



COMMUNITY DAY

Avoiding Common Pitfalls with Hosting Machine Learning Models

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Who Am I?

Applied scientist with academic background

Realized that a “full ML stack” understanding required for maximum impact

Beware the data science pin
factory: The power of the full-
stack data science generalist and
the perils of division of labor
through function

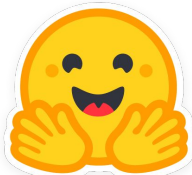


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Explosion of Open Source Models

There has never been a better moment to build with machine learning



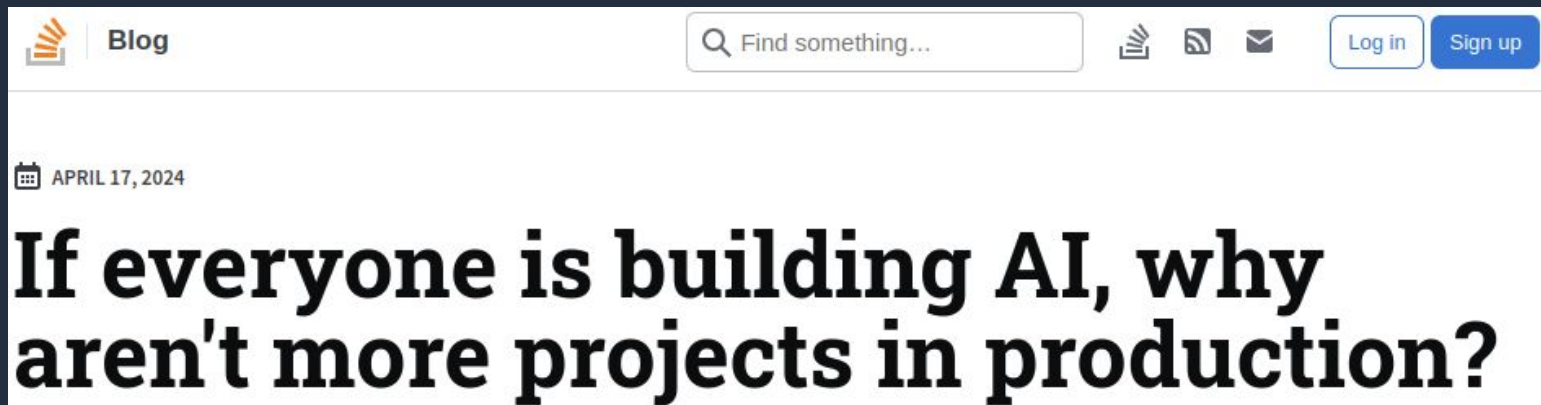
Hugging Face

Models 608,679 new Full-text search Sort: Most downloads

MIT/ast-finetuned-audioset-10-10-0.4593 Audio Classification • Updated Sep 6, 2023 • 105M • 126	openai/clip-vit-large-patch14 Zero-Shot Image Classification • Updated Sep 15, 2023 • 62.7M • 1.1k
jonatasmrosman/wav2vec2-large-xlsr-53-english Automatic Speech Recognition • Updated Mar 25, 2023 • 53.5M • 405	google-bert/bert-base-uncased Fill-Mask • Updated Feb 19 • 49.2M • 1.49k
tohoku-nlp/bert-base-japanese Fill-Mask • Updated Feb 21 • 37.6M • 27	CAMEL-Lab/bert-base-arabic-camelbert-mix-pos-egy Token Classification • Updated Oct 18, 2021 • 35.4M • 2
sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2 Sentence Similarity • Updated 23 days ago • 31.6M • 1.65k	mrm8488/distilroberta-finetuned-financial-news-sent... Text Classification • Updated Jan 21 • 29.3M • 220
distilbert/distilbert-base-uncased Fill-Mask • Updated Aug 18, 2023 • 16.4M • 408	FacebookAI/roberta-base Fill-Mask • Updated Feb 19 • 16M • 327

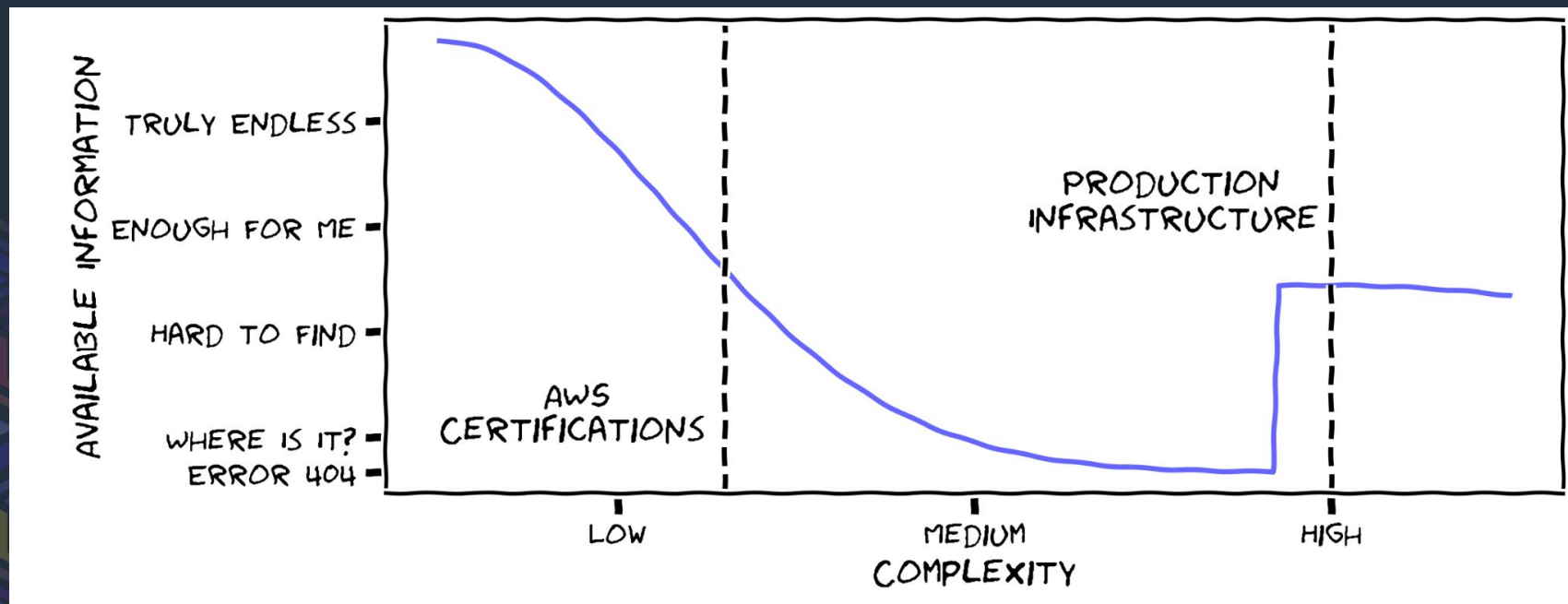
Yet Something Is Missing...

Breakthroughs in models don't translate to ML democratization



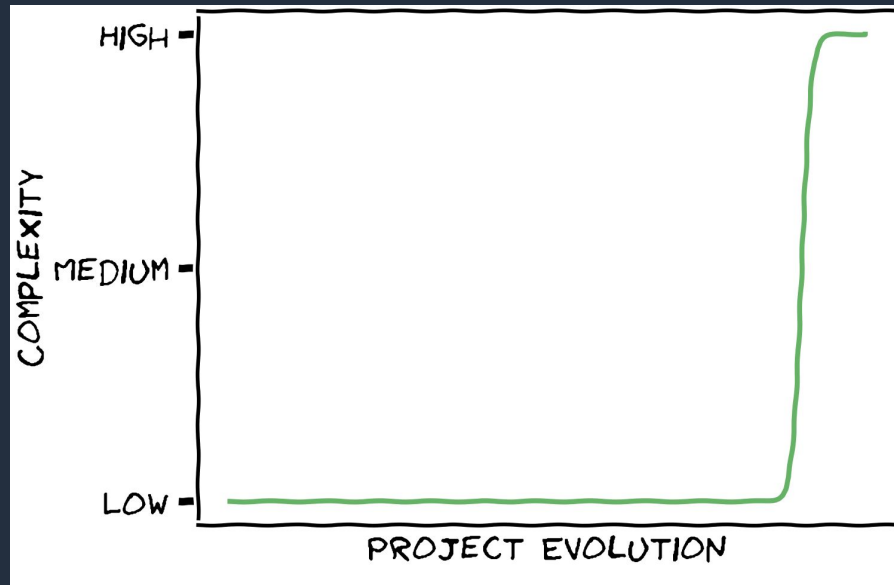
Major Knowledge Gap

Lack of intermediate resources makes learning much harder than necessary



Resulting Difficulty Cliff

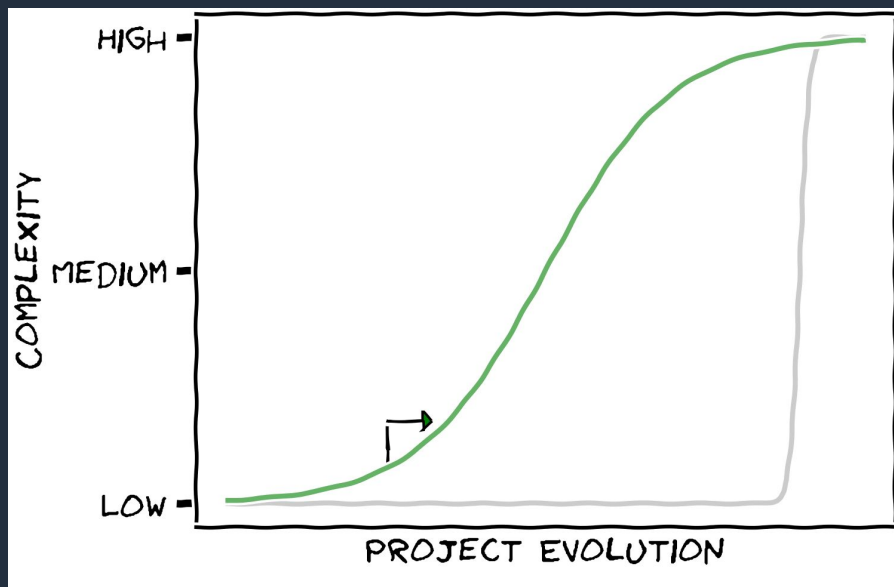
Very hard to transition out of the beginner phase of a project without enough educational resources



Flattening the Difficulty Cliff

Today's theme: finding atomic, tractable improvements to allow for meaningful iteration

Along the way, identifying pitfalls to avoid



Building Philosophy

Machine learning solutions are costly to properly build and maintain

Lots of models end up not working as intended

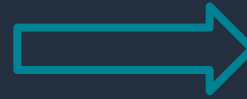
Goal: avoid sinking time in untested ideas while avoiding getting crushed by technical debt if we want to scale our solution

Think “scalable proof of concept”

It's ok to have “bad” system designs as long as they can be easily improved

Where to Build

Prototype locally, deploy to AWS



How to Build

1. Fact Finding

2. Bake-off

3. Microservice Translation

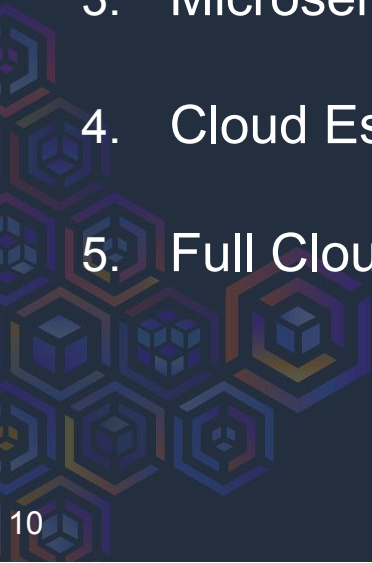
4. Cloud Essentials Migration

5. Full Cloud Migration

Machine Learning

Software Engineering

Solutions Architecture



Specific Application: 3D Pose Estimation

What is possible with open-source models?

- Some benchmarks for general tasks

- Nothing for our specific use case

**Studio grade motion capture,
anywhere, for only \$1,995**



Step #1: Fact Finding

Double-pronged investigation through literature and repos

Goals:

1. Learn something about the classes of models
2. Make a list of repos with public code/weights



Fact Finding

Two major classes of approaches: top-down vs. bottom-up






















Lots of potential projects to try

Benchmark results are only a starting point

Benchmarks

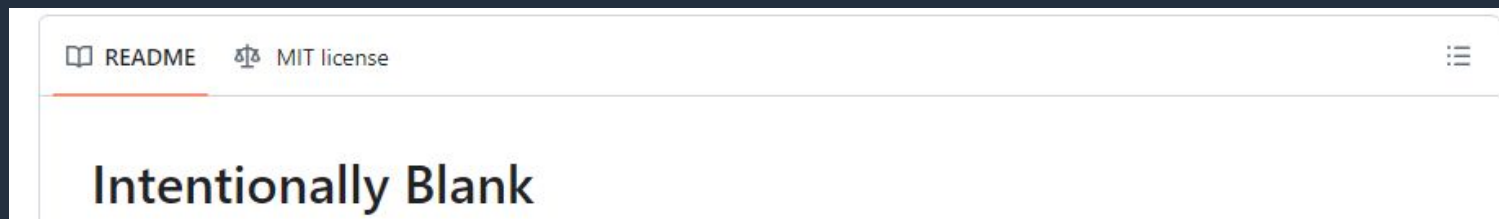
[Add a Result](#)

These leaderboards are used to track progress in Pose Estimation

Trend	Dataset	Best Model	Paper	Code	Compare
	MPII Human Pose	PCT (swin-l, test set)			See all
	COCO test-dev	ViTPose (ViTAE-G, ensemble)			See all
	Leeds Sports Poses	OmniPose			See all
	OCHuman	ViTPose (ViTAE-G, GT bounding boxes)			See all
	CrowdPose	BUCTD-W48 (w/cond. input from PETR, and generative sampling)			See all
	MS COCO	OmniPose (WASPv2)			See all
	AIC	Hulk(Finetune, ViT-L)			See all

Step #2: Bake Off

“Simple”: clone the repos, read the READMEs, and run the example scripts



Two main obstacles:

1. Managing CUDA versions
2. Bit rot

Managing CUDA Versions: Wrong Way

Main obstacle: CUDA

Managing multiple CUDA versions using environment modules in Ubuntu

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Steps to manage multiple CUDA environments

Latest Update: May 19th, 2024

This gist contains all the steps required to:

- Install multiple CUDA versions (e.g., `CUDA 11.8` and `CUDA 12.1`)
- Manage multiple CUDA environments on Ubuntu using the utility called [environment modules](#).
- Use this approach to avoid CUDA environment conflicts.



Solution: Docker

Every project gets a Dockerfile

Install a recent version of CUDA on your machine
Pin it until you have a good reason to upgrade

Every ML project gets its own container isolated from your system



Bit Rot

Many academic repositories are not maintained

Build Type	Linux	MacOS	Windows
Build Status	 CI failing	 CI failing	 build failing

[OpenPose](#) has represented the **first real-time multi-person system to jointly detect human body, hand, facial, and foot keypoints (in total 135 keypoints) on single images.**

No Keypoints Detected After Running Python Examples #2280



YogeshNeoS opened this issue on Feb 5 · 0 comments

Finalizing Architecture

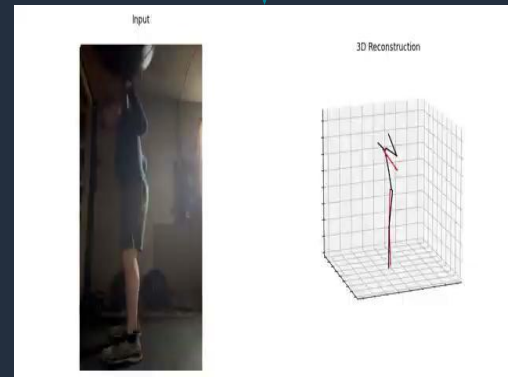
End goal: settle on the model pipeline



Object Detection

2D Pose Estimation

3D Pose Estimation



Step #3: Microservice Translation

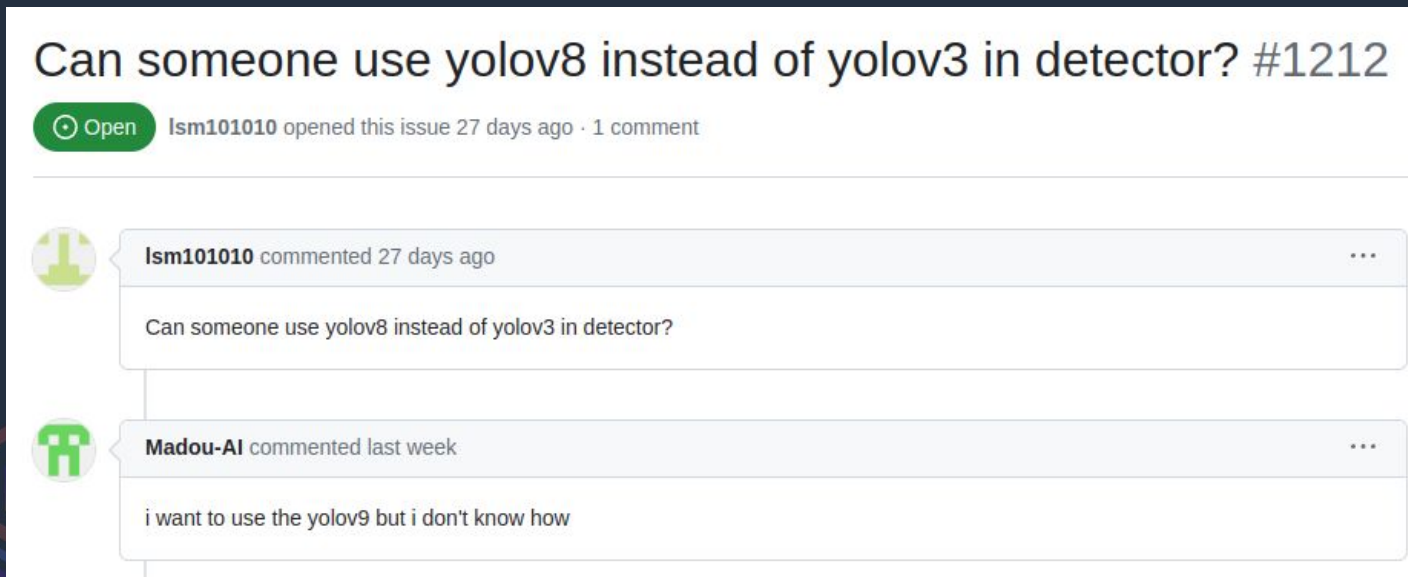
General procedure:

1. Wrap model inference in APIs using Flask/fastAPI
2. Create a web server using gunicorn/uWSGI
3. Run NGINX reverse-proxy



Microservice Translation

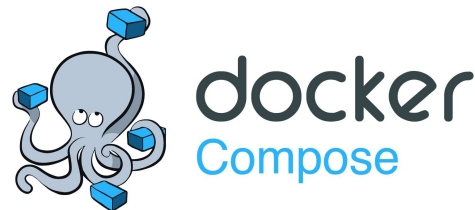
Main obstacle: Monolith with tight coupling



Docker Compose

Other containers supporting the ML microservices
Database, utilities, front end, etc.

Docker Compose allows running multi-container applications

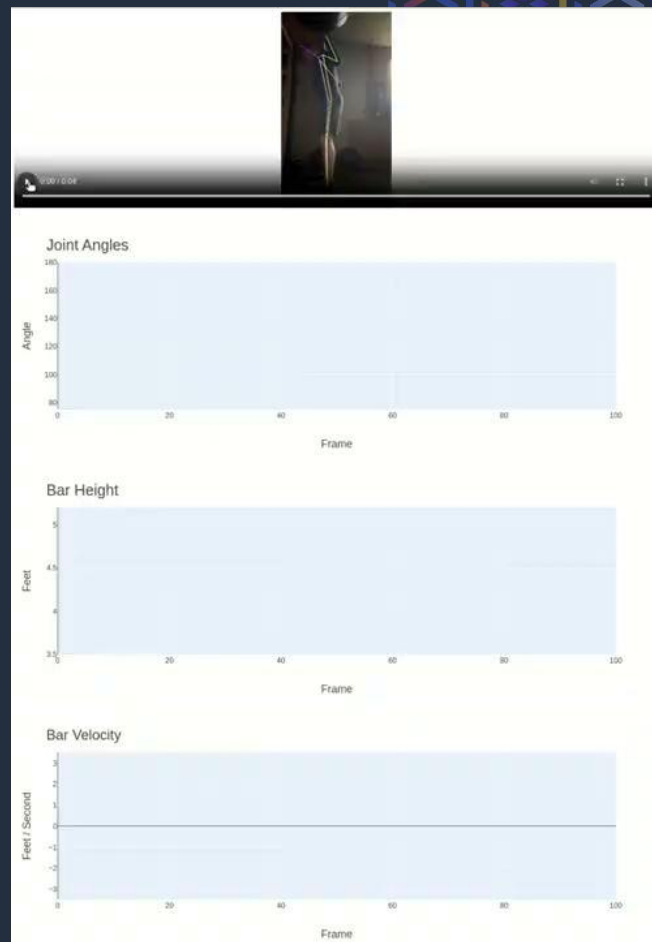


```
docker-compose.yml
You, 9 months ago | 1 author (You)
1  services:
2      postgres:
3          build: ./database/
4          env_file: database.conf
5          volumes:
6              - /home/max/database_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data/form_judge_data
7          expose:
8              - "5432"
9      nginx:
10         build: ./nginx/
11         ports:
12             - "80:80"
13         depends_on:
14             - front-end
15     front-end:
16         build: ./front end/
```

Microservices End State

Local containerized service running end-to-end

```
(base) max@max-desktop:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE                                COMMAND
ec197702217c   form_judge-postgres                "docker-entrypoint.s..."
77f53792e931   form_judge-nginx                   "/docker-entrypoint..."
f3e2dda3c7a0   form_judge-front-end               "gunicorn app:app -b..."
faa939155c31   form_judge-detection               "gunicorn app:app -b..."
382433448e32   form_judge-pose-2d                 "/tmp/post_init.sh"
fffb6a0ee7540   form_judge-pose-3d                 "gunicorn app:app -b..."
d5374d97ae13   form_judge-video-renderer          "gunicorn app:app -b..."
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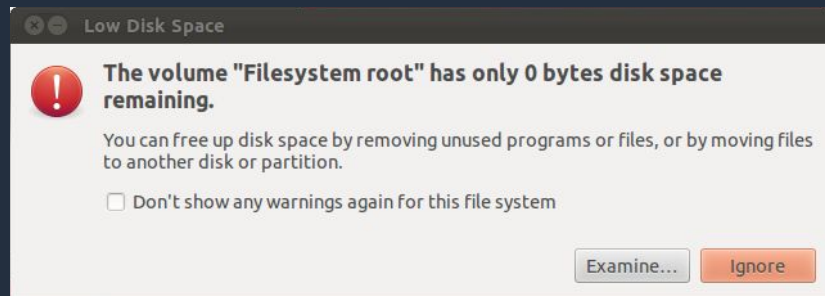


Step #4: Cloud Essentials

Still major design decisions before choosing a cloud architecture


Some common elements to all routes: database and object storage
These are the first things we don't want to manage

```
postgres-1 PostgreSQL Database directory appears to contain a database; Skipping initialization
postgres-1
postgres-1 2024-06-02 04:29:28.311 UTC [1] FATAL: database files are incompatible with server
postgres-1 2024-06-02 04:29:28.311 UTC [1] DETAIL: The data directory was initialized by PostgreSQL version 15, which is not compatible with this version 16.3 (Debian 16.3-1.pgdg120+1).
```



Database Choice

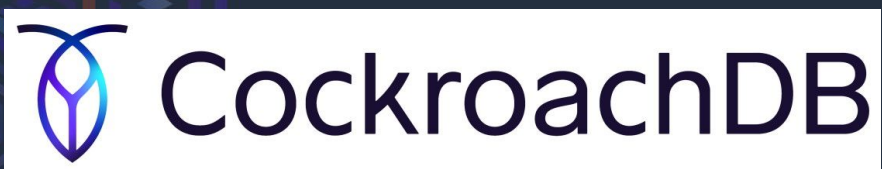
Hobby projects really benefit from a scale-to-zero database



Usage		Go to billing
Storage ?	30.55 MiB	
Compute time since May 31 ?	0.3 h	
Branches	1	
Data transfer	11.88 KiB	
Metrics may be delayed by up to one hour. Read more about metrics .		

Minimum monthly cost of Aurora serverless: \$43

Minimum monthly cost of Aurora on db.t4g.medium: \$53



Storage

S3 always a good starting point

Later migrate to something EFS or similar



Amazon S3

Object storage built to store and retrieve any amount of data from anywhere



Amazon Elastic File System

Create your file system using the EC2 Launch Instance Wizard, EFS console, CLI, or API. Choose your performance and throughput modes

Step #5: Full Cloud Microservice Deployments

Two routes here:

1. Run the microservices on Elastic Container Service
2. Run the microservices on Elastic Kubernetes Service

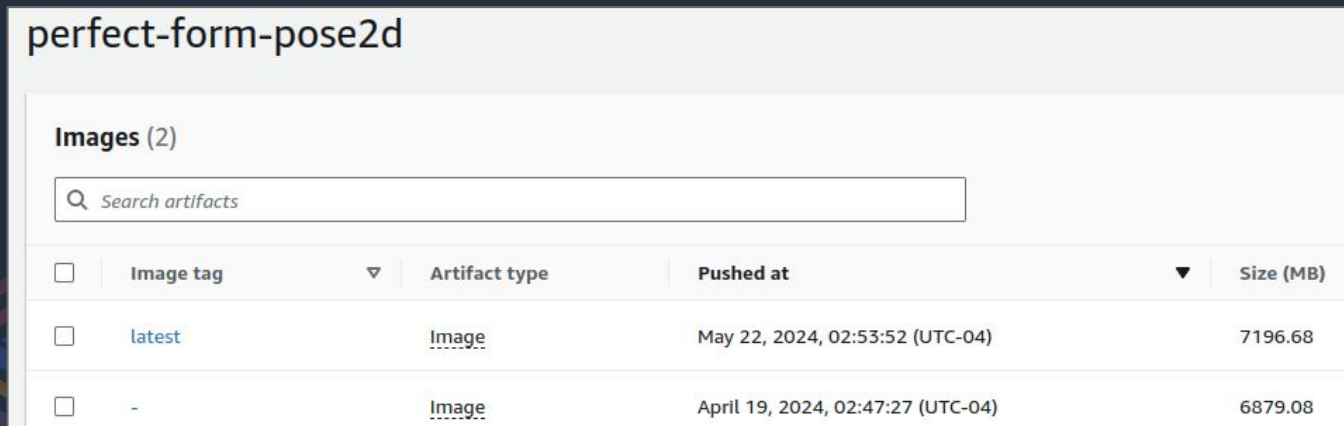
But first, let's get ready for running containers on AWS hardware



Elastic Container Registry

Use ECR to store Docker container images

Large models produce large images



perfect-form-pose2d

Images (2)

Search artifacts

<input type="checkbox"/>	Image tag	Artifact type	Pushed at	Size (MB)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	-	Image	April 19, 2024, 02:47:27 (UTC-04)	6879.08

Optimizing Dockerfiles for ECR

Pushing to ECR is slow: think about layers



```
app > Dockerfile > ...
1  # Use a base image with Ubuntu and cuda
2  FROM nvidia/cuda:11.5.2-base-ubuntu20.04
3
4  # Set the working directory in the container
5  WORKDIR /app
6
7  # Copy the Flask application files to the container
8  COPY app/ ./
9
10 # Copy the Flask application files to the container
11 COPY app/requirements.txt ./
12
13 # Install the required Python packages
14 RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
15
16 # Expose the Flask application port
17 EXPOSE 5000
18
19 CMD ["python3", "-m", "flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=5000"]
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Precursor: EC2 with Docker

Spin up an EC2 instance with a GPU (p3.2xlarge)

Recreate your local Docker Compose app pulling from ECR

CPU Dockerized applications behave better than GPU applications

If we have to debug something, let's do it in easy mode

```
ValueError: Unknown CUDA arch (8.6) or GPU not supported
```

```
form_judge-pose-3d-1 | RuntimeError: The NVIDIA driver on your system is too old (found version 11060). Please  
update your GPU driver by downloading and installing a new version from the URL: http://www.nvidia.com/Download/index.aspx Alternatively, go to: https://pytorch.org to install a PyTorch version that has been compiled with your version  
of the CUDA driver.
```


Choosing Cloud Direction

Elastic Container Service

Less complexity

Scale to zero

Elastic Kubernetes Service

Best practice for full control

Easier local development

Multi-cloud solution

Container Instance Amazon Machine Image (AMI)
Choose the Amazon ECS-optimized AMI for your instance.

Amazon Linux 2 (kernel 5.10) ▼

EC2 instance type
Choose based on the workloads you plan to run on this cluster.

p3.2xlarge
x86_64
8 vCPU 61 GiB Memory 1 GPU ▼

Managing EKS Clusters at Scale using Blueprints and Infrastructure as Code

Track 3 – 2024

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Presenter: Julia Furst Morgado

Elastic Container Service

True container orchestration: scalable

Translate our Docker Compose YAML to a Task Definition

▼ Infrastructure requirements

Specify the infrastructure requirements for the task definition.

Launch type [Info](#)

Selection of the launch type will change task definition parameters.

☐ AWS Fargate

Serverless compute for containers.

☒ Amazon EC2 Instances

Self-managed infrastructure using Amazon EC2 instances.

Port mappings [Info](#)

Add port mappings to allow the container to access ports on the host to send or receive traffic. For port name, a default will be assigned if left blank.

Container port

5000

Protocol

TCP

Port name

5000

App protocol

HTTP

Remove

To start, group all GPU containers into a single Task

Working with ECS

Pay attention to the Network Mode in Task Definitions

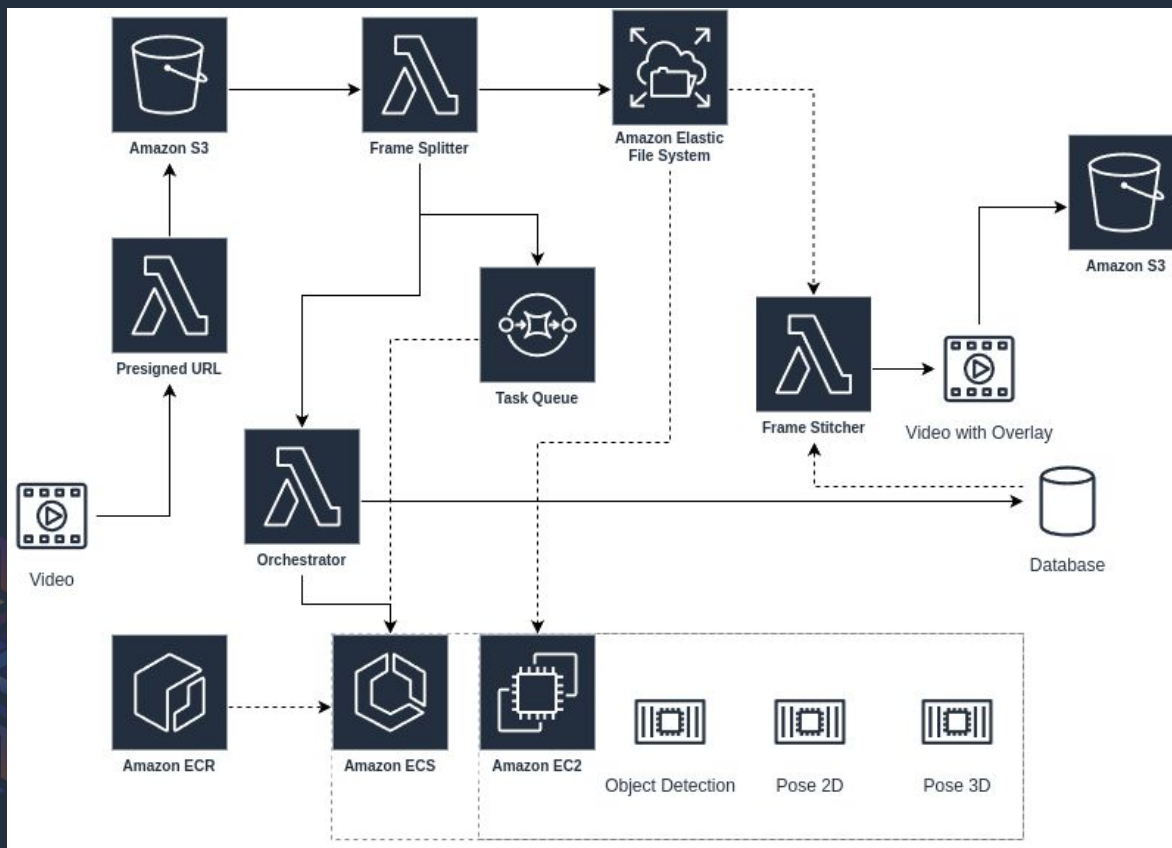
Can scale to 0 with some effort

Expose endpoints using Service Discovery/Service Connect

Don't be afraid to re-architect system to better utilize AWS services
API Gateway has 30 second timeout



Final Architecture



Recap

We started with a problem we wanted to solve

1. Found many potentially relevant repos with model weights
2. Determined the best model(s) for our use case
3. Created local microservice with Docker Compose
4. Moved storage to cloud
5. Migrated full microservice to AWS

