



# AWS re:Invent

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# Power your machine learning with Amazon SageMaker & Fast.ai

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# THE AWS ML STACK

Broadest and deepest set of capabilities














## AI services

VISION			SPEECH		LANGUAGE		CHATBOTS	FORECASTING	RECOMMENDATIONS
									
Amazon Rekognition Image	Amazon Rekognition Video	Amazon Textract	Amazon Polly	Amazon Transcribe	Amazon Translate	Amazon Comprehend & Amazon Comprehend Medical	Amazon Lex	Amazon Forecast	Amazon Personalize

## ML services

	Amazon SageMaker							
	Ground Truth	Notebooks	Algorithms + Marketplace	Reinforcement Learning	Training	Optimization	Deployment	Hosting

## ML frameworks + infrastructure

FRAMEWORKS		INTERFACES		INFRASTRUCTURE							
											
PYTORCH				EC2 P3 & P3DN	EC2 G4	EC2 C5	FPGAs	DL Containers & AMIs	AWS IoT Greengrass	Amazon Elastic Inference	AWS Inferentia

# Amazon SageMaker:

## Build, train, and deploy ML models at scale

Prebuilt  
notebooks  
for common  
problems

Collect and  
prepare training  
data

Intuit

Built-in, high-  
performance  
algorithms

Choose and  
optimize your  
ML algorithm



Dow Jones

One-click  
training on the  
highest  
performing  
infrastructure

Set up and  
manage  
environments  
for training



Snapchat

Model  
optimization

Train and  
tune ML models



One-click  
deployment

Deploy models  
in production



Sony

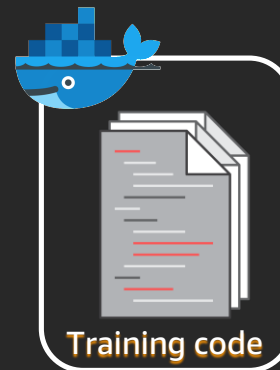
Fully  
managed with  
auto scaling  
for 75% less

Scale and manage  
the production  
environment

CONVOY



# Amazon SageMaker training options

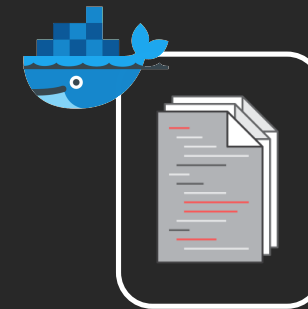


- Matrix factorization
- Regression
- Principal component analysis
- K-means clustering
- Gradient boosted trees
- And more!

Built-in algorithms



Bring your own script  
(Amazon SageMaker managed container)

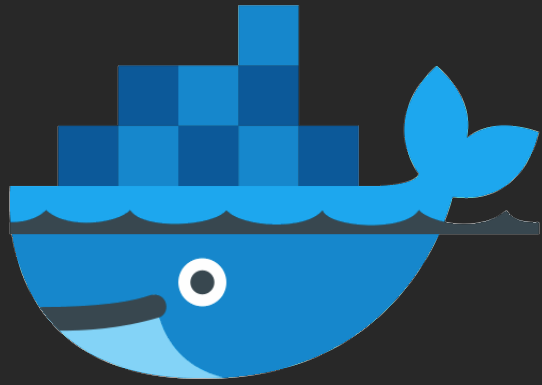


Bring your own  
algorithm  
(you build the  
Docker container)



Subscribe to  
Algorithms and  
Model Packages on  
AWS Marketplace

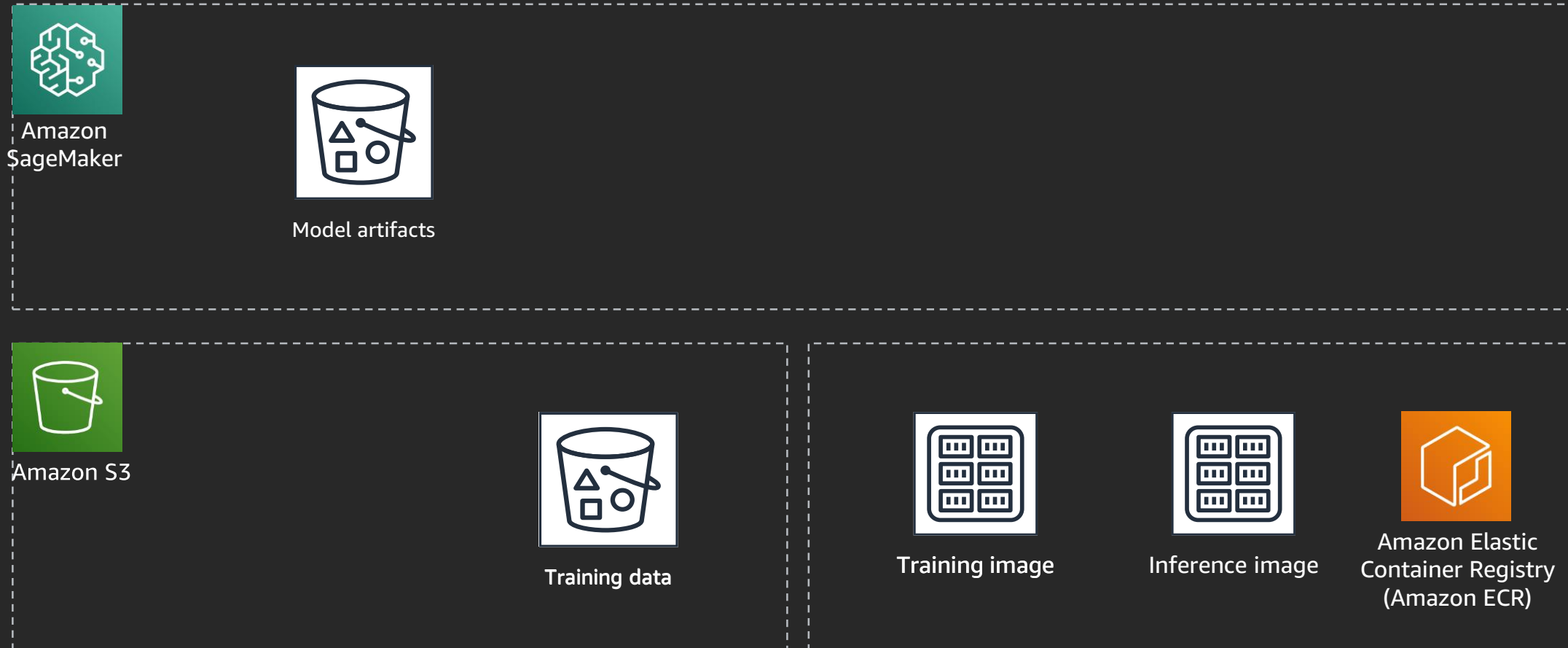
# Script mode



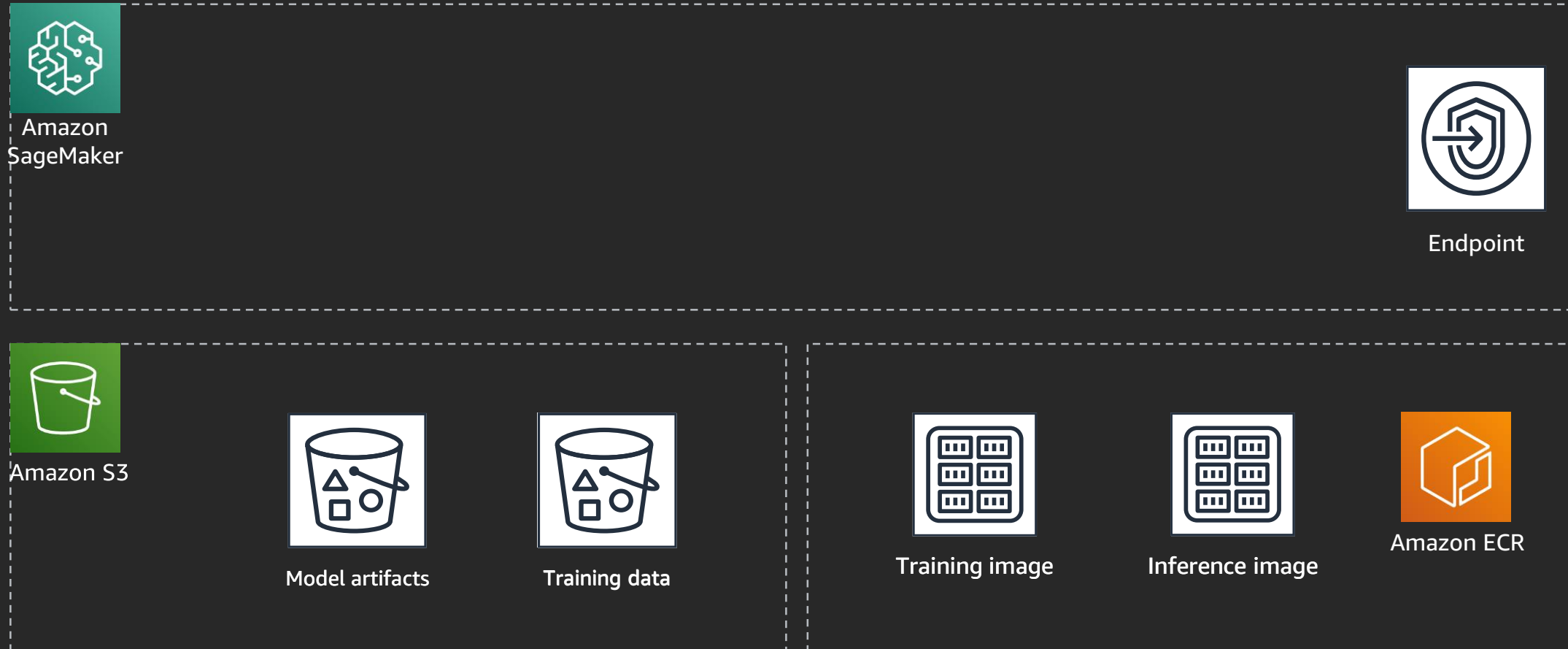
AWS  
Managed

1. Point to the AWS-managed container of your choice
2. Write your model as a bundle of files
3. Specify the entry point in the Amazon SageMaker Estimator
4. Include any extra libraries with requirements.txt
5. Use our web server for inference

# Amazon SageMaker training service



# Amazon SageMaker hosting service





# Fast.ai: Making neural nets uncool again

## Deep learning for coders

- MOOC taught by Jeremy Howard
- Part 1 and Part 2 both have new v3

## Fast.ai library

- Deep learning framework built on PyTorch
- SOTA best practices made easy
- Easily extensible

Founded by Jeremy Howard and Rachel Thomas







# Dogs vs. cats

Arch: Resnet34*	Fast.ai	Keras
Lines of code (excluding imports)	5	31
Stage 1 error	0.70%	2.05%
Stage 2 error	0.50%	0.80%
Test time augmentation (TTA) error	0.30%	N/A*
Stage 1 time	4:56	8:30
Stage 2 time	6:44	17:38

\*Keras does not provide resnet 34 or TTA

Why Fast.ai with Amazon SageMaker?



# Fast.ai sample training job in Amazon SageMaker

```
pets_estimator = PyTorch(entry_point='source/pets.py',
                          base_job_name='fastai-pets',
                          role=role,
                          framework_version='1.0.0',
                          train_instance_count=1,
                          train_instance_type='ml.p3.2xlarge')

pets_estimator.fit(data_location)
```

```
print('Creating DataBunch object')
data = ImageDataBunch.from_name_re(path_img, fnames, pat,
                                    ds_tfms=get_transforms(),
                                    size=args.image_size,
                                    bs=args.batch_size).normalize(imagenet_stats)

# create the CNN model
print('Create CNN model from model zoo')
print(f'Model architecture is {args.model_arch}')
arch = getattr(models, args.model_arch)
print("Creating pretrained conv net")
learn = create_cnn(data, arch, metrics=error_rate)
print('Fit for 4 cycles')
learn.fit_one_cycle(4)
learn.unfreeze()
print('Unfreeze and fit for another 2 cycles')
learn.fit_one_cycle(2, max_lr=slice(1e-6, 1e-4))
print('Finished Training')
```

# Fast.ai model deployment in Amazon SageMaker

```
pets_model=PyTorchModel(model_data=pets_estimator.model_data,  
                        name=pets_estimator._current_job_name,  
                        role=role,  
                        framework_version=pets_estimator.framework_version,  
                        entry_point=pets_estimator.entry_point,  
                        predictor_cls=ImagePredictor)  
  
pets_predictor = pets_model.deploy(initial_instance_count=1,  
                                   instance_type='ml.c5.large')
```

```
print('Creating DataBunch object')  
empty_data = ImageDataBunch.load_empty(path)  
arch_name = os.path.splitext(os.path.split(glob.glob(f'{model_dir}/resnet*.pth')[0])[1])[0]  
print(f'Model architecture is: {arch_name}')  
arch = getattr(models, arch_name)  
learn = create_cnn(empty_data, arch, pretrained=False).load(path/f'{arch_name}')  
return learn
```

# Demo

# Getting started

Fast.ai online course – <http://course.fast.ai/>

Fast.ai documentation – <https://docs.fast.ai/>

Fast.ai library – <https://github.com/fastai/fastai>

Amazon SageMaker PyTorch container with Fast.ai v1.0.39 –  
<https://github.com/aws/sagemaker-pytorch-container>

Amazon SageMaker Python SDK – <https://sagemaker.readthedocs.io/en/stable/>

Amazon SageMaker & Fast.ai blog –

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/machine-learning/building-training-and-deploying-fastai-models-with-amazon-sagemaker/>



# FAQ

1. Can I train Fast.ai models in Amazon EC2 instead of Amazon SageMaker?
2. When choosing the deep learning AMI, do I need to install a CUDA driver separately?
3. Can I use Spot Instance to train Fast.ai models in Amazon SageMaker to optimize cost?
4. Does Fast.ai have any AWS Marketplace algorithm or model packages?
5. What version of Fast.ai library is attached to AWS-managed PyTorch container?
6. How I can use the Fast.ai higher version of V1.0.39 in Amazon SageMaker?
7. What option do I have if I don't have Amazon SageMaker console access to train Fast.ai models from a local laptop?
8. I have already trained Fast.ai models on-premises; can I host the same in Amazon SageMaker?
9. Does Fast.ai library support distributed training?
10. What is TTA in Fast.ai?
11. Can I deploy Fast.ai models in AWS Lambda?

# Thank you!

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