Lab: Deploying the Pretrained Person Detection Model

In this lab you will deploy the pretrained person detection model onto your Arduino and walk through a little bit of the code to better understand how it works.

Deploying the Pretrained Person Detection Model

- 1. Use a USB cable to connect the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense to your machine. You should see the green LED power indicator come on when the board first receives power.
- 2. Open the person_detection.ino sketch, which you can find via the File drop-down menu. Navigate, as follows: File → Examples → (INCOMPATIBLE) → Harvard_TinyMLx→ person_detection. This version of the example is very similar to the one you'll find in the TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrolers library but includes a couple of important tweaks to work better with the TinyML Shield and both the OV7675 and OV7670 so make sure you open the example out of Harvard_TinyMLx library.
- 3. Use the Tools drop down menu to select the appropriate Port and Board. This is important as it is telling the IDE which board files to use and on which serial connection it should send the code. In some cases, this may happen automatically, but if not, you'll want to select:
 - a) Select the Arduino Nano 33 BLE as the board by going to Tools → Board: <Current Board Name> → Arduino Mbed OS Boards (nRF52840) → Arduino Nano 33 BLE. Note that on different operating systems the exact name of the board may vary but/and it should include the word Nano at a minimum. If you do not see that as an option then please go back to Setting up the Software and make sure you have installed the necessary board files.
 - b) Then select the USB Port associated with your board. This will appear differently on Windows, macOS, Linux but will likely indicate 'Arduino Nano 33 BLE" in parenthesis. You can select this by going to Tools → Port: <Current Port (Board on Port)> → <TBD Based on OS> (Arduino Nano 33 BLE). Where <TBD Based on OS> is most likely to come from the list below where <#> indicates some integer number
 - i. Windows \rightarrow COM<#>
 - ii. macOS → /dev/cu.usbmodem<#>
 - iii. Linux → ttyUSB<#> or ttyACM<#>
- 4. Use the rightward arrow to upload / flash the code. Do not be alarmed if you see a series of orange warnings appear in the console. This is expected as we are working with bleeding edge code. You'll know the upload is complete when you red text in the console at the bottom of the IDE that shows 100% upload of the code and a statement that says something like "Done in <#.#> seconds."

5. Open up the serial monitor. You will start to see it print a series of messages about the person score and the no person score. This is indicating the model's confidence of whether there is either a person or no person in the image!

```
COM7
                                                                                                     Send
Person score: 26 No person score: -26
Person score: 41 No person score: -41
Person score: -31 No person score: 31
Person score: -48 No person score: 48
Person score: -49 No person score: 49
Person score: -51 No person score: 51
Person score: -51 No person score: 51
Person score: -48 No person score: 48
Person score: -53 No person score: 53
Person score: -53 No person score: 53
Person score: -48 No person score: 48
Person score: -52 No person score: 52
Person score: -53 No person score: 53
Person score: -47 No person score: 47
Person score: -49 No person score: 49
✓ Autoscroll Show timestamp
                                                                       Both NL & CR V 9600 baud V Clear output
```

At this point, you'll want to look at the board itself. The LED should be flashing blue when an image is being captured and then either red or green. Green indicates that the model detects that there is a person in the image and red indicates that it does not detect a person. Try holding the Arduino at arms length and point it toward your face. The LED should flash green. As you may realize, the field of view is very narrow so if it's not working, try propping up the arduino and standing further back.

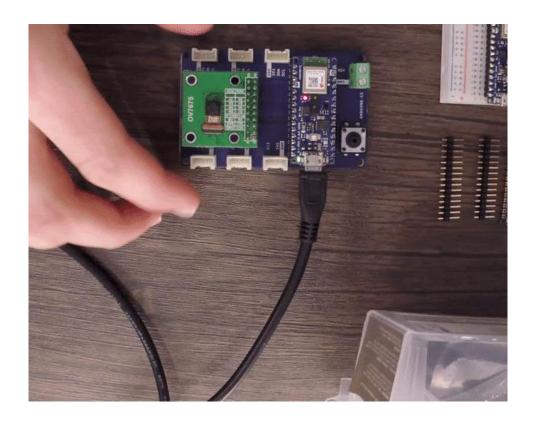
Understanding the Code in the Person Detection Example

Now that you have gotten the person detection application deployed to your microcontroller let's explore the code a little bit. The main person_detection.ino file consists of the standard arduino setup() and loop() functions. These are both quite similar to the hello_world and micro_speech example. To really start to understand the code let's take a look at a couple of the other files.

Open the arduino_image_provider.cpp file. Here we will find the GetImage() function which captures an image and loads it into the model's input.

First let's take a look at the camera initialization. Here we set the resolution of the image we receive from the camera to QCIF (176x144). In order to save space and complexity, the input to our model is a grayscale image, therefore we set the camera to transmit a grayscale image. We also set our camera model to the OV7675.

```
// Initialize camera if necessary
if (!g_is_camera_initialized) {
   if (!Camera.begin(QCIF, GRAYSCALE, 5, 0V7675)) {
     TF_LITE_REPORT_ERROR(error_reporter, "Failed to initialize camera!");
     return kTfLiteError;
   }
   g_is_camera_initialized = true;
}
```



Next we can capture an image with Camera.readFrame(). Since the input of our model is a 96x96 image we have to crop the 176x144 image we receive from the camera before passing it to the model. To do this we copy over the desired pixel values from the center of our original image into the input vector of our model.

```
// Read camera data
Camera.readFrame(data);
int min_x = (176 - 96) / 2;
int min_y = (144 - 96) / 2;
int index = 0;

// Crop 96x96 image. This lowers FOV, ideally we would downsample
// but this is simpler and more efficient on device.
for (int y = min_y; y < min_y + 96; y++) {
   for (int x = min_x; x < min_x + 96; x++) {
      // convert TF input image to signed 8-bit
      image_data[index++] = static_cast<int8_t>(data[(y * 176) + x] - 128);
}
```

Now that we are familiar with capturing and loading the image, let's take a look at how the person detection application handles the output of the model. To do that open the arduino_detection_responder.cpp file.

The primary function of the detection responder is to control the LED output. In a real application this function would drive some other core function that is triggered by the presence of a person.

The blue LED will flash every inference, demonstrating how often an inference is run. Then we will compare the person no_person scores that are the outputs of the model. In this case we flash the green LED when the person_score is higher than the no_person_score (both of which are reported over serial). In some applications we might be more concerned with the false positives or false negatives, in which case we can adjust the criteria for detecting a person, potentially by using a threshold.

And at a high level that is how the person_detection example works! We simply take and crop the input images, pass them to the neural network, and then report the higher scoring result!