

Advanced Superset for Engineers

Airflow Summit

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Overview

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- Tour of Superset
- Superset API
- Version Controlling Charts & Dashboards
- The Future
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About Me

Previously

Data Scientist for 2 years

Data Science Educator / Product Manager at Dataquest for 5 years

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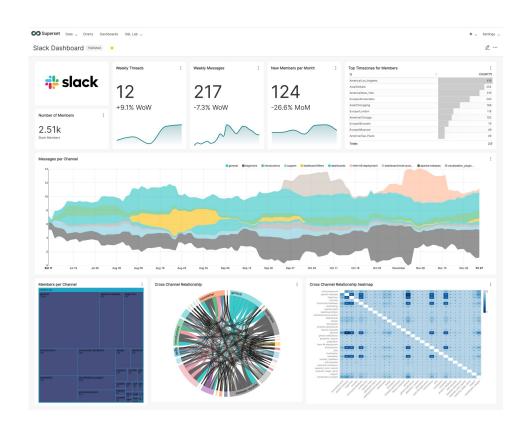
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What is Apache Superset?



Modern open source BI platform



Works with nearly any SQL speaking data engine

Large diversity of charts

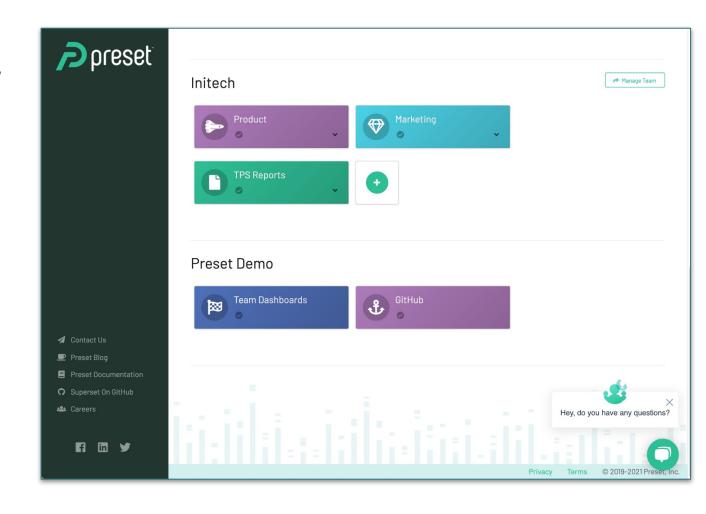


What is Preset?

Preset Cloud is a multi-workspace, cloud-hosted Apache Superset (with all the batteries, bells, & whistles included)

We also layer on:

- SOC2 Compliance
- End-user documentation at docs.preset.io
- RBAC and SSO





Tour of Superset

Homepage

Databases

Datasets

Saved Queries

SQL Lab

Charts

Dashboards

Semantic Layer

- Metrics
- Calculated Columns
- Virtual datasets

Jinja Filters

Alerts & Reports

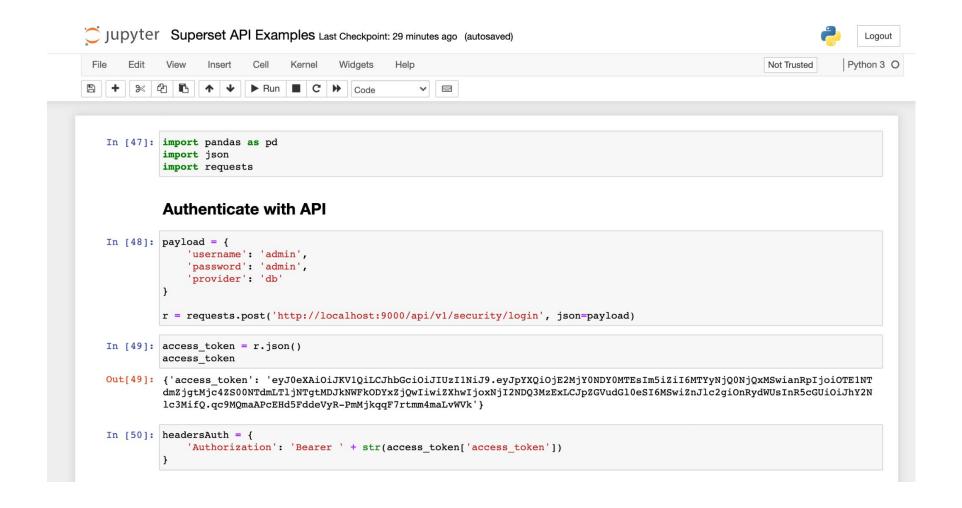
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Superset API



API Demo!





Tech Specs

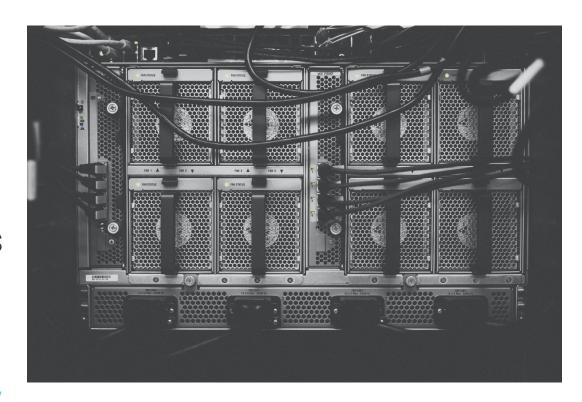
Follows OpenAPI specification and is RESTful

Built mostly using Flask App Builder

Interactive Swagger documentation lives at /swagger/v1 endpoint

Blog:

preset.io/blog/2020-10-01-superset-api/





API Use Cases

Invalidate cache upon data refresh

- GET /chart/data{cache_key}
- POST /cachekey/invalidate

Import, export dashboards

- GET /dashboard/export
- POST /dashboard/import

Create new database

POST /database/

Return SELECT * from a db table

· GET
/database/{pk}/select_star/{ta
ble_name}/

Schedule a new report

POST /report



Version Control



Superset CLI

Version control workflow is hacky, and is more of a PUSH-into-Superset workflow than a PULL one

- 1. Export Dashboard (from UI, shell coming soon)
- 2. Import Dashboard (from superset shell)

Beto Dealmeida opened a <u>PR (#15686)</u> to enable a CLI command for importing a dashboard:

superset import-directory -o
~/Downloads/dashboard_export_20210715T205336/



Version Control Demo!

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(venv) → superset git:(import_dir_command) superset import-directory -o ~/Downloads/dashboard_export_20210715T205336/
Loaded your LOCAL configuration at [/Users/srinify/Documents/superset/superset_config.py]
logging was configured successfully
2021-07-15 21:16:55.107:INFO:superset.utils.logging_configurator:logging was configured successfully
2021-07-15 21:16:55,113:INFO:root:Configured event logger of type <class 'superset.utils.log.DBEventLogger'>
/Users/srinify/Documents/superset/venv/lib/python3.8/site-packages/flask_caching/__init__.py:201: UserWarning: Flask-Caching: CACHE_TYPE is set to null, caching is effectively disabled.
 /Users/srinify/Documents/superset/superset/examples/utils.py:85: YAMLLoadWarning: calling yaml.load() without Loader=... is deprecated, as the default Loader is unsafe. Please read https://msq.pyyaml.org/load for full details.
 metadata = yaml.load(contents.get(METADATA_FILE_NAME, "{}"))
Updatina dbs examples
2021-07-15 21:16:56,268:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Updating dbs examples
Updating tables birth_names
2021-07-15 21:16:56,279:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Updating tables birth_names
Updating sql_metrics <superset.connectors.sqla.models.SqlMetric object at 0x11c0b93a0>
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Updating table_columns name
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Updating table_columns ds
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Updating table_columns sum_boys
2021-07-15 21:16:56,300:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Updating table_columns sum_boys
Updating table_columns sum_girls
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Updating table_columns num
2021-07-15 21:16:56,303:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Updating table_columns num
Updatina slices Pivot Table
2021-07-15 21:16:56,391:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Updating slices Pivot Table
Importing new dashboards Dashboard<None>
2021-07-15 21:16:56,399:INFO:superset.models.helpers:Importing new dashboards Dashboard<None>
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Version Control Workflow

- 1. Use Superset to iterate on dashboard
- 2. Export dashboard, as static files
- 3. Check in static files to Github
- 4. Setup CI workflow to



Next Steps

Export dashboards (as ZIP) via API

Better error messages, documentation, & developer experience

Eventually:

Implement design & UI for version control within Superset itself



Embedding Superset

Expose individual standalone charts
Expose individual standalone dashboards
...anddd IFrame!

How?

Use public role as gamma (docs)

Help us improve this by joining #embedding-superset in our Slack!



Other Advanced Features

Lots of nifty, experimental <u>feature flags</u> to play with:

- new native filters
- omnibar
- cross filtering

Adding custom viz plugins:

- Creating a Custom Viz Plugin (<u>tutorial</u>)
- How Nielsen Manages Custom Viz Plugins in Production (blog)



Superset as a Platform

Expose all the legos!

- API for everything
- Highly custom embedded dashboards
- Easily build applications & data products
- Viz plugin packs (bring your own viz library + charts)



How to Contribute





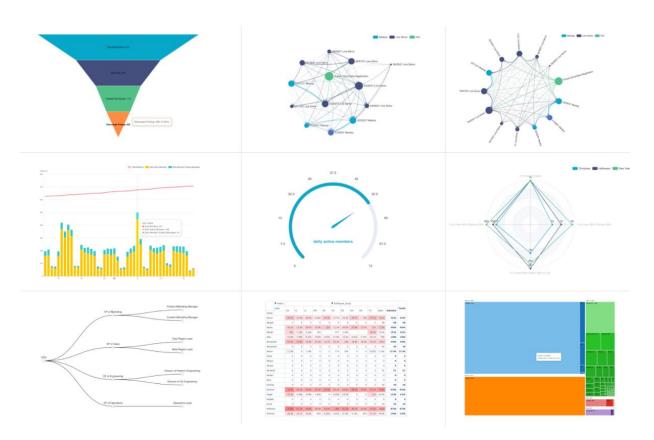


More databases!

 Recently: CrateDB, Netezza, & Databricks Cloud

More charts!

 Recently: Force directed graphs, funnel, radar charts, tree chart, etc



Learn more about how to contribute



Resources

- Preset Docs: https://docs.preset.io/docs
- Preset User Corner (YT):
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzg8opP7sG8n0Mi0e8yeqAg
- Apache Superset Community Docs:
 - https://superset.apache.org/docs/intro
- CONTRIBUTING.MD:
 - https://github.com/apache/superset/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md

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