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# Artificial Intelligence

# MLOps

Session 2

# Welcome Back

## ML Development Workflow & Version Control

- Recap: MLOps bridges ML research and production
- Today's Focus: Professional ML development practices
- Learning Outcomes:
  - Research → Production mindset shift
  - ML project organization best practices
  - Version control for code, data, and models
  - Reproducibility strategies

# Today's Journey

## What We'll Cover:

Mindset Shift	Research vs Production thinking
Project Structure	Organization for scale
Version Control	Code, Data, Models
Reproducibility	Reliable results

# The Research Mindset Story

Meet Dr. Sarah - Brilliant Researcher

- **Research Mode:**

- defect\_detection\_final\_v3 REALLY\_FINAL.ipyb
- Hardcoded paths:  
/Users/sarah/Desktop/phone\_images/
- Copy-paste between cells
- "It works on my machine!"

- **Production Questions:**

- "Can others run your code?"
- "What if we get new data?"
- "Which model performed best?"
- "Can we reproduce this?"

# Research vs Production Mindset

## Two Different Optimizations

Research Mindset	Production Mindset
"Does this work?"	"Does this work reliably at scale?"
Quick & dirty experiments	Clean, documented experiments
Individual exploration	Team collaboration
"Works on my machine"	"Works on any machine"
Discovery focused	Deployment focused

**Key Insight:** Production practices accelerate research!

# Chaotic vs Professional Structure










## Project Organization: Chaos vs Clarity

Chaotic Approach	Professional Structure
<pre>my_ml_project/ ├─ notebook1.ipynb ├─ notebook2_copy.ipynb ├─ final_model_v2.ipynb ├─ data.csv ├─ model.pkl └─ random_utils.py</pre>	<pre>phone_defect_detection/ ├─ README.md ├─ requirements.txt ├─ config/ ├─ data/ ├─ src/ ├─ models/ └─ notebooks/</pre>
? Where do I start?	✓ Clear story!

# Professional ML Project Structure

## VisionaryAI Standard Structure

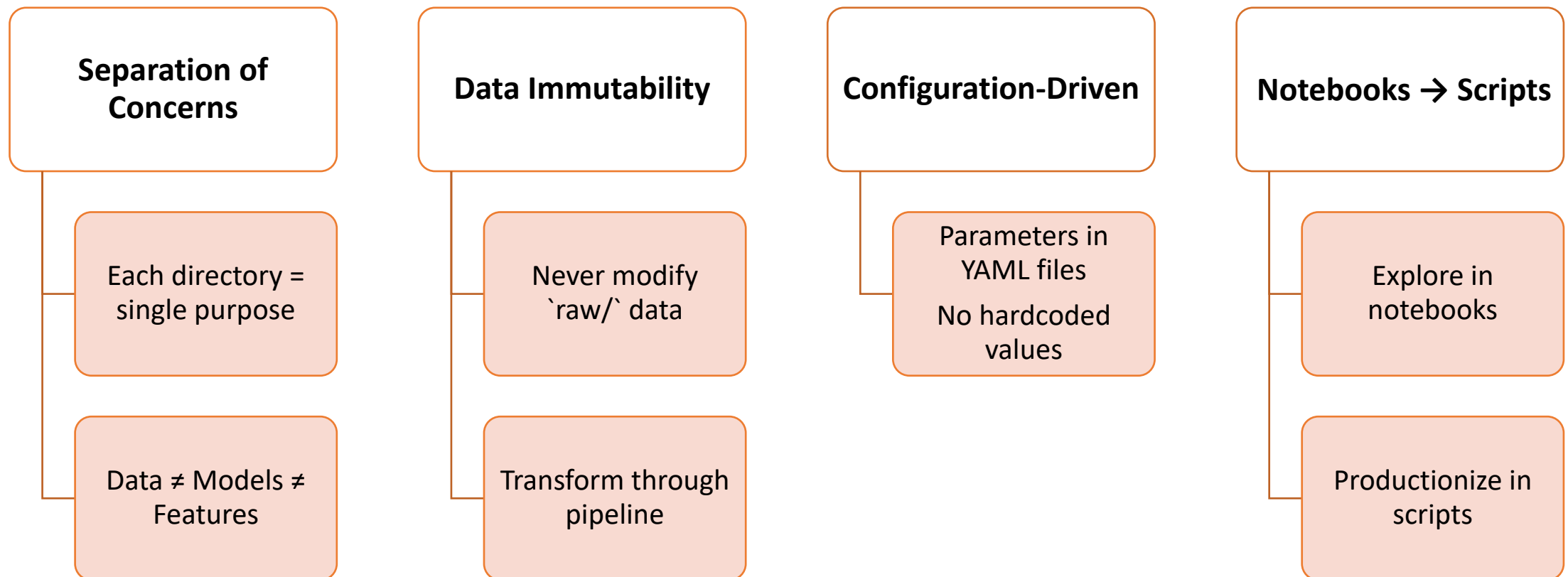
```
phone_defect_detection/  
├── README.md  
├── requirements.txt  
├── config/  
├── data/  
│   ├── raw/  
│   ├── interim/  
│   └── processed/  
├── src/  
│   ├── data/  
│   ├── features/  
│   └── models/  
├── models/  
└── notebooks/
```

- #  Project overview
- #  Dependencies
- #  Configuration files
  
- #  Original, immutable
- #  Intermediate processing
- #  Final model data
- #  Source code
- # Data processing
- # Feature engineering
- # Model training
- #  Trained models
- #  Exploration only



# Key Structure Principles

## Four Pillars of ML Project Organization



# VisionaryAI Project Examples

## Structure in Action

### Computer Vision:

```
src/data/image_preprocessing.py  
src/features/defect_features.py  
src/models/cnn_classifier.py
```

### NLP:

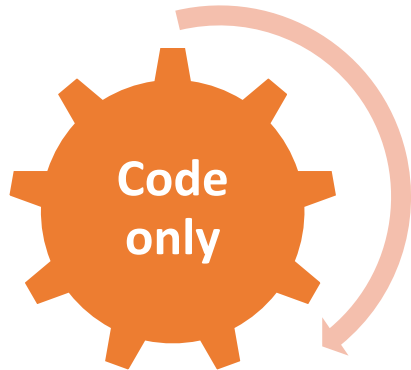
```
src/data/ticket_cleaner.py  
src/features/text_vectorizer.py  
src/models/ticket_classifier.py
```

### Recommender:

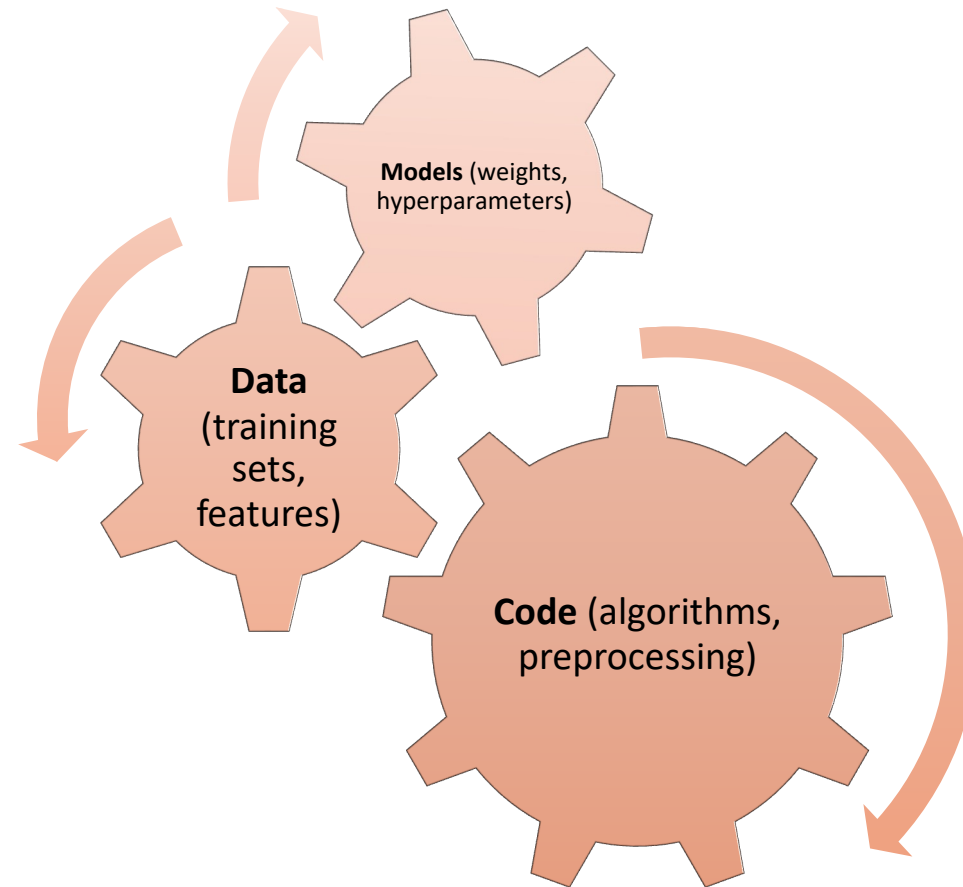
```
src/data/user_item_matrix.py  
src/features/collaborative_features.py  
src/models/recommendation_engine.py
```

# Version Control Complexity

## ML's Triple Challenge



Traditional Software



ML Projects

**The Challenge:** All three change together!

# The Nightmare Scenario

## Friday Afternoon Horror Story

- **Questions:**

- What changed?
- When did it change?
- How do we fix it?

- **Reality:**

- Unclear code changes
- Multiple "final" models
- Overwritten notebooks
- Undocumented hyperparameters

- **Result:** Weekend debugging session



**Crisis:**

Recommender system performance drops 15%

# ML Git Branching Strategy

## Branching for Experiments

- **Traditional Branches:**

- ``main`` - Production code
- ``feature/user-login`` - New features
- ``bugfix/payment-error`` - Bug fixes

- **ML Experiment Branches:**

- ``experiment/resnet-architecture`` - Model experiments
- ``data/add-validation-set`` - Data changes
- ``model/hyperparameter-tuning`` - Model optimization

**Key:** Experiments are temporary, learning is permanent

# Collaboration Challenge

## VisionaryAI Recommendation Team

**Alice:**

"Trying collaborative filtering"

**Bob:**

"Working on content features"

**Dave:**

"Testing deep learning embeddings"

**Carol:**

"Improving data preprocessing"

? Challenge: How do they collaborate without conflicts?

✓ Solution: Clear branching strategy + shared experiment tracking

# Reproducibility Crisis

## Why Reproducibility Matters

### Scenario 1: Model works in dev, fails in production

- Was it data? Code? Model?
- No reproducibility = No debugging

### Scenario 2: Monthly model retraining

- Need consistent quality over time
- Can't reproduce = Can't improve

### Scenario 3: Performance claims challenged

- Need to defend results
- No reproducibility = No credibility

# ML Reproducibility Challenges

## Why ML is Harder to Reproduce

- **Randomness Everywhere**
  - Data splits, weight initialization
  - Training sampling, data augmentation
- **Hidden State**
  - Cached results, checkpoints
  - External APIs, downloaded models
- **Environment Dependencies**
  - Package versions, GPU drivers
  - OS differences, hardware variations
- **Complex Pipelines**
  - Multi-step processes
  - Interdependent components



# Reproducibility Solutions

## VisionaryAI Reproducibility Checklist:

- ✓ All code version controlled
- ✓ All data versions tracked
- ✓ Random seeds set and documented
- ✓ Dependencies pinned to exact versions
- ✓ Training environment containerized
- ✓ Single-command model training
- ✓ Results reproducible within 2% by others

**Standard:** Every production model must pass this checklist

# Code Demo Preview

## Let's See This in Action

Project: Phone Defect Detection System

We'll Demonstrate:

### **Project Structure Setup:**

- Professional organization
- Configuration management

### **Git Workflow:**

- ML-specific branching
- Collaboration strategies

### **Handling Large Files:**

- Data versioning concepts
- Model artifact management

# Key Takeaways

## Transform Your ML Development

1. **Think Production from Day One** - Clean structure accelerates research
2. **Structure Tells a Story** - Make navigation obvious
3. **Version Control Everything** - Code, data, and models
4. **Reproducibility is Business Critical** - Not just good practice
5. **Collaboration Requires Planning** - Modified Git workflows for ML

# Next Session Preview

## Coming Up: Environment Management

- **Next Session's Focus:**
  - Virtual environments
  - Containerization with Docker
  - Configuration management
  - Dependency management
- **Question:** Ready to make your ML projects truly reproducible?

