Java's Place in the AI Revolution


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Takeaways

(yep... before the Giveaways)

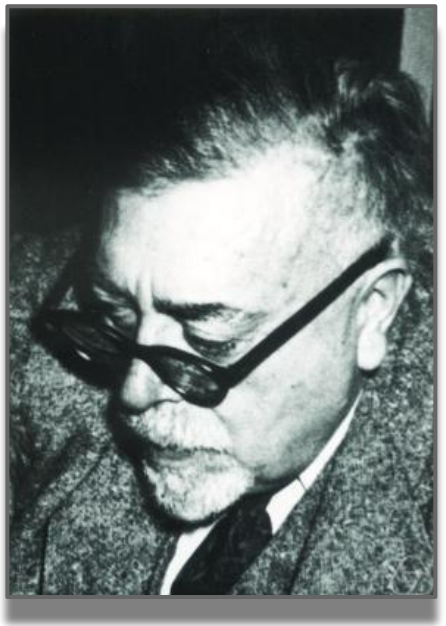
Learn AI or your job/career is at risk

Java is a GREAT production language for AI

Models are probabilistic

You can use AI as a Java developer's tool
or to develop AI Apps
But learn how it works first...

“One of the most interesting aspects of the world is that it can be considered to be made up of patterns”



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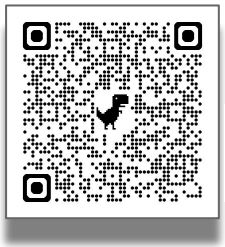

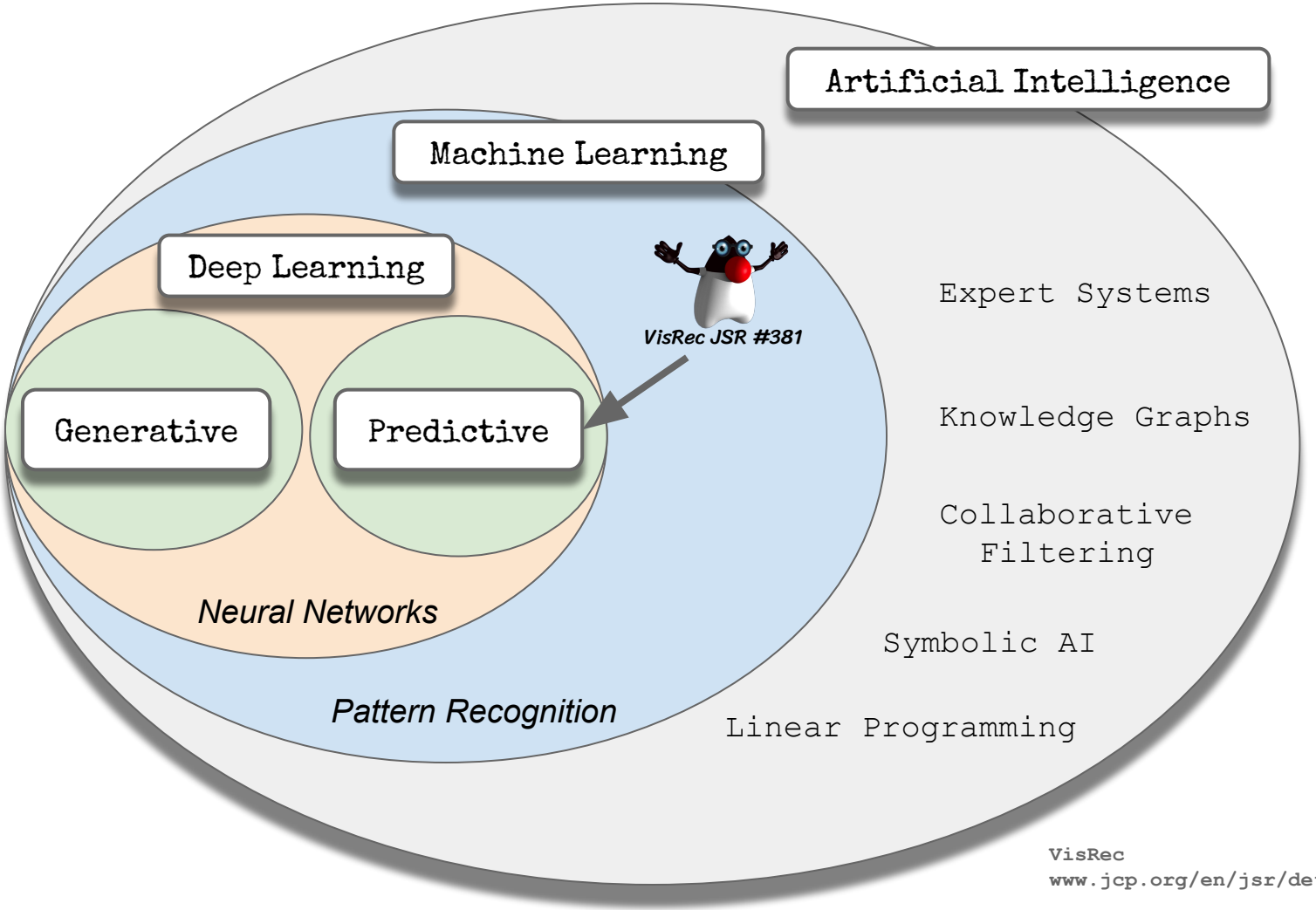

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Predictive AI and Generative AI

Most of AI $$ value (02/24) comes from PredAI: weather, image detection and classification, financial services, buying behavior, up/cross-selling…

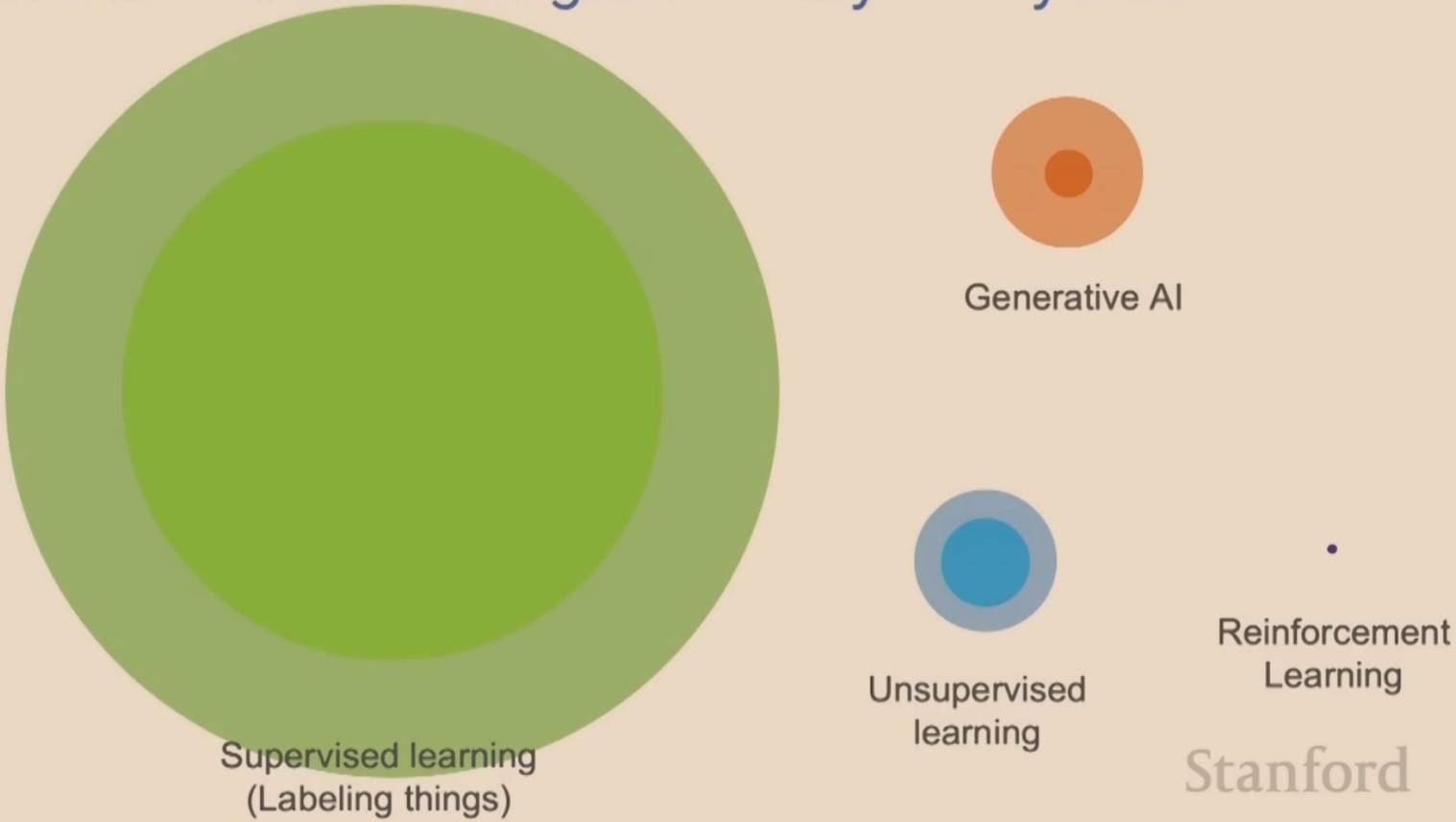
PredAI has been deployed successfully for past 15+ yrs

PredAI is probably worth at least $100B just to Google

GenAI typically used for more “creative”, content generation

GenAI growth and potential is huge. Market value may match PredAI in 3-5 yrs

Value from AI technologies: Today → 3 years



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Predictive AI (PredAI)

forecasting

structured data

Classification
Recommendation systems
Sales Forecasts
Fraud Detection
Predictive maintenance

Generative AI (GenAI)

creation

unstructured data

Creative/Design
Ideation
Prototyping
Simulation
Translation / Summarization

Predictive AI (PredAI)

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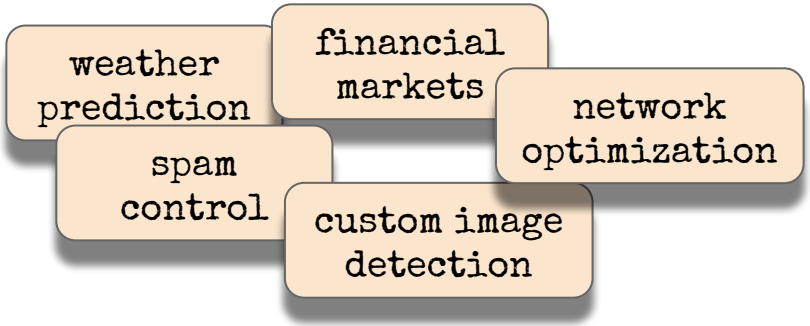

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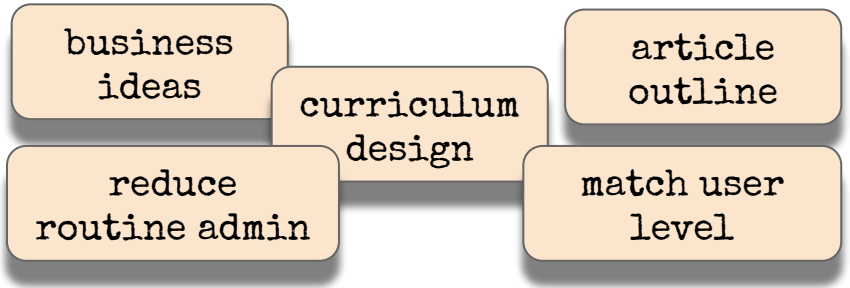

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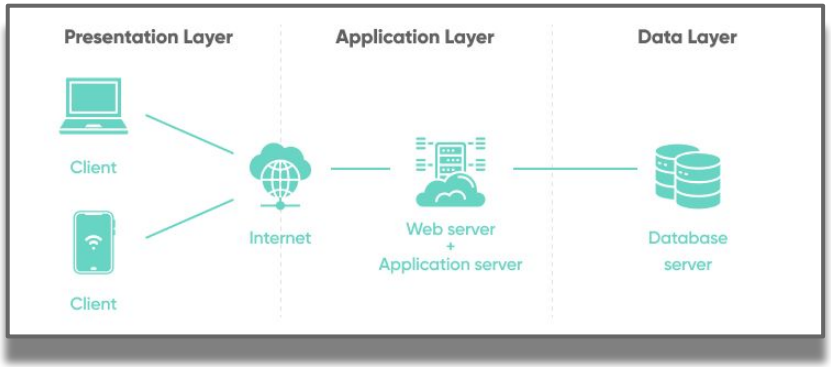
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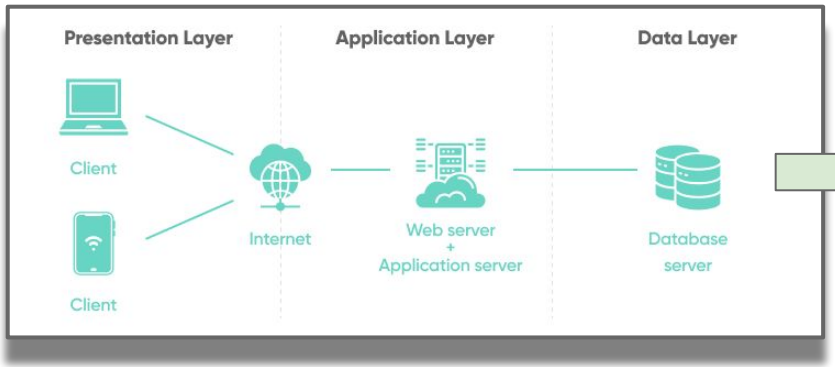
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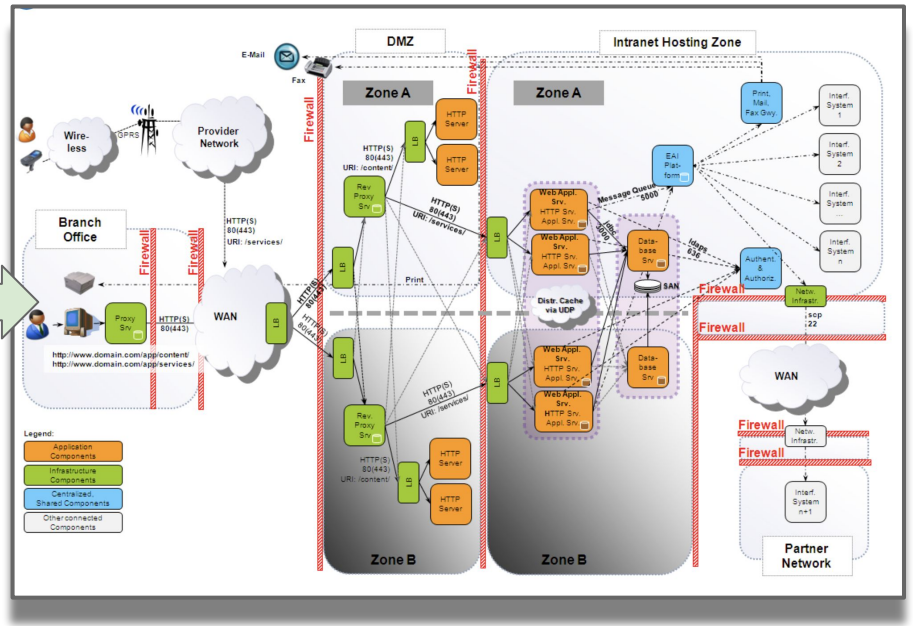
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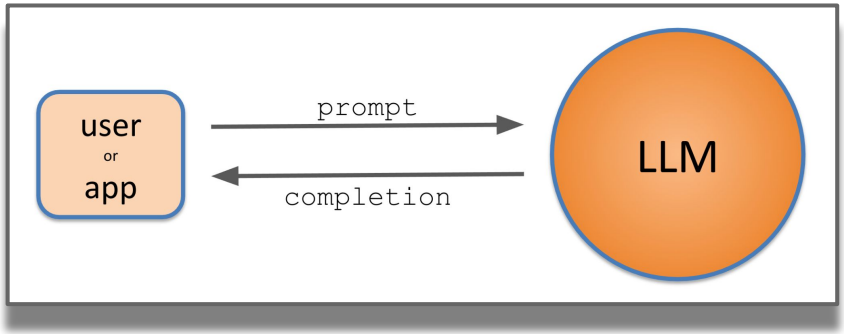

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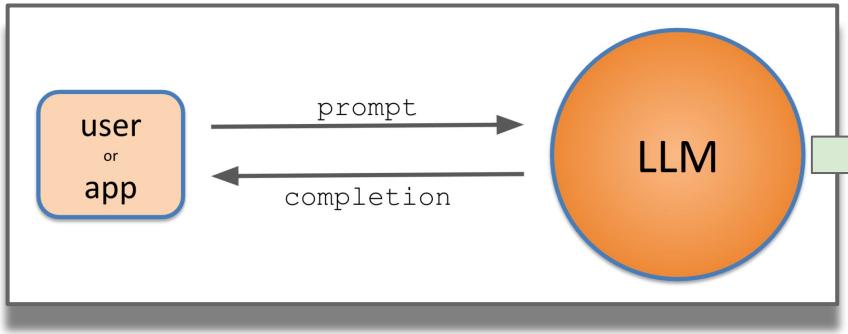
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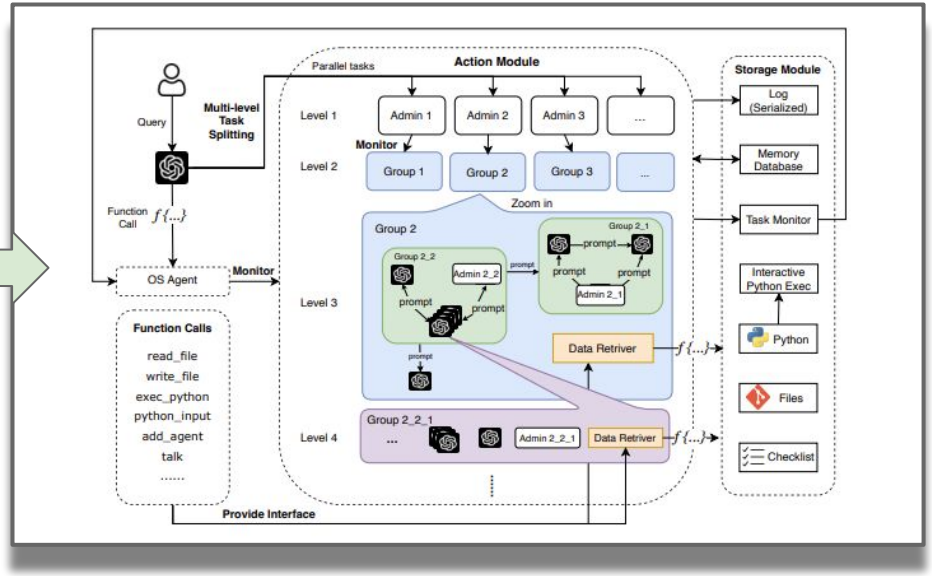
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GenAI

Why Use Java for Production AI Applications?

ChatGPT 4o

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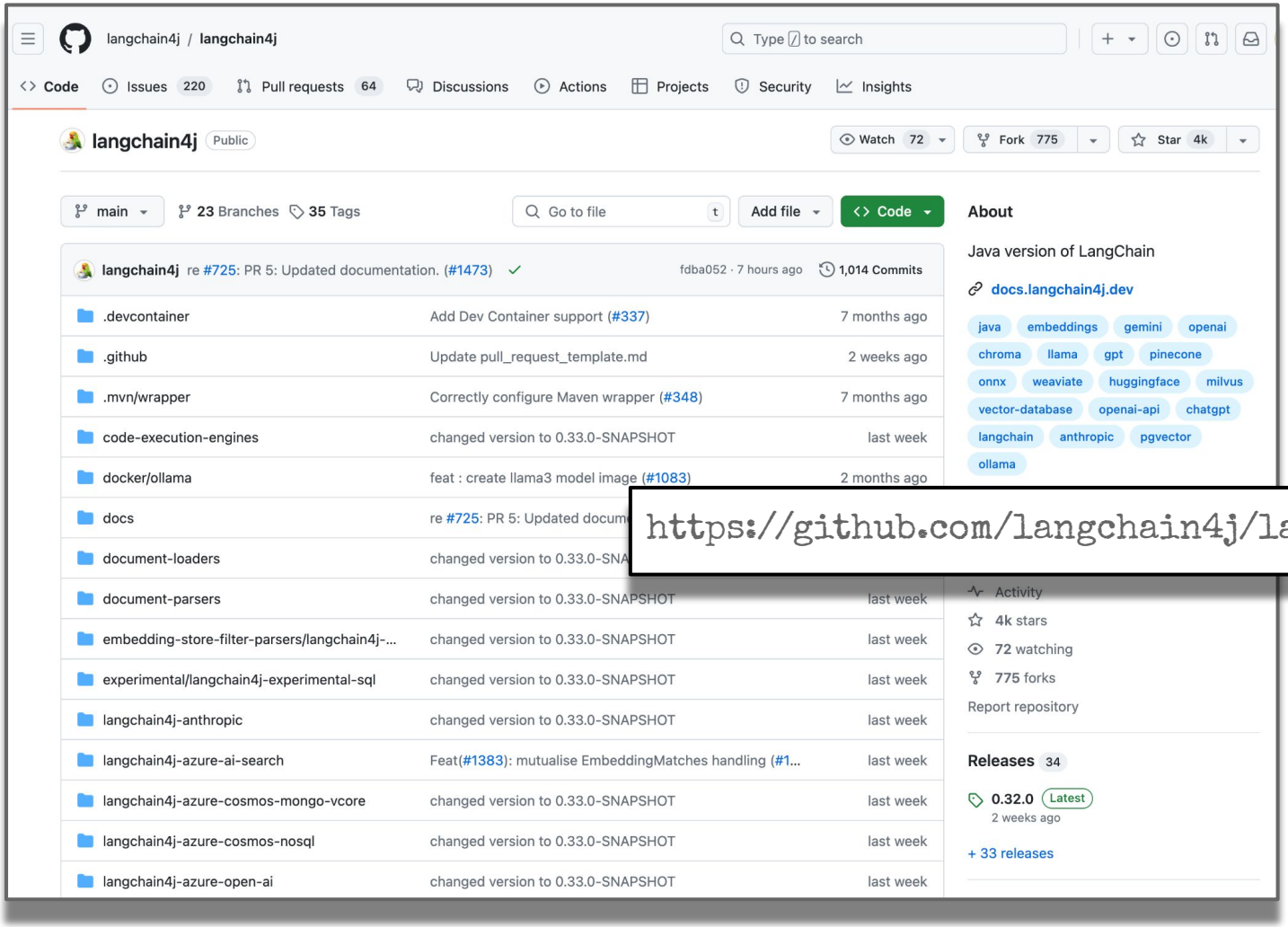
Top 10 Reasons to Use Java for Production AI Applications (Enterprise Focused)

1. **Seamless Integration** – Java fits natively into existing enterprise stacks (Spring, Kafka, Hadoop, etc.).
2. **Scalability** – Proven JVM performance for large-scale, multi-threaded applications.
3. **Robust Tooling** – Mature build, monitoring, and deployment tools (Maven, JFR, JMX).
4. **Security** – Strong, enterprise-grade security features baked into the platform.
5. **Maintainability** – Static typing and
   maintainability.
6. **Cross-Platform Deployment** – JVM portability ensures consistent behavior across environments.
7. **Enterprise Support** – Backed by long-term support from Oracle, Red Hat, and others.
8. **Developer Pool** – Large pool of experienced Java developers in enterprise settings.
9. **Memory Management** – Sophisticated garbage collection options tailored for performance.
10. **AI Ecosystem Growth** – Expanding support via libraries like **Tribuo**, **Deep Java Library (DJL)**, and the standardized **JSR 381 Visual Recognition API**.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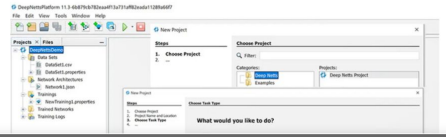
Empowering AI Revolution

AI Development Platform in Java

Deep Netts platform accelerates AI adoption by simplifying development, integration and deployment, making predictive AI more accessible and efficient for Java-based enterprises.

Visual AI Builder



Deep Learning Java Library

```
// create an instance of a neural network  using builder
FeedForwardNetwork neuralNet = FeedForwardNetwork.builder()
        .addInputLayer(4)
        .addFullyConnectedLayer(32, ActivationType.TANH)
        .addOutputLayer(3, ActivationType.SOFTMAX)
        .lossFunction(LossType.CROSS_ENTROPY)
        .randomSeed(123).
        build();
```

How to use AI models in Java

1. **Use Web service - serve model as web service**
   You can build a model in any language, using a model is language agnostic, potential issues with latency and scalability.

2. **Use wrappers or native libraries from Java**
   Native dependencies, limited scalability, memory issues, distribution and maintenance overhead (aka. nightmare)

3. **Use Java native AI libraries**
   Highly scalable, low latency, easy to use, integrate with existing development and production environment, and distribute on large scale.
   Out of the box models mostly not available.

Overview of Java AI Libraries

	Description	Pros	Cons
Tensorflow Java API	Java API for Tensorflow developed by community	Many out of the box models available, GPU and TPU support, many algorithms and architectures,	Large size, Not covered with compatibility guarantees Requires lower level understanding of TF internals
DJL	Wrapper around Python based frameworks	Many out of the box models available	Mixed tech stacks
DL4J	Java Deep Learning API on top of native numeric libraries	High performance, GPU support many algorithms and architectures, feature rich	Native dependencies, Large size, not actively developed, complex to learn and use
Deep Netts	Java native, gpu support through jcuda	Easy to learn and use, Easy to integrate into existing Java infrastructure , highly scalable, low latency	Not all algorithms are supported

About Deep Netts AI Platform for Java

Deep Netts provides:

- Deep Learning Java Library
  Build, train, and deploy NN natively in Java
- Visual AI Builder Tool
  Intuitive, no-code/low-code environment for model creation
- Professional Support
  Expert assistance for development and production needs
- Community edition
  Free and open access for exploration and learning

Deep Netts makes predictive AI

✅ More accessible
✅ More efficient
✅ Easier to integrate and deploy within Java-based enterprise systems

By accelerating and simplifying:

- AI development
- AI integration
- AI deployment

Vision: We would like to see the Java platform evolve to meet modern AI requirements.

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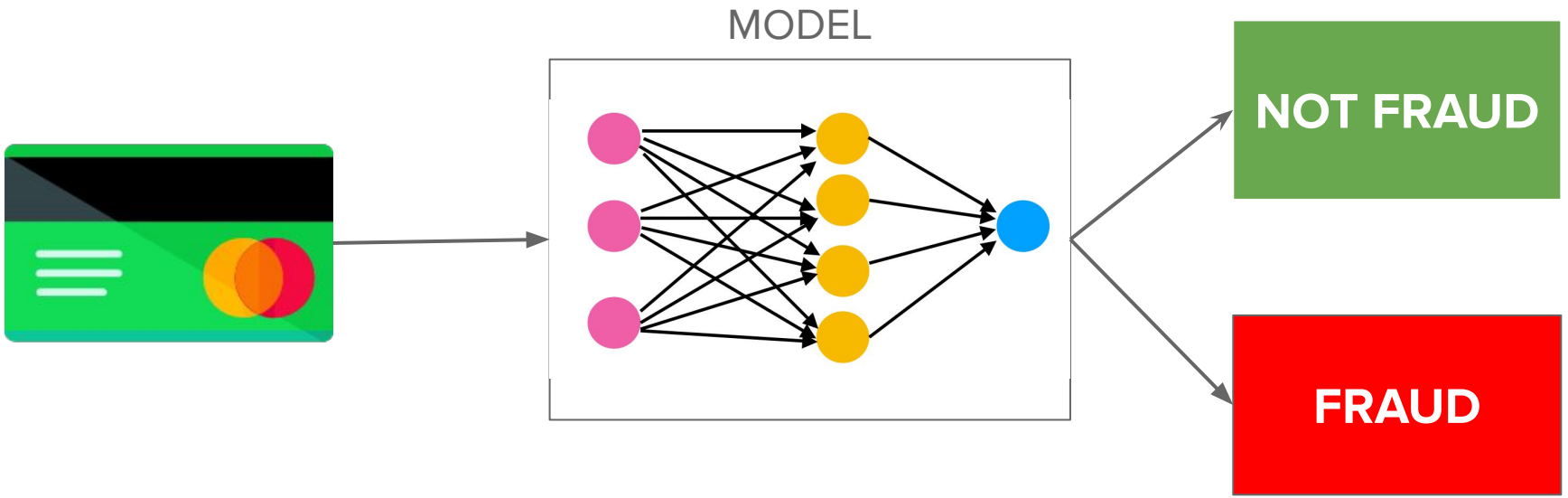
AI Demo using Deep Netts

1. Define the problem description
2. Prepare the data
3. Build the model
4. Test/evaluate the model
5. Use the model

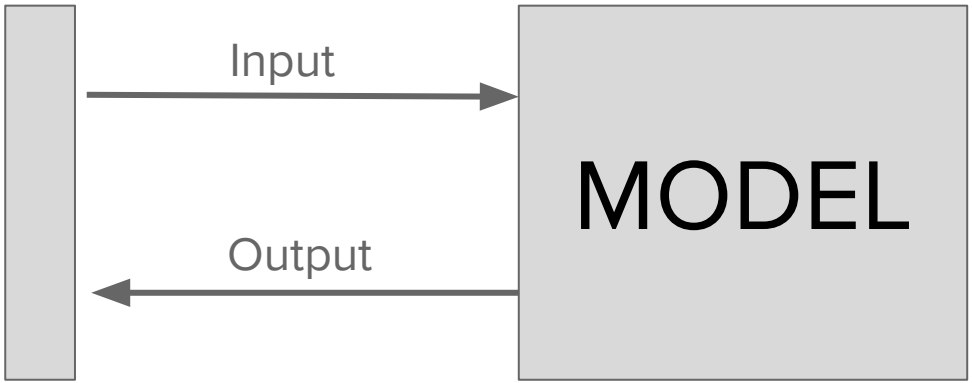
1. Define the problem description: Fraud Detection



Given the credit card transaction details, how likely is that it is a fraud?

AI/ML Models - Software Engineer definition

Model is just another type of abstraction in developer's toolbox.



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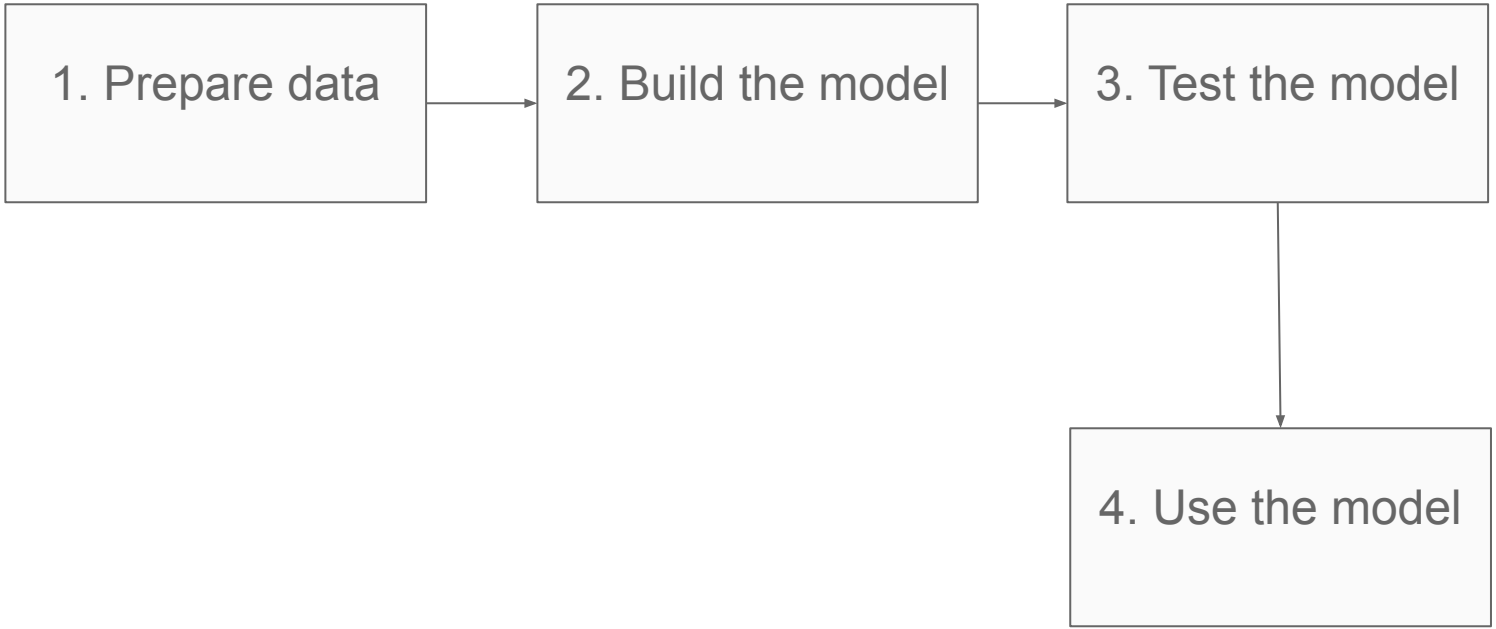

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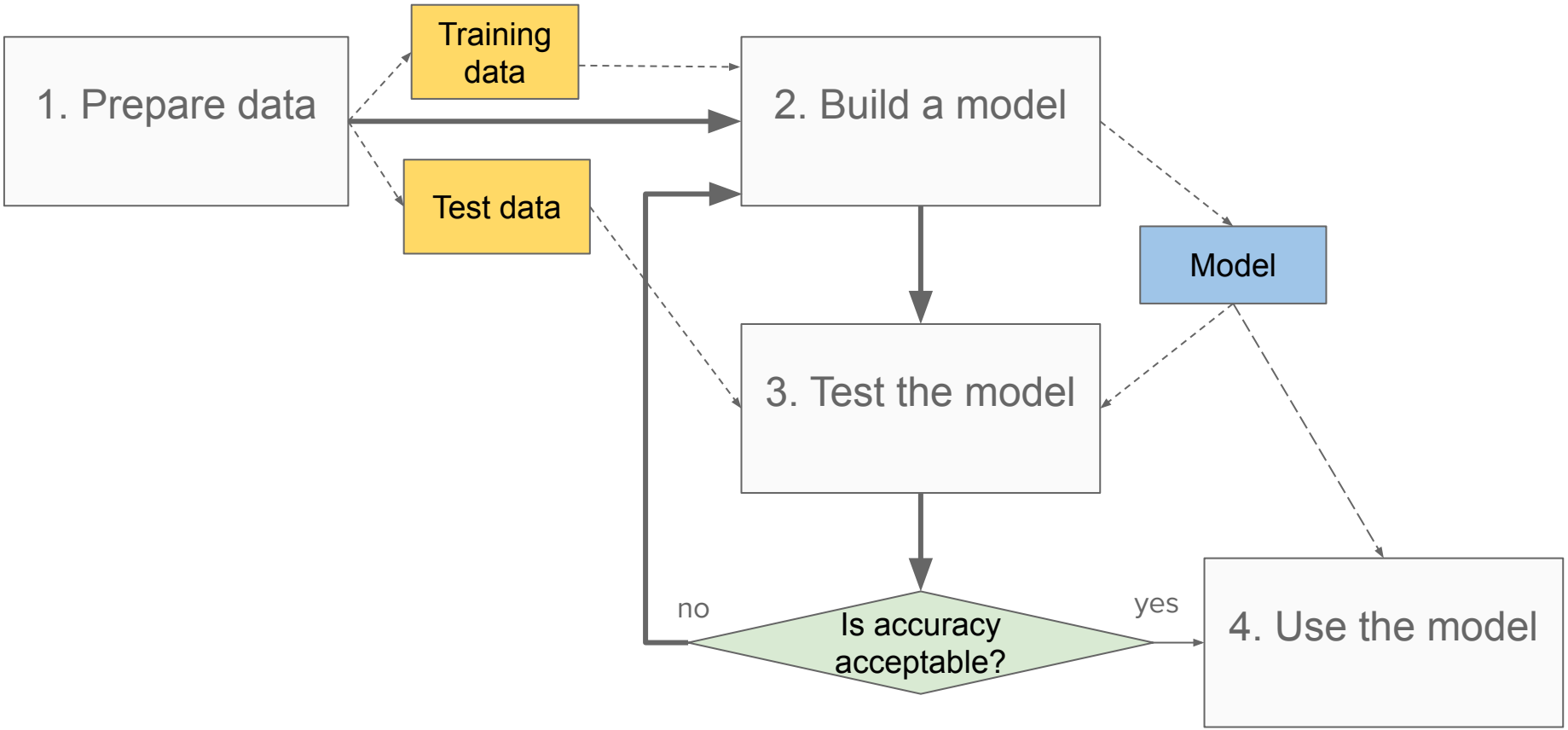


2. Prepare the data

```
// specify CSV file options
CsvReadOptions.Builder builder =
CsvReadOptions.builder("creditcard.csv")
        .separator(',') // values are coma-delimited
        .header(true); // first line contains column names
CsvReadOptions options = builder.build();

 // load data into a data frame
Table dataTable = Table.read().usingOptions(options);
```

Load data from CSV file into a

Data Frame - basically a Table

using Tablesaw Java Library

```
// prepare data for training
DataPreparation dataPrep = new DataPreparation(dataTable);
```

Out of the box, single method call, data utilities

```
// print header and first few rows to see what's loaded
dataPrep.previewRows(5);

// print columns with corresponding types
dataPrep.columnInfo();
```

Check loaded - rows and columns

Preprocess the data to ensure data quality

```
dataTable.removeColumns("Time");

dataTable.dropDuplicateRows();

// check if there are any missing values
dataPrep.countMissingValues();

dataPrep.handleMissingValues();

// examine basic statistics summary
dataPrep.statistics();

// check if data set is balanced
DataPreparation.checkClassBalance(dataTable);

// create balanced subset
Table balancedData =
DataPreparation.createBalancedSample(dataTable, "Class", 1)
```

Decide which columns are needed

Remove duplicate rows

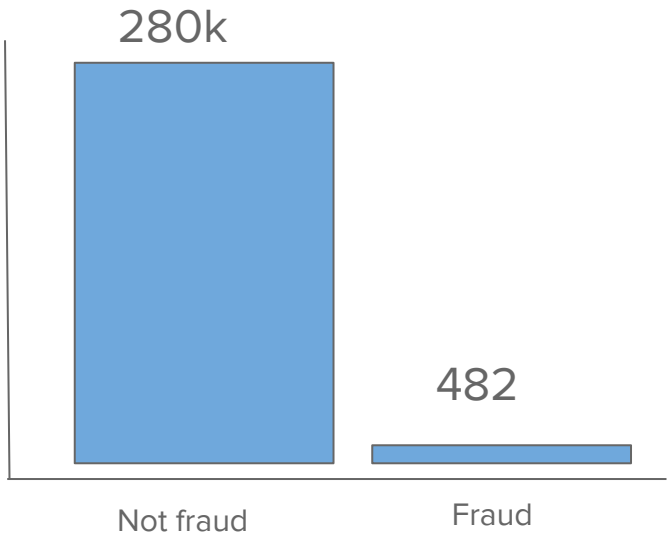
Check and fix missing values

Explore statistics for each column, check distribution

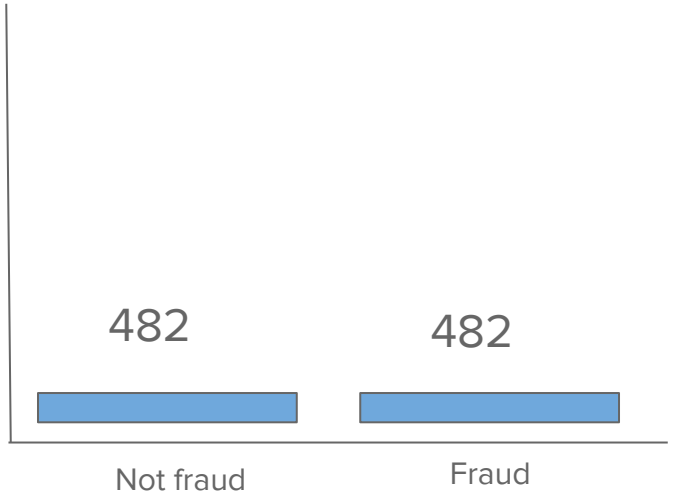
Check for outliers

Make sure data set is balanced

Balancing Data Set



Unbalanced data set



Balanced data set

Prepare data for training

```
// create data set for neural network training
TabularDataSet dataSet = DataPreparation.createDataSet(balancedData);
```

Create data set for nn training

```
// scale data to value range [0, 1]
DataSets.scaleToMax(dataSet);
```

Scale values to range used in nn

```
// split data into training and test set
TrainTestSplit split = DataSets.trainTestSplit(dataSet, 0.6);
DataSet<MLDataItem> trainingSet = split.getTrainingSet();
DataSet<MLDataItem> testSet = split.getTestSet();
```

Training set to train the model

Test set to estimate accuracy on unseen data

3. Build a Model - Feed Forward Neural Network

```
// instantiate and configure a neuralnet for binary classification
 FeedForwardNetwork neuralNet = FeedForwardNetwork.builder()
                .addInputLayer(numInputs)
                .addFullyConnectedLayer(32, ActivationType.TANH)
                .addOutputLayer(numOutputs, ActivationType.SIGMOID)
                .lossFunction(LossType.CROSS_ENTROPY)
                .build();

// set parameters of the training algorithm
neuralNet.getTrainer().setStopError(0.02f)
                                .setStopEpochs(10000)
                                .setLearningRate(0.001f);

// train the model prepared data set
neuralNet.train(trainingSet);
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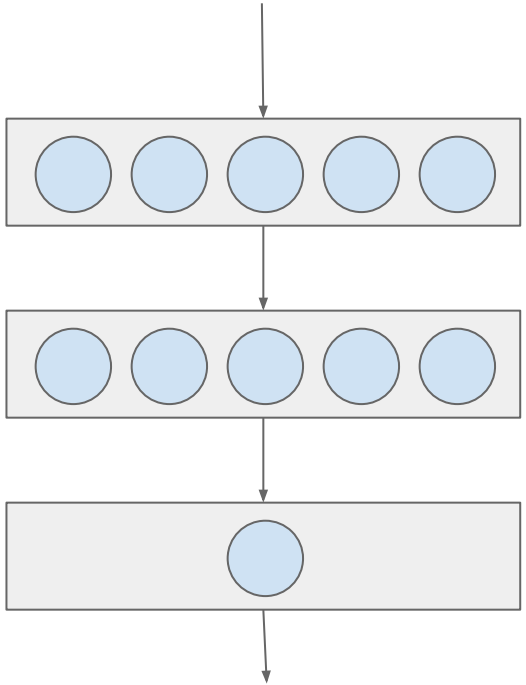

Configure the Model Architecture

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FeedForwardNetwork neuralNet =

FeedForwardNetwork.builder()

        .addInputLayer(29)

        .addFullyConnectedLayer(32, ActivationType.TAN

        .addOutputLayer(1, ActivationType.SIGMOID)

            .lossFunction(LossType.CROSS_ENTROPY)

            .build();
```

How many inputs

Hidden layer units and activation

Single output, for binary classification

Loss function for binary classification

Training Configuration

```
// set parameters of the training algorithm
neuralNet.getTrainer()
           .setStopError(0.02f)
                      .setStopEpochs(10000)
                      .setLearningRate(0.01f)

// start training with specified data set
neuralNet.train(trainingSet);
```

Get instance of training algo

Training stops when this error is reached

Or this number of iterations/epochs is reached

Step size for adjusting weights ~1% of error

Training Process

```
while(epoch < stopEpochs && error > stopError) {

   for each example in trainingSet {
      calculate prediction for input
      calculate prediction error
      tune weights in order to reduce error
   }

}
```

Debugging and Hyperparameter Tuning

Q: What if error is increasing during the training?
Try smaller learning rate

Q: What if error is not decreasing even after many training epochs?
Try adding more hidden units and layers

Q: Is the model overfitting (low training, high test error)?
Add more data or try simpler architecture

Hint: Use Visual AI Builder tool to run experiments and tune settings

4. Testing/Evaluating the model - How accurate?

```
EvaluationMetrics em = neuralNet.test(testSet);
```

Calculate various eval metrics using test set

Metrics: True Positive, True Negative, False positive, False Negative
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F-Score

1. How often the prediction is correct when the model predicts fraud?
2. How often the prediction is incorrect when the model predicts fraud?
   How often the prediction is correct in total? (accuracy)
3. What is more important/expensive (Falso Positive or False Negative)?
   The trick is to find balance.

5. Using the model - fraud probability

What is that the probability that the given transaction is fraud?

```
Tensor prediction = neuralNet.predict(inputTensor);

if (prediction.get(0) > 0.8) {

    System.out.println(“There is a high probability that this is fraud!”);
}
```

Feed model with input as tensor and get prediction as tensor

Using JSR381

Use model through higher level classifier API

```
BinaryClassifier<float[]> binClassifier = new FeedForwardNetBinaryClassifier(neuralNet);

Float probability = binClassifier.classify(testTransaction);
```

Combine with Other Methods

Statistics and traditional ML

- Logistic Regression
- Decision Trees,
- Random Forests
- XGBoost

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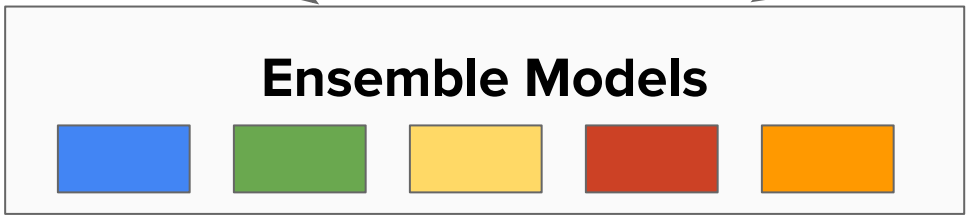
Deep Learning/Neural networks

- Feedforward networks
- Autoencoders
- Convolutional networks
- LSTM
- Transformers



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- **Are you using AI in your Java applications?**

  - What libraries or tools are you currently using?
  - Are you facing challenges building or deploying your AI models
  - Have an exciting project you'd like to discuss?

- **Deep Netts offers expert consulting for**:

  - AI/ML solution design and integration in Java
  - Optimizing AI models for production environments
  - Scaling AI across distributed Java systems

What's next for Java AI developers

Resources:

- https://github.com/deepnetts/CreditCardFraudDetection Demo on Github
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