

Experiments

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Experiments with MLflow

Machine Learning requires experimenting with a wide range of datasets, data preparation steps, and algorithms to build a model that maximizes a target metric. Once you have built a model, you also need to deploy it to a production system, monitor its performance, and continuously retrain it on new data and compare it with alternative models.

Cloudera AI lets you train, reuse, and deploy models with any library, and package them into reproducible artifacts that other data scientists can use.

Cloudera AI packages the ML models in a reusable, reproducible form so you can share them with other data scientists or transfer them to production.

Cloudera AI is compatible with the MLflow™ tracking API and uses the MLflow client library as the default method to log experiments.

The functionality described in this document is for the new version of the Experiments feature, which replaces an older version that could not be used from within Sessions. In Projects that have existing Experiments created using the previous feature, you can continue to view these existing Experiments. New projects use the new Experiments feature.

MLflow has been integrated into Cloudera AI through the development of a native plugin. This plugin acts as an interface between Cloudera API V2 and the MLflow SDK.

Cloudera AI Experiment Tracking through MLflow API

Cloudera AI's experiment tracking features allow you to use the MLflow client library for logging parameters, code versions, metrics, and output files when running your machine learning code. The MLflow library is available in Cloudera AI Sessions without you having to install it. Cloudera AI also provides a UI for later visualizing the results. MLflow tracking lets you log and query experiments using the following logging functions:



Note: Cloudera AI currently supports only Python for experiment tracking.

The version of MLflow available in Cloudera AI is 2.19.0.

- `mlflow.create_experiment()` creates a new experiment and returns its ID. Runs can be launched under the experiment by passing the experiment ID to `mlflow.start_run`.

Cloudera recommends that you create an experiment to organize your runs. You can also create experiments using the UI.

- `mlflow.set_experiment()` sets an experiment as active. If the experiment does not exist, `mlflow.set_experiment` creates a new experiment. If you do not wish to use the `set_experiment` method, a default experiment is selected.

Cloudera recommends that you set the experiment using `mlflow.set_experiment`.

- `mlflow.start_run()` returns the currently active run (if one exists), or starts a new run and returns a `mlflow.ActiveRun` object usable as a context manager for the current run. You do not need to call `start_run` explicitly; calling one of the logging functions with no active run automatically starts a new one.
- `mlflow.end_run()` ends the currently active run, if any, taking an optional run status.
- `mlflow.active_run()` returns a `mlflow.entities.Run` object corresponding to the currently active run, if any.



Note: You cannot access currently-active run attributes (parameters, metrics, etc.) through the run returned by `mlflow.active_run`. In order to access such attributes, use the `mlflow.tracking.MlflowClient` as follows:

```
client = mlflow.tracking.MlflowClient()
data = client.get_run(mlflow.active_run().info.run_id).data
```

- `mlflow.log_param()` logs a single key-value parameter in the currently active run. The key and value are both strings. Use `mlflow.log_params()` to log multiple parameters at once.

- `mlflow.log_metric()` logs a single key-value metric for the current run. The value must always be a number. MLflow remembers the history of values for each metric. Use `mlflow.log_metrics()` to log multiple metrics at once.

Parameters:

- `key` - Metric name (string)
- `value` - Metric value (float). Note that some special values such as +/- Infinity may be replaced by other values depending on the store. For example, the SQLAlchemy store replaces +/- Infinity with max / min float values.
- `step` - Metric step (int). Defaults to zero if unspecified.

Syntax - `mlflow.log_metrics(metrics: Dict[str, float], step: Optional[int] = None) # None`

- `mlflow.set_tag()` sets a single key-value tag in the currently active run. The key and value are both strings. Use `mlflow.set_tags()` to set multiple tags at once.
- `mlflow.log_artifact()` logs a local file or directory as an artifact, optionally taking an `artifact_path` to place it within the run's artifact URI. Run artifacts can be organized into directories, so you can place the artifact in a directory this way.
- `mlflow.get_artifact_uri()` returns the URI that artifacts from the current run should be logged to.
- `mlflow.log_input()` logs a single `mlflow.data.dataset.Dataset` object corresponding to the currently active run. You may also log a dataset context string and a dict of key-value tags.
- `mlflow.log_artifacts()` logs all the files in a given directory as artifacts, again taking an optional `artifact_path`.
 - The artifacts are stored in the project file system and can be viewed from the experiment run page. For more information, see [Running an Experiment using MLFlow](#).

For more information on MLflow API commands used for tracking, see [MLflow Tracking](#).

MLflow also supports registering models to Cloudera AI registry using the following MLflow Model registry API.



Note: For this API to work, ensure that the model registry service is running.

- To register a model using MLflow SDK, specify the `registered_model_name` and assign a value:

```
mlflow.<model_flavor>.log_model()
```

For example:

```
mlflow.sklearn.log_model(lr, "model", registered_model_name="ElasticnetWineModel")
```

The code above will register a model named `ElasticnetWineModel` into the Model Registry and automatically create a version. If you run the Python code again with the same model name, it will create an additional version for that model.

For more information about Cloudera AI Registry, see [Setting up Cloudera AI Registry](#).



Note: Currently, MLflow tracing API is not supported.

Running an Experiment using MLflow

This topic walks you through a simple example to help you get started with Experiments in Cloudera AI.

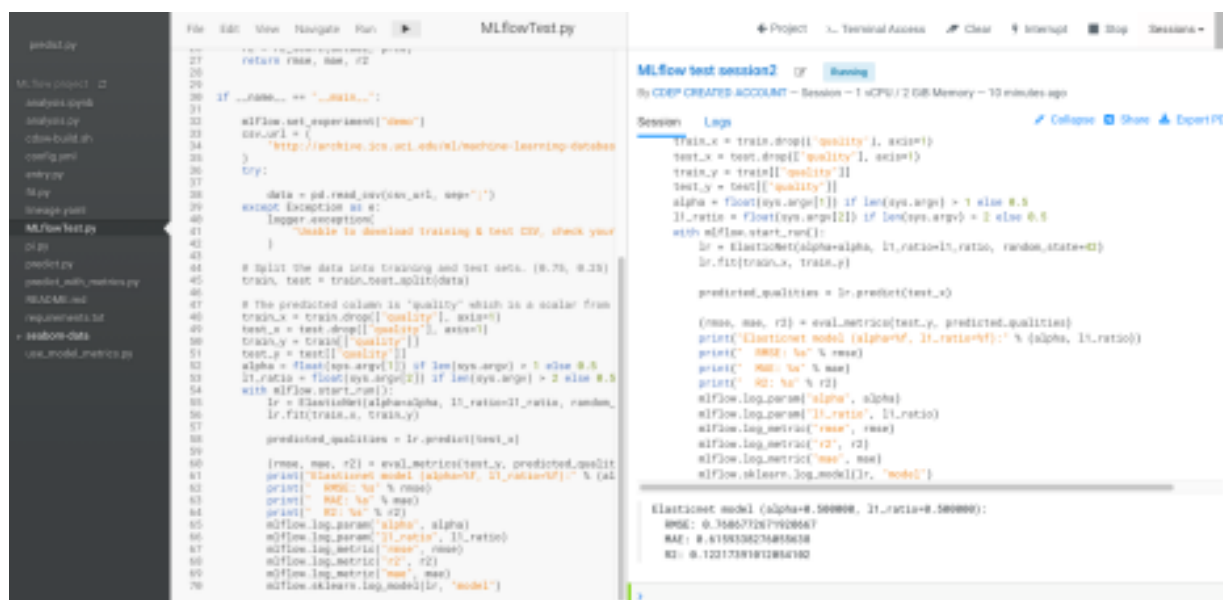
Best practice: It is useful to display two windows while creating runs for your experiments: one window displays the Experiments tab and another displays the MLflow Session.

1. From your Project window, click New Experiment and create a new experiment. Keep this window open to return to after you run your new session.

- From your Project window, click New Session.
- Create a new session using ML Runtimes. Experiment runs cannot be created from sessions using Legacy Engine.
- In your Session window, import MLflow by running the following code: import mlflow The ML Flow client library is installed by default, but you must import it for each session.
- Start a run and then specify the MLflow parameters, metrics, models and artifacts to be logged. You can enter the code in the command prompt or create a project. See *Cloudera AI Experiment Tracking through MLflow API* for a list of functions you can use.

For example:

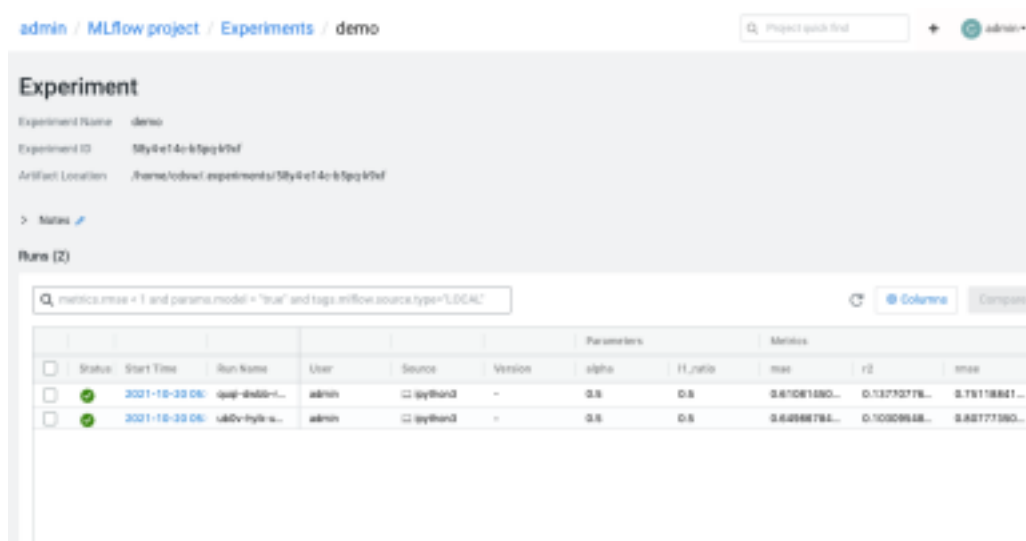
```
mlflow.set_experiment(<experiment_name>)
mlflow.start_run()
mlflow.log_param("input", 5)
mlflow.log_metric("score", 100)
with open("data/features.txt", 'w') as f:
    f.write(features)
# Writes all files in "data" to root artifact_uri/states
mlflow.log_artifacts("data", artifact_path="states")
## Artifacts are stored in project directory under
/home/cdsw/.experiments/<experiment_id>/<run_id>/artifacts
mlflow.end_run()<
```



For information on using editors, see [Using Editors for ML Runtimes](#).

- Continue creating runs and tracking parameters, metrics, models, and artifacts as needed.

7. To view your run information, display the Experiments window and select your experiment name. Cloudera AI displays the Runs table.



- Click the Refresh button on the Experiments window to display recently created runs
- You can customize the Run table by clicking Columns, and selecting the columns you want to display.

All artifacts generated in an MLflow experiment run are stored in the project filesystem under the hidden folder: `.experiments/<experiment_id>/<runID>`. To view these artifacts, you can either visit the Artifacts section of that particular experiment run page or navigate directly to the folder.

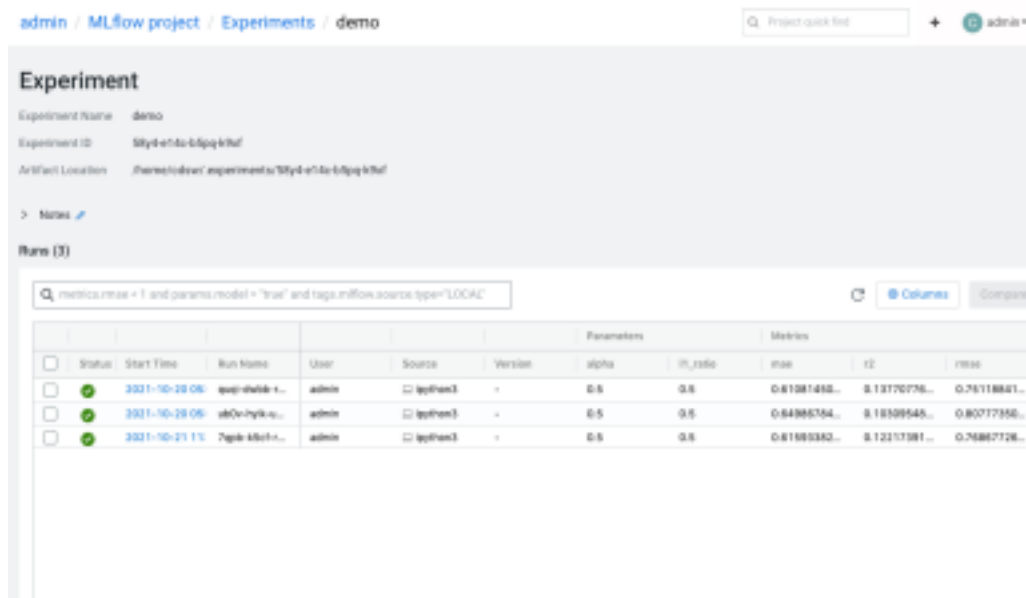
Related Information

Using Editors for ML Runtimes

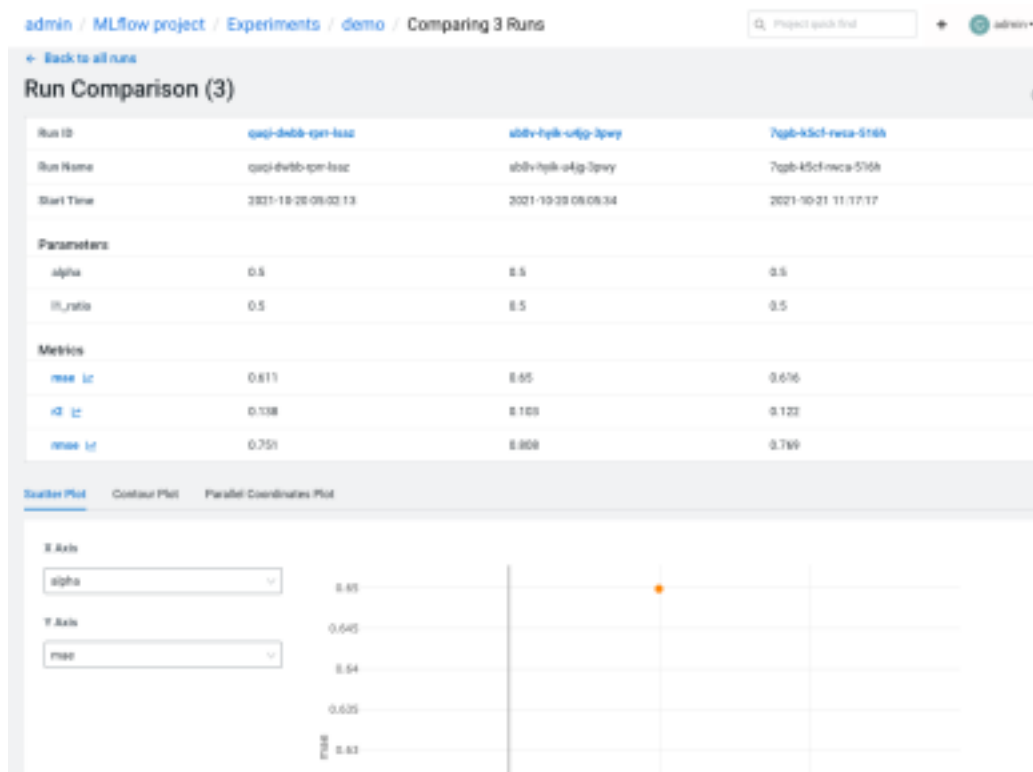
Visualizing Experiment Results

After you create multiple runs, you can compare your results.

1. Go to Experiments and click on your experiment name. Cloudera AI displays the Runs table populated by all of the runs for the experiment.



- You can search your run information by using the search field at the top of the Run table.
- You can customize the Run table by clicking Columns, and selecting the columns you want to display.
- You can display details for a specific run by clicking the start time for the run in the Run table. You can add notes for the run by clicking the Notes icon. You can display the run metrics in a chart format by clicking the specific metric under Metrics.
- To compare the data from multiple runs, use the checkbox in the Run table to select the runs you want to compare. You can use the top checkbox to select all runs in the table. Alternatively, you can select runs using the spacebar and arrow keys.
- Click Compare. Alternatively, you can press Cmd/Ctrl + Enter. Cloudera AI displays a separate window containing a table titled Run Comparison and options for comparing your parameters and metrics.



This Run Comparison table lists all of the parameters and the most recent metric information from the runs you selected. Parameters that have changed are highlighted

- You can graphically display the Run metric data by clicking the metric names in the Metrics section. If you have a single value for your metrics, it will display as a bar chart. If your run has multiple values, the metrics comparison page displays the information with multiple steps, for example, over time. You can choose how the data is displayed:
 - Time (Relative): graphs the time relative to the first metric logged, for each run.
 - Time (Wall): graphs the absolute time each metric was logged.
 - Step: graphs the values based on the cardinal order.
- Below the Run Comparison table, you can choose how the Run information is displayed:
 - Scatter Plot: Use the scatter plot to see patterns, outliers, and anomalies.
 - Contour Plot: Contour plots can only be rendered when comparing a group of runs with three or more unique metrics or parameters. Log more metrics or parameters to your runs to visualize them using the contour plot.
 - Parallel Coordinates Plot: Choose the parameters and metrics you want displayed in the plot.

Using an MLflow Model Artifact in a Model REST API

You can use MLflow to create, deploy, and manage models as REST APIs to serve predictions

1. To create an MLflow model add the following information when you run an experiment:

```
mlflow.log_artifacts ("output")
mlflow.sklearn.log_model(lr, "model")
```

For example:

```
# The data set used in this example is from http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/
# datasets/Wine+Quality
# P. Cortez, A. Cerdeira, F. Almeida, T. Matos and J. Reis.
# Modeling wine preferences by data mining from physicochemical properti
# es. In Decision Support Systems, Elsevier, 47(4):547-553, 2009.
import os
import warnings
import sys

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_sc
    ore
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import ElasticNet
from urllib.parse import urlparse
import mlflow
from mlflow.models import infer_signature
import mlflow.sklearn

import logging

logging.basicConfig(level=logging.WARN)
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def eval_metrics(actual, pred):
    rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(actual, pred))
    mae = mean_absolute_error(actual, pred)
    r2 = r2_score(actual, pred)
    return rmse, mae, r2

if __name__ == "__main__":
    warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
    np.random.seed(40)

    # Read the wine-quality csv file from the URL
    csv_url = (
        "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mlflow/mlflow/master/tests/da
    tasetsets/winequality-red.csv"
    )
    try:
        data = pd.read_csv(csv_url, sep=";")
    except Exception as e:
        logger.exception(
            "Unable to download training & test CSV, check your internet
        connection. Error: %s", e
        )

    # Split the data into training and test sets. (0.75, 0.25) split.
```

```

train, test = train_test_split(data)

# The predicted column is "quality" which is a scalar from [3, 9]
train_x = train.drop(["quality"], axis=1)
test_x = test.drop(["quality"], axis=1)
train_y = train[["quality"]]
test_y = test[["quality"]]

alpha = 0.5
l1_ratio = 0.5

with mlflow.start_run():
    lr = ElasticNet(alpha=alpha, l1_ratio=l1_ratio, random_state=42)
    lr.fit(train_x, train_y)

    predicted_qualities = lr.predict(test_x)

    (rmse, mae, r2) = eval_metrics(test_y, predicted_qualities)

    print("Elasticnet model (alpha={:f}, l1_ratio={:f}):".format(alpha, l1_ratio))
    print("  RMSE: %s" % rmse)
    print("  MAE: %s" % mae)
    print("  R2: %s" % r2)

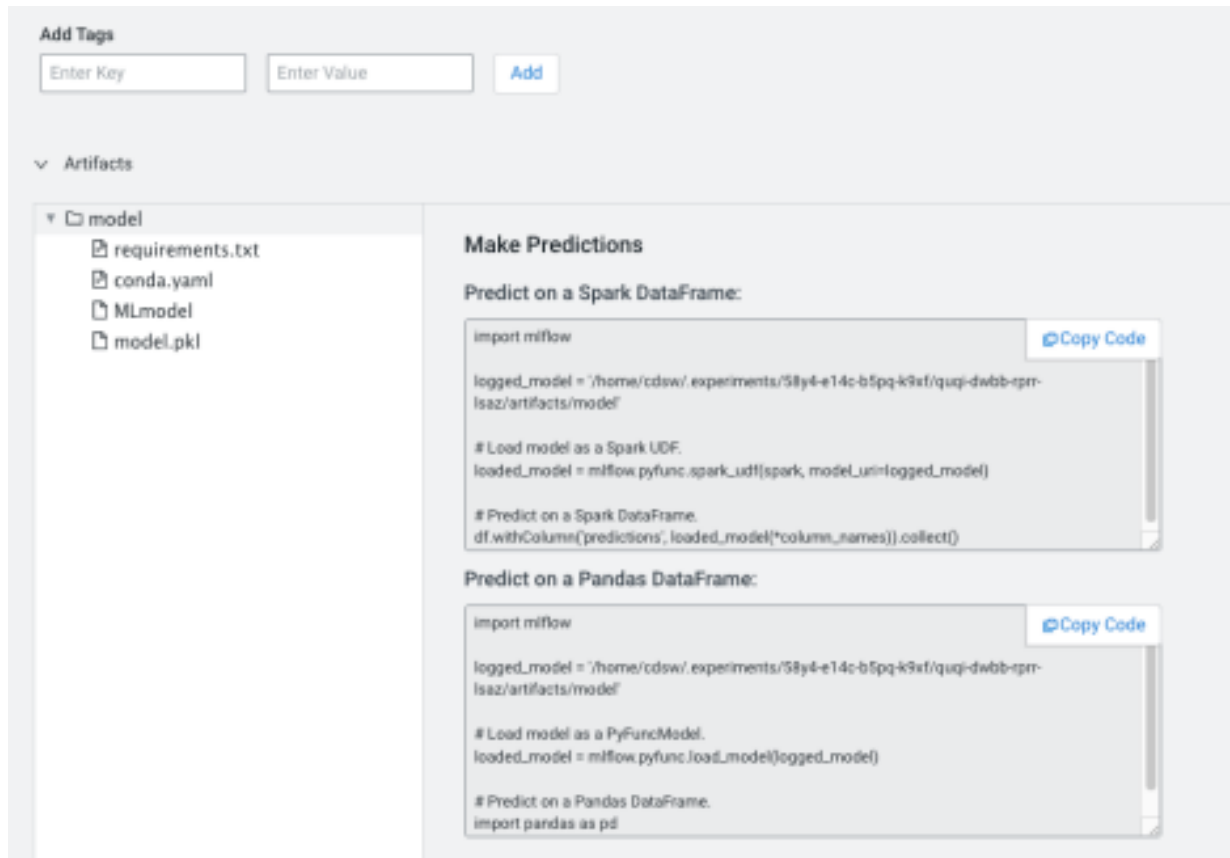
    mlflow.log_param("alpha", alpha)
    mlflow.log_param("l1_ratio", l1_ratio)
    mlflow.log_metric("rmse", rmse)
    mlflow.log_metric("r2", r2)
    mlflow.log_metric("mae", mae)
    predictions = lr.predict(train_x)
    signature = infer_signature(train_x, predictions)
    mlflow.sklearn.log_model(lr, "model", signature=signature, registered_model_name="testmodel")

```

In this example we are training a machine learning model using linear regression to predict wine quality. This script creates the MLflow model artifact and logs it to the model directory: `/home/cdsdw/.experiments/<experiment_id>/<run_id>/artifacts/models`

2. To view the model, navigate to the Experiments page and select your experiment name. Cloudera AI displays the Runs page and lists all of your current runs.
3. Click the run from step 1 that created the MLflow model. Cloudera AI displays the Runs detail page

- Click Artifacts to display a list of all the logged artifacts for the run.



- Click model. Cloudera AI displays the MLflow information you use to create predictions for your experiment.

Deploying an MLflow model as a Cloudera AI Model REST API

In the future, you will be able to register models to a Cloudera AI Registry and then deploy Model REST APIs with those models. Today, these models can be deployed using the following manual process instead

- Navigate to your project. Note that models are always created within the context of a project.
- Click Open Workbench and launch a new Python 3 session.
- Create a new file within the project if one does not already exist: `cdsw-build.sh`. This file defines the function that will be called when the model is run and will contain the MLflow prediction information.
- Add the following information to the `cdsw-build.sh` file: `pip3 install sklearn mlflow pandas`
- For non-Python template projects and old projects check the following.
 - Check to make sure you have a `.gitignore` file. If you do not have the file, add it.
 - Add the following information to the `.gitignore` file: `!.experiments`

For new projects using a Python template, this is already present.

- Create a Python file to call your model artifact using a Python function. For example:
 - Filename: `mlpredict.py`
 - Function: `predict`

7. Copy the MLflow model file path from the Make Predictions pane in the Artifacts section of the Experiments/Run details page and load it in the Python file. This creates a Python function which accepts a dictionary of the input variables and converts these to a Pandas data frame, and returns the model prediction. For example:

```
import mlflow
import pandas as pd
logged_model =
    '/home/cdsw/.experiments/7qwz-l620-d7v6-1922/glma-oqxb-szc7-c8hf/a
rtifacts/model'
def predict(args):
    # Load model as a PyFuncModel.
    data = args.get('input')
    loaded_model = mlflow.pyfunc.load_model(logged_model)
    # Predict on a Pandas DataFrame.
    return loaded_model.predict(pd.DataFrame(data))
```



Note: In practice, do not assume that users calling the model will provide input in the correct format or enter good values. Always perform input validation.

8. Deploy the predict function to a REST endpoint.
 - a. Go to the project Overview page
 - b. Click Models New Model .
 - c. Give the model a Name and Description
 - d. Enter details about the model that you want to build. In this case:
 - File: mlpredict.py
 - Function: predict
 - Example Input:

```
{
  "input": [
    [7.4, 0.7, 0, 1.9, 0.076, 11, 34, 0.9978,
     3.51, 0.56, 9.4]
  ]
}
```

- Example output:

```
[
  5.575822297312952
]
```

]

File *

mlpredict.py

Function *

predict

Example Input ⓘ

```
{"input": [[7.4, 0.7, 0.1, 9.0, 0.076, 11, 34, 0.9978, 3.51, 0.56, 9.4]]}
```

Example Output ⓘ

```
[
  5.575822297312952
]
```

Runtime

- e. Select the resources needed to run this model, including any replicas for load balancing.



Note: The list of options here is specific to the default engine you have specified in your Project Settings: ML Runtimes or Legacy Engines. Engines allow kernel selection, while ML Runtimes allow Editor, Kernel, Variant, and Version selection. Resource Profile list is applicable for both ML Runtimes and Legacy Engines.

- f. Click Deploy Model.
9. Click on the model to go to its Overview page.
10. Click Builds to track realtime progress as the model is built and deployed. This process essentially creates a Docker container where the model will live and serve requests.

Add Two Numbers Building Stop Deploy New Build

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Build	Status	File	Function	Kernel	Engine Image	Created By	Created At	Comment	Actions
1	Building	add_numbers.py	add	python3	Base Image v8	ambreen	Jun 5, 2018, 5:44 PM	Initial revision.	Delete

Sending build context to Docker daemon 15.05 MB

```
Step 1/16 : FROM docker.repository.cloudera.com/cdsw/engine:~
--> f8955778daa1
Step 2/16 : ENTRYPOINT node /app/model-runtime/model-server.js
--> Running in 58038f1e58d5
```

11. Once the model has been deployed, go back to the model Overview page and use the Test Model widget to make sure the model works as expected. If you entered example input when creating the model, the Input field will be pre-populated with those values.

12. Click Test. The result returned includes the output response from the model, as well as the ID of the replica that served the request.

Model response times depend largely on your model code. That is, how long it takes the model function to perform the computation needed to return a prediction. It is worth noting that model replicas can only process one request at a time. Concurrent requests will be queued until the model can process them.

13. If you want to register the model to Cloudera AI Registry, see *Registering a model using MLflow SDK*.

1.0 and 2.0 scoring API differences

The format for calling the model has changed between MLflow versions 1.0 and 2.0.

The MLflow Model scoring protocol has changed in MLflow version 2.0. If you are seeing an error, you are likely using an outdated scoring request format. To resolve the error, either update your request format or adjust your MLflow Model's requirements file to specify an older version of MLflow (for example, change the 'mlflow' requirement specifier to `mlflow==1.30.0`). If you are making a request using the MLflow client (for example, using `mlflow.pyfunc.spark_udf()`), upgrade your MLflow client to a version `>= 2.0` in order to use the new request format.

For more information about the updated MLflow Model scoring protocol in MLflow 2.0, see *MLflow Models*.

Related Information

[MLflow Models](#)

[Registering a model using MLflow SDK](#)

Automatic Logging

Automatic logging allows you to log metrics, parameters, and models without the need for an explicit log statement.

You can perform autologging two ways:

1. Call `mlflow.autolog()` before your training code. This will enable autologging for each supported library you have installed as soon as you import it.
2. Use library-specific autolog calls for each library you use in your code. See below for examples.

For more information about the libraries supported by autologging, see [Automatic Logging](#).

Setting Permissions for an Experiment

Experiments are associated with the project ID, so permissions are inherited from the project. If you want to allow a colleague to view the experiments of a project, you should give them Viewer (or higher) access to the project.

MLflow transformers

This is an example of how MLflow transformers can be supported in Cloudera AI.



Note: This is an experimental feature.

This example shows how to implement a translation workflow using a translation model.

1. Save the following as a file, for example, named `mlflowtest.py`.

```
#!/pip3 install torch transformers torchvision tensorflow
```

```
import mlflow
from mlflow.models import infer_signature
from mlflow.transformers import generate_signature_output
from transformers import pipeline

en_to_de = pipeline("translation_en_to_de")

data = "MLflow is great!"
output = generate_signature_output(en_to_de, data)
#signature = infer_signature(data, output)

with mlflow.start_run() as run:
    mlflow.transformers.log_model(
        transformers_model=en_to_de,
        artifact_path="english_to_german_translator",
        input_example=data,
        registered_model_name="entodetranslator",
    )

model_uri = f"runs:{run.info.run_id}/english_to_german_translator"
loaded = mlflow.pyfunc.load_model(model_uri)

print(loaded.predict(data))
```

2. In the Cloudera AI Registry page, find the entodetranslator model. Deploy the model.
3. Make a request using the following payload:

```
{
  "dataframe_split": {
    "columns": [
      "data"
    ],
    "data": [
      [
        "MLflow is great!"
      ]
    ]
  }
}
```

4. In a session, run the mlflowtest.py file. It should print the following output.

```
print(loaded.predict(data))
['MLflow ist großartig!']
```



Note: For more information, see [mlflow.transformers](#).

Evaluating LLM with MLflow

Cloudera AI's experiment tracking features allow you to use MLflow APIs for LLMs evaluation. MLflow provides an API `mlflow.evaluate()` to help evaluate your LLMs. LLMs can generate text in various fields, such as answering questions, translation, and text summarization.

MLflow's LLM evaluation functionality consists of three main components:

- A model to evaluate: it can be an MLflow pyfunc model, a URI pointing to one registered MLflow model, or any Python callable that represents your model. For example: a HuggingFace text summarization pipeline.

- Metrics: Two types of LLM evaluation metrics, that is, Heuristic-based metrics and LLM-as-a-Judge metrics is available in MLflow. More information about these metrics is discussed in detail later in this topic.
- Evaluation data: the data your model is evaluated at, can be a pandas Dataframe, a python list, a numpy array or an `mlflow.data.dataset.Dataset()` instance.

LLM Evaluation Metrics

There are two types of LLM evaluation metrics in MLflow:

- Heuristic-based metrics: These metrics calculate a score for each data record (row in terms of Pandas/Spark dataframe), based on certain functions, such as Rouge (`rougeL()`), Flesch Kincaid (`flesch_kincaid_grade_level()`) or Bilingual Evaluation Understudy (BLEU) (`bleu()`). These metrics are similar to traditional continuous value metrics. For the list of built-in heuristic metrics and how to define a custom metric with your own function definition, see the [Heuristic-based Metrics](#) section.

For more information on using heuristic-based metrics and an example of how to use mlflow to evaluate an LLM using heuristic-based metrics, see [Using Heuristic-based metrics](#).

- LLM-as-a-Judge metrics: LLM-as-a-Judge is a new type of metric that uses LLMs to score the quality of model outputs. It overcomes the limitations of heuristic-based metrics, which often miss nuances like context and semantic accuracy. LLM-as-a-Judge metrics provide a more human-like evaluation for complex language tasks while being more scalable and cost-effective than human evaluation. MLflow provides various built-in LLM-as-a-Judge metrics and supports creating custom metrics with your own prompt, grading criteria, and reference examples. See the [LLM-as-a-Judge Metrics](#) section for more details.

For more information on using LLM-as-a-Judge metrics and an example of how to use mlflow to evaluate an LLM using LLM-as-a-Judge metrics, see [Using LLM-as-a-Judge Metrics](#).

Using Heuristic-based metrics

The Heuristic-based metrics evaluate text or data using various heuristic metrics, such as, Rouge, Flesch-Kincaid, and BLEU. Below is a simple example of how MLflow LLM evaluation works.

Before you begin

You need to install the following dependencies before running the sample code:

- `OpenAI`
- `torch`
- `transformers`
- `textstat`
- `evaluate`
- `nlTK`
- `rouge-score`
- `tiktoken`
- `tenacity`
- `scikit-learn`
- `flask`
- `toxicity`

If you are prompted for other missing dependencies, you can install them. For information about the download location, see [MLflow documentation](#).

The following example builds a simple question-answering model by wrapping `openai/gpt-4` with the custom prompt:

```
export OPENAI_API_KEY='your-api-key-here'

import mlflow
import openai
```



```

import os
import json
import pandas as pd
from getpass import getpass

eval_data = pd.DataFrame(
    {
        "inputs": [
            "What is MLflow?",
            "What is Spark?",
        ],
        "ground_truth": [
            "MLflow is an open-source platform for managing the end-to-end machine learning (ML) lifecycle. It was developed by Databricks, a company that specializes in big data and machine learning solutions. MLflow is designed to address the challenges that data scientists and machine learning engineers face when developing, training, and deploying machine learning models.",
            "Apache Spark is an open-source, distributed computing system designed for big data processing and analytics. It was developed in response to limitations of the Hadoop MapReduce computing model, offering improvements in speed and ease of use. Spark provides libraries for various tasks such as data ingestion, processing, and analysis through its components like Spark SQL for structured data, Spark Streaming for real-time data processing, and MLlib for machine learning tasks",
        ],
    }
)

with mlflow.start_run() as run:
    system_prompt = "Answer the following question in two sentences"
    # Wrap "gpt-4" as an MLflow model.
    logged_model_info = mlflow.openai.log_model(
        model="gpt-4",
        task=openai.chat.completions,
        artifact_path="model",
        messages=[
            {"role": "system", "content": system_prompt},
            {"role": "user", "content": "{question}"},
        ],
    )

    # Use predefined question-answering metrics to evaluate our model.
    results = mlflow.evaluate(
        logged_model_info.model_uri,
        eval_data,
        targets="ground_truth",
        model_type="question-answering",
    )
    metrics_json = json.dumps(results.metrics, indent=4)
    print(f"See aggregated evaluation results below: \n{metrics_json}")

    # Evaluation result for each data record is available in `results.tables`.
    eval_table = results.tables["eval_results_table"]

```

```
print(f"See evaluation table below: \n{eval_table}")
```

The output would be something similar to the following:

```
See aggregated evaluation results below:
{
  "flesch_kincaid_grade_level/v1/mean": 14.3,
  "flesch_kincaid_grade_level/v1/variance": 0.0100000000000000106,
  "flesch_kincaid_grade_level/v1/p90": 14.38,
  "ari_grade_level/v1/mean": 17.95,
  "ari_grade_level/v1/variance": 0.5625,
  "ari_grade_level/v1/p90": 18.55,
  "exact_match/v1": 0.0
}

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See evaluation table below:
      inputs                                     ground_truth \
0  What is MLflow?  MLflow is an open-source platform for managing...
1  What is Spark?  Apache Spark is an open-source, distributed co...
                                outputs token_count \
0  MLflow is an open-source platform developed by...                42
1  Spark is an open-source distributed general-pu...                31
flesch_kincaid_grade_level/v1/score  ari_grade_level/v1/score
0                                12.1                17.2
1                                13.7                18.5
```

Using LLM-as-a-Judge metrics

LLM-as-a-Judge is a new type of metric that uses LLMs to score the quality of model outputs, providing a more human-like evaluation for complex language tasks while being more scalable and cost-effective than human evaluation.

MLflow supports several built-in LLM-as-a-judge metrics, as well as allowing you to create your own LLM-as-a-judge metrics with custom configurations and prompts.

Built-in LLM-as-a-Judge metrics

To use built-in LLM-as-a-Judge metrics in MLflow, pass the list of metrics definitions to the `extra_metrics` argument in the `mlflow.evaluate()` function.

The following example uses the built-in answer correctness metric for evaluation, in addition to the latency metric (heuristic):

```
import mlflow
import os
os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = "<your-openai-api-key>"
answer_correctness = mlflow.metrics.genai.answer_correctness(model="openai:/gpt-4o")

# Test the metric definition
answer_correctness(
    inputs="What is MLflow?",
    predictions="MLflow is an innovative full self-driving airship.",
    targets="MLflow is an open-source platform for managing the end-to-end M
L lifecycle.",
)
```

The output would be something similar to the following:

```
MetricValue(scores=[1],
justifications=['The output is completely incorrect as it describes MLflow as a "full self-driving airship," which is entirely different from the provided target that states MLflow is an open-source platform for managing the end-to-end ML lifecycle. There is no semantic similarity or factual correctness in the output compared to the target.'],
aggregate_results={'mean': 1.0, 'variance': 0.0, 'p90': 1.0})
```

Here is the list of built-in LLM-as-a-Judge metrics. Click on the link to see the full documentation for each metric:

- [answer_similarity\(\)](#): Evaluate how similar a model's generated output or predictions is compared to a set of reference (ground truth) data.
- [answer_correctness\(\)](#): Evaluate how factually correct a model's generated output is based on the information within the ground truth data.
- [answer_relevance\(\)](#): Evaluate how relevant the model generated output is to the input (context is ignored).
- [relevance\(\)](#): Evaluate how relevant the model generated output is with respect to both the input and the context.
- [faithfulness\(\)](#): Evaluate how faithful the model generated output is based on the context provided.

For more information about MLflow Evaluation, see [MLflow documentation](#).

Known issues and limitations

Cloudera AI has the following known issues and limitations with experiments and MLflow.

- Cloudera AI currently supports only Python for experiment tracking.
- Experiment runs cannot be created from MLflow on sessions using Legacy Engine. Instead, create a session using an ML Runtime.
- Browsing an empty experiment will display a spinner that does not go away.
- Running an experiment from the workbench (from the dropdown menu) refers to legacy experiments and should not be used going forward.
- Tag/Metrics/Parameter columns that were previously hidden on the runs table will be remembered, but Cloudera AI won't remember hiding any of the other columns (date, version, user, etc.)
- Admins can not browse all experiments. They can only see their experiments on the global Experiment page.
- Performance issues may arise when browsing the run details of a run with a lot of metric results, or when comparing a lot of runs.
- Runs can not be deleted or archived.
- Current MLflow implementation does not support [MLflow trace APIs](#).