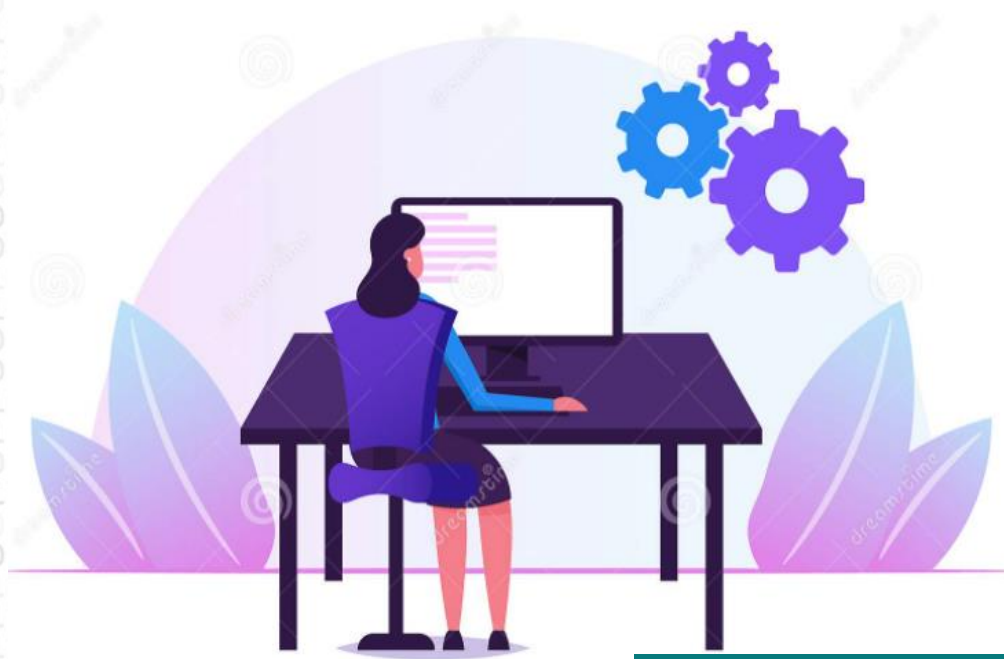


# Welcome!

- We'll start in a moment :)
- We are recording tonight's event. We may plan to take screenshots for social media.
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# WWCode Digital + **Backend** **Backend Study Group**

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# Introduction & Agenda

- Welcome from WWCode!
- Our mission: Inspiring women to excel in technology careers.
- Our vision: A world where women are representative as technical executives, founders, VCs, board members and software engineers.
- What is Backend Engineering?
- **Insights into data engineering, data science and machine learning engineering**
  - Data engineering [Part 1 of 2]
  - **Data science and machine learning engineering** [Part 2 of 2]
    - + Introduction
    - + Similarities/Differences
    - + Day in a life of DS, MLE
    - + Tech stack



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# Backend Engineering

- What is Backend Engineering?
- Design, build and maintain server-side web applications.
- Concepts: Client-server architecture, API, micro-service, database engineering, distributed systems, storage, performance, deployment, availability, monitoring, etc.

## Software Design

- Defining the architecture, modules, interfaces and data.
- Solve a problem or build a product.
- Define the input, output, business rules, data schema.
- Design patterns solve common problems.
- 3 Types:
  - UI design: Data visualization and presentation.
  - Data design: Data representation and storage.
  - Process design: Validation, manipulation and storage of data.

# Data Engineer (DE) vs Data Scientist (DS) vs Machine Learning Engineer (MLE)

## **Data engineer:**

builds and develops pipelines, and maintains of data infrastructure, either on-premises or in the cloud (or hybrid or multi-cloud), comprising of databases or data warehouses

## **Data scientist:**

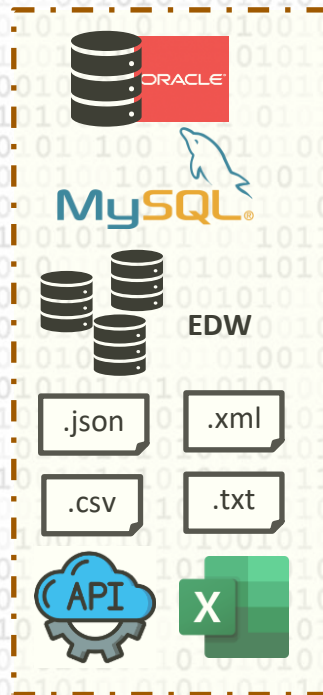
builds and develops mathematical and statistical models -- called machine learning models, to find patterns and gain more insights from the data

## **Machine learning engineer:**

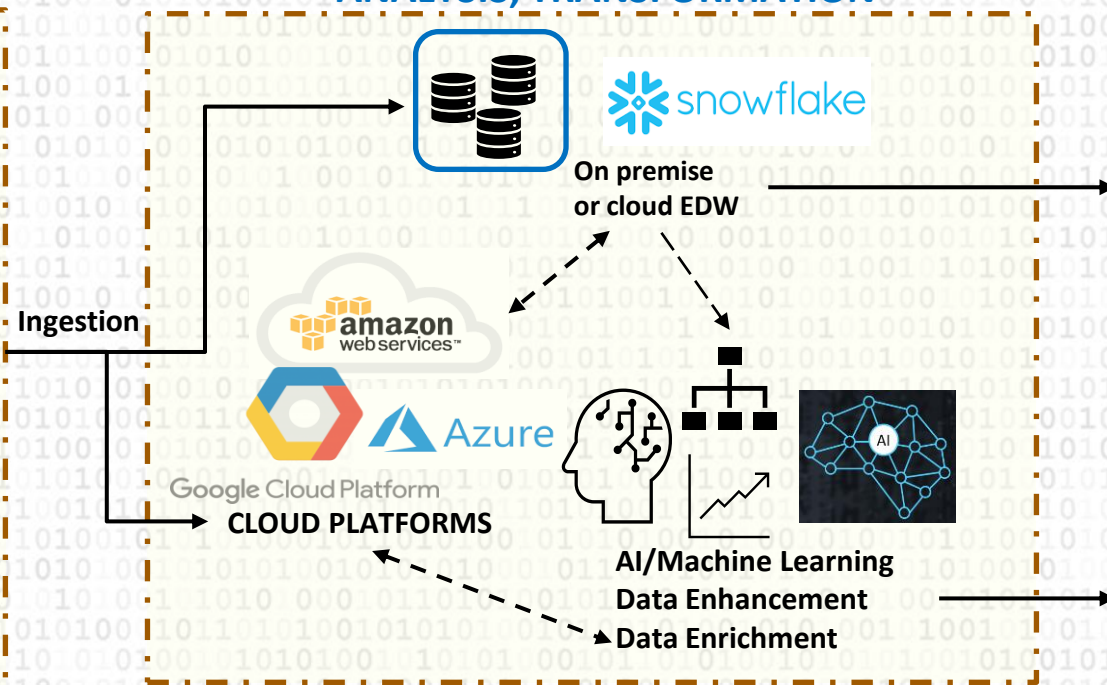
design architecture and pipelines (or software) to integrate and automate the process of running the models developed by data scientists with the entire infrastructure

# Data Architecture Diagram

## DATA SOURCES



## DATA CLEANING, PROCESSING, ANALYSIS, TRANSFORMATION



## USER INTERFACE



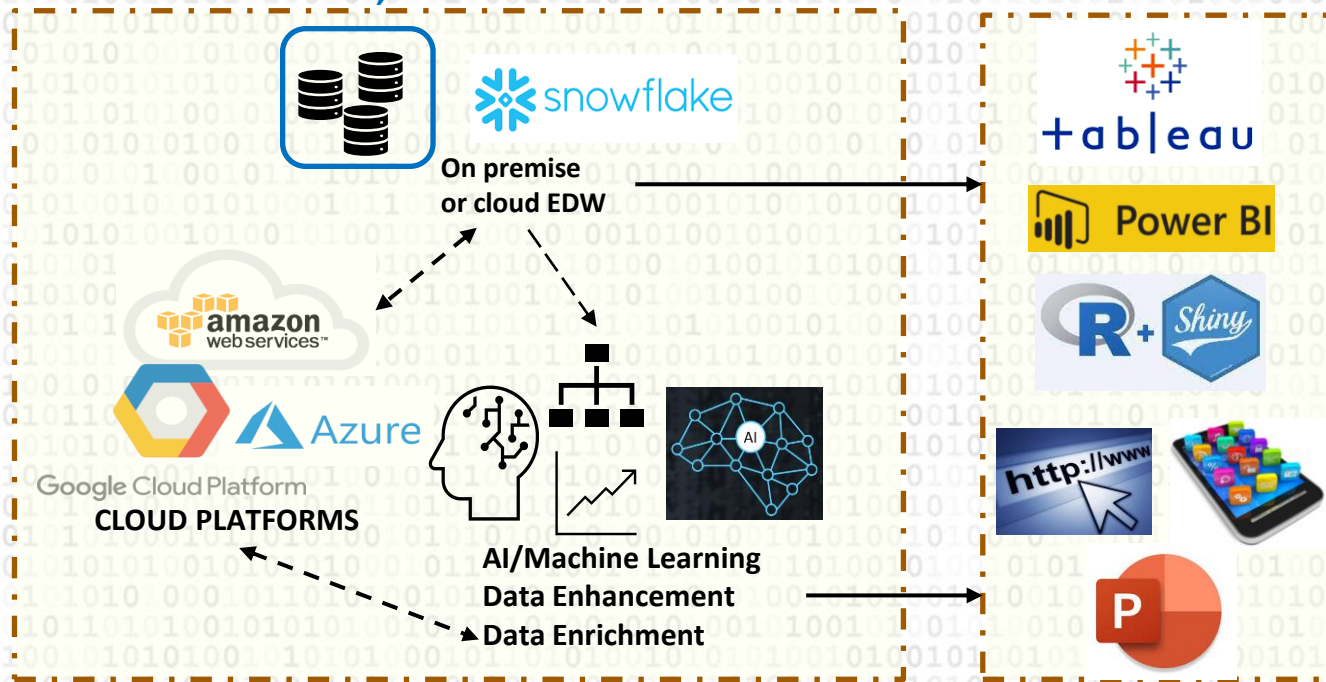
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# Data Architecture Diagram – Data Scientist

**DATA CLEANING, PROCESSING,  
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**USER INTERFACE**

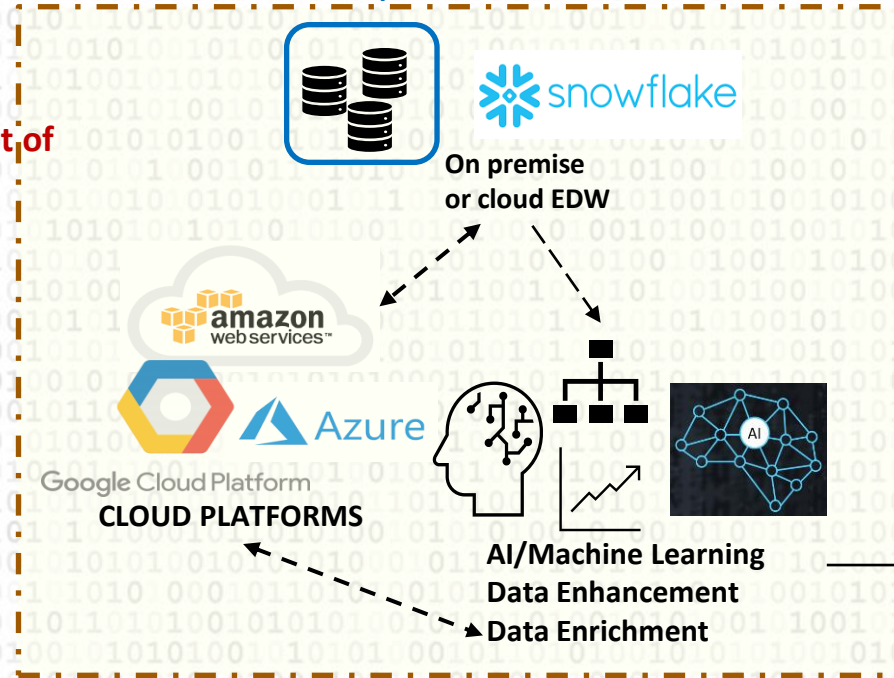


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# Data Architecture Diagram – ML Engineer

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# How do Data Scientists (DS) and Machine Learning Engineers (MLE) differ from each other?

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# How are they different/similar?

- Integration of the pipelines with the overall architecture

**MLE**: Take ML models and deploy it using automated pipelines

**DS**: Extensive data analysis, build ML models, perform statistical tests

- Data quality analysis
- SQL queries

- Test different ML models
- CI/CD\*

\*CI/CD: Continuous Integration  
Continuous Deployment

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# What is data science (DS) and machine learning engineering (MLE)?

## Data scientist (DS)

- Finds patterns in the data **to obtain insights**
- Builds machine learning models to further enhance **understanding of data**

## Machine Learning Engineer (MLE)

- Develops scripts to **integrate work of data scientists** with the larger framework
- **Automates** the work of data scientist such that models can be triggered to run without a data scientist



# NOTE

Data engineers, data scientists and machine learning engineers make use of existing/pre-built modules or libraries or functions.

They write their own functions or custom codes as well; however, not same as a software engineer or software developer.

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# A Day in a Life of Data Scientist

## Tasks:

- convert business requirement into a data science/machine learning problem statement
- analyze of available data and data quality
- experiment and build the appropriate model and perform statistical tests
- visualize the outcomes (Python plots, simulations, R shiny, Tableau, Power BI, other custom dashboards)

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**Which of these take up the most time?**

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## Tasks:

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Time spent:

< 5%

~ 80%

- 80-85% data processing, analysis
  - best model with available data?
  - are the models doing, what is expected?
  - how long is training time?
  - model reusable?
- 15-20% coding on Jupyter/R notebook
  - use python/R libraries
  - build custom codes

~ 15%

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# A Day in a Life of Data Scientist

- convert business requirement into data science/machine learning problem

**Examples** of business requirements:

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"We think changing our app interface to blue when we are recommending new products would be great, everyone likes blue."

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## Can you identify what kind of data science/ machine learning problem these are?

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# A Day in a Life of Data Scientist

- convert business requirement into data science/machine learning problem

## Examples of business requirements:

“We should give some incentives to our regular subscribers to stop them from leaving.”

-- Classify users

-- Find what features important for subscribers

-- Find features contributing to losing membership

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-- A/B tests

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- classify products into groups
- time series of spending trends
- time series for forecasting

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# A Day in a Life of Data Scientist

- analyze of available data and data quality

From data ingested by data engineers:

- Check if data is enough to do the job
  - if yes, good
  - if no, find additional data – open source, other data sources
- Check data quality issues
  - nulls, missing, data formats
  - qualitative data, quantitative data, text data, image data

Qualitative data – non-numeric, e.g., name, state, yes/no responses

Quantitative data – numeric, e.g., price, temperature

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# A Day in a Life of Data Scientist

- experiment and build the appropriate model and perform statistical tests

Example:

“We need details on how we are spending, what products, forecast future spending etc.”

- classify products into groups
- time series of spending trends

**How would you experiment/build a classification model for this requirement?**

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## - Classification:

Q. Is the data quality good to start building a classification model?

Q. Is this a text classification problem?

Q. Is this a supervised or unsupervised, i.e., can I provide examples to train or not?

Q. Do we know what would be the target classification groups? – Yes, supervised?

Q. Should we try some unsupervised methods like clustering?

Q. Which supervised or unsupervised models to use for classification?

Q. Is this a binary classification or multi-class classification?

Q. How to represent the model output for the end users?

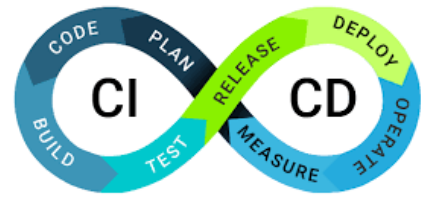
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# Tech stack for data scientist

Languages: **Python/R, SQL/NoSQL, Scala**  
**Jupyter/R notebooks, CI/CD\*** framework



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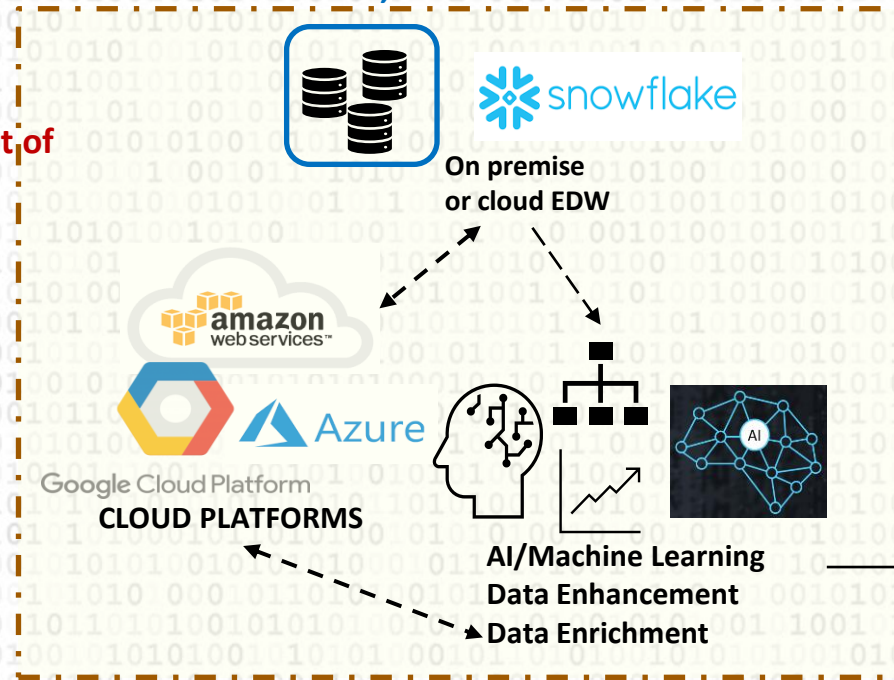
# Data Scientist Role



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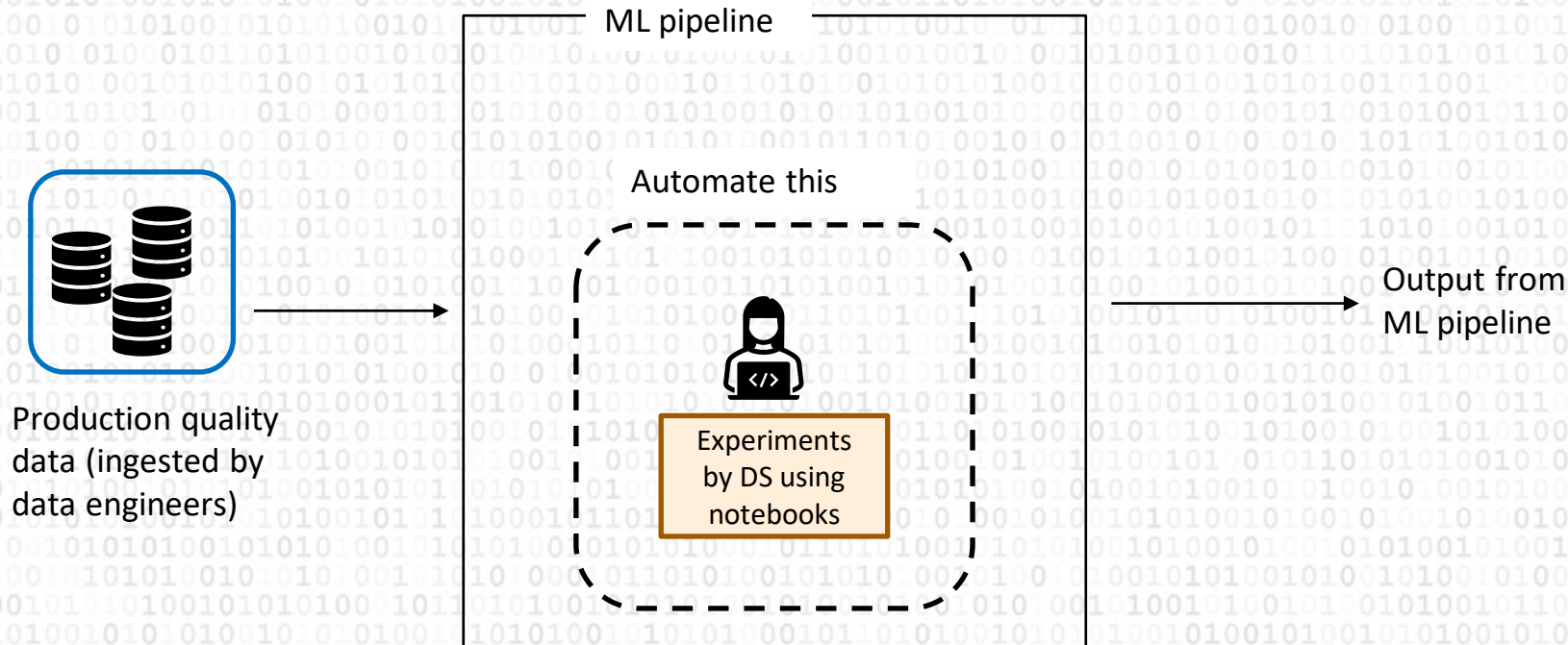
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- provision workspaces for data scientist to develop and deploy models
- automate work of data scientist

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- provision workspaces for data scientist to develop and deploy models and automate

**What are the steps necessary for model deployment and automation? Thoughts?**

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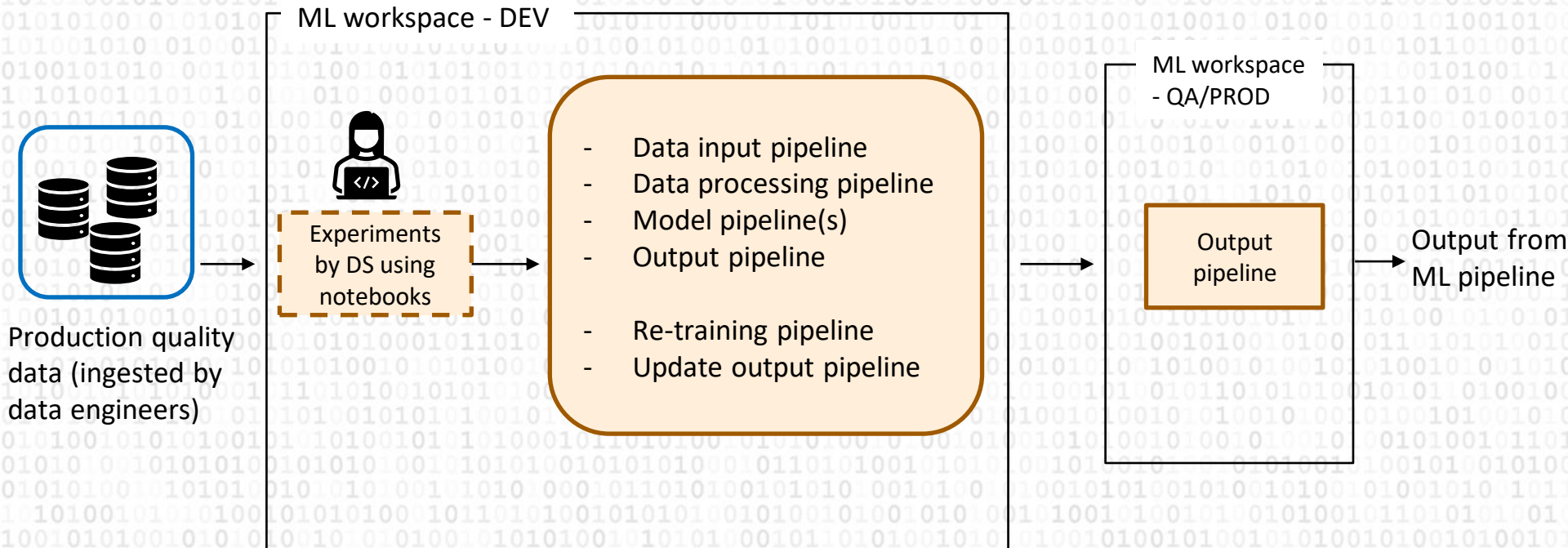
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ML workspace - DEV

ML Pipeline



Experiments  
by DS using  
notebooks

Data cleaning/processing Pipeline  
Model 1 Pipeline  
Model 2 Pipeline

Register  
Models

Model  
1

Model  
2

Final stage of model output,  
e.g., prediction, result of tests

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## MLOps Directory Structure

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cicd:

- all configuration files
- setting up DEV/QA/PROD environments
- deploying DEV → QA → PROD

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experiments:  
all notebooks (Python or R)  
used by DS

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infra:

- all DevOps files that will manage infrastructure with configuration files rather than through a graphical user interface
- this makes things faster by eliminating manual processes

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integration\_test:  
python scripts to integrate  
ML pipeline with the larger  
architecture

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mlops:

- all custom-built functions/modules/packages to be used by the model
- all unit test cases and files

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workspace:

- all steps used by the DS
- files to run these steps connected way
- files to run these as API calls using endpoints

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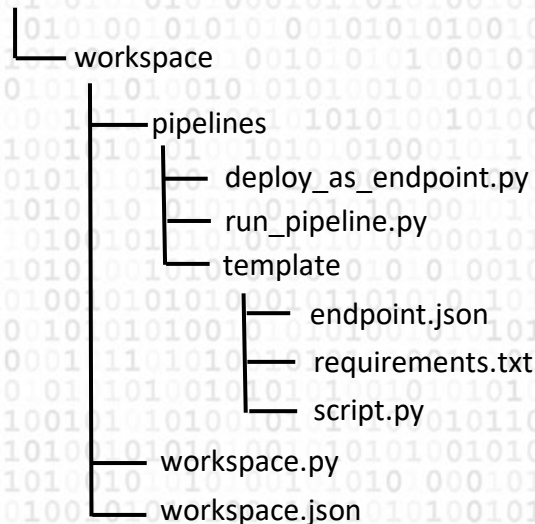


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ML workspace - DEV

## workspace directory



Experiments  
by DS using  
notebooks

- Data input pipeline
- Data processing pipeline
- Model pipeline(s)
- Output pipeline
- Re-training pipeline
- Update output pipeline

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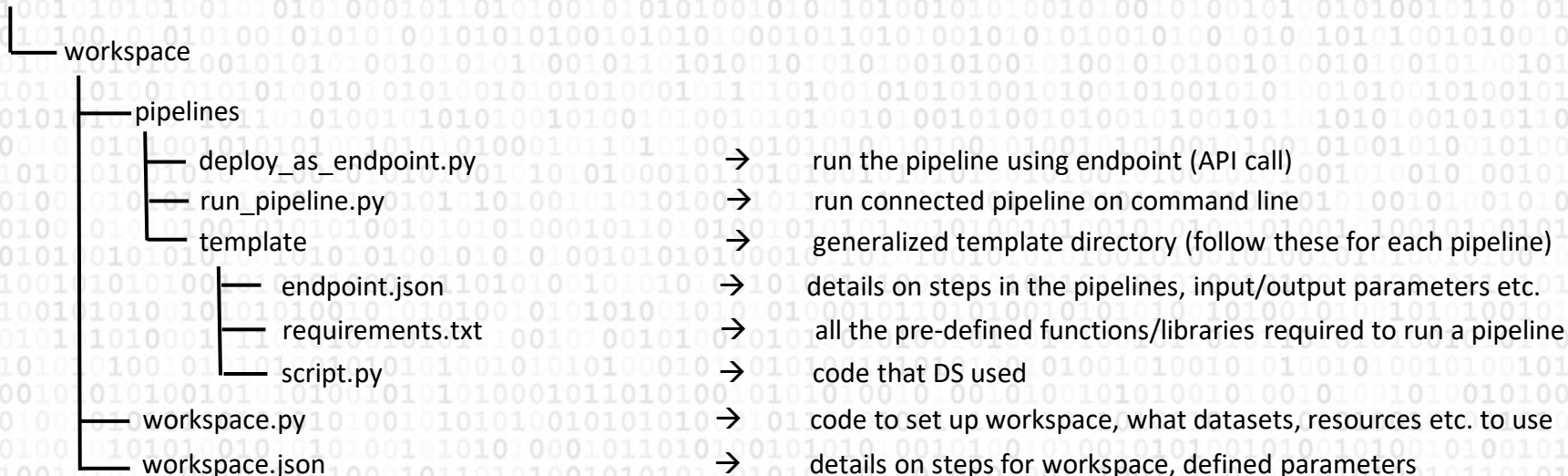
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### workspace directory



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# Tech stack for machine learning engineer

Languages: **Python/R**, **SQL/NoSQL**, **Scala**  
**Jupyter/R notebooks**, **CI/CD\*** framework  
Shell/bash scripting, command line



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# Backend Study Group

- WWCode [Presentation](#) and [Demo](#)
- [WWCode YouTube channel](#):
  - March 25, 2021 session recording: [Backend Engineering](#)
  - April 8, 2021 session recording: [Java Microservice and REST API Demo](#)
  - April 22, 2021 session recording: [Creational Design Patterns](#)
  - May 20, 2021 session recording: [Structural Design Patterns](#)
  - June 3, 2021 session recording: [Behavioral Design Patterns](#)
- **Resources:**
  - [mlops on azure](#), [mlops on aws](#), [mlops on gcp](#)
  - [free online resources to learn mlops](#)
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