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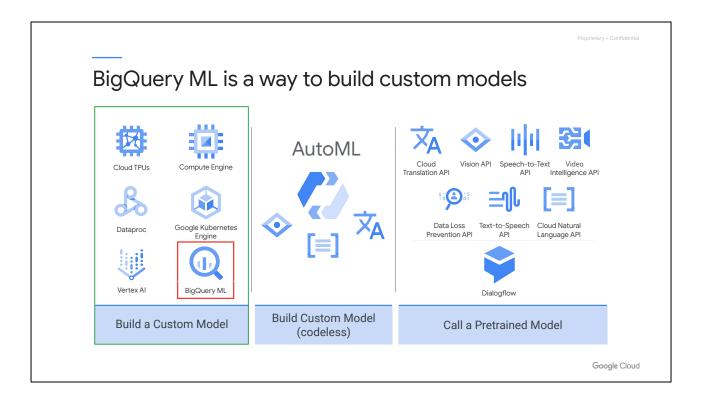
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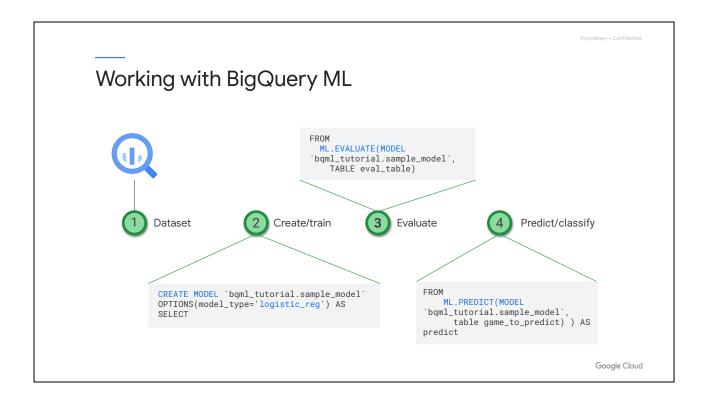
BigQuery ML



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Where does BigQuery ML fit into the greater picture of Google Cloud's Al/ML options? Well, unlike the ML APIs you are able to create your own custom models. We'll get to AutoML later, but in short, it allows us to leverage Google's ML models in certain cases to build our own models from scratch using transfer learning and a form of Neural Architecture Search.



To work with BigQuery ML, there are only a few steps from beginning to inference. First, we must write a query on data stored in BigQuery to extract our training data. Then, we can create a model, where we specify a model type and other hyperparameters. After the model is trained, we can evaluate the model and verify that it meets our requirements. Finally, we can make predictions using our model on data extracted from BigQuery.

Where was this article published?

Techcrunch

GitHub

NY Times

Unlikely Partnership in House Gives Lawmakers Hope for Border Deal

Representatives Nita M. Lowey and Kay Granger are the first women to lead the House Appropriations Committee. Their bond gives lawmakers optimism for the work to come.



1 hour ago Jon Russell





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Fitbit has a new fitness tracker, but

it's one that you can't buy in stores.

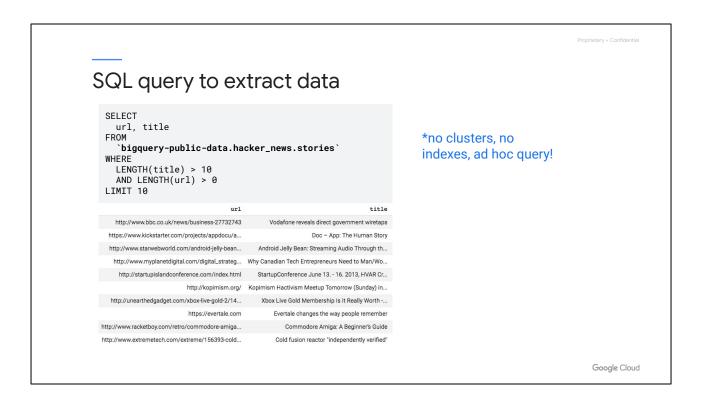
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Are you familiar with Hacker News? Hacker News is a social news aggregator website focused on computer science and entrepreneurship. We won't get into all of the details, but let's ask a question. Given these three articles on the right, where were they actually published? Techcrunch, GitHub or NY Times? Of course, we may be able to tell based on the style of the articles, but what if we wanted to build an ML model to do this?



First, let's write an ad hoc query to explore our data. Here's a quick example where we're simply looking at the title of the article and the url. We can extract the publisher information from the URL using regular expression functions.



Use regex to get source + train on words of title



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That's exactly what we'll do using the query on this slide. Our plan will be the following:

Let's extract the publication source using a REGEXP_EXTRACT function and then separate out the first 5 words of each title, or replace them with NULL values in the case the title is too short. Our goal will then be to decide if the article title is from Github, NYTimes or TechCrunch using BigQuery ML.

```
_____
```

```
WITH extracted AS (
SELECT source, REGEXP_REPLACE(LOWER(REGEXP_REPLACE(title, 
'[^a-zA-Z0-9 $.-]', ' ')), " ", " ") AS title FROM

(SELECT

ARRAY_REVERSE(SPLIT(REGEXP_EXTRACT(url, '.*://(.[^/]+)/'), '.'))[OFFSET(1)]
AS source,

title

FROM

'bigquery-public-data.hacker_news.stories`

WHERE

REGEXP_CONTAINS(REGEXP_EXTRACT(url, '.*://(.[^/]+)/'), '.com$')

AND LENGTH(title) > 10

)
)
```

```
, ds AS (
SELECT ARRAY_CONCAT(SPLIT(title, " "), ['NULL', 'NULL', 'Nul
```

Create model

Query to extract training data

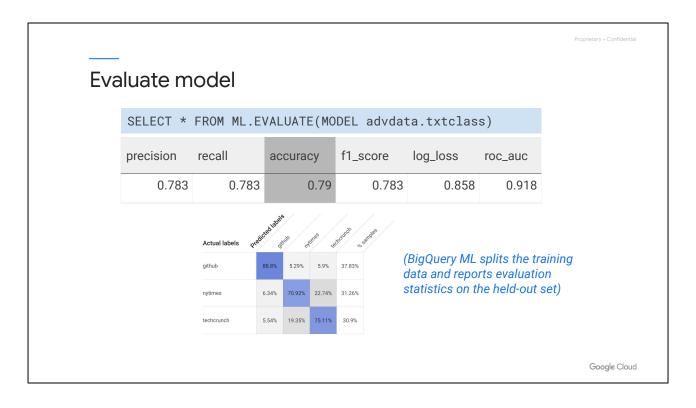
```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL advdata.txtclass
OPTIONS(model_type='logistic_reg', input_label_cols=['source'])
AS

WITH extracted AS (
...
), ds AS (
SELECT ARRAY_CONCAT(SPLIT(title, ""), ['NULL', 'NULL', 'NULL',
```

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Let's look at the syntax needed to create a model. We have the CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL statement at the top where we give the name of the model, the options of the model and other hyperparameters. After the AS clause we have our query which defines the training set from the previous slide. That's it! In this case we're specifying that we want to build a logistic regression model. This is a type of classification model we can use to classify our input as being either a GitHub, NYTimes, or Techcrunch article.

https://towardsdatascience.com/choosing-between-tensorflow-keras-bigquery-ml-and-automl-natural-language-for-text-classification-6b1c9fc21013



To get those metrics, you simply call ML.EVALUATE on your trained model or click on the model in the BigQuery UI and click the Evaluation tab.

For the metrics, they're on a score from 0 to 1. Generally speaking, the closer to 1 the better but it really depends on your metric.

Precision means for the articles we made a guess on, how accurate were those guesses. High precision means a low false positive rate meaning we really punish a model's precision if it makes a ton of bad guesses.

Recall on the other hand, is the ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to the all observations in actual class. How many did we get right out of both True Positives and False Negatives.

Accuracy is simply true positives plus true negatives over the entire set of observations.

There are other metrics like f1_score, log_loss, and roc_curves that you can use as well. I'll link out to a description of each and when you should use which metric in your classification models.

We can also see the confusion matrix, where we can see where the model made incorrect predictions. As we can see here, our model had some confusion between Techcrunch and NYTimes articles.

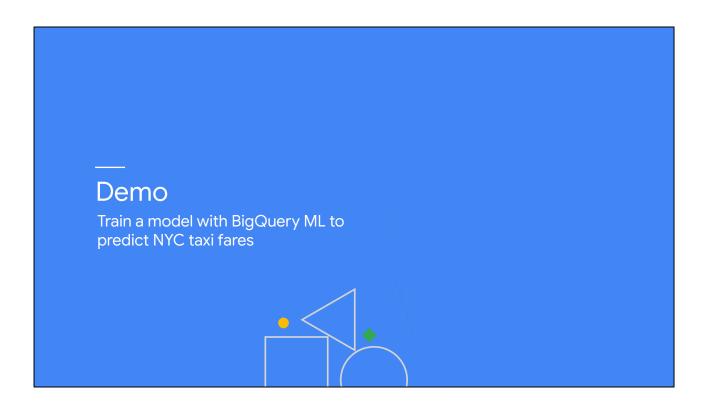
Predict using trained model

"Batch prediction"

	Row	predicted_source	word1	word2	word3	word4	word5
,,	1	nytimes	government	shutdown	leaves	workers	reeling
	2	nytimes	unlikely	partnership	in	house	gives
	3	techcrunch	fitbit	s	fitness	tracker	is
	4	techcrunch	downloading	the	android	studio	project

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If the model meets our requirements, great! We're ready to predict with our model. We don't need to worry about deploying our model in a separate process. It's automatically available to serve predictions in BigQuery. Here's an example of performing batch prediction using BigQuery ML. The first example here has "government, shutdown, leaves, workers, and reeling" as the first five words of the title. The model's prediction in this case is "NYTimes".



Demo Instructions:

https://github.com/GoogleCloudPlatform/training-data-analyst/blob/master/courses/data-engineering/demos/predict_taxi_bigqueryml.md

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Before we move into our first lab on BigQuery ML, let's give a brief overview of the various model types that are currently supported. For the article prediction task in the previous lesson, recall we utilized a logistic regression model. There are other models that could have been used. Let's look at the model options available in BigQuery ML to classify things.

Linear Classifier (Logistic regression)

```
#standardsql
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL flights.ontime
OPTIONS
   (model_type='logistic_reg', input_label_cols=['on_time']) AS
SELECT
   IF(arr_delay < 15, 1, 0) AS on_time,
   carrier,
   origin,
   dest,
   dep_delay,
   taxi_out,
   distance
FROM
   `cloud-training-demos.flights.tzcorr`
WHERE
   arr_delay IS NOT NULL</pre>
```

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First, we have another example of linear classification or what is also called logistic regression. In this example we're using a flights arrivals dataset to predict whether or flight will be on time or not, a binary outcome. For logistic regression, we simply need to specify the type of model and the label we're trying to predict. For more advanced users, there are other options such as if you want your model to use regularization.

DNN Classifier

```
#standardsql
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL flights.ontime
OPTIONS
   (model_type='dnn_classifier', hidden_units = [47,29,18],
  input_label_cols=['on_time']) AS
SELECT
  IF(arr_delay < 15, 1, 0) AS on_time,</pre>
  carrier,
  origin,
  dest,
 dep_delay,
  taxi_out,
  distance
   `cloud-training-demos.flights.tzcorr`
WHERE
  arr_delay IS NOT NULL
```

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While logistic regression models are the swiss army knife of machine learning, deep neural networks, or DNNs, allow you to better model non-linear relationships in your data. An example of a non-linear relationship would be in car depreciation. A car loses a vast majority of its value within the first few years, after which the value more or less stabilizes. We won't go into the details of DNNs in this course but know that you can use them in BigQuery ML. All you have to do is specify DNN as the model type in the CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL header. This slide shows how to do that for the same flight arrival time example used in the previous slide.

xgboost Classifier

```
#standardsql
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL flights.ontime
OPTIONS
   (model_type='boosted_tree_classifier', input_label_cols=['on_time']) AS
SELECT
   IF(arr_delay < 15, 1, 0) AS on_time,
   carrier,
   origin,
   dest,
   dep_delay,
   taxi_out,
   distance
FROM
   `cloud-training-demos.flights.tzcorr`
WHERE
   arr_delay IS NOT NULL</pre>
```

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If you're familiar with gradient boosted trees and XGBoost, you can use this algorithm to train models in BigQuery ML. In this example we specify the model type as "boosted_tree_classifier" to use gradient boosted trees as our classifier. There are a number of hyperpameters you can select for this model, including the maximal tree depth. Again, we won't go into fine detail here, but the idea behind gradient boosted trees is to iteratively fit a decision tree to the residuals of preceding decision trees.

Linear Regression

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL
taxi.taxifare_dnn OPTIONS (model_type='linear_reg', labels=['fare_amount']) AS

SELECT
fare_amount,
hourofday, dayofweek,
pickuplon, pickuplat, dropofflon, dropofflat,
passenger_count

FROM
taxi.taxi3m
```

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Now we'll look at the model options available in BigQuery ML to forecast things like numeric values.

So far we've only talked about classification. You can also use BigQuery ML to do regression. In this example we're fitting a linear regression model to predict taxi fare based on features such as the hour of day, pickup and drop-off location, and the day of the week.

DNN Regression

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL

taxi.taxifare_dnn OPTIONS (model_type='dnn_regressor',
hidden_units=[144,89,55], labels=['fare_amount']) AS

SELECT

fare_amount,
hourofday, dayofweek,
pickuplon, pickuplat, dropofflon, dropofflat,
passenger_count

FROM

`taxi.taxi3m`
```

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If you need a model more complex than linear regression you can use a DNN regressor in BigQuery ML. All you have to do is specify the model type as "dnn_regressor" and define the hidden units, just like in the classification version of DNNs.

xgboost Regression

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL
taxi.taxifare_xgboost
OPTIONS (model_type='boosted_tree_regressor', labels=['fare_amount']) AS
SELECT
fare_amount,
hourofday, dayofweek,
pickuplon, pickuplat, dropofflon, dropofflat,
passenger_count
FROM
`taxi.taxi3m`
```

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Just like for classification, we can also use XGBoost for regression! Just specify you want to use a "boosted_tree_regressor".

Train on TF, predict with BigQuery

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL advdata.txtclass_tf2
OPTIONS (model_type='tensorflow',

model_path='gs://cloud-training-demos-ml/txtcls/trained_finetune_native/export/exporter/1
549825580/*')

SELECT
input,
(SELECT AS STRUCT(p, ['github', 'nytimes', 'techcrunch'][ORDINAL(s)]) prediction FROM
(SELECT p, ROW_NUMBER() OVER() AS s FROM
(SELECT * FROM UNNEST(dense_1) AS p))
ORDER BY p DESC LIMIT 1).*

FROM ML.PREDICT(MODEL advdata.txtclass_tf2,
(
SELECT 'Unlikely Partnership in House Gives Lawmakers Hope for Border Deal' AS input
UNION ALL SELECT "Fitbit\'s newest fitness tracker is just for employees and health
insurance members"
UNION ALL SELECT "Show HN: Hello, a CLI tool for managing social media"
))
```

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What if you have already trained a model in TensorFlow? Well, you can import your saved model into BigQuery to serve batch predictions.

In this example, the first statement is where we load our model into BQ. We specify the model name, the model path in Cloud Storage and we tell BigQuery that the model type is "tensorflow".

When we want to serve predictions, we can do it as shown on the bottom half of the query in this example. Notice the ML.PREDICT statement being used to generate predictions, and then that actual query being used to print the predictions in a reasonable format.

Recommendation engine (matrix factorization)

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Let's now look at the model options available in BigQuery ML to recommend things based on ratings.

We can also serve recommendations to users in BigQuery ML! The type of model being used for this is called a matrix factorization model. In short, matrix factorization models are a form of collaborative filtering algorithms used in recommender systems.

Matrix factorization algorithms work by decomposing the user-item interaction matrix. That is, the matrix consisting of users and recommendations gets broken apart into the product of two lower dimensionality rectangular matrices. This matrix will be really sparse since users will only review a few products. For example, if we have 1,000,000 movies on our streaming platform, you don't expect a user will review more than a handful. For this reason, we expect our matrices to be "low rank" and thus can store the information in smaller matrices without much loss of information. The full details of this can be found in many different online sources for recommendation systems.

This family of methods became widely known during the Netflix Prize Challenge due to its effectiveness in making recommendations.

To build a recommendation engine in BigQuery ML you must set the model type to "matrix factorization" and provide a table of user-item interactions.

So what do we recommend for a given set of users?

```
with users AS (
SELECT
user_id, count(*) as num_orders
from operations.orders_with_lines
group by user_id
order by num_orders desc
limit 10
products as (
select product_id, count(*) as num_orders
from operations.orders_with_lines, unnest(order_lines)
group by product_id
order by num_orders desc
limit 10
SELECT * FROM ML.PREDICT(MODEL models.suggested_products_1or2,
(SELECT user_id, product_id
FROM users, products)
```

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Once we have a trained recommender model, we can use it to serve recommendations! Here's an example query where we're getting our users and products with a query, and getting the suggested products using the ML.PREDICT statement.

So what do we recommend for a given set of users?

Row	predicted_rating	user_id	product_id
1	1.5746015507788755	101797	26209
2	1.8070705987455633	101797	13176
3	1.7171094544245578	101797	27845
4	1.9763373899260837	101797	47209
5	1.8659380090171271	101797	21137
6	1.721610848530093	101797	47766
7	1.9516130703939483	101797	21903

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Here's what the output will look like for a single user. We could sort by the predicted rating for each user_id and give the top 5 or so recommendations using a simple SQL query.

Clustering

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL
demos_eu.london_station_clusters
OPTIONS(model_type='kmeans', num_clusters=4,
standardize_features = true) AS

WITH hs AS ...,
stationstats AS ...

SELECT * except(station_name, isweekday)
from stationstats
```

- 1. 4 clusters (hardcoded)
- 2. Standardize features since different dynamic ranges
- **3.** Remove the cluster "id" fields (keep just the attributes)

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Finally, we will discuss an unsupervised learning algorithm in K-Means Clustering that's available in BigQuery ML. We won't go into the details of the algorithm, but in short, in this case we do not have a label we are trying to predict. Rather, we are trying to explore patterns in our data. In this example, we will cluster the data into four clusters, standardize the features to account for different feature value ranges, which is really important for clustering, and remove any id fields so that we're not grouping based on uniquely identifying information.

Which cluster?

```
WITH hs AS ...,
stationstats AS ...,

SELECT * except(nearest_centroids_distance)
FROM ML.PREDICT(MODEL demos_eu.london_station_clusters,
(SELECT * FROM stationstats WHERE
REGEXP_CONTAINS(station_name, 'Kennington')))
```

Row	CENTROID_ID	station_name	isweekday	duration	num_trips	bikes_count	distance_from_city_center
1	3	Kennington Lane Tesco, Vauxhall	weekday	911.5810637908974	5471	9	1.8345619962343163
2	3	Kennington Lane Rail Bridge, Vauxhall	weekday	979.3919952622995	20263	19	2.175032834765301
3	4	Doddington Grove, Kennington	weekday	1397.7189755200225	7067	28	1.468140527379382
4	4	Kennington Cross, Kennington	weekday	911.5238777770538	15349	35	1.4625875338501981

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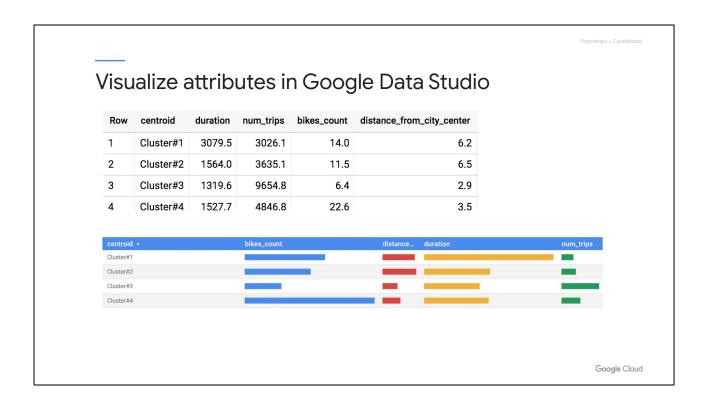
After we've trained a clustering model we can easily see which cluster our data belongs to with a quick SQL query. Here's an example of the query to do so. The CENTROID_ID column refers to the cluster assigned to each row of data. The data set used here is for a bike rental company that has stations spread out across London.

Find cluster attributes

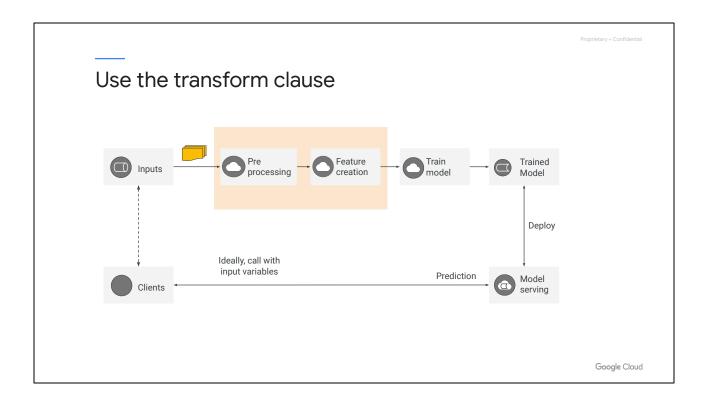
```
WITH T AS (
SELECT
centroid_id,
ARRAY_AGG(STRUCT(numerical_feature AS name, ROUND(feature_value,1) AS value) ORDER BY
centroid_id) AS cluster
FROM ML.CENTROIDS(MODEL demos_eu.london_station_clusters)
GROUP BY centroid_id
)
SELECT
CONCAT('Cluster#', CAST(centroid_id AS STRING)) AS centroid,
(SELECT value from unnest(cluster) WHERE name = 'duration') AS duration,
(SELECT value from unnest(cluster) WHERE name = 'num_trips') AS num_trips,
(SELECT value from unnest(cluster) WHERE name = 'bikes_count') AS bikes_count,
(SELECT value from unnest(cluster) WHERE name = 'distance_from_city_center') AS
distance_from_city_center
FROM T
ORDER BY centroid_id ASC
```

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Once you have clusters, how do you actually get utility out of them? The key is to do some analysis on the data in each clusters. We can explore feature ranges and aggregate statistics to try to understand what is "special" about the individual clusters.



For example, we could use Data Studio to visualize some of the attributes of the data in the clusters. For example, here we see that Cluster 1 has the longest duration rides.



Not as obvious ... who will do the input transformations on behalf of the client code? You can't pass in the raw input variables to the trained model -- it expects scaled, transformed inputs!

You also have to worry about model changes -- when you do a bag-of-words, for example, with IBM=32, the embedding might change in the next model run because your input data is larger. Similarly, in scaling, min/max/stdev can all change. Doing the bookkeeping associated with preprocessing and feature crosses is painful and a major source of error. It is also near-impossible to find, so there are probably many ML models out there that have a "training/serving skew" (yes, this is a real thing, with a real jargon word for it, but it is rarely discussed because the majority of ML research papers are from college settings where routine model updates are not a concern.)

TRANSFORM ensures transformations are automatically applied during ML.PREDICT

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On the left we see that the transformations are done in the query defining the training dataset. In this case the user of the model would have to perform these same transformations. However, how would they know what transformations to perform in general, and should this even be a worry on the client-side? We instead move the CASTing into a TRANSFORM statement. Now, when the client sends in a prediction, the transformations on the start_date field will be automatically applied before serving a prediction.

Reminder: BigQuery ML Cheatsheet

- Label = alias a column as 'label' or specify column in OPTIONS using input_label_cols
- Feature = passed through to the model as part of your SQL SELECT statement SELECT * FROM ML.FEATURE_INFO(MODEL `mydataset.mymodel`)
- Model = an object created in BigQuery that resides in your BigQuery dataset
- Model Types = Linear Regression, Logistic Regression CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL <dataset>.<name> OPTIONS(model_type='<type>') AS <training dataset>
- Training Progress = SELECT * FROM ML.TRAINING_INFO(MODEL `mydataset.mymodel`)
- Inspect Weights = SELECT * FROM ML.WEIGHTS(MODEL `mydataset.mymodel`, (<query>))
- Evaluation = SELECT * FROM ML.EVALUATE(MODEL `mydataset.mymodel`)
- Prediction = SELECT * FROM ML.PREDICT(MODEL `mydataset.mymodel`, (<query>))

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We've covered a lot of syntax in BigQuery ML. There's syntax for training a model, evaluating it, and making predictions, among other things. Use this cheat sheet to help you when you first start building models in BigQuery ML.

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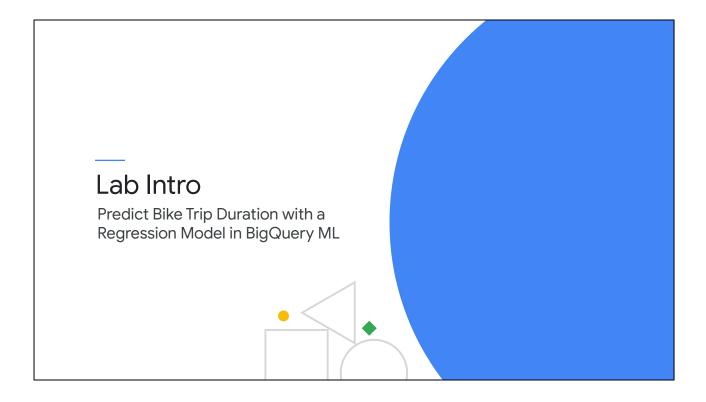
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In this lab, you learn to perform the following tasks:

- Query and explore the London bicycles dataset for feature engineering.
- Create a linear regression model in BigQuery ML.
- Evaluate the performance of your machine learning model.
- Extract your model weights.

https://gcpstaging.gwiklabs.com/labs/25421/edit

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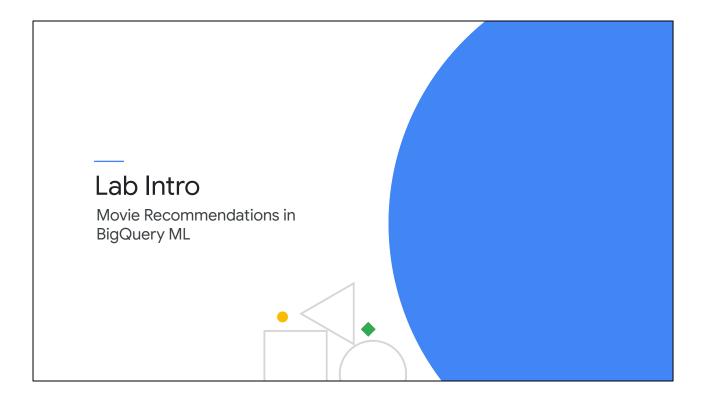
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In this lab, you learn to perform the following tasks:

- Create a BigQuery dataset to store and load MovieLens data
- Explore the MovieLens dataset
- Use a trained model to make recommendations in BigQuery
- Make product predictions for both single users and batch users

https://gcpstaging.qwiklabs.com/labs/25983/

Module summary

You can train and evaluate machine learning models directly in BigQuery.

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