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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

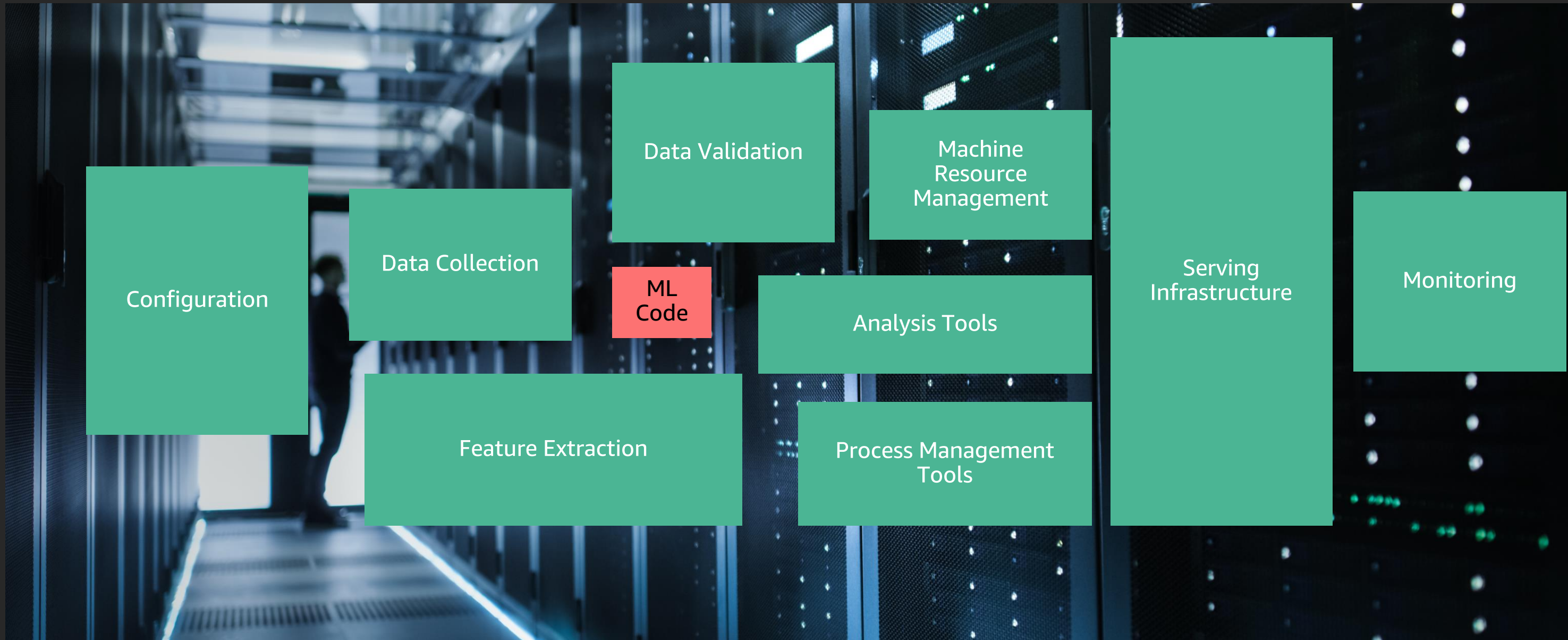
- Focuses on data science, business outcome and speed to market
- Wants minimum dependency on the DevOps team for experimentation and model development
- No or limited K8s and infrastructure knowledge



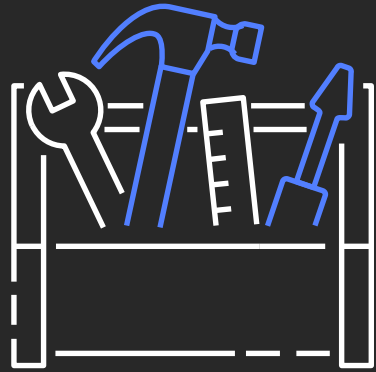
K8s DevOps engineer

- 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

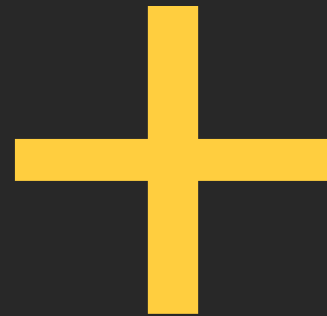
# Machine learning is hard



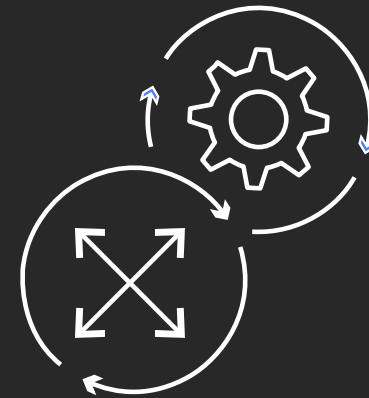
Source: Sculley et al: Hidden Technical Debt in Machine Learning Systems



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



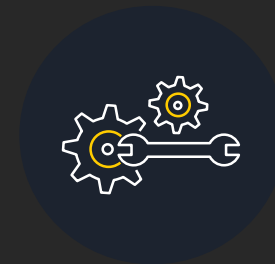
Jupyter notebook instances



High-performance algorithms



Large-scale training



Optimization



One-click deployment



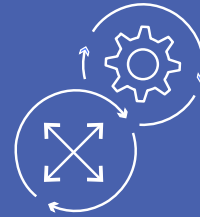
Fully managed with auto-scaling

# 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



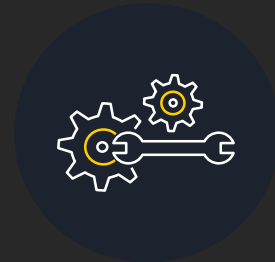
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# Run Amazon SageMaker in a pipeline



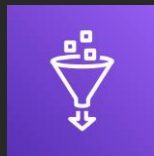
DevOps engineer



Workflow orchestration

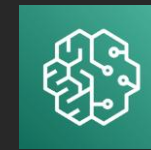
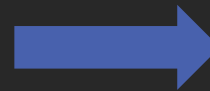


AWS Step Functions



AWS Glue

Data Pipeline



Amazon  
SageMaker

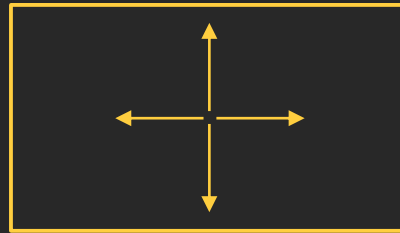
ML Pipeline

# Kubernetes architecture

# What is Kubernetes (aka K8s)?



**Open-source container  
management platform**



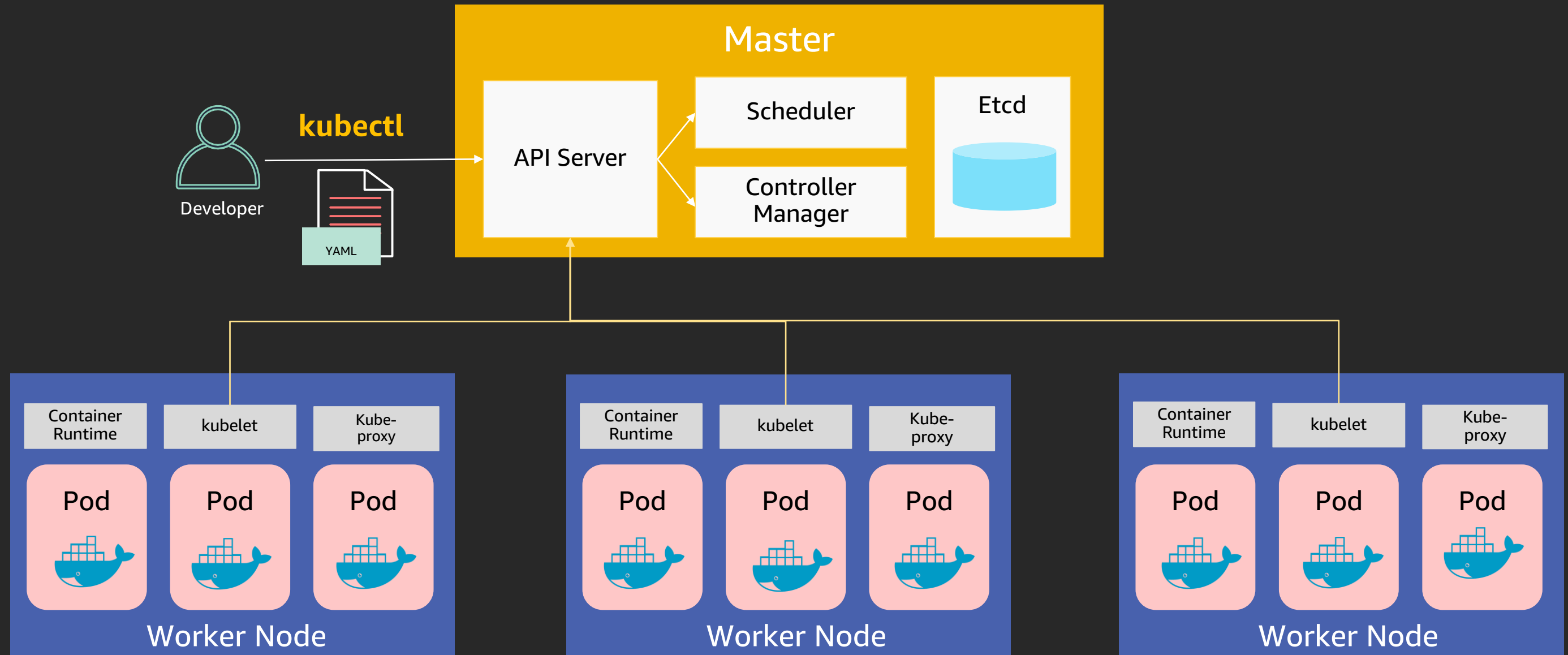
**Helps you run  
containers at scale**



**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

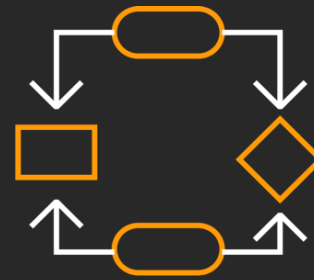
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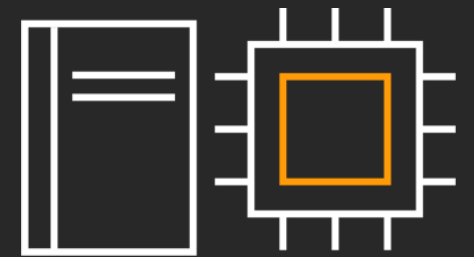
Train, tune, and deploy  
models in Amazon  
SageMaker



Orchestrate ML workloads  
from your Kubernetes  
environments

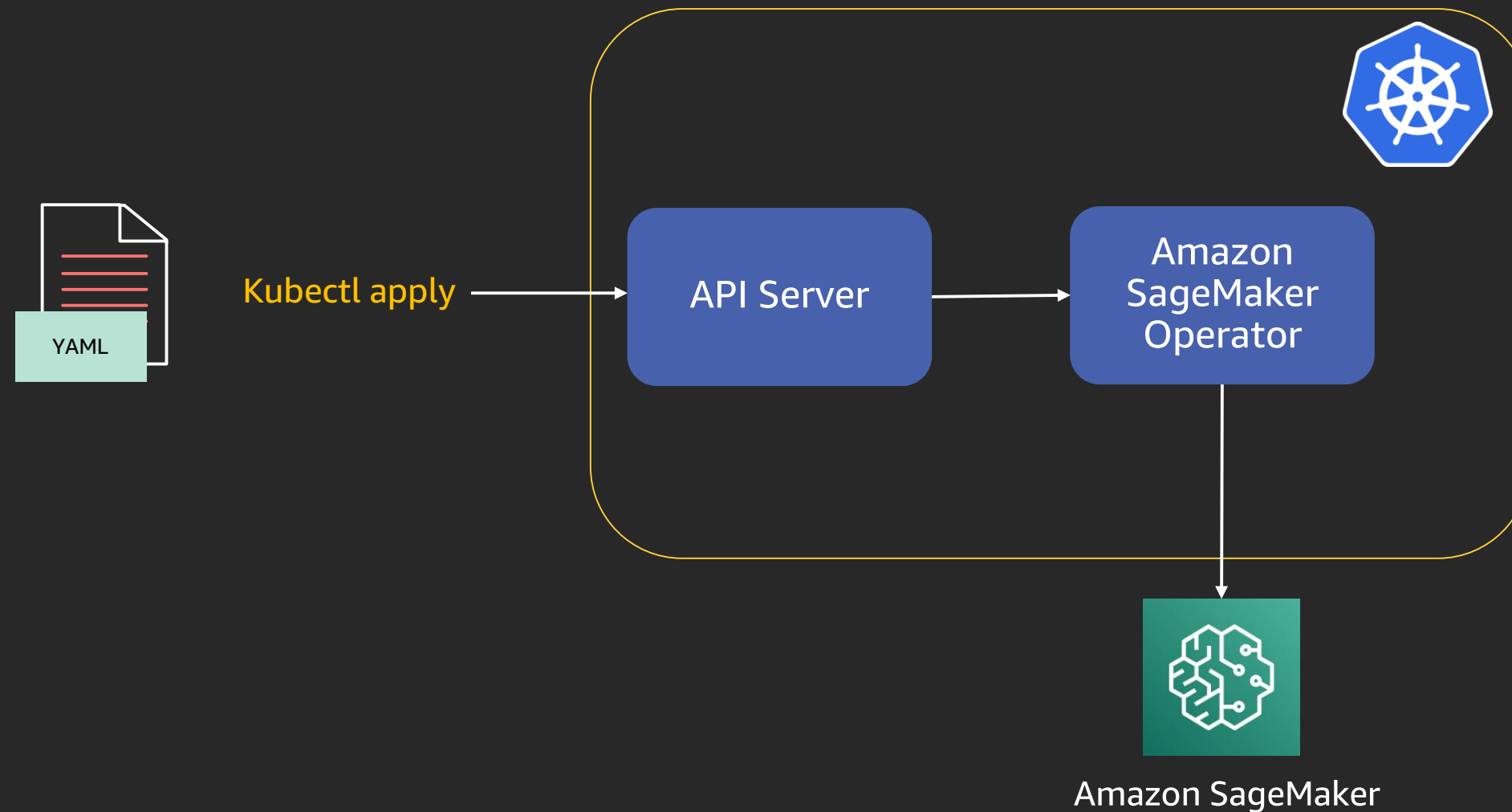


Create pipelines and  
workflows in Kubernetes



Fully managed  
infrastructure in Amazon  
SageMaker

# Under the hood – Amazon SageMaker and Kubernetes

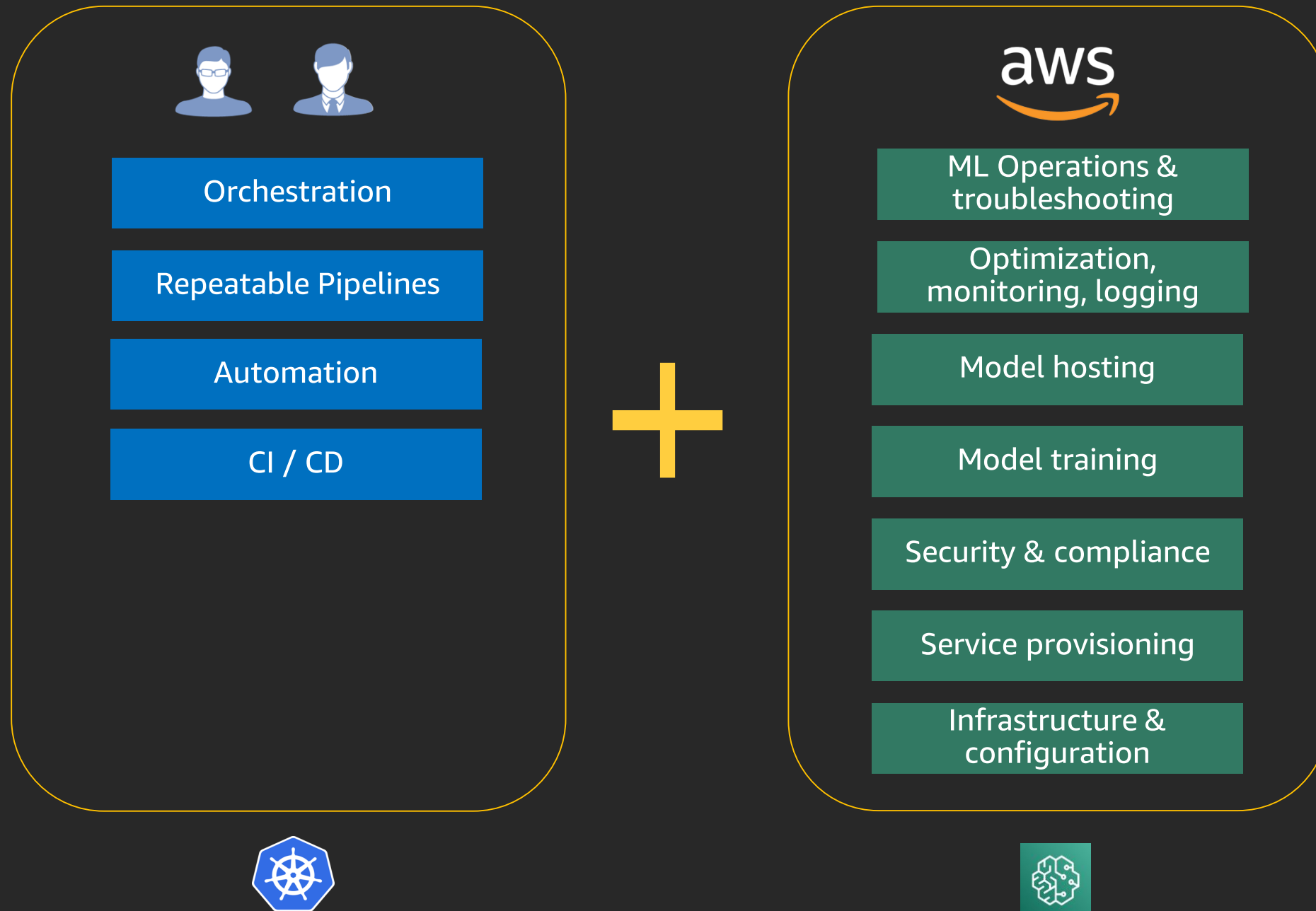


## Key Features

- 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

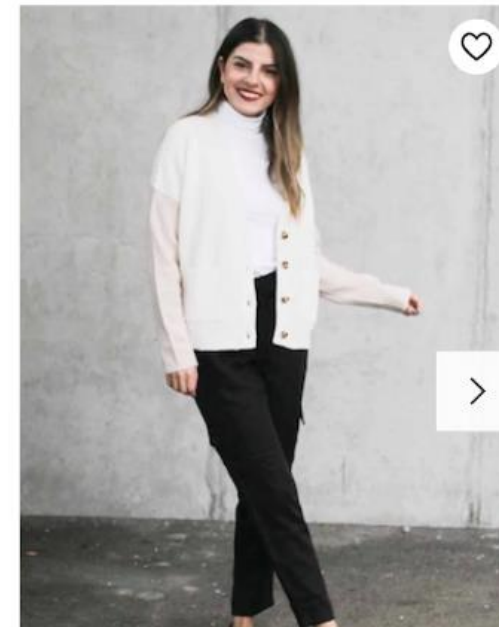
Classic

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

1

▼









€89.95

ⓘ Items placed in this bag are not reserved.  
ⓘ Wenn Du die Darstellung in deutscher Sprache bevorzugst, wähle bitte die deutsche Sprachoption ("DE") oben in der Navigation.

## Estimated delivery

Tu, 05.11. - We, 06.11.

## We accept



## Total

Subtotal	€89.95
Delivery	free
<b>Total (VAT included)</b>	<b>€89.95</b>

GO TO CHECKOUT

Add a voucher (Optional) ▼

# MACHINE LEARNING AT ZALANDO







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



# MICROSERVICES AT ZALANDO

**CODE**  
and commits to  
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## KUBERNETES

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

# CONTINUOUS DEPLOYMENT

Developer Console

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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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BUILD AND PUSH

DEPLOY-TEST

DEPLOY-LIVE

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DEPLOY-PIPELINE

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BUILD

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# THE MACHINE LEARNING JOURNEY



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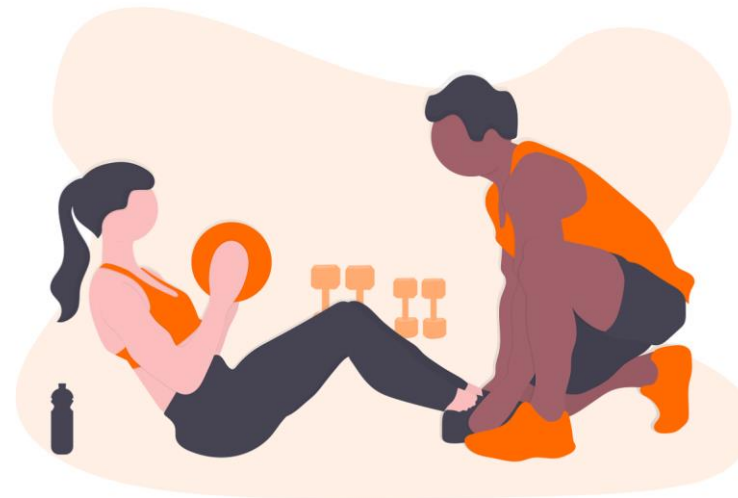
Analysis

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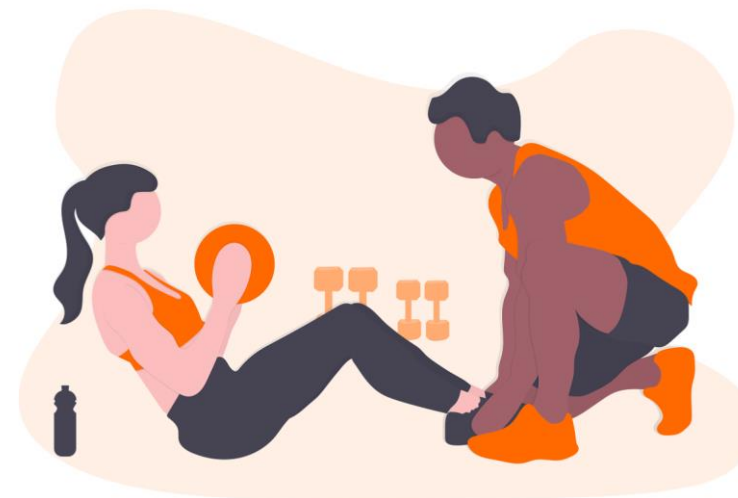
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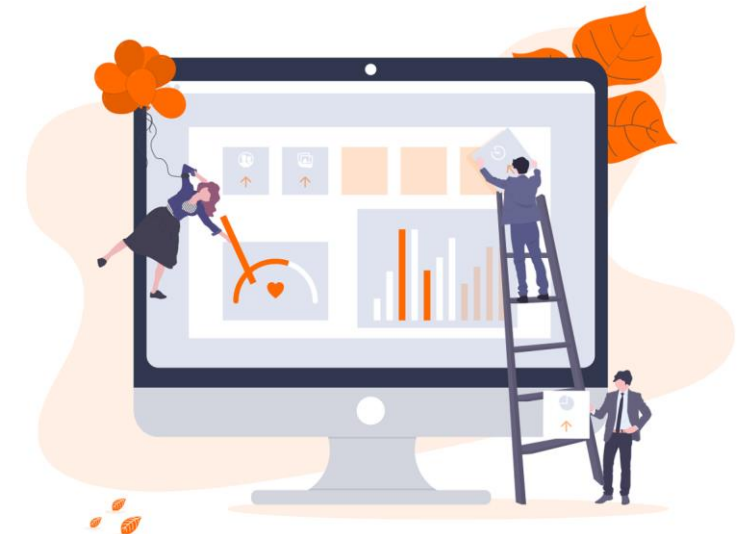
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## OBSERVATIONS

Run A/B tests, see  
KPIs & adjust





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

# CHALLENGES



**SPEED**

**Research to  
production time**

# CHALLENGES



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## SAFETY

Understanding, testing,  
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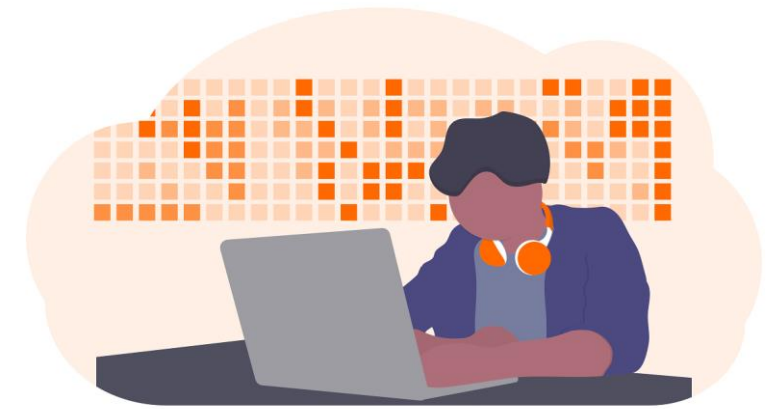
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## SCALE

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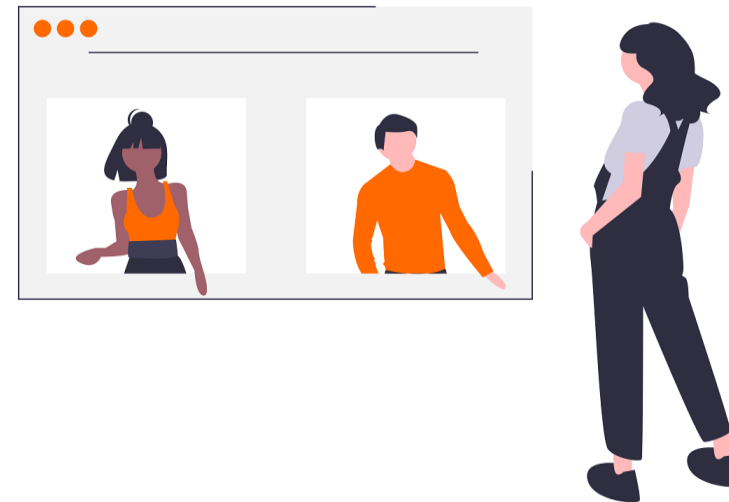


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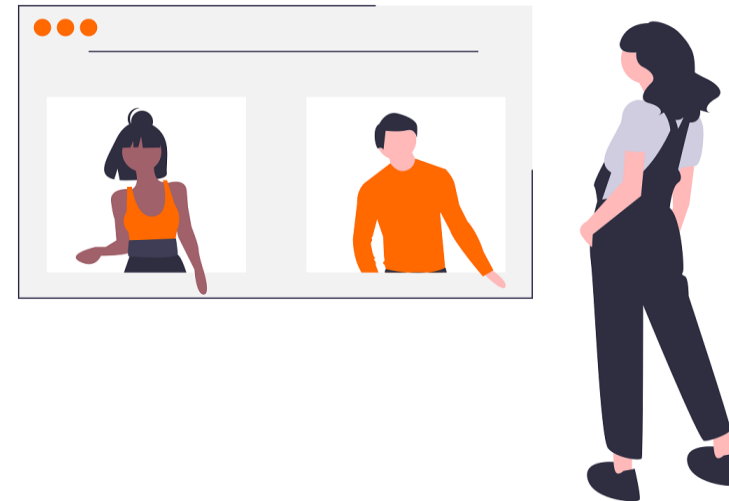
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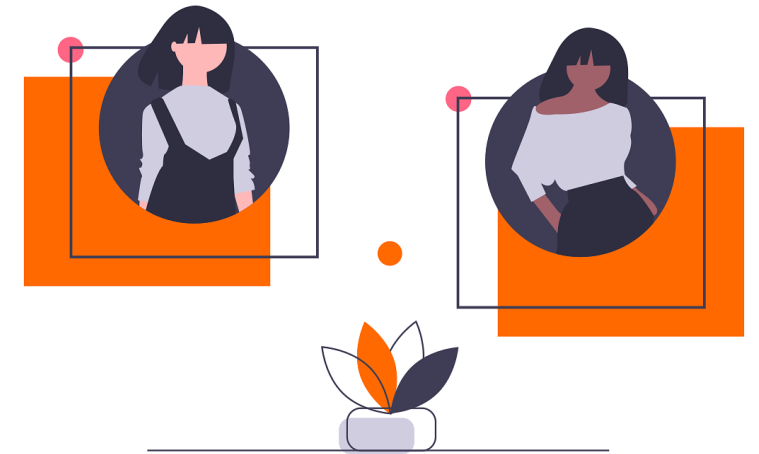
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**SATISFACTION**  
Job satisfaction  
and happiness





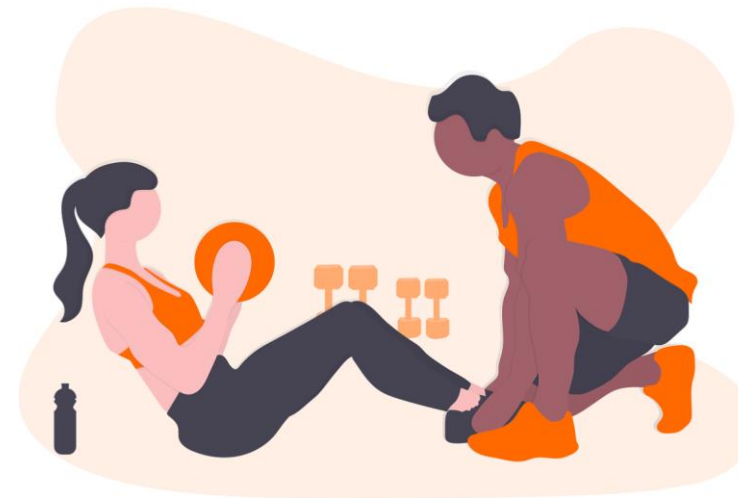
**Relooking at the ML  
journey to define the  
ML pipeline for the  
ML platform**

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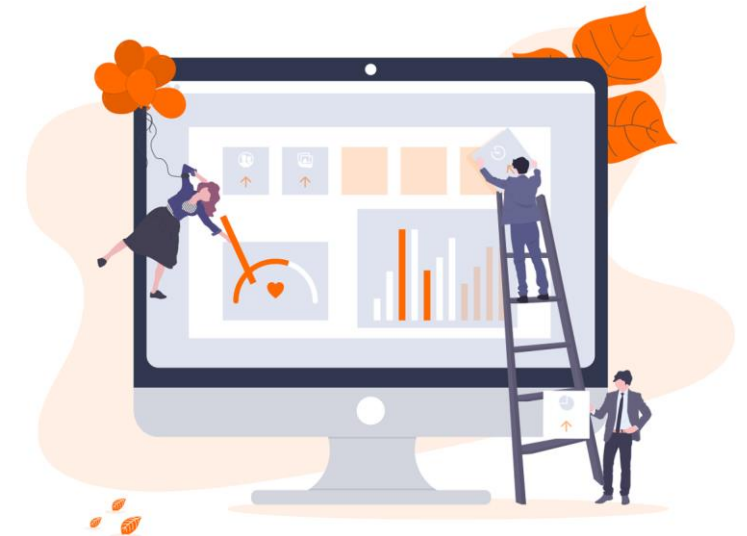
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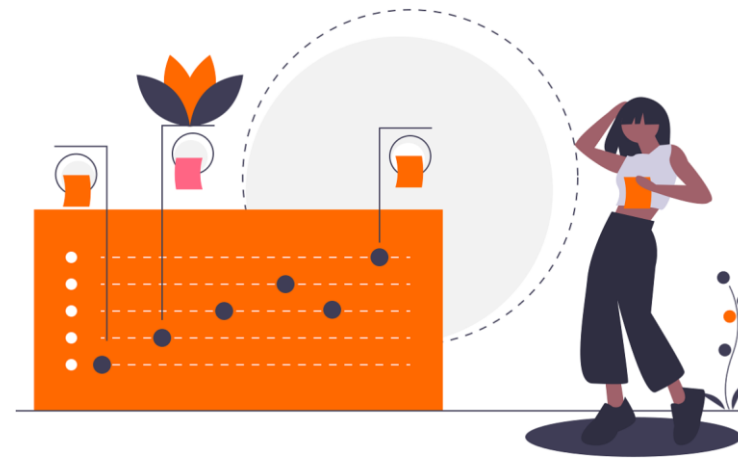
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# MACHINE LEARNING PIPELINES



## FUNDAMENTAL

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





# Using Amazon SageMaker for ML pipelines at Zalando

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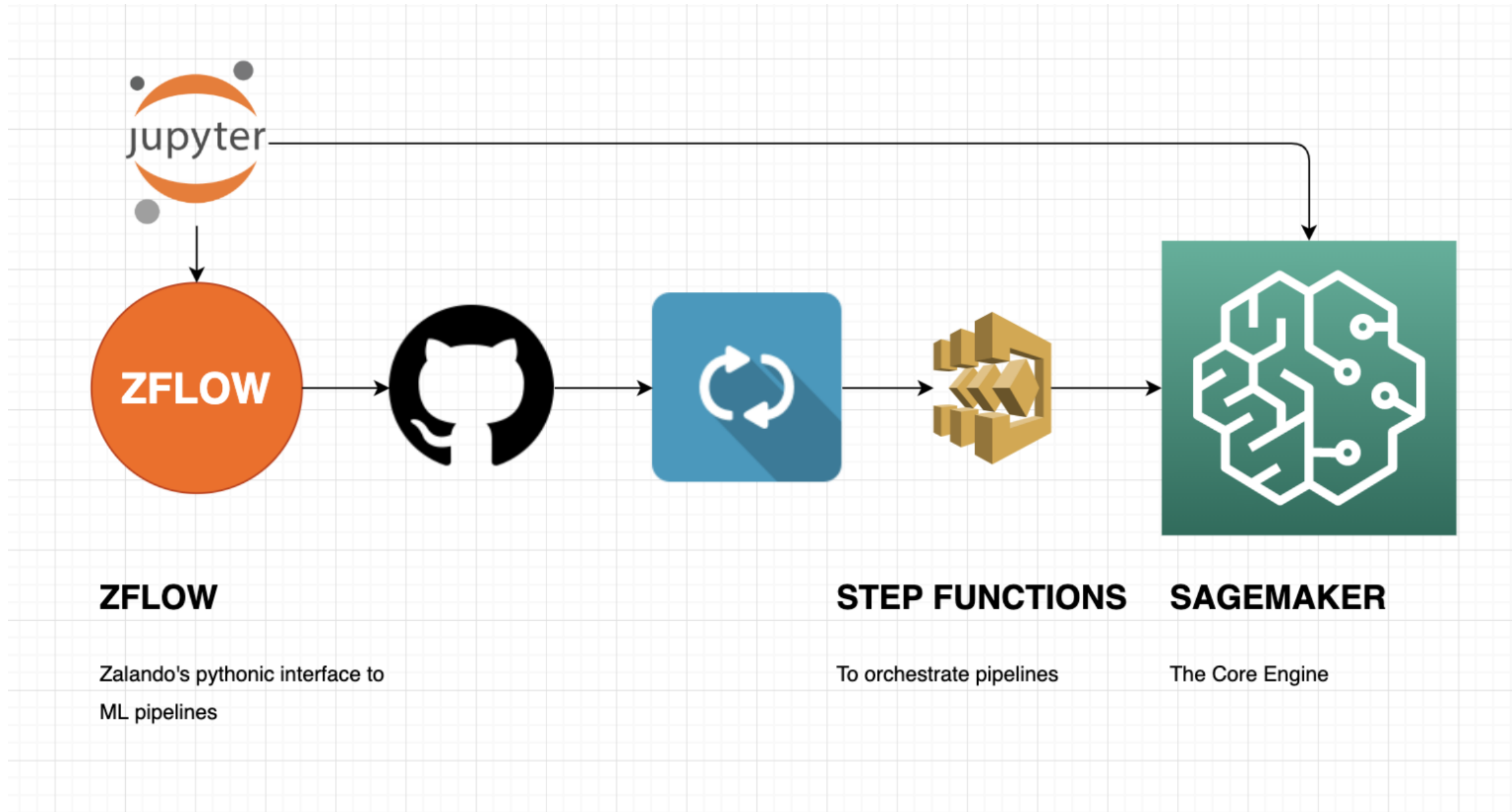
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## SCRIPT MODE

Easy to write quick  
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

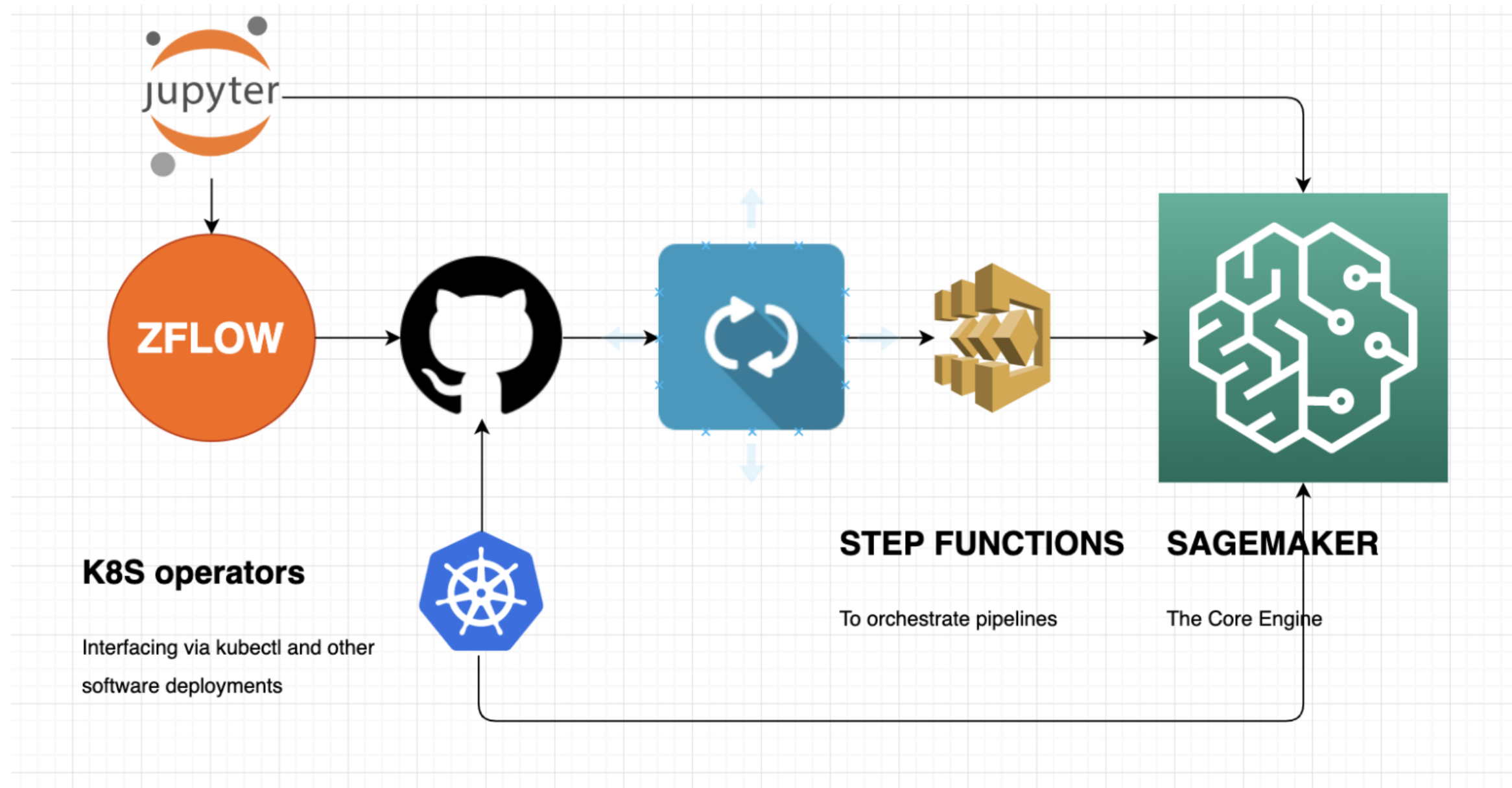
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✓ CloudFormation **ChurnPredictionPipelineStack** [console](#) [🔗](#)



- ✓ AWS::Lambda::Function **CheckDatabricksJobStatus111D2B43**
- ✓ AWS::IAM::Role **ChurnPredictionPipelineEventsRoleC566F7A2**
- ✓ AWS::IAM::Policy **ChurnPredictionPipelineEventsRoleDefaultPolicyC77F2FF9**
- ✓ AWS::StepFunctions::StateMachine **ChurnPredictionPipelineF3E3A849**
- ✓ AWS::IAM::Role **ChurnPredictionPipelineRole476B0573**
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- ✓ AWS::KMS::Key **ChurnPredictionPipelineStackKMSEvA32054EA**

# 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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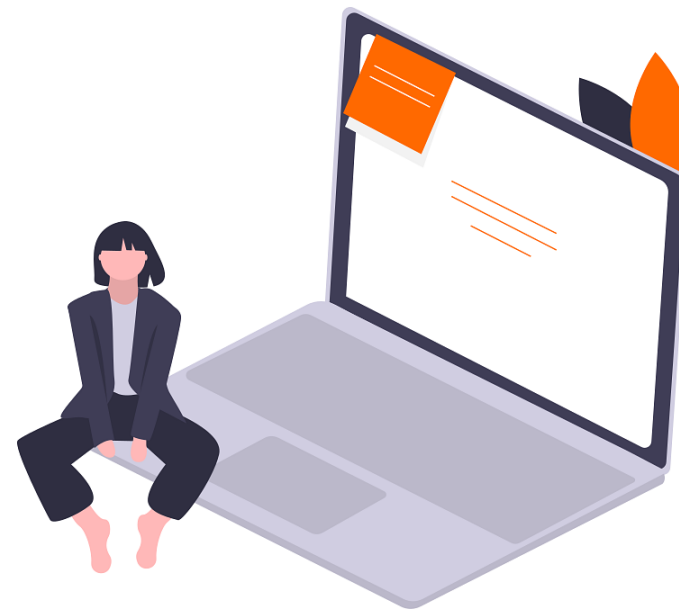
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training/scoring

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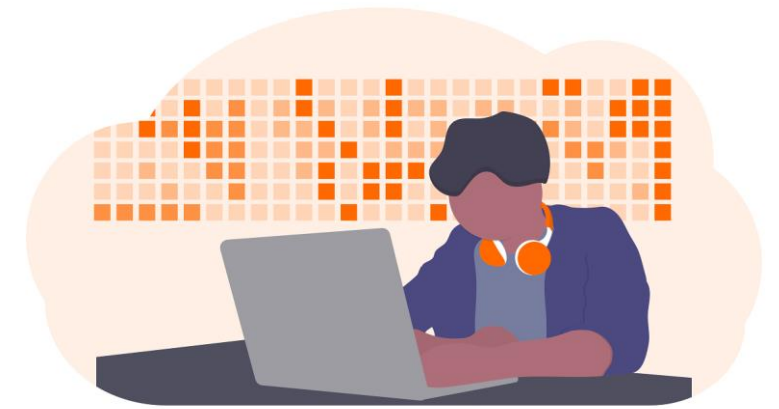
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## SCALE

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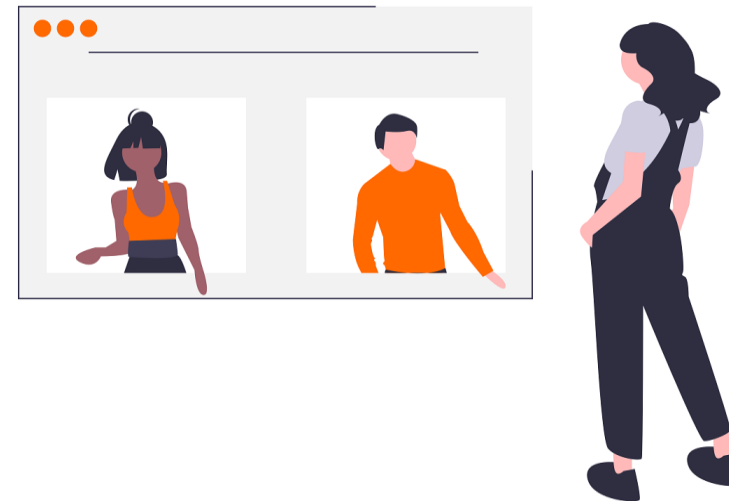
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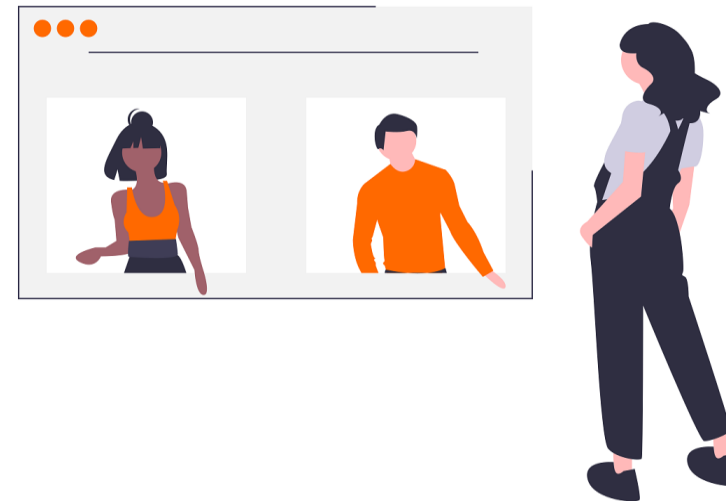


**COLLABORATION**  
**Consistent interfaces**

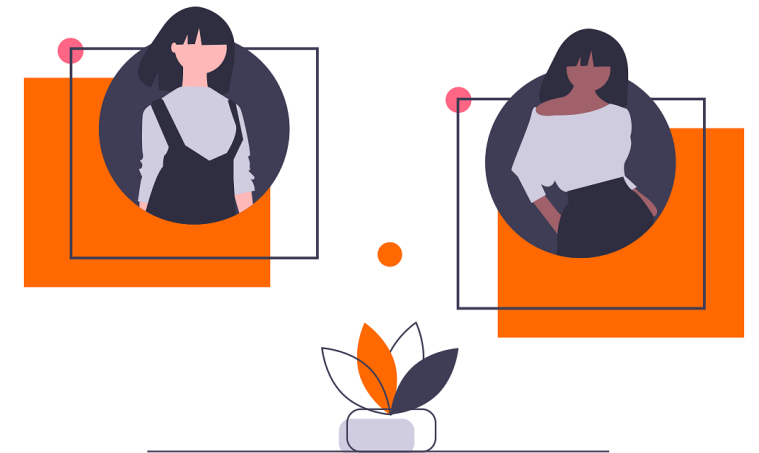
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**COLLABORATION**  
Consistent interfaces



**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



# Thank you!



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