Virtual Environment Tutorial

- Let us run the simple-translate app using Virtual Environment
- For this we will do the following:
 - Create a VM Instance
 - SSH into the VM
 - Install dependencies: git, python
 - Download and run the simple-translate python script
- Full instructions can be found [here](#)

THANK YOU