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DL Workspace is used in daily production by multiple Microsoft teams (Microsoft Cognitive Services, SwiftKeys, Bing Relevance, etc..).. DL workspace also targets to enhance the productivity of AI scientist, version controls all aspect of data, program, and model, allow scientists to easily collaborate, repeat and extend experiment among themselves. The platform is opensourced, and is used in daily production and developed by multiple Microsoft teams (Microsoft Cognitive Services, Bing Relevance, etc..).

Dr. Li's contribution has been shipped in a broad spectrum of Microsoft products, such as Windows Media, Live Messenger/Mesh, Windows, Skype for Business, Azure, Bing, Xbox Live. He was awarded the Microsoft Gold Star Service Award 4 times.

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