



Unittest in Python

unittest

pytest

fixtures

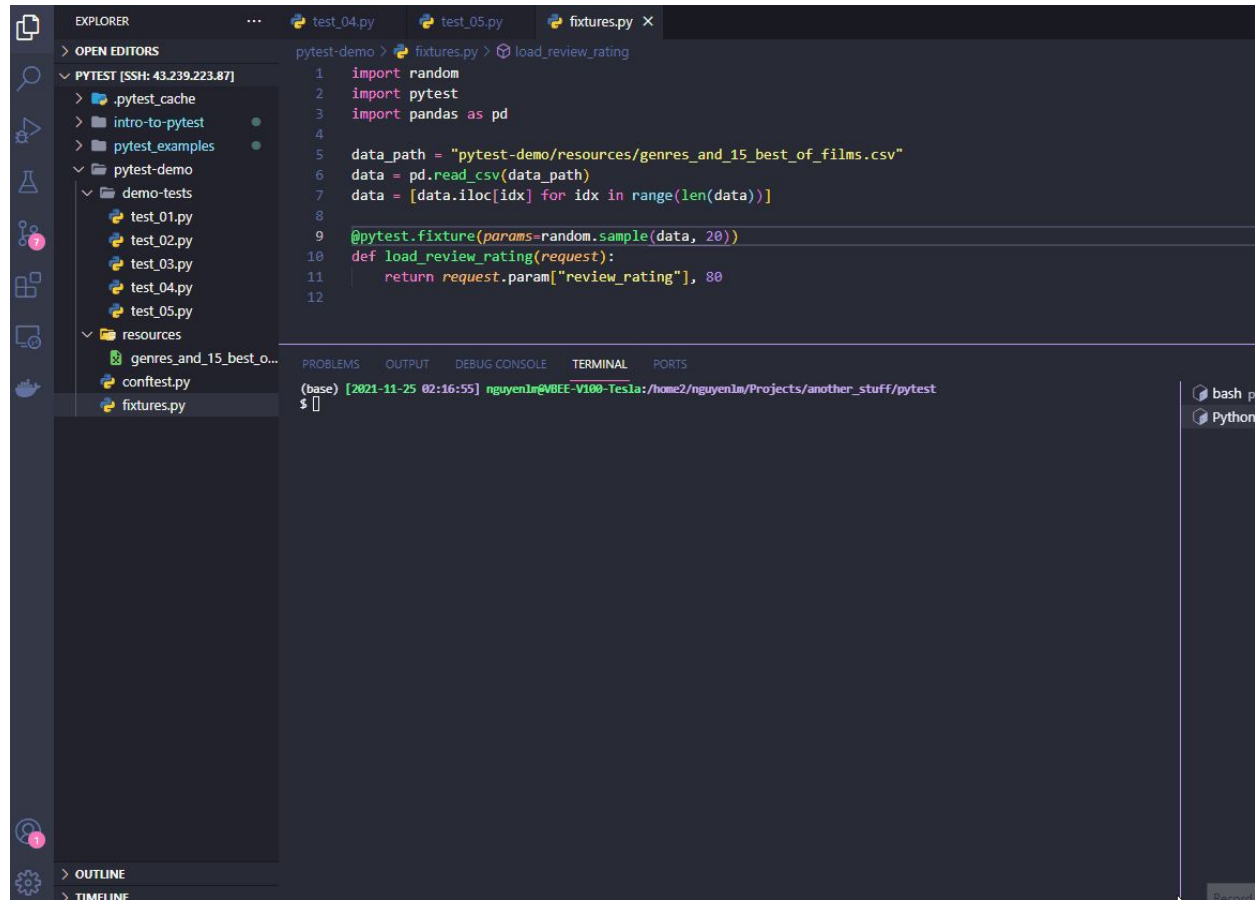
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Testing Terms You May Have Heard

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Benefits of Unit Testing

Well-tested code helps you:

- Find bugs earlier
- Iterate faster
- Debug more easily
- Design better code



Benefits of Unit Testing

Confidence that your code
does what you
think it does



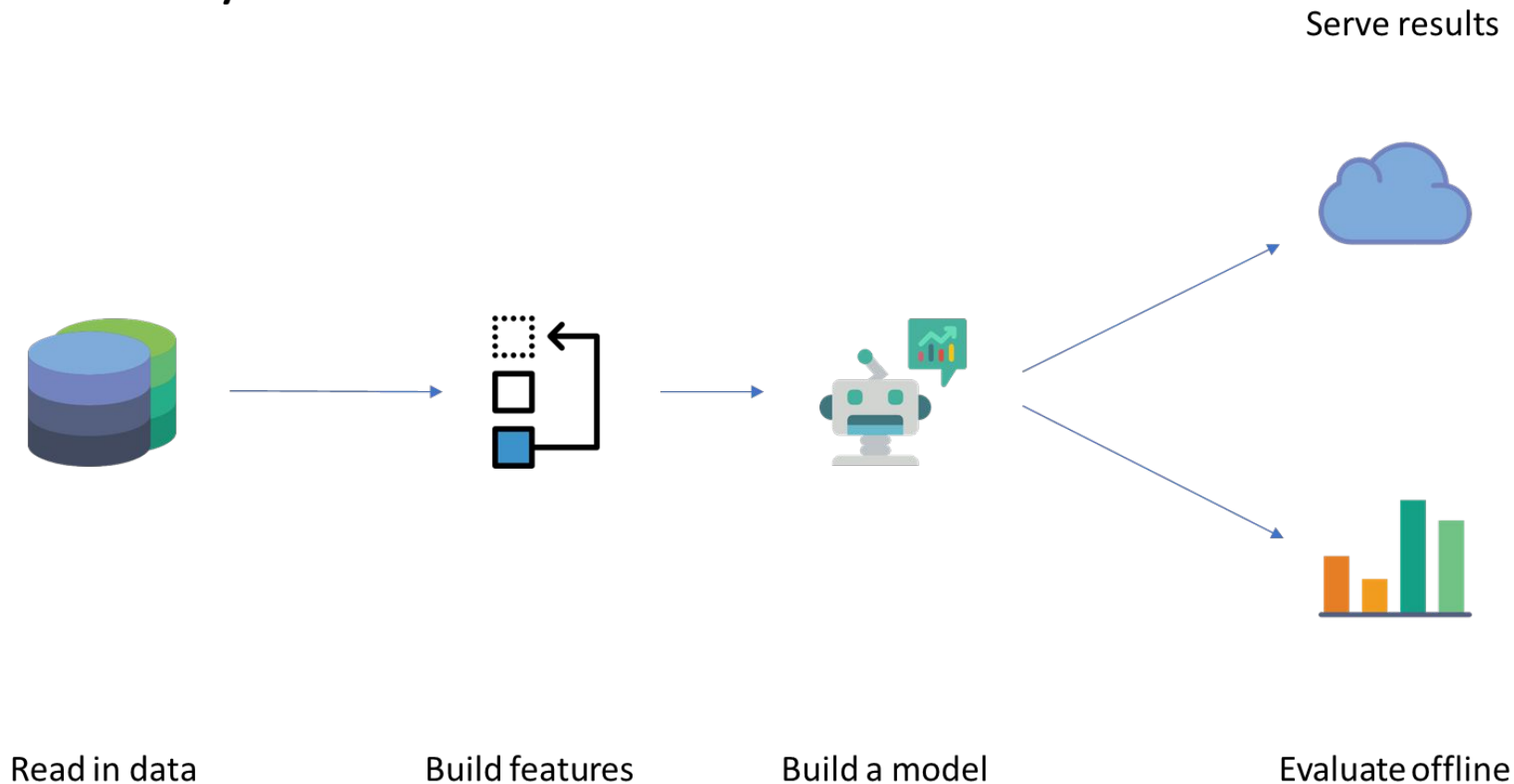
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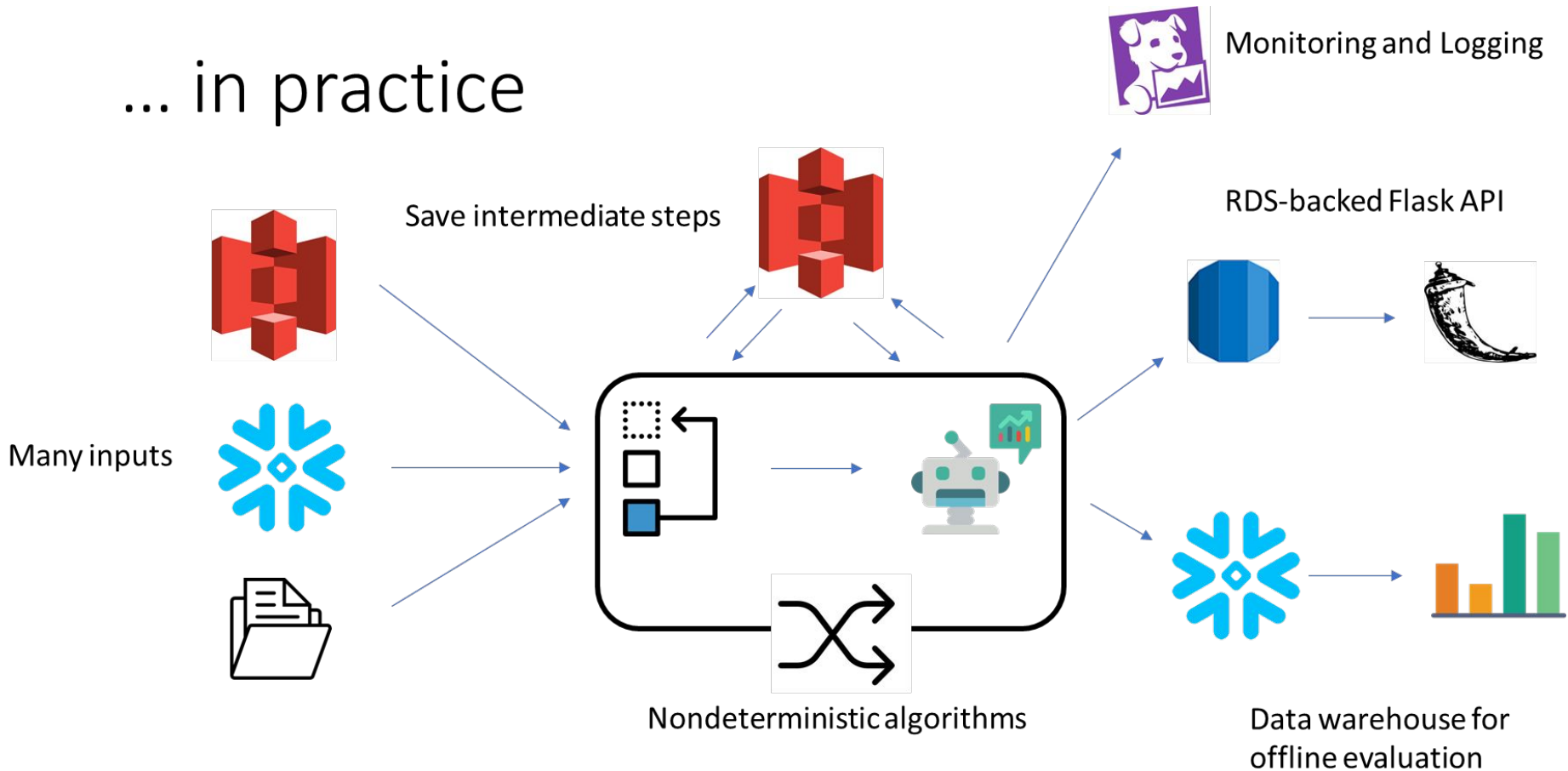
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write unit tests?

Learning to write good
tests is an investment...

In theory...



... in practice





**This quickly gets
overwhelming**



Where to start?

- Pick a single, specific functionality to verify
- Use available tools to get everything else out of the way
- In an existing codebase, don't try to write all the tests at once
- Write tests as early as they can be valuable

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Easily Configurable

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Most Popular Framework

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Powerful

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Free



Code Example

```
def add_col(df, new_col_name, default_value):  
    """Add a new column to the given dataframe with a default value"""  
    if new_col_name in df.columns:  
        raise ValueError('column already exists')  
    df[new_col_name] = default_value  
    return df
```



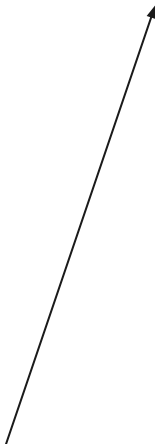

Basic Unittest

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give our test a meaningful
name starting with test_

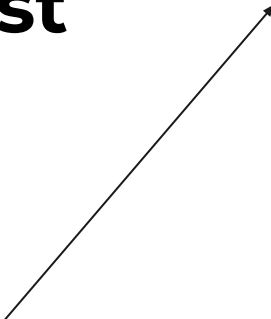


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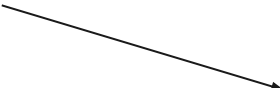


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check that the actual
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Useful Options for Pytest

```
pytest [option] test_file|test_folder
```

- -s (print all string output)
- -v (print names of individual tests as they run)
- -x (stop at first failure)
- -k (only run tests matching following keywords)

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Fixtures

- Special functions pytest keeps track of to safely share resources and/or resource definitions
- A modular approach to setup & teardown methods



Defining New Fixtures

```
@pytest.fixture()
def df():
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Defining New Fixtures

decorator tells pytest
this is a fixture



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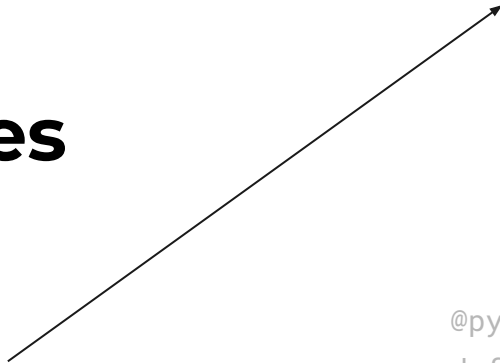
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Defining New Fixtures

normal python function



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    })
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Defining New Fixtures



```
def test_add_col_1(df, df_with_col_d):  
    actual    = add_col(df, 'col_d', 'd')  
    expected  = df_with_col_d  
    pd.testing.assert_frame_equal(actual, expected)
```

```
def test_add_col_2(df, df_with_col_d):  
    actual    = add_col(df, 'col_d', 'd')  
    expected  = df_with_col_d  
    pd.testing.assert_frame_equal(actual, expected)
```

```
@pytest.fixture(scope="session")  
def df():  
    return pd.DataFrame({  
        'col_a': ['a', 'a', 'a'],  
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Defining New Fixtures

pytest passes in value
returned from df function

pytest passes in value
returned from
df_with_col_d function

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def test_add_col(df, df_with_col_d):  
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```

Useful Built-in Fixtures

The `request` fixture is a special fixture providing information of the requesting test function

```
@pytest.fixture(params=[1,2,3,4,5],  
scope="function")  
def load_number(request):  
    return request.param
```

`capsys` captures any values written to `stderr` or `stdout` during the execution of the test

```
def test_function_1(capsys):  
    function_1()  
    out, err = capsys.readouterr()  
    assert out == 'Inside function 1\n'
```



Flexibility of Fixtures

- Define the scope of a fixture
- Compose fixtures
- Execute custom teardown code when leaving scope
- Access the test context inside fixture
- Parameterize fixtures

Flexibility of Fixtures

execute custom
teardown code

```
import pytest
from emaillib import Email, MailAdminClient

@pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def receiving_user(request):
    user = MailAdminClient().create_user()

    def delete_user():
        mail_admin.delete_user(user)

    request.addfinalizer(delete_user)
    return user
```

define fixture scope

access test context with
request argument

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Reference and Source Code

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Thank You!

