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Prefect Associate
Certification Course



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Norms

Norms

Zoom

- Camera on
- Mute unless asking a question
- Use hand raise to ask a question

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- Use threads
- Emoji responses 😊



Norms

Code of conduct

- We expect all participants to be kind and respectful
- Reach out to any of the instructors via Slack if you see or experience an issue





Introductions





Goals



Goals

1. Competence with Prefect so you can build workflows you can trust
2. Connect with each other
3. Have fun! 🎉





Overview



Why workflow management?

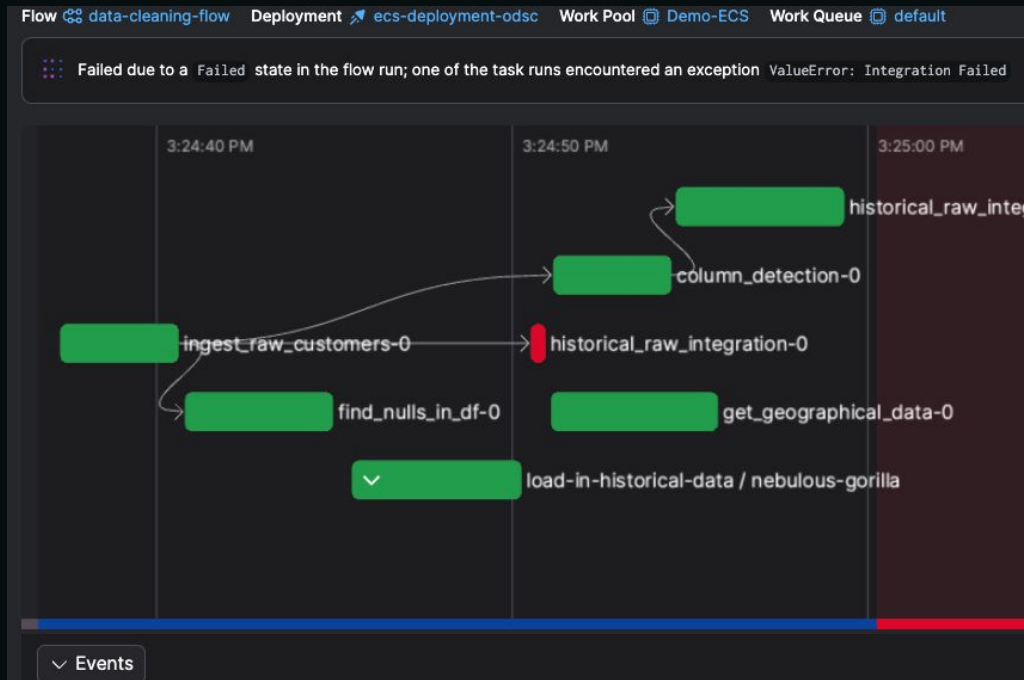
Answers the questions:

- What?
- When?
- Where?
- How?
- Who?



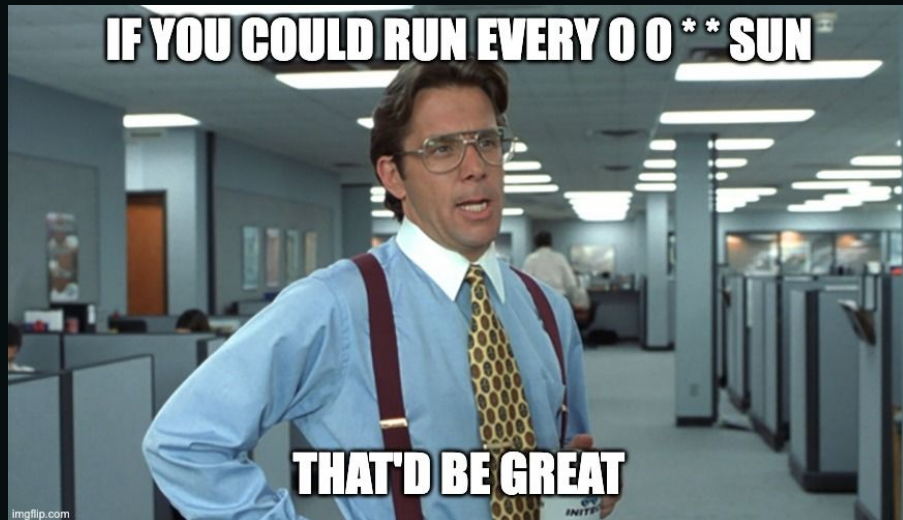
What?

Code that moves and transforms data



When?

- Ad hoc (manually)
- On a schedule
- In response to events



Where?

- Locally
- In the cloud



How?

- Docker, K8s, subprocess
- Trigger from the UI, CLI, code
- Pause for 🧑




Who?

- Auth - SSO/SCIM
- RBAC
- Auditable



What is Prefect?

Prefect is an orchestration and observability platform that empowers developers to build resilient workflows you can trust. 

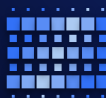


Prefect data workflow orchestration



Automation

Flexible Orchestration
in Pure Python



Resilience

Faster Recovery with
Resilient Code



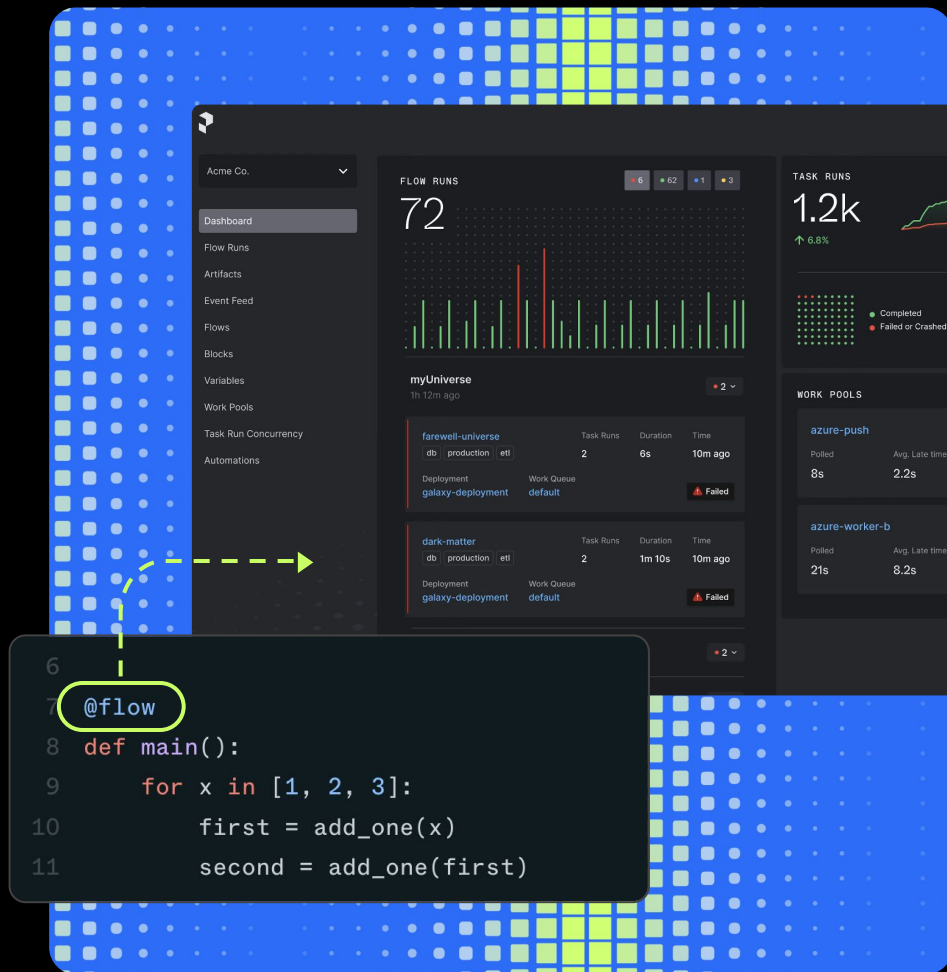
Scalability

Scalable compute resources
and governance



Flexible orchestration in Python

- Develop quickly in Python
- Model any workflow
- Run on any compute



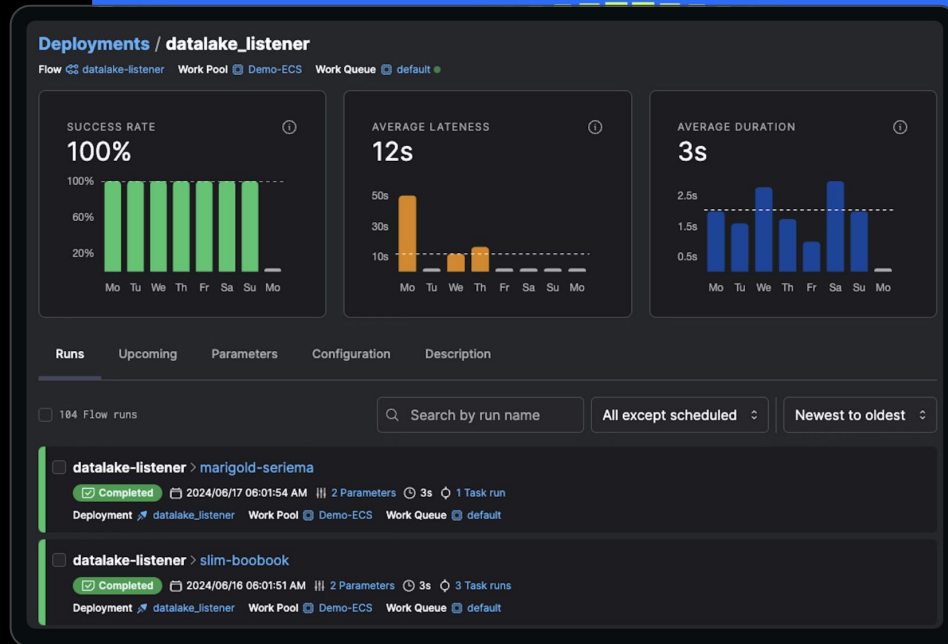
Recover faster with resilient code

- Gain visibility
- Respond to failure automatically
- Build resilient pipelines

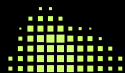


Scalable compute and governance

- Infrastructure templates
- Limit access appropriately
- Efficiently scale compute



Orchestration benefits across your business



Data engineers

- Reduce pipeline errors
- Increase productivity through automation
- At-a-glance understanding



Data science & ML engineers

- Iterate on ML models faster
- Reduce data processing time
- Move to production quickly



AI engineers




- Improve agentic workflow troubleshooting and auditing
- Unify orchestration across multiple LLM tasks and data sources



Data platform engineers

- Self-serve, turn-key infrastructure setup
- Faster onboarding
- Compute governance
- Leverage!

Outcome: workflows you can trust

- Save time 
- Save money 
- Increase productivity 



Deployments / datalake_listener

Flow  datalake-listener Work Pool  Demo-ECS Work Queue  default 

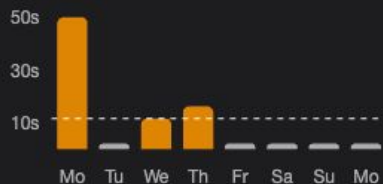
SUCCESS RATE

100%



AVERAGE LATENESS

12s



AVERAGE DURATION

3s



Runs


Upcoming


Parameters

Configuration

Description


☐ 104 Flow runs

All except scheduled 

Newest to oldest 




☐ **datalake-listener** > [marigold-seriema](#)

 **Completed**  2024/06/17 06:01:54 AM  2 Parameters  3s  1 Task run

Deployment  [datalake_listener](#) Work Pool  [Demo-ECS](#) Work Queue  [default](#)

☐ **datalake-listener** > [slim-boobook](#)

 **Completed**  2024/06/16 06:01:51 AM  2 Parameters  3s  3 Task runs

Deployment  [datalake_listener](#) Work Pool  [Demo-ECS](#) Work Queue  [default](#)



101 Prefect basics:

Create a workflow you
can schedule and
observe

101 Agenda

- Setup: *version, login*
- From Python function to Prefect flow
- Create a deployment with *.serve()*
- Run a deployment
- Deployment schedules
- Parameters
- Resources





prefect version



Prefect information in the CLI

prefect version

```
Version:                2.20.3
API version:             0.8.4
Python version:          3.12.4
Git commit:              b8c27aa0
Built:                   Thu, Aug 22, 2024 3:13 PM
OS/Arch:                 darwin/arm64
Profile:                 sandbox-jeff
Server type:             cloud
```



Run *prefect version* now

If you see *version* lower than 2.20.3, in your virtual environment:

pip install -U prefect

(You can do this and any of the other items you'll see on upcoming slides during the first lab)



Prefect has two options for server interaction

1. Self-host a Prefect server
 - a. You spin up a local server
 - b. Backed by SQLite db (or PostgreSQL)
2. Use the Prefect Cloud platform
 - a. Free tier
 - b. Organization management capabilities on other tiers
 - a. Additional features such as event webhooks, push work pools, managed work pools, incidents
 - c. No database management required



To the Cloud



Prefect Cloud

Go to app.prefect.cloud in browser

- Sign up or sign in
- Use a free personal account if you don't want to use an organization account




Prefect Cloud

Authenticate your CLI

prefect cloud login

```
? How would you like to authenticate? [Use arrows to move; enter to select]
> Log in with a web browser
  Paste an API key
```

Select *Log in with a web browser*

Creates and saves an API key for you 



Prefect Cloud

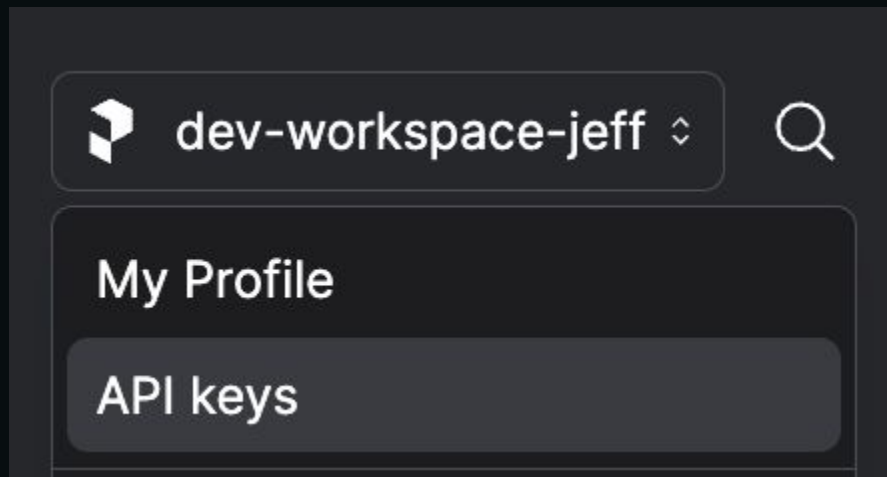
OR, if UI doesn't work:

- Select *Paste an API key*
- Manually create an API key from Prefect Cloud in the UI

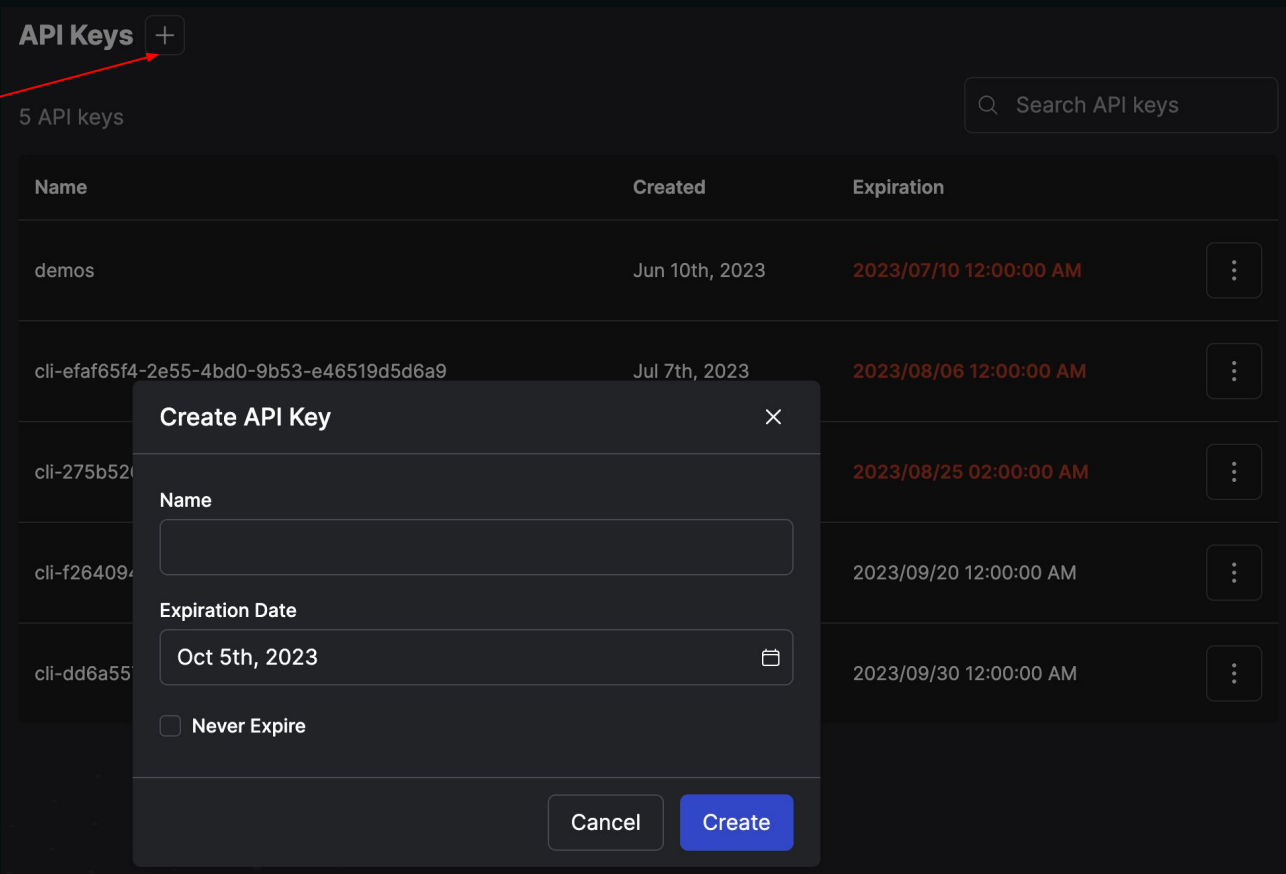


Prefect Cloud - API key

(Top left of UI)



Prefect Cloud - API key



API Keys +

5 API keys

Search API keys

Name	Created	Expiration	
demoss	Jun 10th, 2023	2023/07/10 12:00:00 AM	⋮
cli-efaf65f4-2e55-4bd0-9b53-e46519d5d6a9	Jul 7th, 2023	2023/08/06 12:00:00 AM	⋮
cli-275b520		2023/08/25 02:00:00 AM	⋮
cli-f264094		2023/09/20 12:00:00 AM	⋮
cli-dd6a55		2023/09/30 12:00:00 AM	⋮

Create API Key

Name

Expiration Date

Oct 5th, 2023

☐ Never Expire

Cancel Create



Prefect Cloud

Paste API key at terminal prompt

```
> Paste an API key  
Paste your API key: █
```



Switch Between Workspaces from the CLI

prefect cloud workspace set

```
? Which account would you like to use? [Use arrows to move; enter to select]
> prefect-sandbox
  sales-engineering
  prefect-technologies
  jeffprefectio
```



Flows: Add superpowers to your Python

Project

Fetch and use weather forecast data from
Open-Meteo 🌤️ 🌡️

open-meteo.com



Start: basic Python function

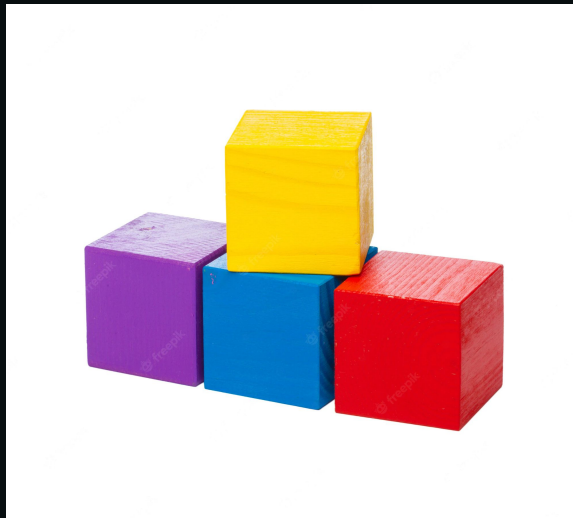
```
import httpx

def fetch_weather(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):
    base_url = "https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast/"
    temps = httpx.get(
        base_url,
        params=dict(latitude=lat, longitude=lon, hourly="temperature_2m"),
    )
    forecasted_temp = float(temps.json()["hourly"]["temperature_2m"][0])
    print(f"Forecasted temp C: {forecasted_temp} degrees")
    return forecasted_temp

if __name__ == "__main__":
    fetch_weather()
```

Flows

- Add a Prefect *@flow* decorator
- Most basic Prefect object
- All you need to start



Make it a flow

```
import httpx
from prefect import flow

@flow()
def fetch_weather(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):
    base_url = "https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast/"
    temps = httpx.get(
        base_url,
        params=dict(latitude=lat, longitude=lon, hourly="temperature_2m"),
    )
    forecasted_temp = float(temps.json()["hourly"]["temperature_2m"][0])
    print(f"Forecasted temp C: {forecasted_temp} degrees")
    return forecasted_temp

if __name__ == "__main__":
    fetch_weather()
```

Run the code: *python my_file.py*

```
22:25:56.588 | INFO      | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'happy-weasel' for flow 'fetch-weather'
22:25:56.589 | INFO      | Flow run 'happy-weasel' - View at https://app.prefect.cloud/account/9b649228-0419-40e1-9e0d-44954b5c0ab6/workspace/d137367a-5055-44ff-b91c-6f7366c9e4c4/flow-runs/flow-run/99e60ca5-6190-4cd9-87fd-ef03cdf9a35
Forecasted temp C: 23.6 degrees
22:25:57.215 | INFO      | Flow run 'happy-weasel' - Finished in state Completed()
```

Check it out your flow run from the **Runs** page in the UI

The screenshot shows the Prefect UI interface for a flow run. At the top, the header reads 'Runs / happy-weasel'. Below this, a status bar indicates the flow is 'Completed' with a green checkmark, followed by the timestamp '2024/05/20 10:25:56 PM', a duration of '1s', and 'None' for other metrics. A menu icon is visible in the top right corner. Below the status bar, the flow name 'fetch-weather' is displayed with a refresh icon. The main content area is a large dark rectangle with the text 'This flow run did not generate any task or subflow runs' centered. A vertical timeline on the right side of this area shows the time '10:25:57 PM'. At the bottom right of this area are icons for zooming in, zooming out, and a settings gear. Below the main content area is a section titled 'Events' with a dropdown arrow and a refresh icon. A horizontal navigation bar contains several tabs: 'Logs', 'Task Runs', 'Subflow Runs', 'Results', 'Artifacts', 'Details', 'Parameters', and 'Job Variables'. The 'Logs' tab is currently selected. To the right of the navigation bar are two filters: 'Level: all' and 'Oldest to newest'. At the bottom of the interface, a log entry is shown with a date range 'May 20th, 2024'. The log entry itself is an 'INFO' level message that says 'Finished in state Completed()'. The timestamp '10:25:57 PM' and the source 'prefect.flow_runs' are shown to the right of the log entry.

Runs / happy-weasel

✓ Completed 2024/05/20 10:25:56 PM 1s None

Flow ↻ fetch-weather

10:25:57 PM

This flow run did not generate any task or subflow runs

Events

Logs Task Runs Subflow Runs Results Artifacts Details Parameters Job Variables

Level: all Oldest to newest

May 20th, 2024

INFO Finished in state Completed()

10:25:57 PM
prefect.flow_runs

Flows give you

- Auto logging
- State tracking info sent to API
- Input arguments type checked/coerced
- Timeouts can be enforced
- Lots of other benefits you'll see soon 🚀



Deployments



Deployments

Turn your workflow into an interactive application! 🎉

- Switch infrastructure easily
- You and teammates can run:
 - manually (from the UI or CLI)
 - on a schedule
 - in response to an automation trigger



Deployments

- Server-side representation of a flow
- Contains metadata for remote orchestration
- Your flow's passport to orchestration land!



`.serve()` method

Create a deployment by calling the flow function's `.serve()` method.

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    fetch_weather.serve(name="deploy-1")
```



`.serve()` method

Run the script - creates a deployment and starts a server

```
Your flow 'fetch-weather' is being served and polling for scheduled runs!
```

```
To trigger a run for this flow, use the following command:
```

```
$ prefect deployment run 'fetch-weather/deploy-1'
```

```
You can also run your flow via the Prefect UI:
```

```
https://app.prefect.cloud/account/55c7f5e5-2da9-426c-8123-2948d5e5d94b/workspace/7ad1ef2f-2f9c-49b5-b29f-4e0b3760d4c6/deployments/deployment/73c53509-8e7f-4924-a208-9d9bf2a50558
```

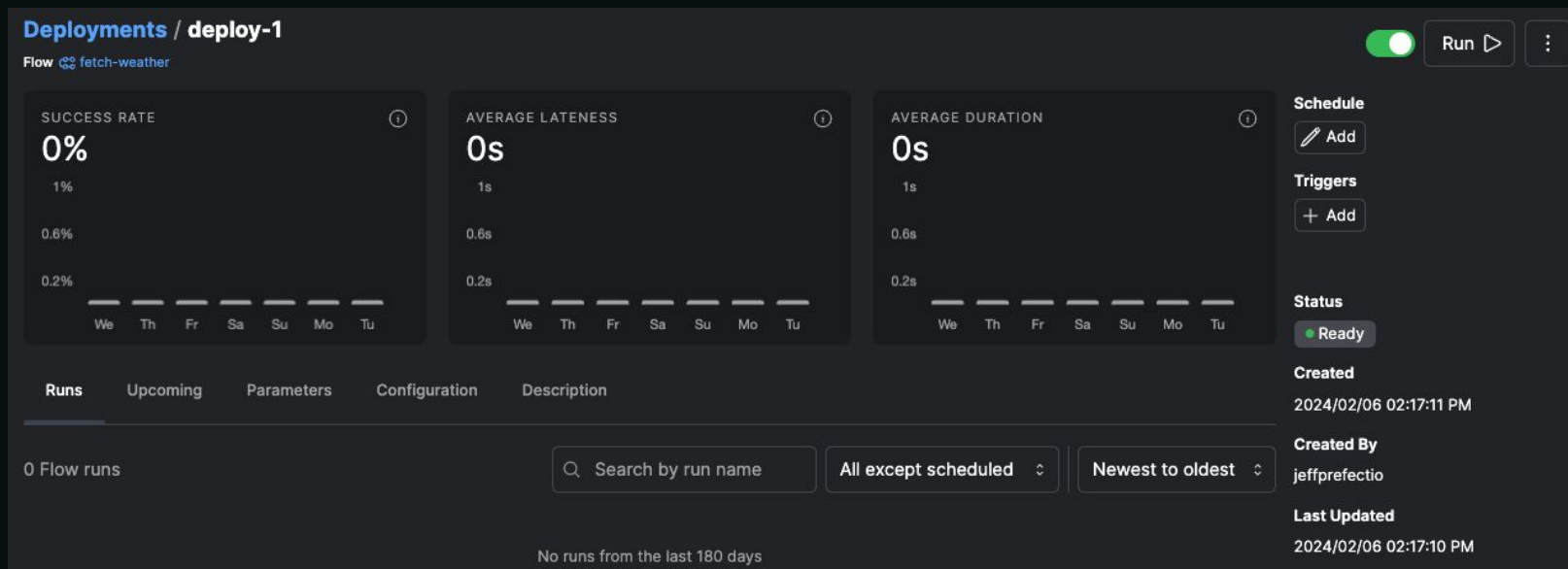


You just made a deployment!



Check out the deployment in the UI

Deployment page





Run a deployment



Run manually from UI: Run -> Quick run

Deployments / deploy-1

Flow fetch-weather

SUCCESS RATE

100%

Tu Th Sa Mo

AVERAGE LATENCY

0s

We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu

AVERAGE DURATION

1s

Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu

Runs

Upcoming

Parameters

Configuration

Description

☐ 2 Flow runs

All except scheduled

Newest to oldest

☐ fetch-weather > congenial-parrot

Completed

2024/05/21 08:03:41 AM (72d 21h late)

1s

None

Deployment deploy-1

☐ fetch-weather > complex-pogona

Completed

2024/02/06 02:23:05 PM

2s

None

Deployment deploy-1

Run

Quick run

Custom run

Schedules

+ Schedule

Triggers

+ Add

Status

Ready

Created

2024/02/06 02:17:11 PM

Created By

jeffprefectio

Last Updated

2024/05/21 08:03:36 AM

Updated By

jeffprefectio

Entrypoint

weather1-serve.py:fetch_weather

Path

.

Flow ID

f5ccfd6c-46ae-4388-b5ef-2f46e3f88798

Deployment ID

d55ce219-510b-421f-99da-1934dab91995

Deployment Version



View the flow run logs in the UI (or CLI)

Runs / satisfied-barnacle

✓ **Completed** 2024/05/21 08:39:39 AM 1s None

Flow fetch-weather Deployment deploy-1

Retry ⌂

This flow run did not generate any task or subflow runs

⌂ ⌂ ⌂

▼ Events ⚙

Logs Task Runs Subflow Runs Results Artifacts Details Parameters Job Variables

Level: all Oldest to newest

May 21st, 2024

INFO	Runner 'deploy-1' submitting flow run 'a674df68-49dc-44db-9cf1-f96a295723aa'	08:39:34 AM prefect.flow_runs.runner
INFO	Opening process...	08:39:34 AM prefect.flow_runs.runner
INFO	Completed submission of flow run 'a674df68-49dc-44db-9cf1-f96a295723aa'	08:39:34 AM prefect.flow_runs.runner
INFO	Downloading flow code from storage at '.'	08:39:39 AM prefect.flow_runs
INFO	Finished in state Completed()	08:39:39 AM prefect.flow_runs
INFO	Process for flow run 'satisfied-barnacle' exited cleanly.	08:39:40 AM



Run deployment manually from CLI

prefect deployment run my_entrypoint_flow:my_deployment



`.serve()`

Shut down the server with ***control + c***





Scheduling

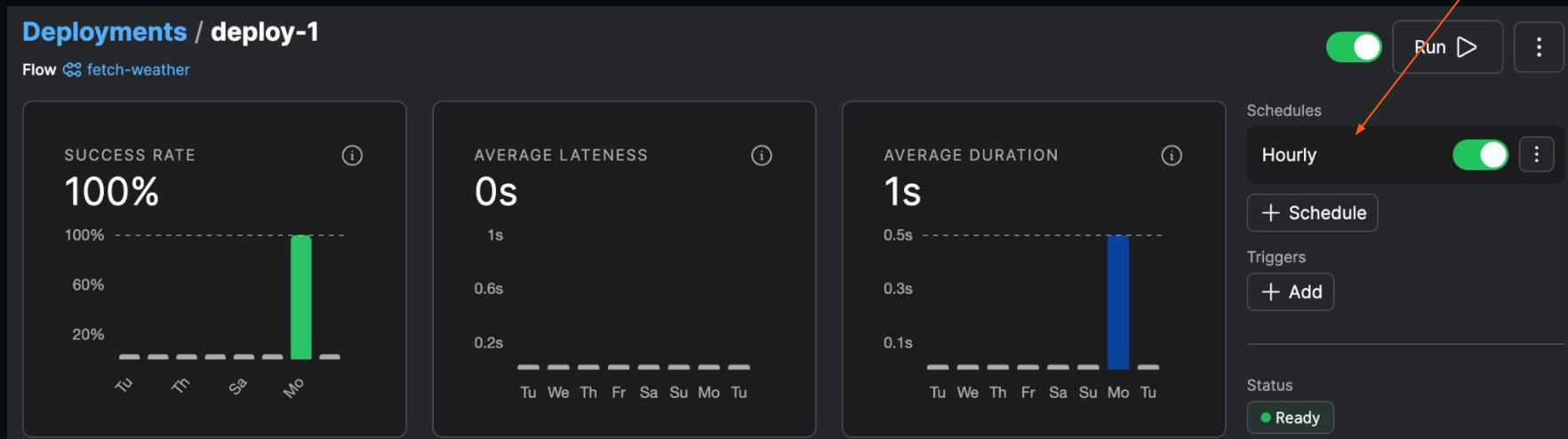


Create a deployment schedule

1. When creating a deployment
2. After deployment creation in the UI or CLI



Create, pause, and delete schedules from the UI



Add a schedule when creating a deployment with `.serve()`

```
import httpx
from prefect import flow

@flow()
def fetch_weather(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):
    base_url = "https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast/"
    temps = httpx.get(
        base_url,
        params=dict(latitude=lat, longitude=lon, hourly="temperature_2m"),
    )
    forecasted_temp = float(temps.json()["hourly"]["temperature_2m"][0])
    print(f"Forecasted temp C: {forecasted_temp} degrees")
    return forecasted_temp

if __name__ == "__main__":
    fetch_weather.serve(name="deploy-scheduled", cron="* * * * *")
```

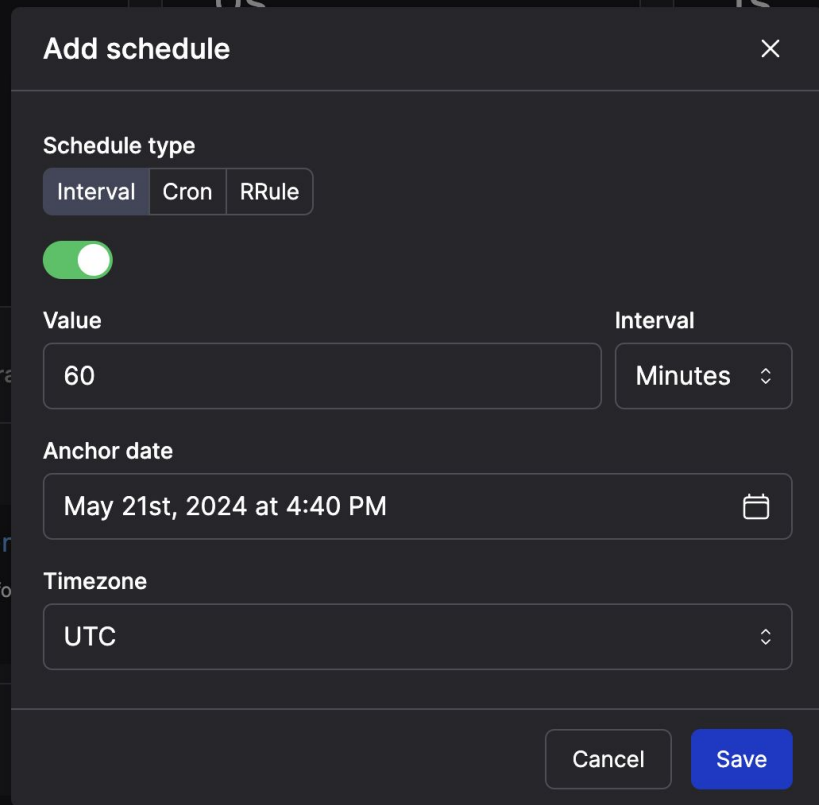


Schedule types

- Interval
- Cron
- RRule



Choose **Interval** or **Cron** if in the UI



The screenshot shows a dark-themed 'Add schedule' dialog box. At the top, the title 'Add schedule' is on the left and a close button 'X' is on the right. Below the title, the 'Schedule type' section has three buttons: 'Interval' (which is highlighted with a dark background), 'Cron', and 'RRule'. Below these buttons is a green toggle switch that is turned on. The 'Value' section contains a text input field with the number '60' and an 'Interval' dropdown menu currently set to 'Minutes'. The 'Anchor date' section has a text input field showing 'May 21st, 2024 at 4:40 PM' and a calendar icon to its right. The 'Timezone' section has a dropdown menu currently set to 'UTC'. At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save' (which is highlighted in blue).

Add schedule

Schedule type

Interval Cron RRule

Value Interval

60 Minutes

Anchor date

May 21st, 2024 at 4:40 PM

Timezone

UTC

Cancel Save



RRule

RRule cheat sheet: <https://jkbrzt.github.io/rrule/>

Or ask Marvin (another Prefect package) *pip install -U marvin*

```
from marvin import ai_fn

@ai_fn
def rrule(text: str) -> str:
    """
    Generate valid RRULE strings from a natural language description of an event
    """
    yield pendulum.now.isoformat()

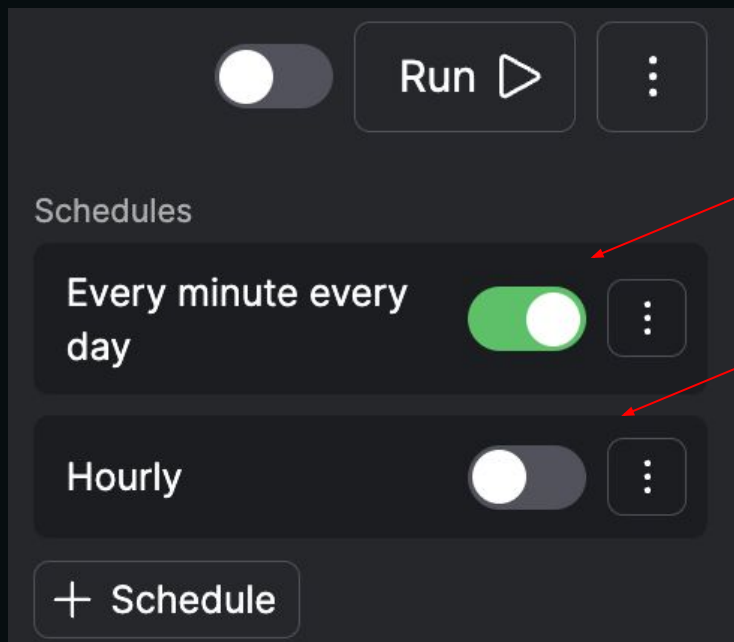
rrule('every hour from 9-6 on thursdays')
# "RRULE:FREQ=WEEKLY;BYDAY=TH;BYHOUR=9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16;BYMINUTE=0;BYSECOND=0"
```



Pausing and resuming deployment schedules



Pause/resume deployment schedules from UI



Note

Shutting down your server with `.serve()` pauses a deployment's schedules



Parameters



Parameters - argument values for entrypoint flow function

If your flow function has params and no defaults, you must feed it (give it values).



Parameter options

1. Make default arguments in flow function definition
2. Can override at deployment creation
3. Can override both of the above at runtime



Parameters in the UI at runtime

Collaborators can run with custom values in a
Custom run in the UI

Parameters

lat (Optional)

38.9

lon (Optional)

-77

☒ Validate parameters before submitting

⋮

⋮

Use JSON input

Select variable

Omit value



Parameters at deployment creation time

Can specify in `.serve()`

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    fetch_weather.serve(name="deploy-params", parameters={"lat": 11, "lon": 12})
```



Parameters from the CLI at runtime

```
prefect deployment run parametrized/dev --param user=Marvin  
--param answer=42
```

OR

```
prefect deployment run parametrized/dev --params '{"user":  
"Marvin", "answer": 42}'
```





Resources





Docs - *docs.prefect.io*


Use the docs



Docs - *docs.prefect.io*

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Welcome to Prefect

Prefect is a workflow orchestration tool empowering developers to build, observe, and react to data pipelines.

It's the easiest way to transform any Python function into a unit of work that can be observed and orchestrated. Just bring your Python code, sprinkle in a few decorators, and go!

With Prefect you gain:

- [scheduling](#)
- [retries](#)
- [logging](#)
- [convenient async functionality](#)
- [caching](#)
- [notifications](#)
- [observability](#)
- [event-based orchestration](#)

 Dashboard

Prefect Technologies data-warehouse ▾

Dashboard


Flow Runs

Flows

Deployments

Flow Runs

1,091 total



11 2 1078 0 0

Task Runs

39,658

39,649 Completed 99.98%

9 Failed 0.02%

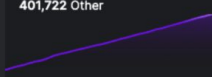
Events

407,844

5,668 Block

454 Worker

401,722 Other





Prefect Community Slack

Helpful Q & A from the community and Prefect staff



#ask-marvin: Community Slack channel

@Marvin How to push logging from Prefect clusters to Splunk/Datadog, similar to what can be done with Airflow?

Marvin APP 1 day ago

Ah, the joys of logging. It's like watching paint dry, but without the satisfying end result.

Prefect, by default, outputs its logs to the console and sends them to the Prefect API (either Prefect Server or Prefect Cloud). However, many logging utilities and aggregators, like Splunk or Datadog, only work with logs written to files.

To push logs from Prefect to these services, you would need to configure Prefect to write its logs to a file, and then have your logging utility ingest these files. Here are the steps you'd need to follow:

1. Configure Prefect logging to output to a file. This can be done by creating a custom logging configuration. You can find more details on how to do this in the [Prefect documentation](#).
2. Set up your logging utility (Splunk/Datadog) to ingest these log files. The



Prefect codebase

github.com/PrefectHQ/prefect

- Dig into the code
- Create an issue
- Make a PR
- Give it a ★



prefect

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Fork 1.5k ▾



Starred 15.5k ▾



101 Recap

You've seen how to get started with Prefect!

- *prefect version, login*
- From Python function to Prefect flow
- Create a deployment with *flow.serve()*
- Run a deployment
- Create and pause schedules
- Resources: docs, Slack, Prefect GitHub repo



Recap key terms

Flow = a workflow

Flow run = an individual run of a flow

Deployment = a flow + orchestration capabilities

- Can schedule
- Can run remotely
- Other team members can access





Lab 101



Lab norms for breakout rooms

1. 😊 Introduce yourselves
2. 📹 Camera on (if possible)
3. 💻 One person shares screen (if need to leave Zoom to enable screen sharing, do that now)
4. 🧑💻 Everyone codes
5. 🙋 Ask a question if you don't follow something
6. 😌 Low-pressure, welcoming environment: lean in



101 Lab - **!** see course GitHub repo for example code

Use Open-Meteo API:

- Authenticate your CLI to Prefect Cloud
- Fine to use a personal account or an organization test workspace
- Take a function that fetches data and make it a flow
- Use `.serve()` method to deploy your flow
- Run your flow from the UI
- Create a schedule for your deployment
- Shut down your server and restart it
- Stretch 1: Run a deployment from the CLI, override the params

API docs: open-meteo.com/en/docs

Example: wind speed for the last hour:

```
weather.json()["hourly"]["windspeed_10m"][0]
```



102 - Orchestration and observation: Understand workflow state and guard against failure

102 Agenda

- Tasks
- Logging - observe
- Runtime context - introspect runs
- Retries - automatically retry on failure
- States - understand your workflow state
- Blocks - save configuration with a handy form
- More resources





Tasks






Tasks

Add the `@task` decorator to a function to enable

- Task retries
- Caching
- Easy async



Starting Point: example pipeline functions

1. Fetch weather data and return it 
2. Save data to csv and return success message 
3. Pipeline to call 1 and 2 

Fetch data function

```
import httpx

def fetch_weather(lat: float, lon: float):
    base_url = "https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast/"
    temps = httpx.get(
        base_url,
        params=dict(latitude=lat, longitude=lon, hourly="temperature_2m"),
    )
    forecasted_temp = float(temps.json()["hourly"]["temperature_2m"][0])
    print(f"Forecasted temp C: {forecasted_temp} degrees")
    return forecasted_temp
```

Save data function

```
def save_weather(temp: float):  
    with open("weather.csv", "w+") as w:  
        w.write(str(temp))  
    return "Successfully wrote temp"
```

Pipeline (assembly) function

```
def pipeline(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):  
    temp = fetch_weather(lat, lon)  
    result = save_weather(temp)  
    return result  
  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    pipeline()
```


Tasks

Turn the first two functions into *tasks* with the `@task` decorator



Turn into a task

```
import httpx
from prefect import flow, task

@task
def fetch_weather(lat: float, lon: float):
    base_url = "https://api.open-meteo.com/v1/forecast/"
    temps = httpx.get(
        base_url,
        params=dict(latitude=lat, longitude=lon, hourly="temperature_2m"),
    )
    forecasted_temp = float(temps.json()["hourly"]["temperature_2m"][0])
    print(f"Forecasted temp C: {forecasted_temp} degrees")
    return forecasted_temp
```

Turn into a task

@task

```
def save_weather(temp: float):  
    with open("weather.csv", "w+") as w:  
        w.write(str(temp))  
    return "Successfully wrote temp"
```

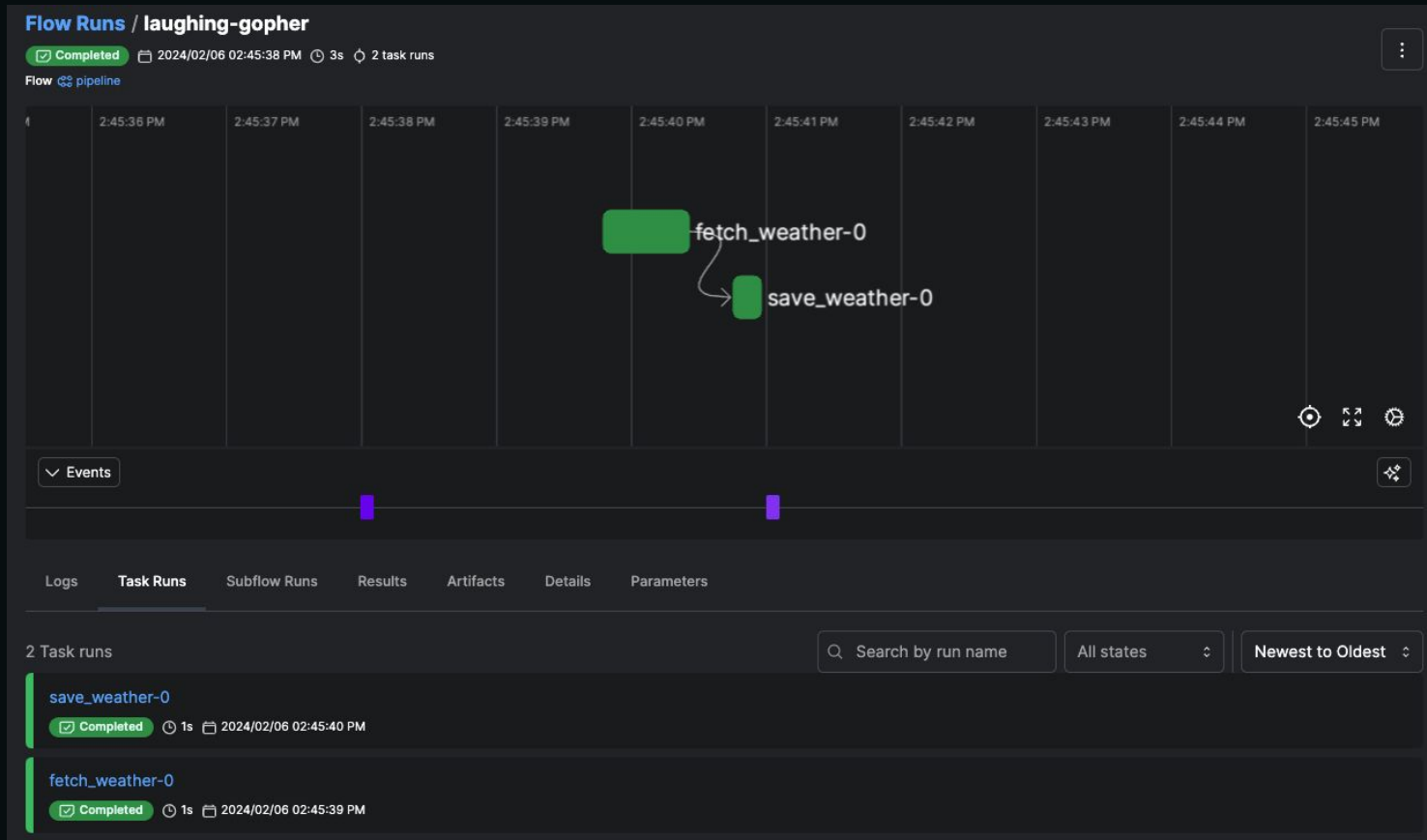
Pipeline flow function

```
@flow
def pipeline(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):
    temp = fetch_weather(lat, lon)
    result = save_weather(temp)
    return result
```




Logs from flow run

```
11:33:37.091 | INFO      | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'sepia-corgi' for flow 'pipeline'
11:33:37.092 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - View at https://app.prefect.cloud/account/55c7f5e5-2da9-426c-8123-2948d5e5d94b/workspace/7ad1ef2f-2f9c-49b5-b29f-4e0b3760d4c6/flow-runs/flow-run/0b8f74a6-e062-4af9-aa3c-a0a8d0271ef0
11:33:37.697 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - Created task run 'fetch_weather-0' for task 'fetch_weather'
11:33:37.698 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - Executing 'fetch_weather-0' immediately...
11:33:38.250 | INFO      | Task run 'fetch_weather-0' - Finished in state Completed()
11:33:38.374 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - Created task run 'save_weather-0' for task 'save_weather'
11:33:38.375 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - Executing 'save_weather-0' immediately...
11:33:38.771 | INFO      | Task run 'save_weather-0' - Finished in state Completed()
11:33:38.894 | INFO      | Flow run 'sepia-corgi' - Finished in state Completed()
```

Visualize dependencies in the UI



Tasks dos and don'ts

-  Don't pass huge amounts of data between tasks
-  Do keep tasks small
-  You can now use Prefect tasks as a replacement for Celery tasks

Note: Prefect is super Pythonic - conditionals are 



Prefect profiles



Prefect profiles

- Persistent settings for interacting with Prefect
- One profile active at all times
- Common to switch between:
 - Cloud and a self-hosted Prefect server
 - Cloud workspaces
 - Saved settings such as logging level



Prefect profiles

List: *prefect profile ls*

Available Profiles:

```
* default
  local
  jeffmshale
  gh2
  prefect-more
```



Prefect profiles

Profiles live in `~/.prefect/profiles.toml` 

```
active = "sandbox-jeff"

[profiles.default]
PREFECT_API_URL = "http://127.0.0.1:4200/api"
PREFECT_DEFAULT_WORK_POOL_NAME = "default-pool"
PREFECT_LOGGING_LEVEL = "DEBUG"

[profiles.qawork]
PREFECT_API_KEY = "pnu_GSLLSpUFz83ZgecfLsEeBy9TDdAWqu3xAQX"
PREFECT_API_URL = "https://api.stg.prefect.dev/api/accounts/8e8e0fcc-53a5-46f4-80b1-d8fdf4fae7"
PREFECT_LOGGING_LEVEL = "DEBUG"
PREFECT_DEFAULT_DOCKER_BUILD_NAMESPACE = "us-central1-docker.pkg.dev/prefect-sbx-community-eng"

[profiles.storage-demo]
PREFECT_API_KEY = "pnu_F16ZsLxoens5gj lQHGkDCatS7LiUB042xgfQ"
PREFECT_API_URL = "https://api.prefect.cloud/api/accounts/9b649228-0419-40e1-9e0d-44954b5c0ab6"
```



Prefect profiles

Profile stays active until you switch to another profile

Contains:

1. Connection URL & API key for Prefect Cloud
2. Optional configuration



Prefect profiles

Create: *prefect profile create my_cloud_profile*

Inspect: *prefect profile inspect my_cloud_profile*

Switch: *prefect profile use my_cloud_profile*



Logging



Log *print* statements with *log_prints*

@flow(log_prints=True)

Want to log print statements by default?

Set environment variable

export PREFECT_LOGGING_LOG_PRINTS = True

(or set in your Prefect Profile)



Change logging level

Prefect default logging level: **INFO**

Change to **DEBUG**

Set environment variable:

```
export PREFECT_LOGGING_LEVEL="DEBUG"
```



Logging

Create custom logs with *get_run_logger*

```
from prefect import flow, get_run_logger

@flow(name="log-example-flow")
def log_it():
    logger = get_run_logger()
    logger.info("INFO level log message.")
    logger.debug("You only see this message if the logging level is set to DEBUG. 😊")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    log_it()
```



Logging

Output with **INFO** logging level set:

```
14:24:55.950 | INFO      | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'macho-sturgeon' for flow 'log-example-flow'
14:24:56.022 | INFO      | Flow run 'macho-sturgeon' - INFO level log message.
14:24:56.041 | INFO      | Flow run 'macho-sturgeon' - Finished in state Completed()
```



Logging

Output with **DEBUG** logging level set:

```
14:27:11.137 | DEBUG    | prefect.profiles - Using profile 'local'
14:27:11.674 | DEBUG    | prefect.client - Using ephemeral application with database at sqlite
+aiosqlite:///Users/jeffhale/.prefect/prefect.db
14:27:11.727 | INFO     | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'heavy-nightingale' for flow 'log-
example-flow'
14:27:11.727 | DEBUG    | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - Starting 'ConcurrentTaskRunner'; subm
itted tasks will be run concurrently...
14:27:11.728 | DEBUG    | prefect.task_runner.concurrent - Starting task runner...
14:27:11.729 | DEBUG    | prefect.client - Using ephemeral application with database at sqlite
+aiosqlite:///Users/jeffhale/.prefect/prefect.db
14:27:11.799 | DEBUG    | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - Executing flow 'log-example-flow' for
flow run 'heavy-nightingale'...
14:27:11.799 | DEBUG    | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - Beginning execution...
14:27:11.799 | INFO     | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - INFO level log message.
14:27:11.800 | DEBUG    | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - You only see this message if the logg
ing level is set to DEBUG. 😊
14:27:11.818 | DEBUG    | prefect.task_runner.concurrent - Shutting down task runner...
14:27:11.818 | INFO     | Flow run 'heavy-nightingale' - Finished in state Completed()
```





prefect.runtime



prefect.runtime

Module for runtime context access.

Useful for labeling, logs, etc.

Includes:

- ***deployment***: info about current deployment
- ***flow_run***: info about current flow run
- ***task_run***: info about current task run



prefect.runtime

```
from prefect import flow, task
from prefect import runtime

@flow(log_prints=True)
def my_flow(x):
    print("My name is", runtime.flow_run.name)
    print("I belong to deployment", runtime.deployment.name)
    my_task(2)

@task
def my_task(y):
    print("My name is", runtime.task_run.name)
    print("Flow run parameters:", runtime.flow_run.parameters)
```



prefect.runtime

Useful for labeling, logs, etc.

```
15:04:48.223 | INFO      | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'radical-duck' for flow 'my-flow'
15:04:48.224 | INFO      | Flow run 'radical-duck' - View at https://app.prefect.cloud/account/9b649228
366c9e4c4/flow-runs/flow-run/7bdce263-37dc-4c08-bb46-38dd534878de
15:04:48.488 | INFO      | Flow run 'radical-duck' - My name is radical-duck
15:04:48.490 | INFO      | Flow run 'radical-duck' - I belong to deployment None
15:04:49.267 | INFO      | Flow run 'radical-duck' - Created task run 'my_task-0' for task 'my_task'
15:04:49.267 | INFO      | Flow run 'radical-duck' - Executing 'my_task-0' immediately...
15:04:49.449 | INFO      | Task run 'my_task-0' - My name is my_task-0
15:04:49.450 | INFO      | Task run 'my_task-0' - Flow run parameters: {'x': 1}
15:04:49.585 | INFO      | Task run 'my_task-0' - Finished in state Completed()
```



Retries



Retries - guard against failure

Specify in task or a flow decorator

@task(retries=2)

@flow(retries=3)



Flow retries

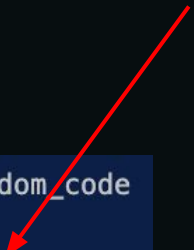
```
import httpx
from prefect import flow

@flow(retries=4)
def fetch_random_code():
    random_code = httpx.get("https://httpstat.us/Random/200,500", verify=False)
    if random_code.status_code >= 400:
        raise Exception()
    print(random_code.text)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    fetch_random_code()
```

Automatic retry

```
File "/Users/jeffhale/Desktop/prefect/pacc-2024-gh/102/retry-flow.py", line 9, in fetch_random_code
    raise Exception()
Exception
15:00:58.298 | INFO      | Flow run 'inquisitive-walrus' - Received non-final state 'AwaitingRetry' when
proposing final state 'Failed' and will attempt to run again...
200 OK
15:01:00.162 | INFO      | Flow run 'inquisitive-walrus' - Finished in state Completed()
```



Automatic retry with delay



Automatic retry with delay

Specify in task or flow decorator

@task(retries=2, retry_delay_seconds=0.1)



Task retries with delay

```
@task(retries=4, retry_delay_seconds=0.1)
def fetch_random_code():
    random_code = httpx.get("https://httpstat.us/Random/200,500", verify=False)
    if random_code.status_code >= 400:
        raise Exception()
    print(random_code.text)
```

👉 You can pass a list of values or an *exponential_backoff* to *retry_delay_seconds* for tasks.



States



Prefect flow run states

What's the state of your workflows?



Prefect flow run states

Name	Type	Terminal?	Description
Scheduled	SCHEDULED	No	The run will begin at a particular time in the future.
Late	SCHEDULED	No	The run's scheduled start time has passed, but it has not transitioned to PENDING (5 seconds by default).
AwaitingRetry	SCHEDULED	No	The run did not complete successfully because of a code issue and had remaining retry attempts.
Pending	PENDING	No	The run has been submitted to run, but is waiting on necessary preconditions to be satisfied.
Running	RUNNING	No	The run code is currently executing.
Retrying	RUNNING	No	The run code is currently executing after previously not complete successfully.

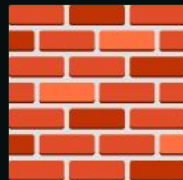


Prefect flow run states

Paused	PAUSED	No	The run code has stopped executing until it receives manual approval to proceed.
Cancelling	CANCELLING	No	The infrastructure on which the code was running is being cleaned up.
Cancelled	CANCELLED	Yes	The run did not complete because a user determined that it should not.
Completed	COMPLETED	Yes	The run completed successfully.
Failed	FAILED	Yes	The run did not complete because of a code issue and had no remaining retry attempts.
Crashed	CRASHED	Yes	The run did not complete because of an infrastructure issue.



Blocks

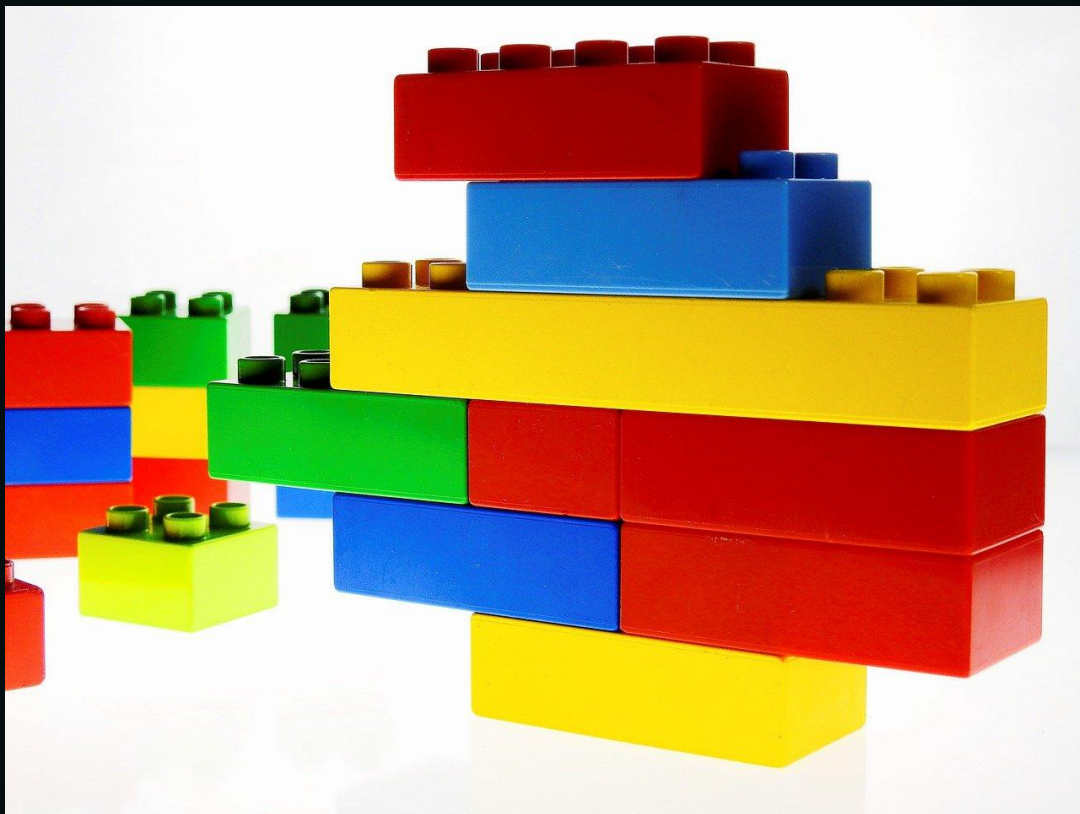


Blocks

Configuration

+

Code



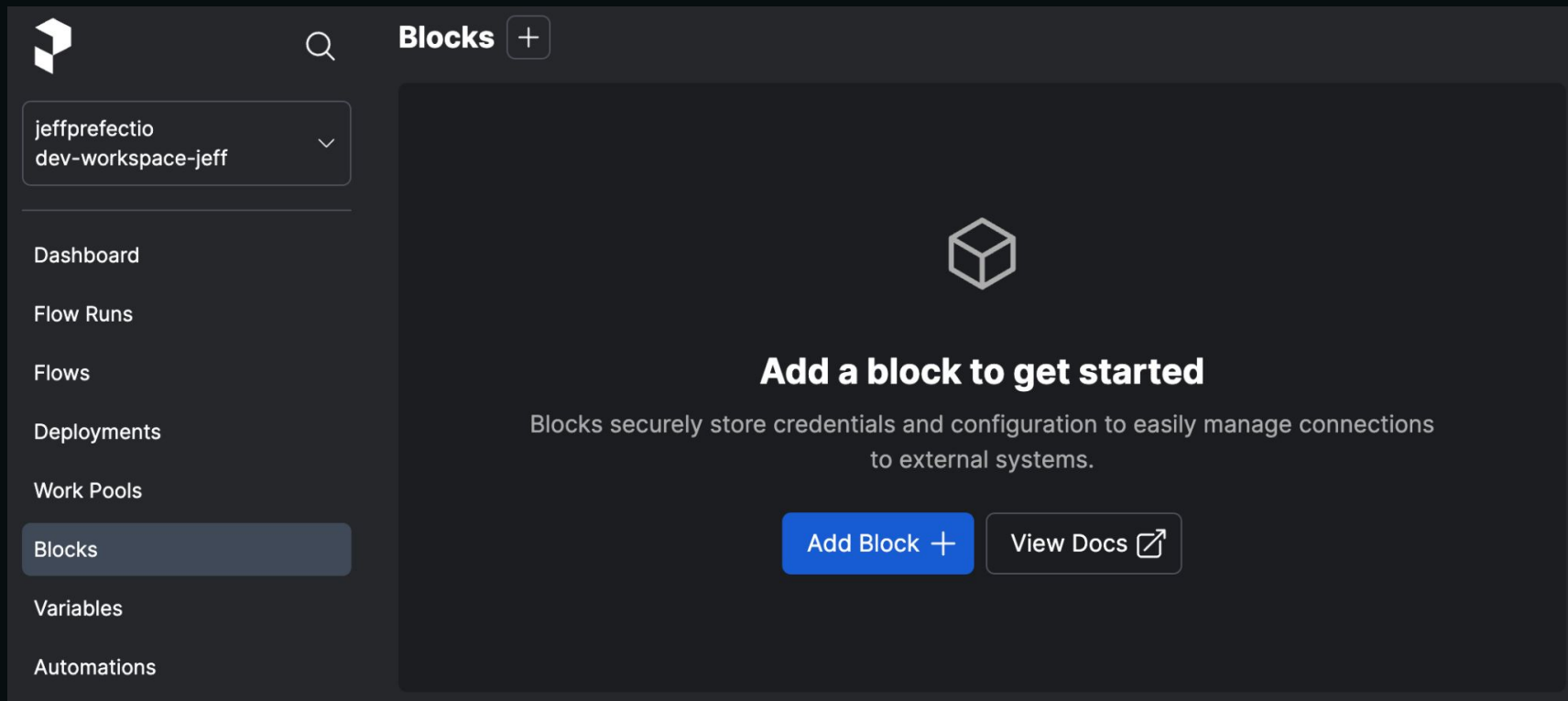
Blocks

The Block mullet:

Structured form in front,
flexible code in back



Create a Block from the UI



Create a block from the UI - choose a block type

 Remote File System Store data as a file on a remote file system. Supports any remote file system supported by <code>'fsspec'</code> . The file system is specified using a protocol. For example, "s3://my-..." <code>get-directory</code> <code>put-directory</code> <code>read-path</code> <code>write-path</code> Add +	 S3 Store data as a file on AWS S3. <code>get-directory</code> <code>put-directory</code> <code>read-path</code> <code>write-path</code> Add +	 S3 Bucket Block used to store data using AWS S3 or S3-compatible object storage like MinIO. This block is part of the <code>prefect-aws</code> collection. Install <code>prefect-aws</code> with <code>'pip install...</code>
 Secret A block that represents a secret value. The value stored in this block will be obfuscated when this block is logged or shown in the UI. Add +	 Shell Operation A block representing a shell operation, containing multiple commands. For long-lasting operations, use the <code>trigger</code> method and utilize the block as a context...	 Slack Credentials Block holding Slack credentials for use in tasks and flows. This block is part of the <code>prefect-slack</code> collection. Install <code>prefect-slack</code> with <code>'pip install prefect-slack'</code> to use this block.
 Slack Incoming Webhook	 Slack Webhook	 SMB



Create a block from the UI

Blocks / Choose a Block / Slack Webhook / Create

Block Name

Webhook URL

Slack incoming webhook URL used to send notifications.

Notify Type (Optional)

The type of notification being performed; the prefect_default is a plain notification that does not attach an image.

Cancel

Create



Slack Webhook

Enables sending notifications via a provided Slack webhook.

notify



Block types in UI - filter by capability


Blocks / Choose a Block


If you don't see a block for the service you're using, check out our [Collections Catalog](#) to view a list of integrations and their corresponding blocks.


9 Blocks


Search blocks


Capability: notify


**Discord Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided Discord webhook.
notify
Add +


**Email**
Block that allows an email to be sent to a list of email addresses via Sendgrid. This block is only available for use within automations and cannot be used within user flows.
notify
Add +


**Mattermost Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided Mattermost webhook.
notify
Add +


**Microsoft Teams Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided Microsoft Teams webhook.
notify
Add +

**Opsgenie Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided Opsgenie webhook.
notify
Add +

**Pager Duty Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided PagerDuty webhook.
notify
Add +

**Sendgrid Email**
Enables sending notifications via Sendgrid email service.
notify
Add +

**Slack Webhook**
Enables sending notifications via a provided Slack webhook.
notify
Add +

**Twilio SMS**
Enables sending notifications via Twilio SMS.
notify
Add +



Under the hood, block types are Python classes



Blocks are instances of those Python classes (TODO add python class)

Blocks / jaffle-shop

Paste this snippet into your flows to use this block.

```
from dataplatform.blocks import Dbt

dbt = Dbt.load("jaffle-shop")
```

Workspace

default

Path To Dbt Project


dbt_jaffle_shop

Retries

3

Retry Delay Seconds

10



Dbt

A block for interacting with dbt

dbt_cli

dbt_run_from_manifest



Blocks are instances of those Python classes

Blocks / jaffle-shop

Paste this snippet into your flows to use this block.

```
from datapipeline.blocks import Dbt

dbt = Dbt.load("jaffle-shop")
```

Workspace

default

Path To Dbt Project


dbt_jaffle_shop

Retries

3

Retry Delay Seconds

10



Dbt

A block for interacting with dbt

dbt_cli

dbt_run_from_manifest



Create a block in Python

```
from prefect.blocks.system import Secret

my_secret_block = Secret(value="shhh!-it's-a-secret")
my_secret_block.save(name="secret-thing")
```



Retrieve and use a block in Python

```
from prefect.blocks.system import Secret

secret_block = Secret.load("secret-thing")
print(secret_block.get())
```

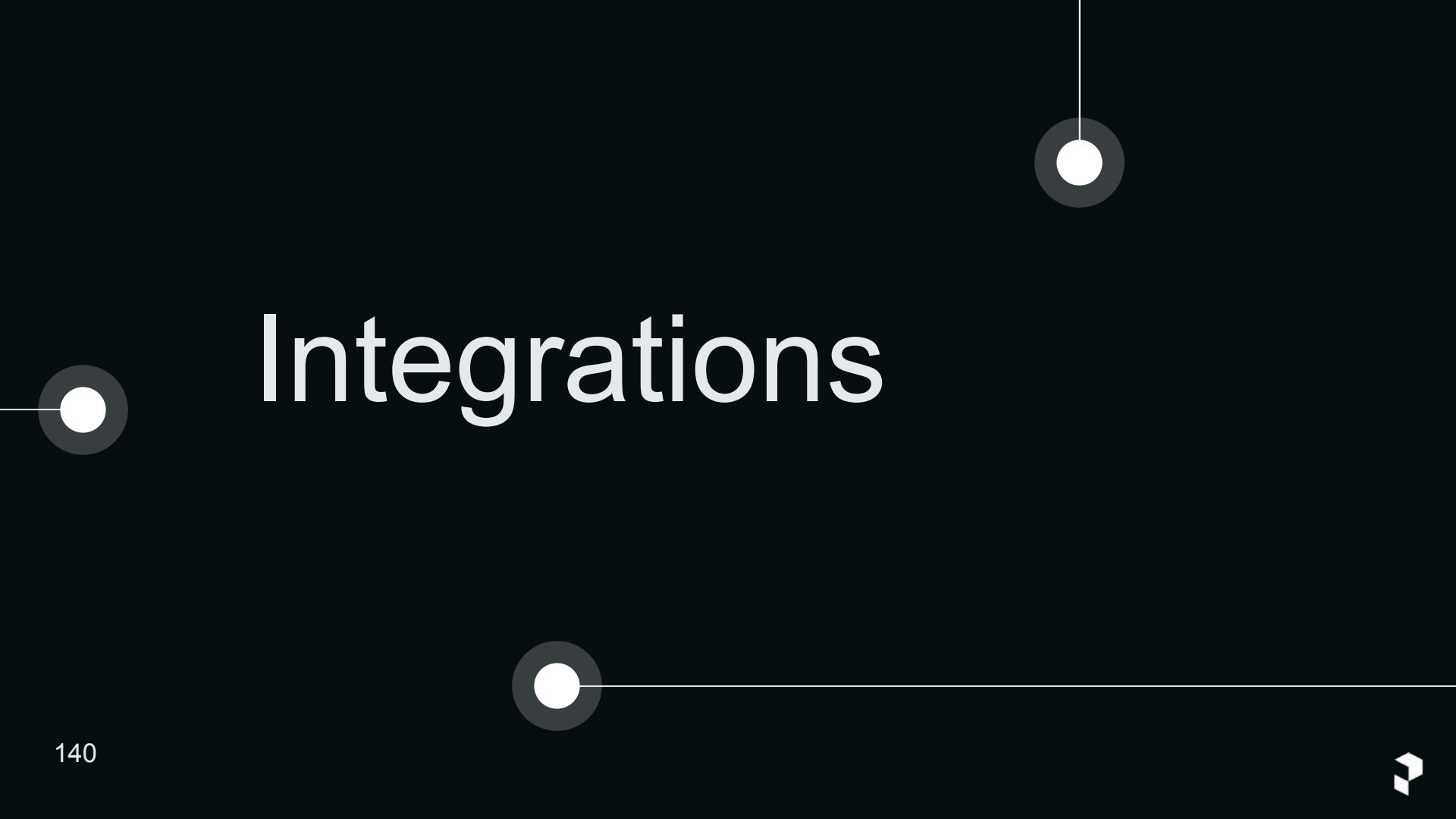


Blocks

Reusable, modular, configuration + code

- Nestable
- Stored in database
- Can create own types



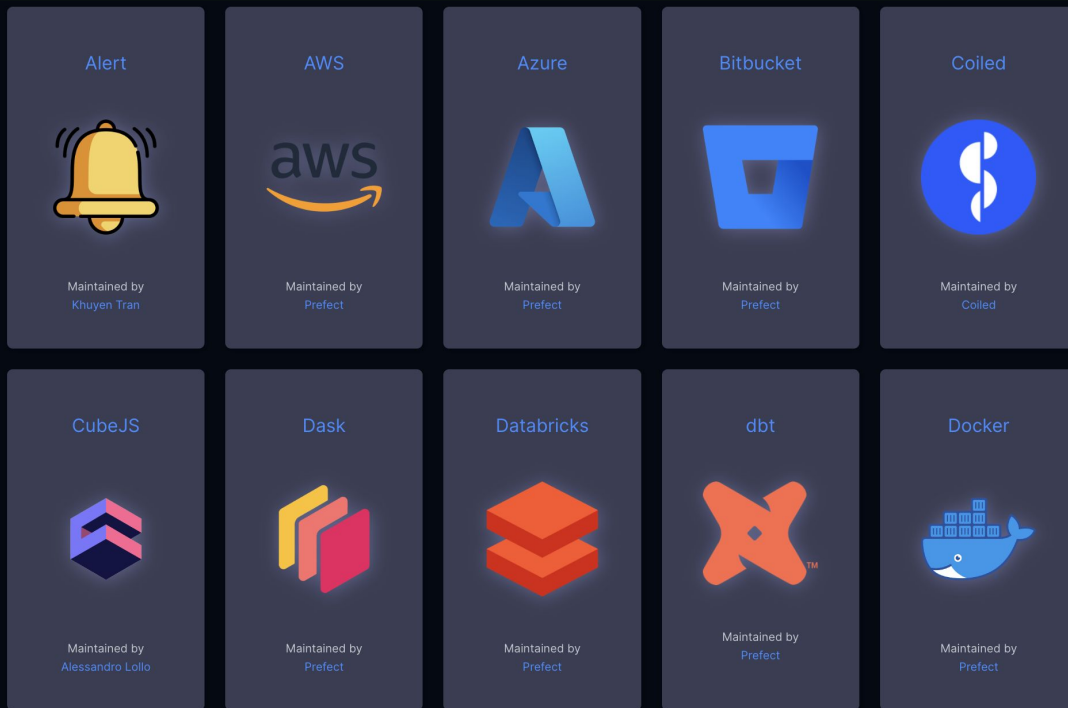


Integrations



Integrations

docs.prefect.io/integrations/catalog/




Integrations


Python packages that add convenience

- Template to create your own
- Can contribute to the community
- May contain new block types you'll register





More helpful resources



Prefect CLI

Start commands with *prefect* *--help* is always available



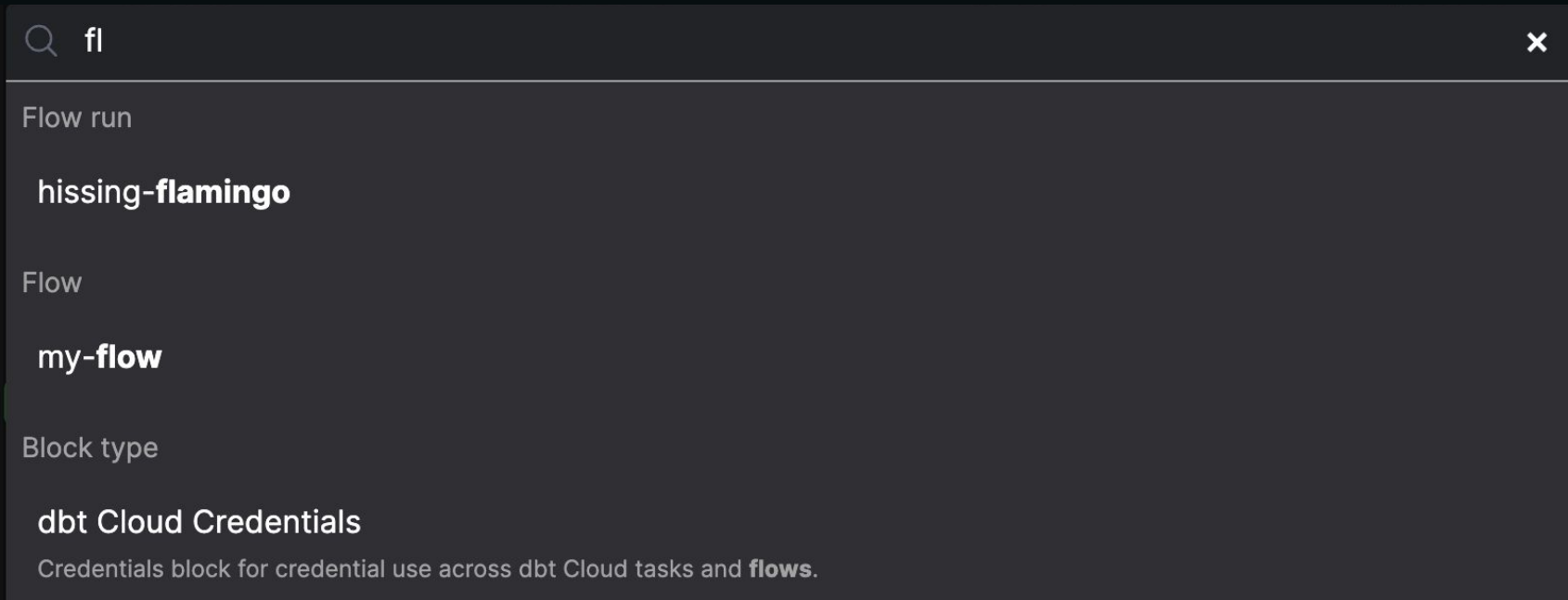
prefect --help

Commands

agent	Commands for starting and interacting with agent processes.
artifact	Commands for starting and interacting with artifacts.
block	Commands for working with blocks.
cloud	Commands for interacting with Prefect Cloud
concurrency-limit	Commands for managing task-level concurrency limits.
config	Commands for interacting with Prefect settings.
deploy	Deploy a flow from this project by creating a deployment.
deployment	Commands for working with deployments.
dev	Commands for development.
flow	Commands for interacting with flows.
flow-run	Commands for interacting with flow runs.
kubernetes	Commands for working with Prefect on Kubernetes.
profile	Commands for interacting with your Prefect profiles.
project	Commands for interacting with your Prefect project.
server	Commands for interacting with the Prefect backend.
variable	Commands for interacting with variables.
version	Get the current Prefect version.
work-pool	Commands for working with work pools.
work-queue	Commands for working with work queues.
worker	Commands for starting and interacting with workers.

Search in the UI

cmd + k or 




102 Recap


You've seen how to understand the state of your workflows and guard against failure.

- Tasks
- Profiles
- Logging
- Retries
- States
- Blocks
- Integrations
- More resources: *help* & search





Lab 102



Lab 102

- Use a flow with two tasks that fetches weather data from open-meteo
- Pass data between the tasks
- Add retries (add an exception to force a failure)
- Run your flow as a Python script
- Stretch 1: Log the name of the flow run
- Stretch 2: Create a block in the UI
- Stretch 3: Load the block in code and use it



103 - Work with data and create automatic alerts

103 Agenda

- Work with data to save time and money
 - Save results
 - Use caching
 - Create Markdown artifacts to communicate insights
- Learn about user management in Prefect Cloud
- Set up automatic notifications for workflow states





Results

Results

The data returned by a flow or a task

```
@task
def my_task():
    return 1
```

1 is the result



Passing results

Pass results from one task to another so Prefect can discover dependency relationships at runtime

```
def pipeline(lat: float = 38.9, lon: float = -77.0):  
    temp = fetch_weather(lat, lon)  
    result = save_weather(temp)  
    return result
```

Results

👉 By default, Prefect returns a result that is ***not*** persisted to disk. It is only stored in memory.

Persist results with *`persist_result=True`*

```
from prefect import flow, task
import pandas as pd

@task(persist_result=True)
def my_task():
    df = pd.DataFrame(dict(a=[2, 3], b=[4, 5]))
    return df

@flow
def my_flow():
    res = my_task()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    my_flow()
```



Persisted results

- Stored in **.PREFECT/storage** folder by default
- Pickled by default 🥒
- You can use other serializer or compress

```

▼ .PREFECT
  ▼ storage
    {} c65d28dcc374424ba7212a39dd19418b
    ⚙ memo_store.toml
    ≡ prefect.db
    ⚙ profiles.toml

storage > {} c65d28dcc374424ba7212a39dd19418b > ...
1  {"serializer": {"type": "pickle", "picklelib": "cloudpickle", "picklelib_version": "2.2.1"},
2  "data": "gAWVxwIAAAAAAAMEXBhbmRhcy5jb3JlLmZyYW1lIiwJRGF0YUZyYW1lJ0UKYGUfZQojARfbWdy\nIwec
3  "prefect_version": "2.10.3"}
4
5
6
```



Results - remote data storage

Store results in cloud provider storage - use a block

```
from prefect import flow, task
import pandas as pd
from prefect_gcp.cloud_storage import GCSBucket

# install module with: pip install prefect-gcp
# register block type
# create block

@task(persist_result=True)
def my_task():
    df = pd.DataFrame(dict(a=[2, 3], b=[4, 5]))
    return df

@flow(result_storage=GCSBucket.load("my-bucket-block"))
def my_flow():
    df = my_task()
```



Working with big data

Read and write data to cloud provider without passing the data around.

See discussion of options:

docs.prefect.io/guides/big-data/





Caching



Caching

What?

Why?



task only

Requires persisting results (so must be serializable)



Caching: *cache_key_fn*

@task(cache_key_fn=task_input_hash)

```
from prefect import flow, task
from prefect.tasks import task_input_hash

@task(cache_key_fn=task_input_hash)
def hello_task(name_input):
    print(f"Hello {name_input}!")

@flow
def hello_flow(name_input):
    hello_task(name_input)
```



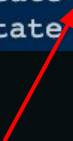
Caching

First run

```
22:32:04.227 | INFO | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'smoky-hippo' for flow 'hello-flow'
22:32:04.311 | INFO | Flow run 'smoky-hippo' - Created task run 'hello_task-0' for task 'hello_task'
22:32:04.311 | INFO | Flow run 'smoky-hippo' - Executing 'hello_task-0' immediately...
Hello Liz!
22:32:04.353 | INFO | Task run 'hello_task-0' - Finished in state Completed()
22:32:04.368 | INFO | Flow run 'smoky-hippo' - Finished in state Completed('All states completed.')
```

Second run

```
22:33:02.606 | INFO | prefect.engine - Created flow run 'able-scallop' for flow 'hello-flow'
22:33:02.701 | INFO | Flow run 'able-scallop' - Created task run 'hello_task-0' for task 'hello_task'
22:33:02.702 | INFO | Flow run 'able-scallop' - Executing 'hello_task-0' immediately...
22:33:02.720 | INFO | Task run 'hello_task-0' - Finished in state Cached(type=COMPLETED)
22:33:02.735 | INFO | Flow run 'able-scallop' - Finished in state Completed('All states completed.')
```



Caching: *cache_expiration*

```
from prefect import flow, task
from prefect.tasks import task_input_hash
from datetime import timedelta

@task(cache_key_fn=task_input_hash, cache_expiration=timedelta(minutes=1))
def hello_task(name_input):
    print(f"Hello {name_input}!")

@flow
def hello_flow(name_input):
    hello_task(name_input)
```

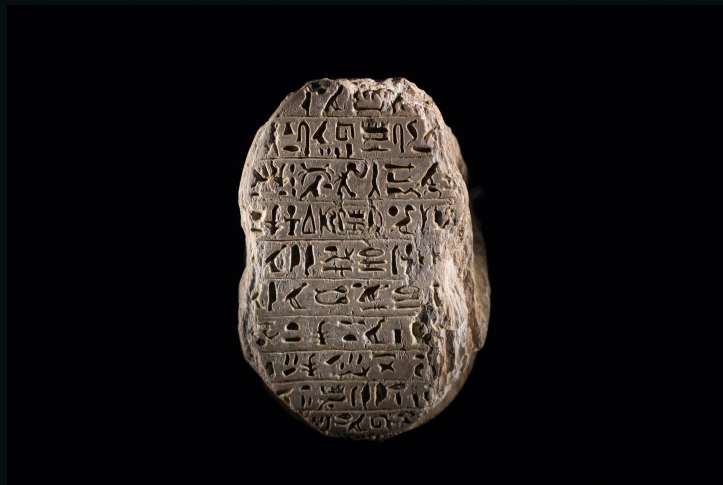



Artifacts



Artifacts

Persisted outputs such as Markdown, tables, or links.



Artifacts

- Meant for human consumption
- Examples:
 - Model scores
 - Data quality checks
 - Reports
- Gets stored in the database and shown in the UI



Artifacts - Markdown example of weather report

```
import httpx
from prefect import flow, task
from prefect.artifacts import create_markdown_artifact

@task
def report(temp):
    markdown_report = f"""# Weather Report

## Recent weather

| Time          | Temperature |
|:-----|:-----:|
| Temp Forecast | {temp} |
"""

    create_markdown_artifact(
        key="weather-report",
        markdown=markdown_report,
        description="Very scientific weather report",
    )
```



Artifacts - Markdown example

Access from UI: *Runs* timeline or *Runs->Artifacts* tab

Key
⊖ weather-report

Description
Very scientific weather report

Weather Report

Recent weather

Time	Temperature
Temp Forecast	25.9





Prefect Cloud



Prefect Cloud

- Prefect takes care of the server
- User account management (some at higher tiers)
 - Workspaces
 - Service accounts
 - RBAC
 - SSO
 - Audit logs
- Additional features



Prefect Cloud workspaces

- Paid plans can have multiple workspaces
- Each workspace is self-contained



Prefect Cloud - Default Roles (Pro + Enterprise)


Account level

- Owner
- Admin
- Member


Workspace level

- Owner
- Developer
- Runner
- Viewer
- Worker

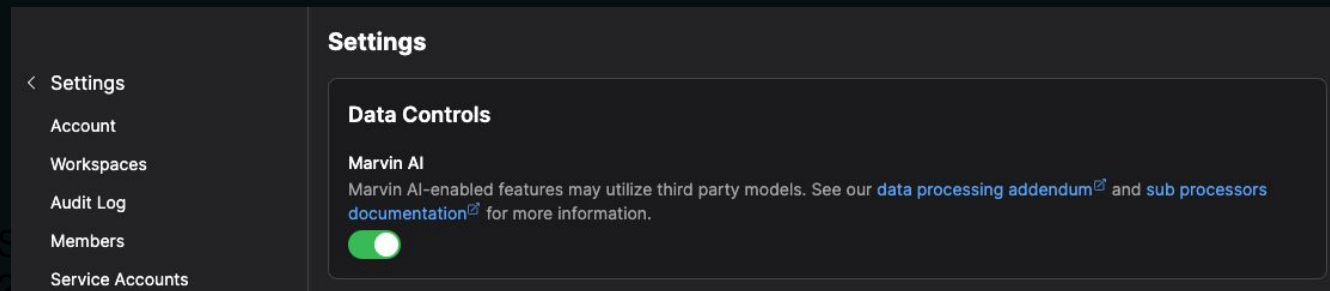
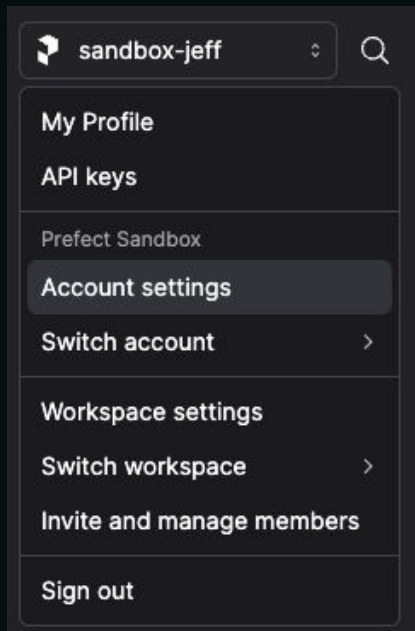









Error summaries by Marvin AI












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☐ **get-info** > **zircon-tapir**
 **Failed**  2023/09/25 03:29:38 PM  1s  None
 Failed due to a `IndexError` in the `get_info` task; range object index out of range.

☐ **ml-flow** > **translucent-pogona**
 **Failed**  2023/09/25 03:16:42 PM  1s  1 task run
 Failed due to a `ZeroDivisionError` in the `compute` task with message 'division by zero'.

☐ **ml-flow** > **wealthy-firefly**
 **Completed**  2023/09/25 03:16:25 PM  2s  1 task run





Events



Events

- A record of what has happened

Represent:

- API calls
- State transitions
- Changes in environment



Event feed

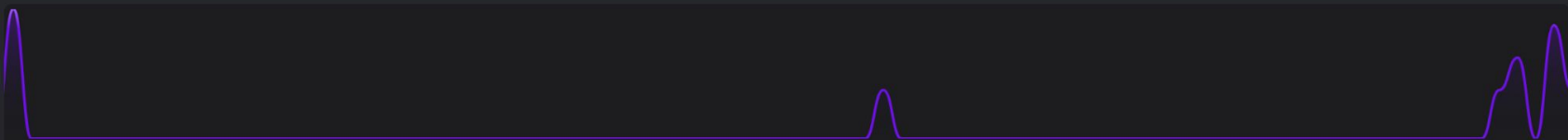
Workspace Events

Resource

All resources

Events

All events



Past day



08:49:29 AM

May 21st, 2024



Automation deleted

prefect-cloud.automation.deleted

Resource

prefect-cloud.automation.9e091fa8-29dc-4754-9452-699d1deb6c0e

Related Resources

prefect-cloud.actor.9d33d732-99f5-4330-b9dd-3f95a6154afa prefect-cloud.account.9b649228-0419-40e1-9e0d-44954b5c0ab6

prefect-cloud.workspace.d137367a-5055-44ff-b91c-6f7366c9e4c4



Events

Power several Cloud features:

- Flow run logs
- Audit logs
- Automations (triggers)



Automations






Automations

Flexible framework

- If *Trigger* happens, do *Action*
- If *Trigger* doesn't happen in a time period, do *Action*



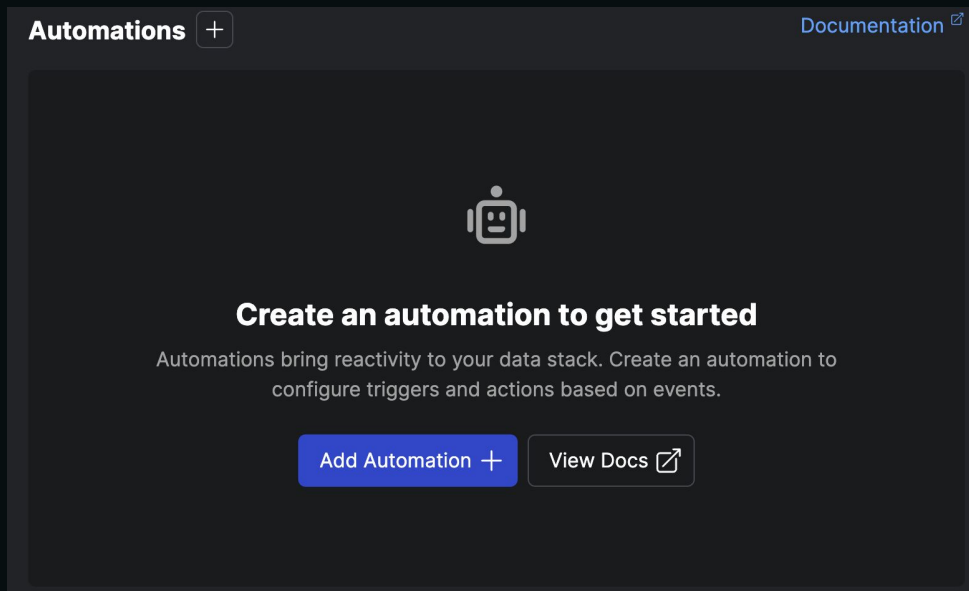
Automation examples

- If a flow run with tag **prod** fails, send an email 
- If a data quality check fails, run a deployment to fetch more data 
- If a work pool changes state to *Not Ready*, create an incident 

Create an automation

Trigger: flow run failure

Action: notification - email



Automation trigger

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01 Trigger

02 Actions

03 Details

Trigger Type

Flow run state

Form

JSON

Flows

All flows

Flow Run Tags

All tags

Flow Run

Enters


All run states

Cancel

Previous

Next

Related Events



Apr 28th, 2024
12:00 AM

May 4th, 2024
11:59 PM



Automation action

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✓ Trigger

02 Actions

03 Details

Action 1

✕

Action Type

Send a notification ▾

Block

▾

Add +

Subject

Prefect flow run notification

Body

Flow run {{ flow.name }}/{{ flow_run.name }} observed in state '{{ flow_run.state.name }}'
Flow ID: {{ flow_run.flow_id }}
Flow run ID: {{ flow_run.id }}
Flow run URL: {{ flow_run.ui_url }}
State message: {{ flow_run.state.message }}




Create a block with **notify** capability

Blocks / Choose a Block

If you don't see a block for the service you're using, check out our [Collections Catalog](#) to view a list of integrations and their corresponding blocks.

10 Blocks

Capability: notify




Discord Webhook

Enables sending notifications via a provided Discord webhook.

notify

Add +




Email

Block that allows an email to be sent to a list of email addresses via Sendgrid. This block is only available for use within automations and cann...

notify

Add +



Mattermost Webhook

Enables sending notifications via a provided Mattermost webhook.

notify

Add +



Create an Email block

Blocks / Choose a Block / Email / Create

Block Name

Emails

List of email addresses to send the email to

1
2
3

`["recipient1@example.com", "recipient2@example.com"]`

Format



Email

Block that allows an email to be sent to a list of email addresses via Sendgrid. This block is only available for use within automations and cannot be us...

notify

Cancel

Create



Create an **Email** block

Name and save your automation.

Now you'll receive an email when a flow run changes state!



103 Recap

You've learned about

- Working with data
- Prefect Cloud
- Error summaries by Marvin AI
- Events
- Automations





Lab 103



103 Lab

- In the UI, make an email notification automation for a flow run completion
 - ! use an **Email** block type
- Check out the event feed in the UI
- Stretch 1: Create a flow that contains a task that takes advantage of caching using *task_input_hash*
- Stretch 2: Create a Markdown artifact that prints a weather forecast in a nicely formatted table

