



From Data to Web Application: Anime Character Image Recognition with Transfer Learning

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Github

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Blog https://freedomofkeima.com/blog/

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- 2017: PyCon Japan, PyCon Indonesia
- 2018: PyCon Malaysia, PyCon Japan, and today, **PyCon Hong Kong**!



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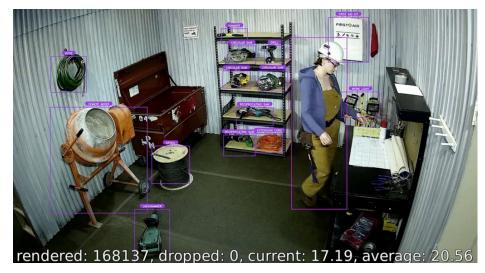
Image Recognition in Real Life



Self-driving car

Smart home

Image Recognition in Daily Life





Smart workplace

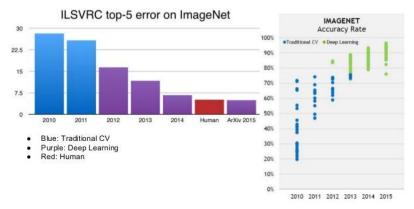
Face ID

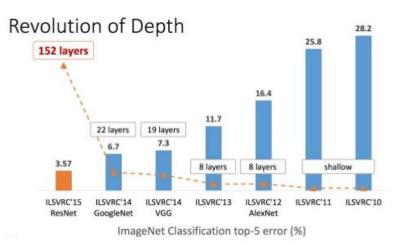
ILSVRC

Largest Computer Vision Competition

Starting from 2015, deep learning has better top-5 error score compared to human (1000 categories)!

Case #2: ILSVRC 2010-2015





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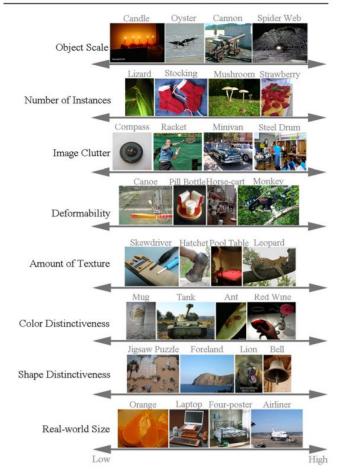
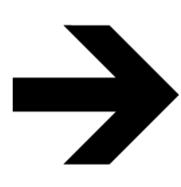


Image Recognition Challenges

Background







Problem

- Cropped images
- Edited images
- Unindexed images

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What is Machine Learning?





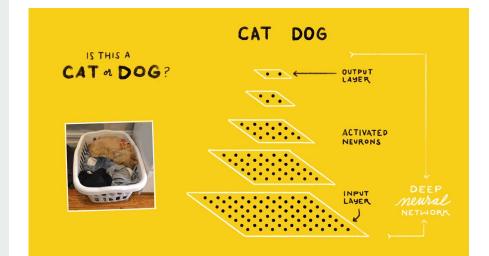
Deep Learning

Traditional ML:

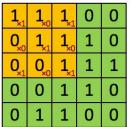
Increasing number of training iterations will eventually get stagnated at certain point.

Alternative proposal:

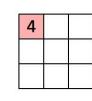
More layers! But it is slow :(



Deep Learning: Convolution

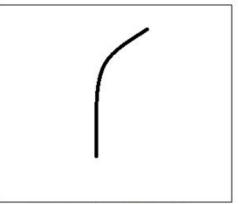


Image



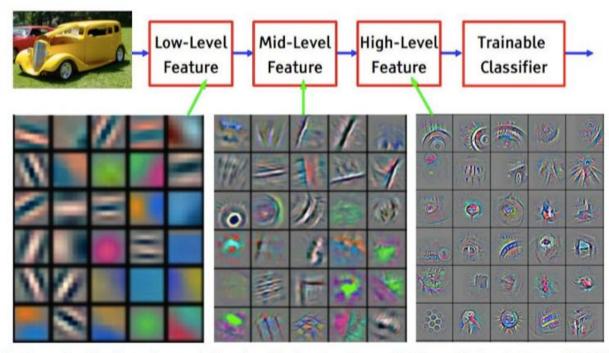
Convolved Feature

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0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Visualization of a curve detector filter

Deep Learning



Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

Step 1. Preparation

TensorFlow Installation

\$ pip3 install --upgrade tensorflow
or
\$ pip3 install --upgrade tensorflow-gpu

URL: <u>https://www.tensorflow.org/install/</u>

Why should we use Transfer Learning?

From certain Top-5 characters indexing website:

- 35000 registered characters
- Top 1000 characters: 70+ images
- Top 2000 characters: 40+ images

Dataset size is small! Google Inception-v3 uses > 1000 images per category.

With transfer learning, we don't need to retrain low-level features extraction model.

Result: **100 categories, ~ 60 images per category**.

URL: <u>https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/image_retraining</u>

Scrap & clean up the data



Note: Please contact me if you want to know the details

Google Dataset Search (Beta)

Secure https://toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch



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kaggle The Simpsons Characters Data www.kaggle.com

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Danbooru2017: A large-scale crowdsourced and tagged anime illustration dataset

The first set of data comes from the imageboard Danbooru. The entire corpus of Danbooru images was scraped from the site with permission and was collected into a dataset. The zip files included here have the full metadata for these images as well as a subset of 300,000 of the images in normalized 512px x 512px form. Full information about this dataset is available here:

https://www.gwern.net/Danbooru2017

From the article:

Deep learning for computer revision relies on large annotated datasets. Classification/categorization has benefited from the creation of ImageNet, which classifies 1m photos into 1000 categories. But classification/categorization is a coarse description of an image which limits application of classifiers, and there is no comparably large dataset of images with many tags or labels which would allow learning and detecting much richer information about images. Such a dataset would ideally be >1m images with at least 10 descriptive tags each which can be publicly distributed to all interested researchers, hobbyists, and organizations. There are currently no such public datasets, as ImageNet, Birds, Flowers, and MS COCO fall short either on image or tag count or restricted distribution. I suggest that the image - boorus be used. The image boorus are longstanding web databases which host large numbers of images which can be tagged or labeled with an arbitrary number of textual descriptions; they were developed for and are most popular among fans of anime, who provide detailed annotations.

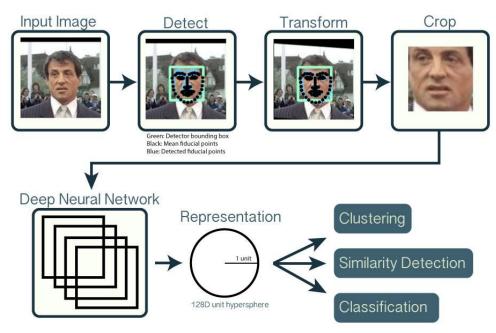
The best known booru, with a focus on quality, is Danbooru. We create & provide a torrent which contains ~1.9tb of 2.94m images with 77.5m tag instances (of 333k defined tags, ~26.3/image) covering Danbooru from 24 May 2005 through 31 December 2017 (final ID: #2,973,532), providing the image files & a JSON export of the metadata. We also provide a smaller torrent of SFW images downscaled to 512x512px JPG (241GB; 2,232,462 images) for convenience.

Our hope is that a Danbooru2017 dataset can be used for rich large-scale classification/tagging & learned embeddings, test out the transferability of existing computer vision techniques (primarily developed using photographs) to illustration/anime-style images, provide an archival backup for the Danbooru community, feed back metadata improvements & corrections, and serve as a testbed for advanced techniques such as conditional image generation or style transfer.

anime character

Step 2. Analyze the Problem

Face Detection: Introduction



Face Detection (Human Face)

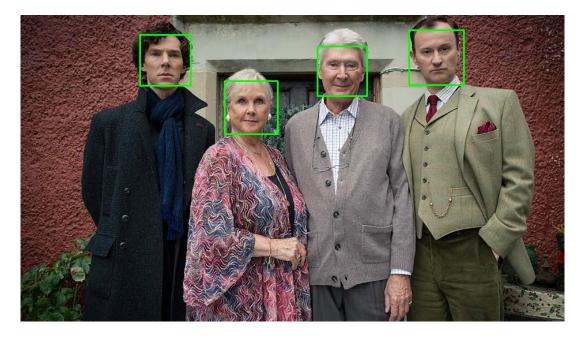
Adapted from https://github.com/shantnu/FaceDetect:

import cv2

faceCascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier("haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml")

```
image = cv2.imread(imagePath)
gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
```

Face Detection (Human Face)



Face Detection (Same Model - Anime Face)



2D is **Better** not equal to 3D face!

Facial features are different!

e.g.: 2D has no nose

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Face Detection: Train New Model!

Adapted from https://github.com/nagadomi/lbpcascade animeface:

import cv2

```
cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier('lbpcascade animeface.xml")
```

```
image = cv2.imread(imagePath)
gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
```

Face Detection (Anime Face)



Face Detection (Same Model - Human Face)



Face Recognition

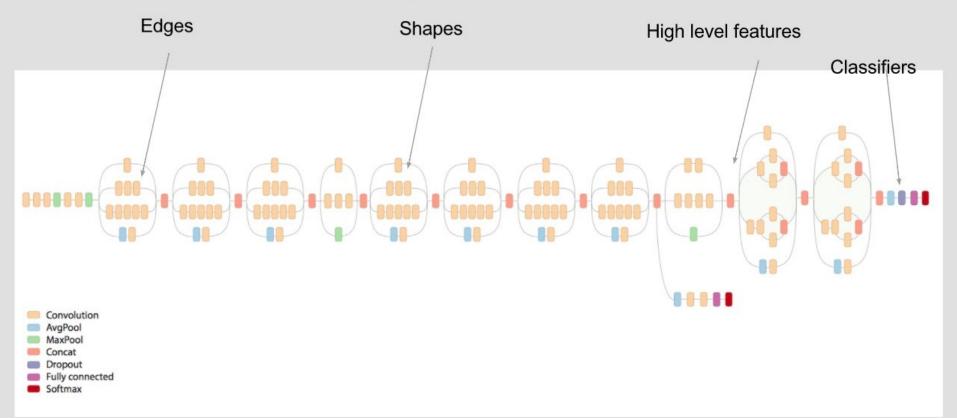
Face Detection \rightarrow "Accomplished"

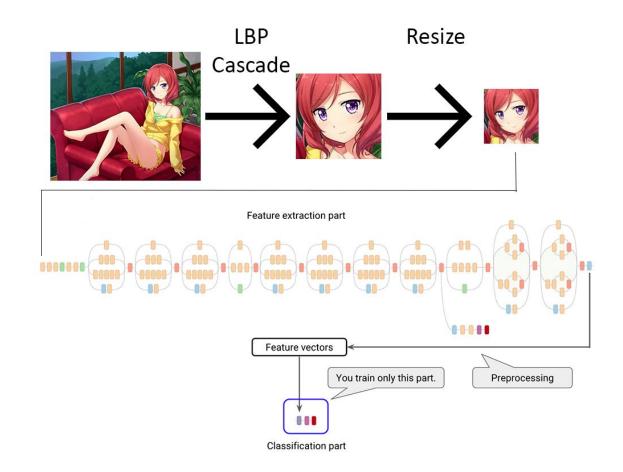
Full-layered Deep Learning \rightarrow Requires a huge dataset, weeks to train

Google Inception-v3: 1.2 million training data, 1000 classes, 1 week to train

Step 3. Train & Validate the Model

What does the layers learn?





Transfer Learning for Anime Characters

Transfer Learning: Retrained Layers

Dropout: Dropping out units to prevent overfitting

Fully Connected: Extracting global features, every node in the layer is connected to the preceding layer

Softmax: Squashing final layer to make a prediction, which sums up to 1. For example, if we have 2 classes and class A has the value of 0.95, then class B will have the value of 0.05.

Transfer Learning: Retrain Final Layer

Build the retrainer:

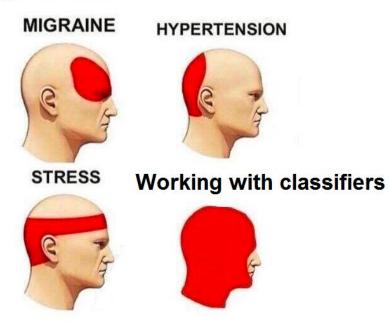
\$ bazel build tensorflow/examples/image_retraining:retrain

Execute the retrainer:

\$ bazel-bin/tensorflow/examples/image_retraining/retrain --image_dir ~/images

Hyperparameters: learning rate, number of iterations, distortions factor, ...

Types of headache



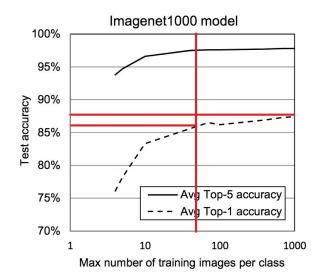
Original ImageNet: Accuracy vs Dataset size

From 10 to 100 training images per class, you can improve your Top-1 accuracy by 5%.

From 100 to 1000 training images per class, you can only improve it by less than 2%.

Low number of images \rightarrow bad accuracy

Huge number of images \rightarrow stagnated accuracy



URL: https://annals-csis.org/Volume_12/drp/pdf/526.pdf

Step 4. Serve as a Web App

MoeFlow: Specification

 \rightarrow Build with Sanic (Flask-like Python 3.5+ web server); **Caveat**: Good for prototyping, have some memory handling issues

 \rightarrow While training model requires huge GPU resources (g2.2xlarge), using retrained model can be hosted in server with small resources (t2.small)

What it does:

- Run face detection with OpenCV
- Resize image to a fixed proportion
- Run classification with TensorFlow

MoeFlow: Web App

```
@app.listener('before server start')
async def initialize(app, loop):
    moeflow_path = os.environ.get('MOEFLOW_MODEL_PATH')
    label path = os.path.join(os.sep, moeflow path, "output labels 2.txt")
    model path = os.path.join(os.sep, moeflow path, "output graph 2.pb")
    app.label lines = [
        line.strip() for line in tf.gfile.GFile(label_path)
    graph = tf.Graph()
    graph def = tf.GraphDef()
    with tf.gfile.FastGFile(model_path, 'rb') as f:
        graph def.ParseFromString(f.read())
    with graph.as default():
        tf.import_graph_def(graph_def, name='')
    app.graph = graph
    logging.info("MoeFlow model is now initialized!")
```

URL: https://github.com/freedomofkeima/MoeFlow

```
def classify_resized_face(file_name, label_lines, graph):
    results = []
    logging.info('Processing classification')
    with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
        # Feed the image data as input to the graph and get first prediction
        softmax_tensor = sess.graph.get_tensor_by_name('final_result:0')
        input_operation = sess.graph.get_operation_by_name("Mul")
        t = read tensor from image file(file name)
        predictions = sess.run(
            softmax_tensor,
            {input operation.outputs[0]: t}
        )
        # Sort to show labels of first prediction in order of confidence
        top_k = predictions[0].argsort()[-3:][::-1]
        for node id in top k:
            human string = label lines[node id]
            score = predictions[0][node_id]
            results.append((human_string, score))
```

```
return results
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INFO:root:Processing classification
<pre>INF0:root:[('tedeza rize', 0.8941825), ('yui', 0.015284972), ('takanashi rikka', 0.014930859)]</pre>
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88/ 200 1565
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2017-12-06 05:49:39 - (network)[INF0][127.0.0.1:59972]: GET http://127.0.0.1:888
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MoeFlow: Use Retrained Model





Output:

Character

Prediction (Top-3)



- kafuu chino
- miki sayaka
- kashima

Results / Demo

Results / <u>Demo</u>



Output:

Character

Prediction (Top-3)



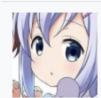
• rem

- tobiichi origami
- tachibana kanade
- ram
- rem
- tomoe mami



Output:

Character



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Prediction (Top-3)

- kafuu chino
- miki sayaka
- rem
- natsu megumi
- minami kotori
- suzukaze aoba

Results / <u>Demo</u>



Output:

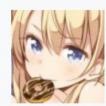


Results / Demo

Input: rotation / axis problem

Output:

Character



- Prediction (Top-3)
 - suzukaze aoba
 - kafuu chino
 - yamada elf
 - yagami kou
 - ayase eli
 - tomoe mami

Results / Demo

Other Projects / Alternatives

rezoo/illustration2vec

Semantic feature vectors.

For example:

- Character

- General (hair color, eye color, etc)

A simple deep learning library for estimating a set of tags and extracting semantic feature vectors from given illustrations.

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Illustration2Vec

illustration2vec (i2v) is a simple library for estimating a set of tags and extracting semantic feature vectors from given illustrations. For details, please see our main paper.

Chainer + illustration2vec

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Colaboratory	<pre>for _ in range(10): x, t = valid[np.random.randint(len(valid))]</pre>
consolutory	$x = cuda.to_gpu(x)$
	<pre>y = F.softmax(model.predictor(x[None,]))</pre>
学習ループを書いてみよう	<pre>pred = os.path.basename(dnames[int(y.data.argmax())])</pre>
	label = os.path.basename(dnames[t])
Trainerを使ってみよう	print('pred:', pred, 'label:', label, pred == label)
新しいネットワークを書いてみよう	
データセットクラスを書いてみよう	<pre>x = cuda.to_cpu(x) x += mean[:, None, None]</pre>
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ープラーニング入門	<pre>x = np.clip(x, 0, 1) plt.imshow(x.transpose(1, 2, 0))</pre>
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Classify Anime Characters with Fine- tuning Model	pred: 168_asagiri_mai label: 168_asagiri_mai True
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PaaS - Platform as a Service

- Clarifai \rightarrow since 2016

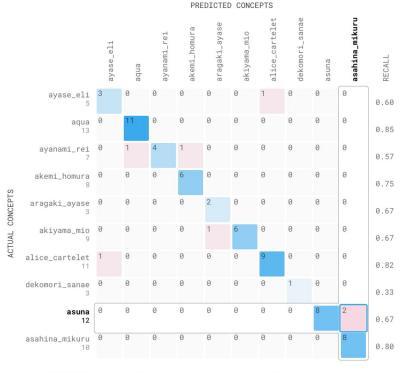
- Azure Custom Vision \rightarrow Beta release as 2018

- Google Cloud AutoML \rightarrow Beta release as 2018

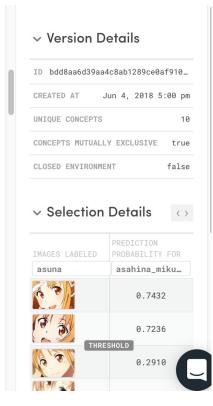


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Clarifai: Python API

Read the Docs

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Predict Tutorial	Concept model prediction					
Feedback Tutorial	Detection model prediction					
Upload Images	Face detection model prediction					
Create a Model Train the Model	Upload Images					
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	This assumes you follow through the tutorial and finished the "Upload Images" Otherwise you may not be able to create the model.					
	<pre>1 model = app.models.create(model_id="puppy", concepts=["my puppy"])</pre>					
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Google Cloud AutoML: Python API

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=	predict.py						
Q	import sys						
	from google.cloud import from google.cloud.automl	_	import service_pb2				
	<pre>def get_prediction(content, project_id, model_id): prediction_client = automl_vlbetal.PredictionServiceClient()</pre>						
	<pre>name = 'projects/{}/locations/us-centrall/models/{}'.format(project_id, model_id) payload = {'image': {'image_bytes': content }} params = {}</pre>						
	request = prediction_client.predict(name, payload, params)						
	return request # waits till request is returned						
	ifname == 'main	· •					
	<pre>file_path = sys.argv[1</pre>	-					
	<pre>project_id = sys.argv[</pre>						
	<pre>model_id = sys.argv[3]</pre>						
	with open(file_path, '	rb') as ff:					
	<pre>content = ff.read()</pre>						
	<pre>print get_prediction(c</pre>	content, project_	_id, model_id)				
	Execute the request						

Execute the request

python predict.py YOUR LOCAL IMAGE FILE iskandar-test-project ICN5640832962537657205

Quick Comparison (as August 2018)

Top-1 Accuracy with pre-processed model (after face detection, same dataset)

Clarifai \rightarrow 95.2% (they have been in this business for years)

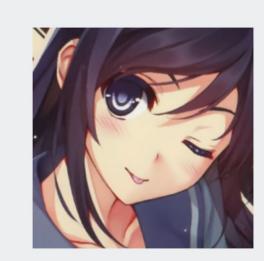
Google Cloud AutoML \rightarrow 93% (their model is based on improved version of Inception v3, so it fails on almost the same test data)

MoeFlow (my model) \rightarrow 88.6% (let be fair, I'm not a machine learning expert and my job is unrelated to machine learning \clubsuit , but at least it's free and I can put it together with my server!)

Azure Custom Vision → 77.4% (at least it's better than Microsoft, but they are still in Beta)

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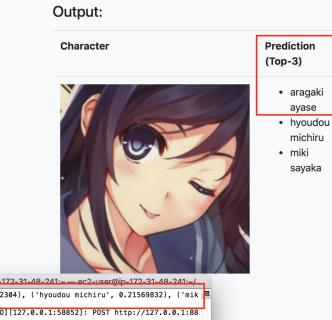
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MoeFlow

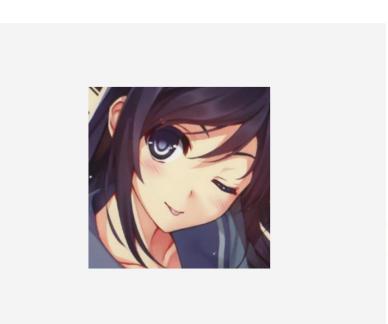
Input:





Downloads — ec2-user@ip-1/2-31-48-241:~ — ec2-user@ip-1/2-31-48-241:~/
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i sayaka', 0.079943478)]
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2018-06-04 08:48:44 - (network)[INF0][127.0.0.1:58854]: GET http://127.0.0.1:888
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INF0:network:

Azure Custom Vision



My Tags aragaki_ayase Predictions Tag Probability aqua 11% 9.9% ayanami rei akemi_homura 8.8% akiyama_mio 6.3% aragaki_ayase 5.7% ayase_eli 2.1% 2% asuna asahina_mikuru 0.6%

When should we use PaaS for Image Recognition?

(+) Image recognition is not directly related to your main business and you don't want to invest too much time on it

(+) You don't need the capability of customizing training model

(+) You have money \$\$\$, PaaS tends to get more expensive in the long run

(+) You are satisfied with the result, of course, you should compare all available PaaS out there, they have their own strong points

What to compare:

- Single vs multi-objects, e.g.: Car vs [Car, Ball, ...]

- Single class vs multiple tags, e.g.: Car vs Toyota (Brand name), or [Vehicle: 0.99, Car: 0.97, ...]

- Top-1 vs Top-x accuracy

- Cost

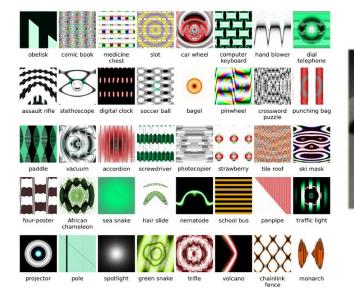
Closing Remarks

"Never-ending" Development

As the number of category increases, Top-1 accuracy will also decrease since some characters are too similar (free-style art) and transfer learning effect is diminished.

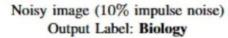
- Image noise
- Rotation / axis
- Face expressions (closed eyes, etc)
- Characters with "multiple" forms
- Brightness & Contrast

Fooling Neural Network





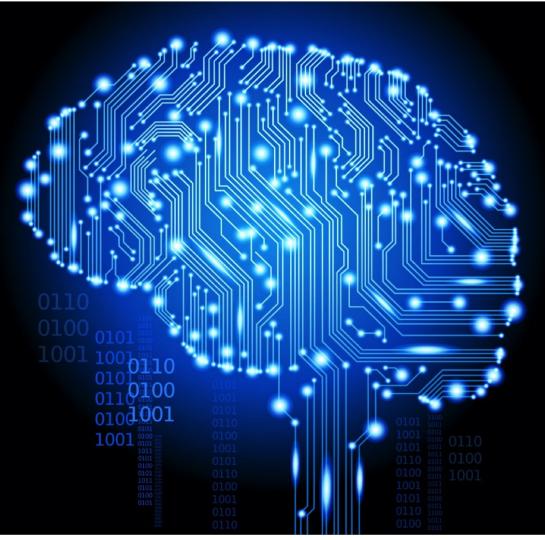
Original image Output Label: Teapot



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Generalizing Ideas

Solve Your Own Problems!



Github Projects

freedomofkeima/MoeFlow: Repository for anime characters recognition website (Alpha)

freedomofkeima/transfer-learning-anime: Transfer Learning for Anime Characters Recognition

freedomofkeima/opencv-playground: Compare 2D and 3D OpenCV Cascade Classifier

Presentation Slide https://freedomofkeima.com/pyconhk2018.pdf

Curated List https://github.com/kjw0612/awesome-deep-vision http://www.themtank.org/a-year-in-computer-vision

HDE, Inc. at Shibuya, Tokyo



Global Internship Program https://www.hde.co.jp/en/gip/



Full-timer benefits: Get your CfP accepted and the company will handle the rest!



Thank you!



