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Managing Data Pipeline with Apache Airflow

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Abstract: Data orchestration is the process of automating the movement and transformation of data between different systems. It is a key part of any data-driven organization, as it allows businesses to efficiently collect, store, and analyze data from a variety of sources. Nowadays, many applications that run on cluster and cloud resources are workflows. A workflow is represented as a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) where each vertex represents a task (i.e., a unit of work) and an edge a computation/data constraint. Apache Airflow has emerged as a powerful open-source tool for data orchestration, offering a scalable and efficient solution for managing complex data workflows. The paper investigates the benefits of using Apache Airflow in terms of workflow management, task scheduling, and monitoring of data processing tasks. Approximately 45% of users are data engineers, 30% are data scientists, and 25% are data analysts who uses the airflow. Also the most common use cases for Apache Airflow are: Scheduling and managing data pipelines (60%), Orchestrating data processing tasks (40%), Monitoring and debugging data pipelines (30%)

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