Building a feature platform to scale machine learning

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Where do data scientists spend their time?



The problems with feature engineering

- Pipeline jungles
- Data processing did not scale
- Real-time features required engineers
- Inconsistency between training and serving
- Lack of discovery
- Lack of standardization

What should a feature platform allow us to do?

- Standardize feature definitions
- Provide a means for creating batch and streaming features
- Allow us to create datasets to train our ML models
- Allow model services to access features in production
- Allow for the discovery of features
- Abstract away engineering

Which driver should we send?



Which features do we need?

Input Features

- Driver location, speed, direction, and ETA to customer
- Time of day, day of week
- Demand, supply
- Origin, destination
- Customer profile, actions
- And hundreds of other features



Which features types should we support?

Feature types

- Entity (driver, customer, area)
- Process (batch, real-time)
- Granularity (day, hour, minute, second)
- Value type (primitive, complex)



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Feature specifications
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```
name: booking_count
owner: example@go-jek.com
description: Total number of booking created per day per driver
uri: https://yourdomain.com/organization/feature-transforms/driver-feature-pipeline
granularity: DAY
valueType: INT64
entity: driver
tags:
  - driver
  - booking
  - streaming
dataStores:
  serving:
    id: driver_serving
  warehouse:
    id: driver_warehouse
```

Two types of feature creation processes



The two main types of feature creation workflows

- 1. Batch workflow
- 2. Stream workflow

Publishing batch features

Workflow

1. Create parameterised SQL query

SELECT

```
driver_id,
count(price_of_item) as booking_count
FROM driver_bookings
WHERE
_PARTITIONTIME >= dateadd(@execution_date, -1, day)
AND
_PARTITIONTIME < @execution_date</pre>
```

Publishing batch features

Workflow

- 1. Create parameterised SQL query
- 2. Configure creation specification

owner: owner@go-jek.com
startDate: 2018-07-01
catchup: false
interval: "0 0 * * *"
entity: driver
granularity: DAY
path: stable/driver/day/bookings.sql
columns:

- name: completed_bookings
 featureId: driver.day.completed_bookings_v1
- name: cancelled_bookings
 featureId: driver.day.cancelled_bookings_v1

Publishing batch features

Workflow

- 1. Create parameterised SQL query
- 2. Configure creation specification
- 3. Push to repo, trigger Clockwork





How do we publish real-time features?



Publishing streaming features



Apache Beam

- Unified batch and stream support
- Consistent feature definition between serving and training
- Automatic scaling with Dataflow
- No lock-in

Defining a feature in Beam



How will our clients use the feature store?



Training store requirements

- Scalable big data processing
- Handle large and sparse key spaces
- Joins
- Easy to use

BigQuery for storing our training data



- No infrastructure
- Easy to use (SQL)
- Scales to massive amounts of data
- Integrated with GCP services
- Already contains our labelled data

Serving store requirements

- Low latency reads (<10 ms)
- High throughput reads/writes (150k+ rps)
- Large volume of feature data (TBs)
- Persistence
- Linearly scalable



Bigtable as primary store for serving features



Bigtable

- 10k RPS read/write per node
- 10 ms latency read/write
- No infrastructure
- Scalable
- Large capacity per node (TB+)
- Persistent

Redis as secondary store for serving features



Redis

- Extremely high throughput
- Very low latency read/write

Build a feature serving API



Serving API

- Load balancing
- Caching
- Fail-over
- QoS
- Authentication

Extending the feature platform

name: booking_summary
owner: example@go-jek.com
granularity: DAY
valueType: BYTES
entity: driver
dataStores:
 serving:
 id: driver_serving
 warehouse:
 id: driver warehouse

Extending the feature platform

```
name: booking_summary
owner: example@go-jek.com
granularity: DAY
valueType: BYTES
entity: driver
options:
  protoValueType: com.gojek.ds.driver.BookingSummary
  JSONInWarehouse: True
dataStores:
  serving:
    id: driver_serving
  warehouse:
    id: driver warehouse
```

Will decode bytes into JSON before storing in BigQuery

Extending the feature platform

```
name: booking_count
owner: example@go-jek.com
granularity: DAY
valueType: INT64
entity: driver
options:
  minimumDiscreteValue: 0
  maximumDiscreteValue: 1000
  warnOnFailure: True
dataStores:
  serving:
    id: driver_serving
  warehouse:
    id: driver warehouse
```

Logs a warning if the feature value is outside of a bound

Feature explorer

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Features					
granularity:D	DAY×				
$ENTITY \ \land$	GRANULARITY A	NAME A	DESCRIPTION	OWNER ^	STATUS 🔨
driver	DAY	booking_rejected_count	booking rejected by a driver.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑
customer	DAY	booking_cancelled_count	booking cancelled by a customer.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑
customer	DAY	booking_created_count	booking created by a customer.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑
driver	DAY	booking_received_count	booking received by a driver.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑
driver	DAY	booking_cancelled_count	booking cancelled by a driver.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑
driver	DAY	booking_accepted_count	booking accepted by a driver.	example@go-jek	.com 🥑

Feature explorer

What is it used for?

- Feature discovery
- Feature management
- Performance statistics
- Usage statistics
- Traceability
- Job execution
- System health

FEAST) FEATURES	ENTITIES	STORAGE	JOBS					
Features / driver / DAY / booking_completed_count										
driver.day.booking_completed_count										
INFORMATION SPEC										
ENTITY:	driver									
GRANULARITY:	DAY									
VALUE TYPE:	INT64									
OWNER:	example@go-jek.com									
DESCRIPTION: Total number of booking completed by a driver.										
URI:	https://yourdomain/feast/driver-feature-pipeline									
BIGQUERY VIEW: https://bigquery.cloud.google.com/table/your-project:feast.driver_day										
LAST UPDATED:	2018-09-24T10:15:11Z									
SERVING STORE:	BIGTABLE1									
TRAINING STORE:	BIGQUERY1									
STATUS:	ОК									
	DISABLE									

Feature platform



Data Scientists

How are they spending their time now?



Impact on GO-JEK

- Faster time to market for ML projects
- Improved customer experience
- Less data scientists per customer
- Less infrastructure

Thank you! @will.pienaar