

EasyML: Ease the Process of Machine Learning with Data Flow

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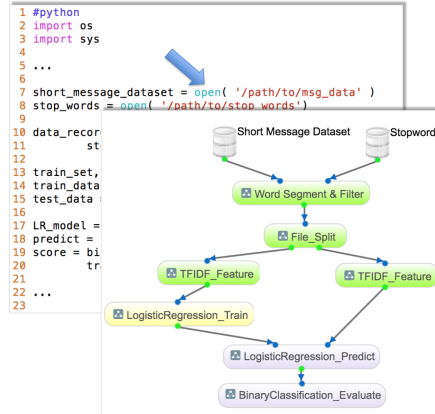
Applying Machine Learning is not Easy

Collaborating and sharing



Share the data, algorithms, and experience

UI



Simple UI is helpful

Mobility



Can access the service everywhere


The barrier comes not only from the advanced algorithms, but also from the complex process of using the algorithms!

Large Scale Machine Learning System@ICT

Easy ML: interactive graphical UI

Designer: ML task creation, editing, submitting and management

Monitor: task monitoring, result visualization, and task reusing

 Focus of EasyML

LIB: scalable machine learning algorithms

Conventional ML algorithms

DL/RL algorithms for ranking & matching

Data pre-processing, ETL, model evaluation ...

Distributed Computing

Map-Reduce

Spark

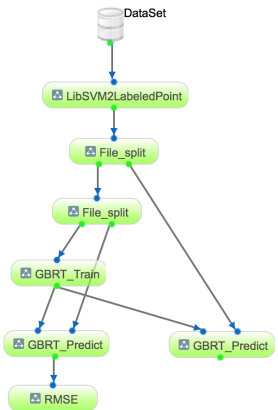
TensorFlow

Data Storage and Management

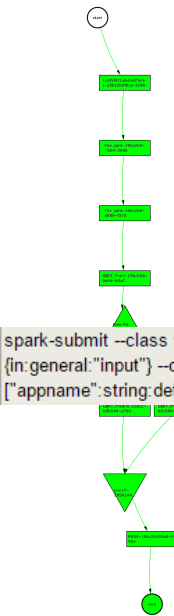
Large scale data management
HDFS

Structured data management
MySQL

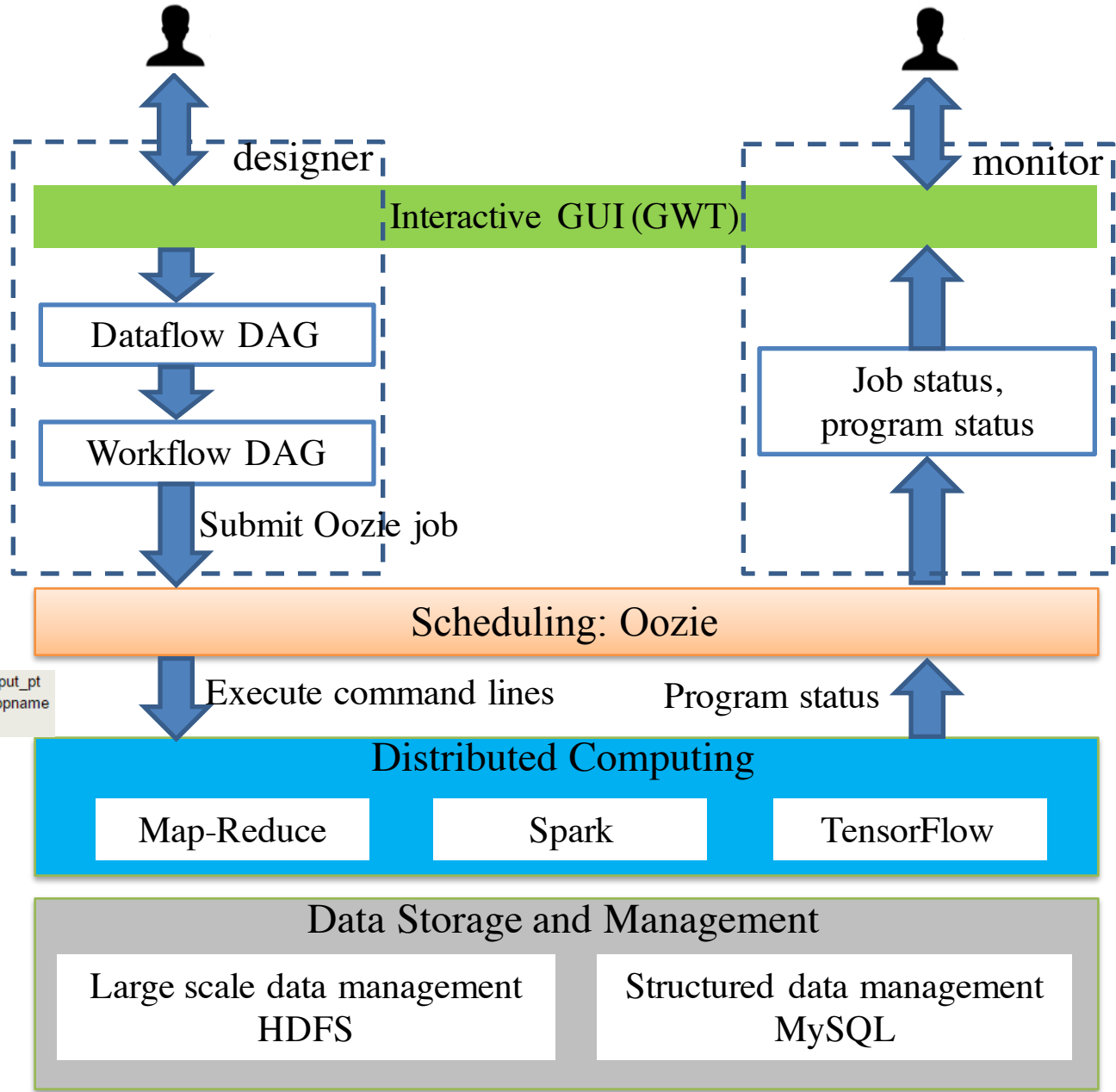
Design of Easy Machine Learning



Node: program / data
Edge: dataflow



Node: program / start / end / fork / join
Edge: dependency



Key Features — Resource Management

The screenshot shows the BDA (Big Data Analytics) interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Program', 'Data', and 'Job', with 'Program' selected. Below the tabs is a navigation bar with icons for 'Create Job', 'Upload Program', 'Upload Data', and 'Notebook'. The main area displays a workflow diagram with nodes such as 'Row_Normalize', 'Word_Segment', 'DirFileMerge', 'Word_Filter', 'TFIDF', 'Feature_Index', 'File_Split', and 'LogisticRegression_Train'. A sidebar on the left lists various examples, including '【实例】Twitter Demo', '【实例】分布式移动短信息分类', and '【实例】单机GBDT'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Run History', 'Submit', 'Clear', 'Clone', 'Stop', and 'Refresh'.

Managing programs, data, and tasks

The screenshot shows the configuration window for the 'LogisticRegression_Train' program. The 'Name' field is 'LogisticRegression_Train' and the 'Category' is 'My Program'. The 'Type' is 'Standalone', 'Programmable' is 'no', and 'Determinacy' is 'no'. The 'Version' is '0.1', 'Create Time' is '2016-05-28 17:02:25', and 'Owner' is 'fortianyou@qq.com'. The 'Description' is 'This is the training program of logistic regression.' The 'CMDFormat' section shows the command: `java -cp local.jar bda.local.runnable.logisticRegression.Train`. Below the command, there is a table of parameters:

Type	Value	Parameter	Default	description
in	LabeledPoint	train_pt		train data
out	LRModel	model_pt		model output
str	string	optimizer	sgd	sgd or gd
int	int	max_iter	20	max iteration
double	double	reg	0.01	regularizer
double	double	learn_rate	0.1	learning rate

At the bottom, there is a 'lib.zip' field with a progress bar at 0% and a 'Submit' button.

Uploading new algorithms

- Managing the algorithms, data, and tasks
- Uploading algorithms and data

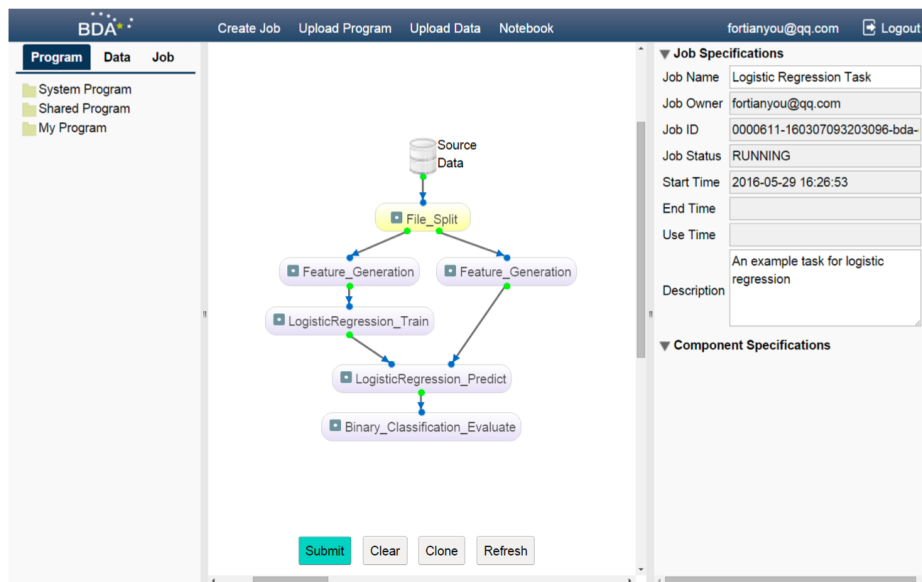
Key Features — Task Design

The screenshot displays the BDA (Big Data Analytics) interface. On the left, a tree view shows the 'Program' structure, with 'LogisticRegression_Train' highlighted in red. The central workspace shows a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) with nodes: 'Source Data', 'File_Split', two 'Feature_Generation' nodes, and a 'LogisticRegression_Train' node (highlighted in red). The right panel shows the 'Component Specifications' for 'LogisticRegression_Train', including a table of parameters:

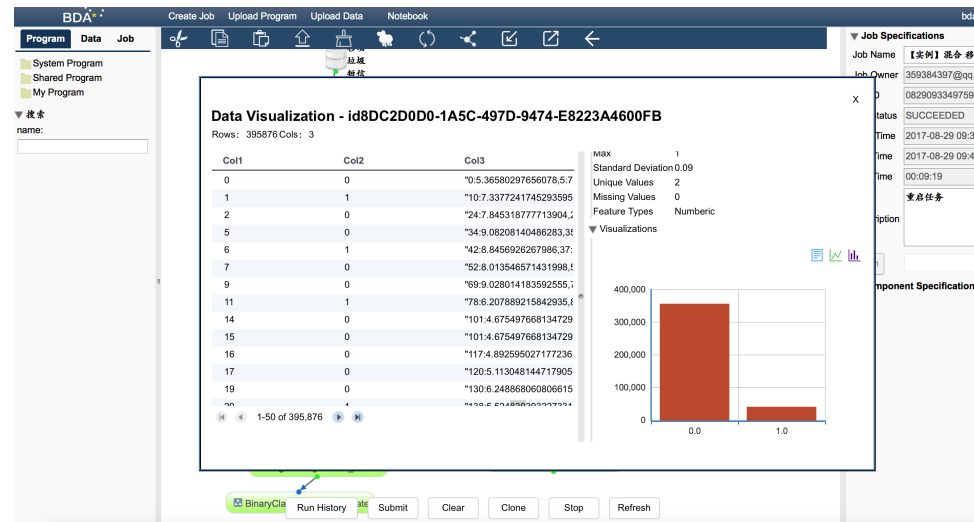
Parameter	Type	Value
sgd or gd	string	sgd
max iteration	int	20
regularizer	double	0.01
learning rate	double	0.1

- Creating the task DAG (usually by cloning and editing an existing task) with drag-and-drop manner
- Setting the parameters for each node
- Submitting for execution

Key Features — Task Monitoring



Task/node status monitoring



Data/results visualization

- Monitoring status of tasks and nodes
- Checking / downloading the outputs
- Visualizing the data / models

Key Features — Task Reusing

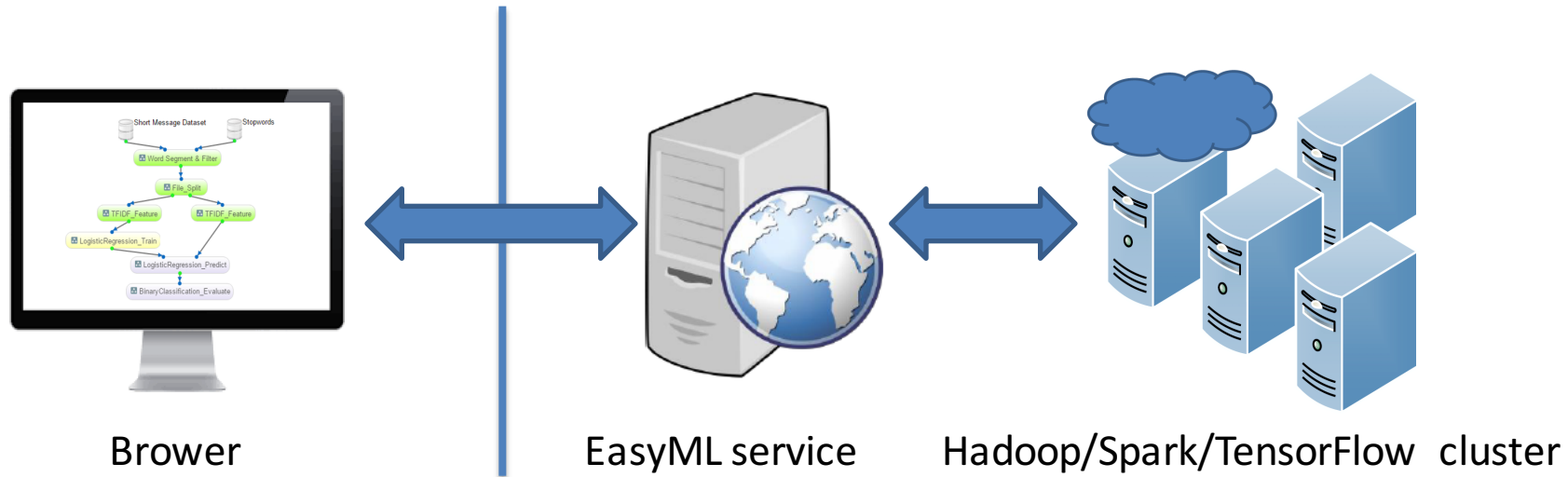
The screenshot displays a machine learning workflow interface. On the left is a navigation tree with categories like Evaluation, Transformation, Machine Learning, and Classification & Regression. The central area shows a workflow graph starting with 'Source Data', followed by 'File_Split', two 'Feature_Generation' nodes, 'LogisticRegression_Train' and 'GBRT_Train', 'LogisticRegression_Predict' and 'GBRT_Predict', and finally 'Binary_Classification_Evaluate' nodes. A red circle highlights the 'GBRT_Train' and 'GBRT_Predict' nodes. On the right, the 'Job Specifications' panel shows details for a 'Logistic Regression Task' in a 'RUNNING' state, including job name, owner, ID, status, start time, and description. Below it, the 'Component Specifications' panel shows details for the 'GBRT_Train' component, including name, description, determinacy, version, create time, owner, and deprecated status.

Parameter	Type	Value
不纯度计算方式	String	Variance

- Editing (appending nodes, deleting nodes, and changing parameters) and re-submitting

Deploy as Web Service

<http://159.226.40.104:18080/dev>



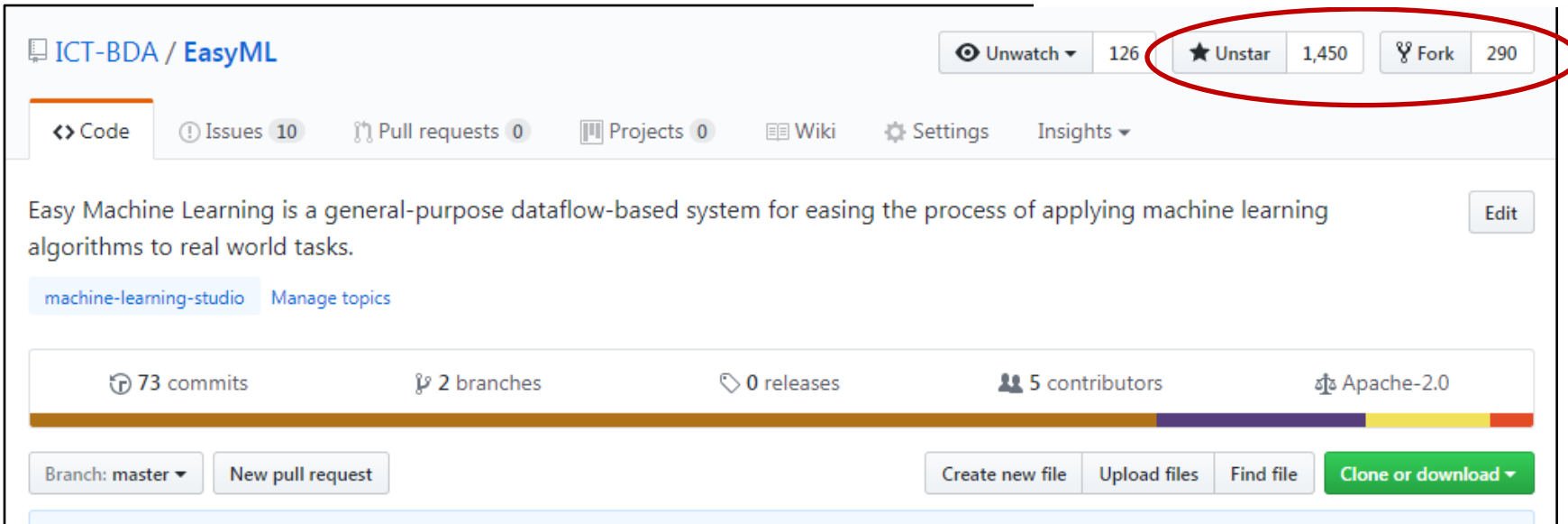
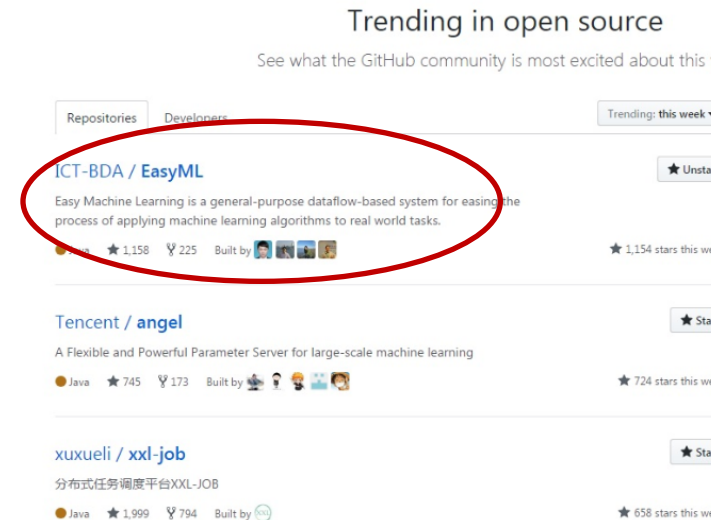
- Advantages

- **Sharing:** share data/programs/tasks among users
- **Collaborating:** working together for one task
- **Mobility:** accessing with web browsers anywhere
- **Open:** ETL for data import/export; can run third-party algorithms

Source Shared at Github

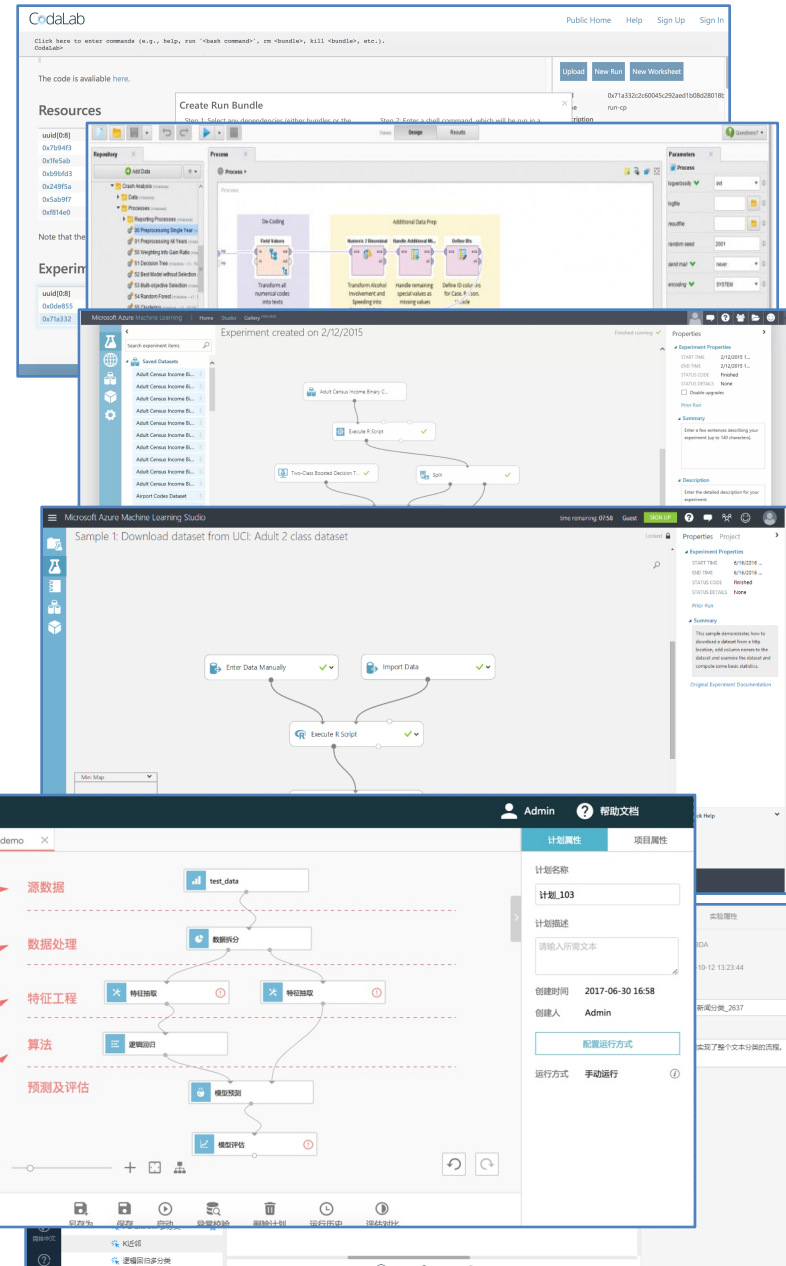
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- Top 1 Java project at Github trending for one week
- 1400 + stars and ~300 forks
- CIKM 2016 best demo candidate [Guo et al., CIKM '16]



Related Systems

- Stanford CodaLab
 - A collaborative platform for reproducible research
- Rapid Miner Studio
 - Interactive GUI and integrated machine learning algorithms
- Microsoft Azure machine learning
 - GUI-based IDE for constructing and operationalizing machine learning workflow on Azure
- Alibaba 御膳房 / DT PAI
- The Fourth Paradigm Prophet



Summary

- Ease the process of using machine learning
 - Machine learning process as dataflow DAG
 - Interactive GUI for designing and managing ML tasks
 - Deployed as a web service
 - Resource management
 - Task design
 - Task monitoring
 - Result reusing
 - Source code @Github
 - <https://github.com/ICT-BDA/EasyML>

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