

OPEN-SOURCE DATABRICKS APP

GETTING STARTED WITH TELLR

AI-Powered Slide Decks from Your Databricks Data

WHAT IS TELLR?



AI-POWERED SLIDE DECKS FROM YOUR DATA

- **Open-Source App** — Created by Robert Whiffin (Sr. Solutions Architect at Databricks), with Tariq Yaaqba and Puneet Jain.
- **Natural Language** — Describe the presentation you want in plain English — TellR generates it from your live data.
- **Governed by Unity Catalog** — All queries respect your Unity Catalog permissions. Data never leaves your workspace.
- **Foundation Models** — Uses Databricks Foundation Model endpoints (e.g. Claude Sonnet 4.5) to generate interactive slides.

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Conversational Creation

Describe what you want in plain English



Enterprise Security

Unity Catalog permissions apply automatically



Custom Branding

Define your own styles, colours, and typography



Live Data Queries

Pulls real numbers from Genie spaces



Interactive Charts

Chart.js visualisations you can interact with



Iterative Editing

Refine with follow-up prompts like a designer



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HOW IT WORKS



FROM INSTALL TO SLIDES IN 4 STEPS

1 Install TellR

Run pip install databricks-tellr in a notebook, then call tellr.create() to deploy the app and Lakebase database.

2 Create a Genie Space

Connect your Unity Catalog tables to a Genie space. Add descriptions for better AI understanding of your data.

3 Create a Profile

Bundle your Genie space, custom slide style, and deck prompt template into a reusable profile configuration.

4 Generate & Export

Type a natural language prompt and TellR builds your deck. Export as interactive HTML or static PDF.

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WHY TELLR?

ENTERPRISE-READY AI PRESENTATIONS

- **Fully Governed** — Data never leaves your workspace. Unity Catalog permissions apply to every query.
- **Profiles Are Reusable** — Create different profiles for QBRs, executive summaries, or team updates — swap in seconds.
- **Iterative Refinement** — Keep chatting to adjust your deck. Change charts, add slides, tweak wording conversationally.
- **Interactive Output** — HTML exports include Chart.js visualisations that respond to hover and click. PDF for static sharing.
- **Open Source** — Apache 2.0 licensed. Inspect the code, contribute, or fork it for your own needs.

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