

End-to-End Project Execution Workflow for AlloyTower Inc.

Phase 1: Problem Definition

Objective: Build predictive models and analytics to support real estate decisions.

Steps:

1. Define Prediction Goals:

- **Goals:**
 - Predict property valuations.
 - Future price forecasting while understanding the market trend.
- **Tools:** Use **Git** and **GitHub** for version control and collaboration on goal definition and project documentation.

2. Data Preprocessing (Expected from the DA)

3. Feature Selection:

- **Feature Identification:** Based on the clean data provided by the DA, the **Data Scientist (DS)** will identify the most relevant features to use for the predictive models. This will include:
 - **Correlation Analysis:** Identifying correlations between input features and target variables.
 - **Statistical Tests:** Using tests like ANOVA, Chi-Square, or Mutual Information to assess the significance of features.
 - **Feature Importance:** Leveraging models (e.g., Random Forest, XGBoost, Mutual Information) to calculate the feature importance.
 - **Dimensionality Reduction:** Using techniques like **PCA (Principal Component Analysis)** or **t-SNE** for reducing high-dimensional data when necessary.
- **Tools:**

- **Scikit-learn** for feature selection techniques.
 - **MLflow** for tracking feature selection experiments and results.
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Phase 2: Model Training & Validation

Objective: Train models on historical data and validate their performance.

Steps:

1. Model Training:

- **Data Splitting:** Split data into training and validation sets (e.g., 80/20 split).
- **Training:** The **Data Scientist** will train models using the cleaned and preprocessed data with selected features, validated by the DA. Cross-validation techniques will be used to assess the model's generalization performance.
- **Tools:**
 - **Scikit-learn** for model training and cross-validation.
 - **MLflow** for tracking experiments, model performance, and hyperparameters.

2. Hyperparameter Tuning:

- Use techniques like **Grid Search** or **Random Search** to optimize model hyperparameters.
- **Tools:**
 - **Scikit-learn** or **Optuna** for hyperparameter optimization.
 - **MLflow** for tracking hyperparameter search and tuning experiments.

3. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate models on relevant performance metrics:

- **Regression models:** Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE).
 - **Classification models:** Precision, Recall, F1-Score.
- **Model Comparison:** Compare different models to determine the best-performing model.
 - **Tools:**
 - **Scikit-learn** for evaluation metrics and model comparisons.
 - **MLflow** for logging model performance metrics.

Phase 3: Model Deployment & Continuous Improvement

Objective: Deploy models for real-time decision-making and continuously improve model accuracy.

Steps:

1. **Model Deployment:**

- **Deploy the best-performing models** into the production environment, based on the validation results.
 - Integrate models with the real estate platform.
- **Tools:**
 - **Docker** to containerize models for deployment.
 - **FastAPI** for building an API endpoint for the purpose of inference.
 - **Hugging Face** for serving models in the production environment.
 - **Streamlit/Gradio** to build interactive dashboards for real-time predictions.

2. **Monitor Model Performance:**

- Continuously monitor the model's performance in production, ensuring it remains accurate as market conditions change.
- **Tools:**

- **MLflow** for real-time monitoring of model performance.