

# Stats 285, Lecture 7

# Painless Data Pipelining with Kedro

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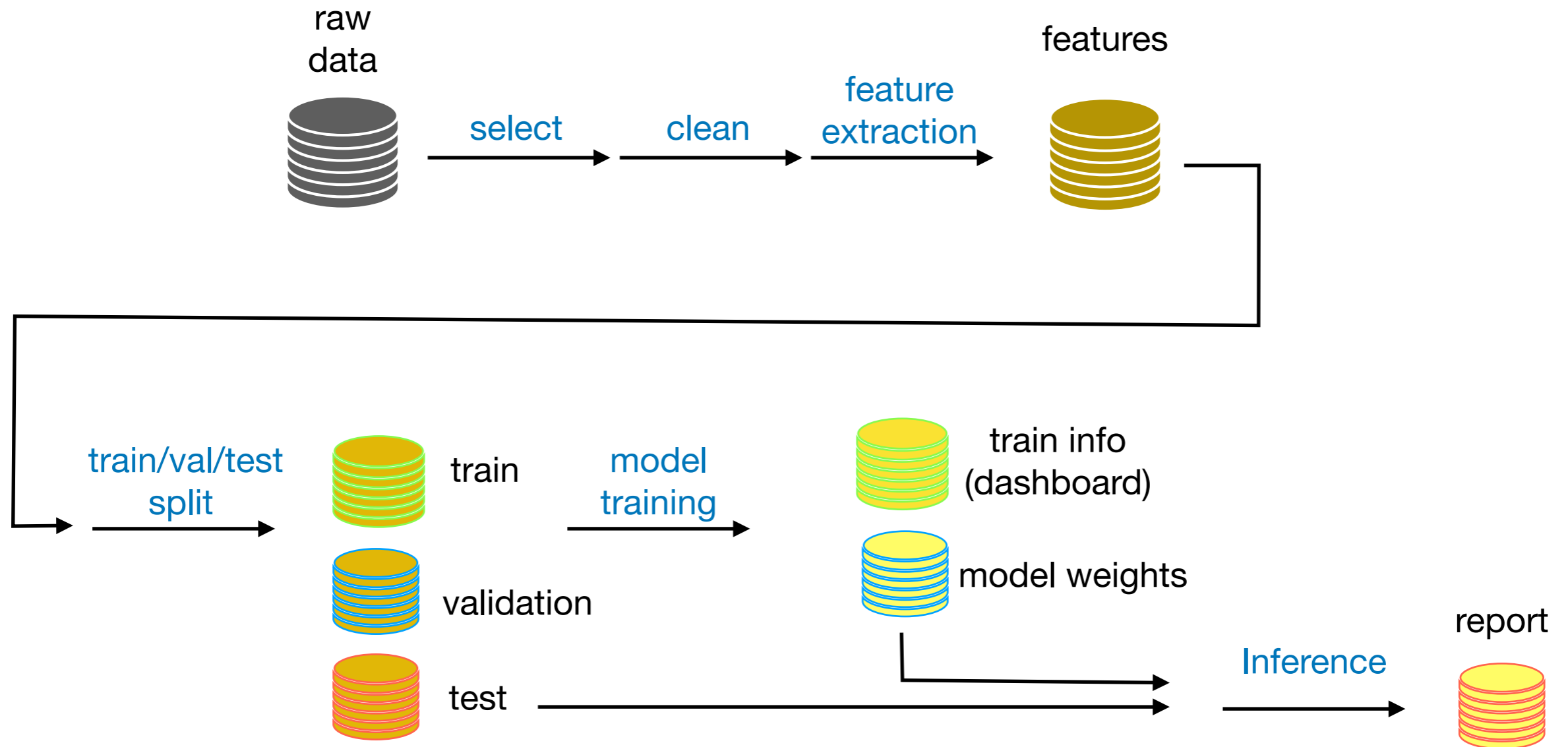


# Overview

- Introduction
  - Pain points in Data Science experiments
- Kedro
  - Features
  - Examples

# Motivation:

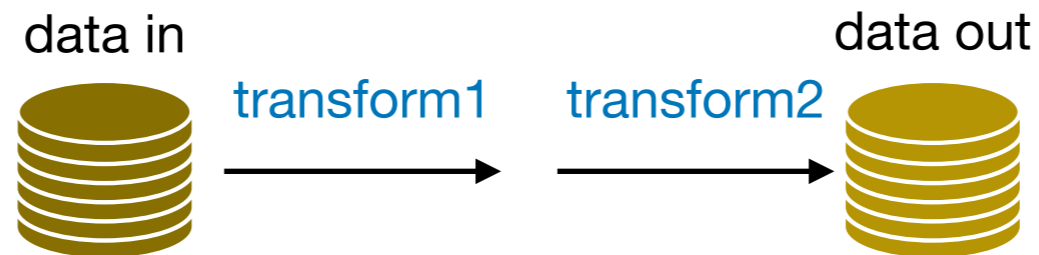
## Pain Points in Data Science Experiments



- Pains in **data management**: loading, storing, versioning
- Pains in **data processing**: compute time, writing and maintaining code

# Kedro's Big Idea #1: Think Pipelines

data science project —> acyclic graph



**pipeline** = serial transformation of datasets

- **Two types of operations:**

1. Reading/writing data
2. Transforming data

- **Advantages:**

- Code reusability
- Easy to redirect component

# Kedro's Big Idea #2: Standardize I/O

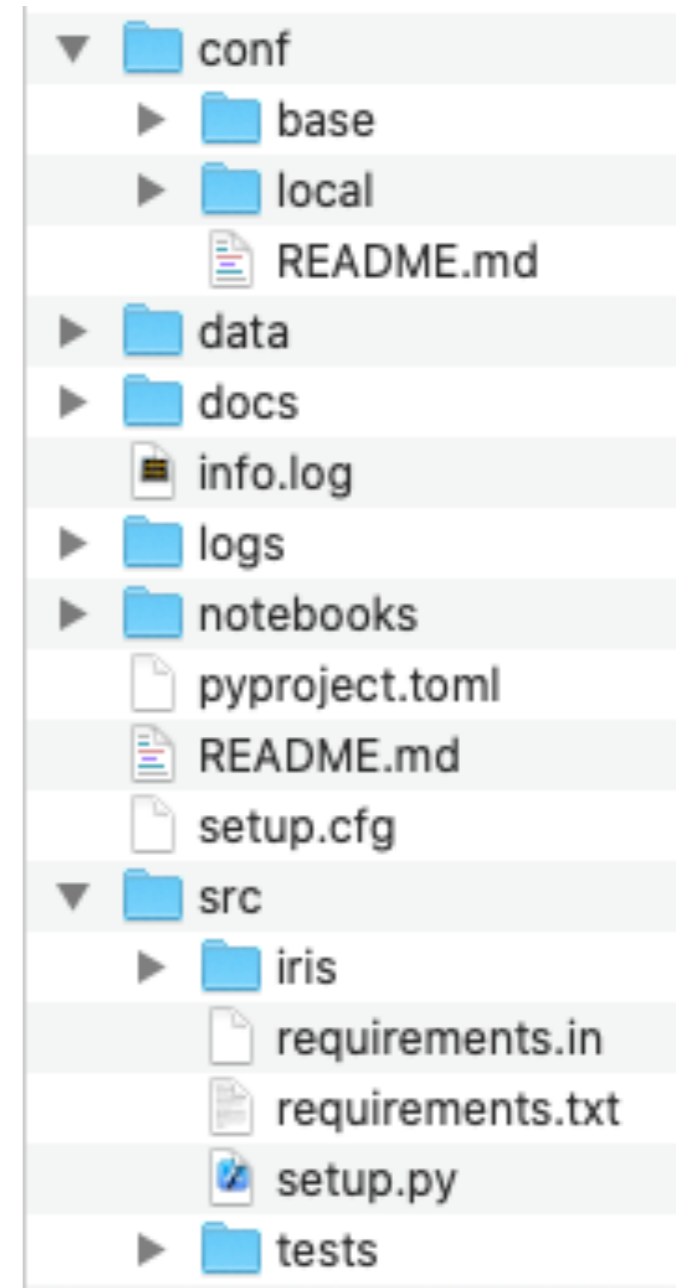
No read/write commands

- Maintain a **Data Catalog**:
  - Automatically handles:
    - Read/Write
    - Versioning
    - Remote connection
      - Authentication
    - Compression
    - ...

```
catalog.yml x
9
10 bikes:
11   type: pandas.CSVDataSet
12   filepath: "data/01_raw/bikes.csv"
13
14 weather:
15   type: spark.SparkDataSet
16   filepath: s3a://your_bucket/data/01_raw/weather*
17   file_format: csv
18   credentials: dev_s3
19   load_args:
20     header: True
21     inferSchema: True
22
```

# Kedro's Big Idea #3: Project Template

- Standardize project structure
  - Standard files/folders
  - Standard documentation
  - Testing



# What is Kedro?

*“Kedro is an open-source **Python** framework for creating **reproducible, maintainable and modular** data science code”. [Kedro docs]*

*“[Kedro] borrows concepts from software engineering best-practice and applies them to machine-learning code; applied concepts include **modularity**, separation of concerns and **versioning**”.*

# What is Kedro? (Cont'd)

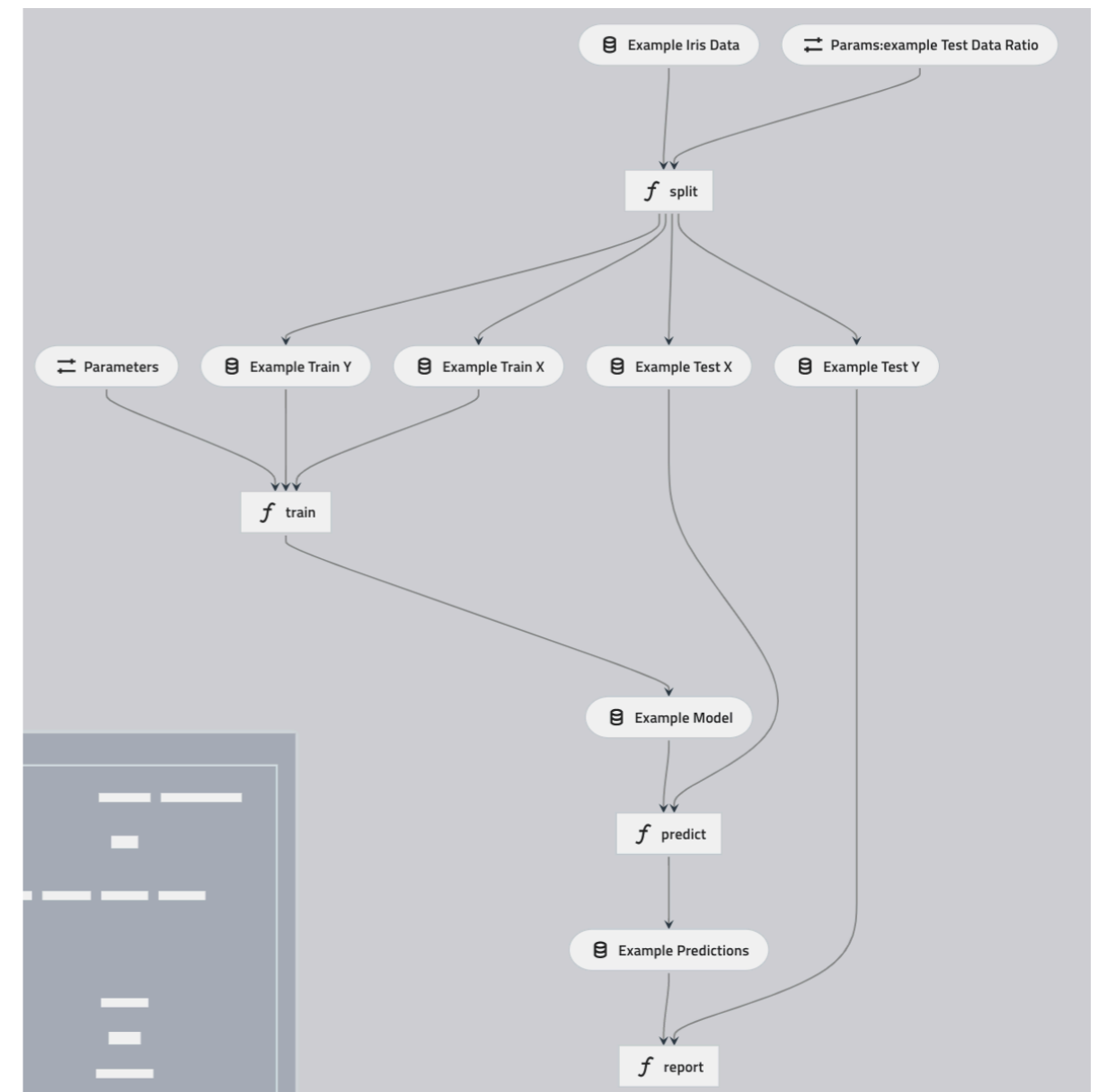
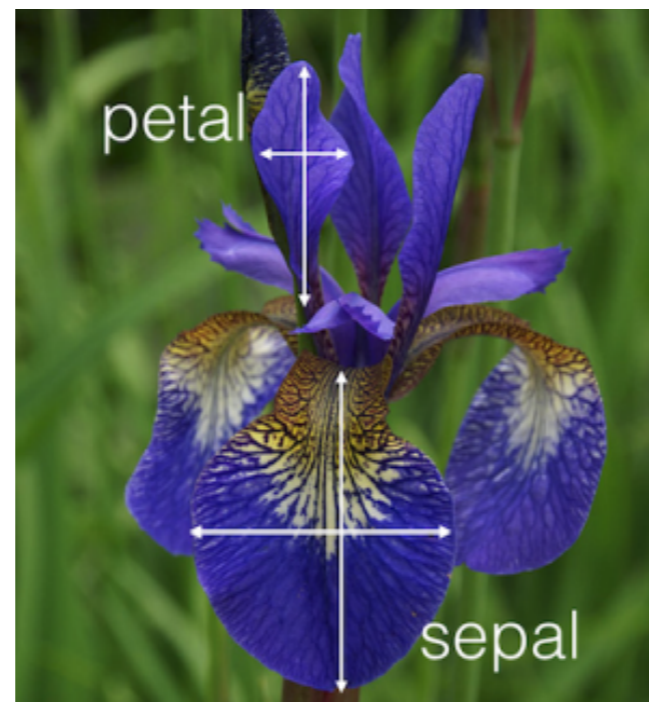
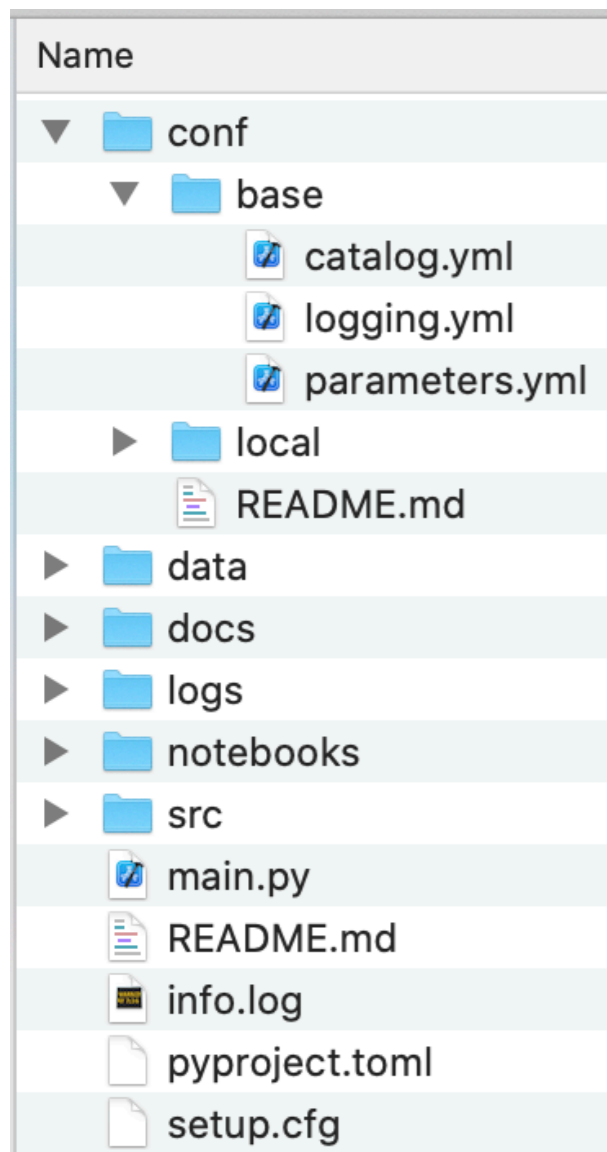
- **Main features:**
  - **The Data Catalog** - extendible collection of datasets and models. Borrows arguments from Pandas, Spark, etc...
  - **Nodes & Pipelines**
  - **Project template** - Files and folders organization. Eases collaboration and code maintenance
  - Isolating all hard-coded parameters in `parameters.yml`
  - Command line interface (CLI) as well as API



# Example I: Classification

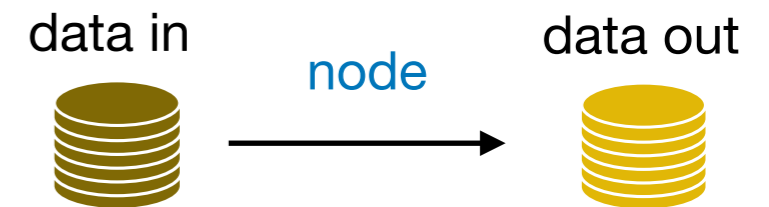
## Demo

```
kipnisa1@alonks-mbp% pip install Kedro  
kipnisa1@alonks-mbp% kedro new --starter=pandas-iris
```



# Useful Convention in Kedro

- **Node** - a pure Python function that has inputs and outputs
- **Dataset** - an impure Python function allowing reading/writing to storage; all datasets are registered in the Catalog file `catalog.yml`
- **Pipeline** - a collection of nodes with defined relationships and dependencies
- **Parameter** - hard-coded variable; all parameters are specified in `parameters.yml`

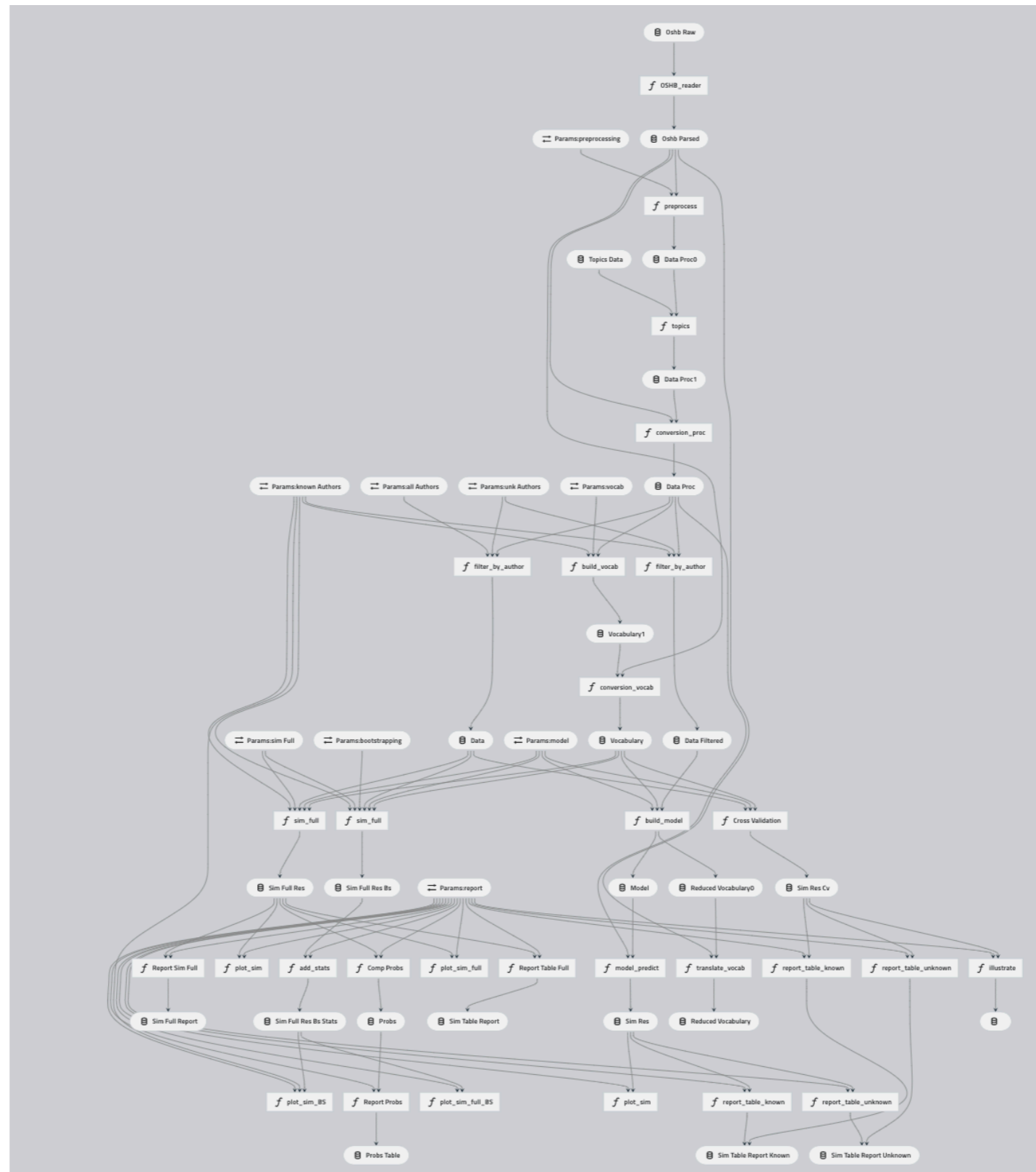


# Example II: Authorship of Biblical Texts

- **Goal:** test an algorithm for classifying texts from the Bible in terms of authorship
- **Data:** list of word-lemma-morphcode by book-chapter-verse (<https://github.com/openscriptures/morphhb>)
  - Select relevant parts by book-chapter-verse
  - Remove prefixes and suffixes
  - Remove some words according to their POS
- **Inference:**
  - Train model
  - Test model
  - Predict
- **Reporting:**
  - Accuracy per text
  - Figures

# Authorship of Biblical Texts (cont'd)

Demo



# Kedro's Data Catalog

API for datasets

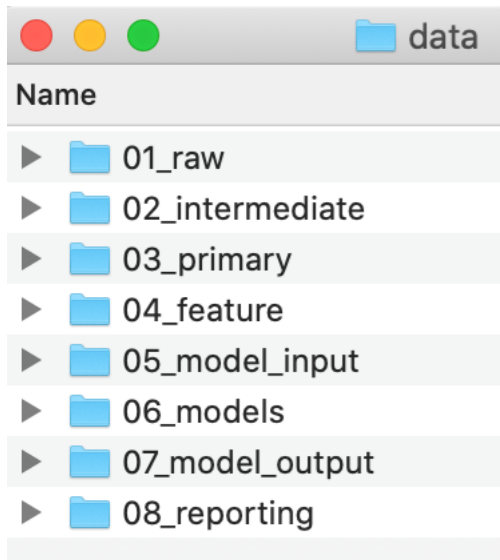
- Manages the loadings and savings of your data:
  - Standardized I/O operations
  - Integrates with pandas, spark, SQLAlchemy, Cloud...
  - Versioning capabilities

no read/write/database access/authentication  
command in your main code

when in doubt, write it out

Demo data catalog

# Data Engineering Convention



Raw	Initial start of the pipeline, containing the sourced data model(s) that should never be changed, it forms your single source of truth to work from. These data models are typically un-typed in most cases e.g. csv, but this will vary from case to case.
Intermediate	Optional data model(s), which are introduced to type your <b>raw</b> data model(s), e.g. converting string based values into their current typed representation.
Primary	Domain specific data model(s) containing cleansed, transformed and wrangled data from either <b>raw</b> or <b>intermediate</b> , which forms your layer that you input into your feature engineering.
Feature	Analytics specific data model(s) containing a set of features defined against the <b>primary</b> data, which are grouped by feature area of analysis and stored against a common dimension.
Model input	Analytics specific data model(s) containing all <b>feature</b> data against a common dimension and in the case of live projects against an analytics run date to ensure that you track the historical changes of the features over time.
Models	Stored, serialised pre-trained machine learning models.
Model output	Analytics specific data model(s) containing the results generated by the model based on the <b>model input</b> data.
Reporting	Reporting data model(s) that are used to combine a set of <b>primary</b> , <b>feature</b> , <b>model input</b> and <b>model output</b> data used to drive the dashboard and the views constructed. It encapsulates and removes the need to define any blending or joining of data, improve performance and replacement of presentation layer without having to redefine the data models.

# Kedro and CJ

- Versionize all output dataset
- At each iteration:
  1. `modify parameters.yml`
  2. `run pipeline`

# Kedro and CJ (cont'd)

```
import KedroSession

for x in X :
    for y in Y :
        for z in Z :
            with open(parameters.yml) as f :
                f.write(params_file_str(x,y,z))
            with KedroSession.create('atomic_xpr') as session:
                session.run()
```

```
base_file_path = 'conf/base/parameters.yml'
new_file_path = 'conf/local/parameters.yml'

def params_file_str(x,y,z) :

    with open(base_file_path) as f :
        params_str = f.read()

    params_str += '\n'
    params_str += f'x: {x}\n'
    params_str += f'y: {y}\n'
    params_str += f'z: {z}\n'

    with open(new_file_path, 'w') as fout :
        fout.write(params_str)
```

```
catalog.yml > No Selection
61  sim_report:
62      type: pandas.CSVDataSet
63      filepath: data/08_reporting/report.csv
64      versioned: true
65
```



# Other Features

- **Versatile CLI**
- **Flexible Deployment:** supports .egg or .whl packaging
- **Kedro-Docker:** plugin to package Kedro projects in Docker containers
- **Documentation** (<https://kedro.readthedocs.io/>)

# Recap

- Kedro

programming framework for  
data science projects

- Pipelining

data science project → acyclic graph

- Data Catalog

API for datasets | no read/write commands

when in doubt, write it out

- Project Template

eases collaboration with  
others and your future self

- Python framework

extendible and modifiable

# Resources

- Kedro's Documentation ([kedro.readthedocs.io](https://kedro.readthedocs.io))



## **Kedro: A New Tool For Data Science**

A new Python library for production-ready data pipelines



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