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Implementing ML workflows with Kubernetes and Amazon SageMaker

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Agenda

- Machine learning is a hard problem
- Fully managed machine learning with Amazon SageMaker
- Kubernetes architecture
- Build ML workflows with Amazon SageMaker and Kubernetes
- Machine learning at Zalando
- Demo

Your organization has adopted  to modernize technology



Need to transform business with machine learning



Data scientist

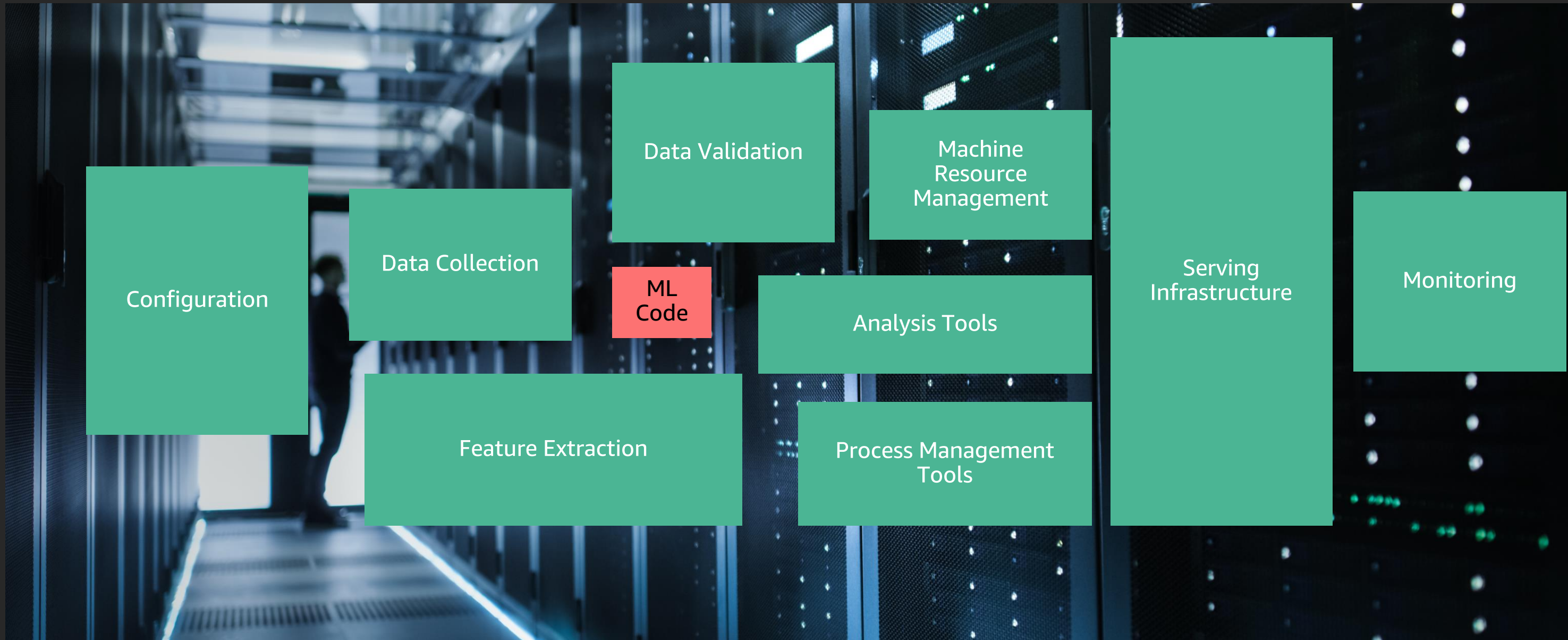
- Focuses on data science, business outcome and speed to market
- Wants minimum dependency on the DevOps team for experimentation and model development
- No or limited K8s and infrastructure knowledge



K8s DevOps engineer

- Wants to leverage existing K8s investment and best practices
- Wants to manage using familiar K8s construct and syntax
- Limited ML knowledge & engineering experience with ML workloads

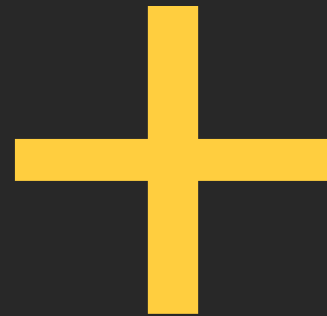
Machine learning is hard



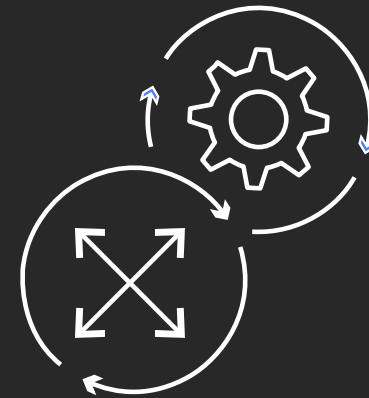
Source: Sculley et al: Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems



Do-it-yourself



Opportunity
for both?



Managed service

Fully managed machine learning with Amazon SageMaker



Amazon SageMaker is a fully managed service that covers the entire machine learning workflow



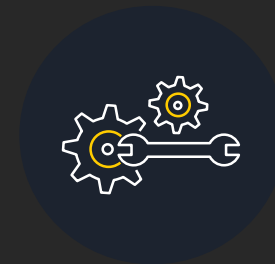
Jupyter notebook instances



High-performance algorithms



Large-scale training



Optimization



One-click deployment



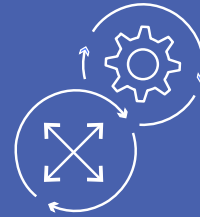
Fully managed with auto-scaling

Built on modern application architecture



Containers

- Built-in algorithms for training and hosting
- Managed ML containers for training and hosting
- Bring-your-own containers for training and hosting



Serverless

- No server to manage
- API driven
- Pay by usage
- Built-in monitoring and logging



Cloud Native

- Multi-AZ deployment
- Scale with powerful compute resources
- IAM, VPC, Encryption
- Resource on-demand or SPOT, Amazon Elastic Inference, Multi-Model Endpoint

Minimized dependency on DevOps engineering



Data scientist



aws



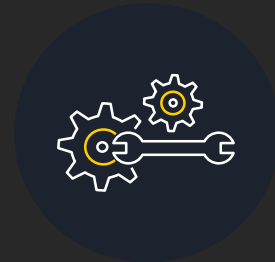
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Run Amazon SageMaker in a pipeline



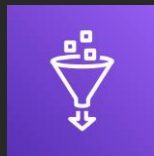
DevOps engineer



Workflow orchestration

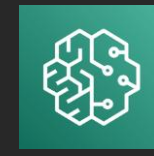
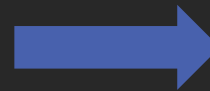


AWS Step Functions



AWS Glue

Data Pipeline



Amazon
SageMaker

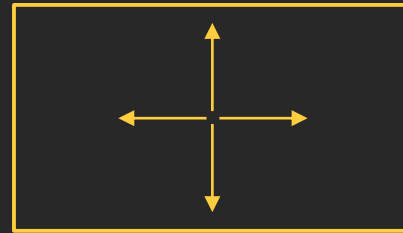
ML Pipeline

Kubernetes architecture

What is Kubernetes (aka K8s)?



**Open-source container
management platform**



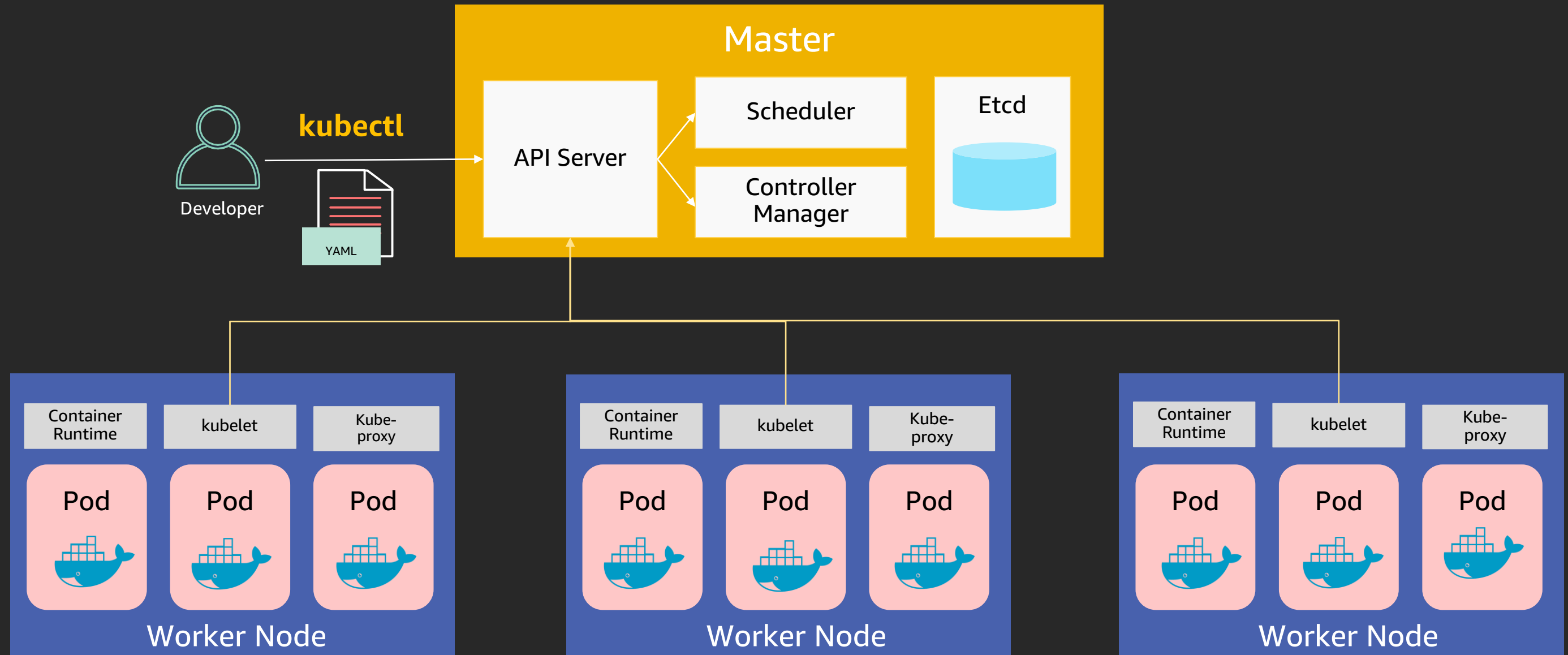
**Helps you run
containers at scale**



**Gives you primitives
for building
modern applications**



Kubernetes architecture



Building ML workflows with Kubernetes and Amazon SageMaker

Using Kubernetes for ML is hard to manage and scale

Build and manage services within Kubernetes cluster for ML

+

Make disparate open-source libraries and frameworks work together in a secure and scalable way

+

Requires time and expertise from infrastructure, data science, and development teams

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Need an easier way to use Kubernetes for ML

Introducing Amazon SageMaker Operators for Kubernetes

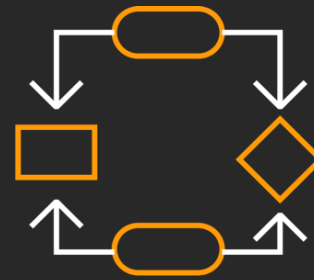
Kubernetes customers can now train, tune, and deploy models in Amazon SageMaker



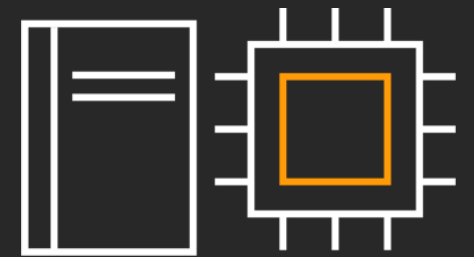
Train, tune, and deploy
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SageMaker



Orchestrate ML workloads
from your Kubernetes
environments

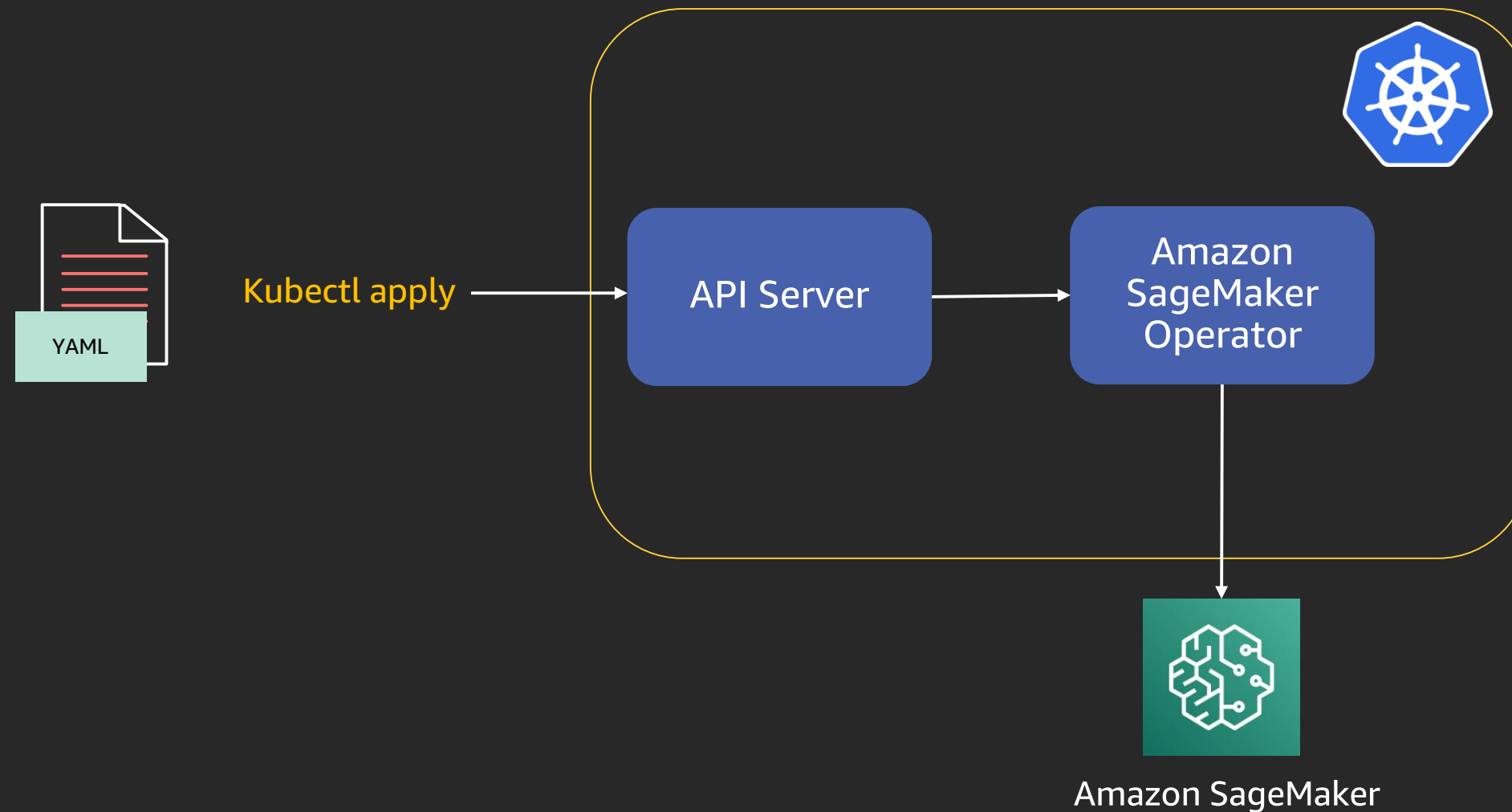


Create pipelines and
workflows in Kubernetes



Fully managed
infrastructure in Amazon
SageMaker

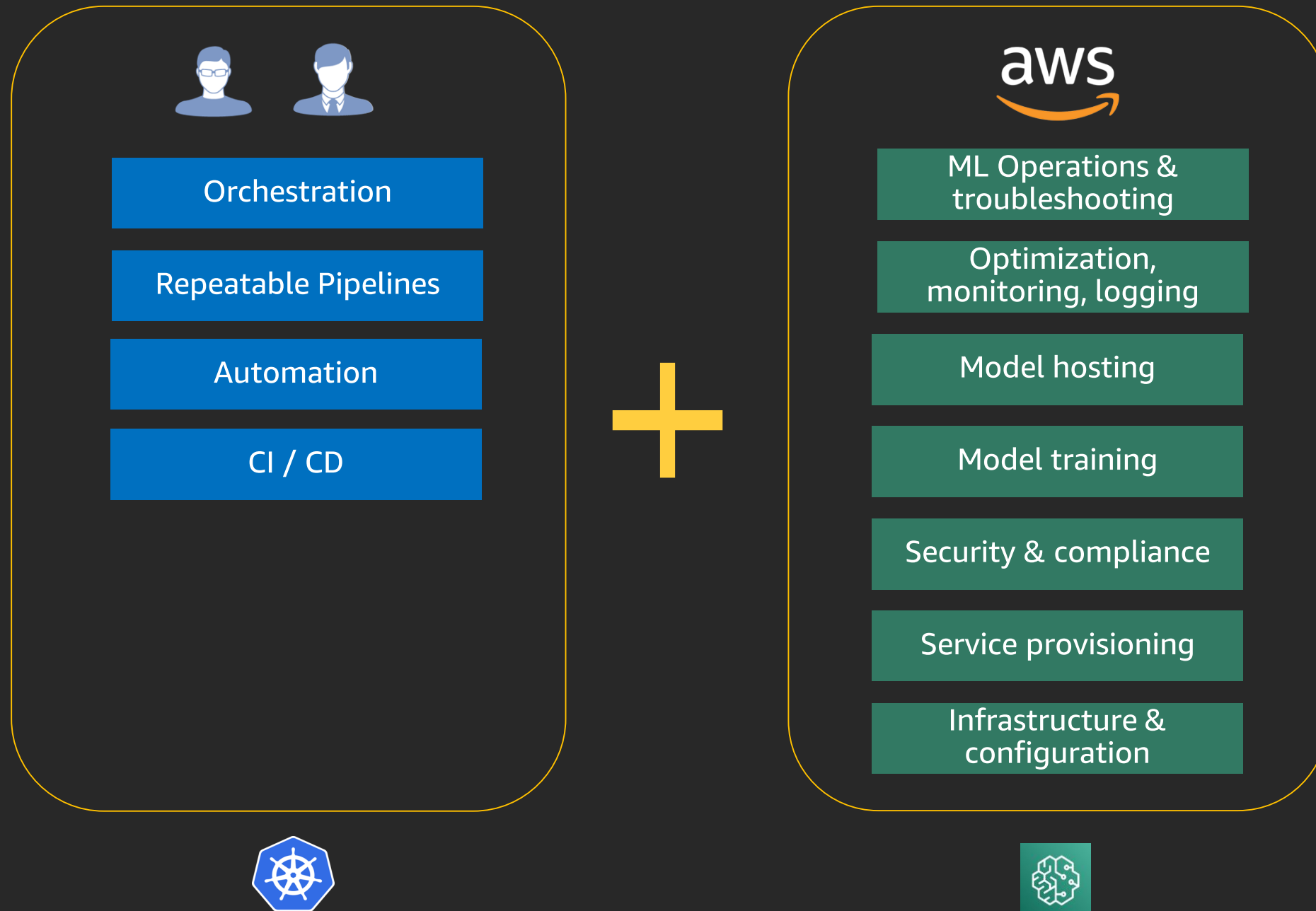
Under the hood – Amazon SageMaker and Kubernetes



Key Features

- Amazon SageMaker Operators for training, tuning, inference
- Natively interact with Amazon SageMaker jobs using K8s tools (e.g., get pods, describe)
- Stream and view logs from Amazon SageMaker in K8s
- Helm Charts to assist with setup and spec creation

Why together?



Machine learning at Zalando



Zalando.
The starting point for fashion.



ZALANDO AT A GLANCE

~ 5.4 billion EUR
revenue 2018

> 300
million visits
per
month

> 450,000
product
choices

> 2,000
brands

17
countries

~ 14,000
employees in
Europe

> 80%
of visits via
mobile
devices

> 29
million
active
customers



**“A sustainable
fashion platform
with a net positive
impact for people
and planet”**



**We leverage
Machine Learning
across the platform
to deliver a better
customer
experience.**

MACHINE LEARNING AT ZALANDO

Get the Look

Perfectly combined by fashion experts. Get fresh outfit ideas for the new season and every occasion.

All Styles

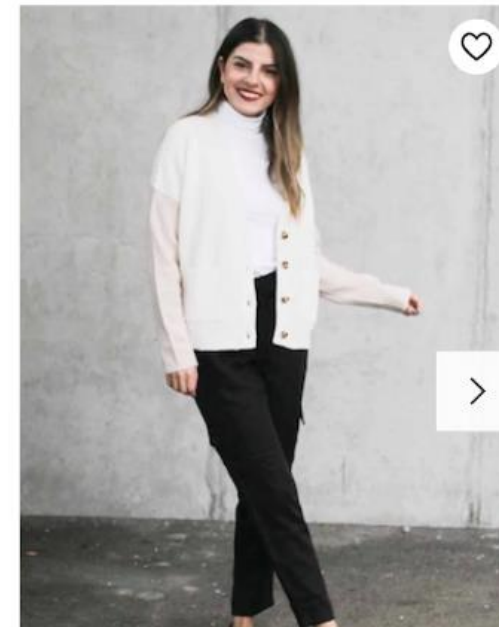
Classic

Casual

Trendy

Party

Inspired by you



MACHINE LEARNING AT ZALANDO



adidas Originals >

SUPERCOURT - Trainers

Colour: footwear white/vapour green/ecru tint

89,95 € VAT included


 We recommend buying the usual size


Choose your size



Add to bag




 **Standard delivery** Free
2-4 working days

 **Express delivery** 7,90 €
available



MACHINE LEARNING AT ZALANDO

My Bag (1 item)





adidas Originals
SUPERCOURT - Trainers - footwear white/vapour green/ecru tint

Colour: white
Size: 36 2/3

 Remove |  Move to wish list

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




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Estimated delivery

Tu, 05.11. - We, 06.11.

We accept



Total

Subtotal	€89.95
Delivery	free
Total (VAT included)	€89.95

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MACHINE LEARNING AT ZALANDO





**But what constitutes
an ML project and
how is it different
from traditional
software?**

MICROSERVICES AT ZALANDO

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and commits to
GitHub

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**CONTINUOUS
DEPLOYMENT**

builds triggered by pull
requests

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KUBERNETES

Software runs on one of our
>140 Kubernetes clusters
on AWS

CONTINUOUS DEPLOYMENT

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Code Insights

Lightstep Manager

zflow-api

master-27

barajamani

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RUN-LINTER-AND-...

BUILD-IMAGE

DEPLOY-STAGING

DEPLOY-PRODUCTI...

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RUN_UNIT_TESTS

BUILD AND PUSH

DEPLOY-TEST

DEPLOY-LIVE

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BUILD

BUILD-INTEGRATIO...

RUN-INTEGRATIO...

CREATE-GIT-TAG

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BUILD_PUSH

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CREATE-S3-ROLE-LIVE

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BUILD-DOCKER-IMAGE

DEPLOY-STAGING

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THE MACHINE LEARNING JOURNEY



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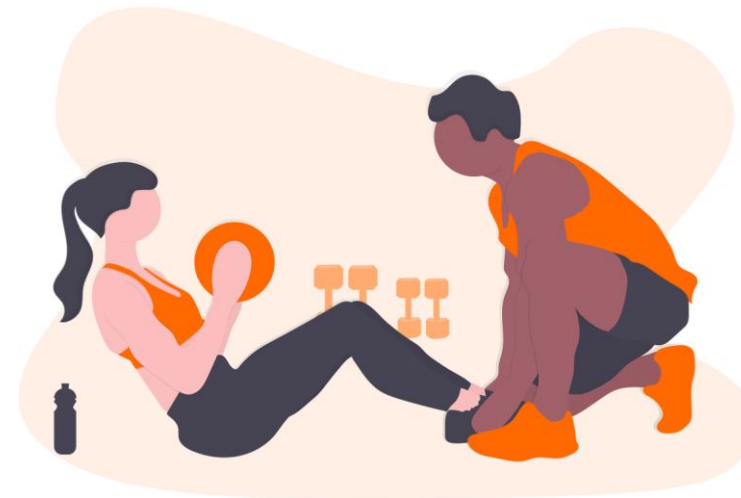
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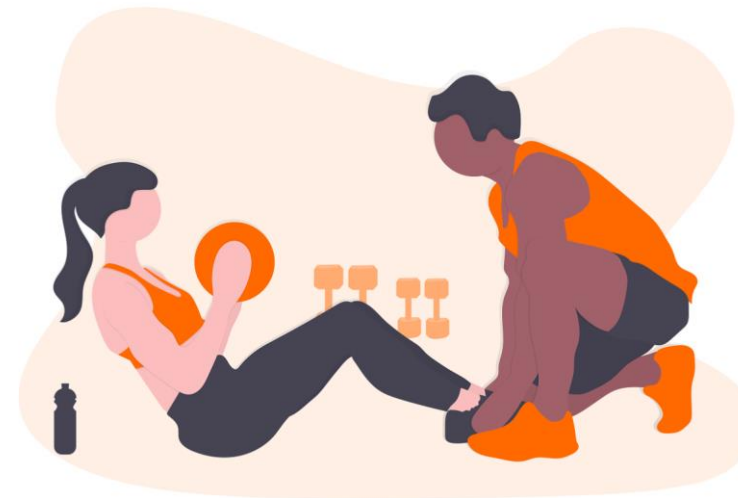
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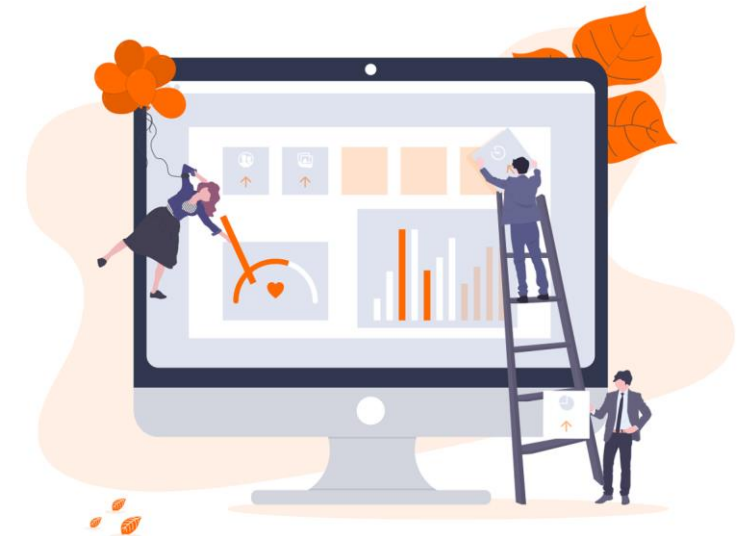
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**Building a central
ML platform: What
are the challenges?**

CHALLENGES



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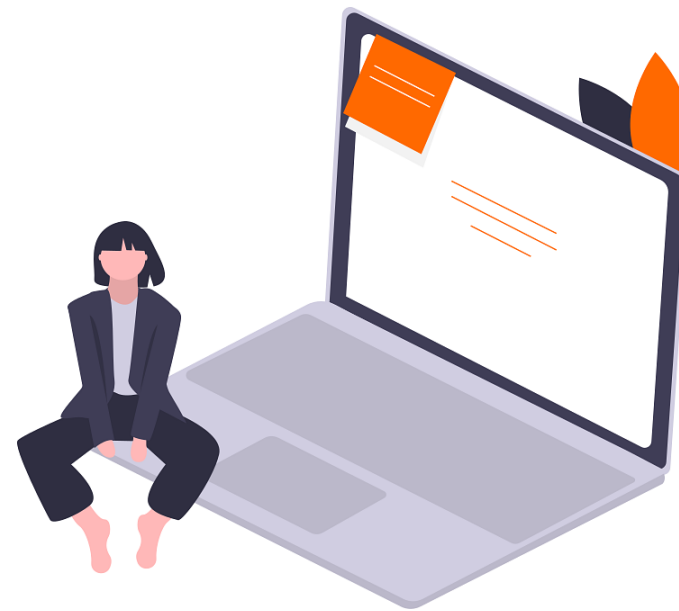
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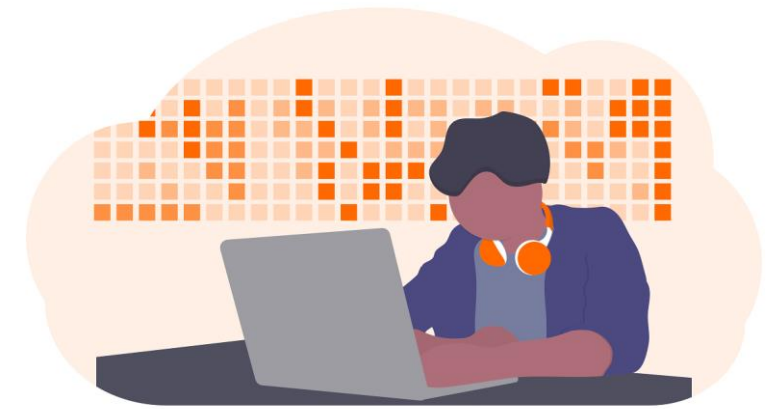
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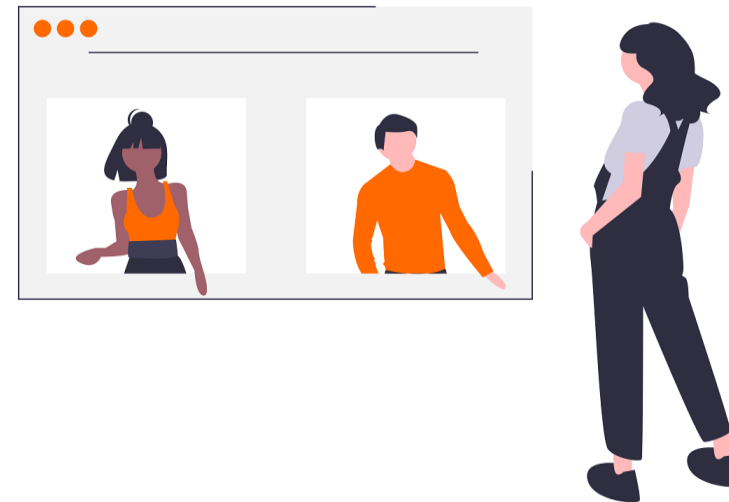


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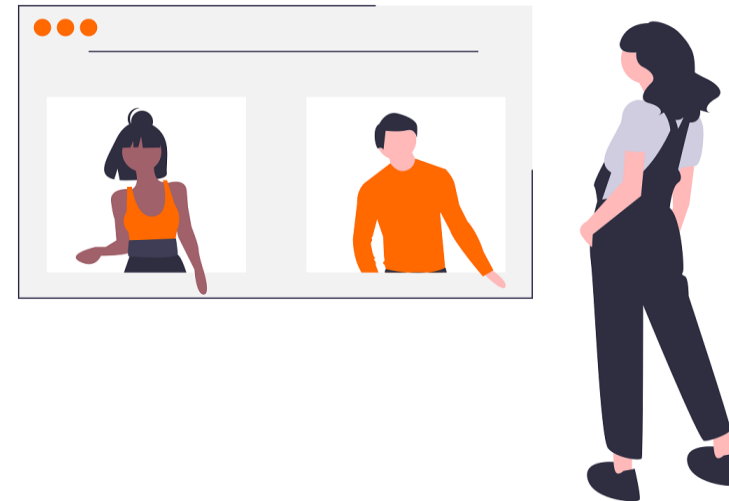


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Across multiple job
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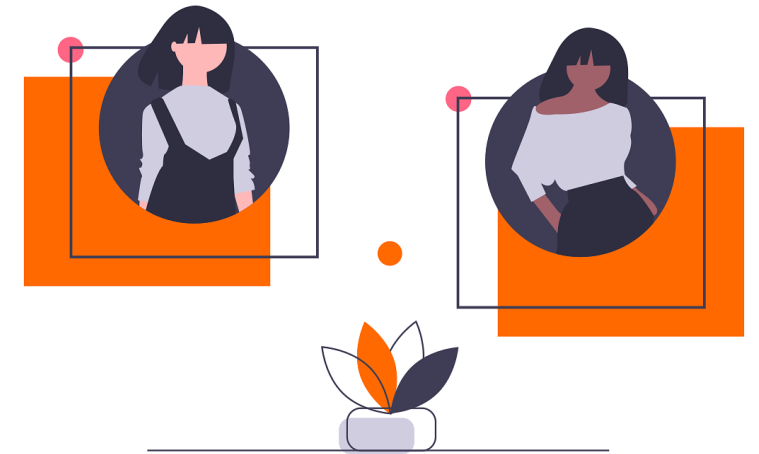
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SATISFACTION
Job satisfaction
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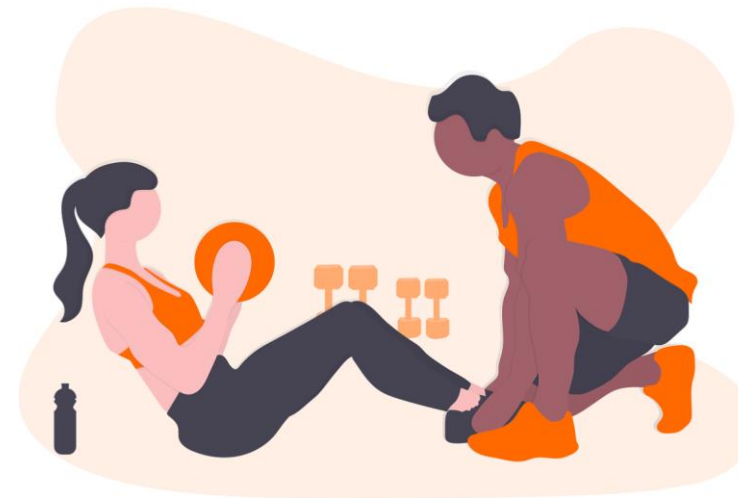
**Relooking at the ML
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ML pipeline for the
ML platform**

THE MACHINE LEARNING JOURNEY



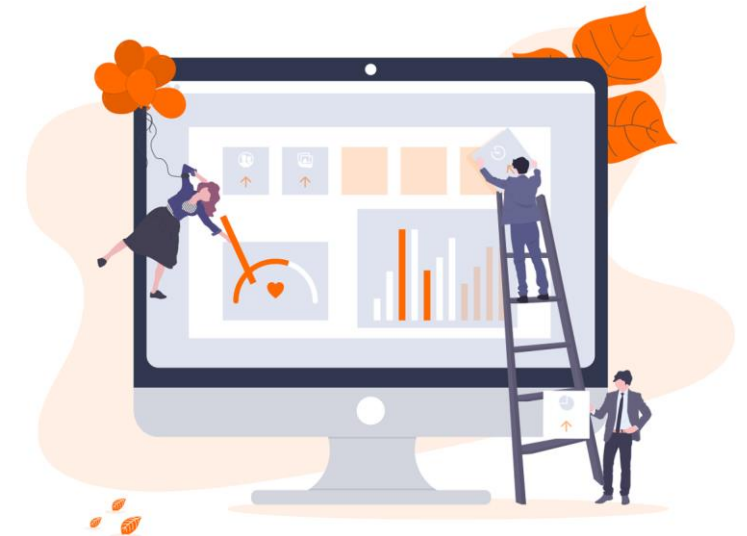
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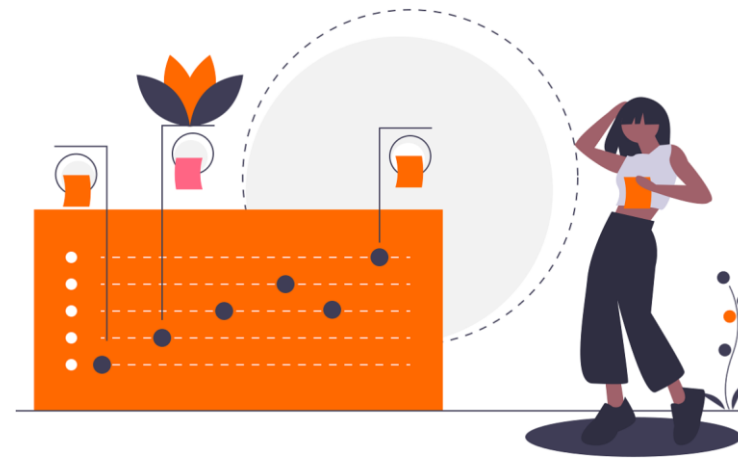
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MACHINE LEARNING PIPELINES



FUNDAMENTAL

**ML should be about pipelines,
not just data or models**



Using Amazon SageMaker for ML pipelines at Zalando

WHY AMAZON SAGEMAKER AT ZALANDO

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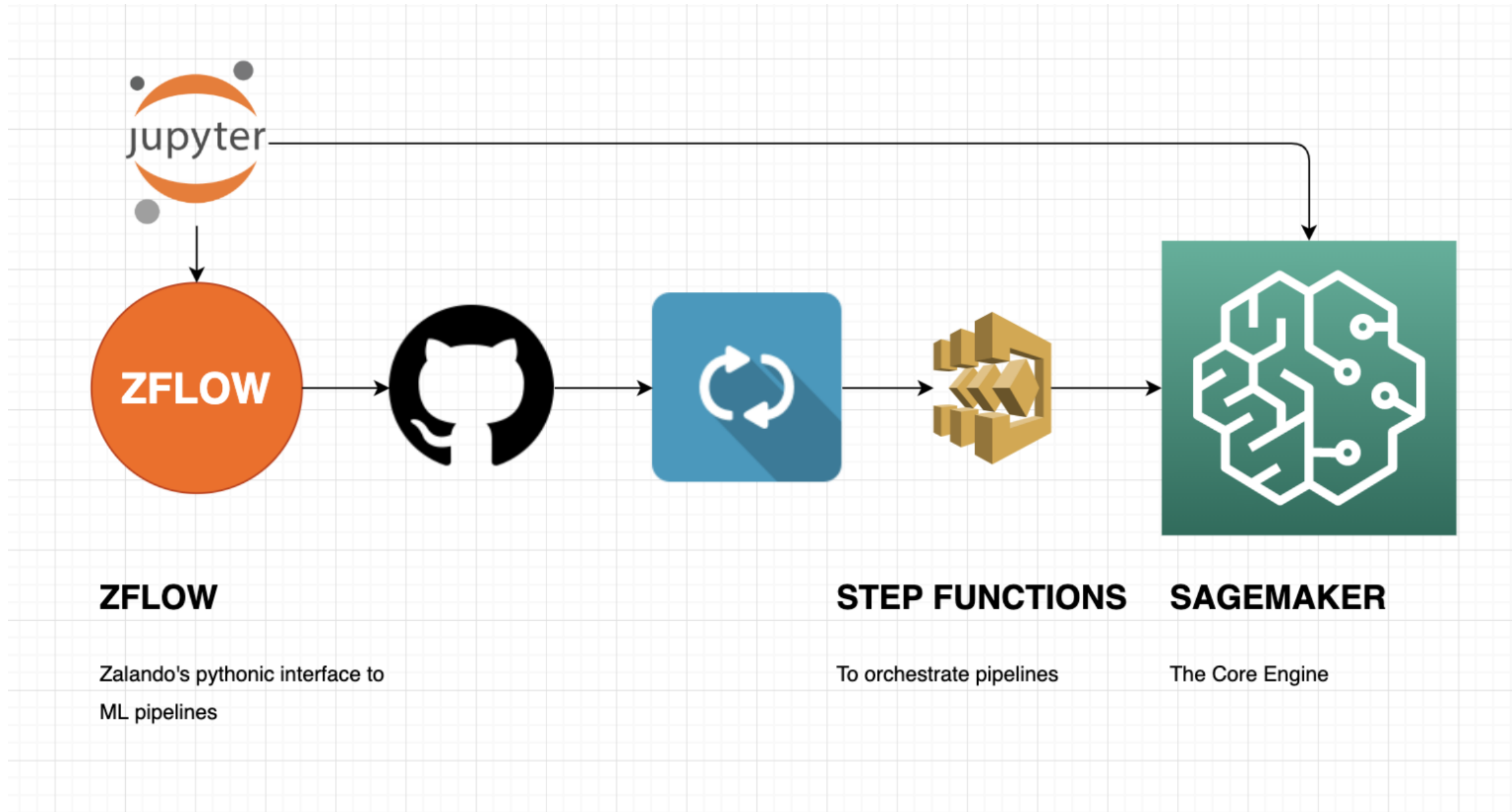
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SCRIPT MODE

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TensorFlow scripts and
tie in to pipelines

ZALANDO MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM



ZALANDO MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM

```
training_stage = training_job(  
    name="...",  
    input_data_configs="...",  
    hyperparameters="..."  
)
```

```
batch_transform_stage =  
batch_transform_job(  
    name="...",  
    s3_input_path="...",  
    s3_output_path="..."  
)
```

ZALANDO MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM

```
pipeline = PipelineBuilder("my_pipeline")
```

```
pipeline  
    .add_stage(data_processing_stage)  
    .add_stage(training_stage)  
    .add_stage(batch_transform_stage)
```


ZALANDO MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM

DEPLOYMENT UNITS

ZFLOW-EXAMPLE

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ZFLOW-EXAMPLE



UPLOAD-ARTIFACTS-TO-S3



DEPLOY-PIPELINE

GENERAL

DEPLOYMENT STATUS

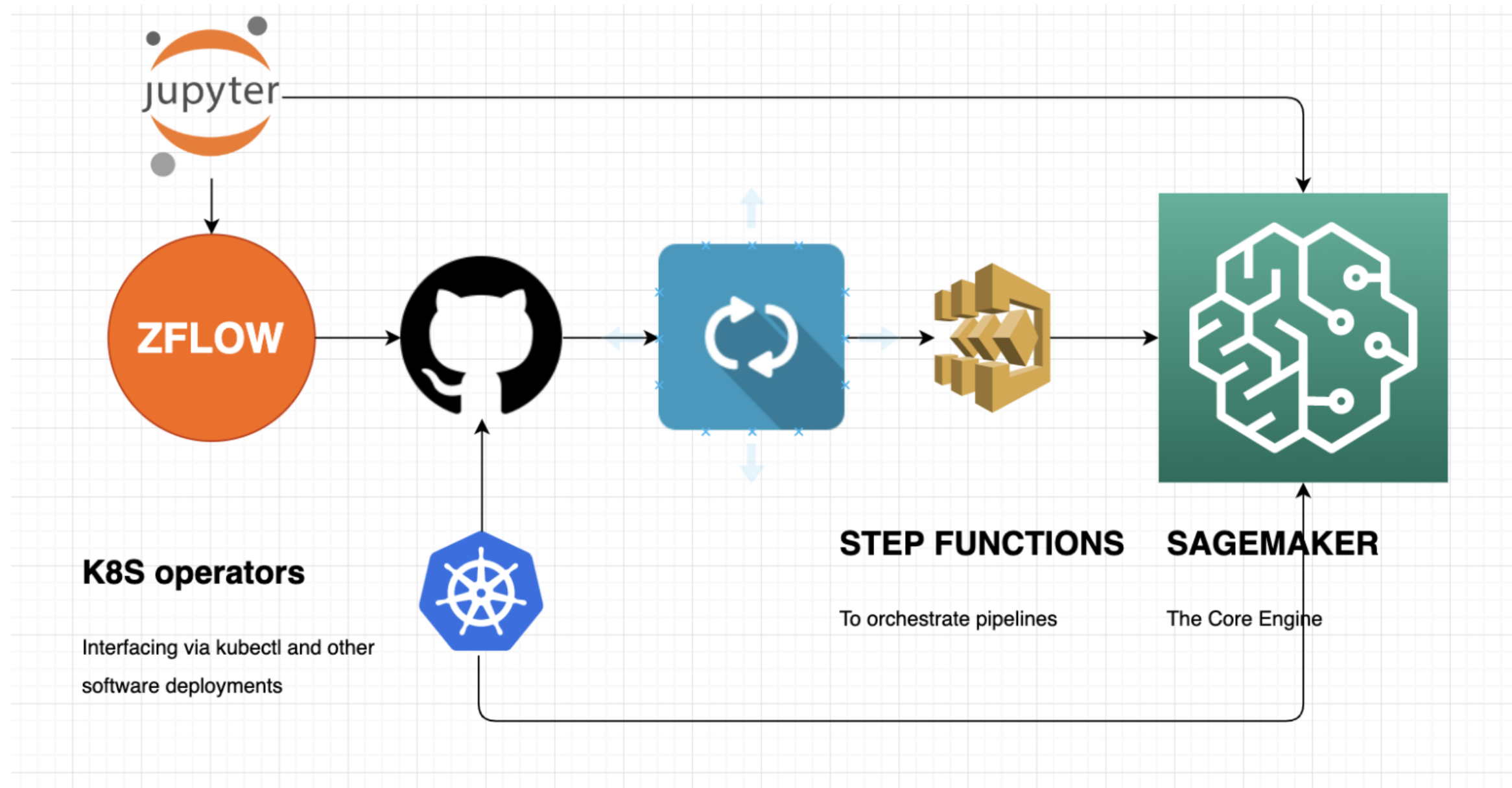
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✓ CloudFormation **ChurnPredictionPipelineStack** [console](#) [🔗](#)



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- ✓ AWS::IAM::Role **ChurnPredictionPipelineEventsRoleC566F7A2**
- ✓ AWS::IAM::Policy **ChurnPredictionPipelineEventsRoleDefaultPolicyC77F2FF9**
- ✓ AWS::StepFunctions::StateMachine **ChurnPredictionPipelineF3E3A849**
- ✓ AWS::IAM::Role **ChurnPredictionPipelineRole476B0573**
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- ✓ AWS::KMS::Key **ChurnPredictionPipelineStackKMSKeyA32054EA**

UPCOMING



ZALANDO MACHINE LEARNING PLATFORM

```
apiVersion: sagemaker.aws.amazon.com/v1
kind: TrainingJob
metadata
  name: kmeans-mnist
spec
  algorithmSpecification
    trainingImage: .../kmeans:1
    trainingInputMode: File
    hyperParameters: ...
    inputDataConfig:
  resourceConfig
    instanceType: ml.c4.8xlarge
  ...
```

OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES



SPEED

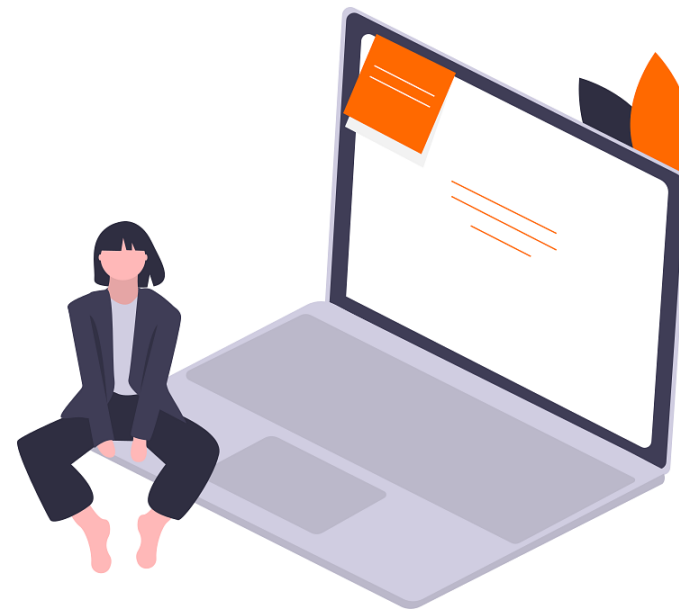
**Notebooks + consistent
interfaces**

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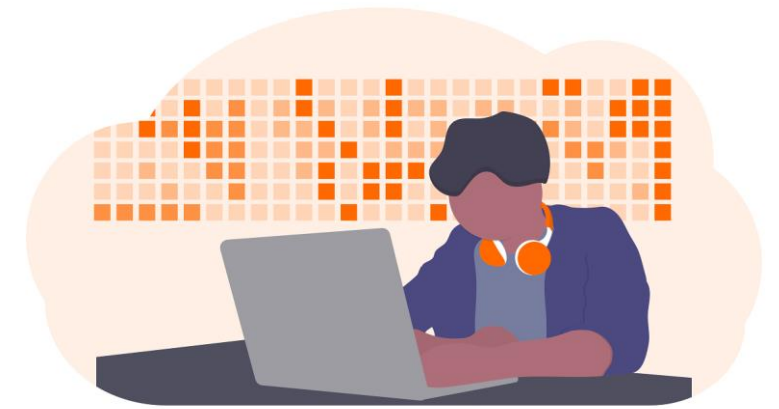
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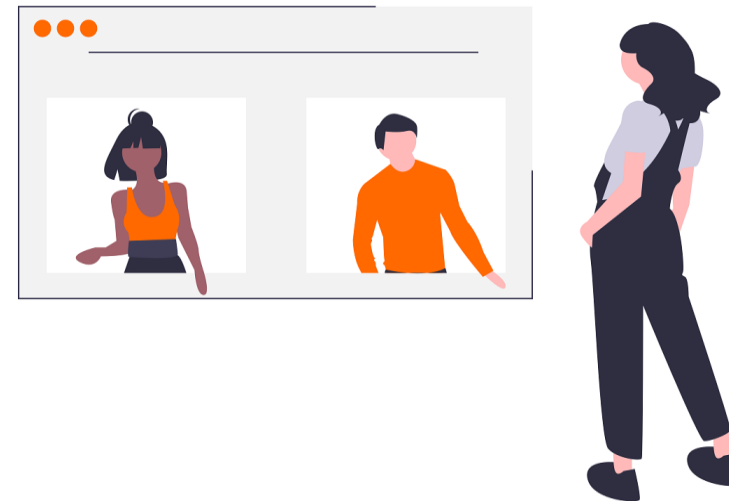


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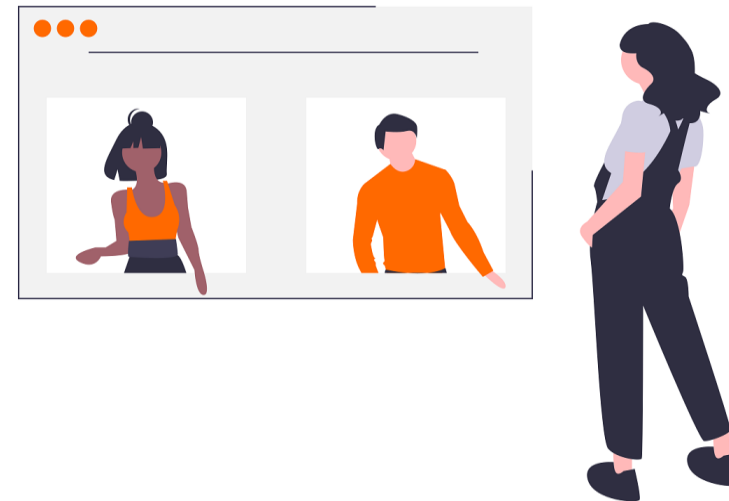


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Consistent interfaces

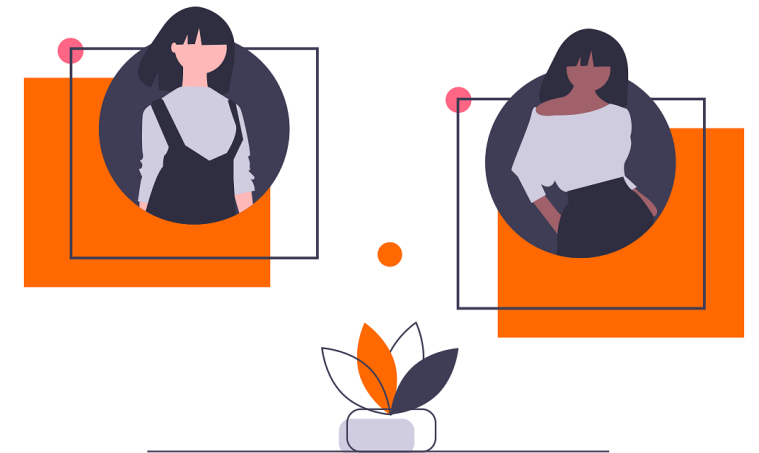
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SATISFACTION
Central team
support



Machine learning at scale offers exciting new opportunities for us to serve our customers better.

Demo

In summary

- Machine learning is a hard problem
- Amazon SageMaker simplifies ML with modern application architecture
- Kubernetes is great for large-scale container orchestration
- Amazon SageMaker and Kubernetes can provide greater benefits when combined

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