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1. **Hardware and Software Requirements**

For this project, all compute intensive tasks like modelling, data visualization and prediction was done on a cloud service called Google Colab which was accessed using a MacBook Air. Only the data downloaded from data source was converted from jpeg to png and was renamed on local device (MacBook Air) before uploading it to the cloud using bash program.

**Cloud Setup Option**

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| Processor | page13image60933248page13image38216000  On-demand |
| Graphic Card | page13image60947072page13image60947456  TPU and GPU option available  page13image60948032page13image60937856 |
| RAM | Min 8Gb-Max 32GB |
| HDD | 12GB free space |

Bash scripts for data format changing and renaming.

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1. **Google Collaboratory (Colab) Setup**

Since this research was carried out using Google Colab’s Cloud infrastructure, we need to first upload our dataset to Google drive which can be connected to our notebook (code platform of colab) were we are going to code and use the data.

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We create three folders, one in which we are going to store our training data, second our test data and third for the models on which the training is going to be happening.

As mentioned in (Google, n.d.) Google Colab is an Infrastructure and Software as a Service free to use provided by Google for tasks related to machine learning, data analytics and artificial intelligence in python and its related libraries.

To mount the drive to our notebook we use the code given below

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After our drive is mounted successfully we can set paths for our train and test files, also import the required libraries and functions for our project.

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To get maximum speed and utilization of our notebook we change our runtime to GPU from None, this will make our program execution faster while we train and run our predictions on the dataset.

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**3. Data Preparation and Visualization**

Next, we set paths for our train and test datasets in the respect variable names.

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Now we need to calculate the overall count of each set of images and represent it visually for that we use python based library called matplotlib

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The output of Data spread which we get is

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As we can see the count of covid is relatively low, in order to balance this out we would be using data augmentation techniques while training our model.

1. **Implementation of Models**

Since we are going to make use of ensemble methods for prediction, we would be training around 7 models using which we would be performing the ensemble based prediction.

For the first 5 models, we would be using transfer learning methodology via which a previously trained/optimized model on a large dataset can be inherited and reutilized on other datasets, the advantage of using such a method is that since these models are trained and optimized on large and complex datasets, their architecture can quickly adapt to most of the image datasets and reduce the huge time overhead of creating a convolutional neural network from scratch.

Keras package has numerous such models which can be inherited via transfer learning and reused.

**Image Augmentation and rescaling**

Certain methods would be common throughout the model training process like image rescaling and augmentation which is shown below.

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**Common Packages and libraries**

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* 1. DenseNet201

Below is the code for implementation of DenseNet201 model which we import from keras package and train our dataset on.

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Once the model is build and compiled, we begin the training process, we can optimize the parameters while training our model in order to get better output.

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We also save and download the model which we will be using later on for our ensemble of models. Here on, same steps would be repeated for all the models mentioned below.

* 1. VGG 16

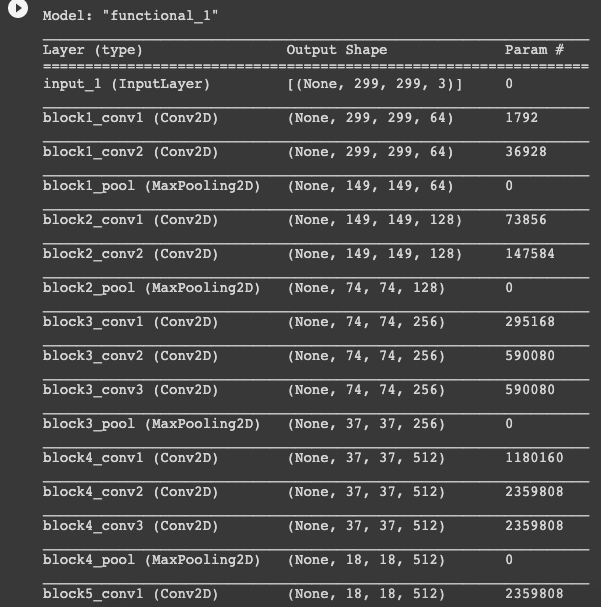
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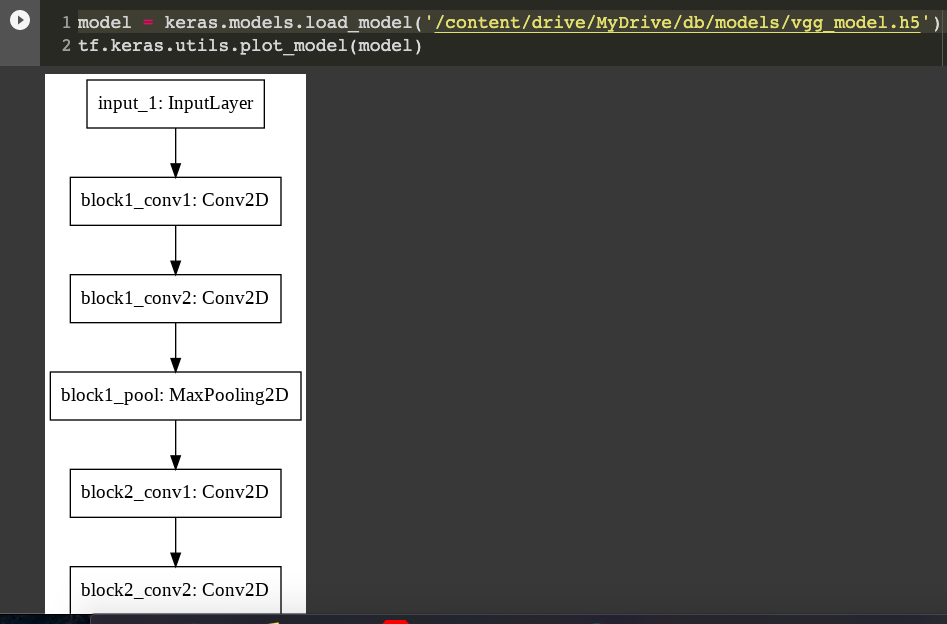
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Some other features worth mentioning which can help us improve the performance and accuracy of our models is that we can take a peek in to the model architecture by using a built in method called `model.summary()` which summarizes the architecture of the model in our case VGG16 in a textual format and another function which gives a plot of our layer stack is `tf.keras.utils.plot\_model(model)` output of both functions is given below.





Also, we have another technique to see the output of the prediction layers by plotting a heatmap around the input image. This technique is called “Grad-CAM”

And the code and output for it is given below

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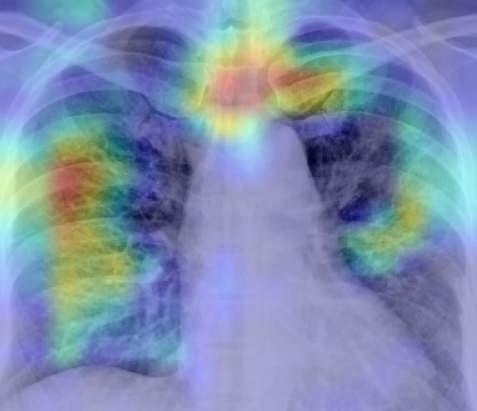
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This technique can be applied on individual models but can’t be implemented on the overall output of the ensemble networks which we are going to create.

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* 1. Xception

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* 1. Resnet

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* 1. MyModel
  2. AlexNet