

Introduction to using and scaling dagster

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Agenda

1 Welcome and introduction to

- What is a data platform
- What is the role of dagster

2 Crash course on Dagster concepts

- Asset based
- Metadata-created pipelines
- Resources and IO managers

3 Hands-on lab (local or GitHub Codespace)

- Spin up the environment
- Tour Dagster UI and run first asset
- Understand, run and extend the above Dagster concepts

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- Open source implementation with local-data-stack

QA & Wrap-up

About us



Data expert in academia and industry Magenta Telecom

- meetup organizer and conference speaker
- data architecture, multimodal and complex data challenges

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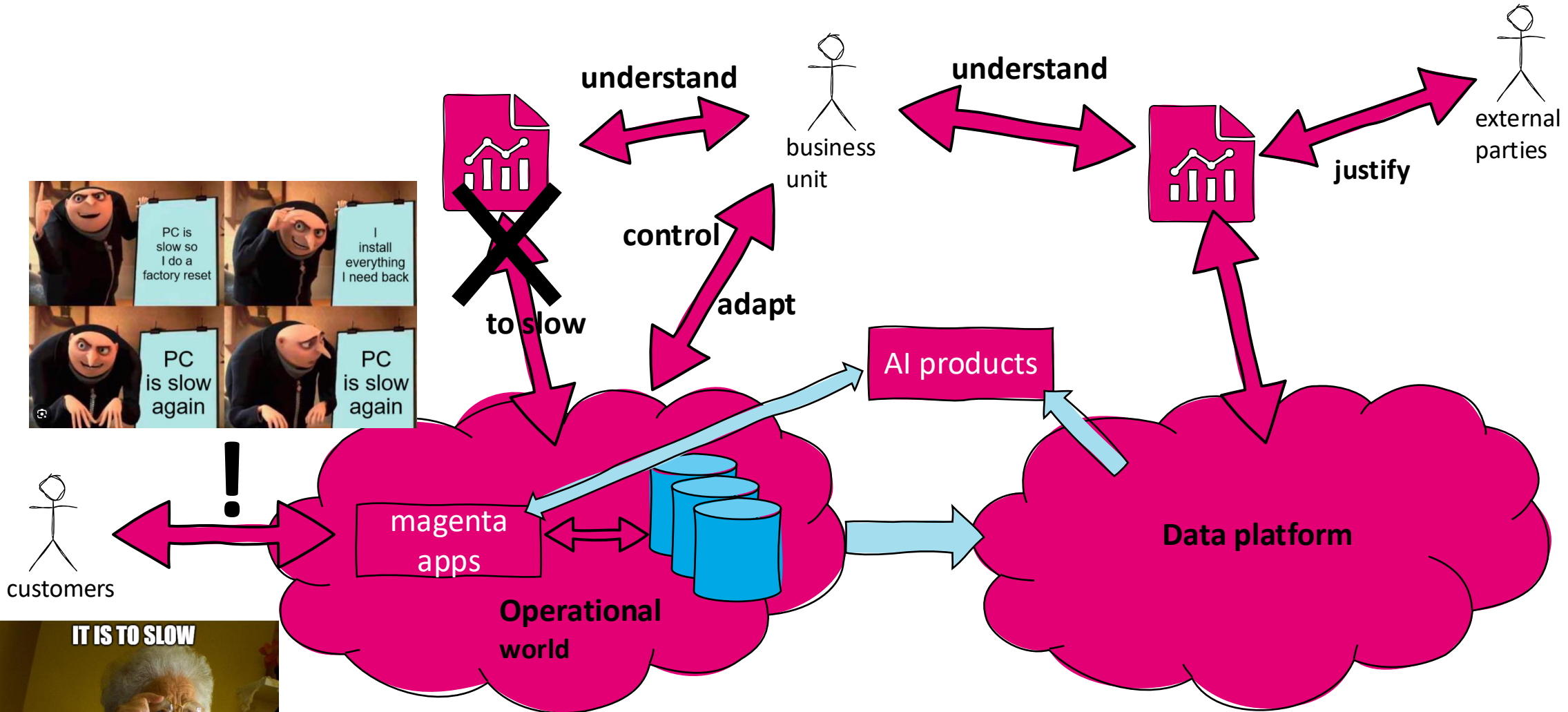
- database internals, data platform engineering

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Data platform is there to help understand business process improve service

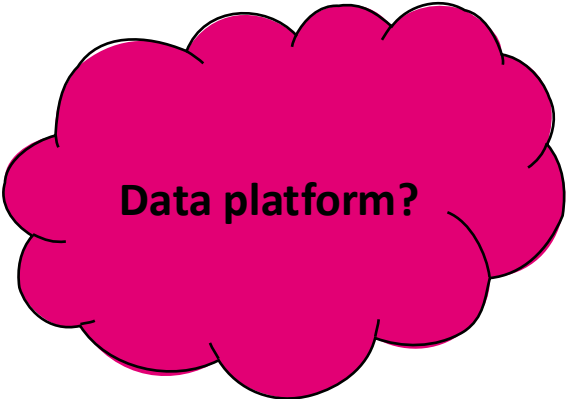


- customer facing performance is important – reporting is second priority (in a short run)
- different technology for different use case – oltp vs olap databases
- company data is an asset as car, phone or internet cable

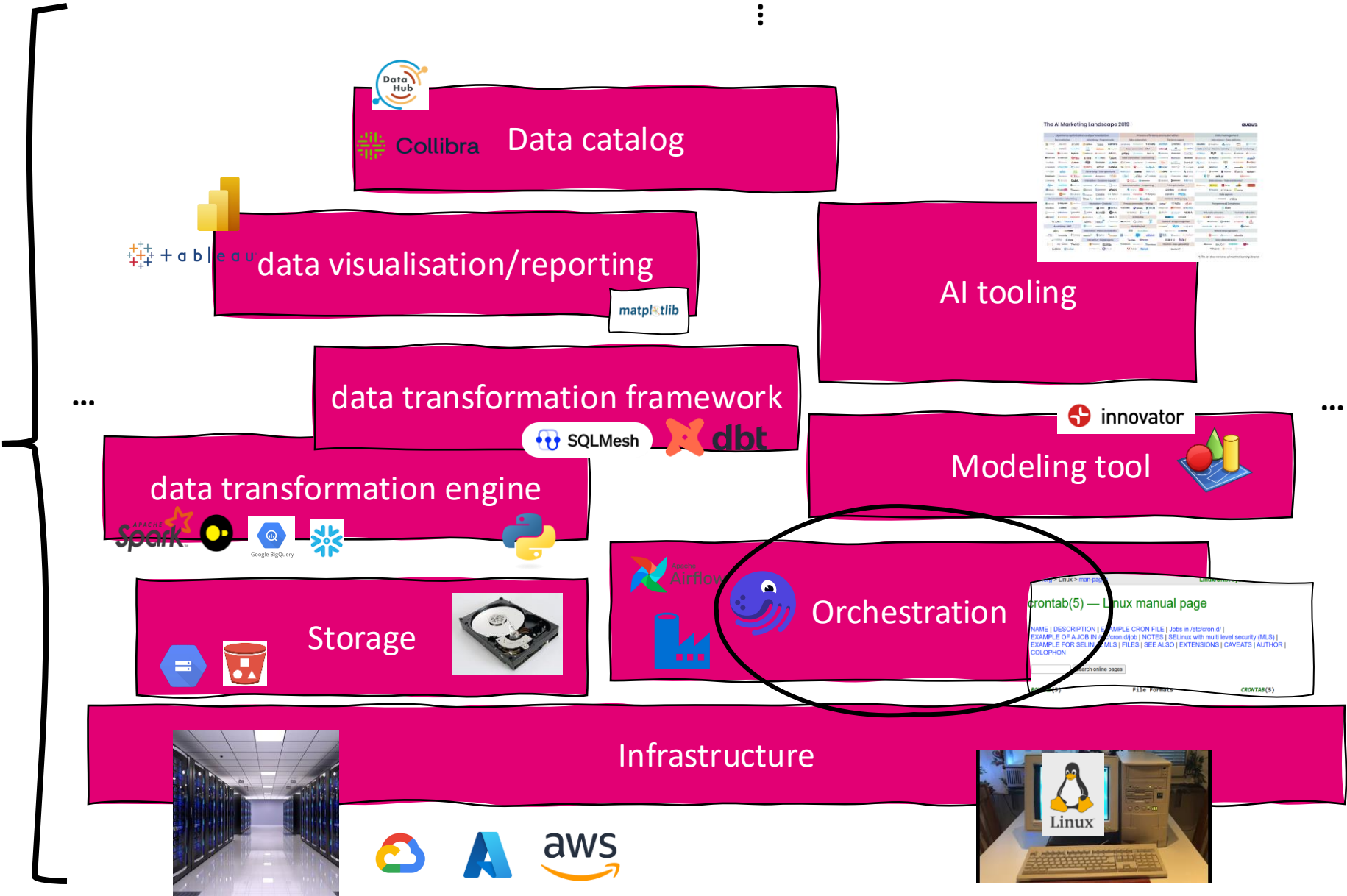
Data platform components

What do I need for a bare minimum E2E reporting?

How to make it last?
Modern tooling, governance, development...

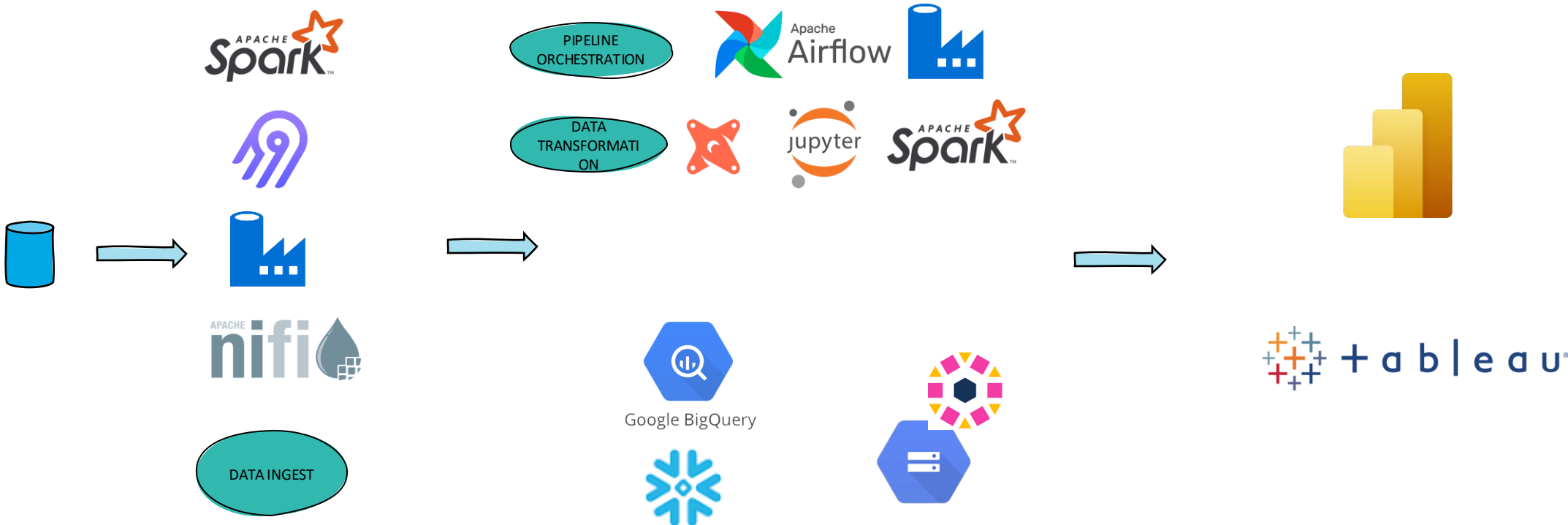
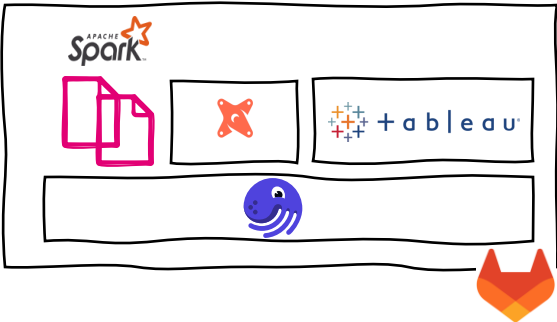
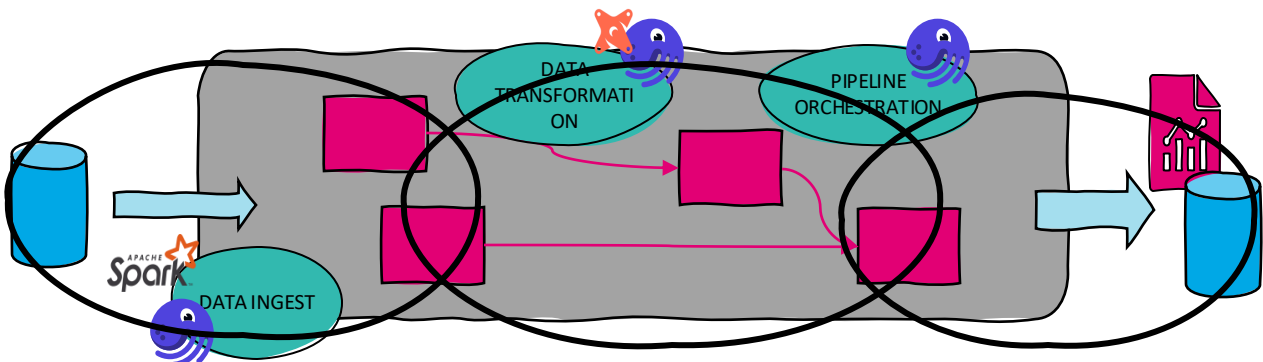
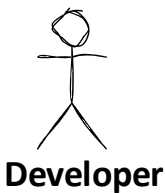


How to make it appealing?
AI...

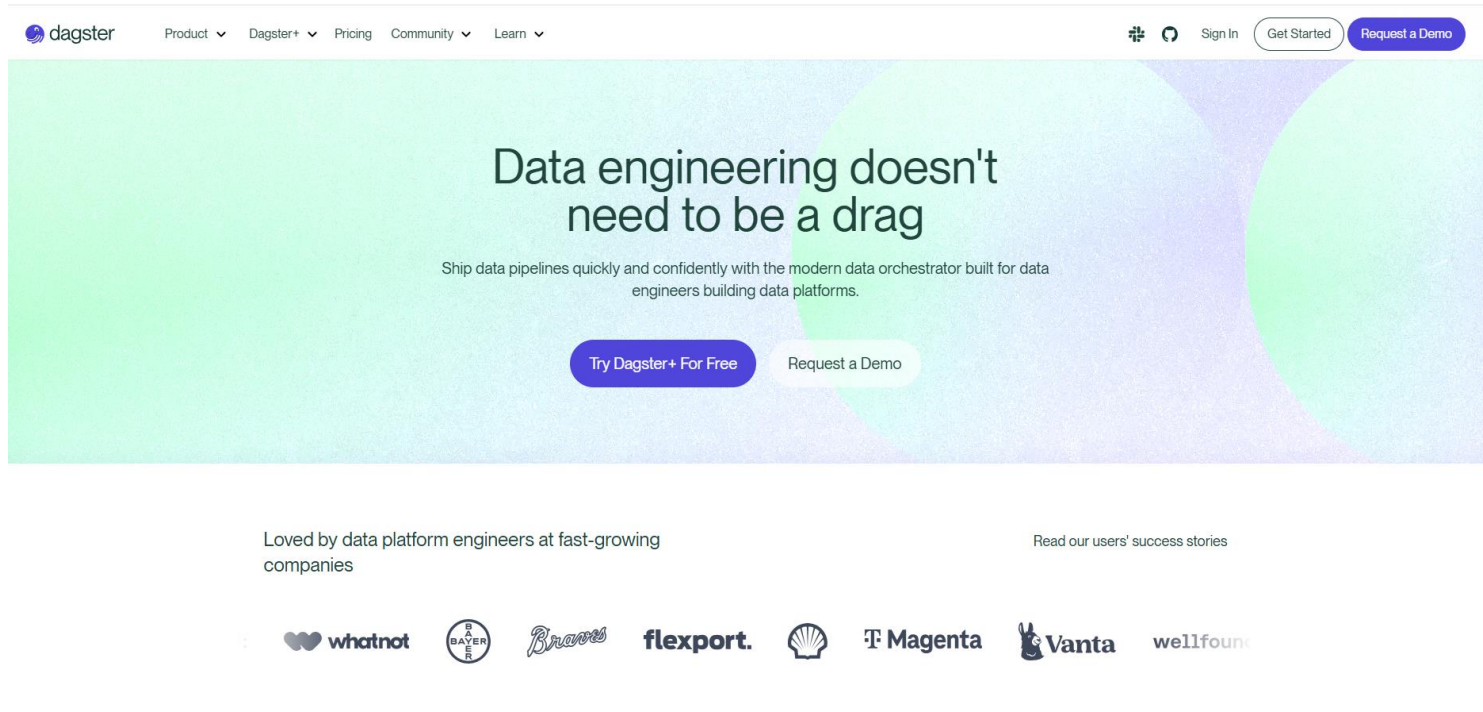


Understanding tool silos

What should i do to get E2E reporting use case done?



Dagster as the core of the platform

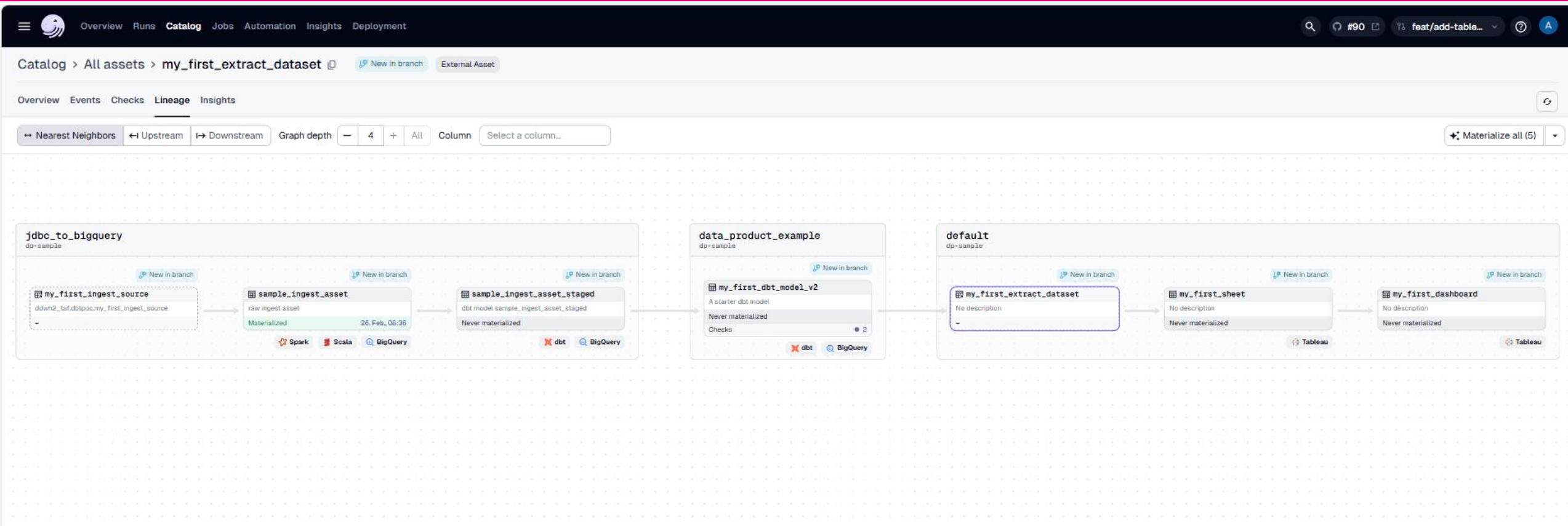


- at Magenta we decided to build around the orchestrator
 - hybrid deployment – controlplane SaaS – runtime in our k8s
 - software engineering best practices for project development and deployment
 - asset-based mindset for data flows (graph like a calculator for data dependencies)
- new concepts in orchestration...

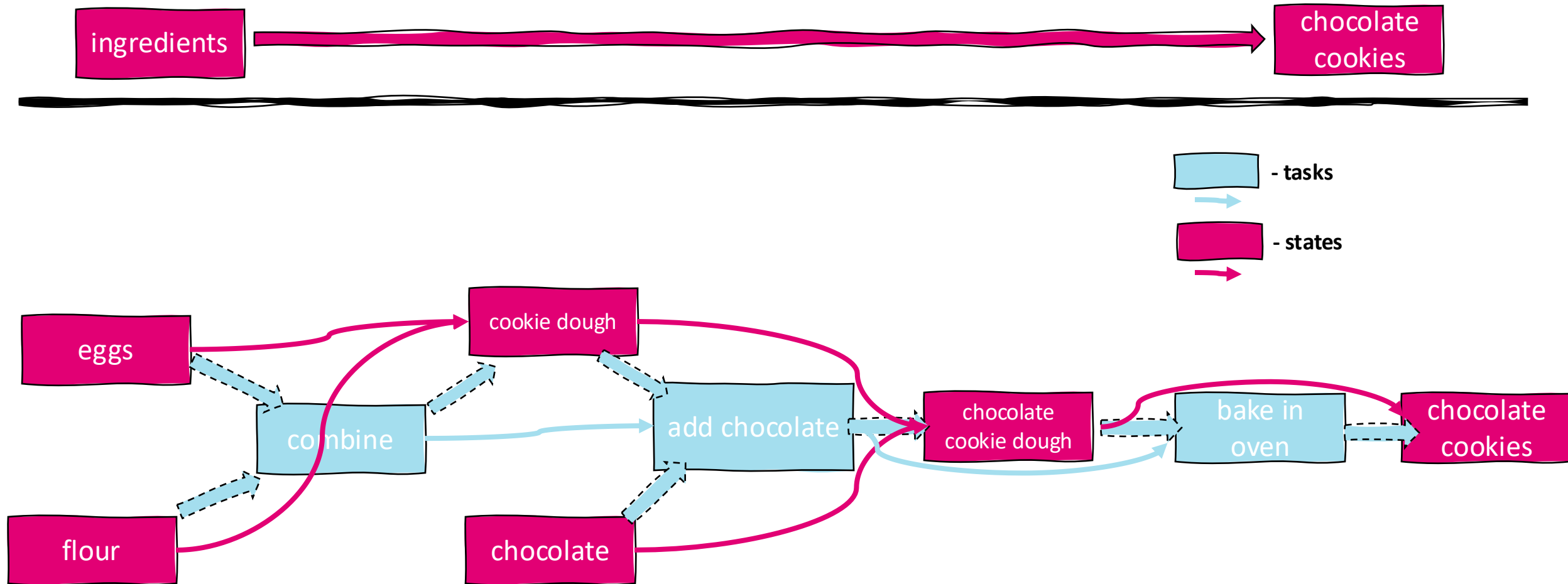
New enabled concepts

docs.dagster.io/getting-started/concepts

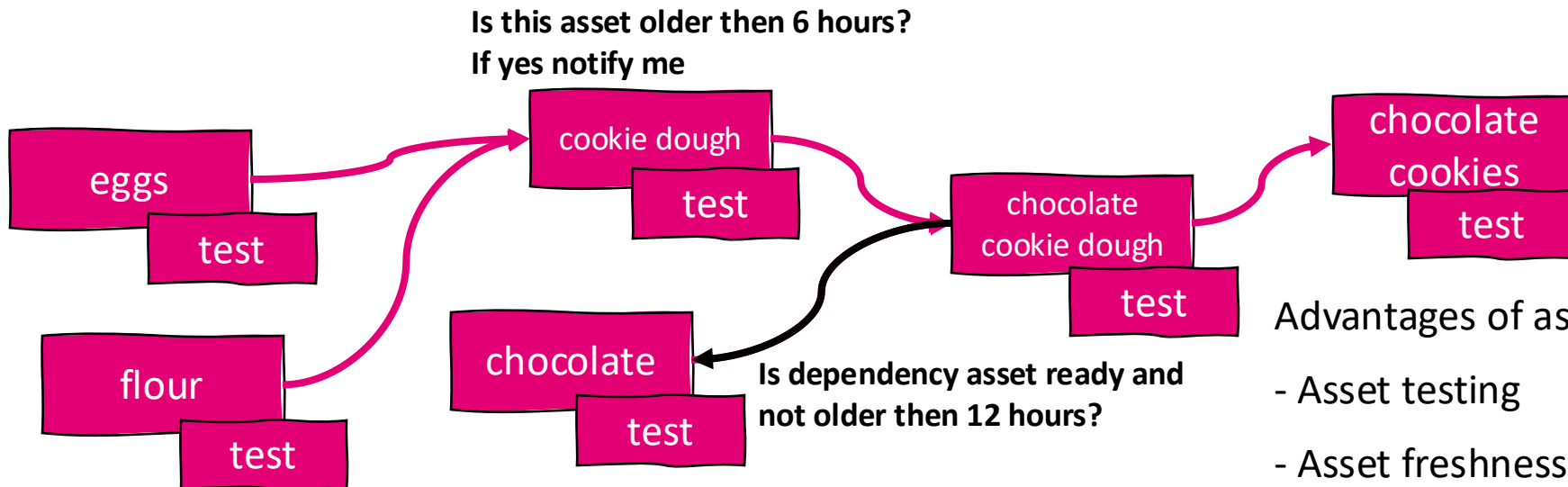
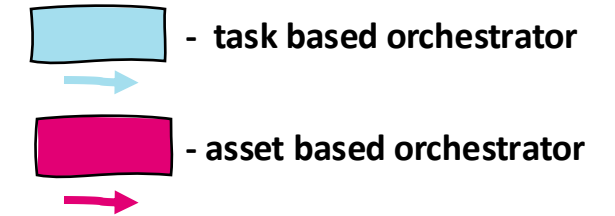
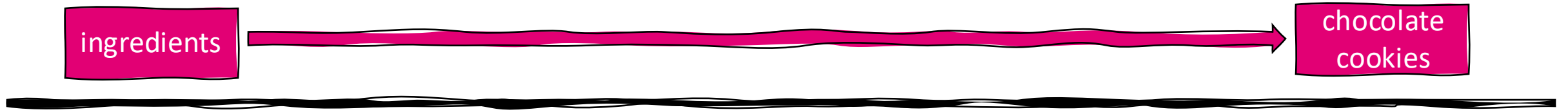
- Asset based graph
- Metadata driven pipeline creation
- Reusable objects (resource, io manager)



Asset and Task based orchestration: Chocolate cookie example



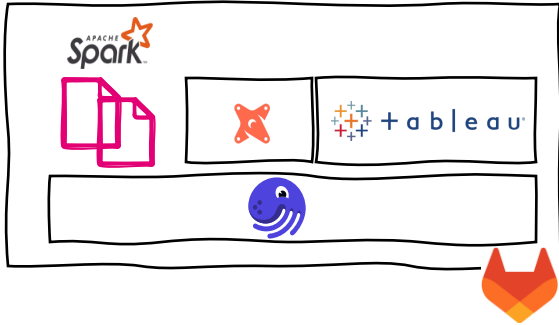
Asset based orchestration



Advantages of asset-based orchestration:

- Asset testing
- Asset freshness
- Asset dependency graph with granular declarative scheduling approach

Machine-readable metadata pipeline generation



```
1 metadata = collect_metadata()
2
3 list_of_assets = []
4 for each_metadata_node in metadata:
5     #.. use_metadata
6     @asset
7     def asset():
8         #..use_metadata
9
10    list_of_assets.append(asset)
11
12 Definitions(assets = list_of_assets)
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```
1 tableau_server = TableauServer(creds)
2 #send rest api call to tableau server and get information
3 tableau_metadata = tableau_server.get_metadata()
4 list_of_assets = []
5 for each_tableau_object in tableau_metadata:
6     tableau_object_deps = each_tableau_object.deps
7     tableau_object_name = each_tableau_object.deps
8     if each_tableau_object.type == extract_datasource:
9         @asset(
10             name = tableau_object_name,
11             deps = tableau_object_deps
12         )
13         def refresh_extract(tableau_server):
14             #send api call to refresh object
15             tableau_server.refresh_extract(tableau_object_name)
16             list_of_assets.append(run_dbt_asset)
17     else:
18         @asset(name = tableau_object_deps)
19         def asset():
20             pass
21             list_of_assets.append(asset)
22
23 Definitions(assets = list_of_assets)
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Reusable components

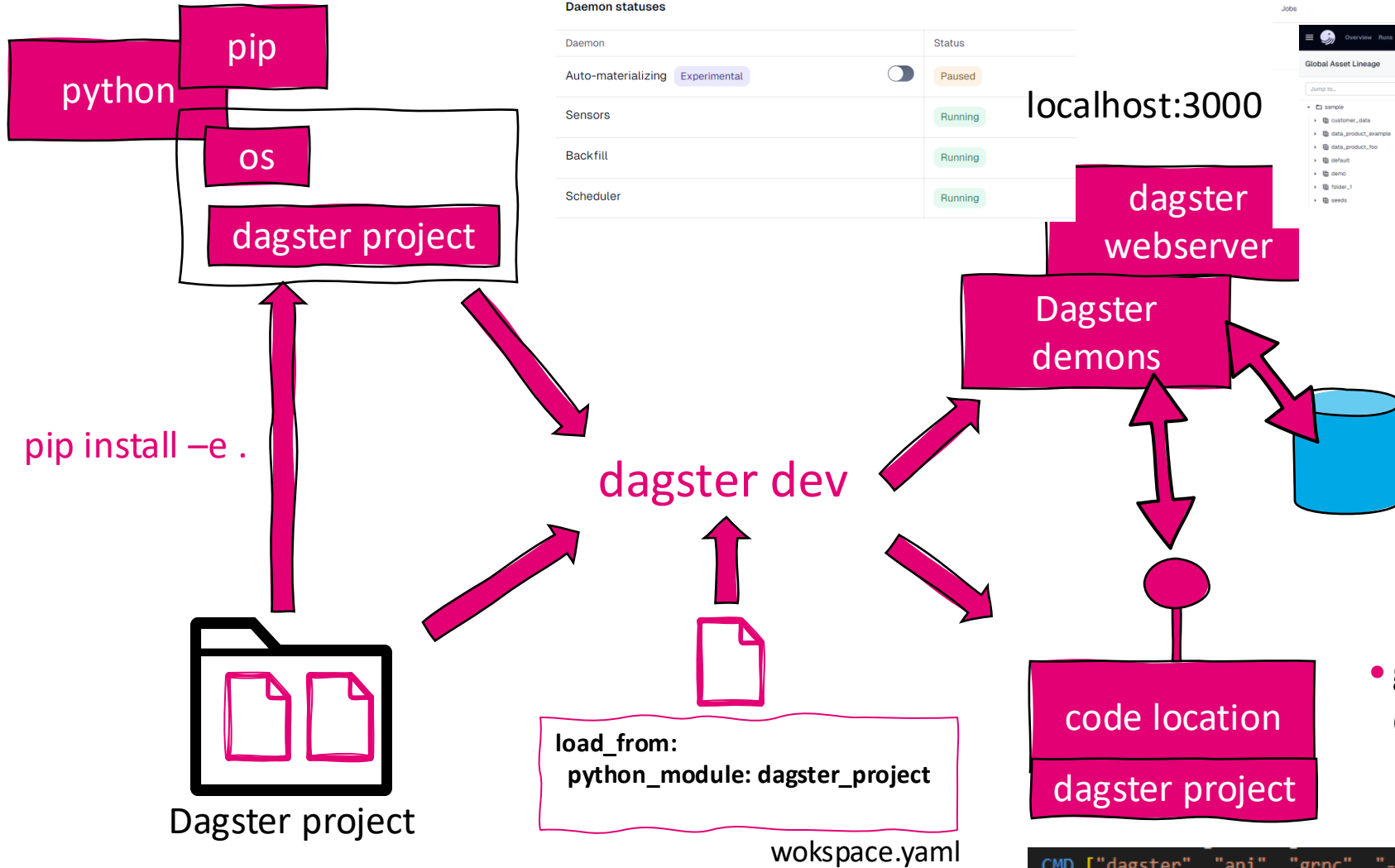
- Reusable objects
 - Resources → Encapsulate complex logic to interact with external systems
 - IO manager → Make complex IO interactions substitutable & testable
- Benefits
 - Dependency injection
 - Day 1 productivity: Scale the data pipeline down to a single laptop
 - Increase self-service: Business/DS focus not required to handle complex IO

```
2 @asset(  
3     io_manager_key="bigquery_io_manager",  
4 )  
5 def awesome_ml_model(context, reference_addresses: pd.DataFrame, bigquery: BigQueryResource) -> pd.DataFrame:  
6     # simple normal python code here  
7     # IO is abstracted  
8     context.log.info(f"from source: \n{reference_addresses.head()}")  
9     # auth & complexity (imagine web API) is abstracted  
0     with bigquery.get_client() as client:  
1         job = client.query("select * from example.upstream")  
2         query_result = job.result().to_dataframe()  
3         context.log.info(f"direct query: \n{query_result.head()}")  
4     return pd.DataFrame({"foo": [1,2,3]})
```

Lab - Demo

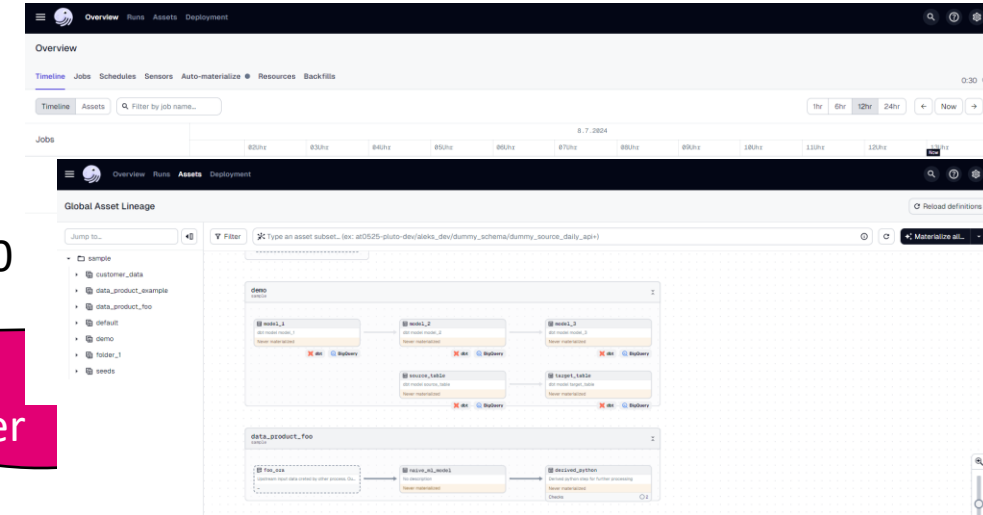
- basic asset and UI overview
- resources
- metadata pipeline creation
- components

dagster - pip install dagster



Daemon statuses

Daemon	Status
Auto-materializing	Experimental <input type="checkbox"/> Paused
Sensors	Running
Backfill	Running
Scheduler	Running



- storage for dagster runs and metadata
- sqlite/postgres

- grpc server serving the assets to the dagster daemon
- needs definition object from the module

```
CMD ["dagster", "api", "grpc", "-h", "0.0.0.0", "-p", "4000", "-f", "sample/__init__.py"]
```

Takeaways

- Integrated asset-based graph is key (from ingest, transformation, reporting, tests – to AI)
 - Event driven connection
 - Better collaboration (scaling)
- Software engineering principles enable business self service
 - Blueprint
 - Automate all the things: CI/CD (stateful & stateless)
 - DRY: build tested foundation – dependency injection
 - Make business departments part of the key processes and pipelines
- Executable specification (metadata, contracts)
 - Interface Mangement
 - Preserve semantics
 - Preserve compliance (security classification, PII, retention)

Q&A



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Local Modern Data Stack

Open-source contributions: L-MDS + Tableau integration + VertexAI integration

The screenshot displays a GitHub pull request interface for the repository 'l-mds / local-data-stack'. The pull request, titled '[dagster-tableau] Exploring embedded data sources #27218', was merged by 'maximearmstrong' 2 weeks ago. The interface shows the repository's file structure on the left, including folders like 'doc' and 'img', and files like '.gitignore', 'README.md', 'cookiecutter.json', 'pixi.lock', 'pyproject.toml', and 'yamllintconfig.yaml'. The main content area shows the pull request details, including a summary and motivation, and a list of commits. The right sidebar shows the pull request's status, including reviewers, assignees, labels, projects, milestones, and participants.

local-data-stack Public

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geoHeil upgrade deps and add instructions (#5) 8e5d66f · 2 weeks

- doc upgrade deps and add instructions (#5)
- img add featured image
- {{ cookiecutter.project_slug }} upgrade deps and add instructions (#5)
- .gitignore Adjust template in pixi.lock (#3)
- README.md add instruction for starting the stack
- cookiecutter.json initial
- pixi.lock upgrade deps and add instructions (#5)
- pyproject.toml upgrade deps and add instructions (#5)
- yamllintconfig.yaml initial

[dagster-tableau] Exploring embedded data sources #27218

Merged maximearmstrong merged 8 commits into dagster-io:master from VenkyRules:feat/exploring_embedded_data_sources 2 weeks ago

Conversation 22 Commits 8 Checks 0 Files changed 7 +173 -50

VenkyRules commented on Jan 20 Contributor

Summary & Motivation

1. Current implementation was fetching limited metadata from tableau which was only limited to id and names, but have added few more fields like upstreamTables and databases details and many more fields.
2. Earlier we were only showing published data sources and ignoring embedded data sources. With this changes we are showing embedded data sources in case published data sources are not present.

How I Tested These Changes

Tested on local system with the help of docker desktop

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VenkyRules added 3 commits last month

- Adding code to fetch more metadata from tableau and showing embedded ... d175277
- removed comments c61dc05
- removed extra lines dec71c3

vercel bot commented on Jan 20 • edited

Reviewers: maximearmstrong ✓

Assignees: No one assigned

Labels: integration: tableau

Projects: None yet

Milestone: No milestone

Development: Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

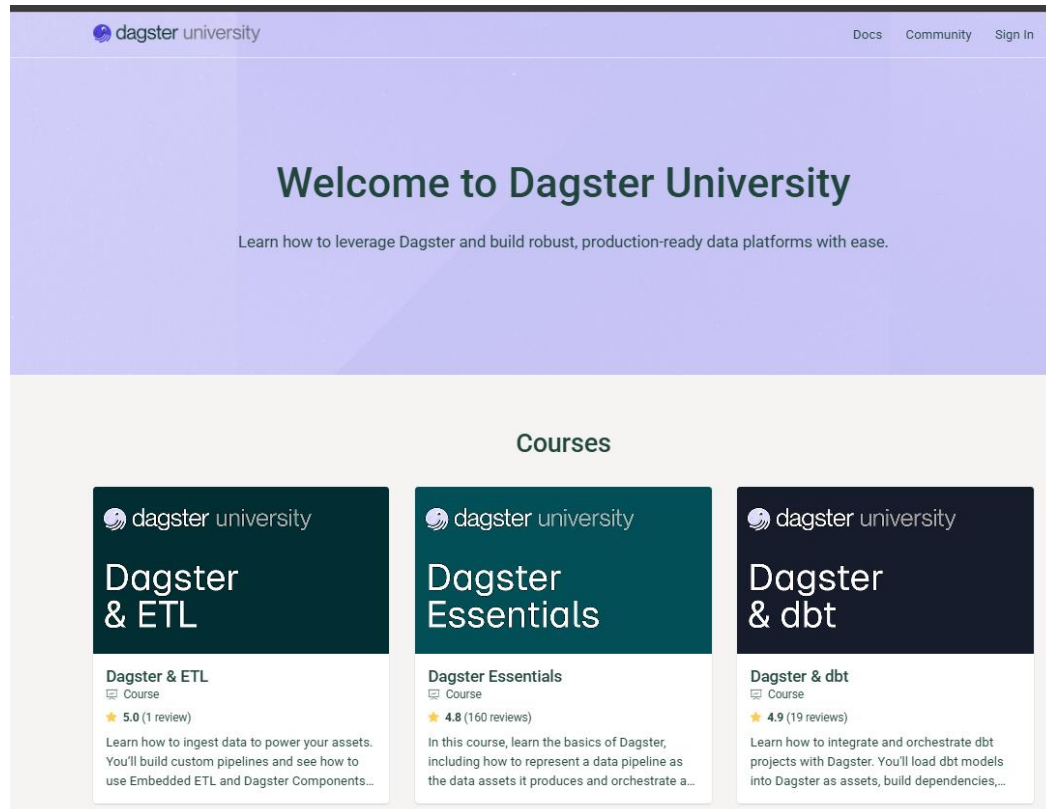
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2 participants

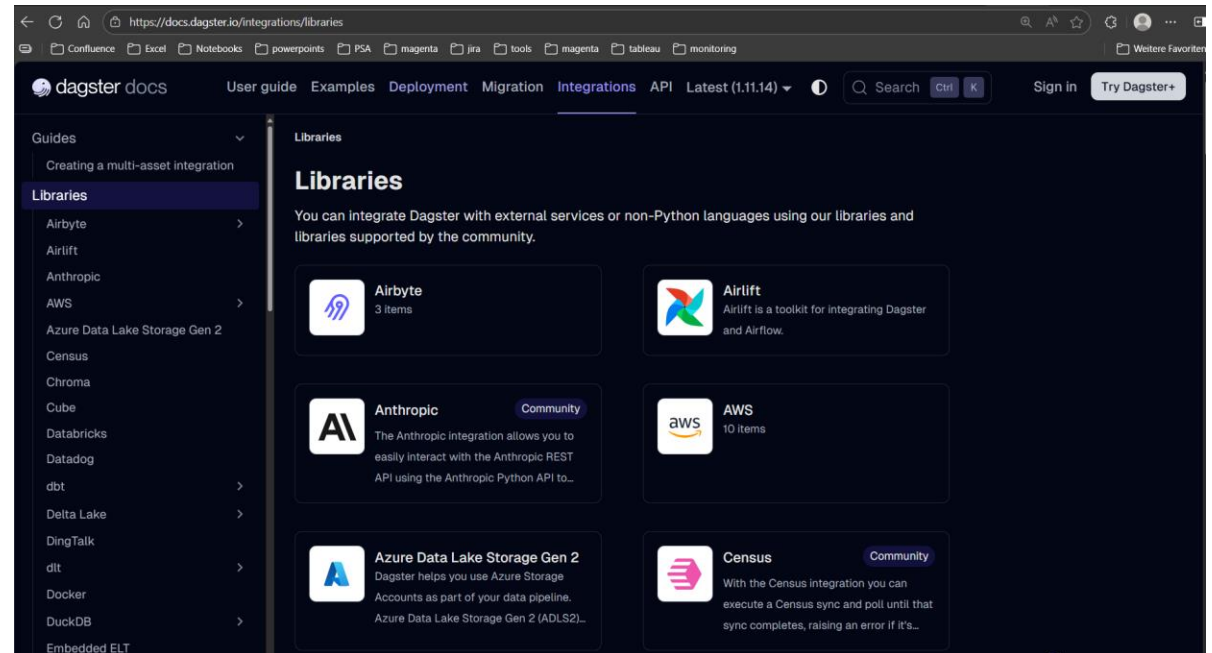
Building a data platform is team work

Further material

- [public live stream about the basics: georgheiler.com/event/magenta-pixi-25](https://www.georgheiler.com/event/magenta-pixi-25)
- n-depth Magenta implementation [georgheiler.com/event/magenta-data-architecture-25](https://www.georgheiler.com/event/magenta-data-architecture-25)
- <https://courses.dagster.io/>



The screenshot shows the Dagster University homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'dagster university', 'Docs', 'Community', and 'Sign in'. The main heading is 'Welcome to Dagster University' with a subtext 'Learn how to leverage Dagster and build robust, production-ready data platforms with ease.' Below this, there's a 'Courses' section featuring three course cards: 'Dagster & ETL' (5.0 rating, 1 review), 'Dagster Essentials' (4.8 rating, 160 reviews), and 'Dagster & dbt' (4.9 rating, 19 reviews). Each card includes a brief description of the course content.



The screenshot shows the 'Libraries' page on the Dagster Docs website. The page title is 'Libraries' and it states 'You can integrate Dagster with external services or non-Python languages using our libraries and libraries supported by the community.' A sidebar on the left lists various guides and libraries. The main content area displays six library cards: 'Airbyte' (3 items), 'Airlift' (Airlift is a toolkit for integrating Dagster and Airflow), 'Anthropic' (Community, The Anthropic integration allows you to easily interact with the Anthropic REST API using the Anthropic Python API to...), 'AWS' (10 items), 'Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2' (Dagster helps you use Azure Storage Accounts as part of your data pipeline. Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2 (ADLS2)...), and 'Census' (Community, With the Census integration you can execute a Census sync and poll until that sync completes, raising an error if it's...).