Meeting of the LF AI & Data Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

August 26, 2021



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> LF AI Logos: https://github.com/lfaidata/artwork/tree/master/lfaidata

> LF AI Presentation Template: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eiDNJvXCqSZHT4Zk - czASIz2GTBRZk2/view?usp=sharing

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- Event Wiki Pages:

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Agenda

- Roll Call (2 mins)
- Approval of Minutes from previous meetings (5 mins)
- > Kedro Project (40 minutes)
- LF AI General Updates
- Open Discussion



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Approval of July 15th, 2021 Minutes

Draft minutes from the July 15th TAC call were previously distributed to the TAC members via the mailing list

Proposed Resolution:

> That the minutes of the July 15th meeting of the Technical Advisory Council of the LF AI & Data Foundation are hereby approved.



Approval of July 29th, 2021 Minutes

Draft minutes from the July 29th TAC call were previously distributed to the TAC members via the mailing list

Proposed Resolution:

That the minutes of the July 29th meeting of the Technical Advisory Council of the LF AI & Data Foundation are hereby approved.



Approval of August 12th, 2021 Minutes

Draft minutes from the August 12 TAC call were previously distributed to the TAC members via the mailing list

Proposed Resolution:

> That the minutes of the August 12th meeting of the Technical Advisory Council of the LF AI & Data Foundation are hereby approved.



Introducing Kedro

Kedro at LF AI + Data 26th of August 2021



Agenda

- 1. Why would we like to donate Kedro to LF?
- 2. Meet the team
- 3. What problem are we trying to solve?
- 4. What is Kedro?
- 5. Where does Kedro fit in the ecosystem?
- 6. What's coming next?
- 7. What is our impact to date?
- 8. A Kedro example

Why would we like to donate Kedro to LF?

Commitment to Open-Source

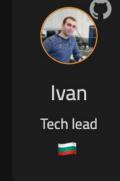
- A signal to the open-source community that the Kedro project is working towards a long-term maintenance model
- McKinsey and QuantumBlack would like to leverage the initial marketing announcements to build credibility in their technical and productrelated capability
- Open governance and open roadmap allows more users to participate in the development of Kedro
- Neutral holding ground for Kedro's assets

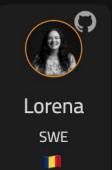
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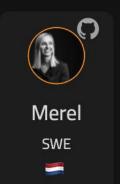
- We aim to create an open, de-facto standard around Machine-Learning Engineering and use Kedro as the vehicle for that, therefore we
 would like to:
 - Increase the Kedro user and contributor bases
 - Collaborate with complementary projects
- Become a thought-leader and established product in the MLOPs or Machine-Learning Engineering spaces

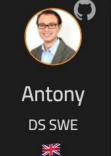
Meet the team

Framework









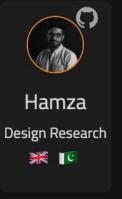






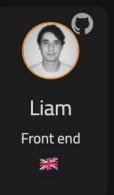
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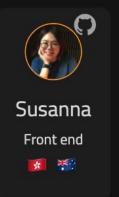


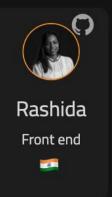


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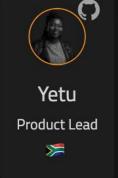


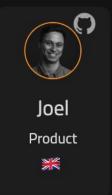












What problem are we trying to solve?



What are you trying to build?





2. This timely workaround



3. This energizing electrical hookup

1. This clever bedroom storage option

Source: https://www.buzzfeed.com/philippjahner/craftsmanship-fails



The challenges of creating machine learning products

The Jupyter notebook workflow has 5Cs of challenges

Challenge 1

Collaboration

Multi-user collaboration in a notebook is challenging to do because of the recommended one-person/one-notebook workflow.

Challenge 2

Code Reviews

Code reviews, the act of checking each other's code for mistakes, requires extensions of notebook capabilities.

Often meaning, reviews are not done for code written in notebooks.

Challenge 3

Code Quality

Writing unit tests, documentation for the codebase and linting (like a grammar check for code) is not something that can be easily done in a notebook.

Challenge 4

Caching

The convenience of caching in a notebook sacrifices an accurate notebook execution flow leading you to believe that your code runs without errors.

Challenge 5

Consistency

Reproducibility in notebooks is challenge. A 2019 NYU study¹ executed 860k Notebooks found in 264k GitHub repositories. 24% of the notebooks completed without error; 4% produced the same results.

The challenges of creating machine learning products

A workflow beyond notebooks still has challenges

"Data scientists have to learn so many tools to create high-quality code."

"I have to think about Sphinx, flake8, isort, black, Cookiecutter Data Science, Docker, Python Logging, virtual environments, Pytest, configuration and more."

"I spend a lot of time trying to understand a codebase that I didn't write."

"It's tedious to always setup documentation and code quality tooling my project."

"Everyone works in different ways."

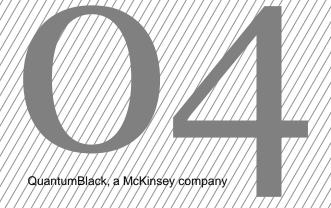
"It takes really long to put code in production and we have to rewrite and restructure large parts of it."

"My code will not run on another person's machine."

"No one wants to use the framework I created."

"We all have different levels of exposure to software engineering best-practice."

What is Kedro?



What is Kedro?

It is developed and maintained by QuantumBlack; and, is McKinsey's first open-source product

Reproducible, maintainable and modular data science solved



What is it?

- An open-source
 Python framework
 created for data
 scientists, data
 engineers and
 machine-learning
 engineers
- It borrows concepts
 from software
 engineering and
 applies them to
 machine-learning
 code; applied
 concepts include
 modularity, separation
 of concerns and
 versioning

Why do we use it?

- Addresses the main shortcomings of Jupyter notebooks, one-off scripts, and glue-code because there is a focus on creating maintainable data science code
- Increases the efficiency of an analytics team
- We use it to build reusable code stores like how React is used to build Design Systems

Impact on MLOPs?

- Tool or Framework for Al in 2019 (Awards Al) and merit award for the Technical Documentation, is listed on the 2020 ThoughtWorks Technology Radar and the 2020 Data & Al Landscape
- Used at start-ups, major enterprises and in academia

Concepts in Kedro

Ships with a CLI and UI for visualizing data and ML pipelines

Project Template

A series of files and folders derived from Cookiecutter Data Science. Project setup consistency makes it easier for team members to collaborate with each other.

Configuration

Remove hard-coded variables from ML code so that it runs locally, in cloud or in production without major changes. Applies to data, parameters, credentials and logging.

The Catalog

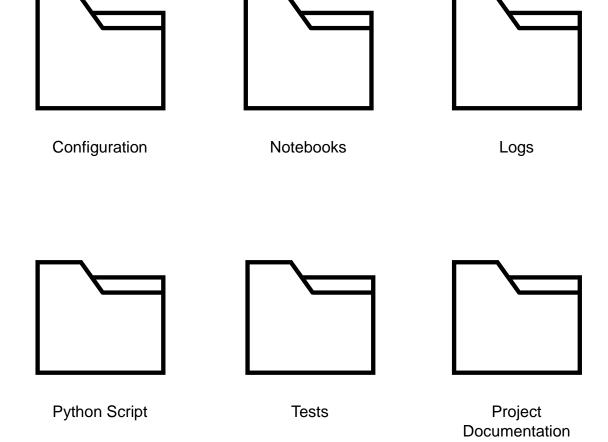
An extensible collection of data, model or image connectors, available with a YAML or Code API, that borrow arguments from Pandas, Spark API and more.

Nodes & Pipelines

A pure Python function that has an input and an output. A pipeline is a directed acyclic graph, it is a collection of nodes with defined relationships and dependencies.



Project template



What is the project template?

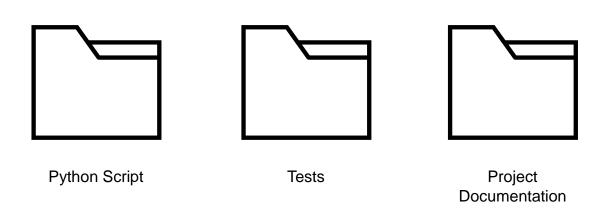
- A modifiable series of files and folders
- Built-in support for Python logging, Pytest for unit tests and Sphinx for documentation

What does the project template help you do?

- Spend time on documenting your ML approach and not on worrying how your project is structured
- You spend less time digging around in previous projects for useful code
- Makes it easier for collaborators to work with you

Configuration





What is configuration?

- "Settings" for your machine-learning code
- A way to define requirements for data, logging and parameters in different environments
- Helps keep credentials out of your code base
- Keep all parameters in one place

What does configuration help you do?

- Machine learning code that transitions from prototype to production with little effort
- Makes it possible to write generalizable and reusable analytics code that does not require significant modification to be used

The Catalog

Integrations in the Catalog

pandas	Pandas					
Spark	Spark					
DASK	Dask					
GQLAlchemy	SQLAlchemy					
NetworkX 🔟	NetworkX					
matpletlib	MatplotLib					
Google BigQuery	Google BigQuery					
Google Cloud Storage	Google Cloud Storage					
amazon REDSHIFT	AWS Redshift					
amazon S3	AWS S3					
Microsoft Azure Blob Storage	Azure Blob Storage					
Phedoop	Hadoop File System					

What is the Catalog?

- Manages the loading and saving of your data
- Available as a code or YAML API
- Versioning is available for file-based systems every time the pipeline runs
- It's extensible, and we accept new data connectors

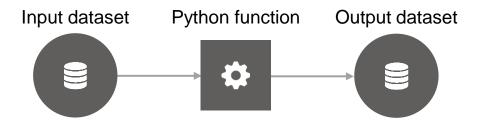
What does the Catalog help you do?

- Never write a single line of code that would read or write to a file, database or storage system
- Makes it possible to write generalizable and reusable analytics code that does not require significant modification to be used
- Access data without leaking credentials

Nodes & Pipelines

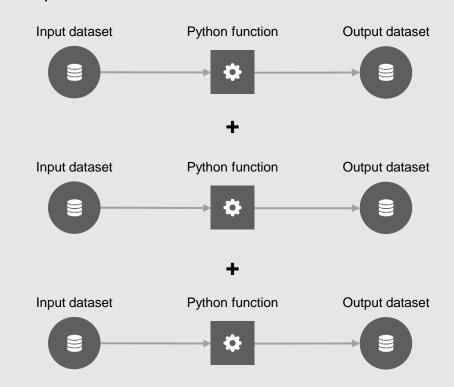
What is a node?

- A pure Python function that has an input and an output.
- Node definition supports multiple inputs for things like table joins and multiple outputs for things like producing a train/test split.



What is a pipeline?

- It is a directed acyclic graph.
- A collection of nodes with defined relationships and dependencies.



Pipeline visualization

Gives you x-ray vision into your project. You can see exactly how data flows through your pipelines. It is fully automated and focuses on your code base.

PLUGIN



Demo: quantumblacklabs.github.io/kedro-viz/

Flexible deployment

Kedro supports multiple deployment modes

Deployment modes

Kedro currently supports:

- Single-machine deployment on a production server using:
 - A container based using Kedro-Docker
 - Packaging a pipeline using kedro package
 - A CLI-based approach using the Kedro CLI
- Distributed application deployment allowing a Kedro pipeline to run on multiple computers within a network at the same time

Supporting a range of tools















Kedro is actively maintained by QuantumBlack

We are committed to growing community and making sure that our users are supported for their standard and advanced use cases.



The Kedro community is active on: https://discord.gg/7sTm3y5kKu





OUR SUPPORT CHANNELS





The Kedro community is active on:
https://github.com/quantumblacklabs/kedro/
The team and contributors actively maintain raised feature requests, bug reports and pull requests.

Where does Kedro fit in the ecosystem?

Where does Kedro fit in the ecosystem?

Kedro is the scaffolding that helps you develop a data and machine-learning pipeline that can be deployed



Philosophy of Kedro

- Kedro focuses on how you work while writing standardized, modular, maintainable and reproducible data science code and does not focus on how you would like to run it in production
- The responsibility of "What time will this pipeline run?" and "How will I know if it failed?" is left to tools called orchestrators like Apache Airflow, Kubeflow and Prefect
- Orchestrators do not focus on the process of producing something that could be deployed, which is what Kedro does

Competitive Space

Tool	Focus	Project Template	Data Catalog	DAG Workflow	DAG UI	Experiment Tracking	Data Versioning	Scheduler	Monitoring
Kedro	"Kedro is an open-source Python framework for creating reproducible, maintainable and modular data science code."	>	>	* Datacentric DAG	⊘	* Coming soon!	* Basic feature	* With integration	* With integration
⊞ ZenML	"ZenML is an extensible, open-source MLOps framework for using production-ready Machine Learning pipelines, in a simple way."			* Taskcentric DAG		Ø	•	②	
COOKIECUTTER	"A logical, reasonably standardized, but flexible project structure for doing and sharing data science work."	⊘							
ml <i>flow</i>	"MLflow is an open source platform to manage the ML lifecycle, including experimentation, reproducibility, deployment, and a central model registry."			* Basic feature		⊘	* Models		S
INTAKE	"Data catalogs provide an abstraction that allows you to externally define, and optionally share, descriptions of datasets, called catalog entries."		>						
NOW ON TO	Orchestration platforms allow users to author, schedule and monitor workflows task-centric data workflows.			* Taskcentric DAG				>	S
DC	"DVC is built to make ML models shareable and reproducible. Designed to handle data sets, machine learning models, and metrics as well as code."						•		
Pachyderm version-controlled data science	"Pachyderm is the data layer that powers your machine learning lifecycle. Automate and unify your MLOps tool chain. With automatic data versioning and data driven pipelines."			Ø	Ø		•		

What's coming next?



Current and upcoming focuses

Current focus

- Experiment tracking
- Micro-packaging workflow

Upcoming focus

- Scaling configuration
- Interactive Jupyter notebook workflow
- Deployment plugin

What is our impact to date?

Who is using Kedro?

There are Kedro users across the world, who work at start-ups, major enterprises and academic institutions

6,500+

Monthly Active Users of the Kedro Documentation

4,000+

GitHub stars

100 +

GitHub Contributors

























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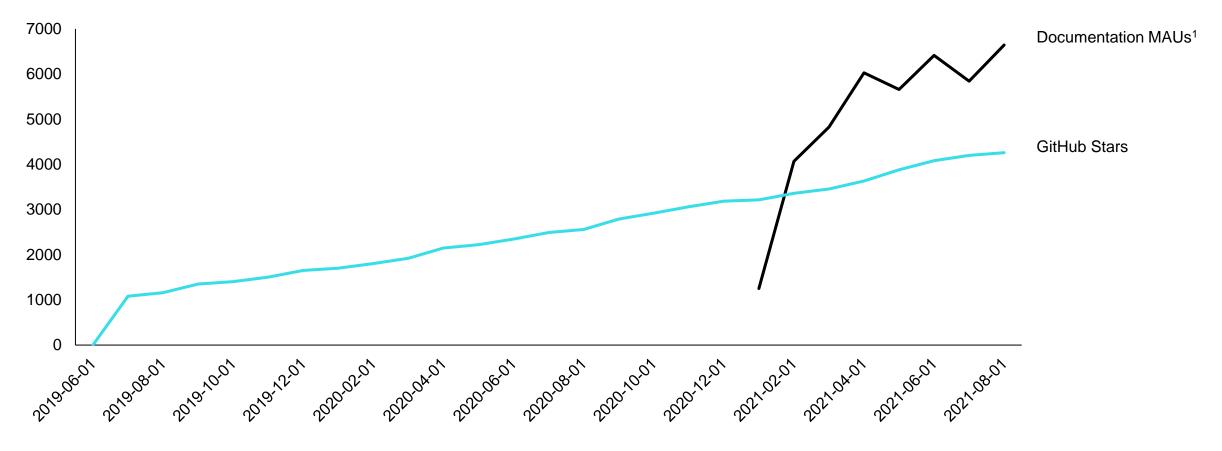






Impact tracking

Impact Tracking; count



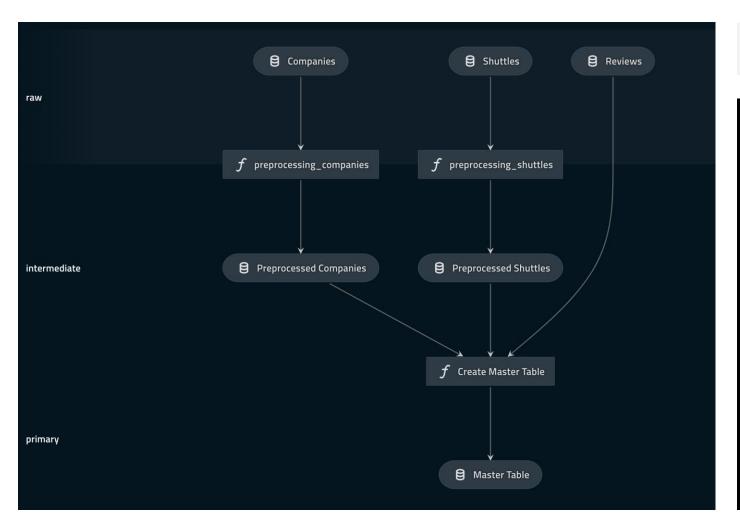
^{1.} Analytics on the Kedro documentation was implemented in December 2020

A Kedro example

An excerpt from the Spaceflight tutorial in the Kedro documentation

The Blueprint view

The Data Processing Pipeline of Kedro-Viz

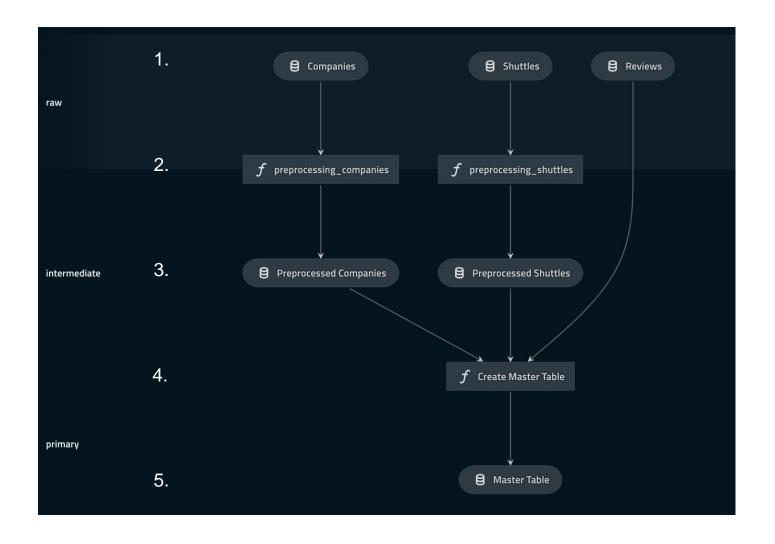


kedro viz

```
2020-10-12 13:47:00,906 - werkzeug - INFO
- * Running on http://127.0.0.1:4141/
(Press CTRL+C to quit)
2020-10-12 13:47:01,296 - werkzeug - INFO
- 127.0.0.1 - - [12/Oct/2020 13:47:01]
"GET /api/main HTTP/1.1" 200 -
2020-10-12 13:47:01,478 - werkzeug - INFO
- 127.0.0.1 - - [12/Oct/2020 13:47:01]
"GET /manifest.json HTTP/1.1" 304 -
2020-10-12 13:47:03,111 - werkzeug - INFO
- 127.0.0.1 - - [12/Oct/2020 13:47:03]
"GET /service-worker.js HTTP/1.1" 304 -
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The Blueprint view

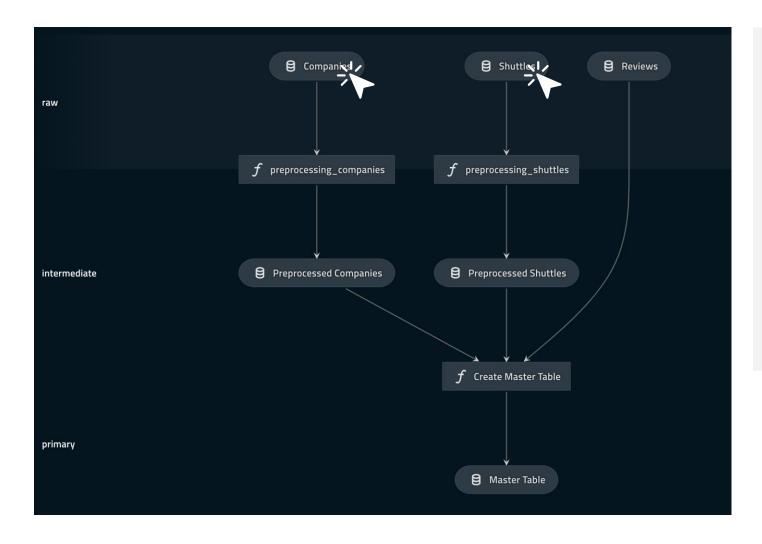
The Data Processing Pipeline of Kedro-Viz



What happens in this data pipeline?

- 1. Input three tables which have data from Companies, Space Shuttles and Customer Reviews
- 2. Pre-process the *Companies* and *Shuttles* data
- 3. Output the processed the *Companies* and *Space Shuttles* tables
- 4. Join the tables to form a master table, using the processed *Companies* and *Space*Shuttles tables and the *Reviews* table
- 5. Output a master table

Adding entries to the Catalog

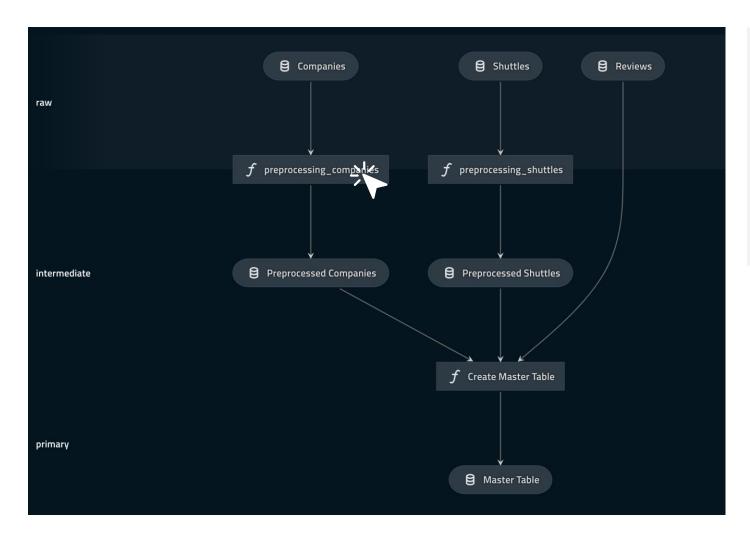


```
# catalog.yml

companies:
    type: pandas.CSVDataSet
    filepath: data/01_raw/companies.csv
    layer: raw

shuttles:
    type: pandas.ExcelDataSet
    filepath: data/01_raw/shuttles.xlsx
    layer: raw
```

Creating a node



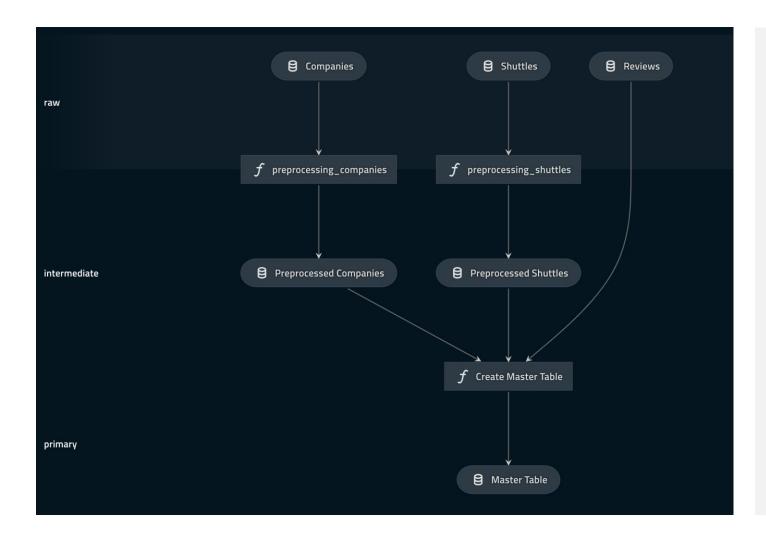
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# nodes.py

def preprocess_companies(df):

    df["company_rating"] =
    df["company_rating"].apply(_parse_percentage)

    return df
```

Creating a pipeline



```
# pipelines.py
def create_pipeline(**kwargs):
   return Pipeline([
            node (
                func=preprocess companies,
                inputs="companies",
                outputs="preprocessed companies"),
            node (
                func=preprocess shuttles,
                inputs="shuttles",
                outputs="preprocessed shuttles"),
            node (
                func=create master table,
                inputs=["preprocessed shuttles",
"preprocessed companies", "reviews"],
                outputs="master table"),
       ])
```

Running a pipeline

kedro run

```
2020-10-12 14:58:02,801 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Loading data from `shuttles` (ExcelDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:11,592 - kedro.pipeline.node - INFO - Running node: preprocessing shuttles: preprocess shuttles([shuttles]) -
> [preprocessed shuttles]
2020-10-12 14:58:11,663 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Saving data to `preprocessed shuttles` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:12,085 - kedro.runner.sequential runner - INFO - Completed 1 out of 3 tasks
2020-10-12 14:58:12,085 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Loading data from `companies` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:12,118 - kedro.pipeline.node - INFO - Running node: preprocessing companies:
2020-10-12 14:58:12,388 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Loading data from `preprocessed shuttles` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:12,489 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Loading data from `preprocessed companies` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:12,521 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Loading data from `reviews` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:12,577 - kedro.pipeline.node - INFO - Running node:
create master table([preprocessed companies, preprocessed shuttles, reviews]) -> [master table]
2020-10-12 14:58:14,530 - kedro.io.data catalog - INFO - Saving data to `master table` (CSVDataSet)...
2020-10-12 14:58:23,737 - kedro.runner.sequential runner - INFO - Completed 3 out of 3 tasks
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TAC Open Discussion



LF AI & Data - Ongoing Annual Project Reviews



Date	Project	Presenter
April 6, 2021	Egeria	Mandy Chessell (slack) - TAC recording / deck
April 6, 2021	OpenDS4all	Andre de Waal (slack) - TAC recording / deck
May 20, 2021	ONNX	Jim Spohrer (slack) - TAC recording / deck
July 15, 2021	EDL	Ti Zhou (slack) deck
July 29, 2021	Angel	Bruce Tao (slack) (confirmed) deck
July 29, 2021	Adlik	Meng Wei (slack) (confirmed) deck
Aug 12, 2021 (potentially Aug 12)	Sparklyr	Sigrid Keydana Yitao Li (slack) (confirmed) deck
Aug 12, 2021	Milvus	Jun Gu (slack) (confirmed)
Aug 26, 2021	Kendro new project into incubation	Yetunde Dada <yetunde_dada@mckinsey.com></yetunde_dada@mckinsey.com>
Sept 9, 2021	Marquez	Julien le Dem (slack) (confirmed)
Sept 9, 2021	Acumos	Amit Kumar (slack) (tentative)
Sept 23, 2021	NNStreamer	MyungJoo Ham (slack) (confirmed)
Sept 23, 2021	ForestFlow	Ahmad Alkilani (slack) (confirmed)
Oct 7, 2021	Ludwig	Piero Molino (slack) (confirmed)
Oct 7, 2021	Amundsen	Mark Grover (slack) (confirmed)
Oct 21, 2021	Al Fairness 360	Animesh Singh (to be asked)
Oct 21, 2021	Al Explainability 360	Animesh Singh (to be asked)
Oct 21, 2021	Adversarial Robustness Toolbox	Animesh Singh (to be asked)
Nov 4, 2021	Horovod	Travis Addair (to be asked)
Nov 4, 2021	FEAST	Willem Pienaar (to be asked)
Nov 18, 2021	SOAJS	Antoine Hage (to be asked)
Nov 18, 2021	Delta	Kun Han (to be asked)
Dec 2, 2021	DataPractices.org	Patrick McGarry (to be asked)
Dec 2, 2021	JanusGraph	Jason Plurad (to be asked)
Dec 16, 2021	Pyro	Fritz Obermeyer (to be asked)
Jan 6, 2021	Datashim	Yiannis Gkoufas (to be asked)
Jan 6, 2022	Flyte	Ketan Umare (to be asked)
Jan 20, 2022	RosaeNLG	Ludan Stoeckle (to be asked)
Jan 20, 2022	SubstraFramework	Camille Marini (to be asked)
	Machine Learning Exchange	Animesh Singh (to be asked)
	VulcanKompute	Alejandro Saucedo (to be asked)
	OpenLineage	Julien le Dem (to be asked)
	MARS	Chris Qin (to be asked)

<u>Schedule:</u> https://wiki.lfaidata.foundation/pages/editpage.action?pageId=43286684



LF AI & Data - New Updates

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Upcoming TAC Meetings

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Upcoming TAC Meetings (Tentative)

- Sept 9: Marquez Annual Project review; Acumos Annual project review; LF Outreach Committee update and review
- > Sept 23: NNStreamer Annual Project review; ForestFlow Annual project review

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TAC Meeting Details

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