

Data science and AI applications in eCommerce

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Introduction

An overview of **Logickube**

We partner with leading cloud providers to provide AI and Data services to leading retailers in APAC



Strategic advisory on AI

Build out a strategic roadmap and Proof-Of-Concepts models in collaboration with our technology and data experts to accelerate your AI journey.



Cloud data engineering

Maximise the advantages of new technologies in the cloud by modernizing your data and ML workloads in a scalable and secure manner.



AI engineering

Build best in class data and model pipelines to produce your own state of the art AI capabilities across retail, digital media, financial services and health.



Personalisation & Attribution

Tailor unique interactions for each customer, across marketing channels and store experiences. Quantify personalisation benefits with robust experiment design and attribution.



Maths/Statistics is the cornerstone

Designing the right model to solve the right problem

- A systematic process to identify and define problems
- Always design the most suitable solution for each specific problem

Interpreting models and creating actionable insights

- Make black boxes transparent
- Translate maths/stats into business language

Experimental design / getting the right data

- Validate maths/stats tools in a real-world context
- Disentangle factors that jointly contribute to business success

Innovation and R&D

- Develop novel, mathematically sound methods adapting to ever-changing business needs

Cloud computing is our go-to skillset

Leveraging cloud computing could significantly boost the performance of data and AI products

- Data **availability** and **reliability** - Data are replicated and stored in different locations, easy to backup and restore data in case of any failure
- **Big data capability** and high **efficiency** - e.g. we use Databricks to optimise performance, enabling real-time data processing, message producing and delivery
- **Cost effective**
 - Reduced cost of maintaining hardware and software
 - 'Pay-as-you-go': cost is only generated for what/when is used
 - Various tiers of computing power and storage classes

Cloud based solutions provide a good level of **data security**

- Advanced security features ensure data is securely stored and handled
- Data encryption in transit and at rest
- Certain protocols may be enforced to strengthen security

Our team has relevant **experience** and **qualifications**

- Certified data scientists, data engineers, machine learning engineers and solution architects across mainstream cloud platforms
- Highly experienced in building scalable cloud solutions to create end-to-end data and AI solutions

Case study 1

Decision Engine

Decision Engine offering

ML decisioning of offers



8+ basket offer constructs
10+ category offers
Hundreds of discount depths

Superior performance



Omni-channel experience

Reach non-email marketable audience

20X increase in return on ad spend in paid channels

Multi-objective decisioning

Optimisation engine that can balance multiple objectives

e.g.: costs, audience size, returns

Improves operating efficiency

Always-on and automated pipeline free up execution resources



Marketers can focus on offer and creative designs whilst engine curates the best action

Framework for test & learn and enabling measurement

Rapidly test out new offers through random experiments

Set aside control groups for measurement purpose

Decision Engine key features

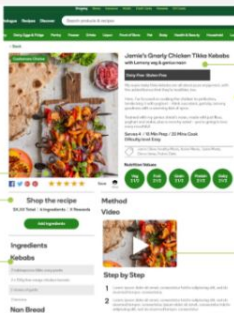
Responsive and personalised recipes across discovery pages

Home page

Landing page

Listing page

Learn all metadata on a recipe, for 5K+ recipes



Dietary & lifestyle Tagging

Introductory copy Improved SEO

Nutritional information

Video

Ratings & reviews Increase engagement

Total cost of recipe & rewards points

Alternative products to choose from

Real time API

<200ms latency

Platform agnostic

Benefits

Increased engagement and discovery

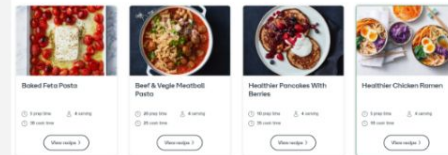
Combines offline and online events

Responsive content

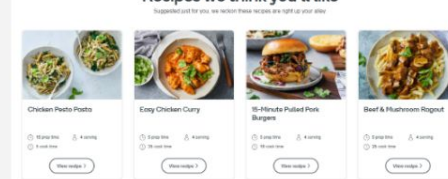
Automate recipe tagging

4 personalisation API

Popular recipes this week



Recipes we think you'll like



What's trending

Vegetarian/Vegan

Most recent

We think you'll like

Case study 2

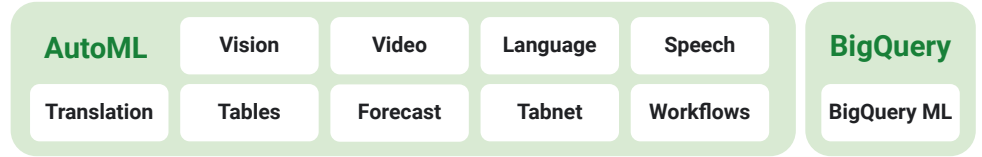
Vertex AI



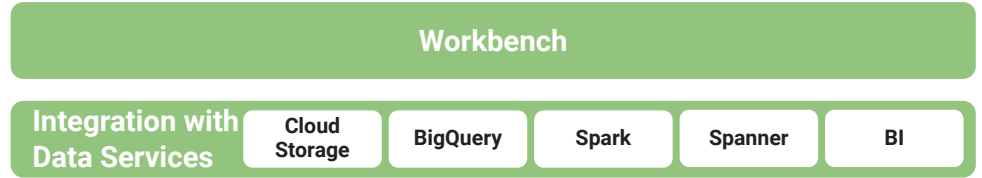
Vertex AI

- Unified development and deployment platform for data science and machine learning
- Increase productivity of data scientists and ML engineers

No code / low code workflow



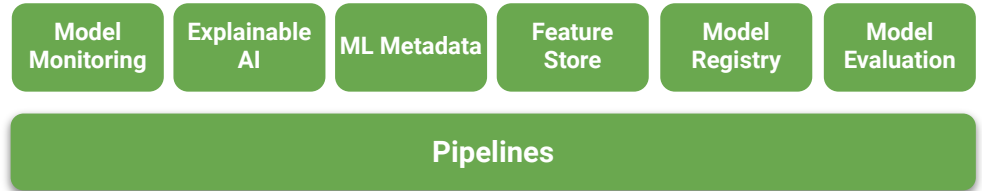
Data Science tool kit



Custom workflow



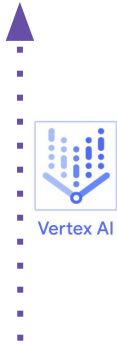
MLOps



What Data Science & Machine Learning Engineering teams want



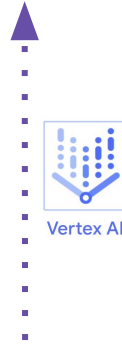
Accelerate time to market



Unified data and AI platform for all users to accelerate time to value



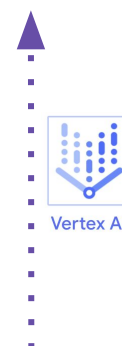
Enhance stability and reliability of ML systems



End-to-end MLOps to efficiently and responsibly manage and govern AI



Improve AI team productivity



Open and scalable AI infrastructure to flexibly and successfully deploy AI

Vertex AI is a platform for all users throughout the ML lifecycle



Data analyst

Query and analyse

Endless EDW

BigQuery

Self-managed data pipelines

Cloud Data Fusion, Dataflow

Data models, catalog

Looker, Data Catalog

Machine learning in SQL

BigQuery ML



Data engineer

Get clean, useful data

Self-driving infra

BigQuery, Dataflow, Cloud Composer

Broad choice of tools/language

Dataproc, Dataflow

Data quality /lineage

Vertex AI, BigQuery, Dataflow

Real-time capabilities

BigQuery, Dataflow



Data scientist

Models that work

Portable notebooks

Managed Notebooks

Model eval and selection

Vertex Explainable AI, Vertex AI Experiments

Point-and-click dev

AutoML

Collaboration

Vertex AI Feature Store, Vertex AI Pipelines



ML engineer

Models in production

Scalable model hosting

Vertex AI Prediction

ML CI/CD and orchestration

Vertex AI Pipelines

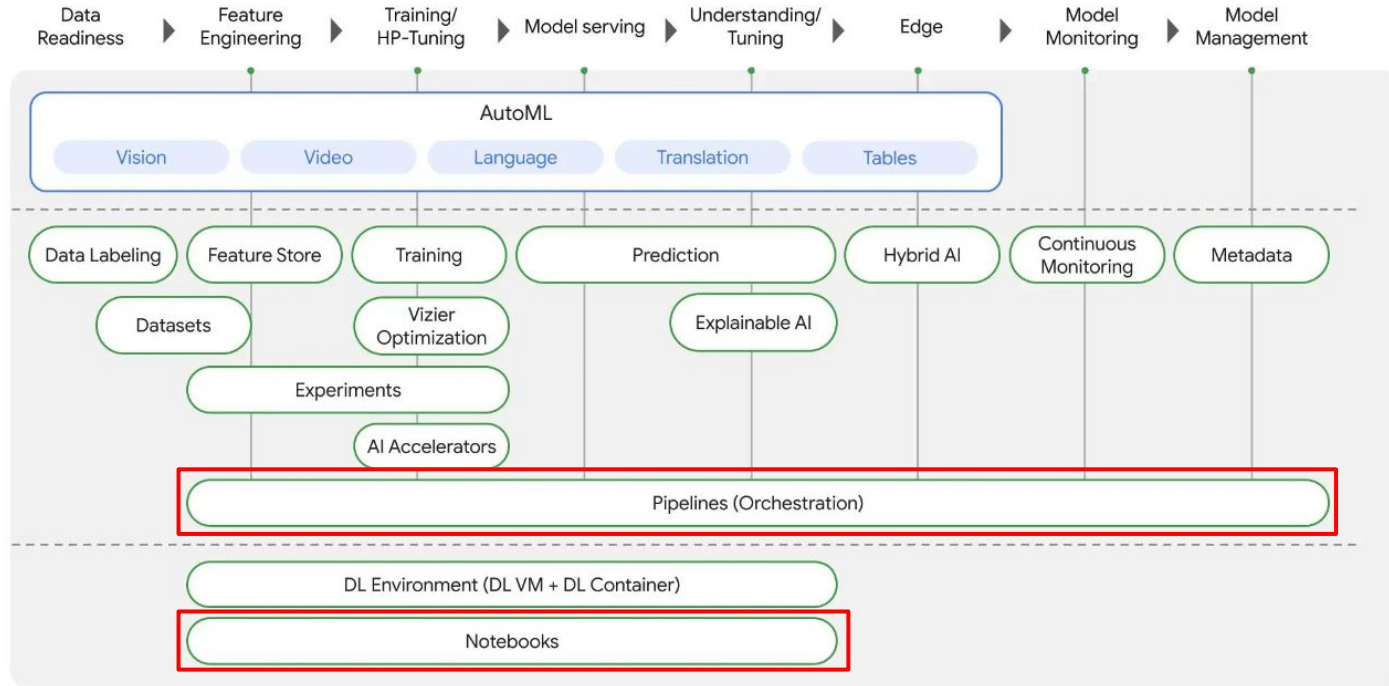
Provenance and lineage

Vertex ML Metadata

Improvements and retraining

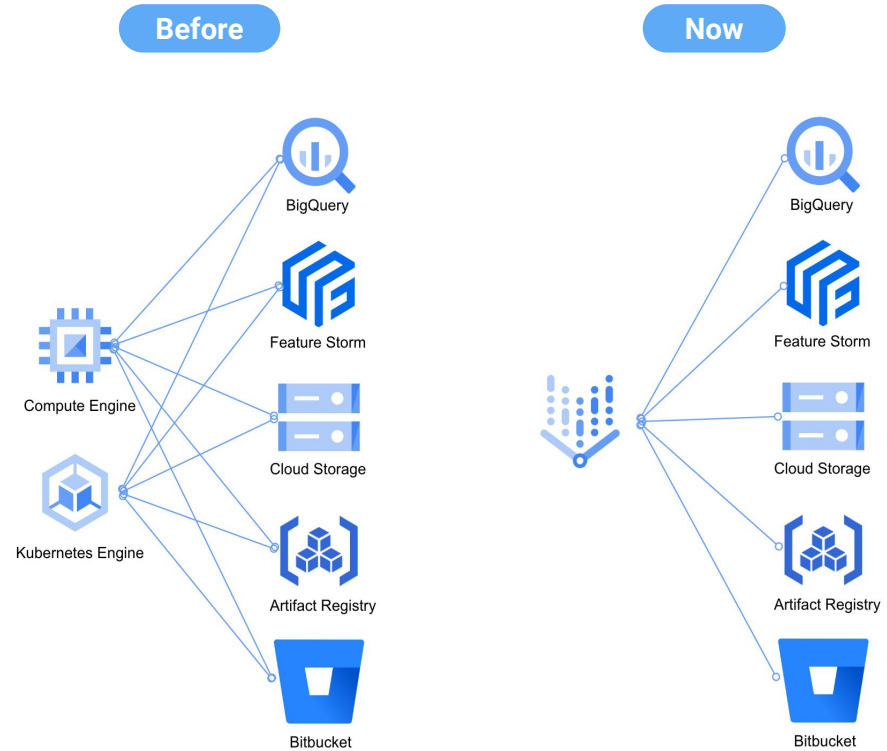
Cloud Monitoring

Vertex AI for large enterprises



Vertex AI for large enterprises

- Vertex AI enables seamless connections with data sources such as BigQuery and Cloud Storage
- Less infrastructure configuration
- End-to-end ML workflows in one place



Vertex AI **Workbench**: One-stop surface for data science



Fully managed compute with admin control

A Jupyter-based fully managed, scalable, enterprise-ready compute infrastructure with easily enforceable policies and user management



Fast workflow for data tasks

Seamless visual and code-based integrations with data & analytics services



At-your-fingertips integration

Load and share notebooks alongside your AI and data tasks. Run tasks without extra code

The screenshot displays the Google Cloud Platform Vertex AI Workbench interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Google Cloud Platform', 'mchrestkha-sandbox', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Workbench' and features a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Datasets, Features, Labeling tasks, Workbench (selected), Pipelines, Training, Experiments, Models, Endpoints, Edge deployments, Batch predictions, and Metadata. The 'Workbench' section shows a table of managed notebooks:

Notebook name	Location	Access mode
managed-notebook-1643391246	us-central1-f	Single user only
managed-notebook-1643393492	us-central1-c	Single user only
managed-notebook-1647318683	us-central1-c	Single user only
mchrestkha-sandbox	us-central1-a	Single user only
nvidia-ngc	us-central1-f	Single user only
tf-mnist-ngc	us-central1-f	Single user only

The bottom panel shows a notebook environment for 'mchrestkha-sandbox'. It includes a file explorer on the left with a tree view showing 'src' and 'tutorials' folders. The main area is a 'Launcher' with a grid of tool icons: Python (Local), PySpark (Local), PySpark on cluster-5977-m, Python 3 on cluster-5977-m, Pytorch (Local), R (Local), R on cluster-5977-m in use, spylon-kernel on cluster-, TensorFlow 2 (Local), and XGBoost (Local). A 'Console' section at the bottom also contains these tool icons. A 'Modify hardware' popup is visible in the top right, showing 'n1-standard-4' configuration with 4 vCPUs (34.7%), 15 GB RAM (6.1%), and 1 Tesla T4 GPU (0%).

Benefits

Easy data exploration and analysis with Easy access to data in BigQuery and Cloud Storage within a Jupyter notebook

```
[2]: %%bigquery regions_by_country
SELECT
  country_code,
  country_name,
  COUNT(DISTINCT region_code) AS num_regions
FROM
  `bigquery-public-data.google_trends.international_top_terms`
WHERE
  refresh_date = DATE_SUB(CURRENT_DATE, INTERVAL 1 DAY)
GROUP BY
  country_code, country_name
ORDER BY
  num_regions DESC;

Query complete after 0.19s: 100%|██████████| 4/4 [00:00<00:00,
Downloading: 100%|██████████| 41/41 [00:02<00:00, 16.35rows/s]

[5]: regions_by_country.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 41 entries, 0 to 40
Data columns (total 3 columns):
#   Column          Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---            -
0   country_code    41 non-null     object
1   country_name    41 non-null     object
2   num_regions     41 non-null     int64
dtypes: int64(1), object(2)
memory usage: 1.1+ KB
```

Fast prototyping and model development by creating a new notebook under 1 minute and connecting to other GC services within it

```
[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_build_config.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_structure_create.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_preprocessor.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_feature_selection.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_combiner.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_generate_queue.py', shell=True)

[ ]: for i in range(4):
      subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_fit.py {i}', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_model_selector.py', shell=True)

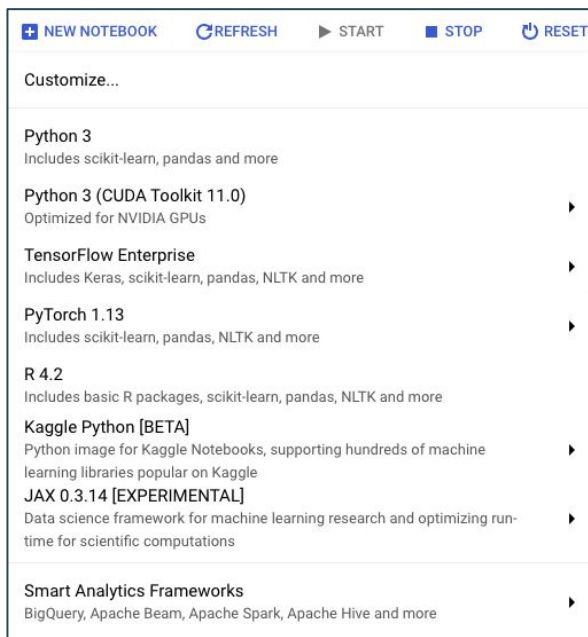
[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_diag_scoring.py', shell=True)

[ ]: subprocess.run(f'{sys.executable} {AKL_DIR}/exec_shap.py', shell=True)
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User-Managed Notebook

User-managed notebooks are high customisable VM instances and suitable for data exploration, analysis and model development

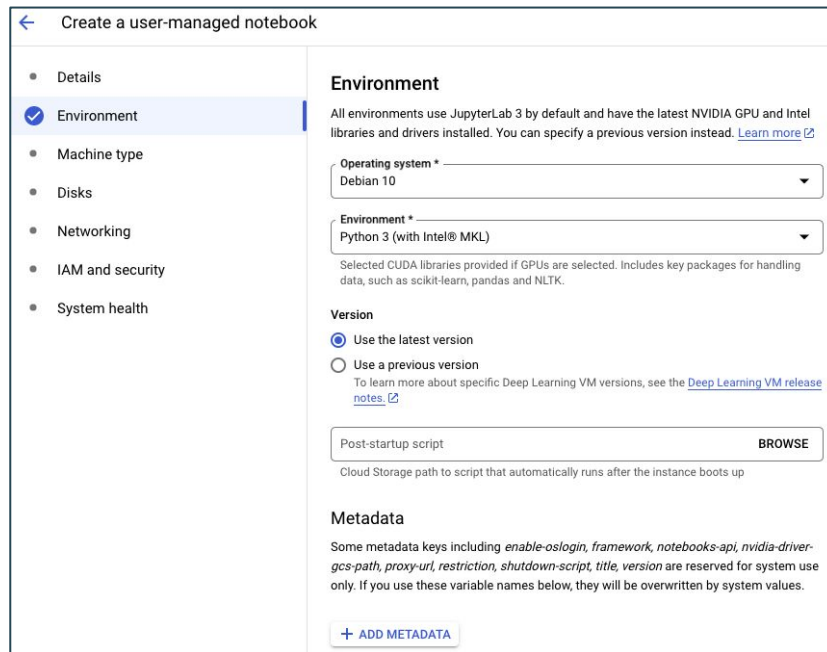
A preinstalled suite of ML/DL packages



The screenshot shows a user interface for creating a new notebook. At the top, there are buttons for 'NEW NOTEBOOK', 'REFRESH', 'START', 'STOP', and 'RESET'. Below this is a 'Customize...' section with a list of notebook templates. Each template includes its name and a brief description of the pre-installed packages.

Template Name	Description
Python 3	Includes scikit-learn, pandas and more
Python 3 (CUDA Toolkit 11.0)	Optimized for NVIDIA GPUs
TensorFlow Enterprise	Includes Keras, scikit-learn, pandas, NLTK and more
PyTorch 1.13	Includes scikit-learn, pandas, NLTK and more
R 4.2	Includes basic R packages, scikit-learn, pandas, NLTK and more
Kaggle Python [BETA]	Python image for Kaggle Notebooks, supporting hundreds of machine learning libraries popular on Kaggle
JAX 0.3.14 [EXPERIMENTAL]	Data science framework for machine learning research and optimizing run-time for scientific computations
Smart Analytics Frameworks	BigQuery, Apache Beam, Apache Spark, Apache Hive and more

Similar setup process to GCE



The screenshot shows the 'Create a user-managed notebook' configuration page. It has a left sidebar with navigation options: Details, Environment (selected), Machine type, Disks, Networking, IAM and security, and System health. The main content area is titled 'Environment' and contains the following settings:

- Operating system ***: Debian 10
- Environment ***: Python 3 (with Intel® MKL)
- Version**: Use the latest version, Use a previous version. A link to 'Deep Learning VM release notes' is provided.
- Post-startup script**: A text input field with a 'BROWSE' button. Below it, a note states: 'Cloud Storage path to script that automatically runs after the instance boots up.'
- Metadata**: A section with a '+ ADD METADATA' button. Below it, a note states: 'Some metadata keys including enable-oslogin, framework, notebooks-api, nvidia-driver-gcs-path, proxy-uri, restriction, shutdown-script, title, version are reserved for system use only. If you use these variable names below, they will be overwritten by system values.'

Managed Notebook vs User-Managed Notebook

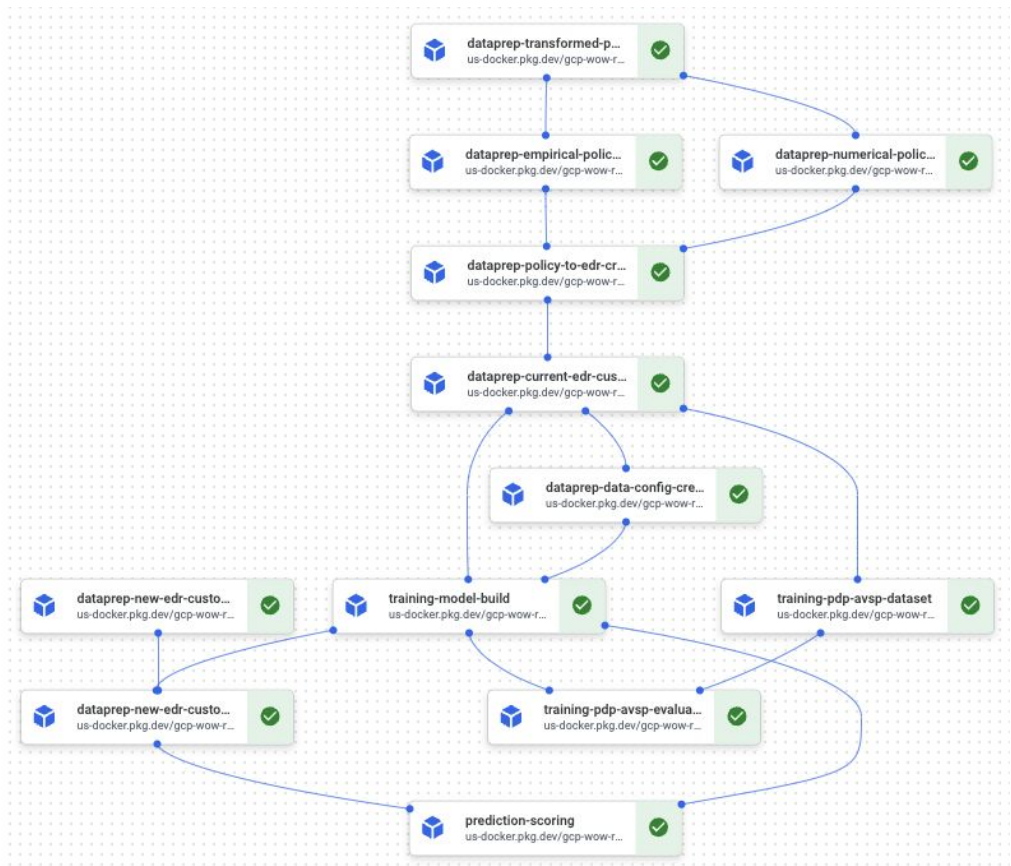
Feature	Managed Notebook	User-Managed Notebook
Flexibility	Low	High
Custom environment	Yes	Yes
Switch machine type	Within JupyterLab	Shutdown, switch, and restart
GCS navigation	Within JupyterLab	In GCS
BigQuery navigation	Within JupyterLab	In BigQuery
Scheduled runs	Supported	Not supported
Management fees	\$0.05 per vCPU per hour	\$0.005 per vCPU per hour
Idle shutdown	Supported	Not supported

Productionise Models in Vertex AI

Vertex AI **Pipelines** orchestrate ML workflows serverlessly, and automate and monitor repeatable workflows such as model training and production.

Benefits:

- Serverless service
- Lower costs
- Workflow automation
- Composable and reusable pipelines
- Python function-based components



When to use Pipelines

1

Train/productionise models with well-defined and reusable workflows

When ML workflows are finalised and will be reused for multiple times, consider packaging the dependencies into a Docker image and migrate the workflows from notebook to Pipelines to save time and improve reliability.

2

Automate model training/production

Manual weekly/monthly model scoring or refitting could be tedious, and schedule pipeline execution or trigger pipeline runs with Pub/Sub could be a game changer.

3

Scalable model production

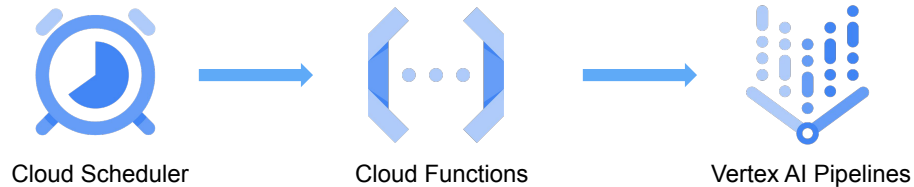
Built on top of Kubernetes, Vertex AI Pipelines are serverless and scalable. Users are able to specify different level of resources for different steps and design parallel processing to boost speed.

Automate Model Training/Production

Model training/production can be automated by scheduling or triggering pipeline runs.

To schedule pipeline runs, **Cloud Scheduler** and **Cloud Functions** are also needed other than Vertex AI

- Configure Cloud Scheduler to send a JSON string to Cloud Functions on your pre-defined schedule
- Cloud Functions that you build will parse the JSON string and submit pipeline runs using ingested parameters
- Pipeline runs

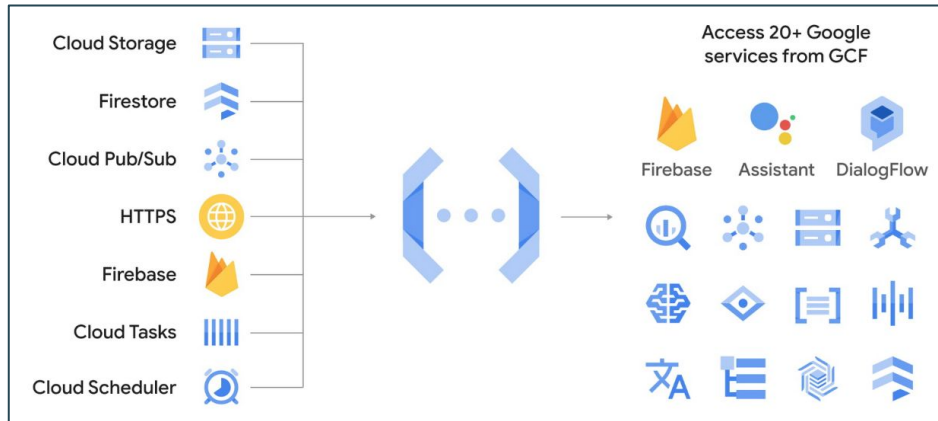


Case study 3

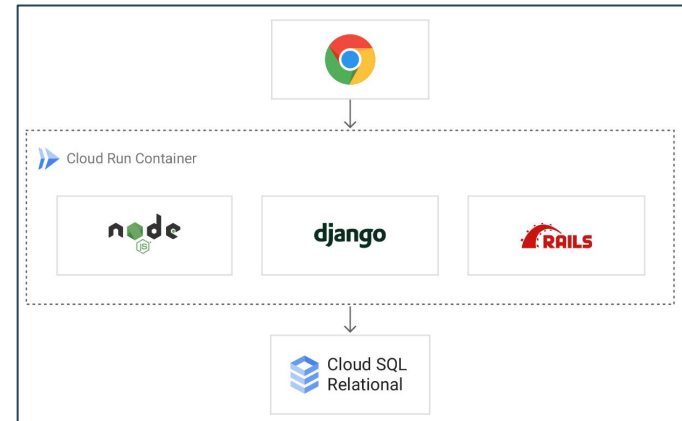
Cloud Function & Bigquery

A Multi-agent Orchestration Problem

- Multiple teams in the company collaborate for a common business (orchestration);
- They have different preferences in data transfer methods (Gmail, RDMS, Google Drive);
- They use different technical tools (GCP, Azure, AWS);
- They own different domain knowledge (BI, DA, DS);



connecting different platforms



running long-term services

Solution to the Orchestration Problem

Serverless Architectures

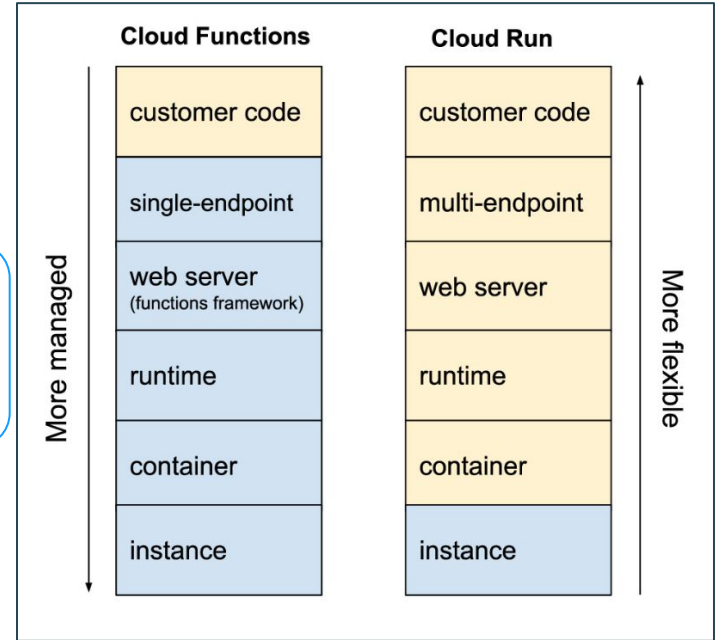
- Faster solutions to market at lower cost
- Decreased management overhead than traditional approaches

Cloud Function v.s. Cloud Run

- Cloud Function
 - Transforming data and loading it into BigQuery
 - Creating data summary once a BigQuery table gets updated
 - Use ML APIs to analyze data added to a database or storage bucket
- Cloud Run
 - Any web-based workload
 - REST APIs for mobile apps or games
 - Internal custom backoffice apps

Google Cloud Function

- Function-as-a-service (FaaS) in Google Cloud;
- Serverless architectures with pay-as-you-go convenience;
- Connection or extension to services with complex applications;
- Remedy to reconcile orchestration problems;





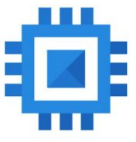
Main Features of Google Cloud Function (GEN 2)

Increased compute with granular controls

- Instance concurrency (up to 1000 requests/instance)
- Fast rollbacks (version control)
- 6x longer request processing (max. 60 minutes)
- 4x larger instances (max 16GB RAM + 4 vCPUs)
- Pre-warmed instances (fast configuration)
- Support multiple programming languages
- Extensibility and portability (to Cloud run)

Empowering Business Intelligence

- Inclusive to contributors from different backgrounds;
- Enable non-SQL functionalities;
- Combine complex operations in one go;
- Seamless data/messages digestion + broadcast;

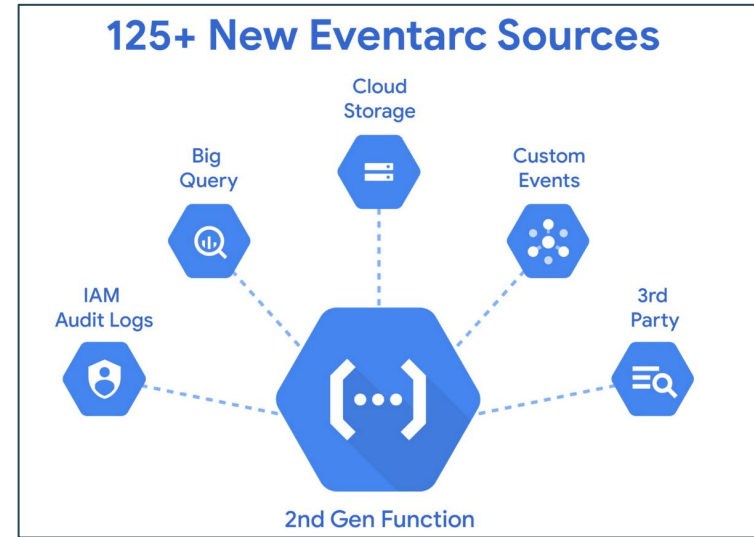
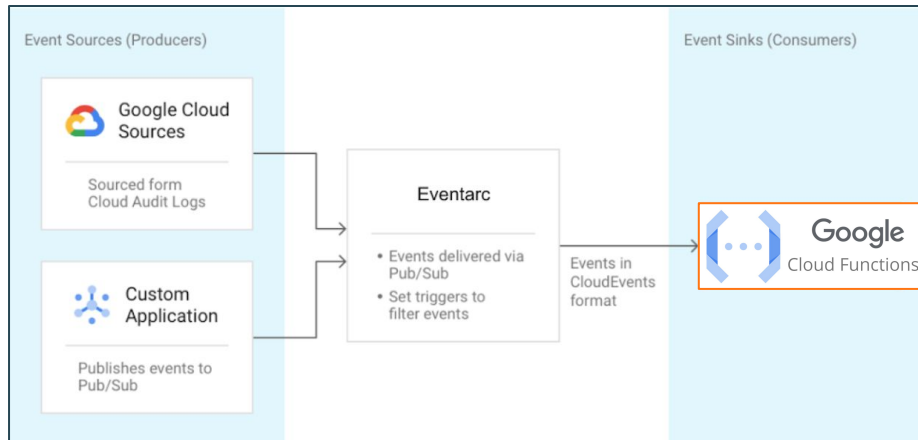
14x Event Sources	6x Longer Requests	4x Larger Instances
		
<i>Integrate events from 125+ GCP, 3rd-Party, or custom sources with Eventarc</i>	<i>Process longer HTTP workloads with up to 60 minutes of execution time</i>	<i>Run more complex workloads with up to 32GB of RAM and 8 vCPU</i>
Python		
Runtime	Operating System	Runtime ID
Python 3.11 (recommended)	Ubuntu 22.04	python311
Python 3.10	Ubuntu 22.04	python310
Python 3.9	Ubuntu 18.04	python39
Python 3.8	Ubuntu 18.04	python38
Python 3.7	Ubuntu 18.04	python37

Node.js, Go, Java, Ruby, PHP, .NET Core

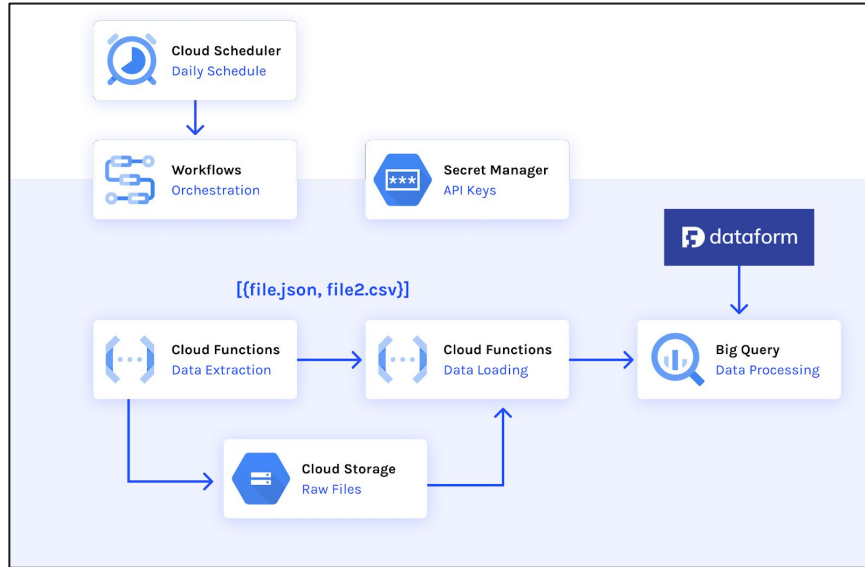
Main Features of Google Cloud Function (GEN 2)

Lots more event sources with the Eventarc

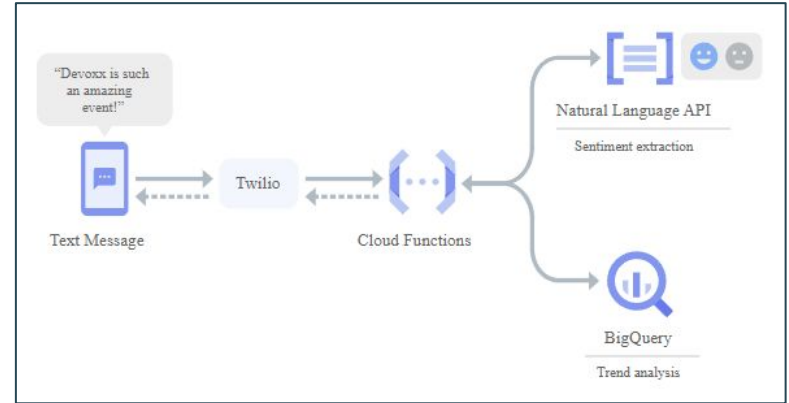
- 125+ Event sources (BigQuery, GCS, API Keys)
- Standards-based Event schema for consistent developer experience
- Customer-Managed Encryption Keys (CMEK) support



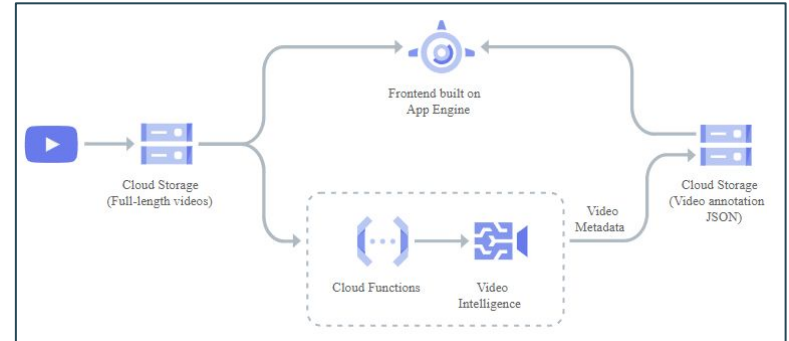
Orchestration Connected by Cloud Functions



Simple ETL Workflow

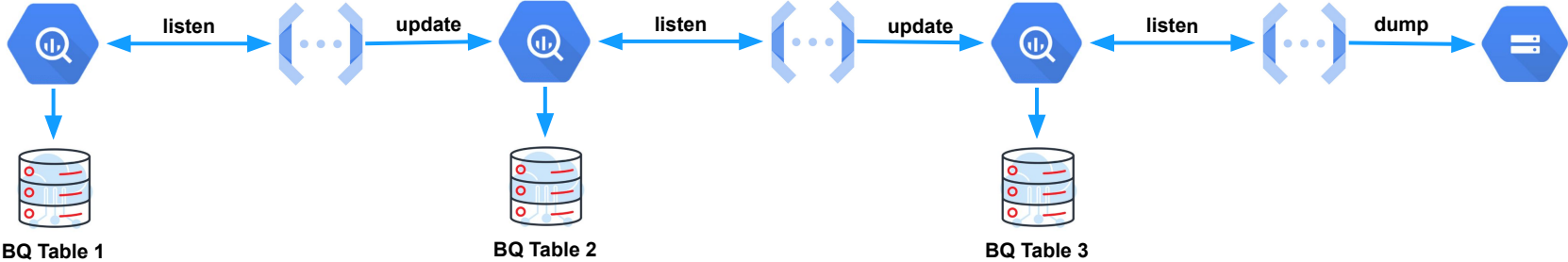
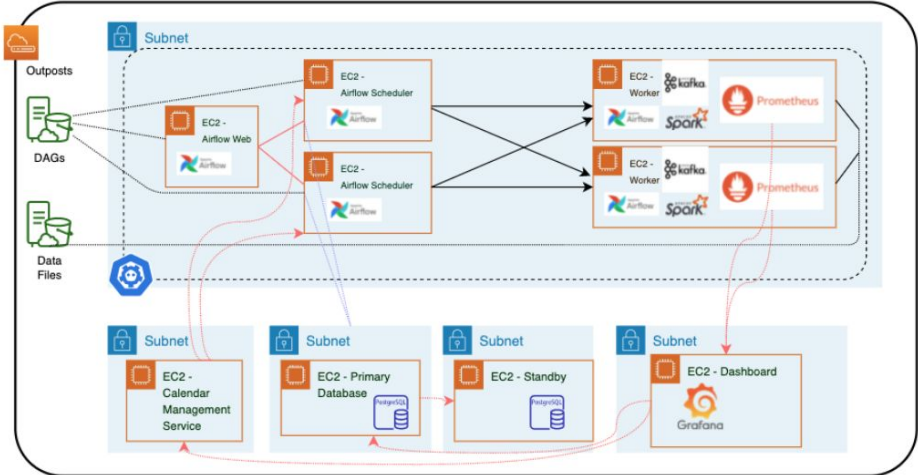


Real-time Text Messages Recognition and Logging



Transfer Video Objects to GCS

Comparison to Conventional Orchestration Pipeline



BigQuery ML Overview



BigQuery ML

```
#standardSQL
CREATE MODEL `bqml_tutorial.sample_model`
OPTIONS(model_type='logistic_reg') AS
SELECT
  IF(totals.transactions IS NULL, 0, 1) AS label,
  IFNULL(device.operatingSystem, "") AS os,
  device.isMobile AS is_mobile,
  IFNULL(geoNetwork.country, "") AS country,
  IFNULL(totals.pageviews, 0) AS pageviews
FROM
  `bigquery-public-data.google_analytics_sample.ga_sessions_*`
WHERE
  _TABLE_SUFFIX BETWEEN '20160801' AND '20170630'
```

BigQuery ML is a part of enterprise BigQuery that allows you to create and execute ML models using Google SQL queries.

Why Use BQML?



Easy adaptation

- Develop ML models using the language you are comfortable with
- No need to learn Python or Java and ML frameworks such as TensorFlow or PyTorch



Increased development speed

- No need to move data in/out of BQ throughout the entire ML lifecycle.
- Bring ML to data, not the other way around.
- No need to wait for limited resources of data science team



No more time wasted on setup

- BigQuery is serverless so no need to provision VMs for model training
- Ready to develop - no extra setup required such as installing frameworks and other dependencies

BQML - Supported Models

Internally trained

Regression

- Linear regression

Classification

- Logistic regression

Others

- K-means clustering
- Matrix factorisation
- PCA
- Time series forecasting

Externally trained (Vertex AI)

Regression

- DNN
- Wide & Deep Networks
- Boosted Tree
- Random forest
- AutoML Tables

Classification

- DNN
- Wide & Deep Networks
- Boosted Tree
- Random forest
- AutoML Tables

Others

- Autoencoder

BQML in Google ML Landscape

Out of box

DIY



Pre-trained APIs & solutions

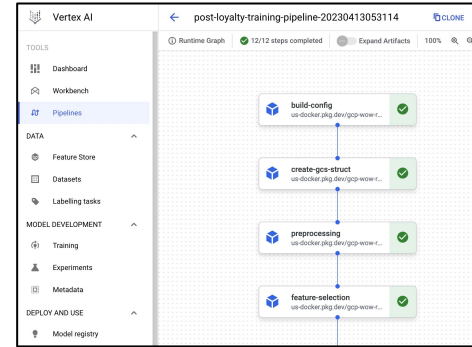
Cloud Vision API
Speech-to-Text API

...

```
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL `bqml.penguins_model`  
OPTIONS (model_type='linear_reg',  
        input_label_cols=['body_mass_g']) AS  
SELECT * FROM `public-data.ml_datasets.penguins`  
WHERE body_mass_g IS NOT NULL
```

Custom AI with BQML and AutoML

No-code/low-code approach



End-to-end AI with core tools

Vertex AI and TensorFlow give data scientists strong control to build and deploy models

Import and Export Models in BQML

You can import the following models trained outside BQML and use them to perform prediction within BQ:

- Open Neural Network Exchange (ONNX) format
- TensorFlow Saved Model format
- TensorFlow Lite format
- XGBoost Booster format



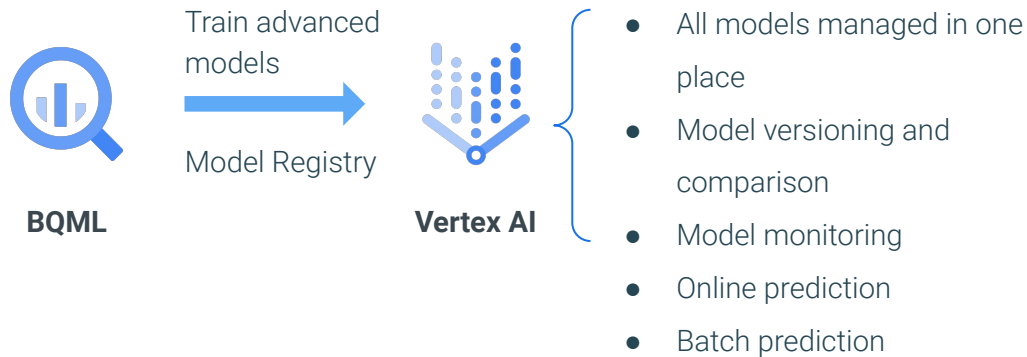
You can export most models trained in BQML in the following formats and use them in other environment:

- TensorFlow Saved Model format
- XGBoost Booster format

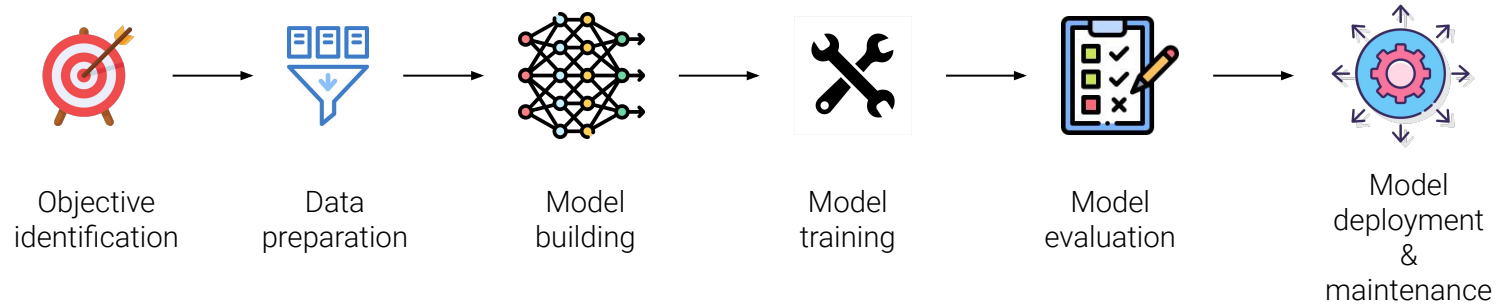
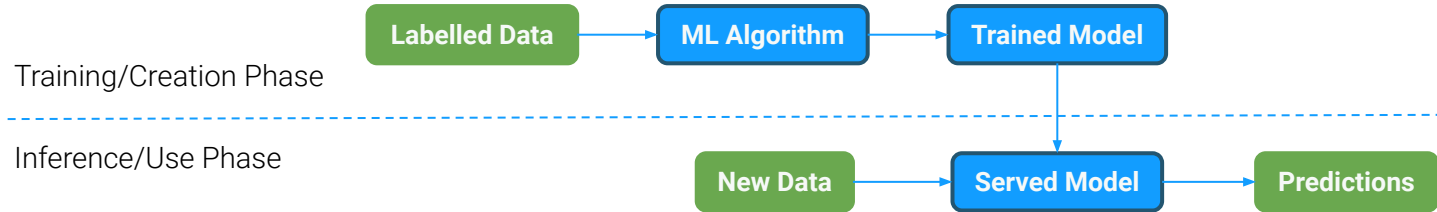
Integrate BQML in Vertex AI

Advanced BQML models are usually trained in Vertex AI, which is Google's unified ML platform.

Integrating BQML in Vertex AI gives you online model serving capabilities and allows you to manage BQML models just like any other ML models via Model Registry.



Typical machine learning workflows



Create a BQML model using CREATE MODEL

Label

Row	species	island	culmen_length	culmen_depth	flipper_length	body_mass_g	sex
1	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	36.6	18.4	184.0	3475.0	FEMALE
2	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	39.8	19.1	184.0	4650.0	MALE
3	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	40.9	18.9	184.0	3900.0	MALE
4	Chinstrap penguin (Pygoscelis ...	Dream	46.5	17.9	192.0	3500.0	FEMALE
5	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	37.3	16.8	192.0	3000.0	FEMALE
6	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	43.2	18.5	192.0	4100.0	MALE
7	Chinstrap penguin (Pygoscelis ...	Dream	46.9	16.6	192.0	2700.0	FEMALE
8	Chinstrap penguin (Pygoscelis ...	Dream	50.5	18.4	200.0	3400.0	FEMALE
9	Chinstrap penguin (Pygoscelis ...	Dream	49.5	19.0	200.0	3800.0	MALE
10	Adelie Penguin (Pygoscelis ade...	Dream	40.2	20.1	200.0	3975.0	MALE

```

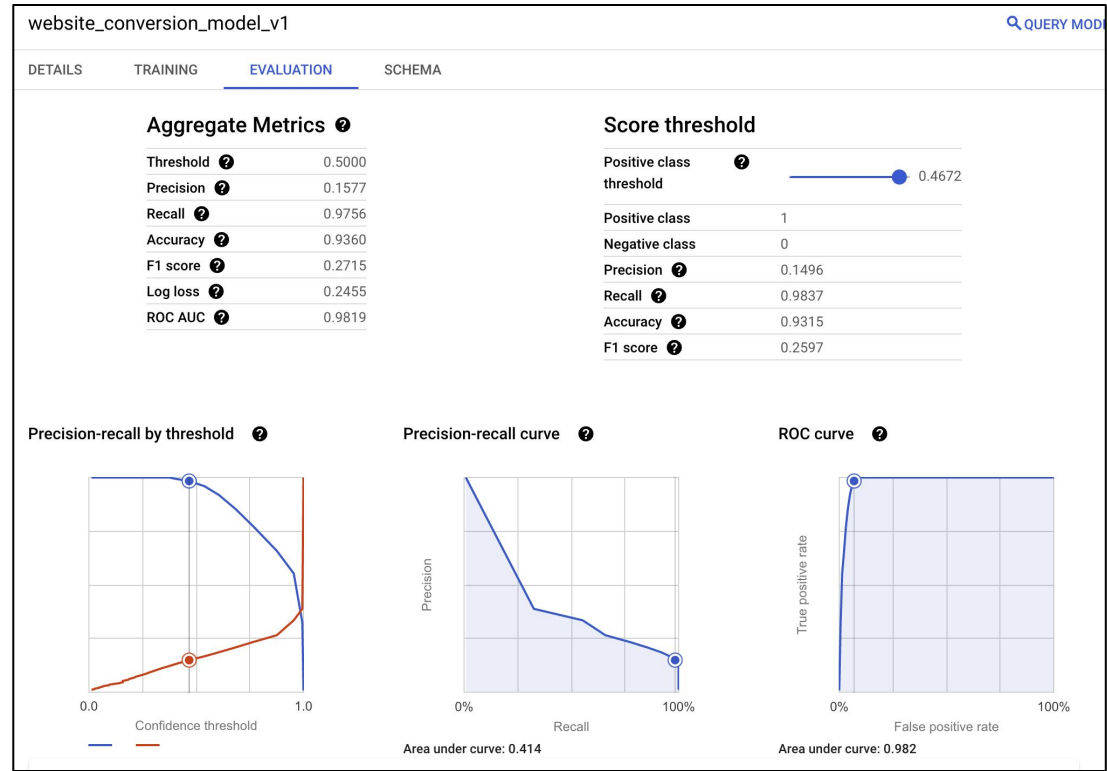
bqml_demo  RUN  SAVE  SHAR
1 #standardSQL
2 CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL `bqml_demo.penguins_model`
3 OPTIONS
4   (model_type='linear_reg',
5    input_label_cols=['body_mass_g']) AS
6 SELECT
7   *
8 FROM
9   `bigquery-public-data.ml_datasets.penguins`
10 WHERE
11   body_mass_g IS NOT NULL

```

Evaluate a BQML model

Evaluation is often automatically done during model creation in BQML, to early stop the model training process to avoid **overfitting**.

The validation set is used in this process, so it is also known as **validation**.



Use a BQML model using ML.PREDICT

Use your trained model to make predictions on new data, e.g., in model production.

```
model_predict_website_conversion [RUN] [SAVE]
1 SELECT
2 *
3 FROM
4 ML.PREDICT( MODEL `bi-workshop-2023-92764.bqml_demo.website_conver
5 (
6 SELECT
7 IFNULL(device.operatingSystem, "") AS os,
8 device.isMobile AS is_mobile,
9 IFNULL(geoNetwork.country, "") AS country,
10 IFNULL(totals.pageviews, 0) AS pageviews,
11 IFNULL(totals.timeOnSite, 0) AS time_on_site
12 FROM
13 `bigquery-public-data.google_analytics_sample.ga_sessions_*`
14 WHERE
15 _TABLE_SUFFIX BETWEEN '20170701'
16 AND '20170801' ))
```

Query results

JOB INFORMATION	RESULTS	JSON	EXECUTION DETAILS	EXECUTION GRAPH	PREVIEW			
Row	predicted_label	predict...label	predict... prob	os	is_mobile	country	pageviews	time_on_site
1	0	1	0.020687784796...	BlackBerry	true	Indonesia	2	20
2	0	1	0.979312215203...	BlackBerry	true	Indonesia	1	0
3	0	1	0.015617142330...	Samsung	true	India	1	0
4	0	1	0.984382857669...	Windows Phone	true	India	1	0
5	0	1	0.014443974952...	Windows Phone	true	Romania	1	0
	0	0	0.98556025047...					

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