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MLOps

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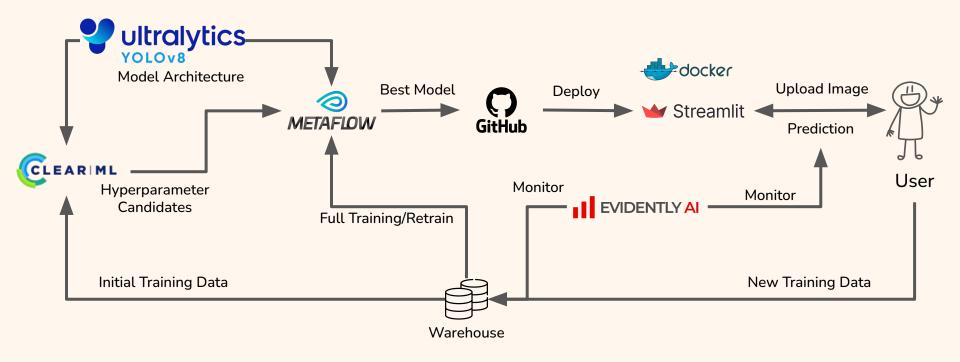
POC Agenda

- 1. Experiment and Artifact Tracking Yu Hsin
- 2. Data Versioning & Data Quality Elena
- 3. ML Pipeline Orchestration Youshi
- 4. Model Deployment and App Annie
- 5. Model Monitoring Yu Hsin
- 6. CI/CD Elena
- 7. Architecture Structure

Overview - Food Image Detection System

- Goal: Detect food item from user uploaded image
- Dataset: ~3GB of image and annotation json files
- Model family: Yolo, an object detection computer vision model
- Other considerations
 - Start-up: prefer open source and free tier
 - Data scientists background

Architecture Structure



Development

Deployment

Interface



Experiment and Artifact Tracking POC

ClearML vs Comet

Yu Hsin & Annie

Presentor: Yu Hsin



ClearML vs Comet

ClearML

Comet

Costs

Open-source and completely free to use



Infrastructure

Supports cloud-based infrastructure such as AWS and GCP but Limited support for Kubernetes

Skills needed

User-friendly interface and comprehensive documentation

Stability

Open source tool, transparent development roadmap

Offers a free tier with limited features, but users need to pay for advanced features such as collaboration tools and data storage

Supports cloud-based infrastructure such as AWS and GCP and has a Kubernetes integration for deployment

User-friendly interface and free community Slack support, but requires additional setup and configuration for certain use cases

Commercial tool, may be susceptible to changes in pricing

ClearML

Based on our requirements, **ClearML may be a better option** for us for following reasons:

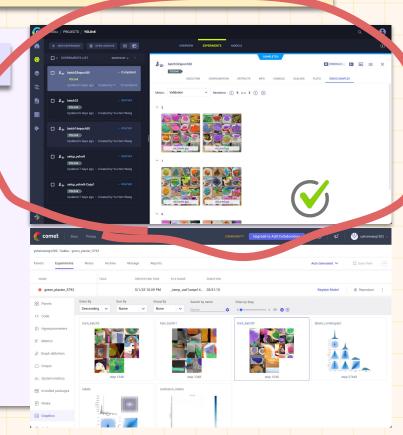
1. YOLOv8 integrates seamlessly with ClearML

Install ClearML → init → Done

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2. Collaboration

With ClearML, up to 3 users can use a workspace for free, while Comet's community plan does not include collaboration features





Data Quality and Versioning POC

DVC/DagsHub vs Git LFS

Elena & Youshi



Presentor: Elena

DVC vs Git LFS

DVC/DagsHub

Requires additional learning Need to maintain both GitHub and DagsHub

Free Tier: 10 GB
Well integrated with S3

Allow pipeline versioning

Can manage at directory level



Git LFS

Readily integrate with Git/GitHub

Free Tier: 2GB
Can setup external S3

Doesn't allow

Can manage at directory level



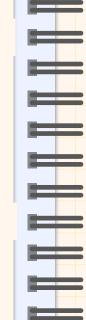
Storage and Cost

Learning

Curve

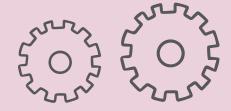
Pipeline Versioning

File Structure



DagsHub/DVC

- 1. Our training data is more than 2GB but unlikely to go beyond 10GB
- 2. Some **preprocessing** is required to transform json files to yolo format Need to version control the pipeline as well
- 3. As an image classifier project, we may make use of DagsHub's image studio feature



Data Quality

Customized Pytest

- 1. Our training data contains: **image + json file -> yolo format**
- 2. While **Deepchecks** can examine image data, **json and yolo file is not supported** by any popular data quality tools
- 3. So we go with **customized pytest** script that checks
 - a. Image format
 - b. Image size

- c. Pixel variance
- d. Annotation format

Eg. Pytest to check Image format



ML Pipeline Orchestration POC

Metaflow vs Airflow

Yu Hsin & Youshi

Presentor: Youshi



Metaflow vs Airflow

Metaflow

Airflow

Costs

Open-source and completely free to use

Open-source and completely free to use

Infrastructure

Seamless integration with cloud platform

Deployment is possible but requires more works

Learning Curve

Python-based and artifact persistence may not always work.

Requires additional learning

Better support for bash operation and working with reading and saving operations

Branching

Supports dynamic branching

Needs work around for Dynamic branching

Metaflow

• Initially: Airflow

- a. Yolo model training more like ETL
- b. CLI command + auto save/load artifacts to/from hard drive
- In the future: move to Metaflow
 - a. Overall, better supported for ML specific tasks especially if we consider other model families
 - b. Easier and more flexible for cloud deployment
 - c. Easier for dynamic branching; helpful when we have more computing power



Model Deployment and App POC

Streamlit vs FAST API

Elena & Annie

Presentor: Annie



Streamlit vs FAST API

Streamlit

Service **Positioning**

Development Complexity

Scalability

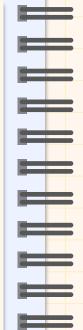
Security

Python based web framework that focuses on turning scripts into web apps with interactive UI

- Intuitive and easy to learn
- Optimized for data science project/visualization
- Continuously releasing advanced features
- Primarily for local development and deployment, not for large-scale applications
- Streamlit Community Cloud 1GB per app
- Deploy using Docker + Kubernetes
- No built-in security features
- Streamlit Community Cloud ensures product and network security

FAST API

- Python based web framework that is designed for building high-performance, fully compatible API quickly
- Steeper learning curve, such as familiarity with Starlette framework
- Required additional frontend skills for developing pleasant looking interface
- Built on top on a lightweight Starlette ASGI (Asynchronous Server Gateway Interface) framework
- Can handle a large number of request
- Built-in security features, such as automatic request validation and authentication



Streamlit

- Interactive frontend presentation that allows user to visualize detected images and customize parameter settings
 - → Streamlit offers many pre-built widgets
- 2. Limited time, skills, and resources as a startup
 - → Streamlit allows developers to work in a fast, interactive loop, enabling us to build prototypes in a timely fashion and test our product in the market
- 3. Flexibility to deploy on other cloud services such as AWS and Azure using Docker/ k8s, and to develop in combination with FAST API to enhance scalability and performance



Food Image Recognition

② What's on your plate

Al Model That Recongnizes Food & Recommends Recipes

Original image



Inferenced image



Recipe Recommendations



Model Monitoring POC

Evidently AI vs Alibi Detect

Yu Hsin & Annie

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Evidently Al vs Alibi Detect

Evidently Al

Alibi Detect

Costs

Services

Skills needed

Stability

Free and open source. Paid plans available for enterprise use

Offers model drift detection, fairness assessment, and feature importance analysis, and a wide range of metrics to monitor and analyze model performance, including accuracy, F1-score

Provides a user-friendly dashboard with a variety of metrics to track model performance; easier for beginners to use

Actively maintained with frequent updates

Free and open source

In addition to drift detection, Alibi Detect offers a wide range of outlier detection algorithms, adversarial detection, and root cause analysis

Offers more customization options such as different detection methods, therefore requires more technical expertise to set up and use

Actively maintained with frequent updates, but with limited documentation and community support compared to Evidently AI

Evidently Al

Based on our requirements, **Evidently AI may be a better option** for us for following reasons:

1. User-Friendly

Evidently AI is designed to be easy to use with a minimal need for dashboard maintenance, while Alibi Detect requires more development and maintenance work for dashboards

2. Easy-to-Read and Interpretable Visualizations

Evidently AI provides interactive reports in Jupyter notebook and allows users to export them to an HTML file to facilitates model monitoring





CI / CD POC

GitHub Action vs Jenkins

Youshi & Elena

Presentor: Elena



GitHub Action VS Jenkins

GitHub Action

Jenkins

scale to support large, complex projects with multiple

Scalability

new and has not yet been tested at the same scale as Jenkins, but it is designed to be scalable and should be able to handle most workflows

teams and workflows

security

managed by secrete setting page

requires more manual security configuration and maintenance

Skills needed

Easy to set up, no need for external servers

Built-in pipeline visualization

More complicated setup requiring external servers (plugins/Docker container, setting source code in Jenkins, webhooks in GitHub)

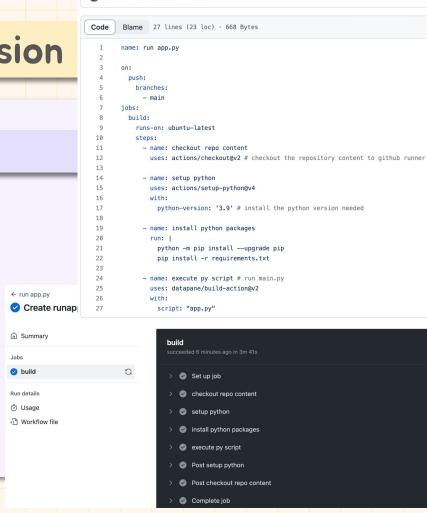
pipeline

Need to see in the execute shell in Jenkins / other setting

GitHub Action

We choose GitHub Actions. Since it is a newer, cloud-based solution that is often favored for its ease of setup and integration with GitHub. It's easy to set up, no need for external servers.

In comparison, setting up Jenkins requires the installation of plugins, configuring the source code in Jenkins, and setting up webhooks on GitHub.



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Linting and Code Style

PEP8 & Pylint