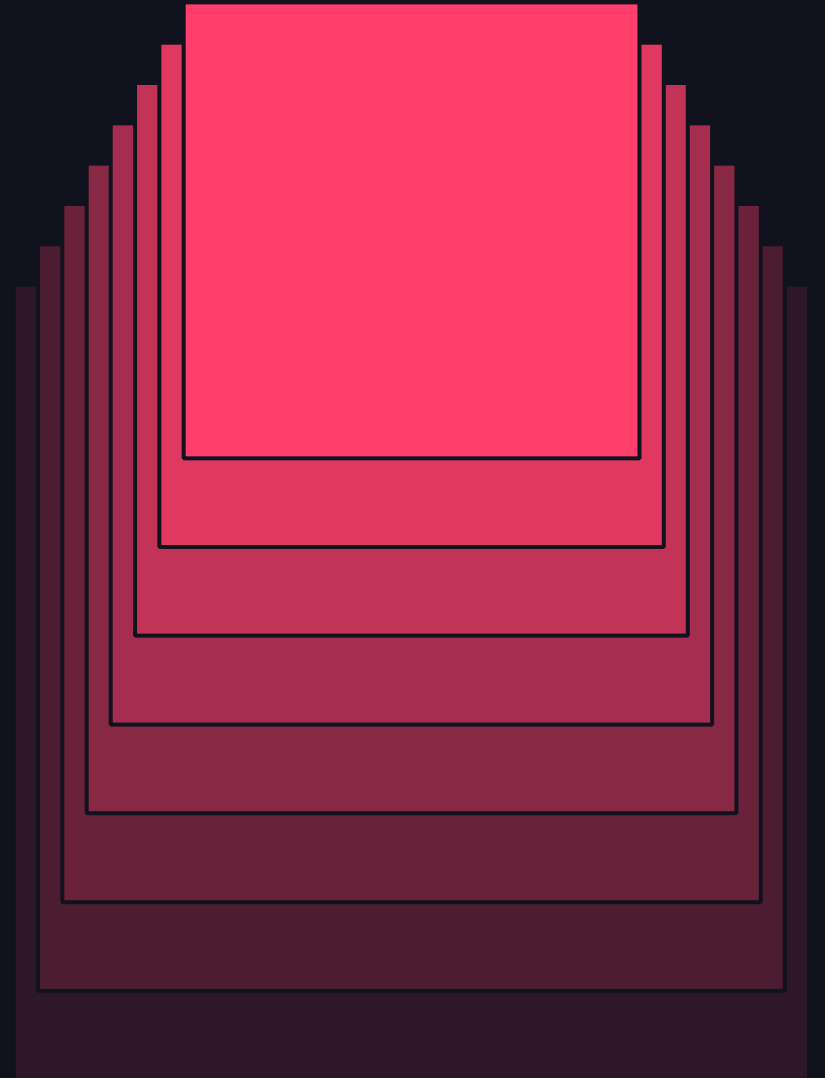


What's new in Databricks Workflows

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Agenda



- The Databricks Workflows Story
- Recent innovations
- Looking ahead
- Demo



- **2015 Cron-based jobs**
- **2016 Notebook workflows**
- **2020 Jobs with multiple tasks**
 - Reliability
 - Monitoring
- **2022 The best lakehouse orchestrator**
 - Integration with the lakehouse
 - Streaming
 - Cluster reuse
- **2023 Serverless, performance and ease of use**
- **2024 AI powered ETL**



The image features a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard, which is the central focus. The background is a dark blue, semi-transparent overlay of a digital data visualization. This visualization consists of a network of nodes and connecting lines. The nodes are represented by small, rounded rectangular shapes in shades of teal and purple, each containing a white numerical identifier. Some of the visible numbers include #47, #94, #64, #49, #02, #18, #08, #93, #12, #23, #78, #04, and #81. The lines connecting these nodes form a complex web, suggesting a data flow or a network structure. The overall aesthetic is modern and technological, with a focus on data and connectivity.

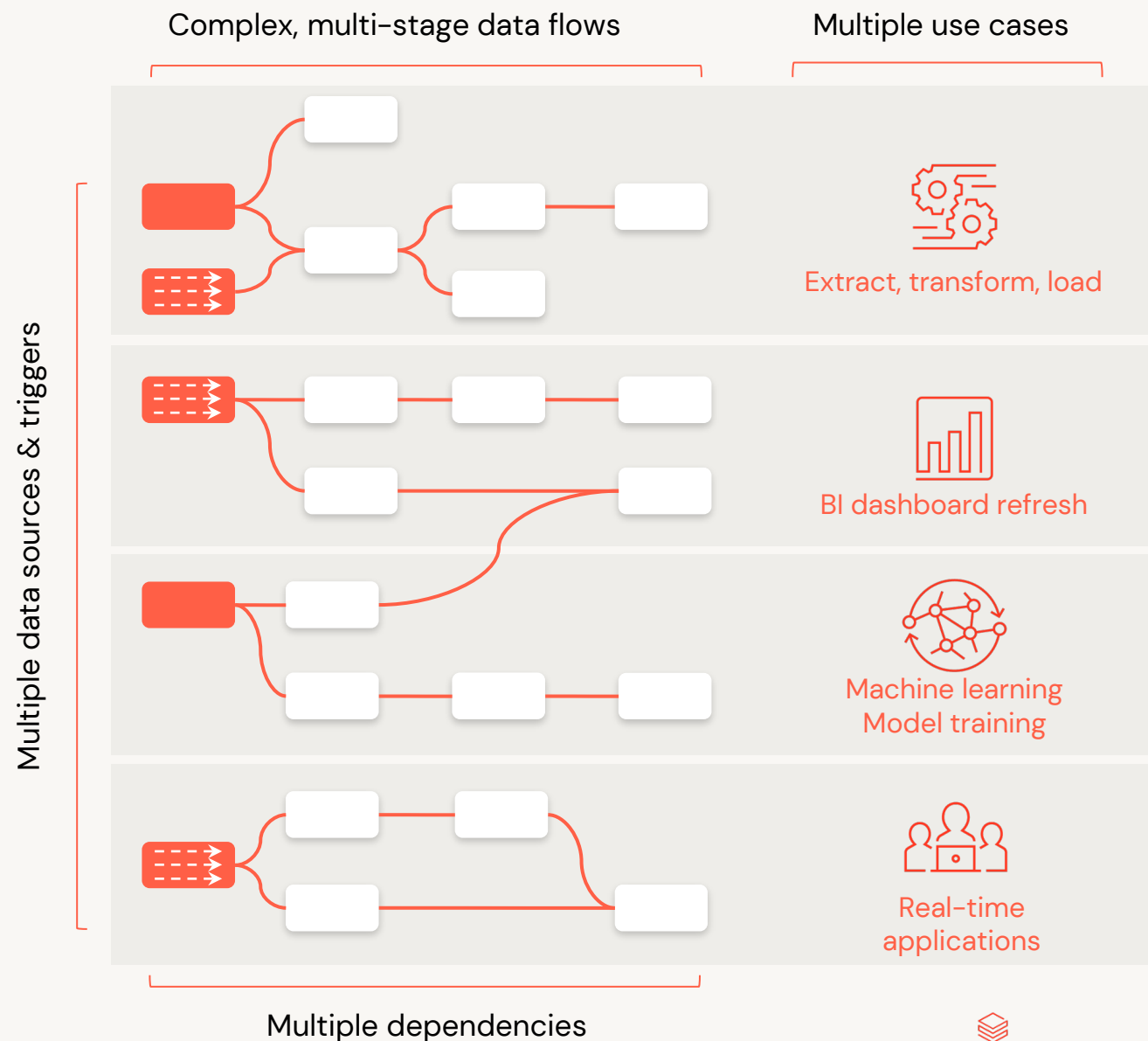
**Modern data engineering
requires modern data
orchestration**

Modern data engineering requires modern data orchestration

Orchestrating processes across all data, analytics and AI use cases is business critical

“Data pipelines are growing in size, volume, and complexity, with multistage processing and dependencies between various data assets.”*

**Gartner Data Engineering Essentials, Patterns and Best Practices, September 2022*



But organizations struggle with so many tools

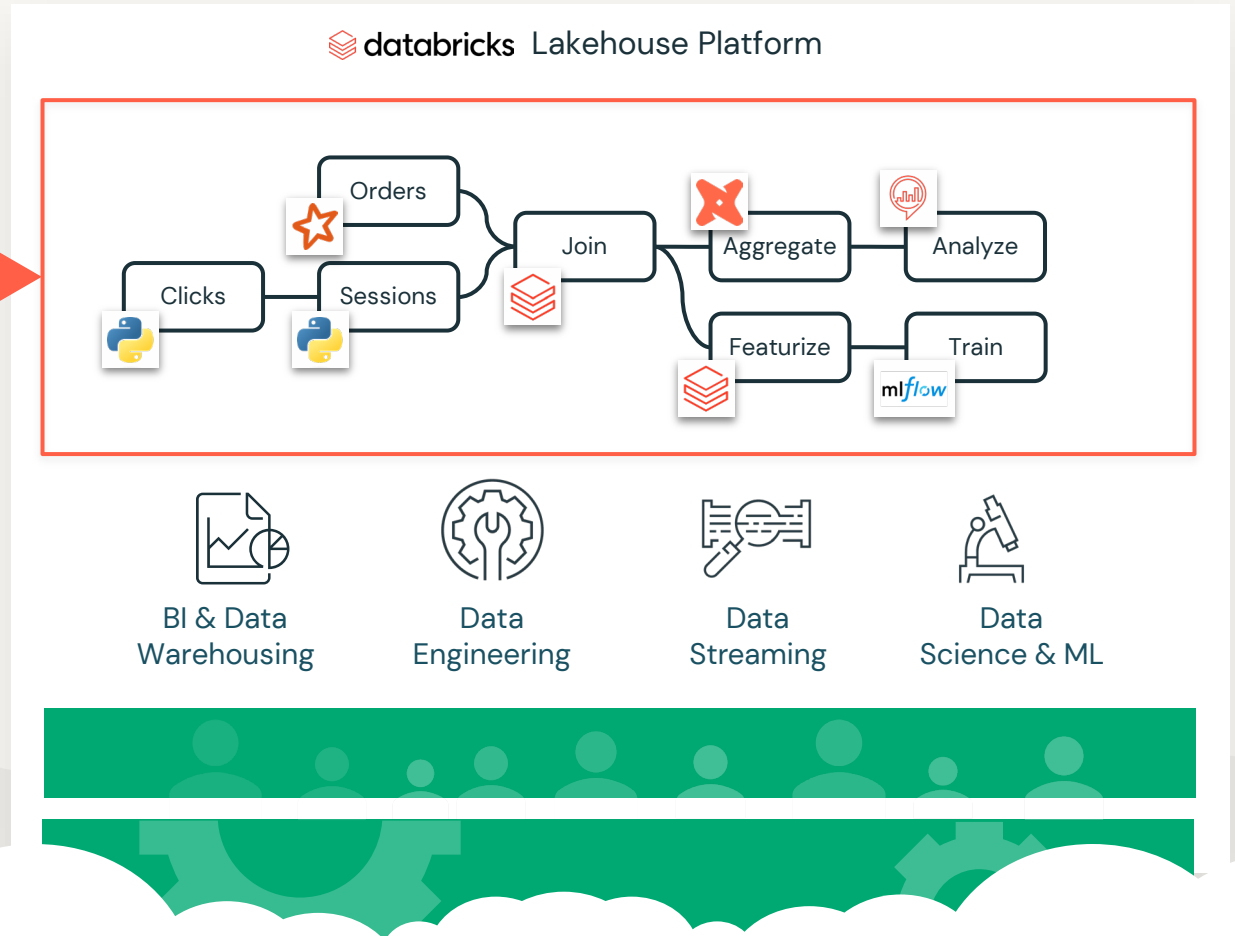
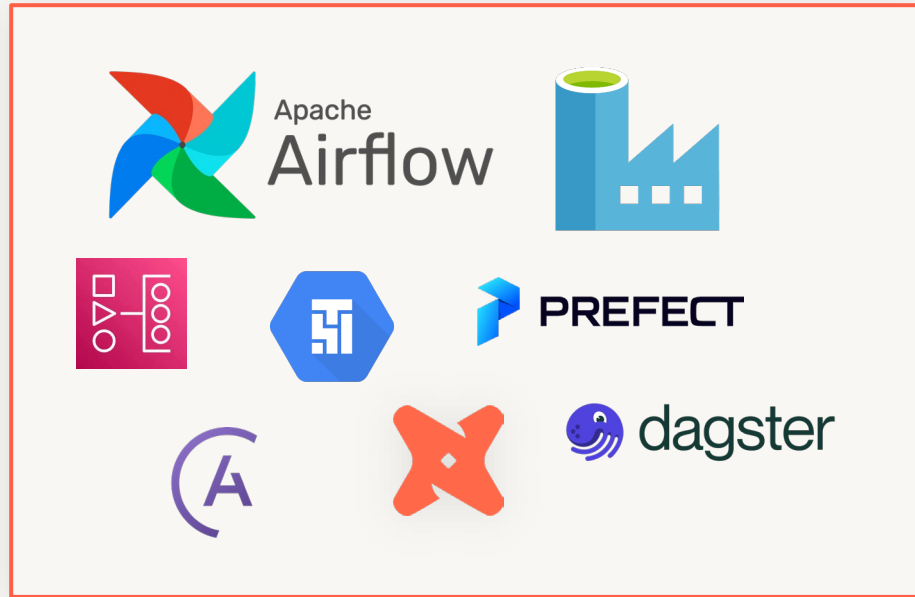
>65%

of organizations are using 10+ data engineering and intelligence tools

Source: IDC DataOps Survey, 2020



Many ways to orchestrate your Lakehouse



External orchestrators create challenges

Hard to use for many practitioners



Data teams are less productive

Difficult to understand root cause when issues occur

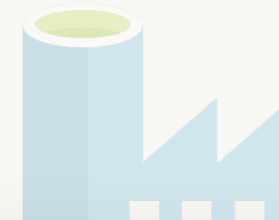


Bad data lowers value of downstream applications

Complex architecture to manage and maintain

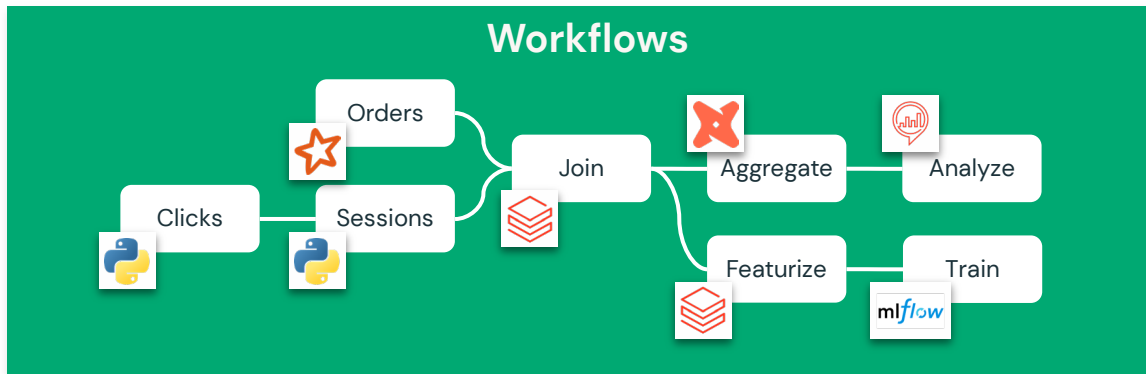


Higher cost of ownership and lower reliability



These tools are not unified with your Lakehouse





BI & Data
Warehousing



Data
Engineering



Data
Streaming



Data
Science & ML

Unity Catalog

Delta Lake



Databricks Workflows

Unified orchestration for data,
analytics, and AI on the
Lakehouse Platform

- Simple authoring
- Actionable insights
- Proven reliability



Top 3 reasons why customers love Databricks Workflows



Simple authoring for all data practitioners

Any data practitioner can accelerate their development by easily orchestrating Workflows from inside their Databricks workspace in just a few clicks. Advanced users can use their favorite IDEs with full support for CI/CD.



Actionable insights from real-time monitoring

Full visibility into every task in every workflow. See the **health** of all your production workloads in **real-time** with detailed metrics and analytics to identify, troubleshoot, and fix issues fast.



Proven reliability for production workloads

A fully managed service with serverless data processing and years of **99.95% uptime**. Workflows is trusted by thousands of Databricks customers running millions of production workloads.



>10k customers | >25 million VMs/day | >99.95% uptime



Improved collaboration
80-90% faster processing

ADF → Workflows
4.5x faster deployment
50% cost reduction

Airflow → Workflows
60% cost reduction
90% faster processing



>70 new features
 shipped 

This is the highlight reel.

Data triggers: Run only when you need to

Trigger based on table change



Trigger when new files arrive

Now unlimited files count and increasing number of triggers

Trigger another job
"job as a task"

Schedules & Triggers

Trigger Status




Active
 Paused

Trigger type

Table update

Table update triggers monitor tables for data changes (e.g. update, merge and delete). These tables can be managed or external tables in Unity Catalog.

Tables

mycatalog.myschema.mytable1	
mycatalog.myschema.mytable2	
mycatalog.myschema.mytable3	

+ Add table

Trigger when

All tables are updated
 Any table is updated

Advanced

Test connection Cancel Save



Advanced SQL orchestration

- ✓ Referencing of SQL query results in other tasks, e.g. for conditional execution
 - ✓ Multi-SQL statement support
- Full support for control flow, e.g. conditionals, for-each

Workflows > Jobs > Update x-location financials

Visual | Code | Run now

Runs | **Tasks**

query_locations → **agg_locations** → Refresh_dash

agg_locations: ...atabricks.com/agg location revenue

+ Add task

Task name*

Type*

Inputs*

Concurrency (optional)



Depends on

Run if dependencies



Cancel | Save task


Faster and easier


- ✓ Now up to 1k tasks per job
- ✓ Improved cluster defaults to set you up for success
- ✓ Easily exchange messages across tasks, now with a simplified UI and auto-complete


Add new job cluster 61 GB · 8 Cores · DBR 14.3 LTS · Phot...  

Depends on


Antons_Job  


Run if dependencies 

All succeeded 

Parameters 

```
[ "--class", "org.apache.spark.examples.SparkPi",  
  "dbfs:/path/to/examples.jar", "10" ]
```



Notifications 



Find your assets quickly

✓ Easily filter to the job or run that you care about, e.g. with job favourites ★

✓ Descriptions for your jobs and tasks

Workflows

[Jobs](#) [Job runs](#) [Delta Live Tables](#)

Filter jobs Owned by me Accessible by me Favorites Tags: finance * 3 jobs found Load tutorial Create job

[Reset filters](#)

Name	Tags	Created by	Trigger	Recent runs	
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☆ Data clean-up	finance production	roland.faustlin@ databri	Paused - Scheduled	— — ✓ ✓ ✓	▶ ⋮
☆ Transactions	analytics finance key production	roland.faustlin@ databri	Scheduled	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ↻	■ ⋮

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AI assisted debugging integrated

The screenshot displays the Databricks workspace interface. The top navigation bar includes the user profile 'E2 Dogfood', a search bar, and the user email 'cong.lu@databricks.com'. The left sidebar contains navigation options such as 'New', 'Workspace', 'Recents', 'Catalog', 'Workflows', 'Compute', 'SQL Editor', 'Queries', 'Dashboards', 'Alerts', 'Query History', 'SQL Warehouses', 'Data Engineering', 'Job Runs', 'Data Ingestion', 'Delta Live Tables', 'Machine Learning', 'Playground', 'Experiments', 'Features', 'Models', 'Serving', 'Previews', 'Marketplace', and 'Partner Connect'. The main content area shows a failed task run for 'Untitled_Notebook_2024-01-22_102755'. The task status is 'Failed'. The output pane displays a Python error message: 'Syntax error at or near 'gfdgfdgfd''. Below the error, an AI-assisted diagnosis is shown, identifying the error as a 'ParseException' and providing a 'Diagnose error' button. The right sidebar shows task run details, including Job ID, Job run ID, Task run ID, Run as, Launched, Started, Ended, Duration, Queue duration, Status (Failed), and Lineage information. The notebook path is '/Users/cong.lu@databricks.com/Untitled Notebook 2024-01-22 10:27:55' and the compute configuration is 'Default Serverless'.



Only run what you need

- ✓ Run only the tasks you need to get back on track, now also single and successful tasks

Repair job run

Select tasks to rerun
Click individual task to select or select multiple tasks using the hover task controls

The diagram shows a job flow starting with a task 'query_interview_result' (Succeeded - 3s). This leads to a task 'did_candidate_pass' (Failed) with a filter condition '< > _score >> >= 3.0'. A 'Select all downstream' button is positioned above this task. From 'did_candidate_pass', the flow branches into two tasks: 'send_offer' and 'send_rejection_letter', both of which are marked as 'Upstream failed'.

Parameters
Provide job parameters for the repaired run.

[Browse dynamic values](#)

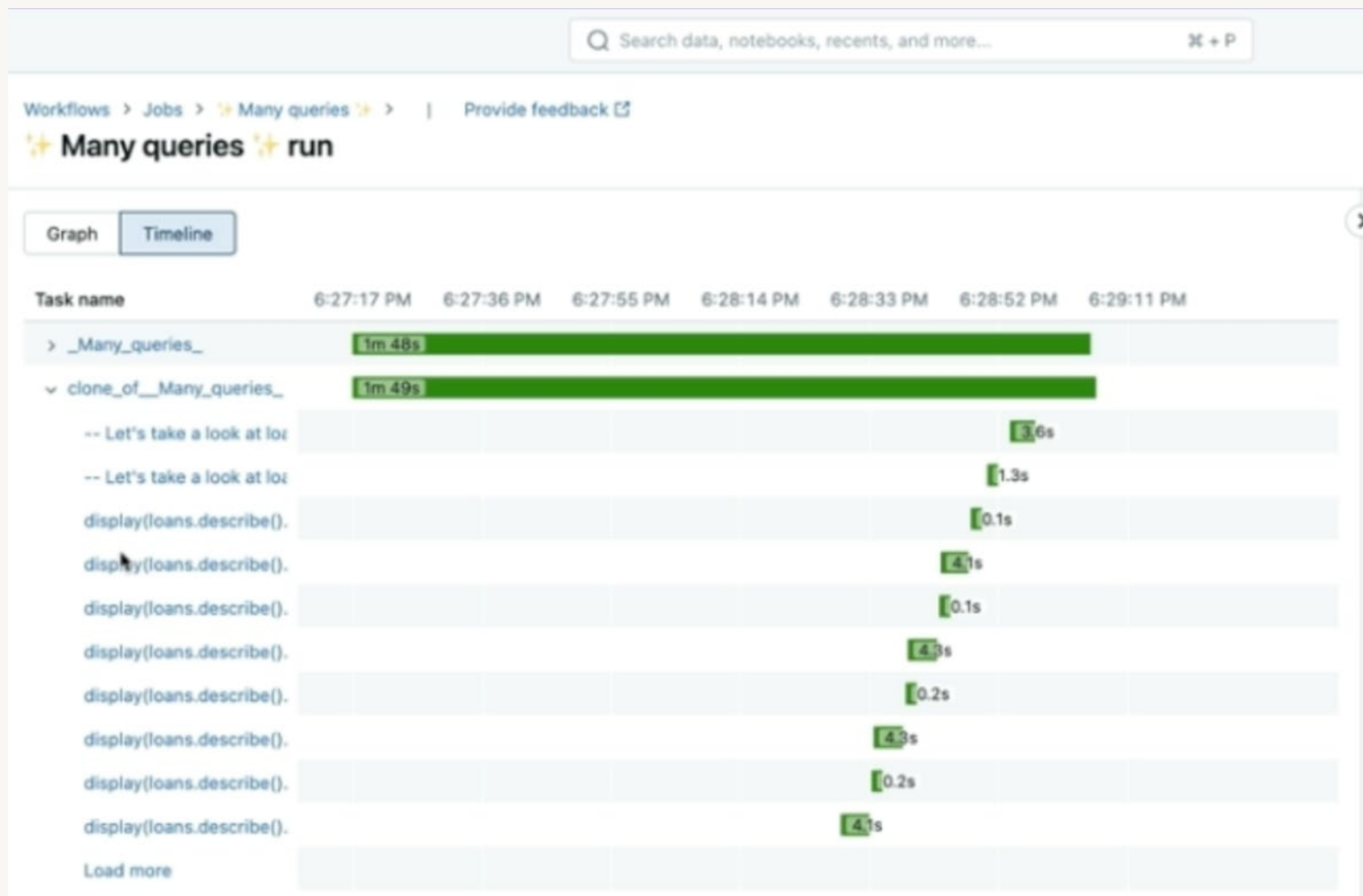
Key	Value
candidate	Gabor Ratky (default)

Buttons: Cancel, Repair run (3)



Easily optimize price/performance

- ✓ Timeline view across tasks and queries
- ✓ Query profile integration
- ✓ Track streaming lag and alert on deviations
- ✓ Alert when jobs are running late

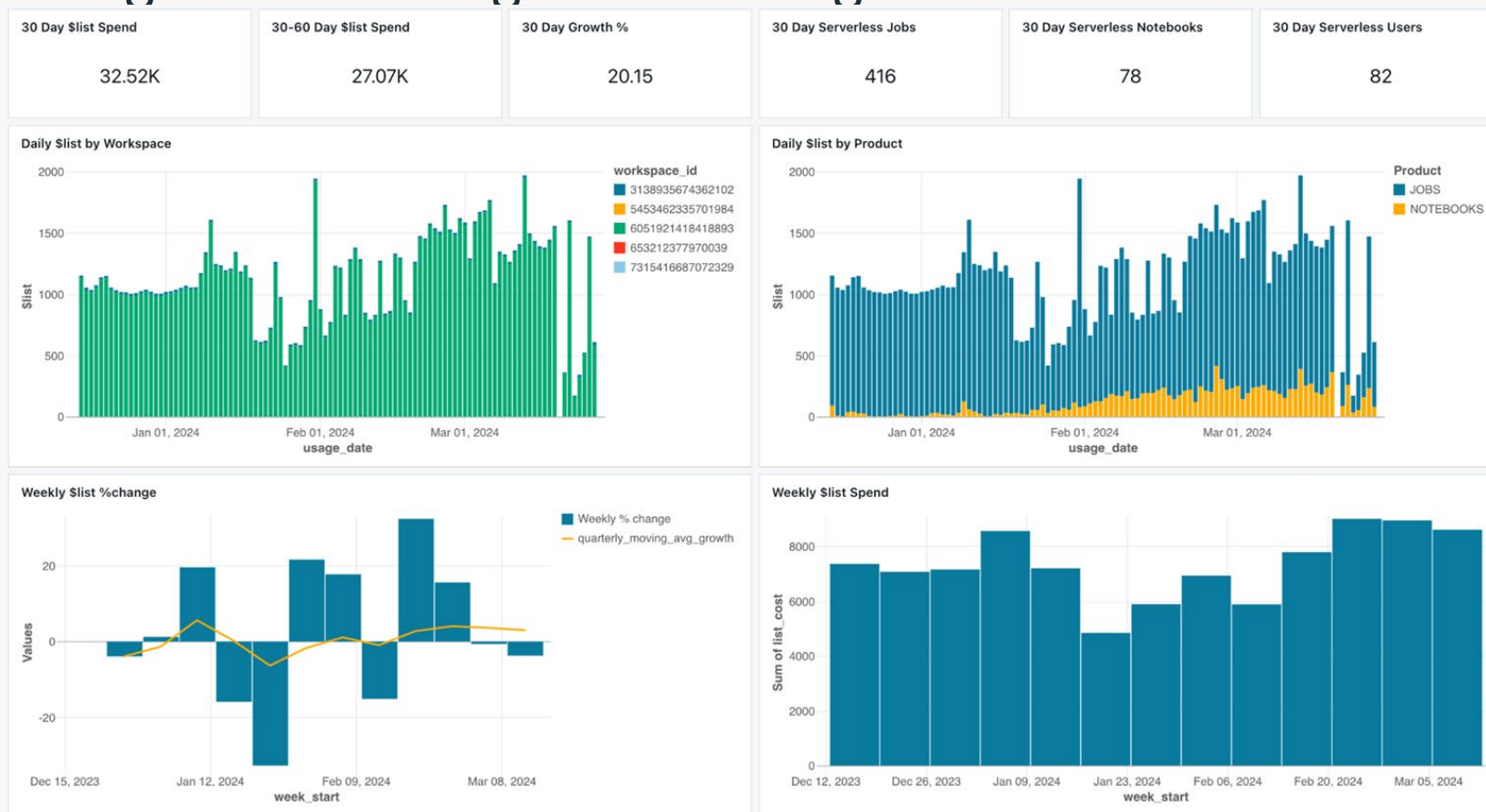


Track cost and long-term trends

✓ System tables and templated/customizable dashboards

SOON

In-UI budget monitoring and alerting



PyDABs: Anything in Databricks as code

- ✓ Python SDK
- ✓ Terraform support
- ✓ Run jobs as service principal

→ Easily develop Workflows in your IDE as Python code

→ Compare changes

→ Collaborate with UI-only users

Code review your Workflows

The screenshot shows a pull request titled "Add refresh dashboard task #4" in Databricks. The pull request is from the `feature/refresh-dashboard` branch to the `main` branch. It includes a comment from user `kanterov` stating: "After updating the Delta table with the latest data, this commit adds a new task to the workflow that triggers the refresh of the dashboard." Below the comment, there are three checks: "All checks have passed" (2 successful checks), "deploy to dev / test (3.10) (pull_request)" (Successful in 19s), and "This branch has no conflicts with the base branch" (Merging can be performed automatically). A "Merge pull request" button is visible at the bottom of the checks section. On the right side, there are settings for Reviewers, Assignees, Labels, Projects, Milestone, Development, and Notifications.



Breakout session on
Thursday at 11:20 AM

INGESTION CONNECTORS:

Efficient data ingestion for everyone



Simple and low-maintenance → Fewer headaches, quicker time to value, democratized data



Unified with the lakehouse → Secure and healthy pipelines that live where you do your work



Efficient end-to-end → Lower costs, better performance, better scalability



Private preview



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Private preview



Coming soon



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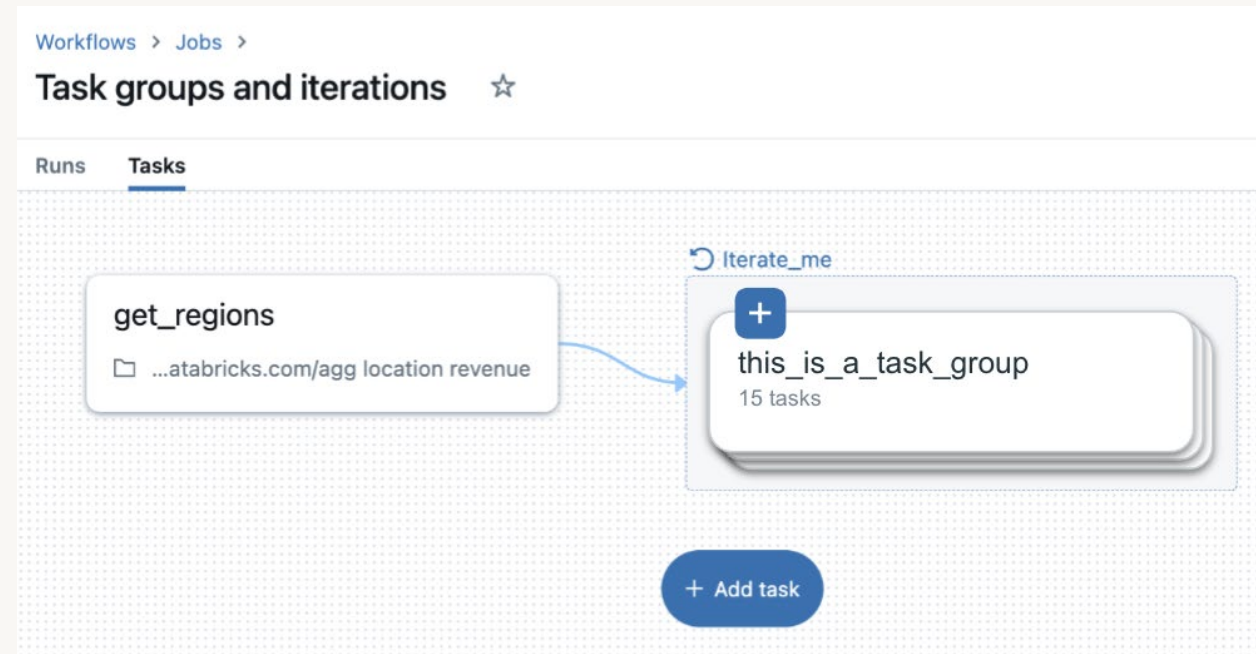


And we are not done. 🦾



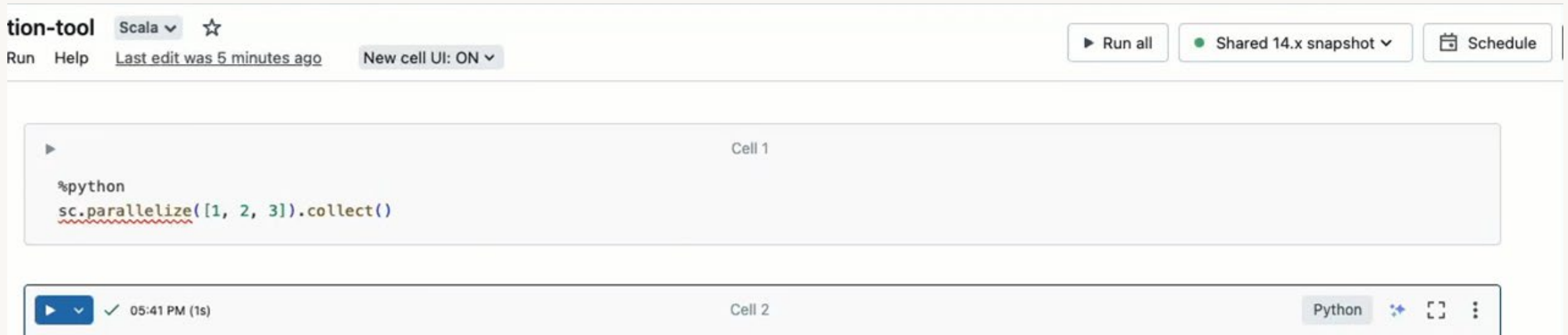
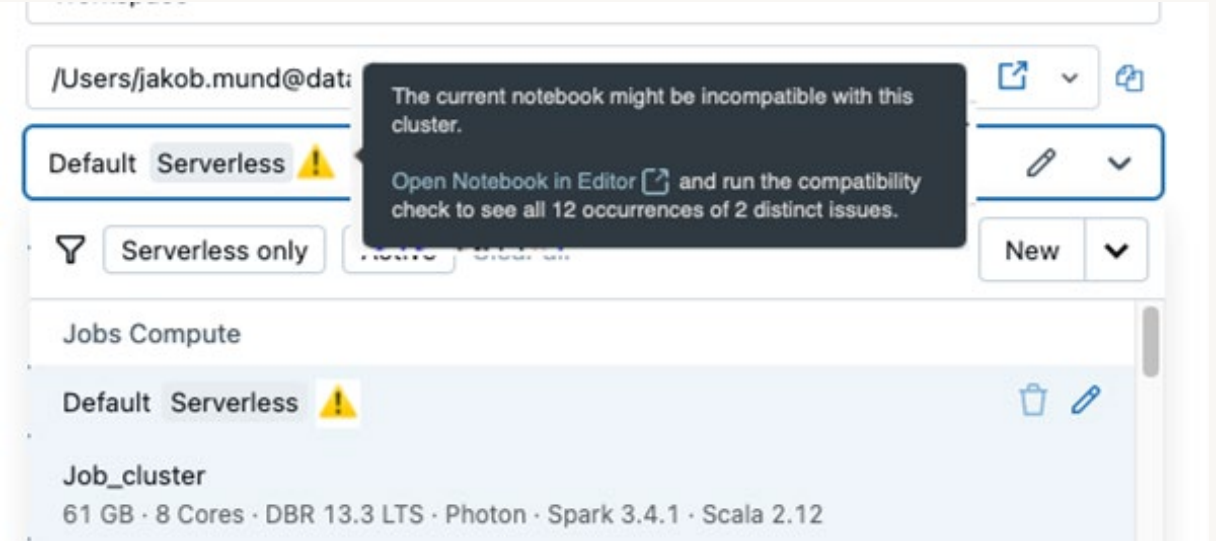
More trigger and control-flow options

- ▶▶ For-each loops across multiple tasks
- ▶▶ Task groups: Visual segmentation of large DAGs
- ▶▶ Periodic triggers: Run every week, day, hour
- ▶▶ Multiple triggers per job
- ▶▶ Queuing on infrastructure resources, e.g. instance pool availability



Unity Catalog and Serverless compatibility

- ▶▶ Compatibility checks for Unity Catalog and serverless
- ▶▶ AI assisted code updates



Operational health across the Lakehouse

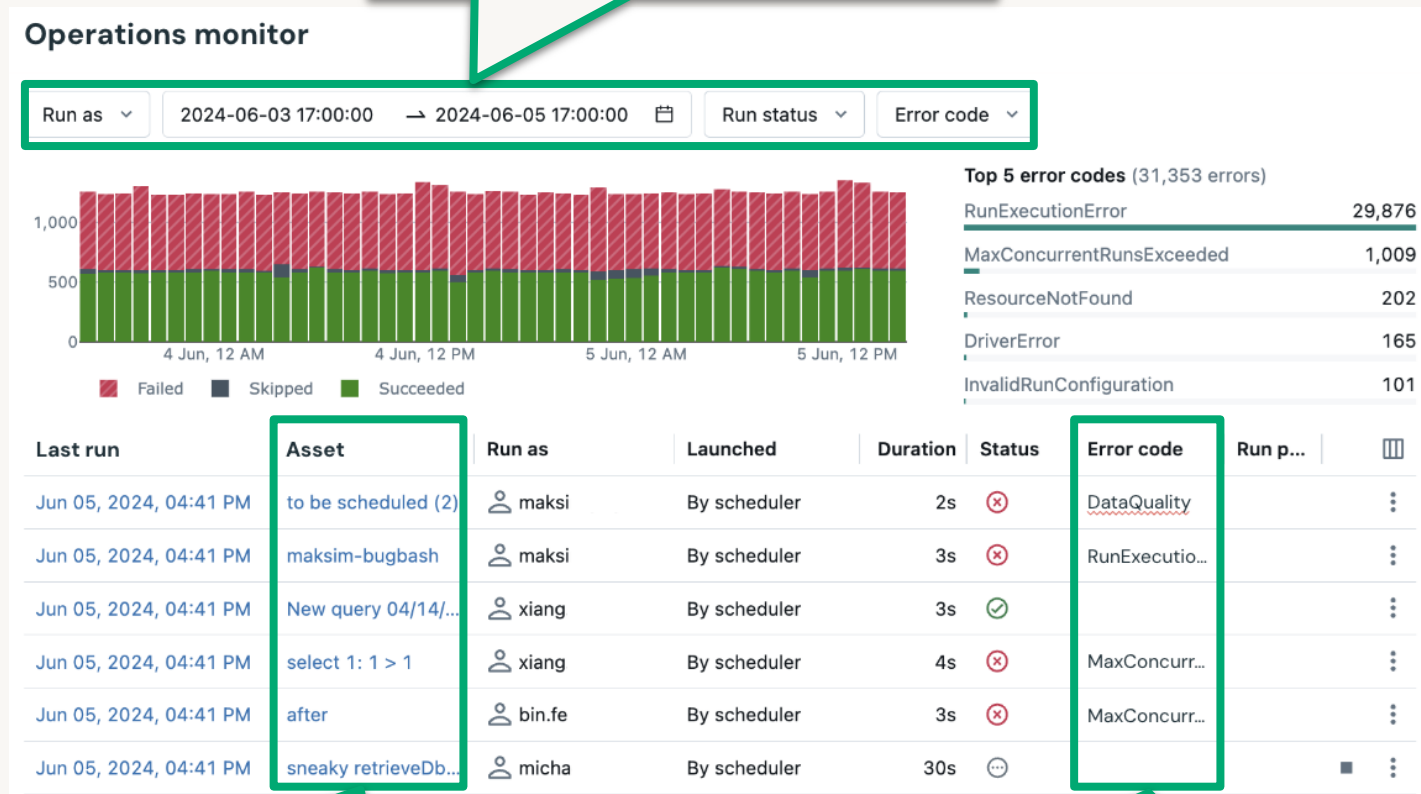
Filter, e.g. by team or alert type

Single operational view

→ Health metrics across all assets

→ Data health monitoring

→ Anomaly detection



Any asset, e.g. job, pipeline, table

Any issue, e.g. data quality

Serverless Compute



SIMPLE and FAST

No knobs
Fast startup
For any practitioner



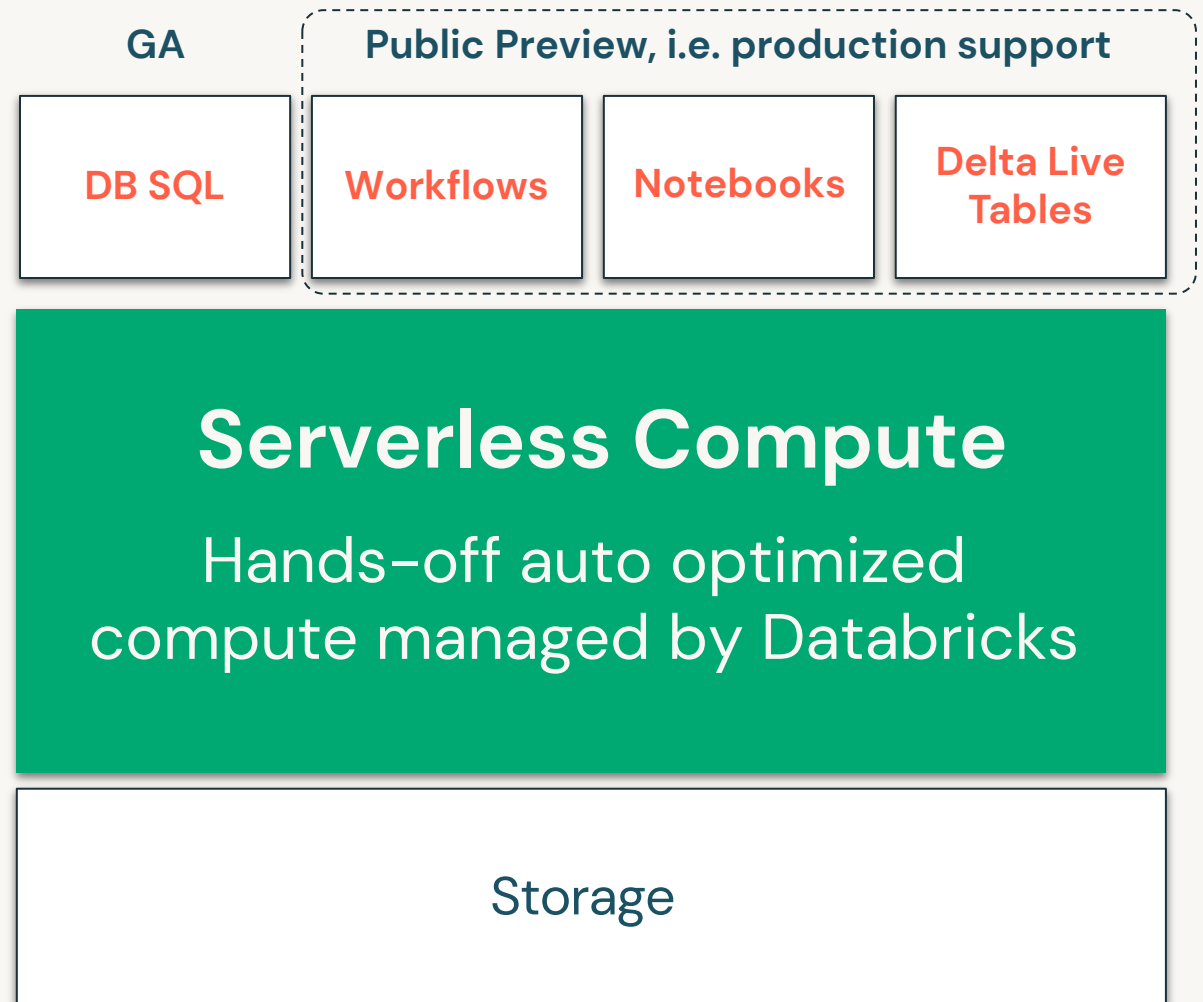
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Fully managed and versionless
Paying only what you use
Strong cost governance



RELIABLE

Secure by default
Stable with smart fail-overs



STOP spending time on...

Setting up networks

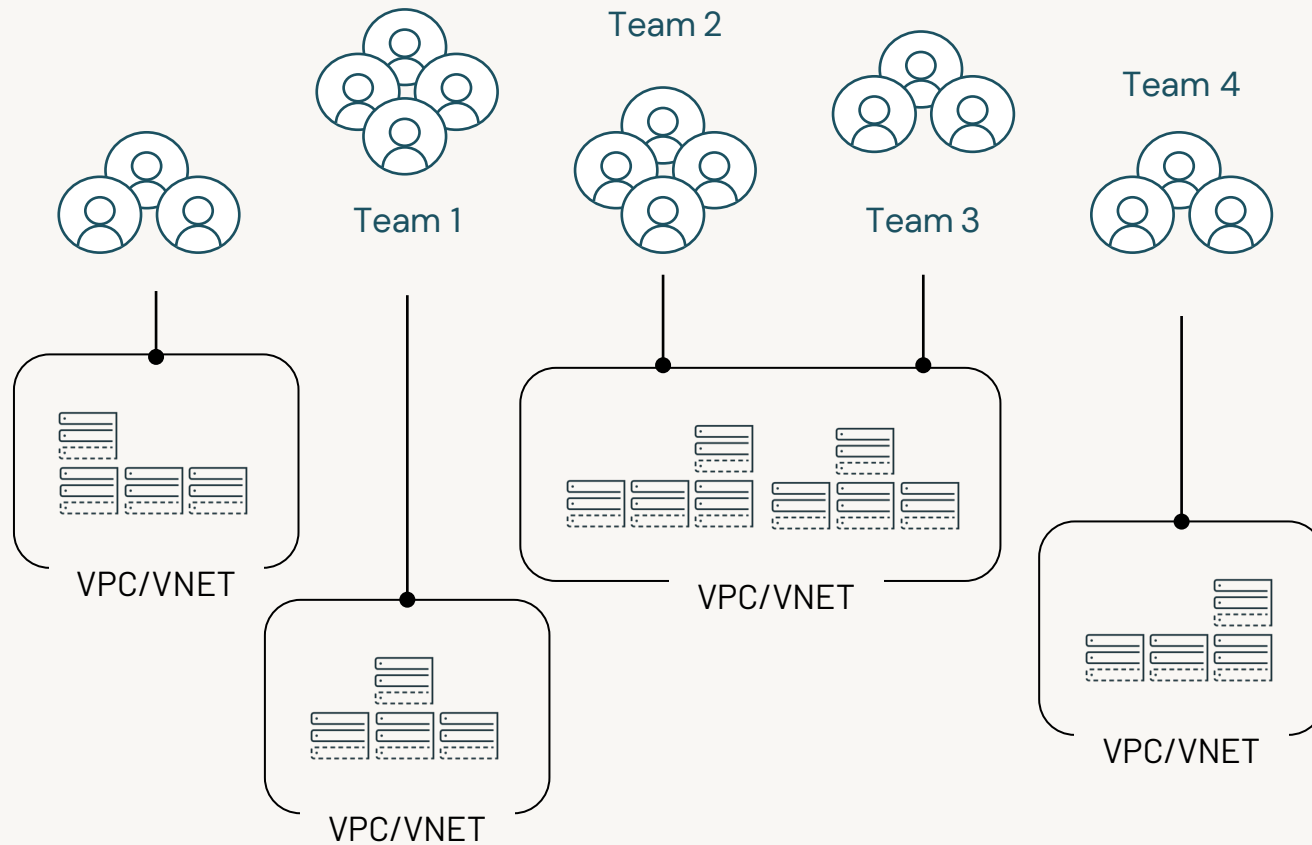
- Create and configure VNets
- Set up gateways and firewall rules
- Setup and manage private endpoints
- X-tenant identities
- IP address / subnet management

Security and Compliance

- Vulnerability management
- Encryption and key management
- Intrusion detection and monitoring
- Data exfiltration protection

Managing efficiency

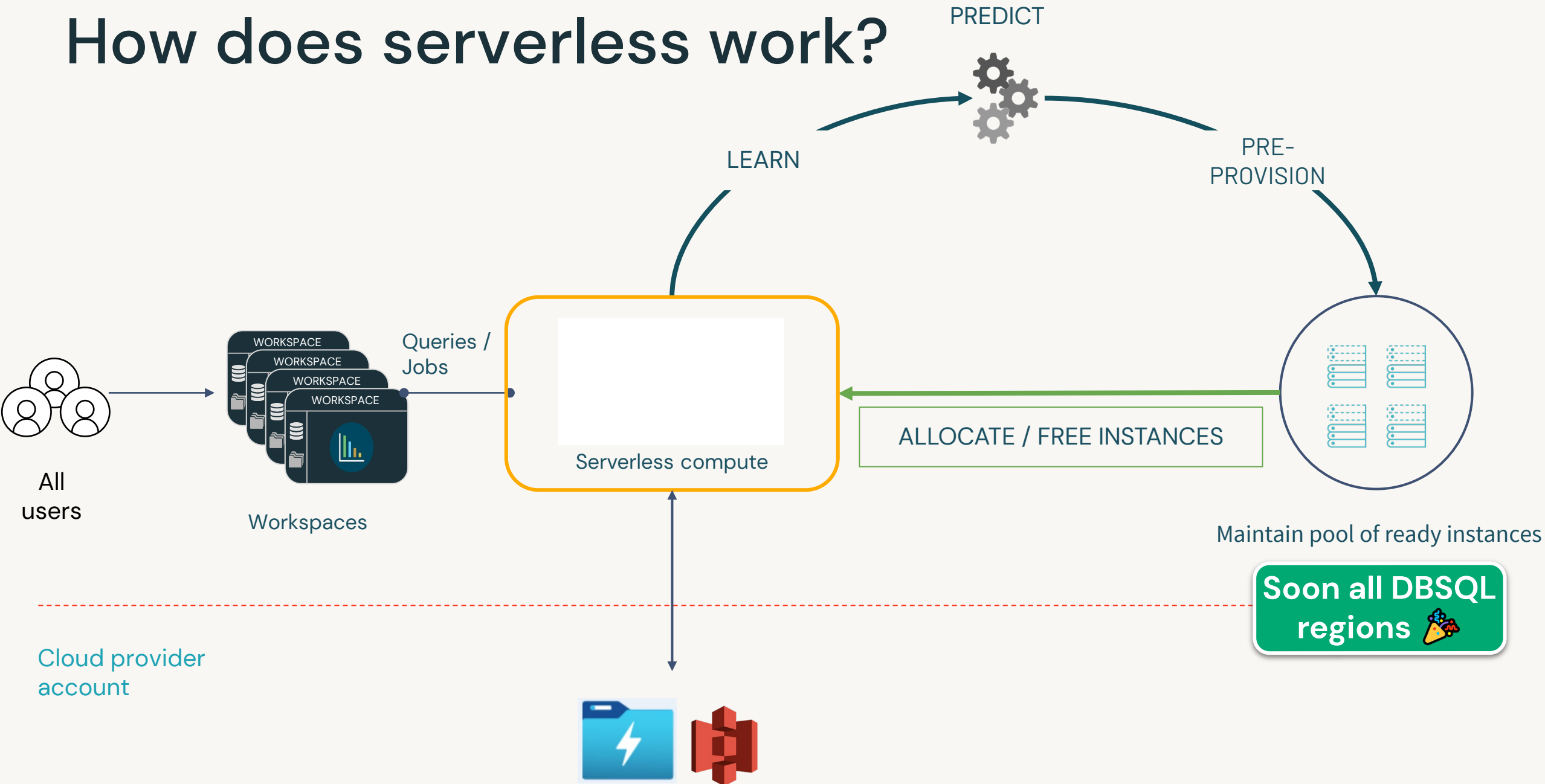
- Capacity projections and reservations
- Right sizing instances for workloads
- Maintaining high utilization
- Managing instance pools
- Vacuum / compaction of Delta tables



Structured, Semi-structured and Unstructured Data




How does serverless work?



Key technologies in Serverless

- AI managed warm-pool of VMs enabling faster up- and down-scaling
- Enhanced horizontal autoscaler
- Versionless: automatically latest features (DBR, photon, etc.)
- First and only secure multi-user Spark w/ fully isolated user code
- Environment caching
- Automatic vertical scaling (soon)



**Fully managed
Automatically
improving**

Serverless Compute in Workflows



The screenshot shows the Databricks workflow editor interface. At the top, the breadcrumb navigation reads 'Workflows > Jobs > Click Ingest Training'. A 'Run now' button is visible. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Runs' and 'Tasks'. The main area displays a workflow graph with tasks: 'Clicks_ingest', 'Orders_ingest', 'Sessionize', 'Match', 'Build_Features', 'Persist_Features', and 'Train'. A '+ Add task' button is present in the graph. Below the graph is a configuration form for a task. The fields are: 'Task name*' (Orders_ingest), 'Type*' (Notebook), 'Source*' (Workspace), 'Path*' (/Users/roland.faustlin@databricks.com/just_a_test), and 'Compute*' (Default Serverless). The 'Compute*' dropdown is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the form are 'Cancel' and 'Save task' buttons.

Fully managed and reliable

- <60s startup
- Automatic failover
- Cost optimized + development mode (soon)



When to use Serverless

	Use cases
 Use now 🌍	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interactive Pythons or SQL (no Scala yet)● New jobs● Existing jobs compatible with Unity Catalog shared access mode● Performance/startup time, streaming is important● Instead of instance pools or all-purpose compute
 Later this year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cost-optimized mode● Team level cost attribution● Internet access controls● GPUs

● Soon all serverless SQL regions!
● Built on UC Lakeguard

General availability of serverless compute for Notebooks, Workflows, DLT



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For any practitioner



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Breakout session
today at 4:00 PM

...rolling out next few weeks

...in all regions with serverless SQL



Demo



More to explore – Databricks Workflows

At DAIS

- **Practitioners Guide to Serverless Compute**
Today, 4:00 PM PDT, South, Level 3, Rm 305
- **Ingestion Connectors**
Thursday, 11:20 AM PDT, West, Level 2, Rm 2009
- **Workflows: Practical How-Tos and Demos**
Thursday, 12:30 PM PDT, South, Level 3, Rm 307
- **Keynote on Data Engineering**
Thursday, Jun 13, 8:30 AM PDT, South, Expo Level, Hall C

...and beyond

- databricks.com/product/workflows
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 Thank you



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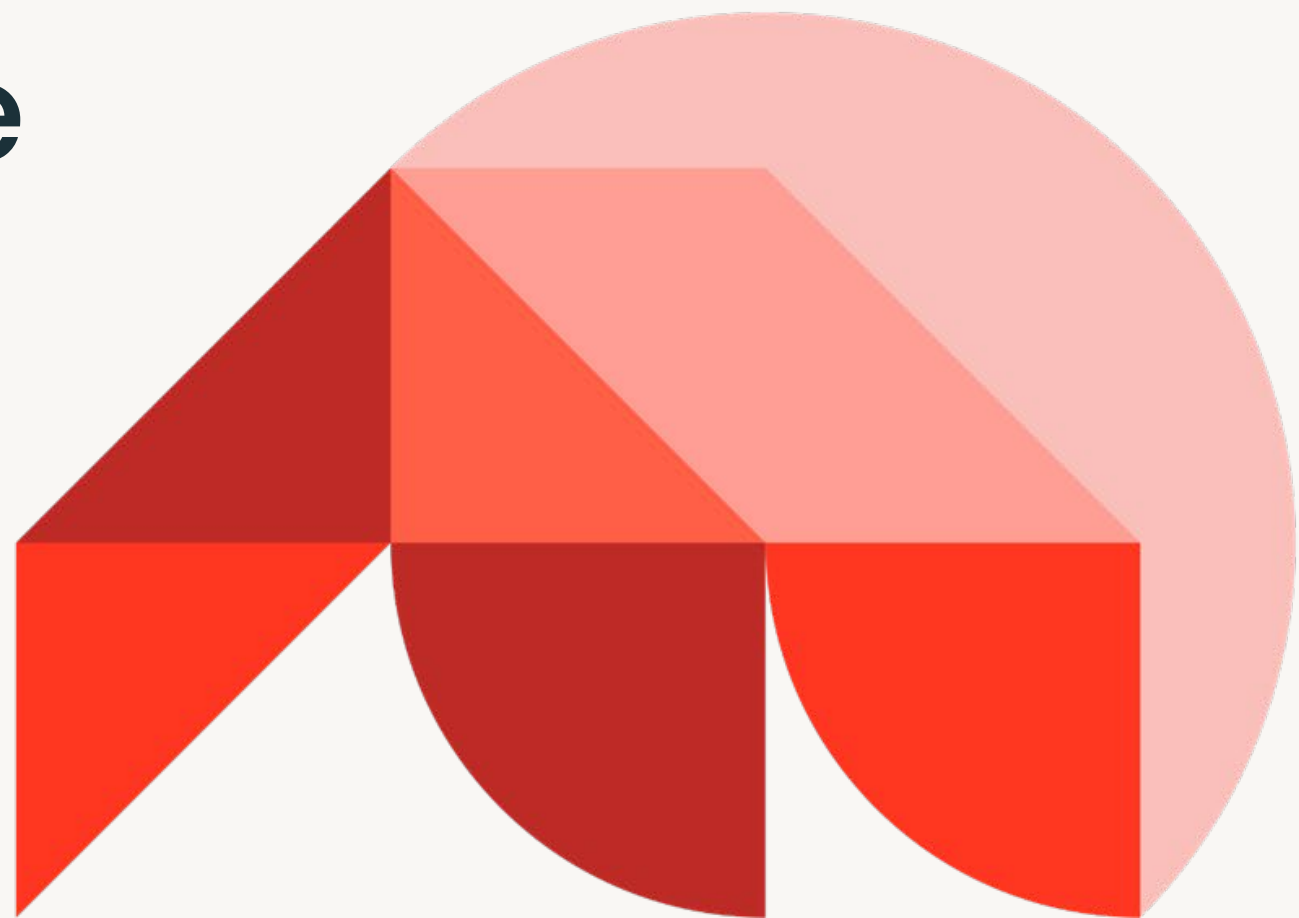




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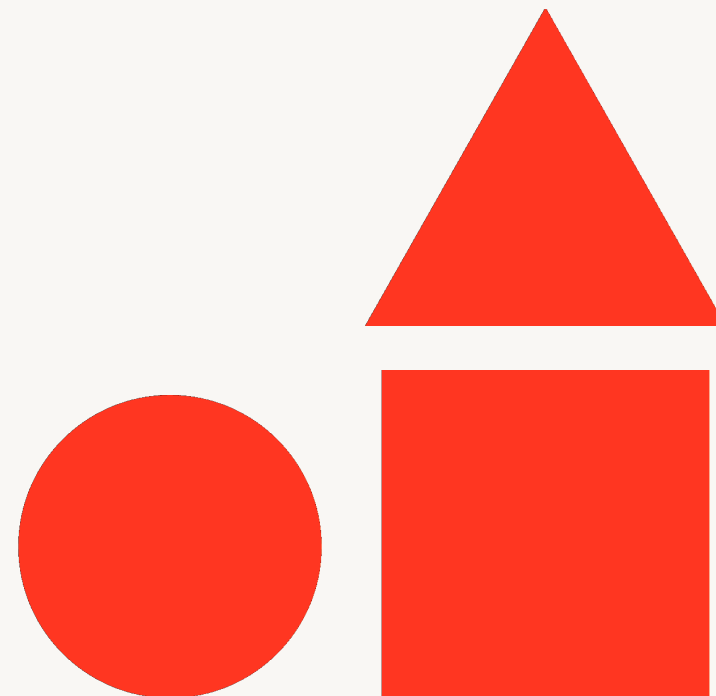
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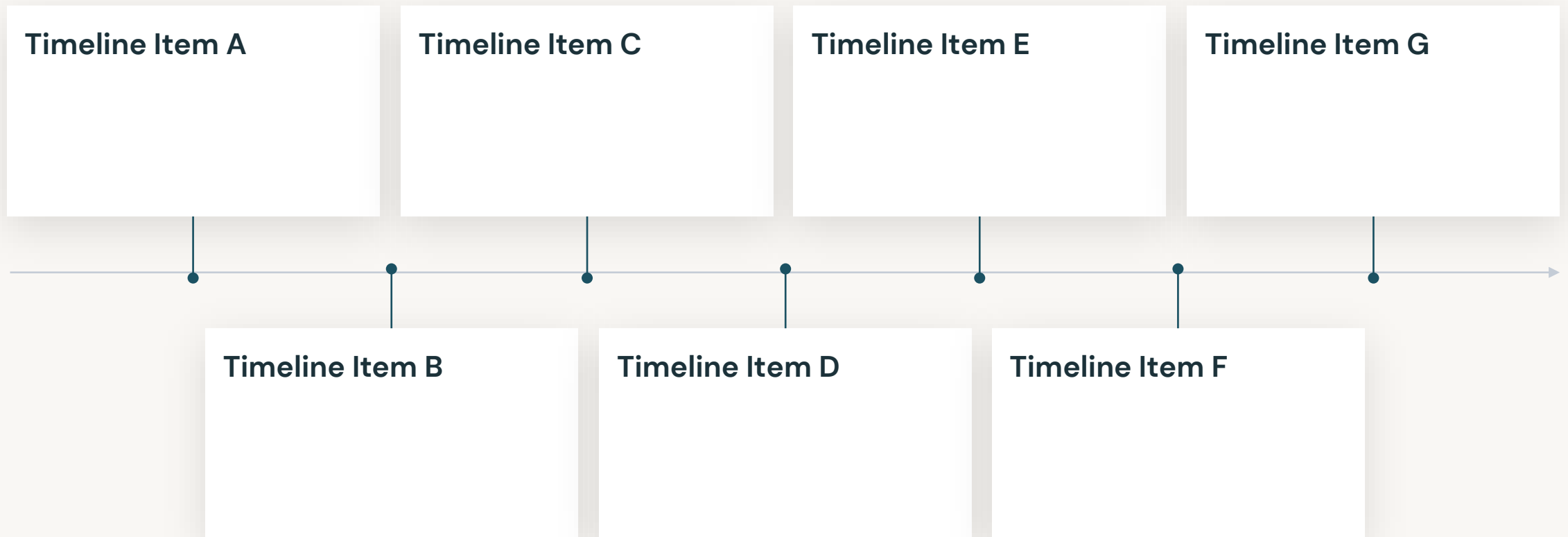
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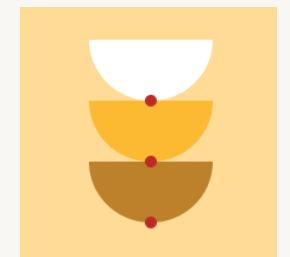
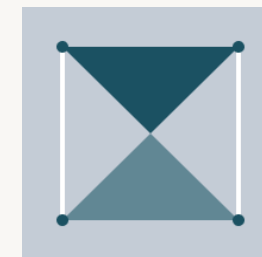
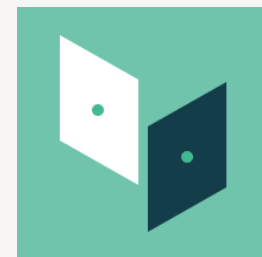
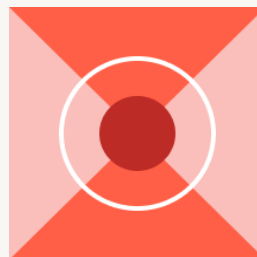
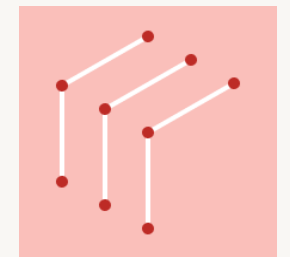
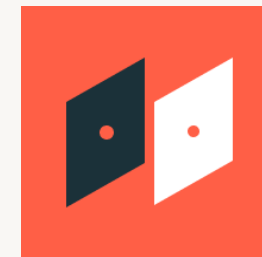
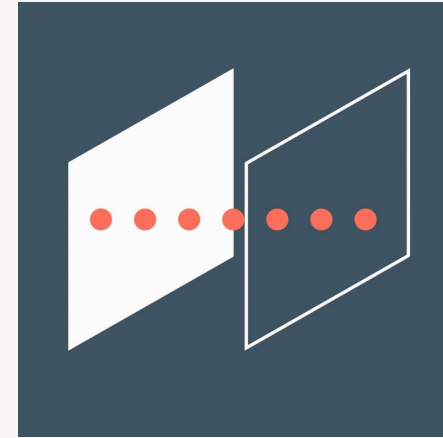
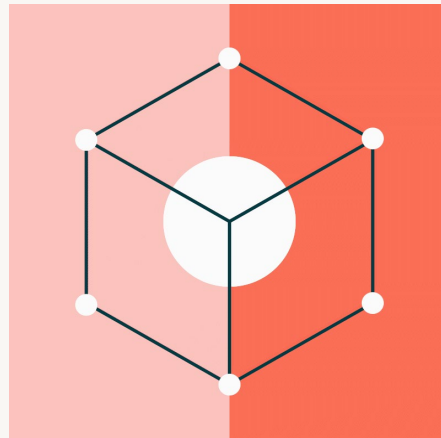


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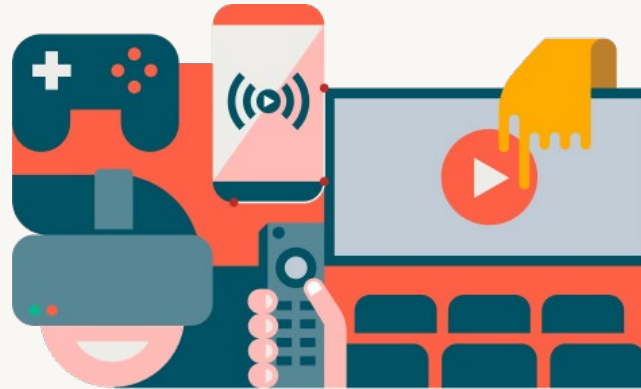
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