MLOps – Best Practices and CI/CD

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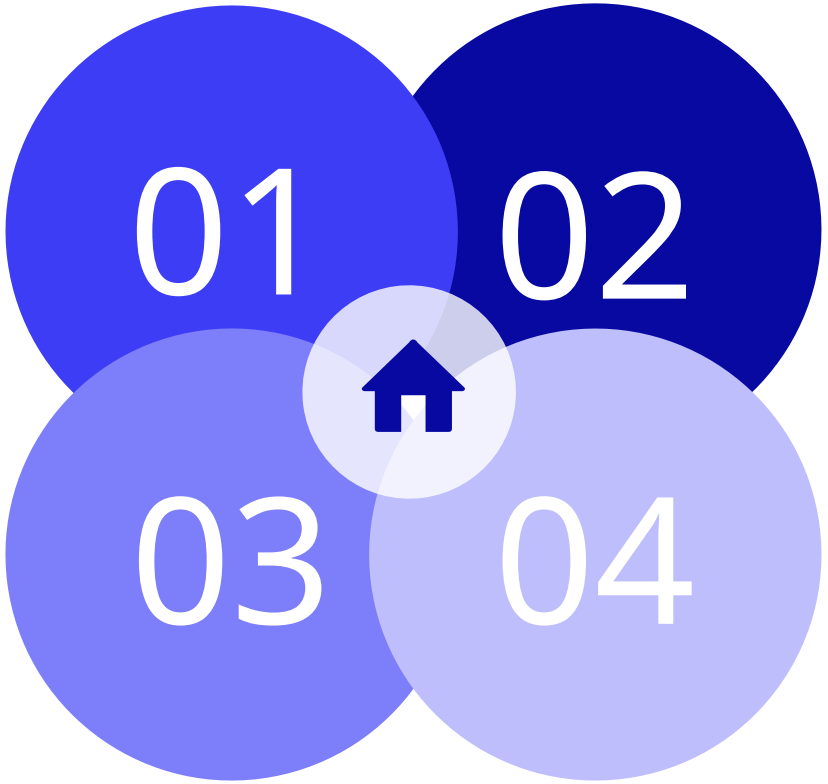
Overview

Agenda

MLOps Best Practices - Production-ready pipeline design

Model Lifecycle Management - From training to retirement



Simple CI/CD Pipelines - Automated testing and deployment

Mini Project - Complete end-to-end MLOps system

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MLOps Best Practices

Core Principles

Automation First - Manual processes don't scale

Fail Fast, Recover Faster - Build resilient systems

Version Everything - Code, data, models, environments

Reproducibility - Same inputs = same outputs

Monitor Continuously - Performance, quality, costs

The MLOps Maturity Model

Level	Characteristics	Example
Level 0	Manual, script-driven	Jupyter notebooks
Level 1	ML pipeline automation	Automated training
Level 2	Ci/CD ML pipeline	Automated testing & deployment
Level 3	Full MLOps Automation	Self-healing systems

Success Metrics

Deployment Frequency - How often models are released

Lead Time - Idea to production deployment

Mean Time to Recovery - Fix time for issues

Change Failure Rate - Percentage of failed deployments

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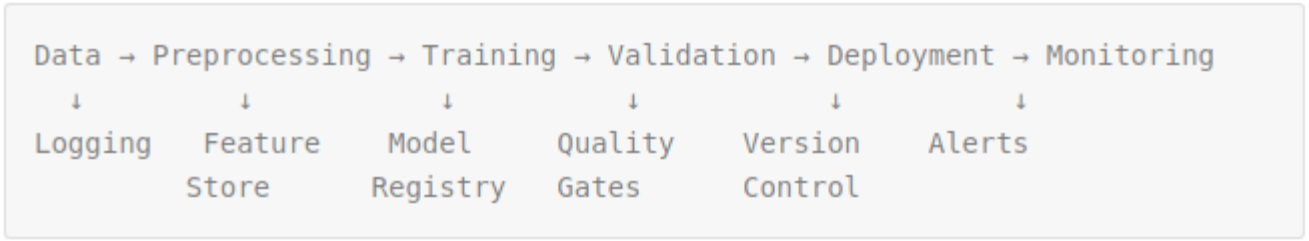
Building Robust and Scalable MLOps Pipelines

Pipeline Architecture Components



Robustness Best Practices

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Error Handling - Graceful failure and recovery

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Data Validation - Schema and quality checks

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Model Validation - Performance thresholds

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Rollback Mechanisms - Quick reversion to previous versions

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Health Checks - Continuous system monitoring

Scalability Patterns

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Microservices Architecture - Independent, scalable components

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Containerization - Docker for consistent environments

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Load Balancing - Distribute traffic across instances

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Horizontal Scaling - Add more instances as needed

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Caching Strategies - Reduce computational overhead

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Managing Model Lifecycles and Deployments

Model Lifecycle Stages

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Development - Experimentation and training

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Staging - Pre-production testing

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Production - Live serving

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Monitoring - Performance tracking

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Retraining - Model updates

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Retirement - End of lifecycle

Deployment Strategies

Strategy	Description	Use Case
Blue-Green	Two identical environments	Zero-downtime deployment
Canary	Gradual roolout to subset	Risk mitigation
A/B Testing	Compare model versions	Perforamce optimization
Shadow	Run alongsize existing	Safe testing

Model Governance Framework

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Model Registry - Centralized model storage

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Approval Workflows - Controlled promotion process

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Audit Trails - Complete change history

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Compliance Tracking - Regulatory requirements

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Performance SLAs - Service level agreements

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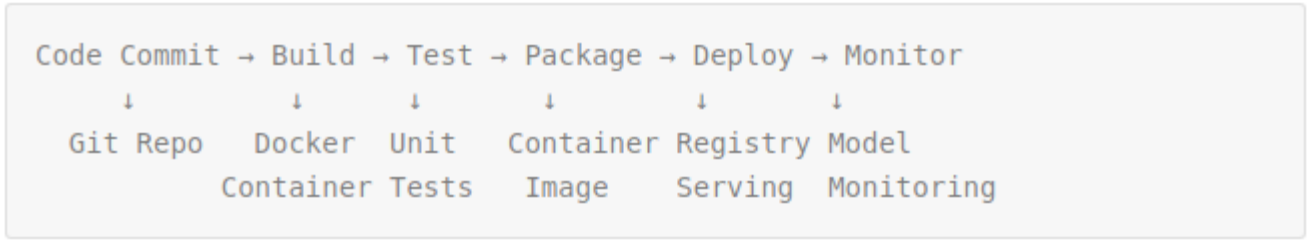
Building Basic CI/CD Pipeline for ML Models

CI/CD Components for ML



Continuous Integration (CI)

Code Quality - Linting, formatting, complexity checks

Unit Tests - Individual component testing

Integration Tests - Component interaction testing

Data Tests - Schema and quality validation

Model Tests - Performance and bias testing

Continuous Deployment (CD)

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Environment Promotion - Dev → Staging → Production

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Automated Deployment - Infrastructure as Code

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Rolling Updates - Gradual deployment

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Monitoring Integration - Automatic health checks

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Rollback Capabilities - Quick failure recovery

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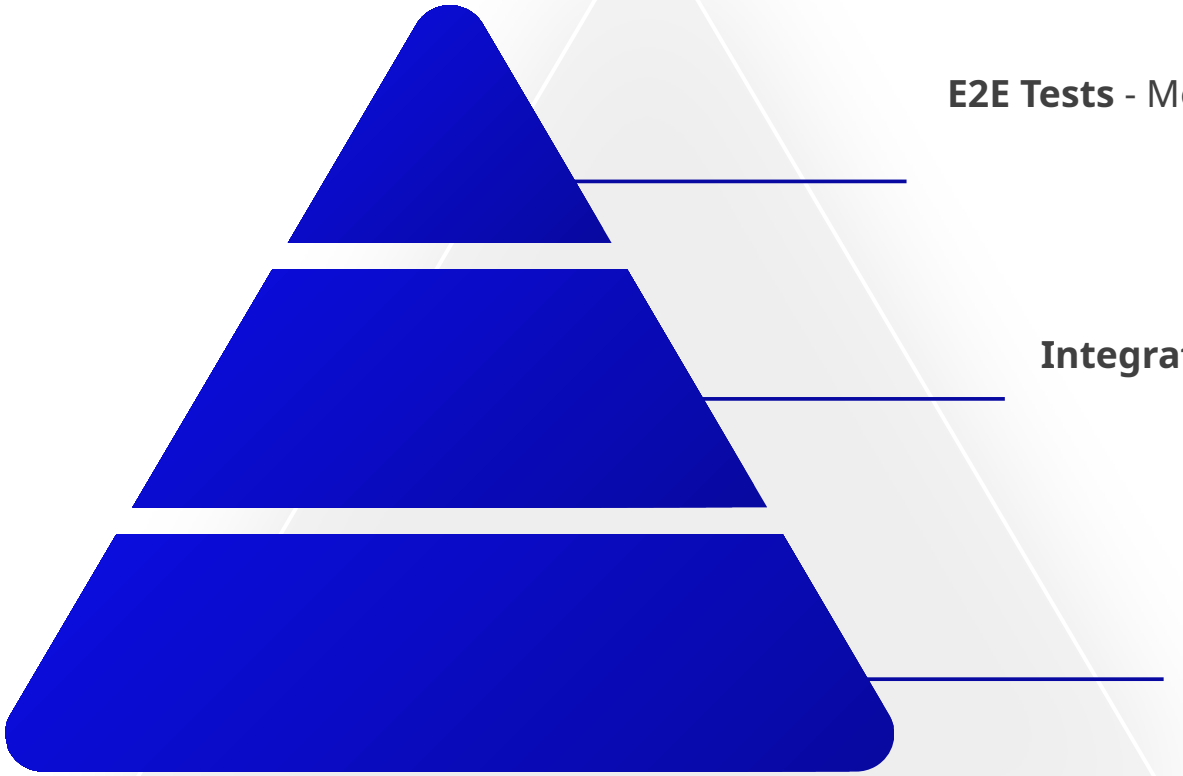
Automating Testing and Deployment

ML-Specific Testing Pyramid



E2E Tests - Model integration (Few, Slow)

Integration Tests - Data pipeline (Some, Medium)

Unit Tests - Individual functions (Many, Fast)

Automated Testing Categories

01 **Data Tests** - Schema, distribution, quality

02 **Model Tests** - Accuracy, bias, performance

03 **Infrastructure Tests** - Scaling, availability

04 **Security Tests** - Vulnerability scanning

05 **Performance Tests** - Latency, throughput

Deployment Automation Tools

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GitHub Actions - Code- triggered workflows

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Jenkins - Flexible automation server

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GitLab CI - Integrated DevOps platform

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Azure DevOps - Microsoft ecosystem

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Docker/Kubernetes - Container orchestration

Thanks

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