

Absolutely! Multiple Smart Options for Interview Demos

You're thinking like a true data scientist - cost optimization while maintaining demonstration capability. Here are several excellent strategies:

Option 1: Model Persistence + Local Demo (Recommended)

Save Everything Locally:

Save trained models

```
import joblib
```

```
import pickle
```

Save ML models

```
joblib.dump(threat_forecasting_model, 'models/threat_forecaster.pkl')
```

```
joblib.dump(anomaly_detector, 'models/anomaly_detector.pkl')
```

Save processed datasets

```
df_processed.to_parquet('data/network_security_processed.parquet')
```

Export dashboards as HTML

```
dashboard.to_html('demos/security_dashboard.html')
```

Create Jupyter Demo Notebooks:

```
project/
├── models/          # Saved ML models
├── data/            # Processed datasets
├── notebooks/       # Interactive demos
│   ├── demo_1_etl.ipynb
│   ├── demo_2_analysis.ipynb
│   ├── demo_3_ml.ipynb
│   └── demo_4_dashboard.ipynb
├── visualizations/  # Static charts/plots
└── README.md        # Portfolio documentation
```

Cost: \$0 after initial training

Option 2: Static Portfolio Website + Video Demos

Build on GitHub Pages (Free):

<!-- Professional portfolio showcasing your work -->

- Live interactive dashboards (HTML/JavaScript)
- Model prediction demos
- Code walkthroughs
- Architecture diagrams
- Business impact stories

Record Demo Videos:

1. ETL Pipeline Demo (3-5 min)
2. Statistical Analysis Walkthrough (5 min)
3. ML Model Predictions (3-5 min)
4. Dashboard Tour (3 min)
5. Business Impact Presentation (5 min)

Tools: OBS Studio (free), Loom, or even Zoom recordings

Option 3: AWS "Hibernation" Strategy

Minimal Running Costs (~\$2-5/month):

Keep only essential services running:

- ✓ S3 Storage: \$1-2/month (models + data)
- ✓ Lambda Functions: \$0 (pay per invocation)
- ✓ Static Website: \$0.50/month
- ✗ EC2 Instances: STOPPED
- ✗ SageMaker: STOPPED
- ✗ RDS: STOPPED

Quick Interview Activation:

Start demo environment in 5-10 minutes

```
aws ec2 start-instances --instance-ids i-1234567890abcdef0
```

```
aws rds start-db-instance --db-instance-identifier mydb
```

Or use CloudFormation for one-click deployment

```
aws cloudformation create-stack --template-url s3://my-templates/demo-stack.yaml
```



Option 4: Containerized Demo (Highly Recommended)

Docker Solution:

```
# Package entire application in Docker
FROM python:3.9-slim
```

```
COPY models/ /app/models/
COPY data/ /app/data/
COPY notebooks/ /app/notebooks/
COPY requirements.txt /app/
```

```
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
RUN jupyter notebook --generate-config
```

```
EXPOSE 8888
CMD ["jupyter", "notebook", "--allow-root", "--ip=0.0.0.0"]
```

Interview Benefits:

- **Instant Demo:** `docker run -p 8888:8888 my-security-project`
- **Works Anywhere:** Interviewer's laptop, your laptop, cloud
- **Professional:** Shows DevOps/containerization skills
- **Reliable:** No dependency issues



Option 5: Interactive GitHub Repository

Binder/Colab Integration:

```
# In your README.md
[![Binder](https://mybinder.org/badge.svg)](https://mybinder.org/v2/gh/username/network-security-analytics/main)
```

```
[![Open In Colab](https://colab.research.google.com/assets/colab-badge.svg)](https://colab.research.google.com/github/username/network-security-analytics/blob/main/demo.ipynb)
```

Interview Power Move: "Click this link and you can run my entire analysis right now in

your browser"

Recommended Interview Setup

The "Triple Demo" Approach:

- 1. Quick Overview (2 minutes):**
 - GitHub repository tour
 - Architecture diagram
 - Business impact summary
- 2. Interactive Demo (5-8 minutes):**
 - Jupyter notebook walkthrough
 - Live model predictions
 - Dashboard interaction
- 3. Deep Dive (10+ minutes):**
 - Code review
 - Technical decisions
 - Scaling considerations

Preparation Checklist:

- ☒ Laptop with Docker installed
- ☒ GitHub repository polished
- ☒ Demo datasets ready (small, fast)
- ☒ Backup: USB drive with everything
- ☒ Video recordings as failsafe
- ☒ Clear narrative for each component

Cost Comparison:

Option	Setup Cost	Monthly Cost	Interview Readiness
Local + GitHub	\$0	\$0	★★★★★★
Static Website + Video	\$0	\$0	★★★★★
AWS Hibernation	\$100-150*	\$2-5	★★★★★★
Docker Demo	\$0	\$0	★★★★★★
Interactive GitHub	\$0	\$0	★★★★★

**Initial setup cost for AWS Hibernation accounts for potentially setting up services like Redshift/EMR briefly for training, then stopping.*



My Recommendation: Hybrid Approach

Best of All Worlds:

- Build on AWS (learning experience)
- Save everything locally (Docker + GitHub)
- Create static portfolio (professional presentation)
- Keep \$5/month AWS (for advanced demos)

Interview Arsenal:

- Quick demo: Docker container
- Professional presentation: Portfolio website
- Advanced features: AWS re-activation
- Backup plan: Video recordings

Result: Maximum flexibility, minimal cost, maximum impression!