Power BI with AI and Beyond!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) with Microsoft Technologies

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Introduction

30+ years Enterprise Data and Analytics Experience

10 years at Miami University – SPSS Statistics

10 years working with the Microsoft BI stack – SSAS, SSIS, SSRS, DW

5 years as a Senior Principal Technical Architect at Qlik – QlikView and Qlik Sense

5 years in other technical and analytics roles

Audience Composition

Show of Hands! – Old School!

Building a Data Driven Organization

Key Components

- People
- Processes Best Practices
- Technology

Why is Strategic Analytics so hard?

Thomas Davenport – Competing on Analytics

From Descriptive to Predictive Analytics







Enabling Self Service - building Data Models and organizing visualizations to support end-users creating their own dashboards and finding their own insights.

Storytelling with Data – Insights on how to be most effective with visualizations of data.

Citizen Data Scientists – BI professionals who have mastered one of the Modern Analytics and BI toolkits could be looking to adopt data science skills.





Advanced Analytics – solid
Descriptive Statistics are required so
the underlying data supports the
ability to effectively develop and
deploy AI and ML models.

Data Literacy Programs – building business user's abilities to analyze data and practices.

Agenda:

I. Gartner Essential Skills for Citizen Data Scientists

II. Microsoft Technologies

- Power BI add-ins for R and Python
- Azure Machine Learning Studio
- Microsoft ML.NET Visual Studio
- Microsoft Data Science Server

III. Environment and Demos

Discussion and Questions

Essential Skills for Citizen Data Scientists

- Experienced Business
 Intelligence (BI) Analyst.
- Exploit Modern Analytics and Business Intelligence (A&BI) Platforms
- Technical professionals can revamp career growing into Citizen Data Scientist role.
- Often are business Subject Matter Experts (SME's) with exceptional Soft Skills.

Key Takeaways and Insights

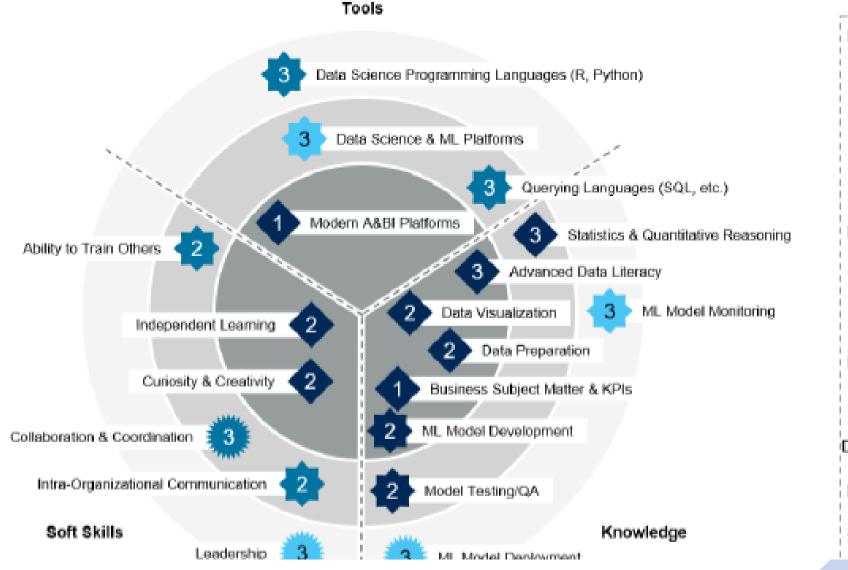
A Citizen Data Scientist extracts predictive and prescriptive insights from data while not being as technically skilled as an expert data scientist. Citizen data scientists occupy a hybrid, boundary-spanning role, not a distinct stand-alone position in the organization.

Citizen data scientists exploit modern analytics and business intelligence (A&BI) platforms, which increasingly have augmented analytics capabilities and integrations with data science and data preparation tools.

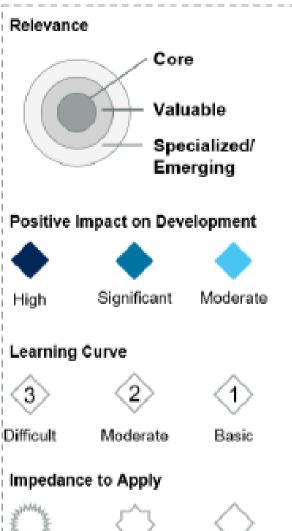
Technical professionals hoping to revamp their careers can grow into the citizen data scientist roles via independent learning, intuitive augmented analytics platforms and the support of a community of practice.

Technical skills are not enough. Citizen data scientists must develop deep business subject matter expertise, collaboration skills, intellectual curiosity and an ability to learn independently.

Figure 1: Citizen Data Scientist Skills Scope



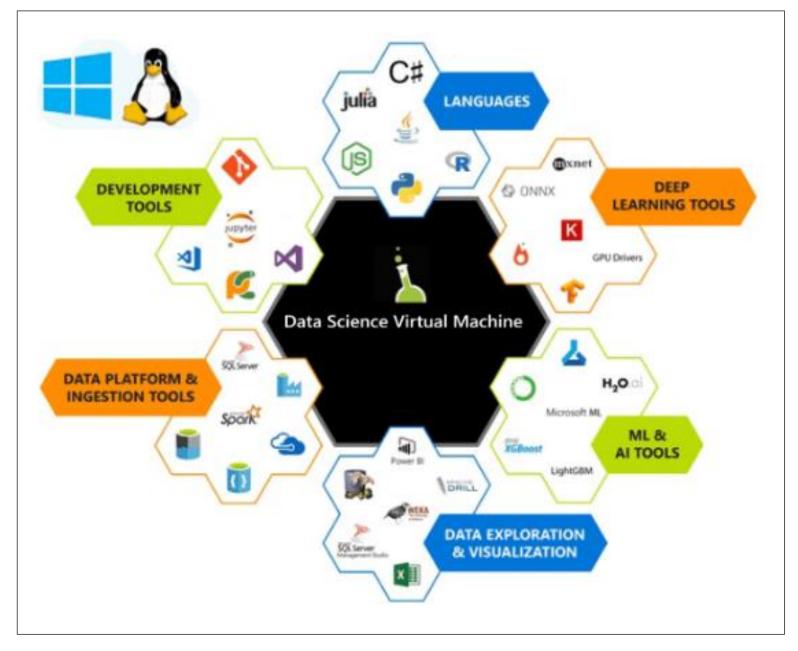
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Core Skills	Focus Area
Modern A&BI Platforms	Tools
Business Subject Matter and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Knowledge
Data Visualization	Knowledge
Data Preparation	Knowledge
ML Model Development	Knowledge
Advanced Data Literacy	Knowledge
Independent Learning	Soft Skills
Curiosity and Creativity	Soft Skills
Valuable Skills	Focus Area
Querying Languages (SQL, etc.)	Tools
Data Science and ML Platforms	Tools
Model Testing/QA	Knowledge
Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning	Knowledge
Ability to Train Others	Soft Skills
Intraorganizational Communication	Soft Skills
Collaboration and Coordination	Soft Skills
Specialized and Emerging Skills	Focus Area
Data Science Programming Languages (R, Python)	Tools
ML Model Monitoring	Knowledge
ML Model Deployment	Knowledge
Leadership	Soft Skills

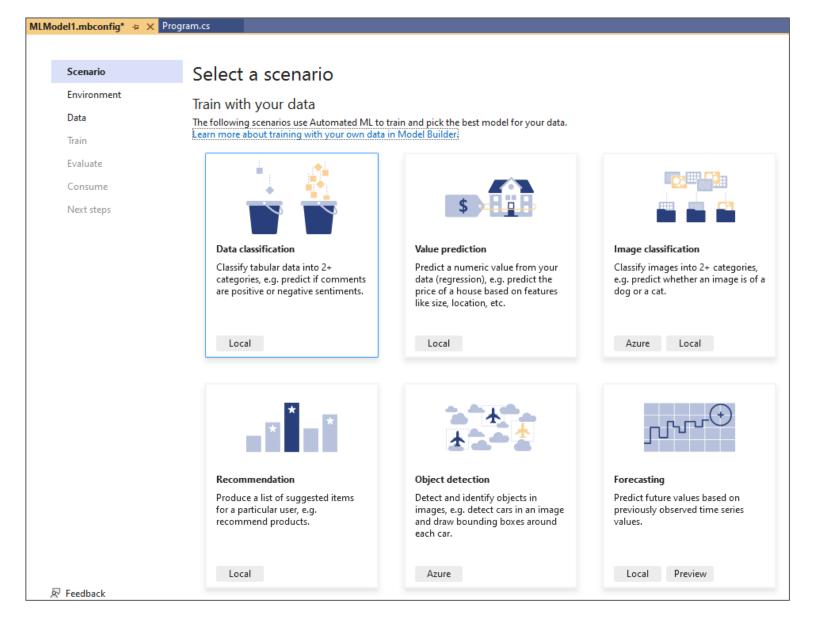
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Microsoft Data Science Virtual Machine Server



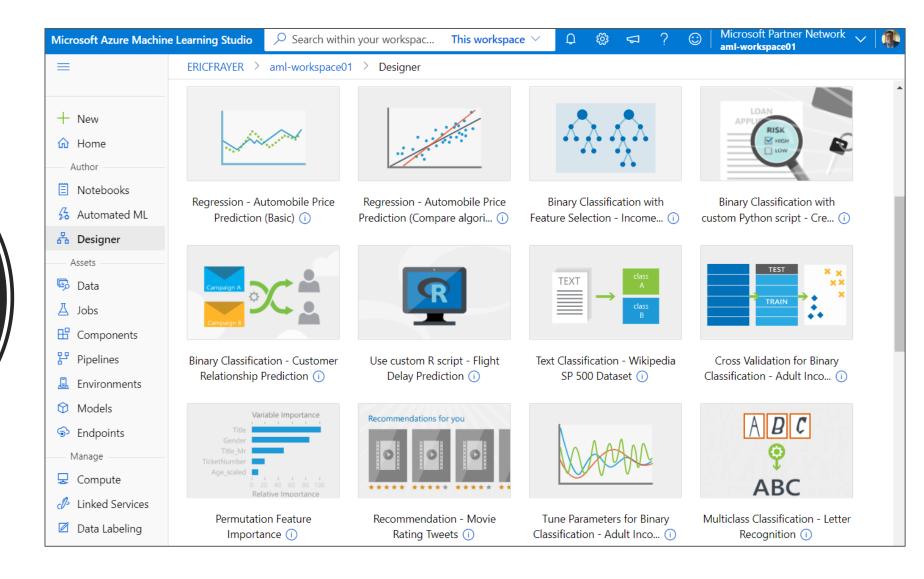
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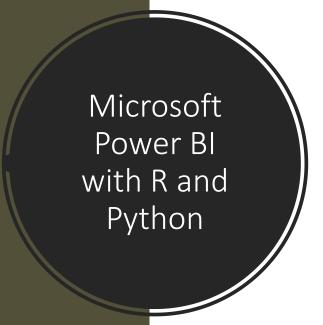


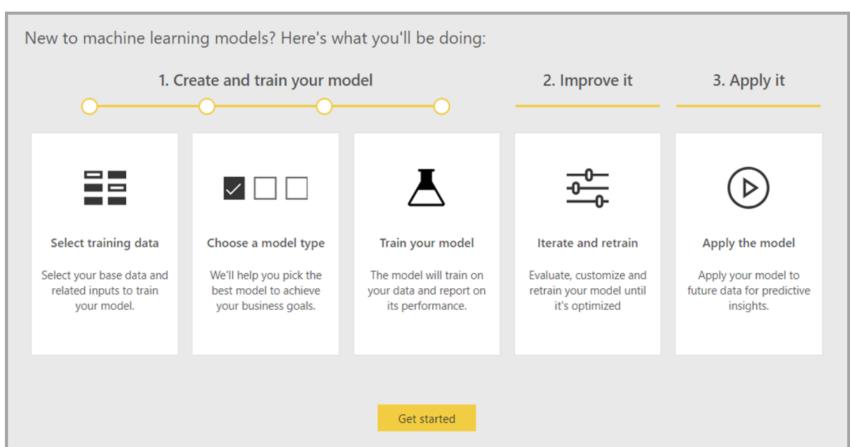
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AI/ML Considerations

Models and Algorithms Available

Model Design

Data Security and Considerations

Infrastructure and Security

Ease of Use/Difficulty

Interpretability

Costs

Predictive Analytics Options - January 2022							
Options and Alternatives:	Models Available	Model Design	Data Security and Considerations	Infrastructure and Security	Ease of Use/Difficulty	Interpretability	Costs
1. Power BI Add-ins for R and Python:	Medium - leverages shared and pre-tuned models	UI Design First	Data Models required	Uses dataflows for "design driven" regression, classification and clustering models	Easy to Medium	Easy to Medium	Low - already included in Power BI with Premium Capacity
2. ML.NET with Visual Studio 2022 & Visual Studio Code:	High	Code-First	Provides highest degree of flexibility in VDI using R and Python engines	Visual Studio 2022 could not be installed - VS Code is working	Medium to Hard	Medium to Hard depending on model	Low - runs on existing hardware
3. Azure Machine Learning Studio:	High - provides several out of the box models and can be customized	UI Design First	Secured in Microsoft Azure environment	Azure Portal based	Medium to Hard	Easy to Medium - built into Machine Learning Studio	Low to High depending or usage and demand
4.Microsoft Data Science Virtual Machine	High	Supports both UI Design and Code-	Specific Instance in isolated	VM running in CoreCivic Azure Cloud	Facuto Hard	Medium to Hard	Low to Medium - less
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Recommendation:							
Power BI with R and Python	Regression, Classification and Clustering - uses PBI Service and Azure ML for calculations and data mining process	Can be implemented on workstation or server with dependencies on R and Python Packages.	Can be governed by Microsoft Purview or related technologies. Car adopt "sensitivity labels"	Requires some use of R and Python in Power BI Desktop design environment	Easy to Medium	Easy to Medium	Low - already included in Power BI with Premium Capacity
Power BI: Integrating AI and Machine Learning	Leverages DAX and AI/ML addins to meet visualization requirements	Uses combination of Design and Code with dependencies on DAX calculations and function calls to Azure ML	Can be governed by Microsoft Purview or related technologies. Car adopt "sensitivity labels"	Uses visualizations to provide and support insights and analysis	Easy to Medium	Easy to Medium	Low - already included in Power BI with Premium Capacity

Microsoft
Data Science
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Machine
Server

	Data Science Virtual Machine Server
Models Available	High
Model Design	Supports both UI Design and Code-First approaches
Data Security and Considerations	Specific Instance in isolated environment. Very Secure. Will need some assistance to implement
Infrastructure and Security	VM running in secured Azure Cloud with the ability to scale up (server resources) or out (number of VM's) to support multiple use cases
Ease of Use/Difficulty	Easy to Hard
Interpretability	Medium to Hard depending on model
Costs	Low to Medium - less expensive than Machine Learning Studio

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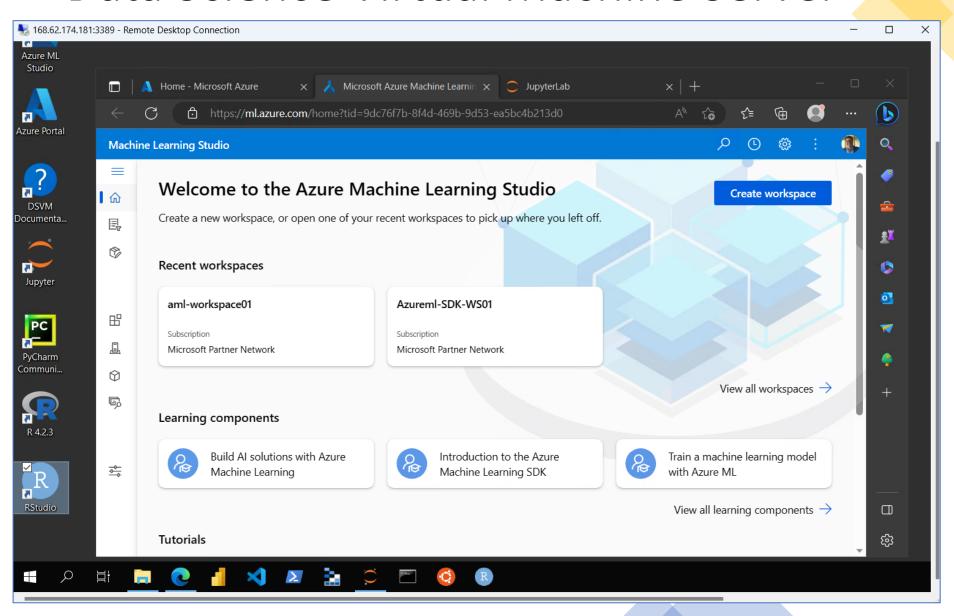




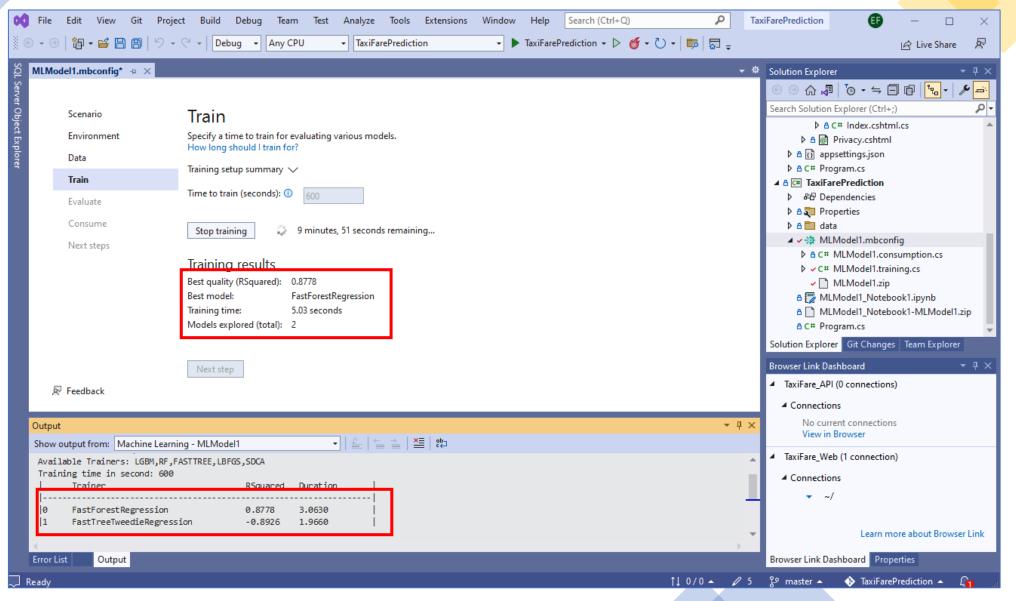
Environments and Demo's

- Data Science Virtual Machine Server from the Azure Portal
- ML.NET Visual Studio Community 2022 Visual Studio Code
- Azure Machine Learning Server Studio look and feel
- Power BI with R and Python EDA example
- Helen Wall LinkedIn Learning

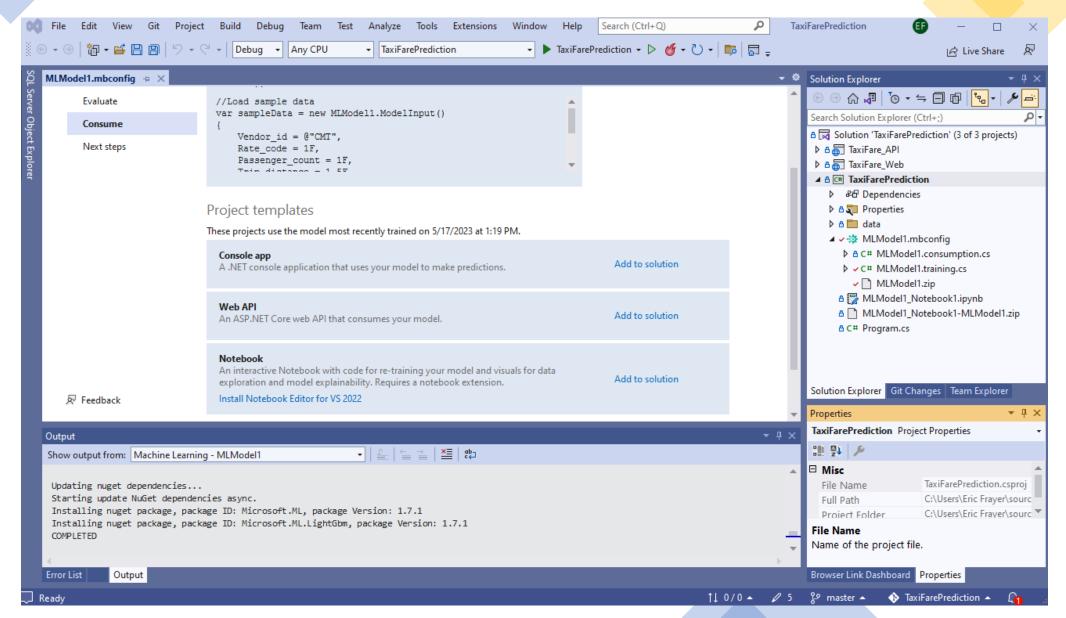
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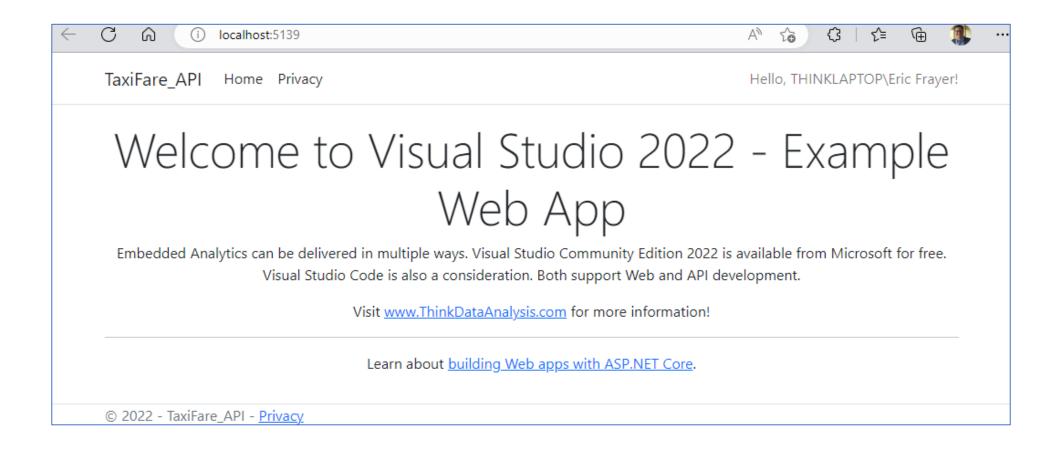
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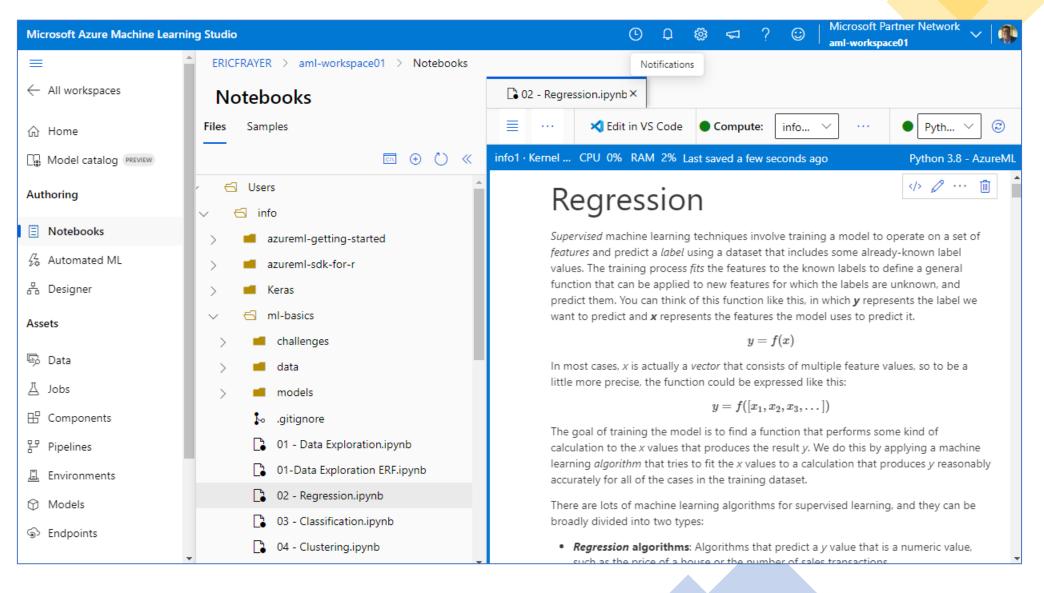
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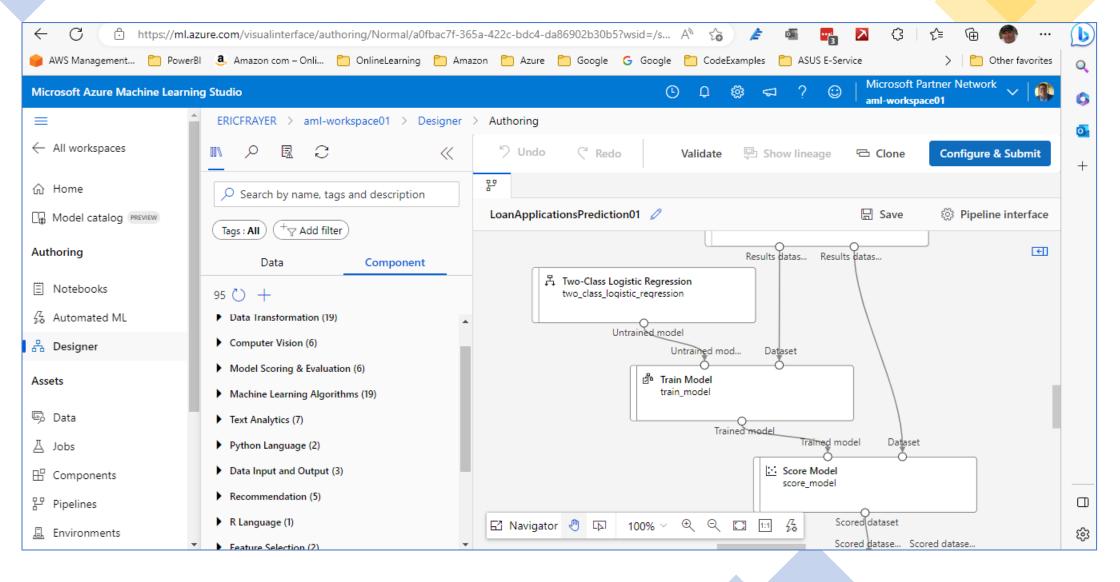
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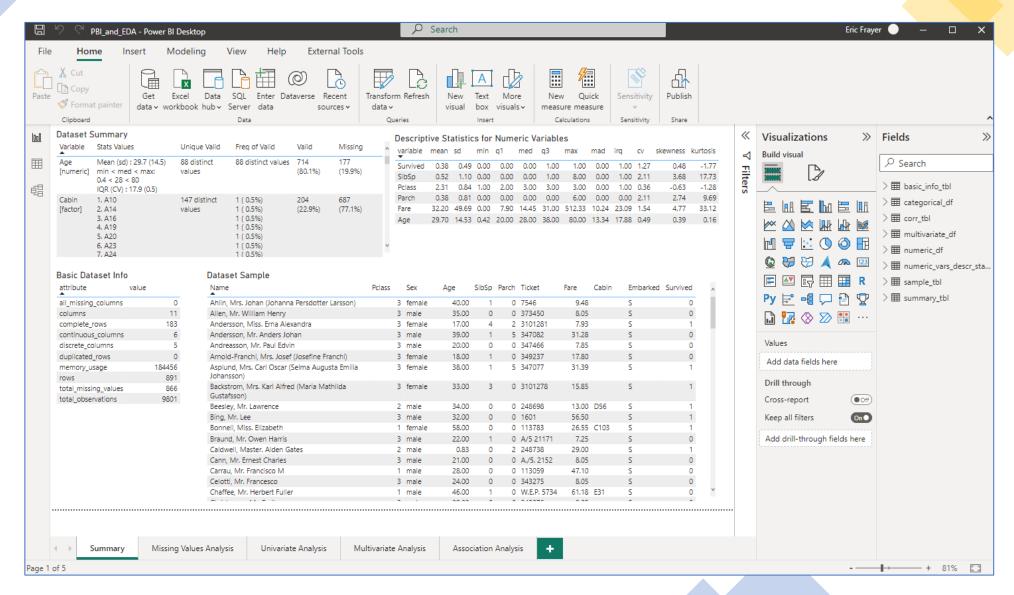
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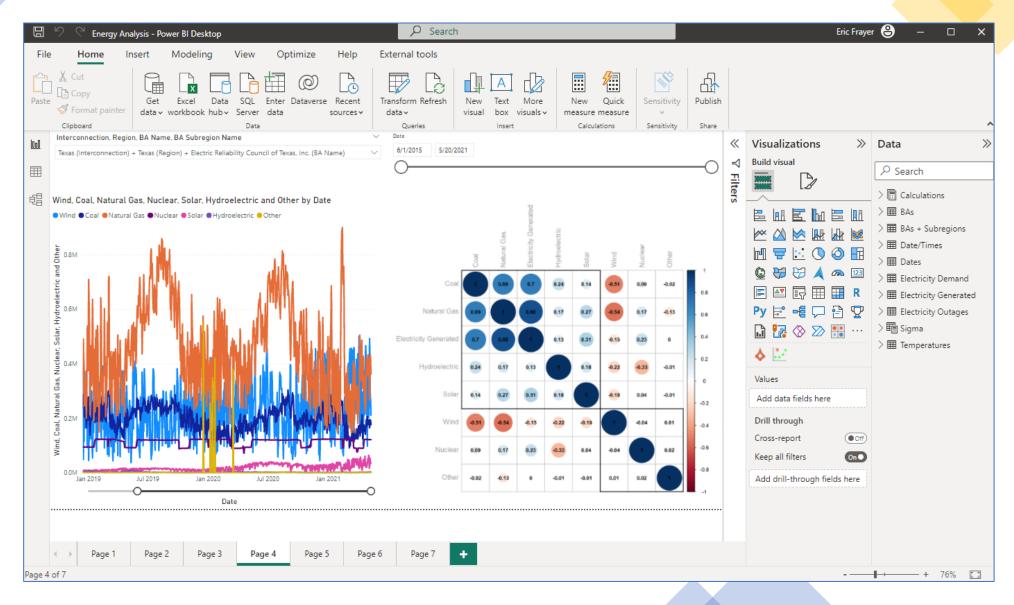
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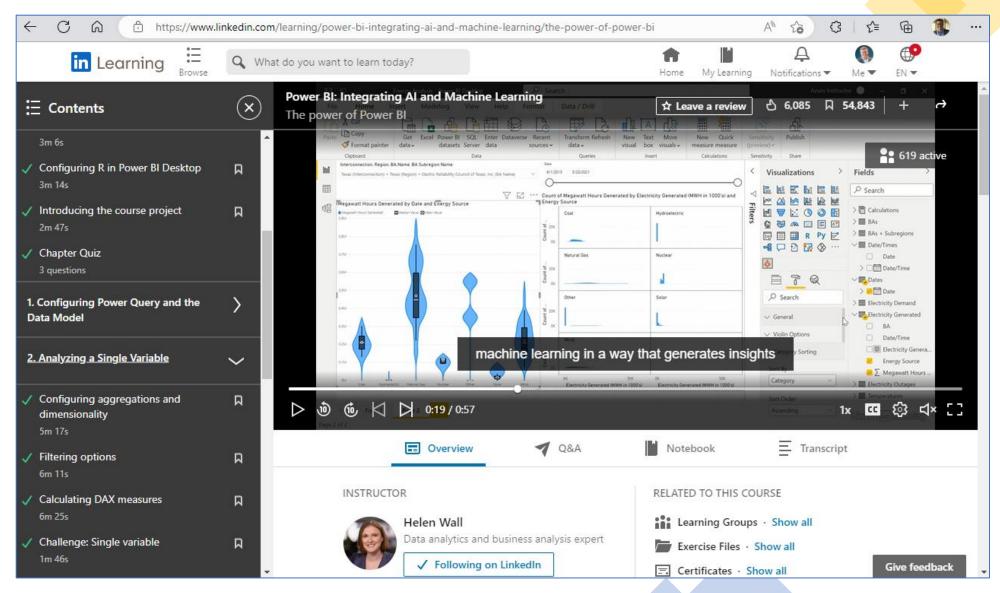
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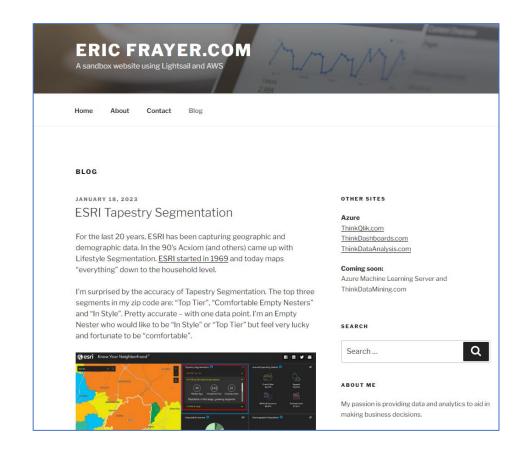


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Questions?



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Bridging the Gap Between Analytics and Value

Customers invest in products and services that create value for them. Value can be most effectively illustrated through stories that connect the dots of performance data, insights and visualization with the customer's perception of value at a given moment. Assembling and evolving these stories requires nuanced playbooks that connect and empower analytics, product, sales and customer teams. In this session, Jen will introduce a framework to expose and overcome common value story pitfalls.



Jen Seale
Vice President of Analytics
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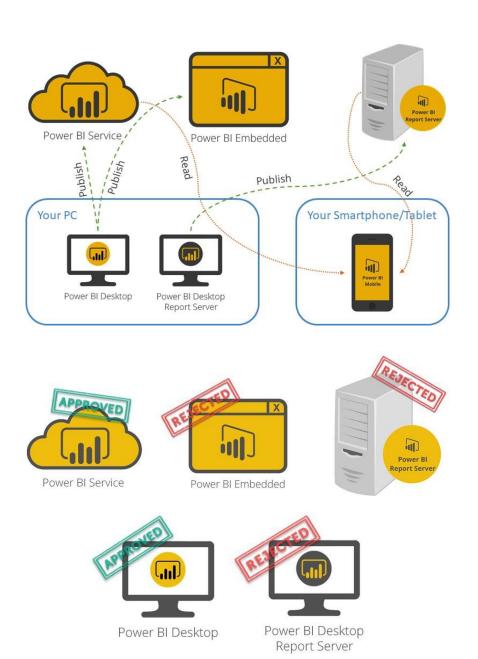
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Union Hall, 1311 Vine St 4-5pm talk, 5-6pm networking



R and Python limitations in Power BI

- Power BI Service: This is sometimes called Power BI Online, and it's the Software as a Service (SaaS) declination of Power BI. It was created to facilitate the sharing of visual analysis between users through Dashboards and Reports.
- Power BI Report Server: This is the on-premises version of Power BI and it extends the capabilities of SQL Server Reporting Services, enabling the sharing of reports created in Power BI Desktop (for Report Server).
- Power BI Embedded: A Microsoft Azure service that allows dashboards and reports to be embedded in an application for users who do not have a Power BI account.
- Power BI Desktop: A free desktop application for Windows that allows you to use almost all of the features that Power BI exposes. It is not the right tool for sharing results between users, but it allows you to share them on Power BI Service and Power BI Report Server. The desktop versions that allow publishing on the two mentioned services are distinct.
- Power BI Mobile: A mobile application, available on Windows, Android, and iOS, that allows secure access to Power BI Service and Power BI Report Server, and that allows you to browse and share dashboards and reports, but not edit them.





What is the difference between AI and ML?



AI (Artificial Intelligence) is a broad field that encompasses many different subfields, including machine learning (ML). ML is a specific type of AI that involves the use of algorithms to learn patterns in data and make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed to do so. In other words, AI is the overarching concept of machines being able to perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence, while ML is a specific method of achieving AI, through training models on data.





What are good examples of Supervised versus Unsupervised learning?



Supervised learning is a type of machine learning where the model is trained on labeled data, meaning that the desired output or label is provided along with the input data. The goal of the model is to learn a mapping from inputs to outputs, and it is then applied to new, unseen data to make predictions.





Examples of supervised learning include:

Image classification, where a model is trained to identify objects in an image (e.g. "dog,"



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What is the difference between Principal Component Analysis and Exploratory Data Analysis



Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) are two different techniques used for analyzing data, but they have different goals and applications.





Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a dimensionality reduction technique that is used to reduce the number of features in a dataset while preserving as much of the variance in the data as possible. It does this by identifying the directions in the data (i.e. the "principal components") that account for the most variance, and projecting the data onto these directions. PCA is typically used to improve the performance of machine learning models or to make data visualization easier.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a technique used to understand the patterns and relationships in a dataset. It is an iterative process of visualizing and summarizing the data in order to gain insights and identify potential issues or areas of interest. EDA is typically used at the beginning of a data analysis project to get a better understanding of the data and to inform the development of more formal models or hypotheses.

In summary, PCA is a technique used to simplify and understand the underlying structure of the data by reducing the number of features, and EDA is a technique used to understand the patterns and relationships in a dataset for gaining insights and identify potential issues.