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Running visual quality inspection at the  
edge with Apache NiFi & MiNiFi

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# NiFi - a software developed 13y ago by the NSA



**2006**

NiagaraFiles (NiFi) was first inceptioned at the National Security Agency (NSA)



**November 2014**

NiFi is donated to the Apache Software Foundation (ASF) through NSA's Technology Transfer Program and enters ASF's incubator.

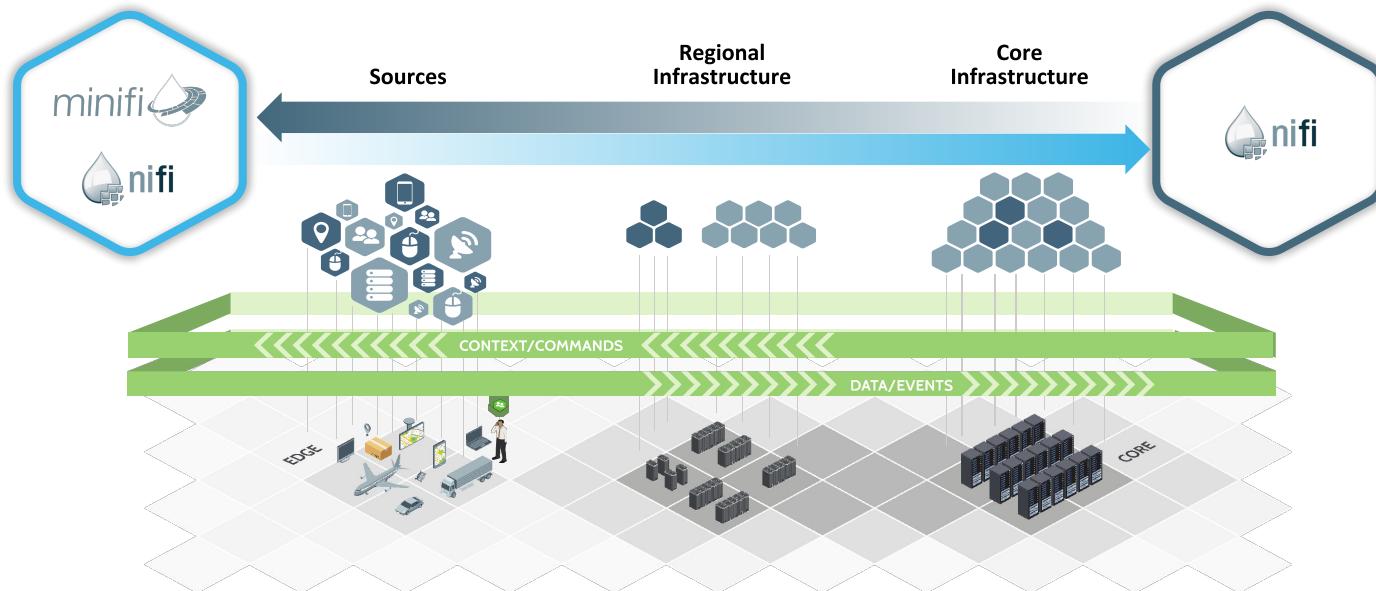


**July 2015**

NiFi reaches ASF top-level project status

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# What is NiFi used for?





# The NiFi ecosystem

- ◆ **NiFi** - Powerful and scalable directed graphs of data routing, transformation, and system mediation logic.
- ◆ **MiNiFi (Java version)** - Complementary data collection approach that supplements the core tenets of NiFi in dataflow management, focusing on the collection of data at the source of its creation.
- ◆ **MiNiFi (C++ version)** - The C++ implementation is an additional implementation to the one in Java with the aim of an even smaller resource footprint. Perspectives of the role of MiNiFi should be from the perspective of the agent acting immediately at, or directly adjacent to, source sensors, systems, or servers.
- ◆ **NiFi Registry** - Complementary application that provides a central location for storage and management of shared resources across one or more instances of NiFi and/or MiNiFi.
- ◆ **NiFi C2 Server** - Command and control server to manage many disparate agents running on all sorts of devices, to coordinate their work and to push out revised flows/configurations.
- ◆ **NiFi Fluid Design System** - Atomic reusable platform providing consistent set of UI/UX components.

# 300+ processors for deeper ecosystem integration

FTP
SFTP
HL7
UDP
XML
...
...
HTTP
WebSocket
Email
HTML
Image
Syslog
AMQP



Hash	Encrypt	GeoEnrich
Merge	Tail	Scan
Extract	Evaluate	Replace
Duplicate	Execute	Translate
Split	Fetch	Convert
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	...	...
Route Text	Distribute Load	
Route Content	Generate Table Fetch	
Route Context	Jolt Transform JSON	
Control Rate	Prioritized Delivery	



# The Apache way: community over code

Subscribe to the mailing lists:

[https://nifi.apache.org/mailing\\_lists.html](https://nifi.apache.org/mailing_lists.html)

users@nifi.apache.org & dev@nifi.apache.org

Open and comment JIRAs:

<https://issues.apache.org/jira/projects/NIFI>

Contribute code:

<https://nifi.apache.org/developer-guide.html>

<https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/NIFI/Contributor+Guide>

<https://issues.apache.org/jira/projects/NIFI/issues/>

Get involved in the code review process:

<https://github.com/apache/nifi>

<https://github.com/apache/nifi-registry>

<https://github.com/apache/nifi-minifi>

<https://github.com/apache/nifi-minifi-cpp>

<https://github.com/apache/nifi-fds>



# The Apache NiFi community in few numbers

**535+ members** on the Slack channel

**260+ contributors** on Github across the repositories

**45 committers** in the Apache NiFi community

**Apache NiFi 1.10.0** to be released soon (RC vote in progress!)

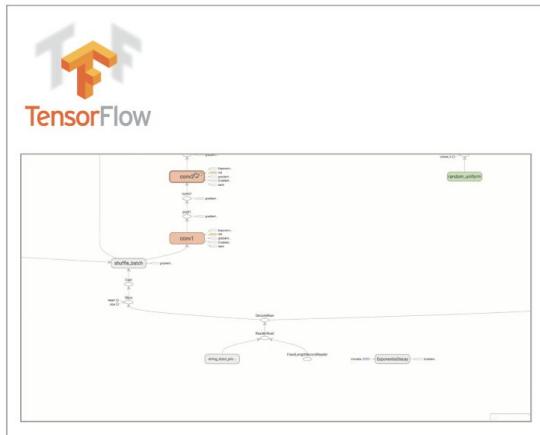
**1M+ docker pulls** of the Apache NiFi image

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# Visual quality inspection: Detect broken cookies

# The ML spectrum in GCP



Use/extend OSS SDK

ML researcher



CloudML

Scale, No-ops Infrastructure

TPU - 7 years ahead of GPU in terms of price/performance

Build custom models

Data Scientist



AutoML

Google Trained Models



Cloud Translate



Cloud Vision



Cloud Natural Language

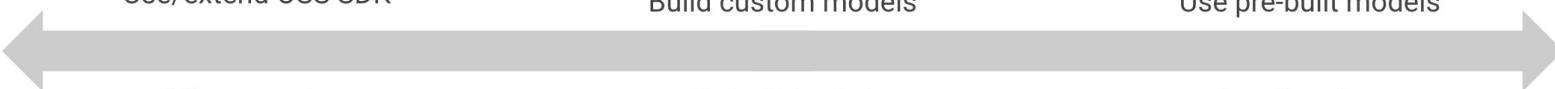


Cloud Speech



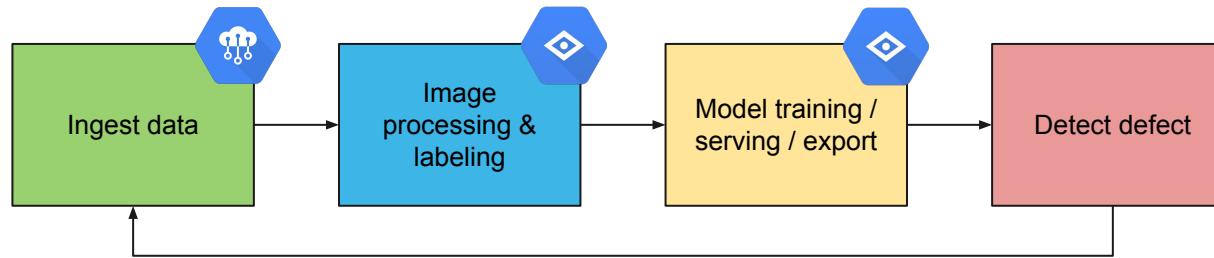
Use pre-built models

App Developer



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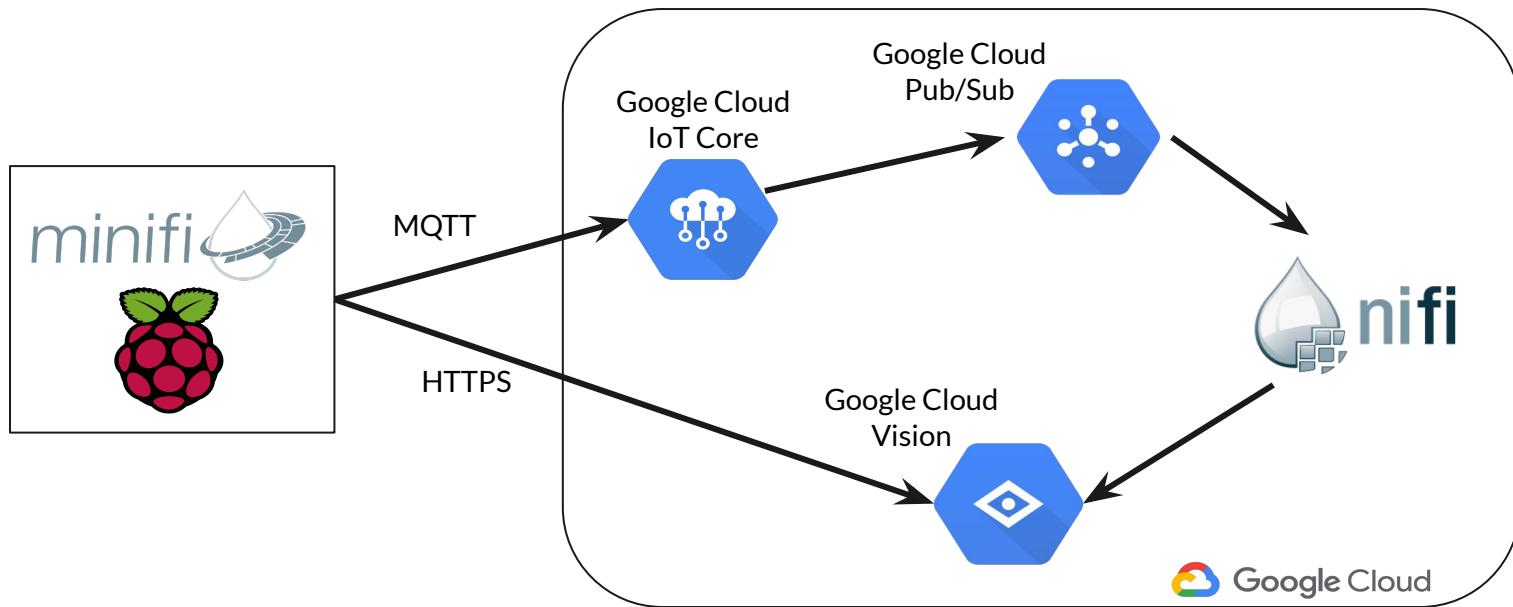
# Continuous model retrain



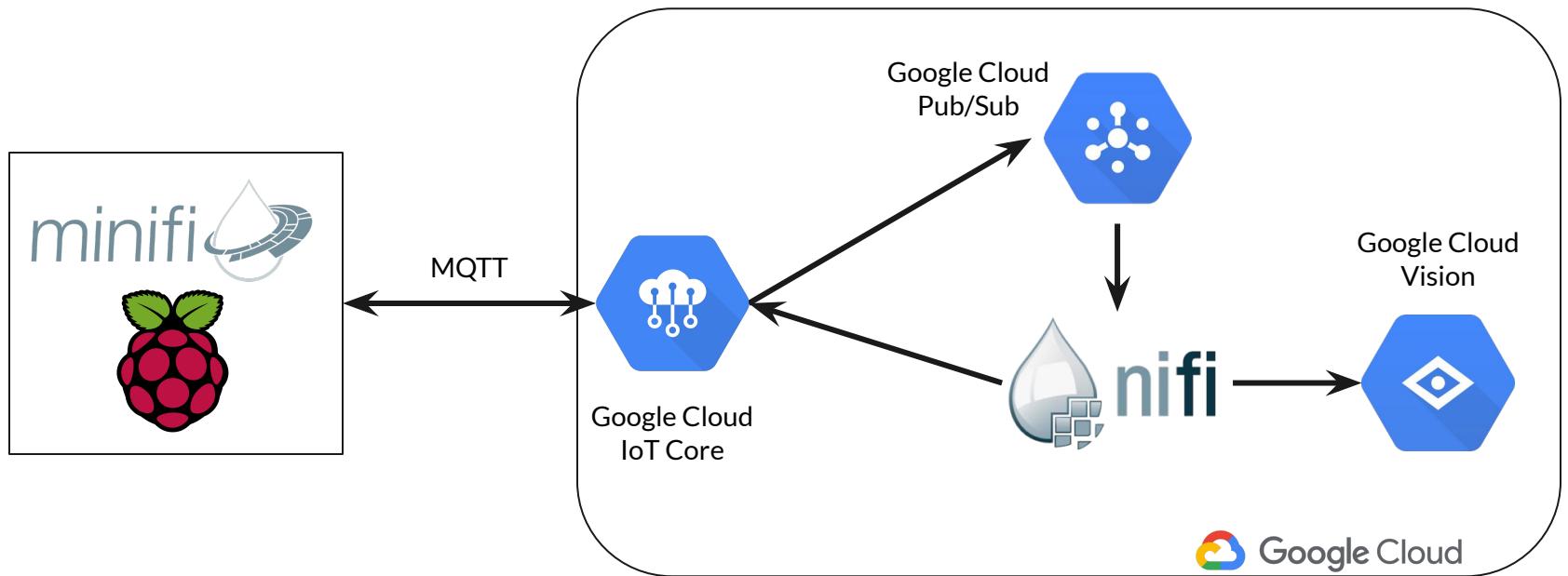
- Automatically train customized ML models in the cloud
- Efficiently acquire images, label images, deploy model and run inference
- Continuously refresh models using fresh data from the production lines

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## Architecture #1 - training & inference in the cloud



## Architecture #2 - training in the cloud & inference at the edge



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# Collect & label data to initialize a dataset

# Register my device in Google Cloud IoT Core



Google Cloud Platform aceu19 ▾

IoT Core

Devices + CREATE A DEVICE DELETE

Registry ID: aceu19registry

europe-west1

Devices are things that connect to the Internet directly or through a gateway. [Learn more](#)

Enter exact device ID

Device ID	Communication	Last seen	Stackdriver Logging
my-device	Allowed	19 Oct 2019, 15:26:58	Registry default

[Cloud IoT Core documentation](#)

# Take pictures and send over MQTT

MinFi



```
pi@raspberrypi:~/aceu19/raspberry $ cat takePicture.py
from picamera import PiCamera
from gpiozero import LED

imagePath = '/home/pi/aceu19/raspberry/pictures/picture.jpg'

amber = LED(27)

amber.on()

camera = PiCamera()
camera.rotation = 180
camera.capture(imagePath, quality = 10)

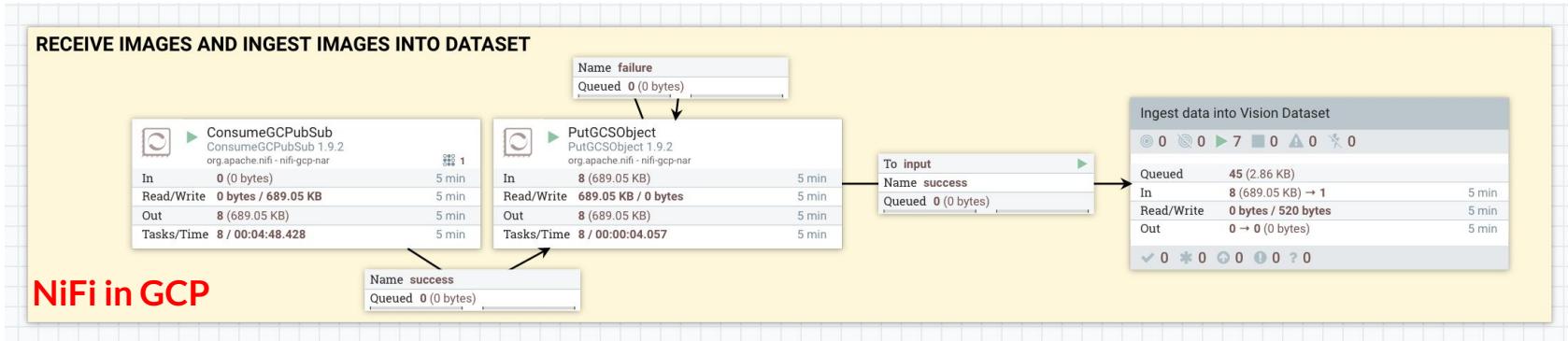
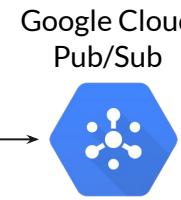
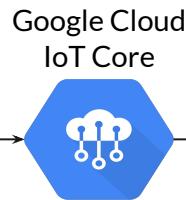
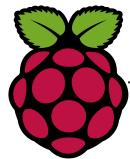
amber.off()
```



Name success  
Queued 0 (0 bytes)

Name success  
Queued 0 (0 bytes)

# Ingest images into the dataset



Google Cloud Platform aceu19 ▾

Vision aceu19 BETA LABEL STATS EXPORT DATA

Dashboard IMAGES TRAIN EVALUATE TEST & USE Single-Label Classification

Datasets All images 564

Filter images

Models

Labelled 517

Unlabelled 47

Filter labels

NOK 135

OK 382

ADD NEW LABEL

Filter images

OK(1) OK(1) OK(1) OK(1) OK(1) OK(1)

OK(1) OK(1) OK(1) NOK(1) OK(1) OK(1)

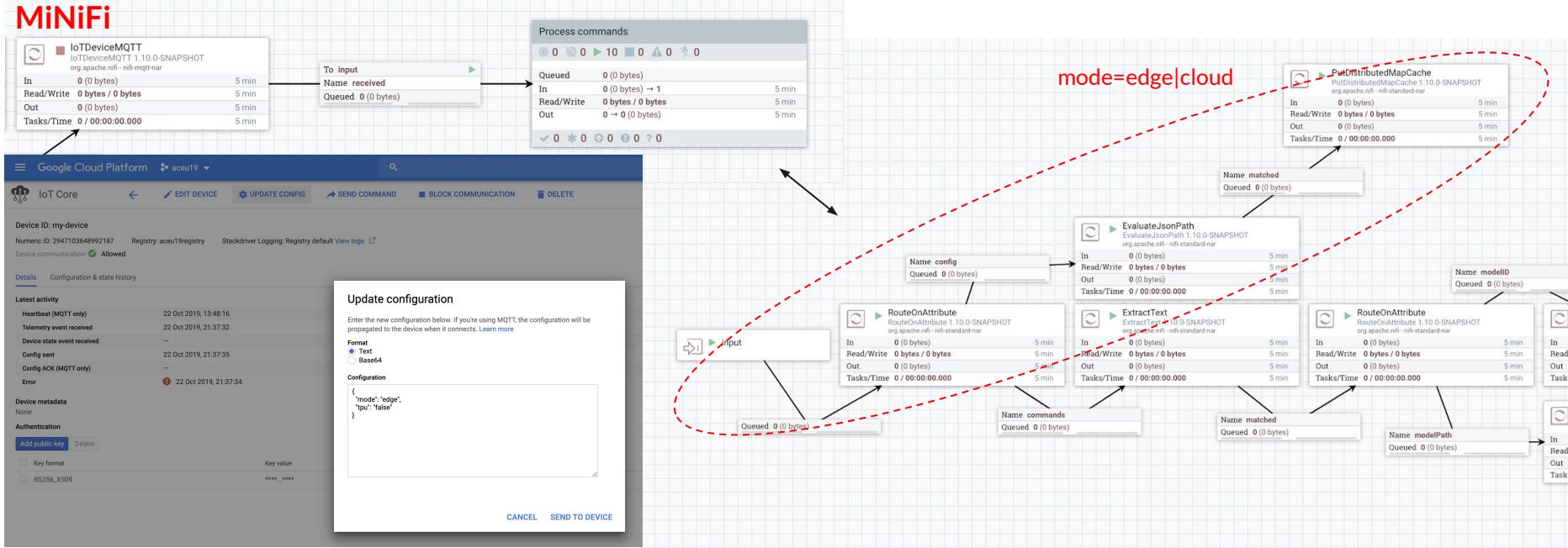
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# Configure the device

# Set device mode: edge/cloud



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# Configure NiFi running on GCP

# Variables

Variables

Process Group  
NiFi Flow

Scope	Name ▾	Value	Actions
NiFi Flow	bucket	images-input-aceu19	trash
NiFi Flow	datasetID	ICN4695798657952251904	trash
NiFi Flow	deviceID	my-device	trash
NiFi Flow	mode	edge	trash
NiFi Flow	modelGcsPath	gs://aceu19-edge-models/	trash
NiFi Flow	projectID	aceu19	trash
NiFi Flow	region	europe-west1	trash
NiFi Flow	registryID	aceu19registry	trash
NiFi Flow	subscription	projects/aceu19/subscrip...	trash

Variables mode

Referencing Processors [?](#)

- RouteOnAttribute
- RouteOnAttribute

Referencing Controller Services [?](#)

None

Unauthorized Referencing Components [?](#)

None

Variables do not support sensitive values and will be included when versioning a Process Group.

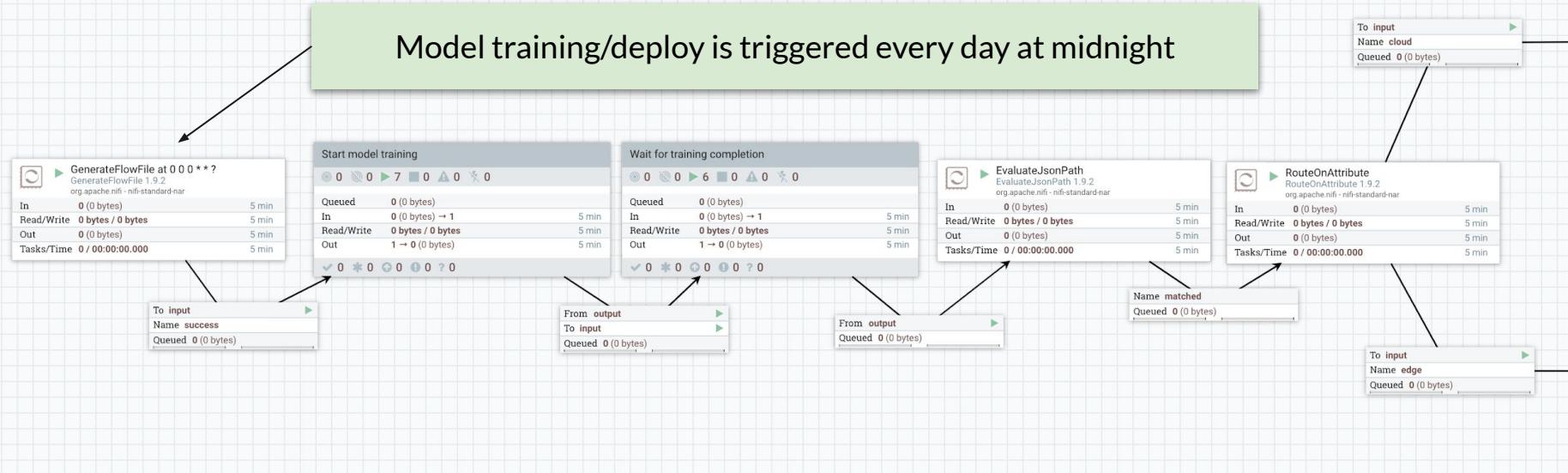
CANCEL APPLY



# Model training

# Automate model training

NiFi in GCP



# Automate model training

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform Vision API interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Cloud logo, a project dropdown set to 'aceu19 BETA', and a search bar. The main menu on the left has 'Vision' selected, followed by 'Dashboard', 'Datasets', and 'Models'. The 'Models' section is active, showing a list with one item: 'ACEU19\_cloud\_model'. Below the list, a message states: 'Training may take several hours. This includes node training time as well as infrastructure set up and tear down, which you aren't charged for.' It also says 'You will be emailed once training completes.' A progress bar at the bottom indicates 'Training model...' is in progress. At the bottom right of the main area is a 'CANCEL' button.

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform Operations API interface. It displays a single operation entry for a model training job. The operation ID is 'ICN7918570593056718848'. The 'View as' dropdown is set to 'original'. The JSON output shows the following details:

```
1 { "name": "projects/294759539727/locations/us-central1/operations/ICN7918570593056718848",  
2   "metadata": {  
3     "@type": "type.googleapis.com/google.cloud.automl.v1beta1.OperationMetadata",  
4     "createTime": "2019-10-19T13:26:16.408Z",  
5     "updateTime": "2019-10-19T13:44:51.977Z",  
6     "createModelDetails": {}  
7   },  
8   "done": true,  
9   "response": {  
10    "@type": "type.googleapis.com/google.cloud.automl.v1beta1.Model",  
11    "name": "projects/294759539727/locations/us-central1/models/ICN4037727754588782592"  
12  }  
13}  
14 }  
15 }
```

Google Cloud Platform aceu19 BETA

Vision aceu19 BETA LABEL STATS EXPORT DATA

Dashboard TRAIN EVALUATE TEST & USE Single-Label Classification

Datasets Models

Model ACEU19\_cloud\_model Confidence threshold 0.85

Filter labels All labels NOK OK

NOK

Total images 497 Test items 0 Precision 100% Recall 100%

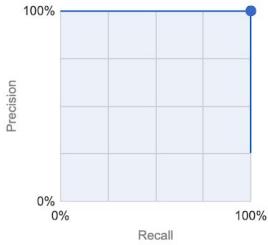
Use the slider to see which confidence threshold works best for your model on the precision-recall tradeoff curve.  
[Learn more about these metrics and graphs.](#)

All test images are evaluated at the time of training. If you modify your dataset after training, these results will not be accurate.

True positives

Your model correctly predicted NOK on these images

Score: 0.9975636 Score: 0.9988317 Score: 0.9988655 Score: 0.99907696 Score: 0.99919194 Score: 0.99943775



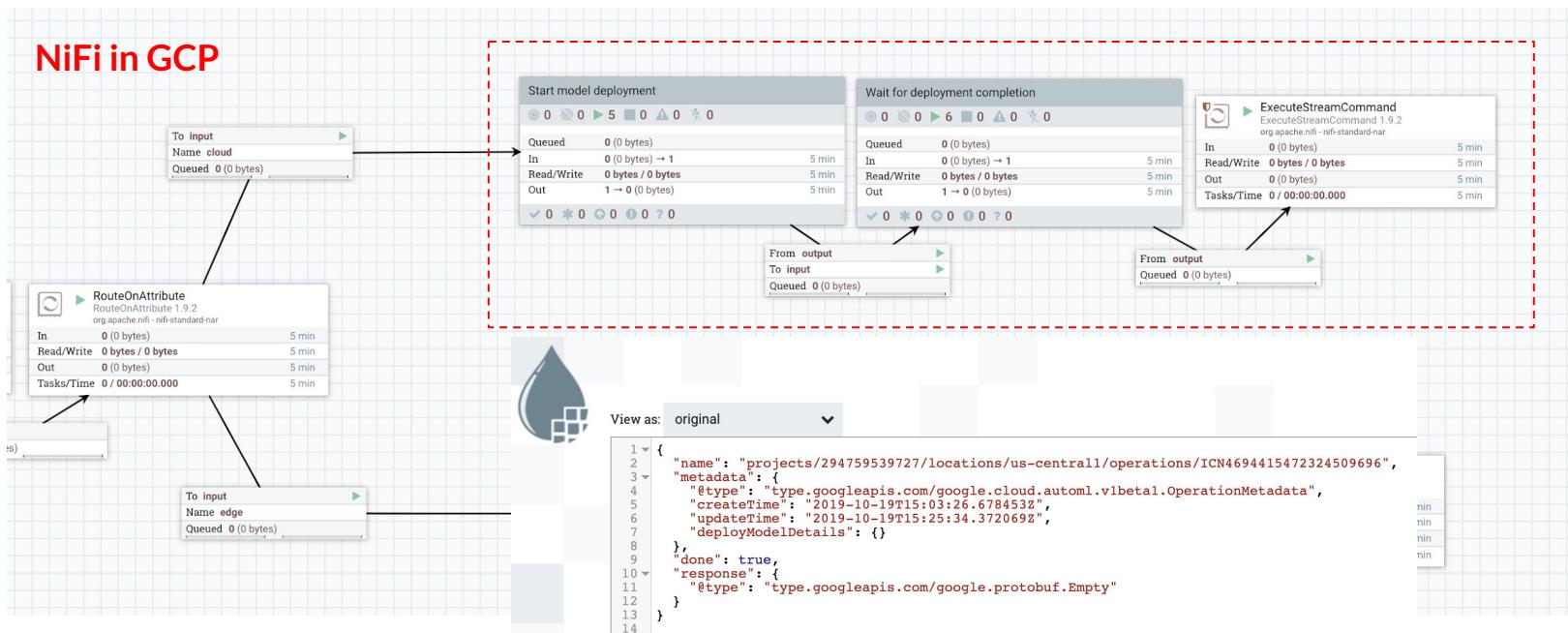
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# **Architecture #1 - Model deployment**

**TL;DR - the model is running in the cloud**

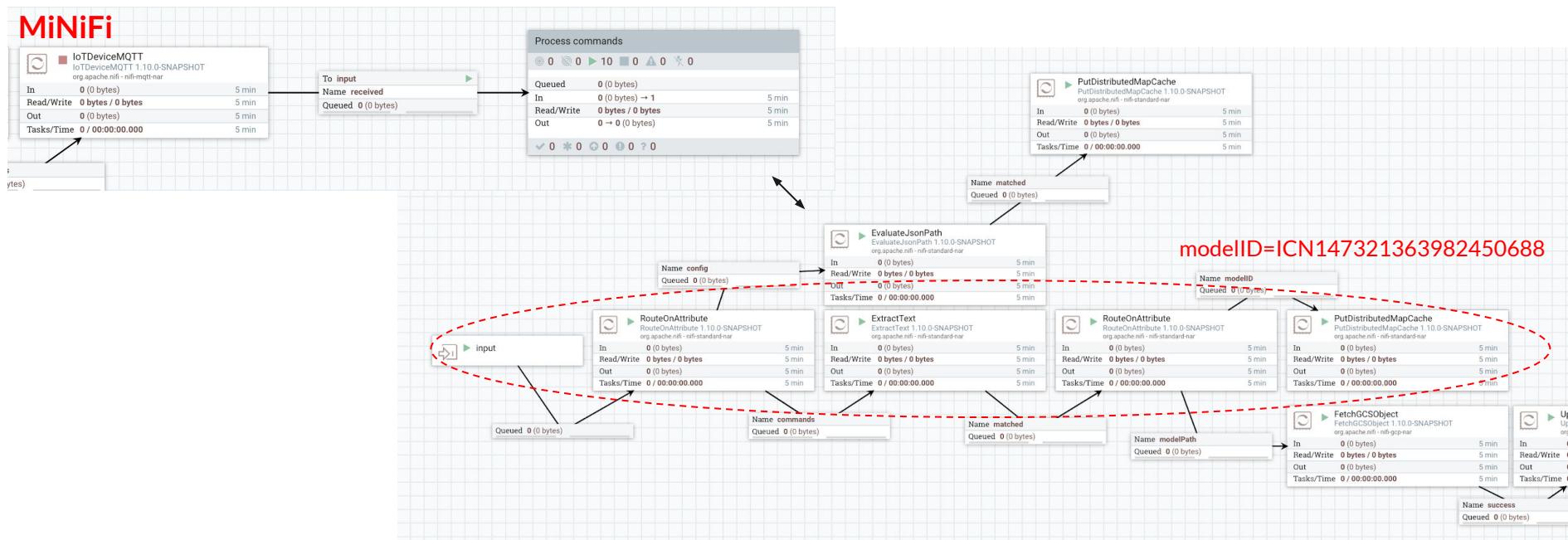
# Cloud model deployment

NiFi in GCP



# Update on the device

MiNiFi



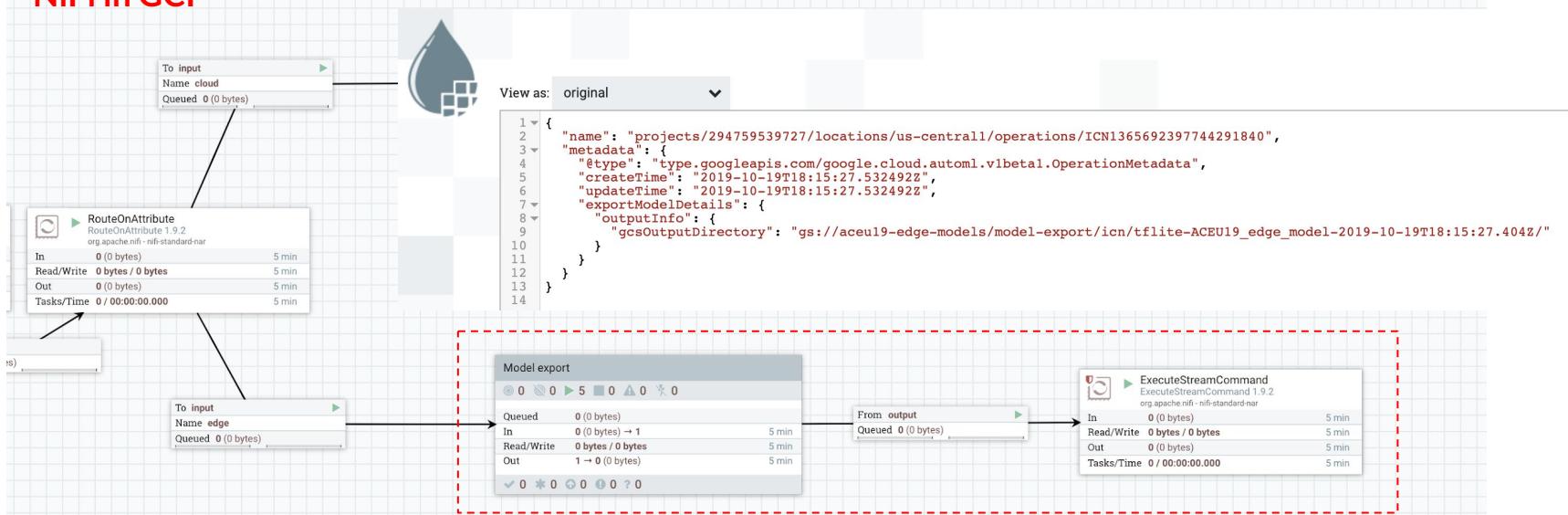
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## **Architecture #2 - Model export**

**TL;DR - the model is running on the edge**

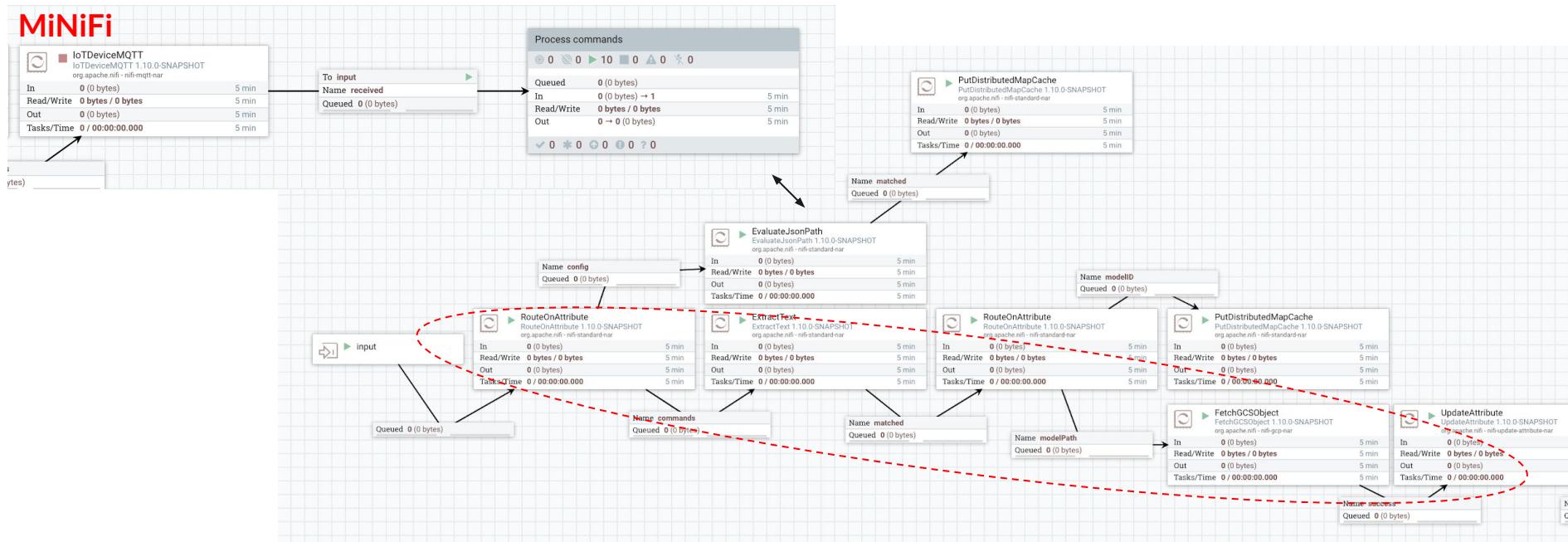
# Edge model export into Google Cloud Storage

NiFi in GCP



# Update on the device

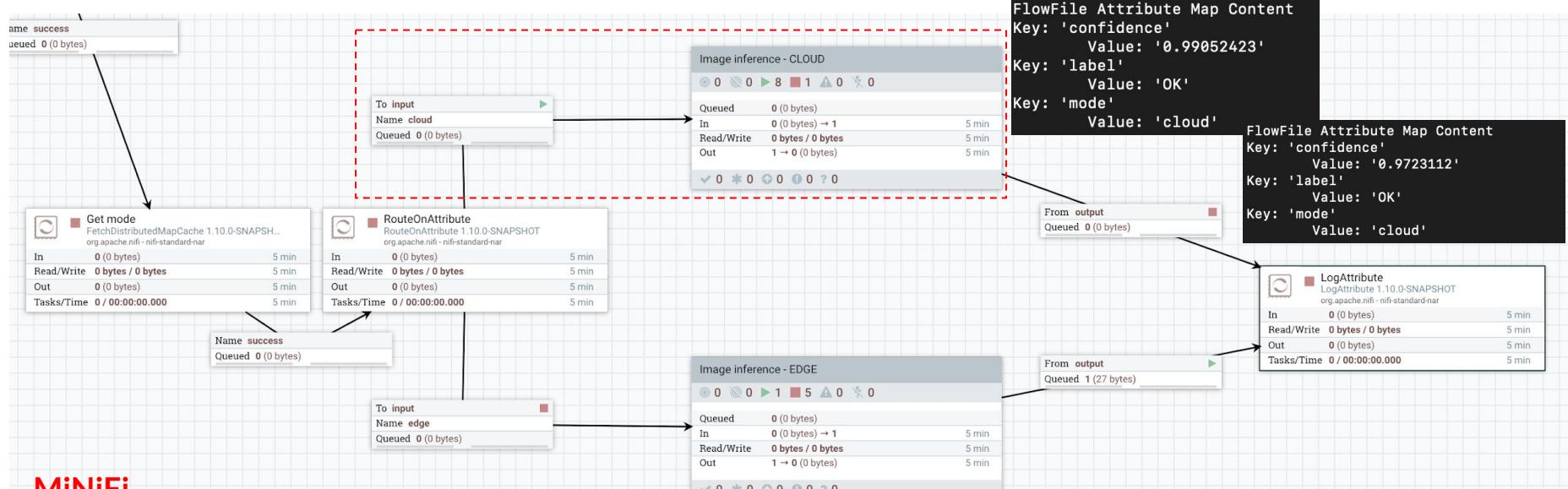
MiNiFi



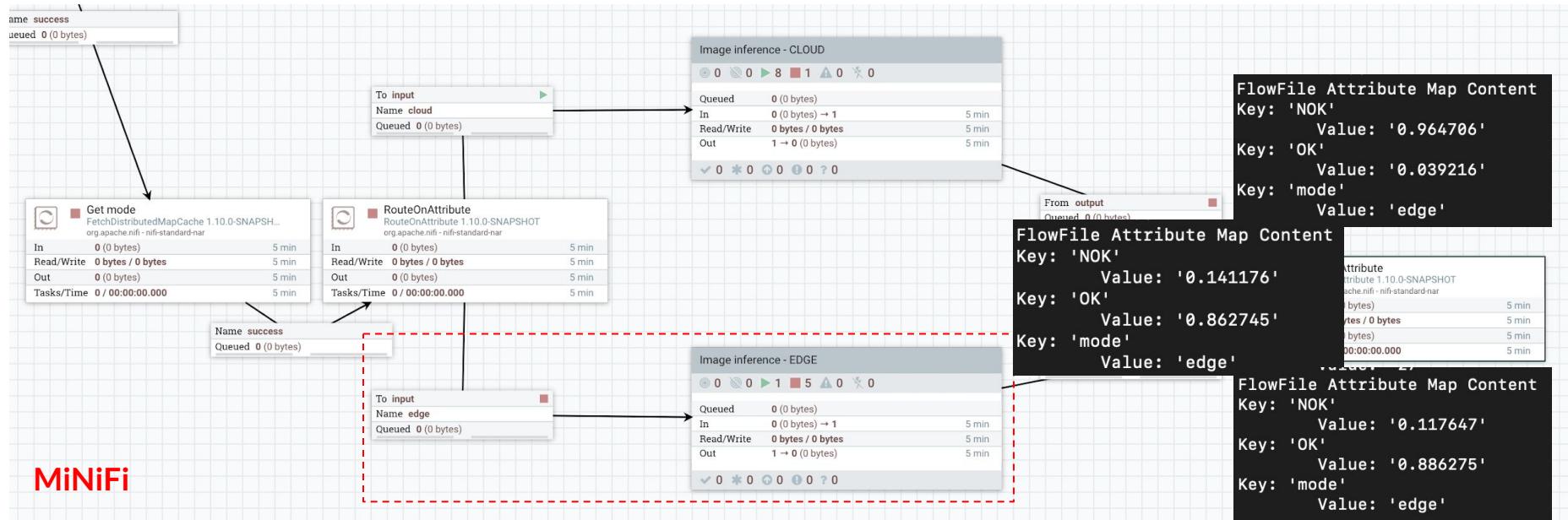


# Inference

# Inference with model in the cloud



# Inference with model on the edge



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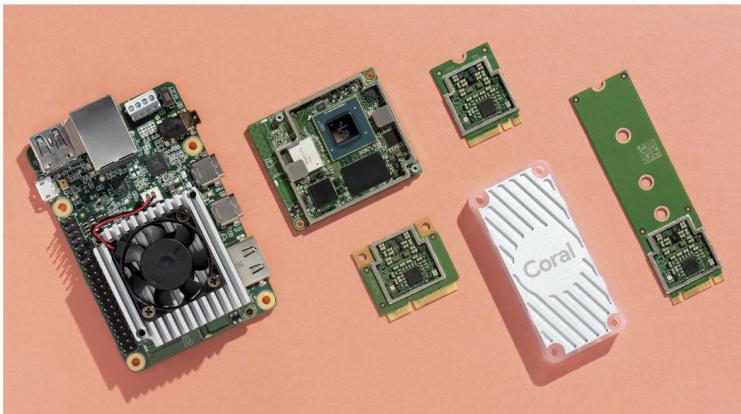
# Boosting your edge device with Google's TPU

Coral moves out of beta

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

<https://developers.googleblog.com/2019/10/coral-moves-out-of-beta.html>

Posted by Vikram Tank (Product Manager), Coral Team



<https://coral.ai/>



# Processing & Inference time

Architecture	Processing time	Inference time
Model in the cloud	about 6 seconds	about 2.5 seconds
Model on the edge	about 750 milliseconds	about 127 milliseconds
Model on the edge + Coral USB accelerator	about 500 milliseconds	about 9 milliseconds

# Model optimized for Edge TPU

```
[pi@raspberrypi:~/aceu19/raspberry/inference $ time ./inference/bin/python3 classify_image.py --model model.tflite --label labels.txt --input image.jpg
INFO: Initialized TensorFlow Lite runtime.
----INFERENCE TIME----
Note: The first inference on Edge TPU is slow because it includes loading the model into Edge TPU memory.
136.8ms
127.4ms
127.4ms
127.7ms
127.3ms
-----RESULTS-----
NOK: 0.66797
```

Model non optimized for Edge TPU

```
[pi@raspberrypi:~/aceu19/raspberry/inference $ time ./inference/bin/python3 classify_image.py --model edgetpu_model.tflite --label labels.txt --input image.jpg
INFO: Initialized TensorFlow Lite runtime.
----INFERENCE TIME----
Note: The first inference on Edge TPU is slow because it includes loading the model into Edge TPU memory.
32.9ms
9.2ms
9.2ms
9.0ms
9.1ms
-----RESULTS-----
NOK: 0.67969
```

Model optimized for Edge TPU

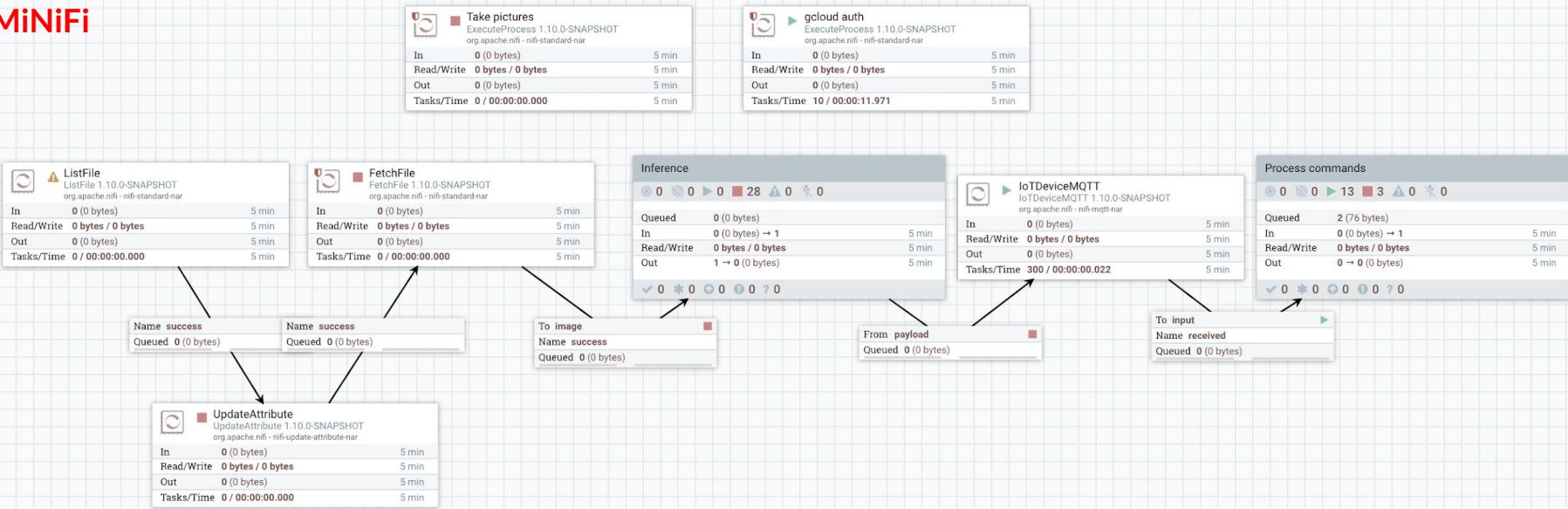


# Next steps

- Auto-labeling when confidence is over a given threshold (example: 0.90)
  - Will drastically reduce human effort to label newly captured data
- Send inference results along with pictures
  - Allow performance monitoring over time, detect outliers and inference performance

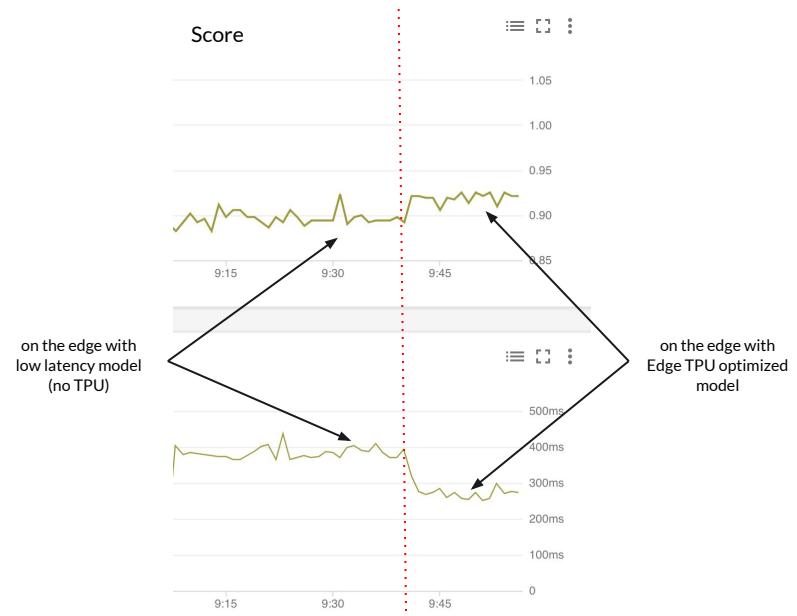
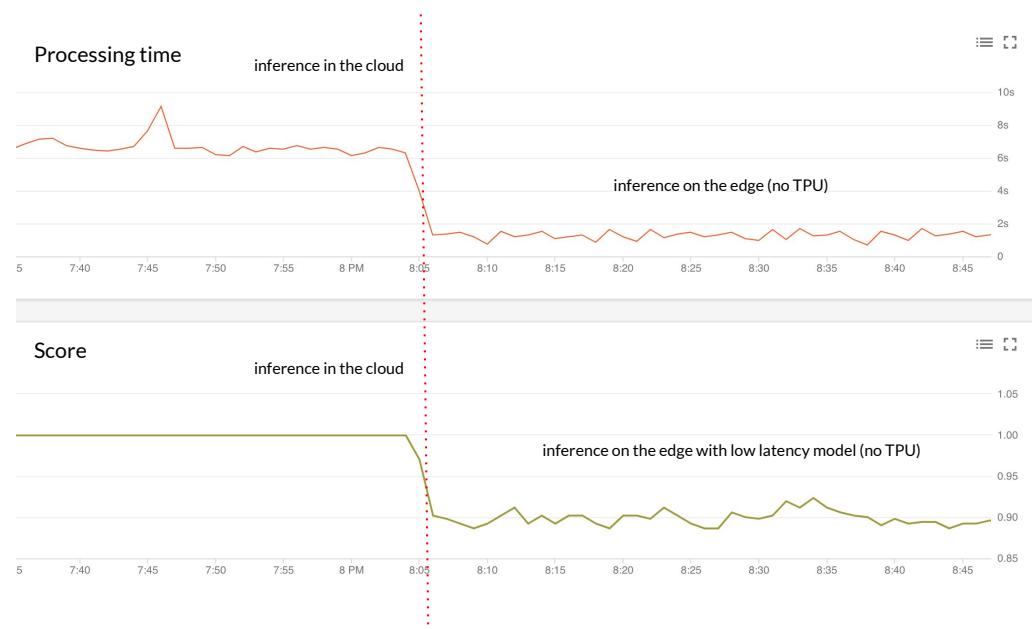
# Sending inference results along with pictures

MiNiFi





# Monitoring dashboards in Stackdriver



# Analytics in BigQuery

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Platform BigQuery interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Cloud logo, the project ID 'aceu19', and a search bar. The left sidebar contains links for 'Query history', 'Saved queries', 'Job history', 'Transfers', 'Scheduled queries', 'BI Engine', 'Resources' (with '+ ADD DATA'), and a search bar for tables and datasets. The main area is the 'Query editor' where a SQL query is being run:

```
1 SELECT mode, tpu, AVG(duration_ms) as duration_ms, AVG(inference_s)*1000 as inference_ms, AVG(score) as score
2 FROM monitoring.inference
3 GROUP BY mode, tpu
```

Below the editor are buttons for 'Run', 'Save query', 'Save view', 'Schedule query', and 'More'. The 'Query results' section shows the output of the query:

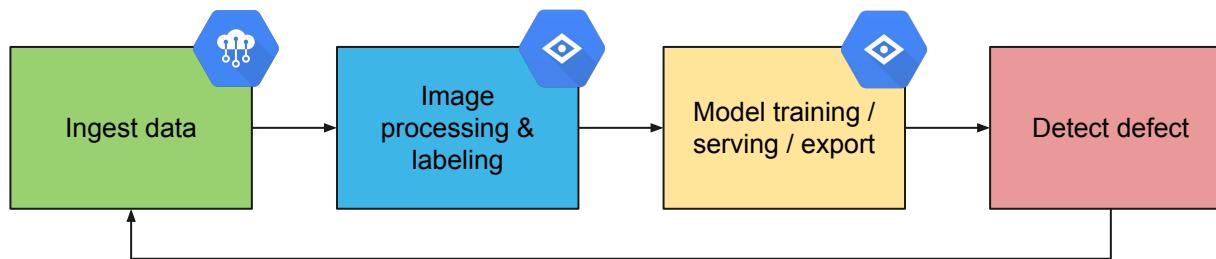
Query complete (1.4 sec elapsed, 24.3 KB processed)

Job information    Results    JSON    Execution details

Row	mode	tpu	duration_ms	inference_ms	score
1	edge	false	1267.0166666666667	385.0352170760269	0.8984375555555554
2	edge	true	1202.5081967213114	273.518443081841	0.9245022950819674

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## Conclusion - thanks to NiFi and GCP:



- Codeless deployment of customized ML models on the edge
- Feedback loop and continuously updated models
- Processing on the edge and optimization with TF Lite et Coral Edge TPU

THANKS!

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<https://nifi.apache.org>

<https://github.com/pvillard31/aceu19>



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