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Rediscover the meaning of technology

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Training



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Airbus

Airbus is the world's leading aircraft manufacturer.

Challenge

Trainning new employees

Solution

An application based on Virtual Reality for the Oculus Rift device.

Impact

The application allows a very natural manipulation. The operator has virtual hands that allow him both to dissemble a part and to adapt the size of the workspace to be able to see in detail.

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VR vs AR vs MR



Virtual Reality (VR)

The user ´s perception of reality is completely based on virtual information.

Example: Oculus Rift

Augmented Reality (AR)

The user is provided with additional computer-generated information that enhances their perception of reality.

Example: Google Glasses.

Mixed Reality (MR)

A merge of the virtual world into the real world.

Virtual objects are anchored into reality and interacts with it.

The difference with AR is fuzzy and sometimes the terms are used interchangeably.

Example: Microsoft HoloLens 2



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MACHINE LEARNING



The democratization of machine learning

Forecasting is the process of making predictions of the future based on past and present data and most commonly by analysis of trends.

The problem

Finding non-obvious interrelationship of metrics is hard.

Processing big amounts of data requires a lot of computational power.

Until recently this was reserved to a few.

The solution

Thanks to new cloud-based machine learning and data platforms as a service, machine learning and big data is available for all.



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Forecasting



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CLH Fuel demand forecast

The CLH Group is a leading international company in the transport and storage of petroleum products in Europe, as well as one of the leading companies in the sector in the world. They manage Europe's largest network of refined products.

Build a Machine Learning model to calculate future fuel demand for each station.

Solution

Machine Learning model based on Azure ML. This model considers different variables such as weather, season or days of the week to calculate the prediction.

Impact

Help management to make the right decisions based on demand, facilitating correct managerial decisions about material, personnel an other requirements.





CLH Predictive maintenance

Challenge

Be able to anticipate the maintenance needs of fuel pumps to improve response, organization and avoid the problems of possible concentrations of maintenance problems on key dates.

Solution

Develop a Machine Learning model to detect when maintenance should be performed for each pipeline. This model considers different vibration sensors to know when a fuel pump is going to fail.

Impact

Costs savings over routine or time-based preventive maintenance, because tasks are performed only when warranted.



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Data Governance





Challenge

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> The challenge was to create a central, unified repository for all company data, easily accessible and backed up, that would allow the use of that data for testing and analysis without compromising security and the data itself.

Solution

Data Lake Sandbox

Impact

Improve all department use of Data and Machine Learning for business decisions





Pharma Centralization of data and operation

Solution in depth

- 1. Data Lake
- 2. Sandbox Engine



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Data Lake Architecture



Frameworks and Services

1. Data Ingestion

Batch Mode:

- From Files: Blob storage ingestion utils
- From SQL: SSIS SQL or Data Factory
- From NoSQL: App services or Data Factory

Stream Mode:

- Exposing Topics : Azure Service Bus
- Exposing Queues: Azure Storage Queues
- Pull or Push from APIs: App Services

2. Data Governance

Stream pipeline

Stream flow and analytics: Event Hub

Data Lake

- Raw Layer: Blob Storage
- Layer 1: HD Insights (HIVE) or Azure Datalake

Consumption Lake

- NoSQL: HD Insights (HIVE) or Databricks
- SQL: SQLServer

3. Data Consumption

App SDK

- Backend: App Services
- SQL Access: SQL Server

BI SDK

- SQL Access: Azure Data Warehouse or SQL Sever
- ETLs: App Service or HIVE

Analytics SDK

- Algorithms: Python on Spark
- ETLs: App Services or HIVE or Spark
- Exploration: Hive or Spark





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Pharma drugs production optimization

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The challenge was to optimize the manufacturing process of a group of drugs that use centrifuge technology to generate pills.

Solution

Create a model using ML to find the optimal machine preheating time, spin time and cooling time based on data extracted from machine sensors.

Impact

More than 7% of improvement on every pills lot.



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The following diagram shows the usual flow of Machine Learning processes using Databricks and MLFlow:



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How to increase the company's profit in the use of the rooms by using IoT

Our client is a multinational provider of services offices, coworking spaces, business lounges, virtual offices, meeting rooms and video teleconference services. They currently have more than 3,340 locations in more than 120 countries, providing services to over 2.5 million clients.

Challenge

Create a cross-company system that concentrates all the data from the different sensors installed at the different company locations.

Solution

Create an IoT and Analytic Platform on Azure, using Azure data Lake.

Impact

More than 20K buildings are connected. There's an improvement on sales by enhancing the value proposition and giving more visibility to customers.

Delay between events and insights reduced from 2h to 3-5 minutes.

Detected potential millionary revenue leakage per year.





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How to improve check-in process by using IoT

Challenge

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> The goal from this project is to optimize efficiency and security in their centers while providing a seamless user experience for their customers and visitors.

Solution

The solution consists on an application running on tablet devices in the receptions of centers. This application allows customers and visitors to check themselves in without the need to get support from community associates. Furthermore, it will automate the notifications to customers and community associates.

Impact

Improve and optimize check-in process around more than 10 million.





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IoT Active Seating

Challenge

Introduce IoT to their chairs, in order to offer solutions for improving posture, suggesting rest times, locating people in the office and for example analyze the use of spaces depending on the volume of chairs in a room or space.

Solution

Integration IoT into their chairs, doing some benchmarking of devices, and creating and IoT and Data platform to manage all the data from chair sensors.

Impact

- More quality, more data, more usability, improve the user experience and brand perception.
- The data extracted from the monitoring allows a much better analysis of the use of our client furniture in order to be able to improve their products in line with the needs of the customers.



IOT ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW



Azure Subscription



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