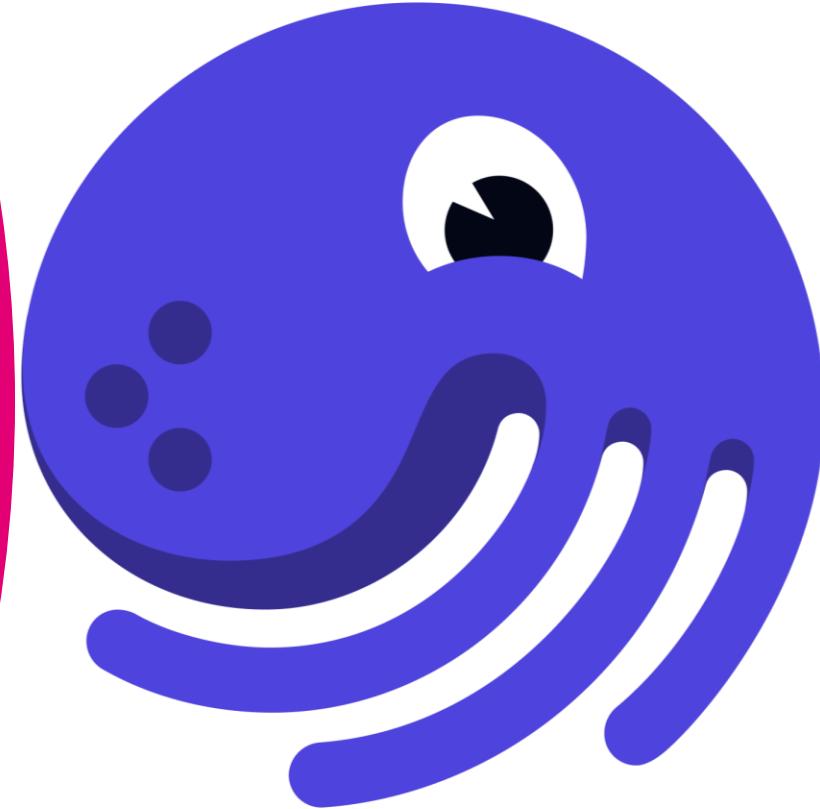


Introduction to using and scaling dagster

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome and introduction to**
 - What is a data platform
 - What is the role of dagster
- 2 Crash course on Dagster concepts**
 - Asset based
 - Metadata-created pipelines
 - Resources and IO managers
- 3 Hands-on lab** (local or GitHub Codespace)
 - Spin up the environment
 - Tour Dagster UI and run first asset
 - Understand, run and extend the above Dagster concepts
- 4. Dagster @Magenta**
 - Open source implementation with local-data-stack

QA & Wrap-up

About us



Data expert in academia and industry Magenta Telecom

- meetup organizer and conference speaker
- data architecture, multimodal and complex data challenges

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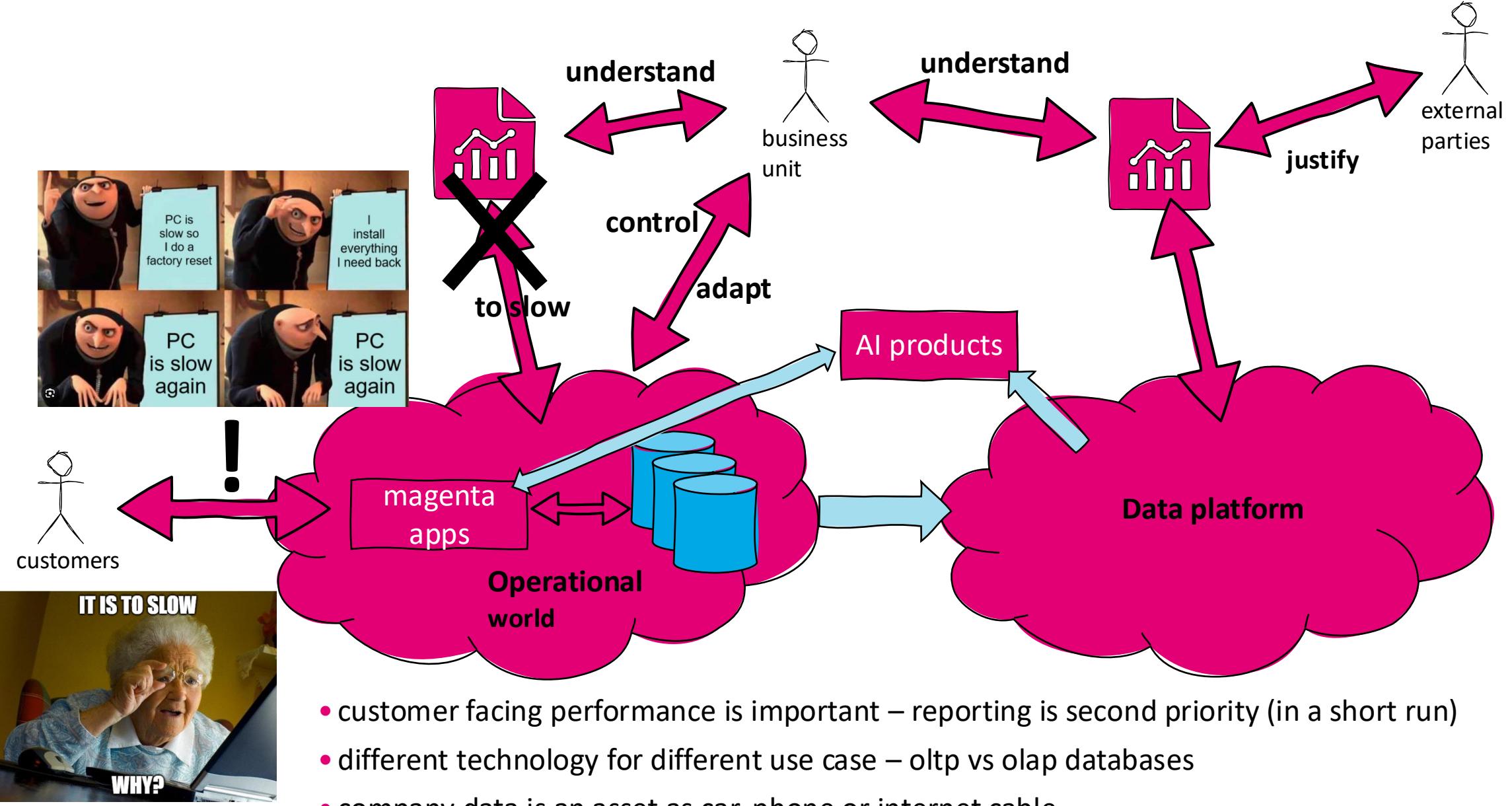
- database internals, data platform engineering

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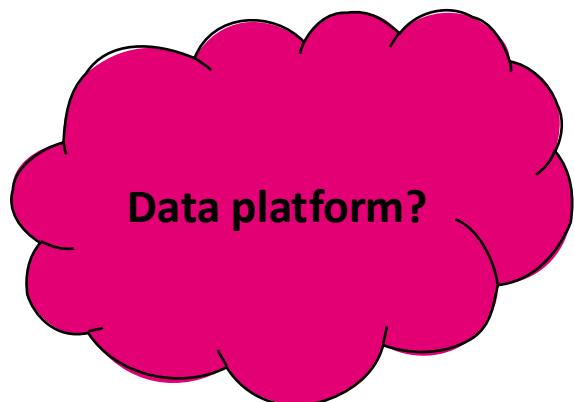
Data platform is there to help understand business process improve service



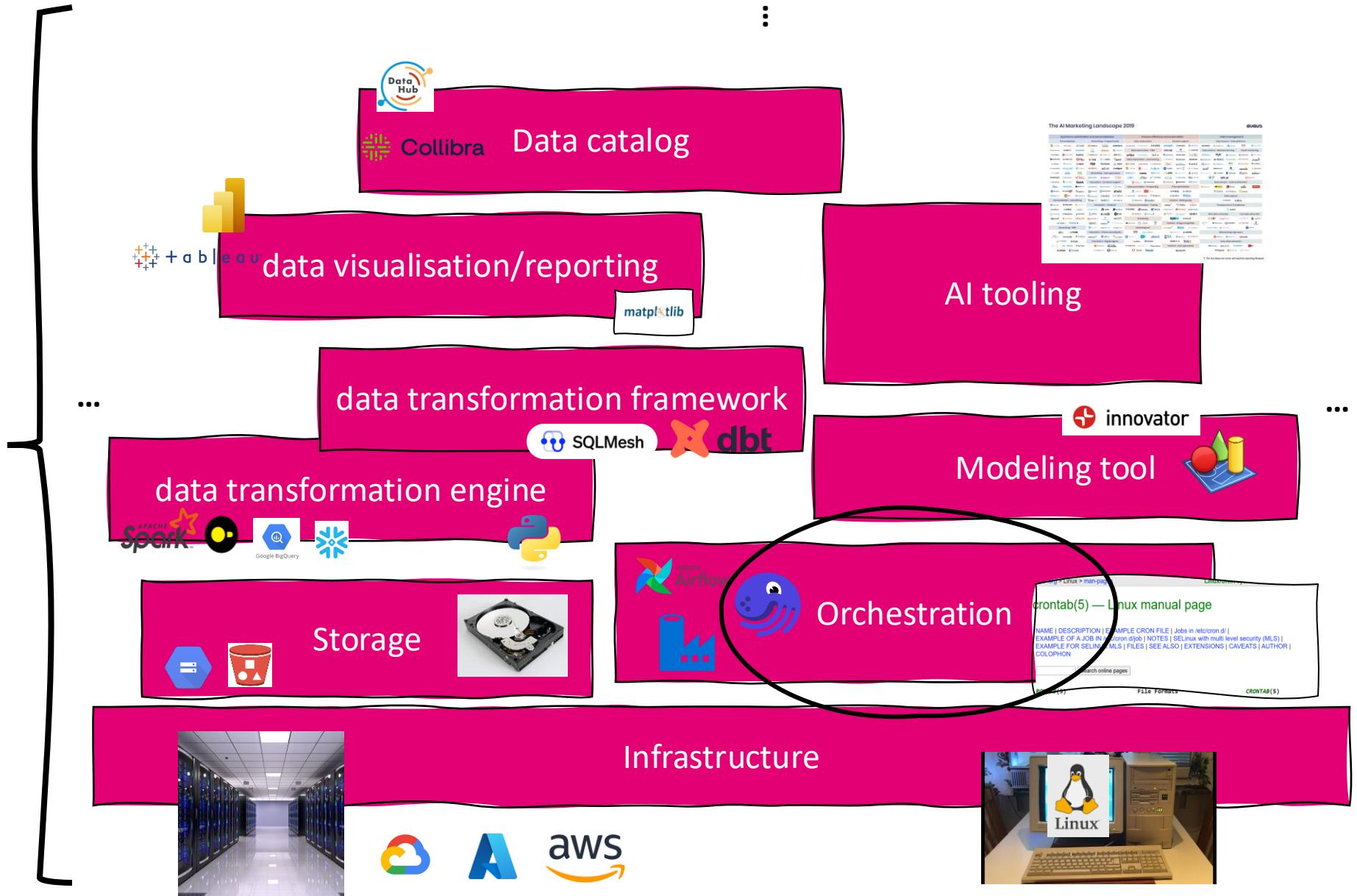
Data platform components

What do I need for a bare minimum E2E reporting?

How to make it last?
Modern tooling, governance,
development...

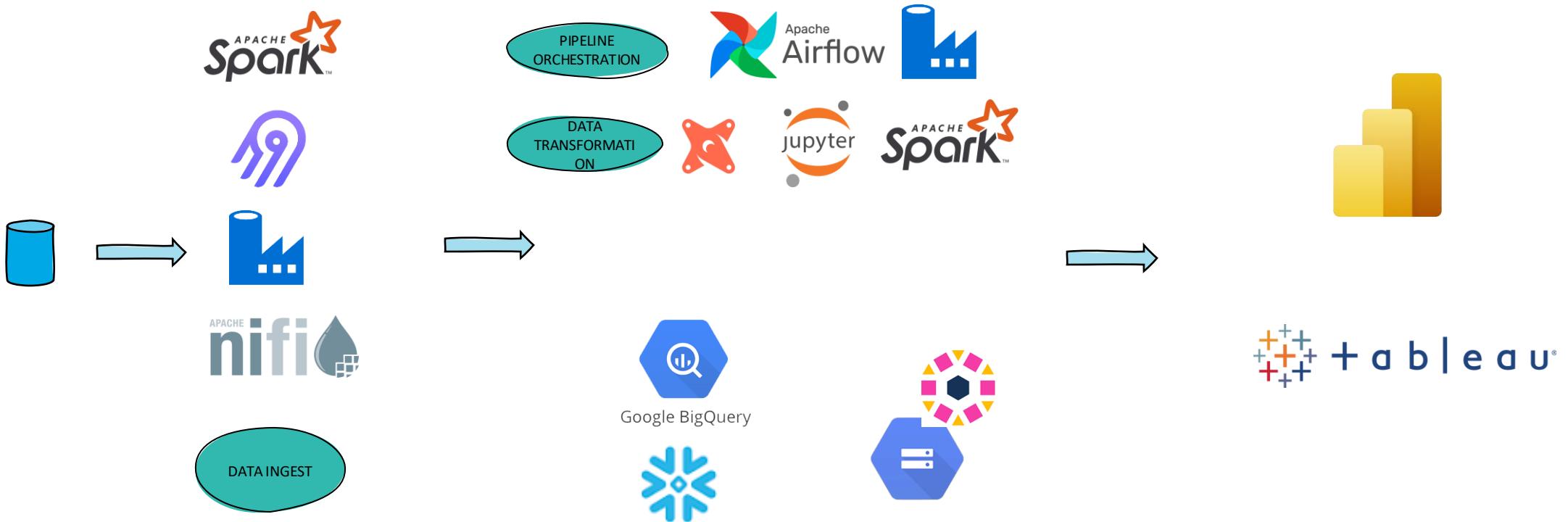
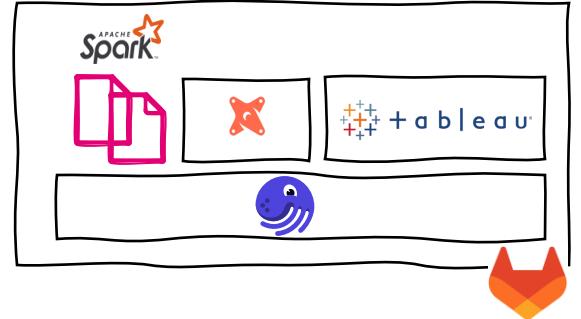
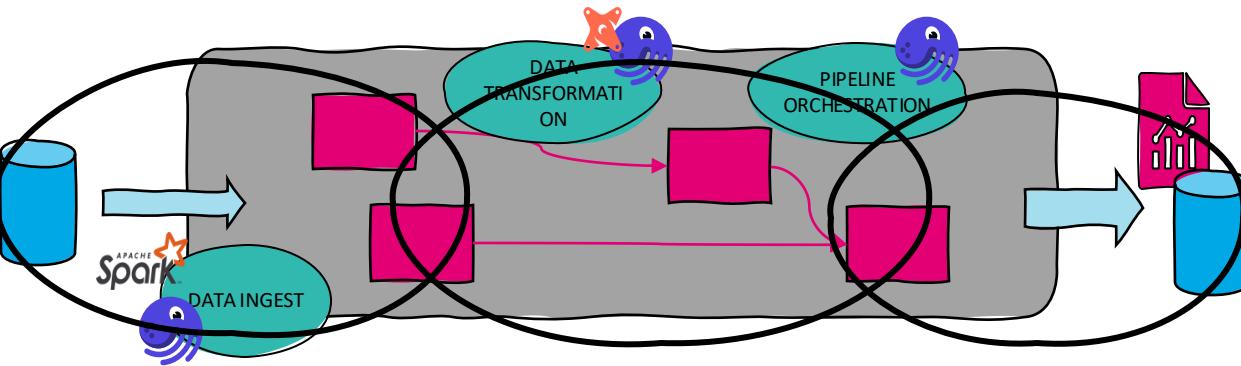
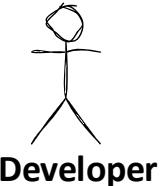


How to make it appealing?
AI...

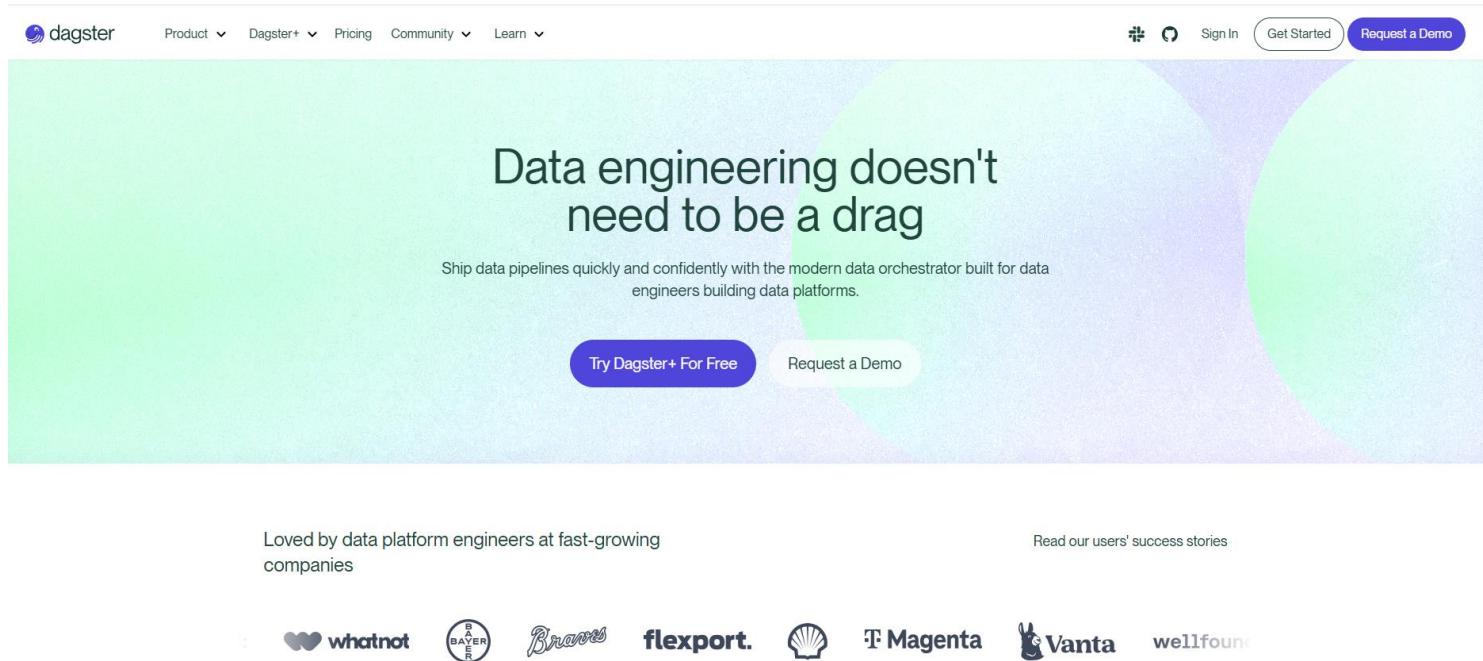


Understanding tool silos

What should i do to get E2E reporting use case done?



Dagster as the core of the platform

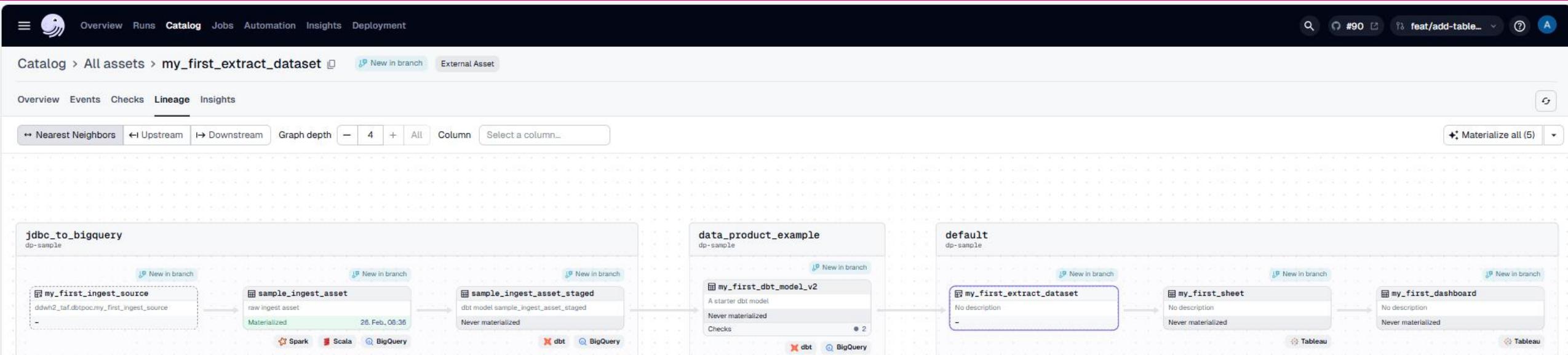


- at Magenta we decided to build around the orchestrator
 - hybrid deployment – controlplane SaaS – runtime in our k8s
 - software engineering best practices for project development and deployment
 - asset-based mindset for data flows (graph like a calculator for data dependencies)
- new concepts in orchestration...

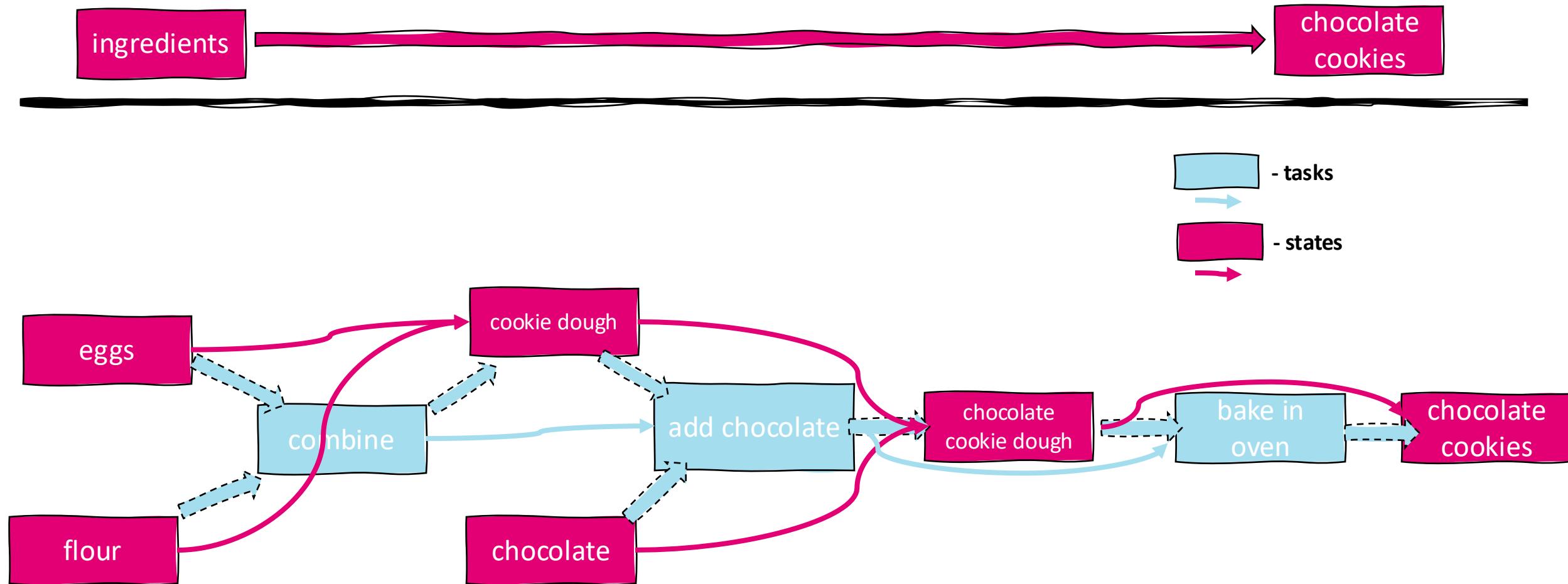
New enabled concepts

docs.dagster.io/getting-started/concepts

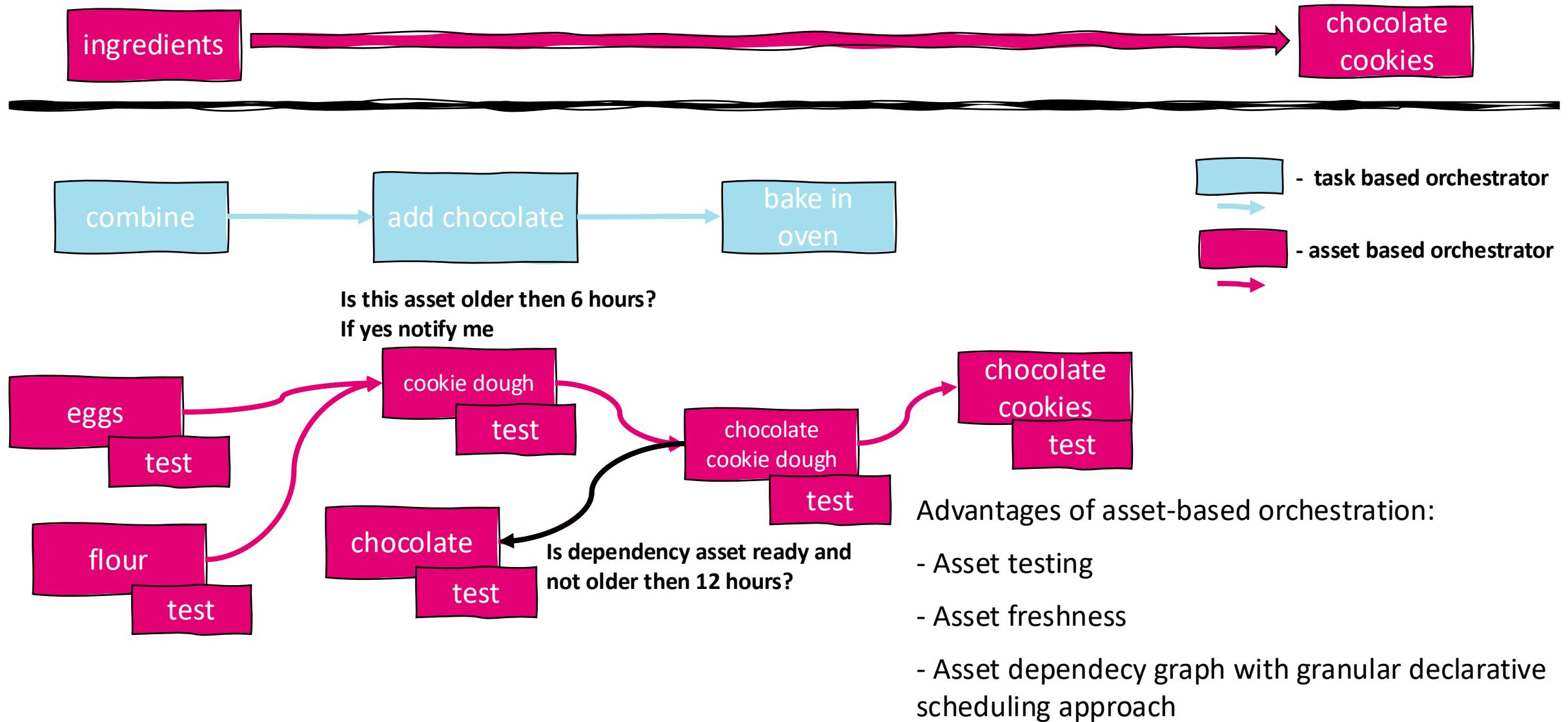
- Asset based graph
- Metadata driven pipeline creation
- Reusable objects (resource, io manager)



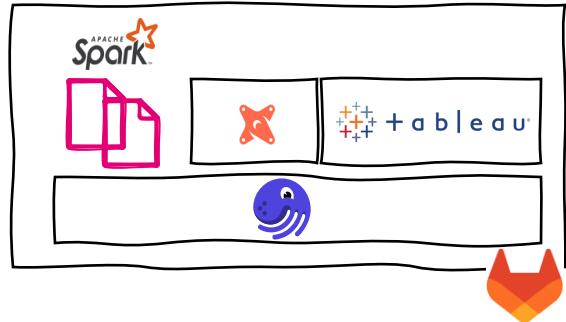
Asset and Task based orchestration: Chocolate cookie example



Asset based orchestration



Machine-readable metadata pipeline generation



```
● ● ●
1 metadata = collect_metadata()
2
3 list_of_assets = []
4 for each_metadata_node in metadata:
5     #.. use_metadata
6     @asset
7     def asset():
8         #..use_metadata
9
10    list_of_assets.append(asset)
11
12 Definitions(assets = list_of_assets)
```

The screenshot shows a code editor with two tabs open. The left tab is titled 'Global Ass' and contains a list of definitions like 'dp-sample', 'data_r...', etc. The right tab is titled 'Definitions' and displays the following Python code:

```
1   tableau_server = TableauServer(creds)
2   #send rest api call to tableau server and get information
3   tableau_metadata = tableau_server.get_metadata()
4   list_of_assets = []
5   for each_tableau_object in tableau_metadata:
6       tableau_object_deps = each_tableau_object.deps
7       tableau_object_name = each_tableau_object.deps
8       if each_tableau_object.type == extract_datasource:
9           @asset(
10               name = tableau_object_name,
11               deps = tableau_object_deps
12           )
13       def refresh_extract(tableau_server):
14           #send api call to refresh object
15           tableau_server.refresh_extract(tableau_object_name)
16           list_of_assets.append(run_dbt_asset)
17       else:
18           @asset(name = tableau_object_deps)
19           def asset():
20               pass
21           list_of_assets.append(asset)
22
23 Definitions(assets = list_of_assets)
```

Reusable components

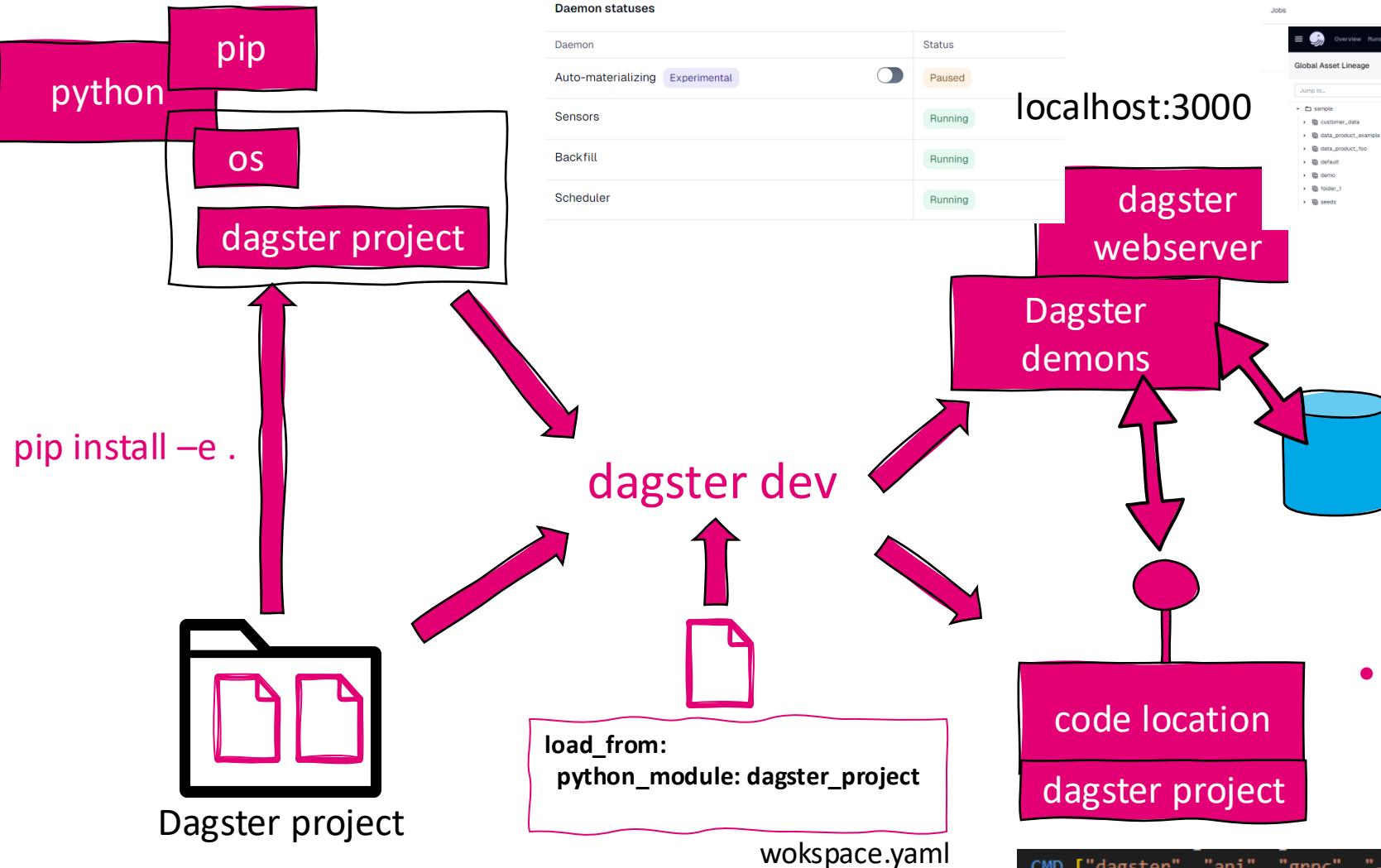
- Reusable objects
 - Resources → Encapsulate complex logic to interact with external systems
 - IO manager → Make complex IO interactions substitutable & testable
- Benefits
 - Dependency injection
 - Day 1 productivity: Scale the data pipeline down to a single laptop
 - Increase self-service: Business/DS focus not required to handle complex IO

```
2 @asset(
3     io_manager_key="bigquery_io_manager",
4 )
5 def awesome_ml_model(context, reference_addresses: pd.DataFrame, bigquery: BigQueryResource) -> pd.DataFrame:
6     # simple normal python code here
7     # IO is abstracted
8     context.log.info(f"from source: \n{reference_addresses.head()}")
9     # auth & complexity (imagine web API) is abstracted
10    with bigquery.get_client() as client:
11        job = client.query("select * from example.upstream")
12        query_result = job.result().to_dataframe()
13        context.log.info(f"direct query: \n{query_result.head()}")
14    return pd.DataFrame({"foo": [1,2,3]})
```

Lab - Demo

- basic asset and UI overview
- resources
- metadata pipeline creation
- components

dagster - pip install dagster



- storage for dagster runs and metadata
- sqlite/postgres

- grpc server serving the assets to the dagster deamon
- needs definition object from the module

```
CMD ["dagster", "api", "grpc", "-h", "0.0.0.0", "-p", "4000", "-f", "sample/__init__.py"]
```

Takeaways

- Integrated asset-based graph is key (from ingest, transformation, reporting, tests – to AI)
 - Event driven connection
 - Better collaboration (scaling)
- Software engineering principles enable business self service
 - Blueprint
 - Automate all the things: CI/CD (stateful & stateless)
 - DRY: build tested foundation – dependency injection
 - Make business departments part of the key processes and pipelines
- Executable specification (metadata, contracts)
 - Interface Management
 - Preserve semantics
 - Preserve compliance (security classification, PII, retention)

Q&A

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Local Modern Data Stack

Open-source contributions: L-MDS + Tableau integration + VertexAI integration

The screenshot displays two GitHub interfaces side-by-side. On the left, the repository `l-mds/local-data-stack` is shown, featuring a list of files and commits by `geoHeil`. On the right, a pull request titled "[dagster-tableau] Exploring embedded data sources #27218" is detailed, showing a merge from `VenkyRules:feat/exploring_embedded_data_sources` into `dagster-io:master`. The pull request includes a summary of changes, how they were tested, and a commit history.

[dagster-tableau] Exploring embedded data sources #27218

Merged maximearmstrong merged 8 commits into `dagster-io:master` from `VenkyRules:feat/exploring_embedded_data_sources` 2 weeks ago

Conversation 22 Commits 8 Checks 0 Files changed 7

+173 -50

VenkyRules commented on Jan 20

Summary & Motivation

1. Current implementation was fetching limited metadata from tableau which was only limited to id and names, but have added few more fields like upstreamTables and databases details and many more fields.
2. Earlier we were only showing published data sources and ignoring embedded data sources. With this changes we are showing embedded data sources in case published data sources are not present.

How I Tested These Changes

Tested on local system with the help of docker desktop

VenkyRules added 3 commits last month

- Adding code to fetch more metadata from tableau and showing embedded ...
- removed comments
- removed extra lines

vercel bot commented on Jan 20 • edited

Reviewers: maximearmstrong

Assignees: No one assigned

Labels: integration: tableau

Projects: None yet

Milestone: No milestone

Development: Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

2 participants

Building a data platform is team work

Further material

- public live stream about the basics: georgheiler.com/event/magenta-pixi-25
- n-depth Magenta implementation georgheiler.com/event/magenta-data-architecture-25
- <https://courses.dagster.io/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of Dagster University. At the top, there's a purple header with the text "Welcome to Dagster University" and a subtext "Learn how to leverage Dagster and build robust, production-ready data platforms with ease.". Below the header, there's a section titled "Courses" with three cards:

- Dagster & ETL**: A course card with a "dagster university" logo, the title "Dagster & ETL", and a subtitle "Dagster & ETL". It shows a rating of ★ 5.0 (1 review) and a brief description: "Learn how to ingest data to power your assets. You'll build custom pipelines and see how to use Embedded ETL and Dagster Components...".
- Dagster Essentials**: A course card with a "dagster university" logo, the title "Dagster Essentials", and a subtitle "Course". It shows a rating of ★ 4.8 (160 reviews) and a brief description: "In this course, learn the basics of Dagster, including how to represent a data pipeline as the data assets it produces and orchestrate a...".
- Dagster & dbt**: A course card with a "dagster university" logo, the title "Dagster & dbt", and a subtitle "Course". It shows a rating of ★ 4.9 (19 reviews) and a brief description: "Learn how to integrate and orchestrate dbt projects with Dagster. You'll load dbt models into Dagster as assets, build dependencies,...".

The screenshot shows the "Libraries" section of the Dagster documentation. The left sidebar has a "Guides" dropdown and a "Libraries" section with links to various integrations like Airbyte, Airlift, Anthropic, AWS, Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2, Census, Chroma, Cube, Databricks, Datadog, dbt, Delta Lake, DingTalk, dlt, Docker, DuckDB, and Embedded ELT. The main content area is titled "Libraries" and says "You can integrate Dagster with external services or non-Python languages using our libraries and libraries supported by the community." It lists several integration cards:

- Airbyte**: A card with a microphone icon, "3 items", and a brief description: "Airbyte is a toolkit for integrating Dagster and Airflow."
- Airlift**: A card with a green and red icon, "10 items", and a brief description: "Airlift is a toolkit for integrating Dagster and Airflow."
- Anthropic**: A card with an AI icon, "Community", and a brief description: "The Anthropic integration allows you to easily interact with the Anthropic REST API using the Anthropic Python API to...".
- AWS**: A card with an Amazon icon, "10 items", and a brief description: "The AWS integration allows you to easily interact with the AWS Lambda, S3, and SNS services using the AWS Python API to...".
- Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2**: A card with an "A" icon, "Community", and a brief description: "Dagster helps you use Azure Storage Accounts as part of your data pipeline. Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2 (ADLS2)...".
- Census**: A card with a pink hexagon icon, "Community", and a brief description: "With the Census integration you can execute a Census sync and poll until that sync completes, raising an error if it's...".