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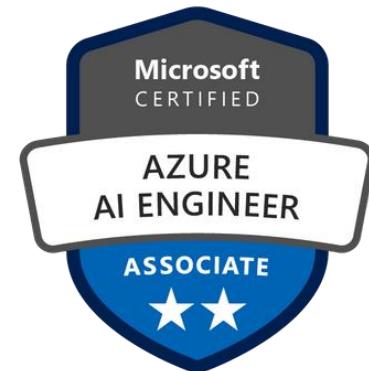
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Course Overview





AI-900 Crash Course

- Describe Artificial Intelligence workloads and considerations (15-20%)
- Describe fundamental principles of machine learning on Azure (20-25%)
- Describe features of computer vision workloads on Azure (15-20%)
- Describe features of Natural Language Processing (NLP) workloads on Azure (15-20%)
- Describe features of generative AI workloads on Azure (15-20%)



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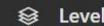
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Demonstrate fundamental AI concepts related to the development of software and services of Microsoft Azure to create AI solutions.



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Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals: Computer Vision

⌚ 1 hr 40 min • Learning Path • 3 units



Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals: Natural Language Processing

⌚ 2 hr 22 min • Learning Path • 4 units



Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals: Document Intelligence and Knowledge Mining

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Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals: Generative AI

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Describe Artificial Intelligence workloads and considerations (15-20%)





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- Identify features of common AI workloads
- Identify guiding principles for responsible AI



Identify Features of Common AI Workloads

- Identify features of content moderation and personalization workloads
- Identify computer vision workloads [see 1 2 3 4 5 6 7]
- Identify natural language processing workloads [see 0 1 2 3 4 5]
- Identify knowledge mining workloads [see 1 2 3 4 5]
- Identify document intelligence workloads [see 1]
- Identify features of generative AI workloads



Identify Guiding Principles for Responsible AI

- Describe considerations for fairness in an AI solution [see [1](#) [2](#) [3](#)]
- Describe considerations for reliability and safety in an AI solution [see [1](#)]
- Describe considerations for privacy and security in an AI solution [see [1](#)]
- Describe considerations for inclusiveness in an AI solution [see [1](#)]
- Describe considerations for transparency in an AI solution [see [1](#)]
- Describe considerations for accountability in an AI solution [see [1](#)]

Describe Fundamental Principles of Machine Learning on Azure (20-25%)





Describe Fundamental Principles of Machine Learning on Azure (20-25%)

- Identify common machine learning techniques
- Describe core machine learning concepts
- Describe Azure Machine Learning capabilities



Identify Common Machine Learning Techniques

- Identify regression machine learning scenarios [see [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#)]
- Identify classification machine learning scenarios [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify clustering machine learning scenarios [see [1](#)]
- Identify features of deep learning techniques [see [1](#) [2](#)]



Describe Core Machine Learning Concepts

- Identify features and labels in a dataset for machine learning [see [1](#)]
- Describe how training and validation datasets are used in machine learning [see [1](#) [2](#)]



Describe Azure Machine Learning Capabilities

- Describe capabilities of Automated machine learning [see [1](#) [2](#) [3](#)]
- Describe data and compute services for data science and machine learning
- Describe model management and deployment capabilities in Azure Machine Learning [see [1](#) [2](#)]

Creating Your Own ML Model

1. Define the problem

2. Collect and prepare data (Ensure it's clean, well-organized, and relevant)

3. Preprocess data (Handle duplicates, missing values, outliers, etc.)

4. Split the data (training, validation/test)

5. Choose a model (select a ML algorithm/model based on the nature of your problem)

6. Set / tune hyperparameters

(settings that affect the learning process & not learned from the data)

7. Train the model (Feed the training data into the model)

8. Validate the model

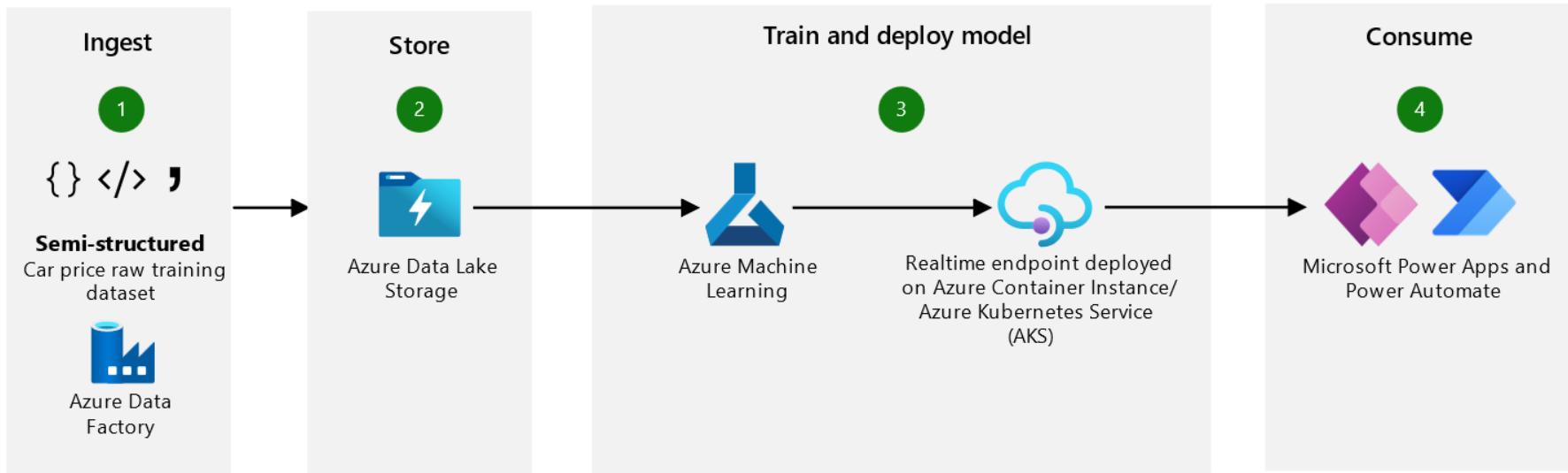
9. Evaluate on test set (go to 6)

10. Deploy the model

11. Monitor and maintain



Creating Your Own ML Model





Describe Features of Computer Vision Workloads on Azure (15– 20%)





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- Identify common types of computer vision solutions
- Identify Azure tools and services for computer vision tasks



Identify Common Types of Computer Vision Solutions

- Identify features of image classification solutions [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features of object detection solutions [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features of optical character recognition solutions [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features of facial detection and facial analysis solutions [see [1](#) [2](#) [3](#)]



Identify Azure Tools and Services for Computer Vision Tasks

- Describe capabilities of the Azure AI Vision service [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Describe capabilities of the Azure AI Face detection service [see [1](#) [2](#)]

Describe Features of Natural Language Processing (NLP) Workloads on Azure (15-20%)





Describe Features of Natural Language Processing (NLP) Workloads on Azure (15-20%)

- Identify features of common NLP workload scenarios
- Identify Azure tools and services for NLP workloads



Identify Features of Common NLP Workload Scenarios

- Identify features and uses for key phrase extraction [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features and uses for entity recognition [see [1](#)]
- Identify features and uses for sentiment analysis [see [1](#)]
- Identify features and uses for language modeling [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features and uses for speech recognition and synthesis [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify features and uses for translation [see [1](#) [2](#)]



Identify Azure Tools and Services for NLP Workloads

- Describe capabilities of the Azure AI Language service [see [1](#)]
- Describe capabilities of the Azure AI Speech service [see [1](#)]



Describe features of generative AI workloads on Azure (15–20%)





Describe features of generative AI workloads on Azure (15–20%)

- Identify features of generative AI solutions [see [1](#)]
- Identify capabilities of Azure OpenAI Service [see [1](#)]



Identify Features of Generative AI Solutions

- Identify features of generative AI models [see [1](#)]
- Identify common scenarios for generative AI [see [1](#) [2](#)]
- Identify responsible AI considerations for generative AI



Identify Capabilities of Azure OpenAI Service

- Describe natural language generation capabilities of Azure OpenAI Service
- Describe code generation capabilities of Azure OpenAI Service [see 1]
- Describe image generation capabilities of Azure OpenAI Service

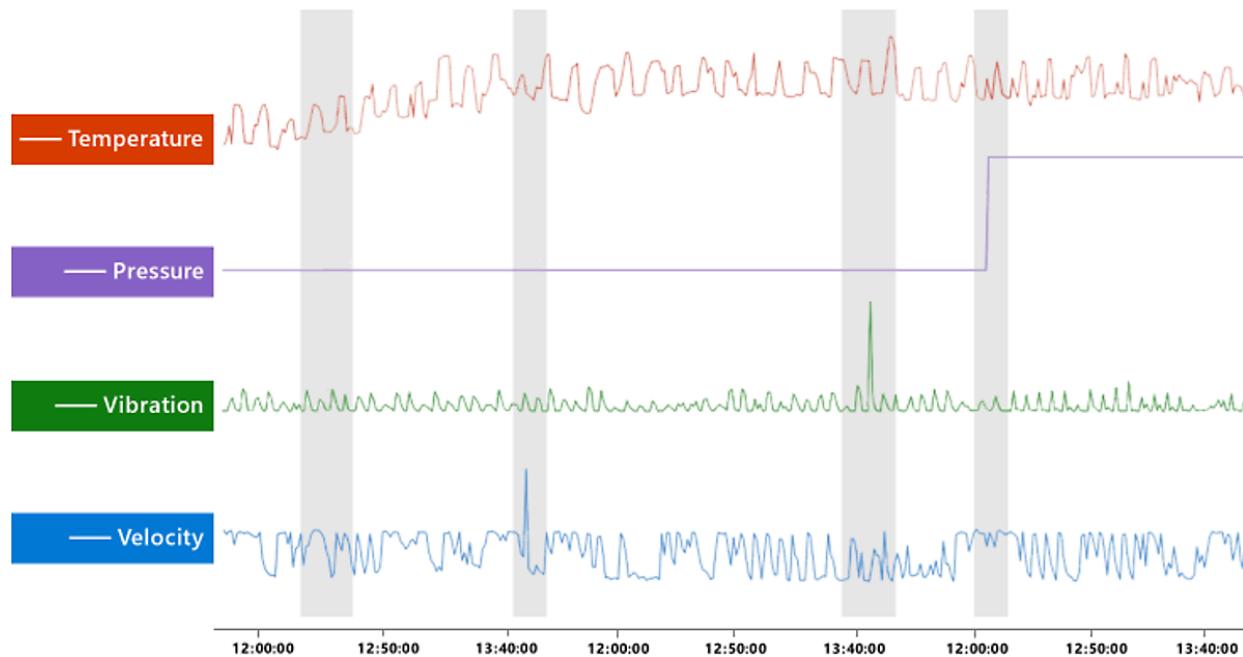


AI Workloads





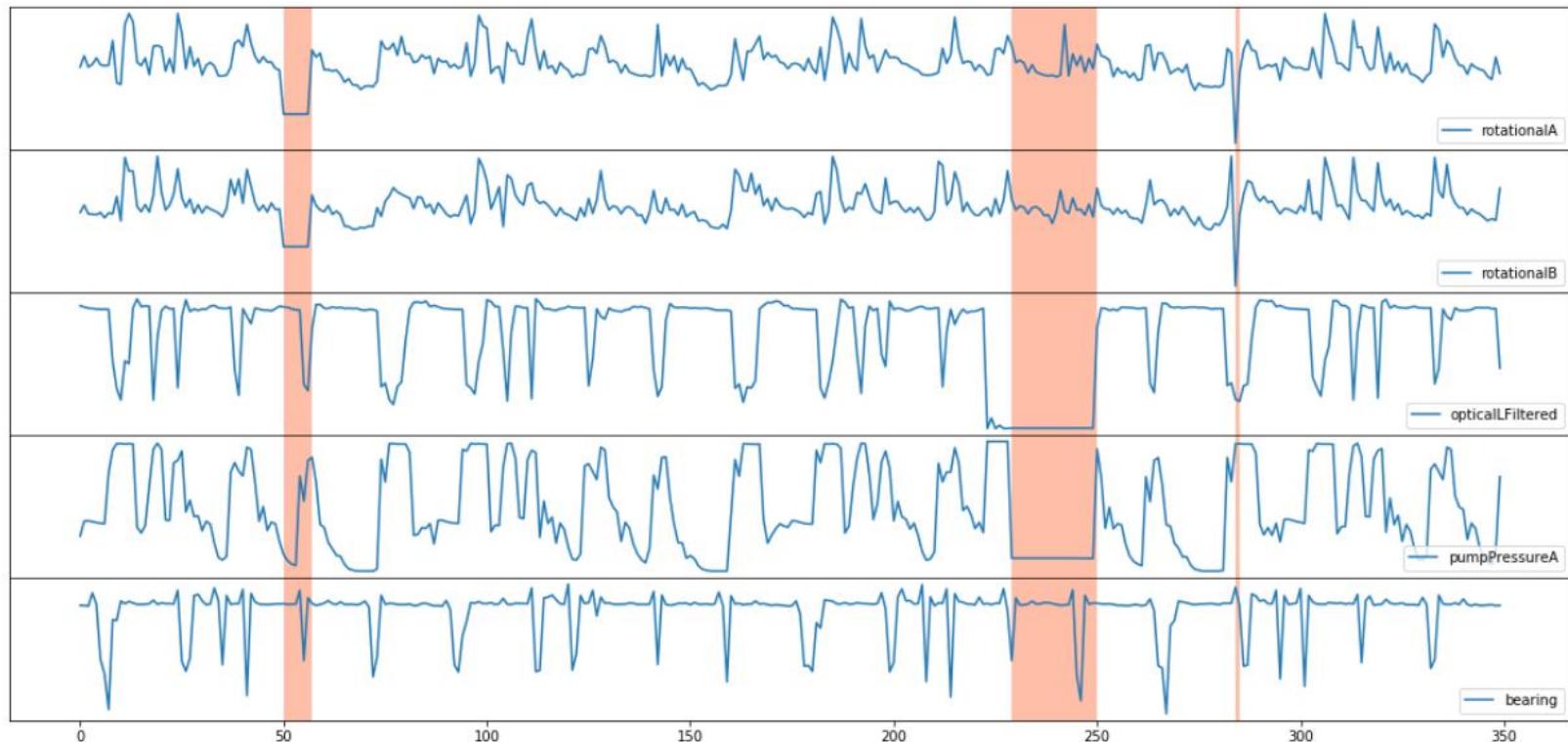
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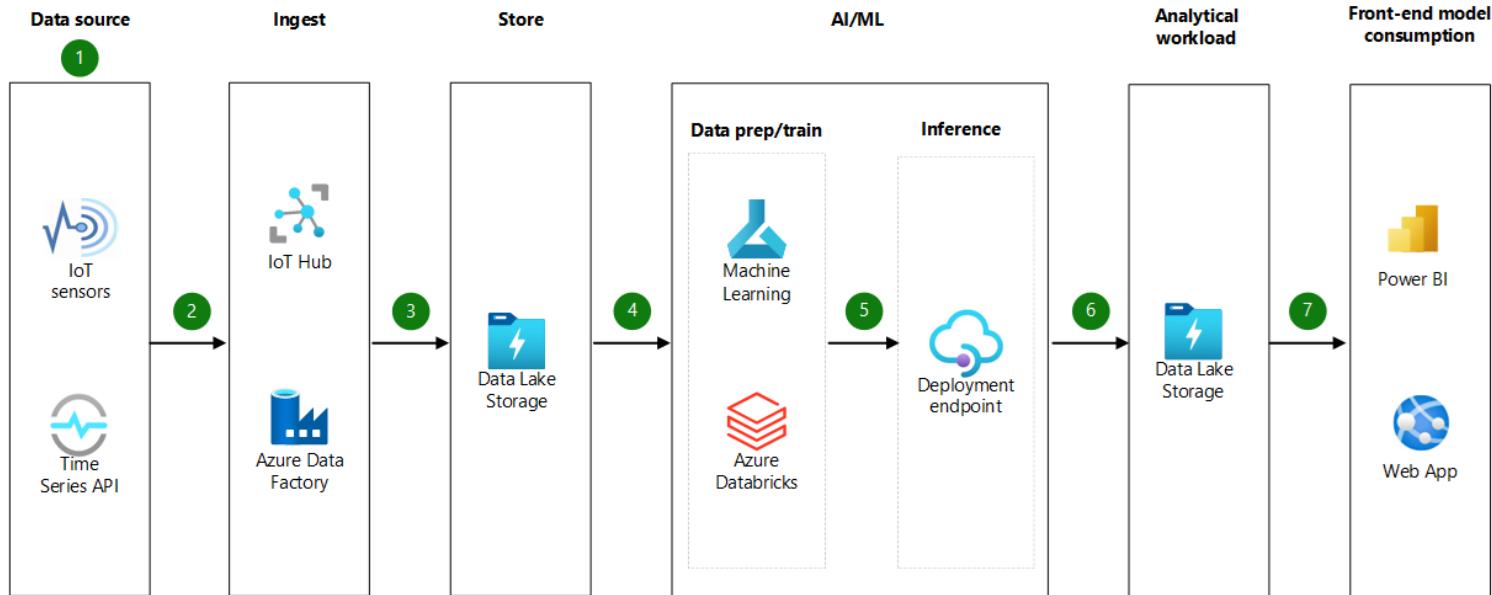


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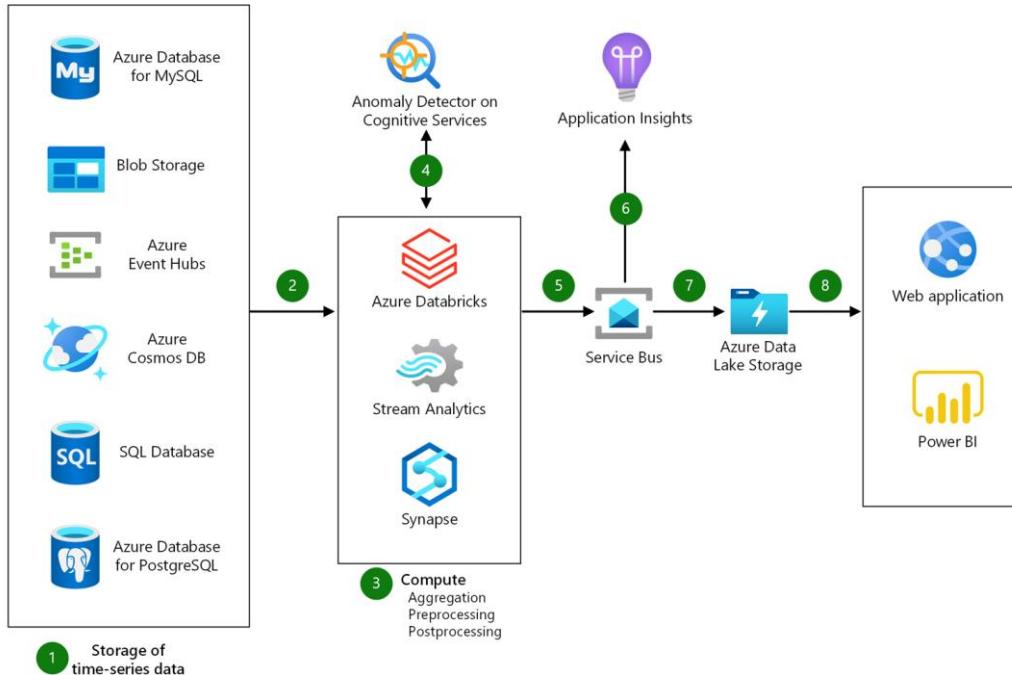


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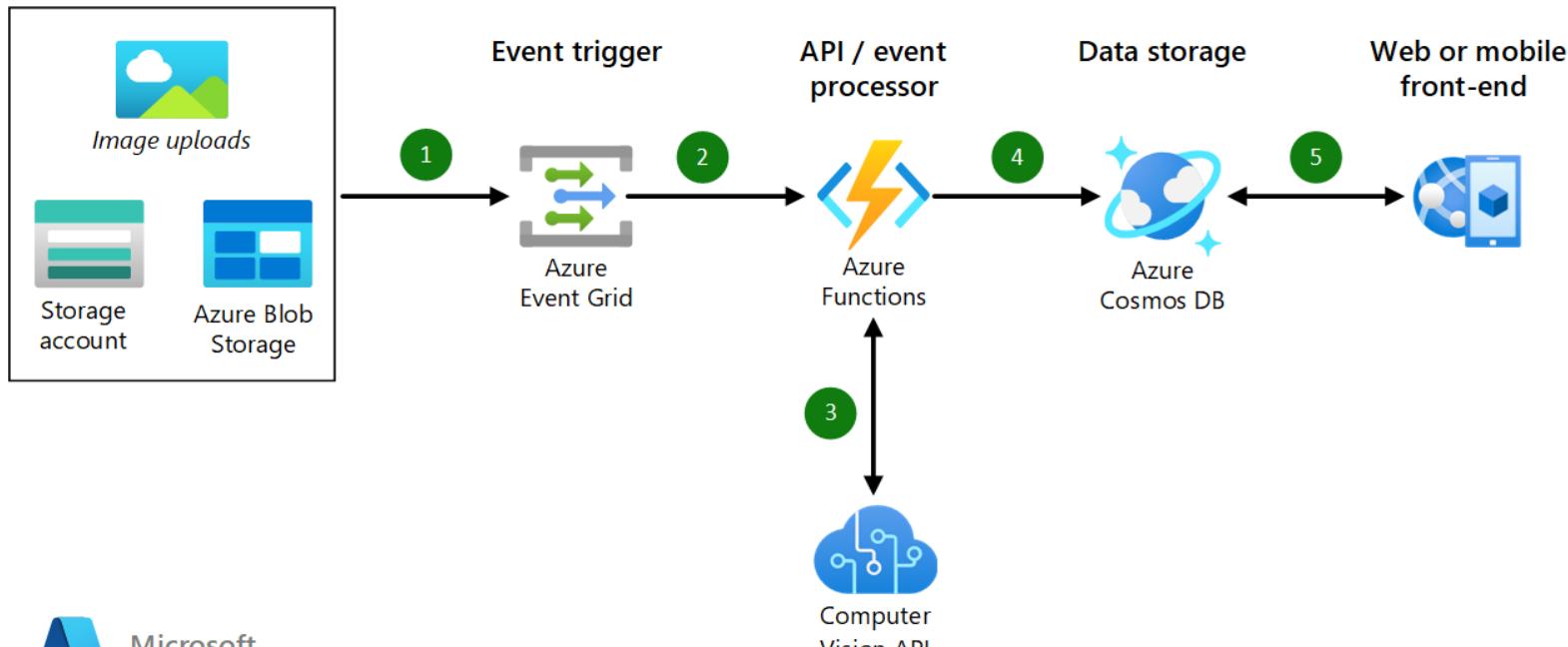


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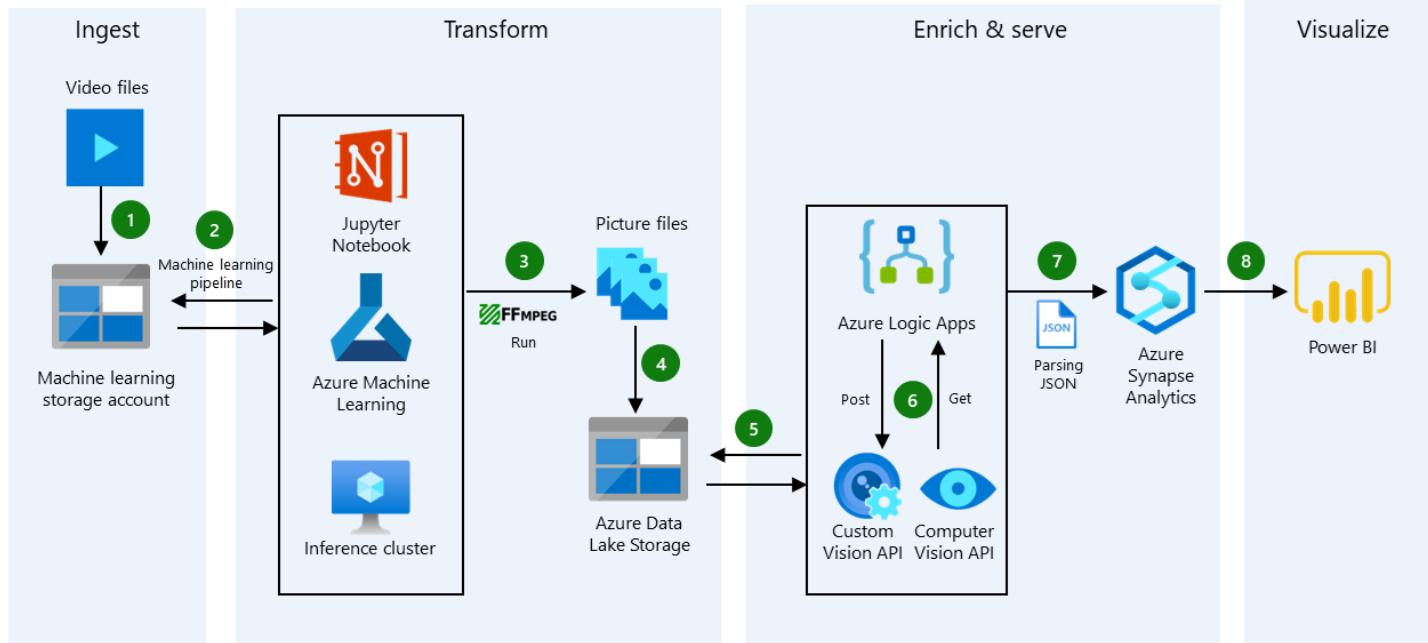
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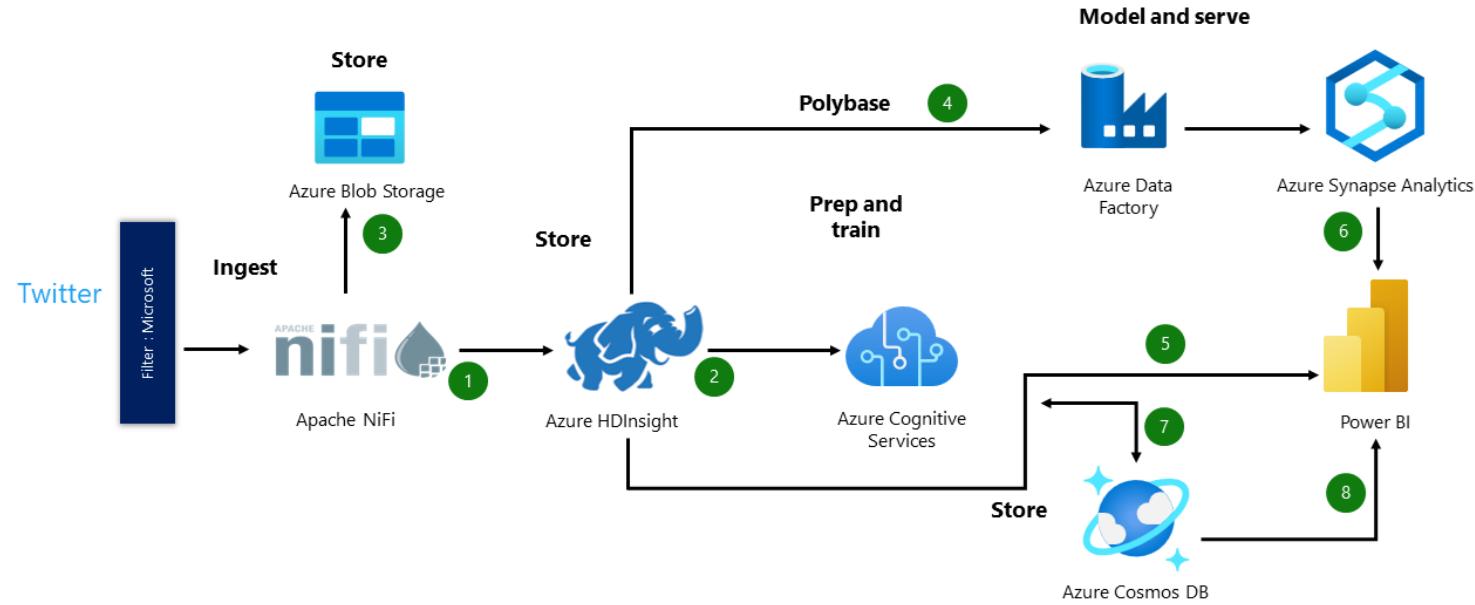


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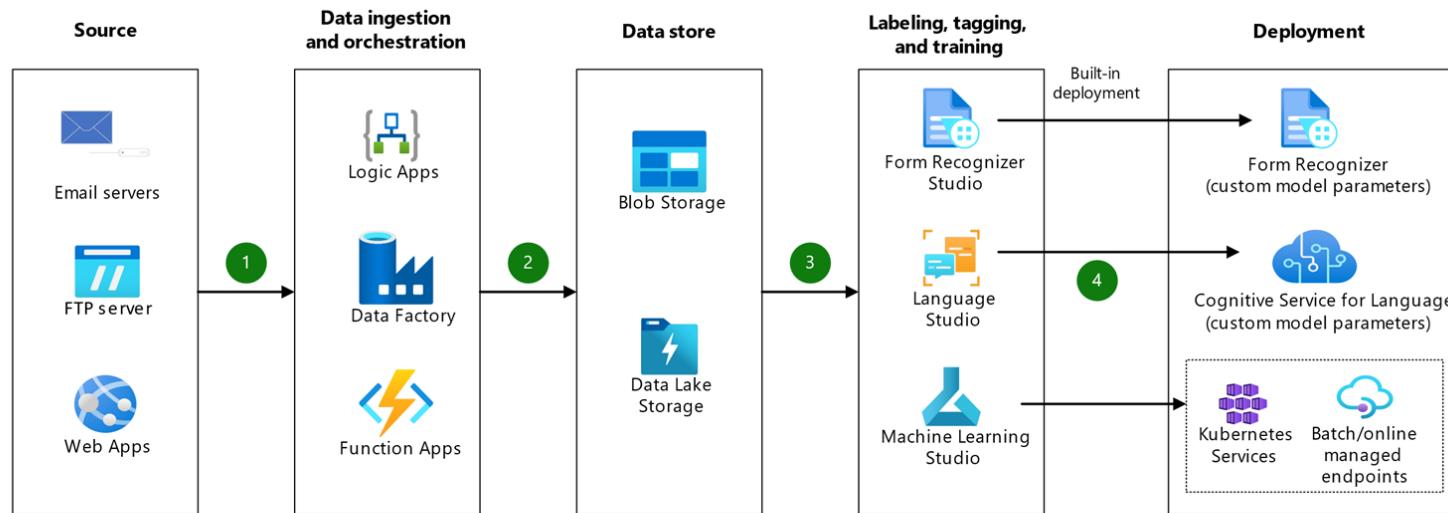


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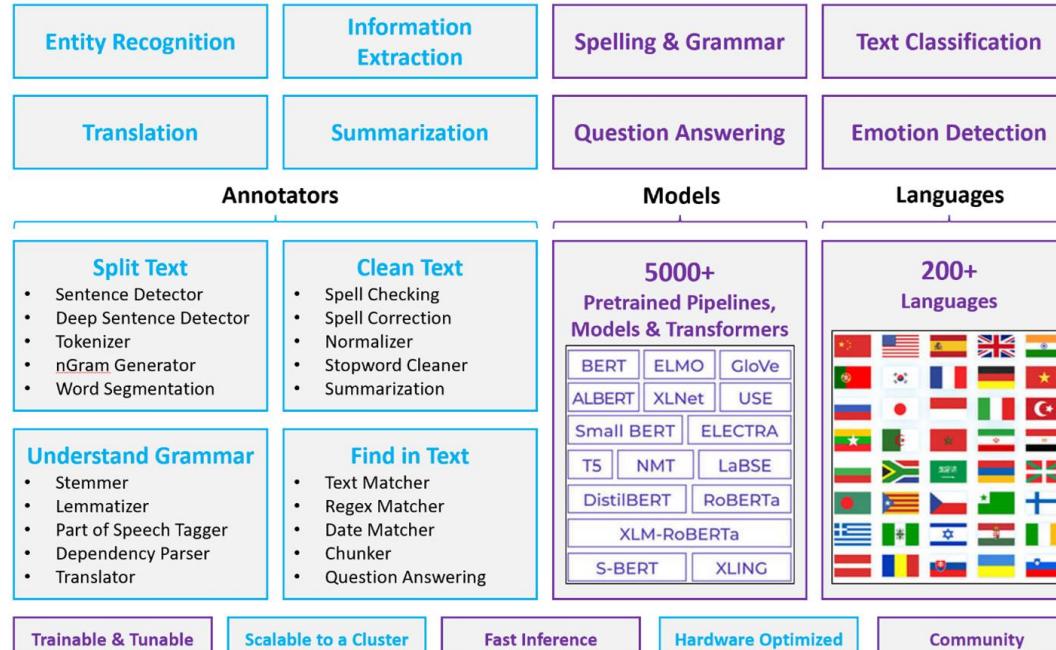


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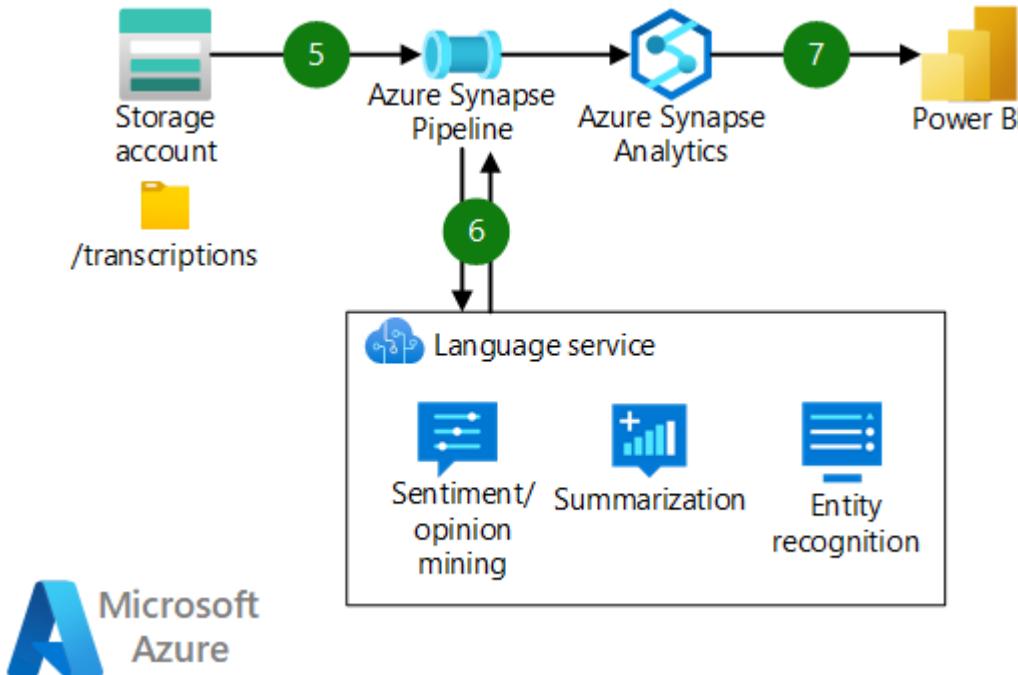


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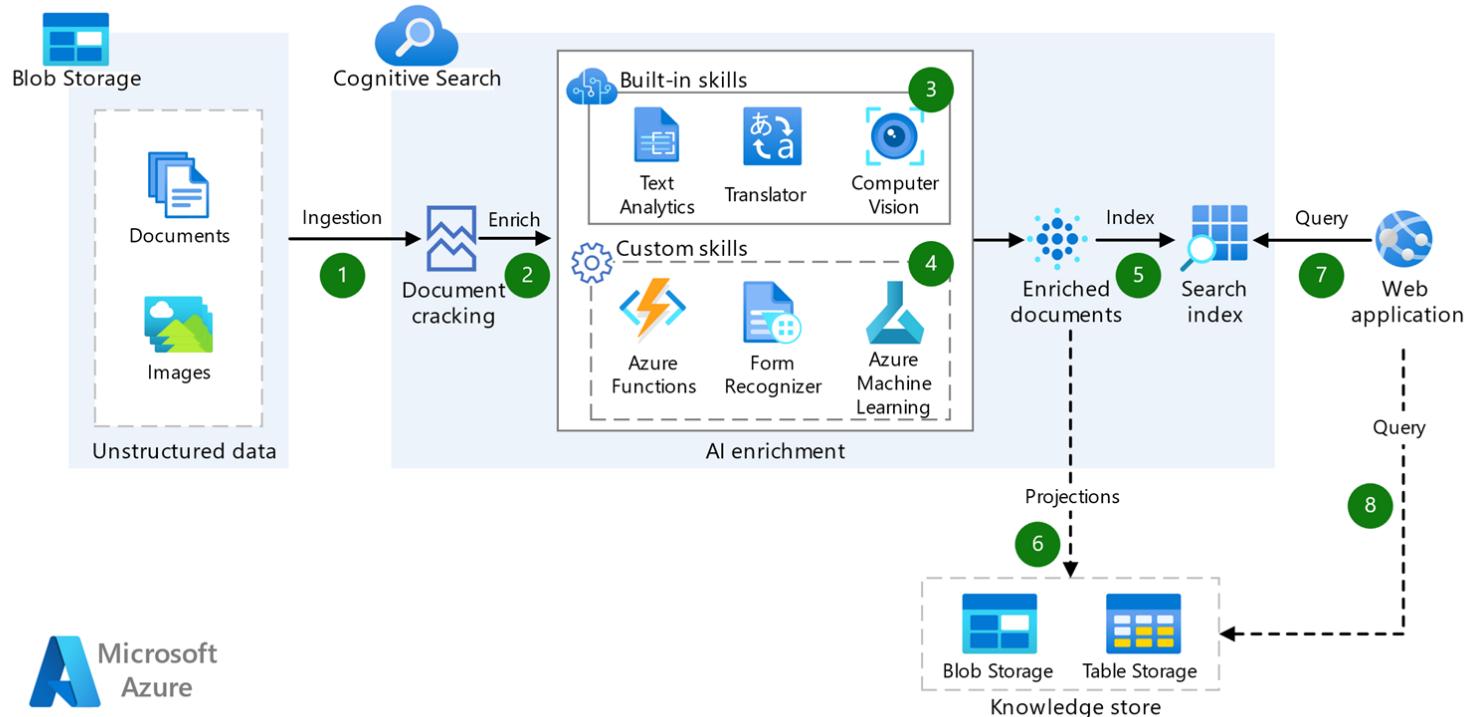


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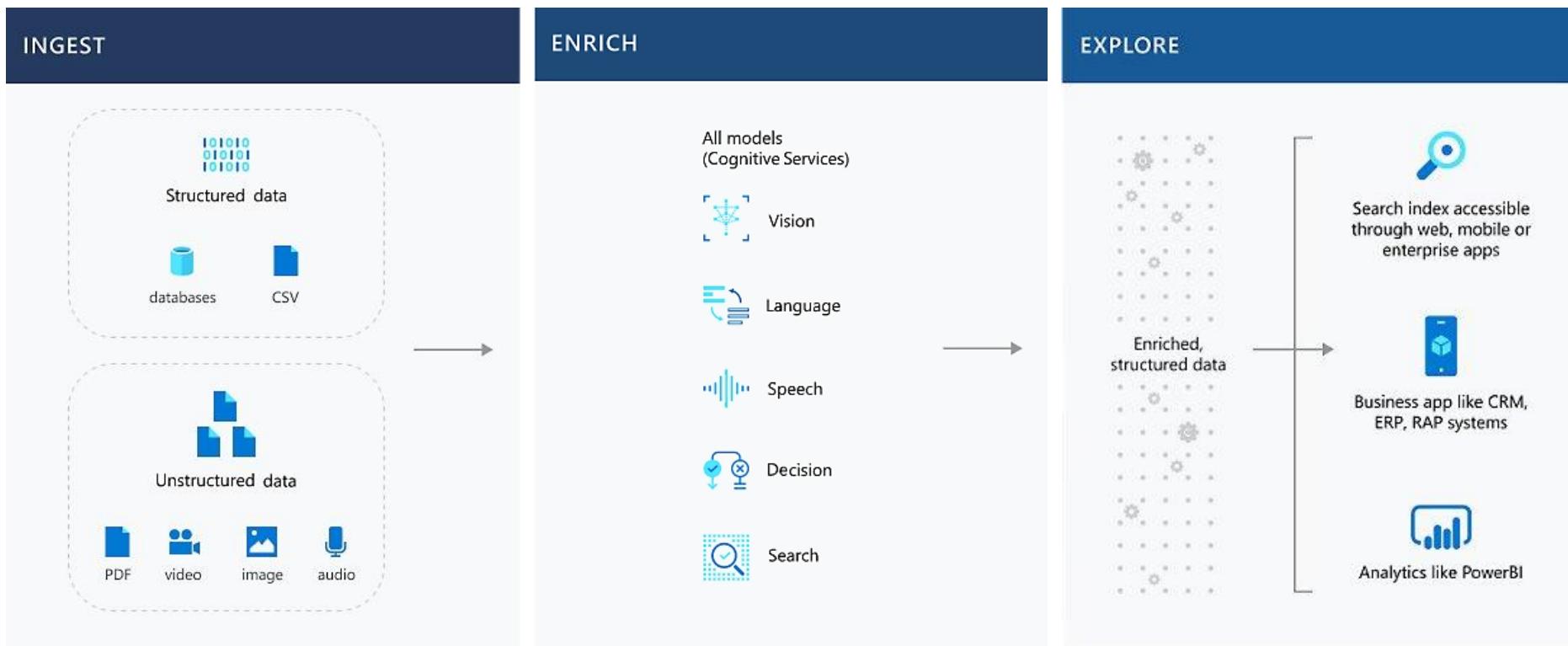


Natural Language Processing Workloads





Knowledge Mining Workloads





Knowledge Mining Workloads



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Identify and explore relevant content with the only cloud search service with built-in AI capabilities.



[Azure Cognitive Services](#)

Employ cognition capabilities to expand understanding across content types.



[Azure Machine Learning](#)

Apply machine learning models as custom skills for specific requirements like industry-specific regulations.

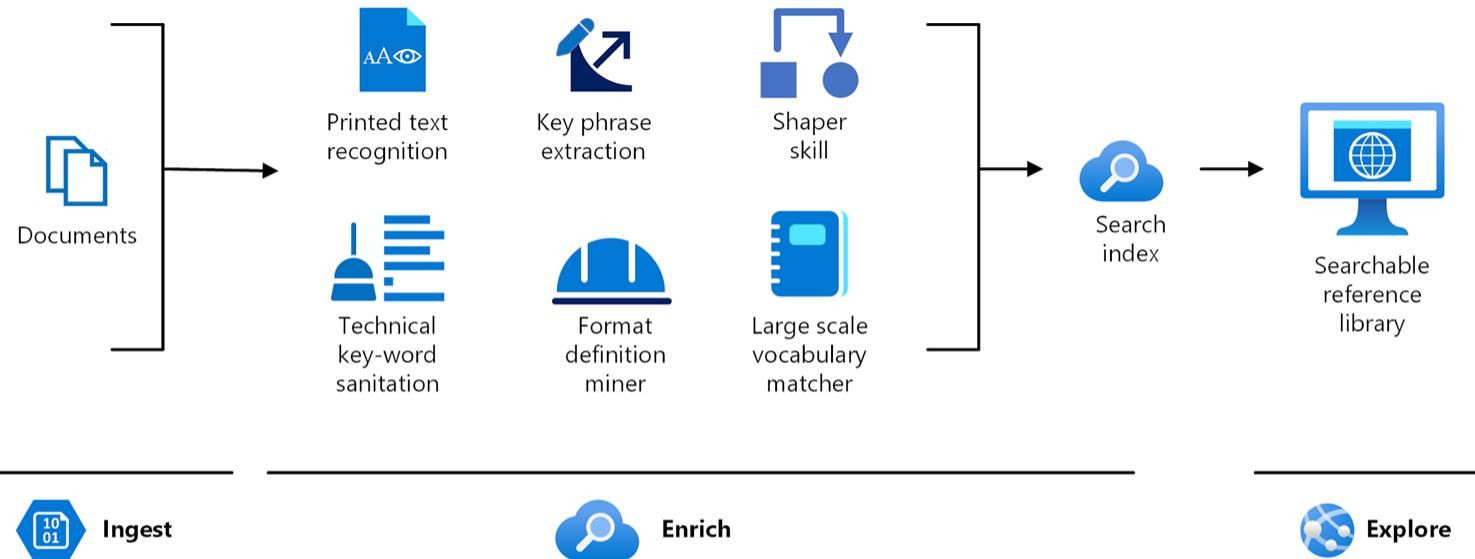


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Design interactive experiences that enable users to extract information from their data via bot interface.

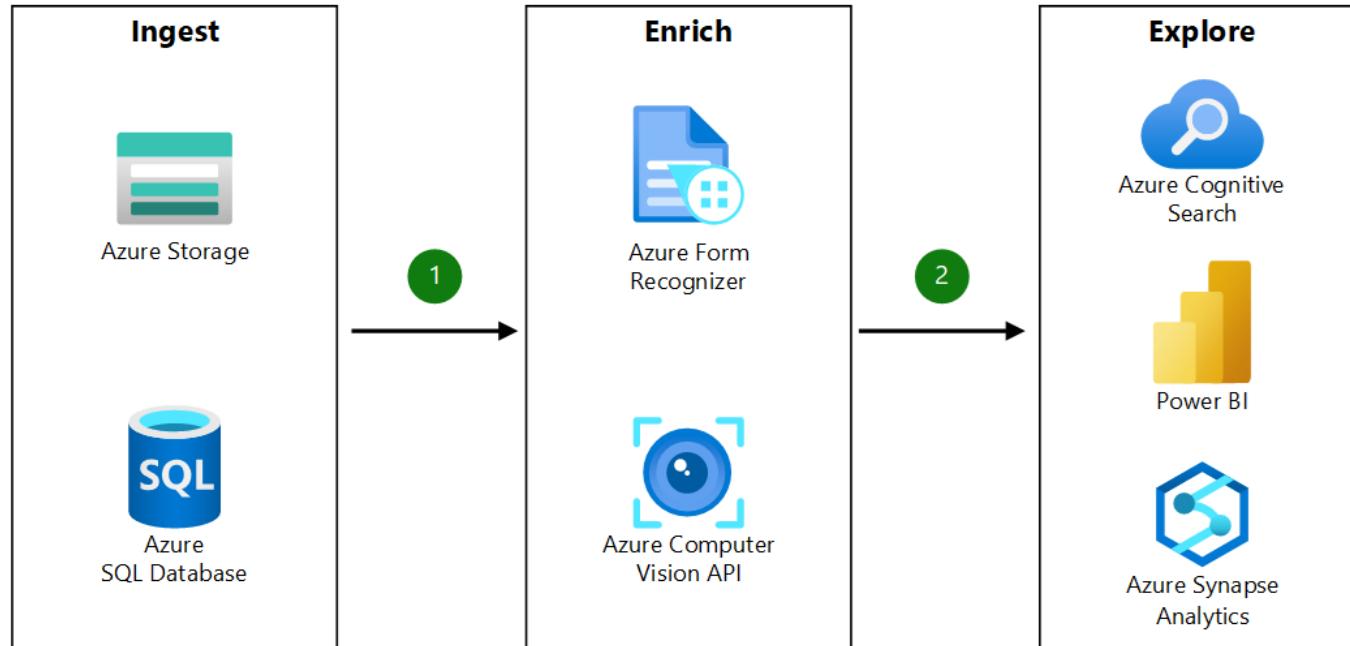


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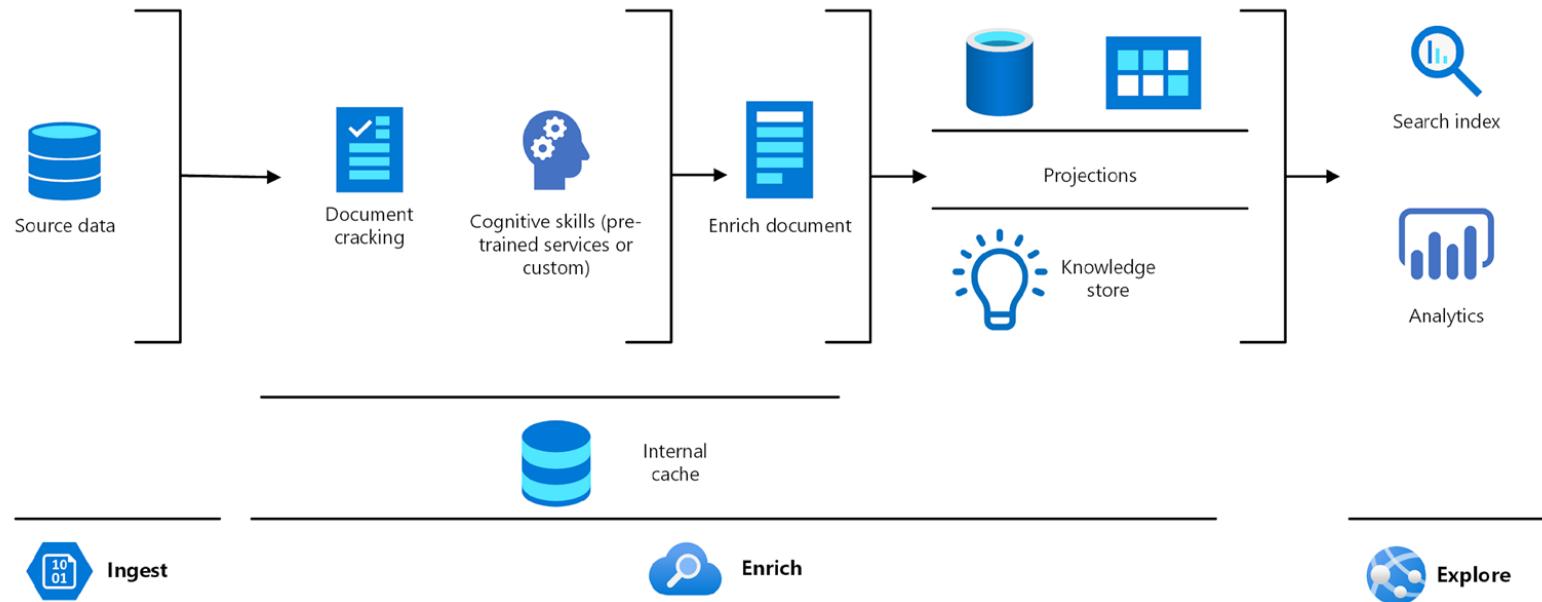


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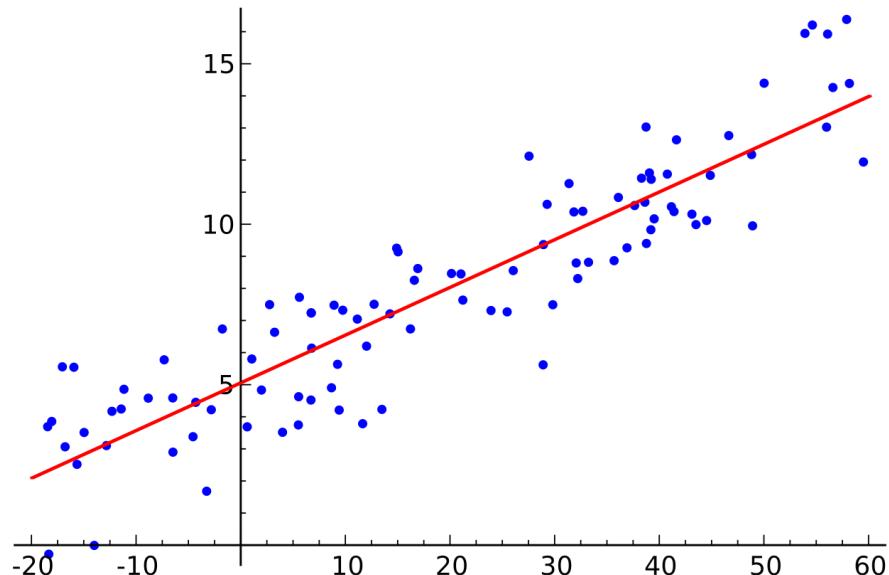


Knowledge Mining Workloads



Regression Machine Learning

- Estimate missing data
- Estimate future data (prediction)





Classification Machine Learning

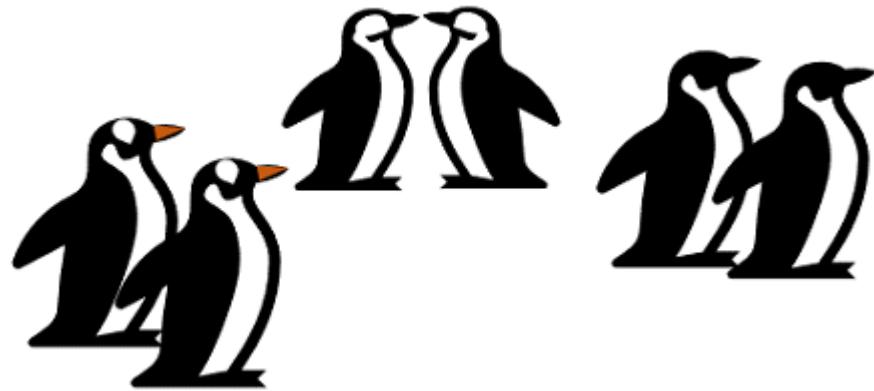
- Group images into categories





Clustering Machine Learning

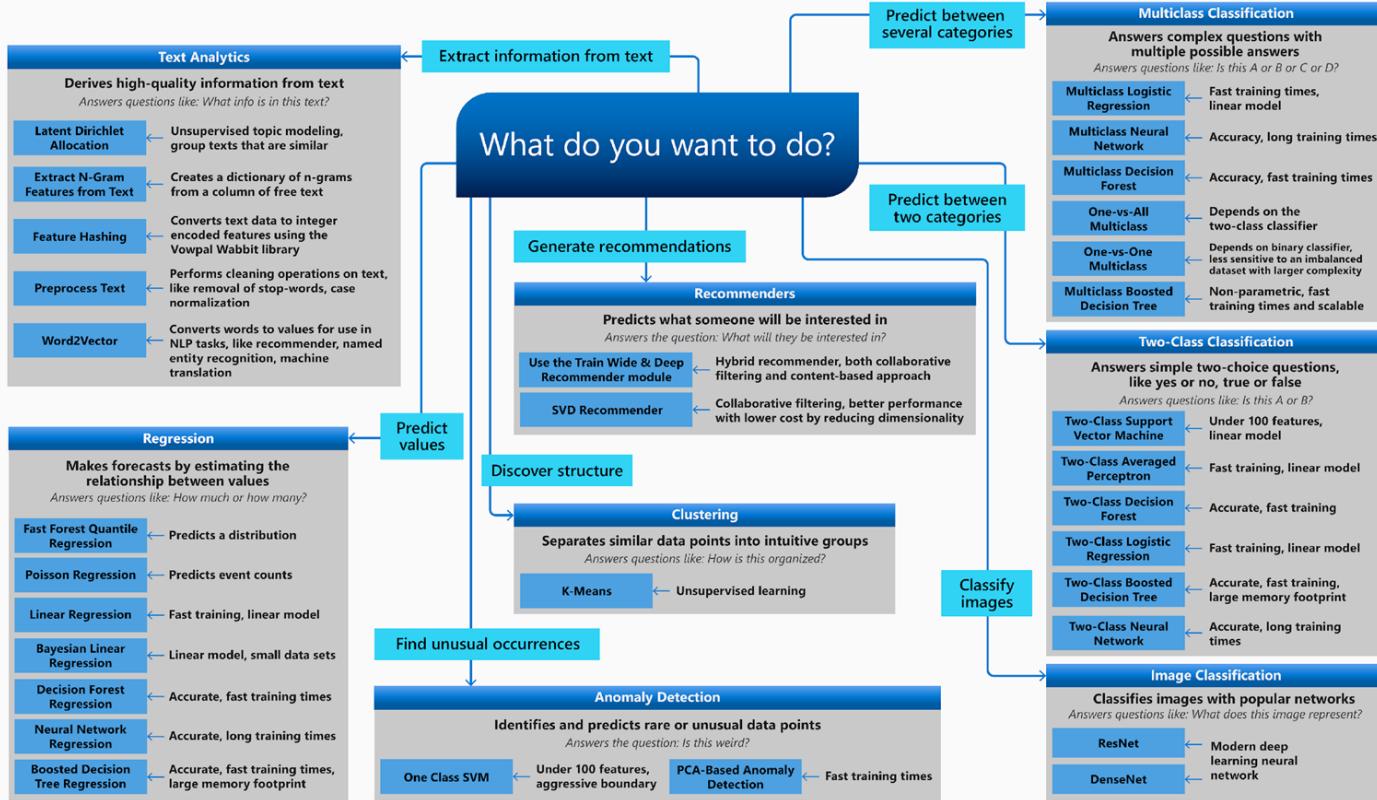
- Grouping unlabeled examples





Machine Learning Algorithm Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet helps you choose the best machine learning algorithm for your predictive analytics solution. Your decision is driven by both the nature of your data and the goal you want to achieve with your data.





Approach	Use Cases	Example Algorithms	Real-World Scenarios
Regression	Predicting a continuous outcome	Linear Regression, Ridge Regression, Lasso Regression	Sales forecasting, demand prediction, financial modeling
Classification	Assigning a label to input data	Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines	Email spam detection, sentiment analysis in customer feedback, image recognition in autonomous vehicles
Clustering	Grouping similar data points	K-Means, Hierarchical Clustering, DBSCAN	Customer segmentation for targeted marketing, anomaly detection in network security, organizing news articles into topics
Deep Learning	Complex hierarchical feature learning	Neural Networks, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)	Image and speech recognition, natural language processing, self-driving cars



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