# Package 'pysparklyr'

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deploy\_databricks Deploys Databricks backed content to publishing server

#### Description

This is a convenience function that is meant to make it easier for you to publish your Databricks backed content to a publishing server. It is meant to be primarily used with Posit Connect.

#### Usage

```
deploy_databricks(
    appDir = NULL,
    python = NULL,
    account = NULL,
    lint = FALSE,
    forceGeneratePythonEnvironment = TRUE,
    version = NULL,
    cluster_id = NULL,
    host = NULL,
    token = NULL,
    confirm = interactive(),
    ...
)
```

#### Arguments

appDir	A directory containing an application (e.g. a Shiny app or plumber API) Defaults to NULL. If left NULL, and if called within RStudio, it will attempt to use the folder of the currently opened document within the IDE. If there are no opened documents, or not working in the RStudio IDE, then it will use getwd() as the default value.
python	Full path to a python binary for use by reticulate. It defaults to NULL. If left NULL, this function will attempt to find a viable local Python environment to replicate using the following hierarchy:
	1. version - Cluster's DBR version
	2. cluster_id - Query the cluster to obtain its DBR version
	3. If one is loaded in the current R session, it will verify that the Python environment is suited to be used as the one to use
account	The name of the account to use to publish
server	The name of the target server to publish
lint	Lint the project before initiating the project? Default to FALSE. It has been causing issues for this type of content.

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forceGeneratePythonEnvironment

	If an existing requirements.txt file is found, it will be overwritten when this argument is TRUE.
version	The Databricks Runtime (DBR) version. Use if python is NULL.
cluster_id	The Databricks cluster ID. Use if python, and version are NULL
host	The Databricks host URL. Defaults to NULL. If left NULL, it will use the environment variable DATABRICKS_HOST
token	The Databricks authentication token. Defaults to NULL. If left NULL, it will use the environment variable DATABRICKS_TOKEN
confirm	Should the user be prompted to confirm that the correct information is being used for deployment? Defaults to interactive()
	Additional named arguments passed to rsconnect::deployApp() function

# Value

No value is returned to R. Only output to the console.

installed\_components Lists installed Python libraries

#### Description

Lists installed Python libraries

# Usage

installed\_components(list\_all = FALSE)

#### Arguments

list\_all Flag that indicates to display all of the installed packages or only the top two, namely, pyspark and databricks.connect

# Value

Returns no value, only sends information to the console. The information includes the current versions of 'sparklyr', and 'pysparklyr', as well as the 'Python' environment currently loaded.

install\_pyspark

# Description

Installs PySpark and Python dependencies Installs Databricks Connect and Python dependencies

#### Usage

```
install_pyspark(
 version = NULL,
 envname = NULL,
 python_version = NULL,
 new_env = TRUE,
 method = c("auto", "virtualenv", "conda"),
 as_job = TRUE,
 install_ml = FALSE,
  . . .
)
install_databricks(
 version = NULL,
 cluster_id = NULL,
 envname = NULL,
 python_version = NULL,
 new_env = TRUE,
 method = c("auto", "virtualenv", "conda"),
 as_job = TRUE,
 install_ml = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

#### Arguments

version	Version of 'databricks.connect' to install. Defaults to NULL. If NULL, it will check against PyPi to get the current library version.
envname	The name of the Python Environment to use to install the Python libraries. De- faults to NULL. If NULL, a name will automatically be assigned based on the version that will be installed
python_version	The minimum required version of Python to use to create the Python environ- ment. Defaults to NULL. If NULL, it will check against PyPi to get the minimum required Python version.
new_env	If TRUE, any existing Python virtual environment and/or Conda environment specified by envname is deleted first.

method	The installation method to use. If creating a new environment, "auto" (the default) is equivalent to "virtualenv". Otherwise "auto" infers the installation method based on the type of Python environment specified by envname.
as_job	Runs the installation if using this function within the RStudio IDE.
install_ml	Installs ML related Python libraries. Defaults to TRUE. This is mainly for ma- chines with limited storage to avoid installing the rather large 'torch' library if the ML features are not going to be used. This will apply to any environment backed by 'Spark' version 3.5 or above.
	Passed on to reticulate::py_install()
cluster_id	Target of the cluster ID that will be used with. If provided, this value will be used to extract the cluster's version

#### Value

It returns no value to the R session. This function purpose is to create the 'Python' environment, and install the appropriate set of 'Python' libraries inside the new environment. During runtime, this function will send messages to the console describing the steps that the function is taking. For example, it will let the user know if it is getting the latest version of the Python library from 'PyPi.org', and the result of such query.

ml\_prepare\_dataset Creates the 'label' and 'features' columns

#### Description

Creates the 'label' and 'features' columns

#### Usage

```
ml_prepare_dataset(
    x,
    formula = NULL,
    label = NULL,
    features = NULL,
    label_col = "label",
    features_col = "features",
    keep_original = TRUE,
    ...
)
```

#### Arguments

х	A tbl_pyspark object
formula	Used when x is a tbl_spark. R formula.
label	The name of the label column.

features	The name(s) of the feature columns as a character vector.
label_col	Label column name, as a length-one character vector.
features_col	Features column name, as a length-one character vector.
keep_original	Boolean flag that indicates if the output will contain, or not, the original columns from x. Defaults to TRUE.
•••	Added for backwards compatibility. Not in use today.

#### Details

At this time, 'Spark ML Connect', does not include a Vector Assembler transformer. The main thing that this function does, is create a 'Pyspark' array column. Pipelines require a 'label' and 'features' columns. Even though it is is single column in the dataset, the 'features' column will contain all of the predictors insde an array. This function also creates a new 'label' column that copies the outcome variable. This makes it a lot easier to remove the 'label', and 'outcome' columns.

#### Value

A tbl\_pyspark, with either the original columns from x, plus the 'label' and 'features' column, or, the 'label' and 'features' columns only.

pyspark\_config Read Spark configuration

#### Description

Read Spark configuration

#### Usage

```
pyspark_config()
```

# Value

A list object with the initial configuration that will be used for the Connect session.

requirements\_write Writes the 'requirements.txt' file, containing the needed Python libraries

#### Description

This is a helper function that it is meant to be used for deployments of the document or application. By default, deploy\_databricks() will run this function the first time you use that function to deploy content to Posit Connect.

# Usage

```
requirements_write(
  envname = NULL,
  destfile = "requirements.txt",
  overwrite = FALSE,
   ...
)
```

# Arguments

envname	The name of, or path to, a Python virtual environment.
destfile	Target path for the requirements file. Defaults to 'requirements.txt'.
overwrite	Replace the contents of the file if it already exists?
	Additional arguments passed to reticulate::py_list_packages()

# Value

No value is returned to R. The output is a text file with the list of Python libraries.

spark\_connect\_service\_start
 Starts and stops Spark Connect locally

# Description

Starts and stops Spark Connect locally

# Usage

```
spark_connect_service_start(
  version = "3.5",
  scala_version = "2.12",
  include_args = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

spark\_connect\_service\_stop(version = "3.5", ...)

# Arguments

version	Spark version to use (3.4 or above)
scala_version	Acceptable Scala version of packages to be loaded
include_args	Flag that indicates whether to add the additional arguments to the command that starts the service. At this time, only the 'packages' argument is submitted.
	Optional arguments; currently unused

# Value

It returns messages to the console with the status of starting, and stopping the local Spark Connect service.

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