

INTRODUCTION TO WANDB



Weights & Biases

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WHAT IS WANDB?

WandB (Weights and Biases) is a powerful ML Operations platform that helps data scientists and ML engineers track, visualize, and manage their experiments seamlessly.

Track Everything

Metrics, hyperparameters, model versions, and system resources

Visualize in Real-Time

Interactive dashboards updated during training

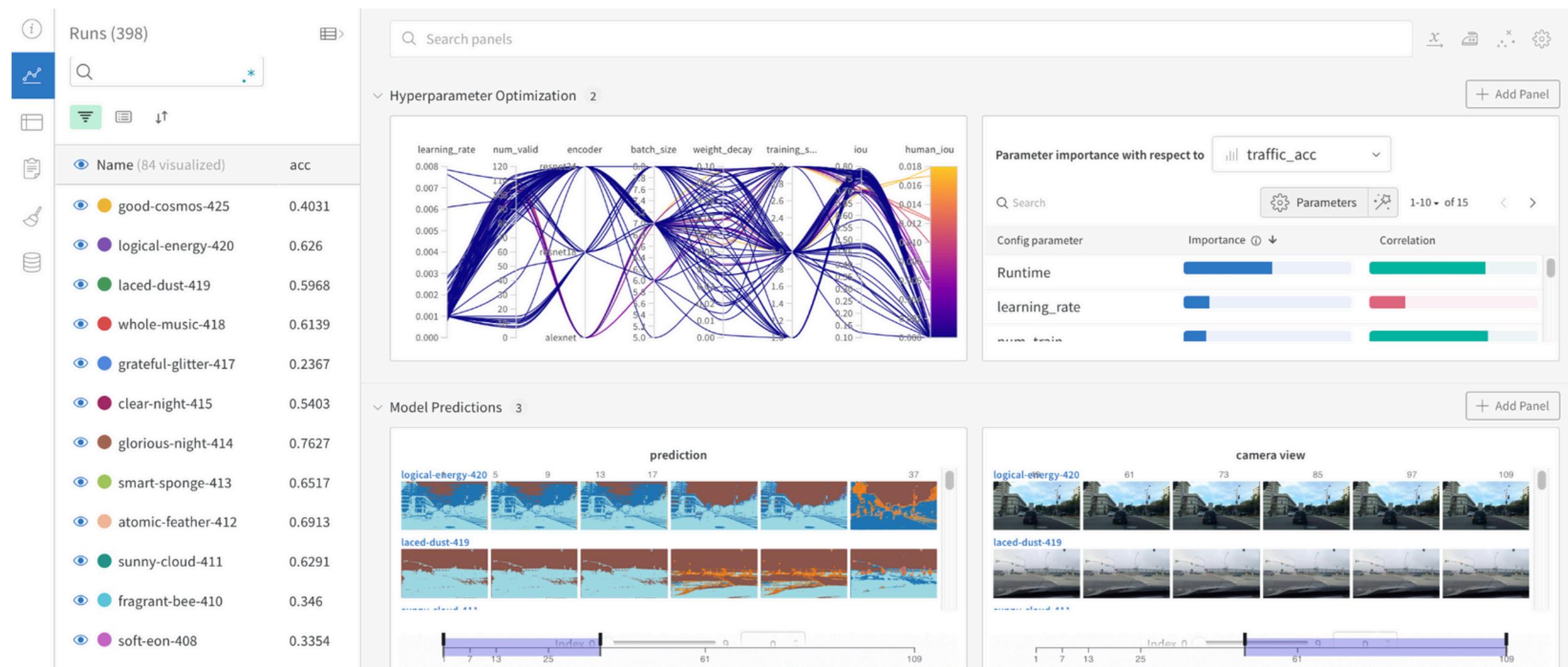
Collaborate

Share experiments with teammates easily

Integrates Seamlessly

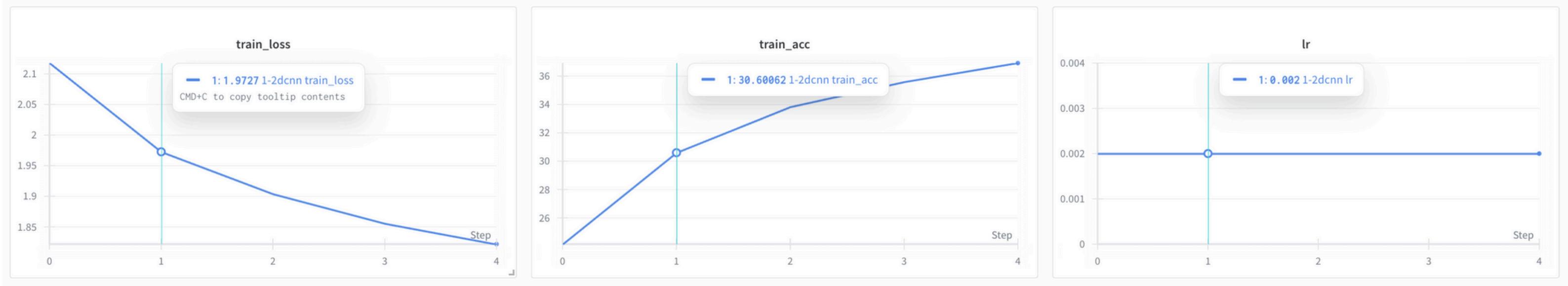
Works with PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, and more

WANDB DASHBOARD



KEY FEATURES OF WANDB

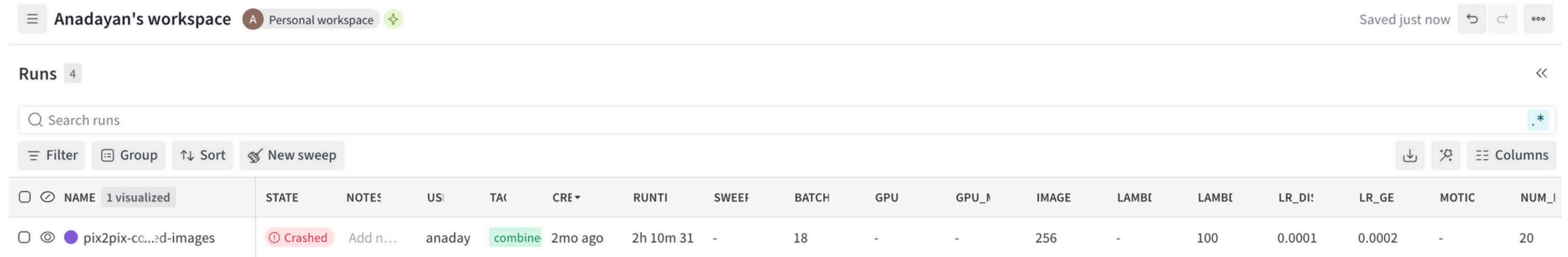
Real-time Performance Logging



- Visualize metrics like Loss and Accuracy F1 in real-time as the model trains.
- Keep track of different models and training runs.
- Spot overfitting or exploding gradients instantly using interactive charts.

KEY FEATURES OF WANDB

Crash Recovery & Resumption



The screenshot shows the WandB interface for 'Anadayan's workspace'. At the top, it says 'Saved just now' with navigation icons. Below that, the 'Runs' section shows 4 runs. A search bar and filter options are available. One run is highlighted in purple and labeled 'Crashed'.

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- WandB can save your model's checkpoints to the cloud.
- By passing the specific Run ID, you can download the weights and resume the epoch exactly where you left off.

KEY FEATURES OF WANDB

Hyperparameter Tuning

- Automating the search to find the best configuration (Learning Rate, Batch Size, Optimizer).
- Let WandB try different configurations while you sleep!

Collaboration

- All team members log runs to the same "Project" bucket.
- See everyone's runs side-by-side to determine whose model is performing best.

SET UP WANDB ACCOUNT

The homepage of the Weights & Biases website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Platform, Solutions, Enterprise, Resources, Docs, Pricing, CONTACT, LOG IN, and a yellow SIGN UP button. Below the navigation, the text "easy AI is hard to productionize" is displayed, with "easy" in yellow and "AI is hard" crossed out. A subtitle below reads "The AI developer platform to build AI agents, applications, and models with confidence". There are two code snippets: one for "W&B Weave: Build agentic AI applications" and another for "W&B Models: Build AI models". Both snippets show Python code examples. Below the snippets are buttons for "GET STARTED WITH WEAVE" (blue) and "GET STARTED WITH MODELS" (yellow). A "REQUEST DEMO" button is located at the bottom center.

<https://wandb.ai/site/>

The sign up page for the Weights & Biases account. It features a "Sign up" header with a logo and links for Log in and Sign up. Below are three sign up options: "Sign up with GitHub" (with GitHub icon), "Sign up with Google" (with Google icon), and "Sign up with Microsoft" (with Microsoft icon). A note says "Hint: Use your work email to easily find and join your team." There are input fields for "name@work-email.com" and "your password". At the bottom, a "SIGN UP >" button is shown.

SET UP WANDB API KEY

API keys

[Manage the API keys associated with your account.](#)

Reveal

- Your API key authenticates your machine/notebook so runs can upload to your WandB dashboard.
- You can find your key in the “API Keys” section in your WandB user settings.

Never post your API key in GitHub, Piazza, screenshots, or shared notebooks!

→ If it does get leaked, please rotate the key immediately in WandB settings.

INSTALLATION & NOTEBOOK SET UP

Wandb Installation for Python

▼ Installation and Libraries

```
[ ] ## Installing WandB  
!pip install wandb -qqq
```

Notebook Setup

- Dataset: CIFAR10
- Neural Network: Convolutional Neural Network
- All functionalities are built in functional blocks for automated access.

Credits to Fall 2024 TAs for the Notebook!

NOTEBOOK: WANDB LOGIN

```
[ ] import wandb, os  
os.environ['WANDB_API_KEY'] = "7328d336610dec777bdecff906dc57e2a464d0b4"#your key here  
wandb.login()  
  
[+] wandb: Using wandb-core as the SDK backend. Please refer to https://wandb.me/wandb-core for more information.  
wandb: Logging into wandb.ai. (Learn how to deploy a W&B server locally: https://wandb.me/wandb-server)  
wandb: You can find your API key in your browser here: https://wandb.ai/authorize  
wandb: Paste an API key from your profile and hit enter, or press ctrl+c to quit: .....  
wandb: Appending key for api.wandb.ai to your netrc file: /root/.netrc  
True
```

NOTEBOOK: INITIALIZING PROJECT

```
run_config = {
    'model': '1-2dcnn',
    'optimizer': 'sgd',
    'lr': 2e-3,
    'batch_size': 64,
    'epochs': 5
}

train_loader, test_loader = build_data(run_config['batch_size'],
                                        data_train, data_test)

optimizer = get_optim(run_config['optimizer'], run_config['lr'], model)

criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

scaler = torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler()

run = wandb.init(
    #entity="wandb-starter",
    project="wandb-quickstart",
    #job_type="model-training",
    name=run_config['model'],
    config=run_config
)
```

Tracking run with wandb version 0.23.1

Run data is saved locally in /content/wandb/run-20251214_062711-h4lcg101

Syncing run [1-2dcnn](#) to [Weights & Biases \(docs\)](#)

View project at <https://wandb.ai/anadayan-cmu/wandb-quickstart>

View run at <https://wandb.ai/anadayan-cmu/wandb-quickstart/runs/h4lcg101>

NOTEBOOK: LOGGING & SAVING MODELS

```
metrics = {
    "train_loss":train_loss,
    "train_acc": train_acc,
    'lr': lr
}
```

Logging metrics

```
torch.save({
    'model_state_dict': model.state_dict(),
    'optimizer_state_dict': optimizer.state_dict()
}, "Model.pth")

# ALTERNATIVE 1: Saving Files as Artifacts
# Creating Artifact
model_artifact = wandb.Artifact(run_config['model'], type='model')

# Adding model file to Artifact
model_artifact.add_file("Model.pth")

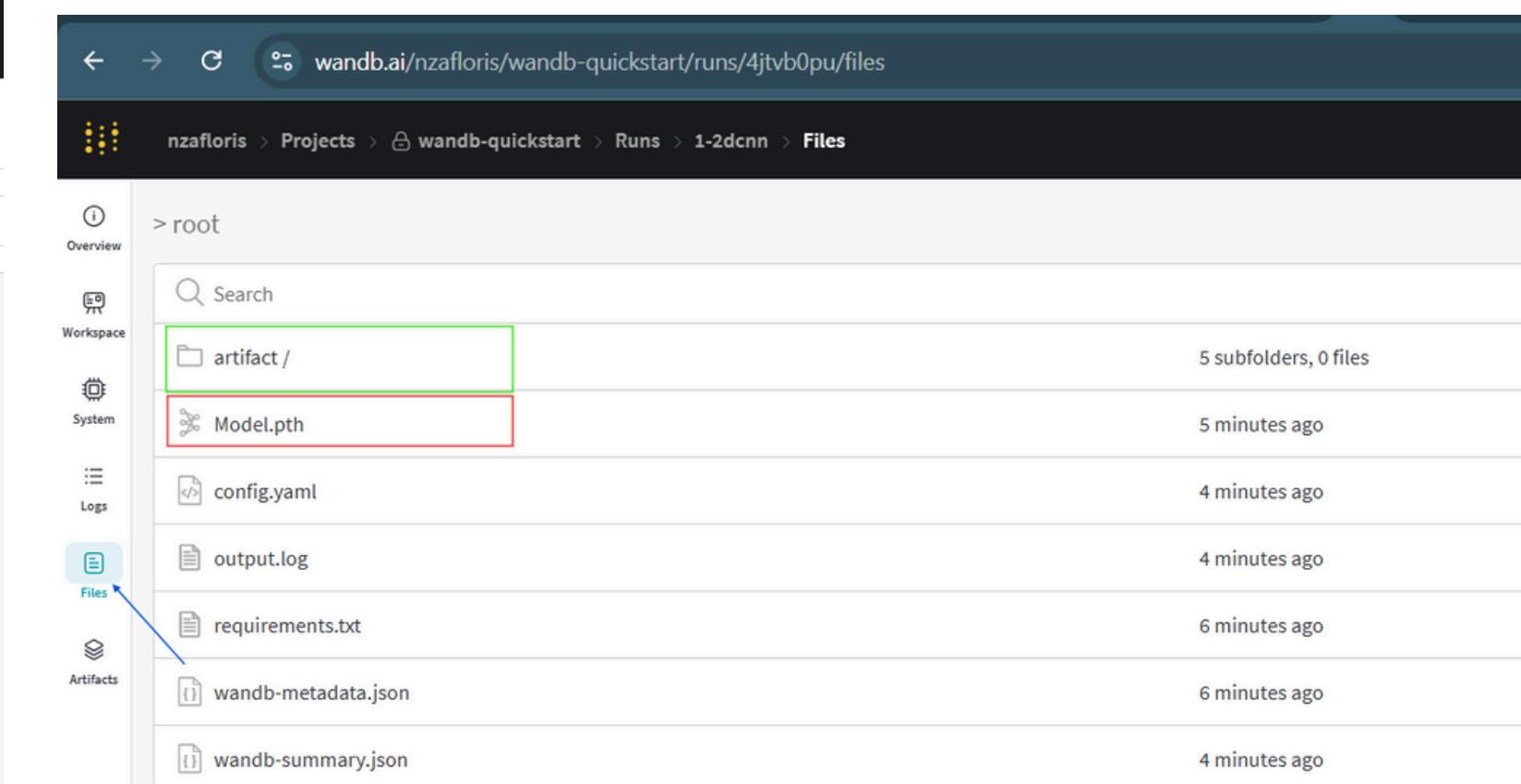
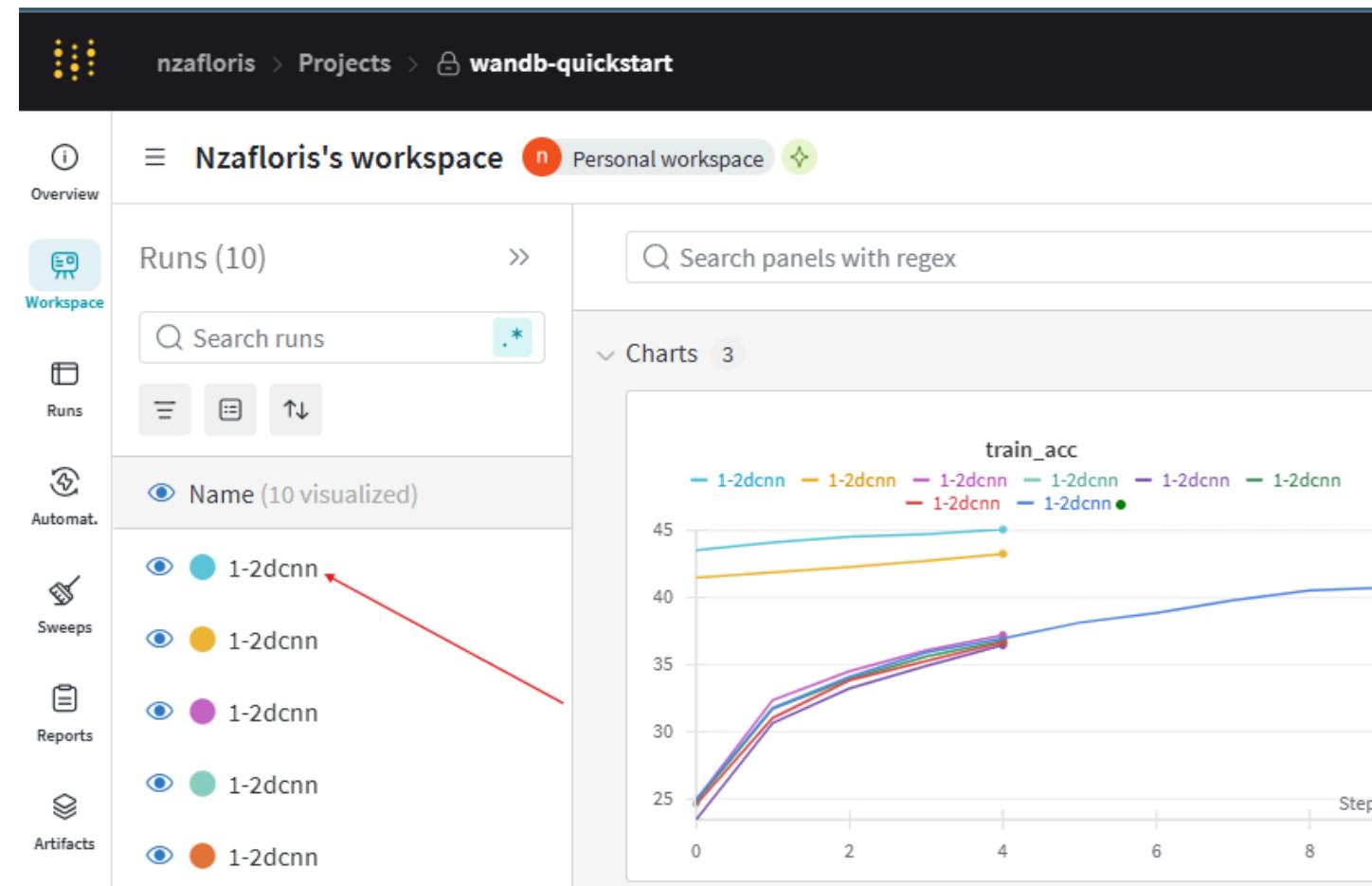
# Saving Artifact to WandB
run.log_artifact(model_artifact)

# ALTERNATIVE 2: Saving Files as Files
wandb.save("Model.pth")

if finish:
    wandb.finish()
```

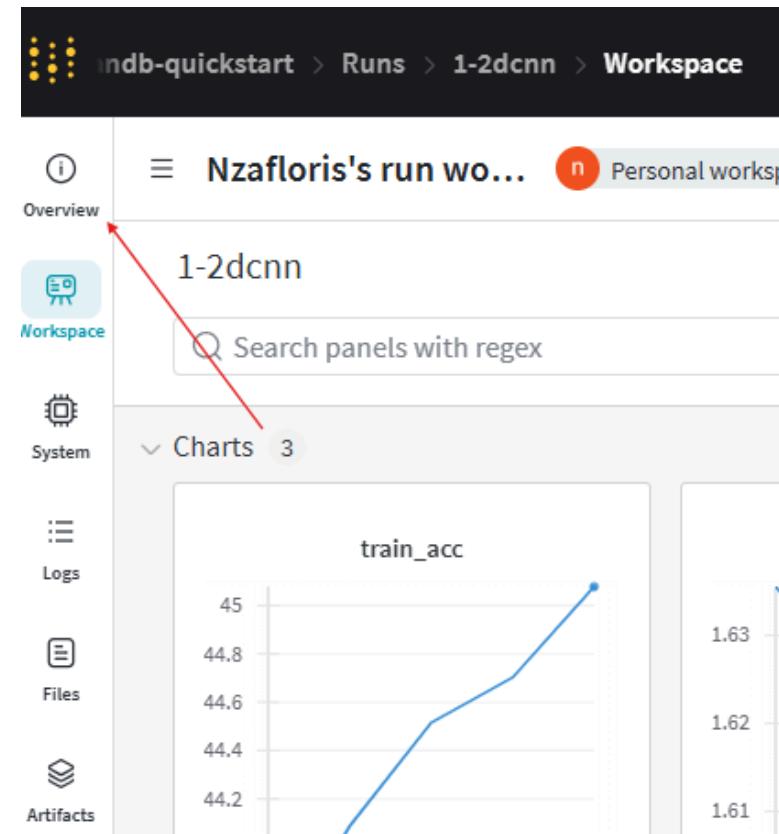
Saving models

NOTEBOOK: LOGGING & SAVING MODELS



NOTEBOOK: GET RUN ID

The screenshot shows the WandB interface for the project "wandb-quickstart". The left sidebar includes sections for Overview, Workspace (selected), Runs, Automat., Sweeps, Reports, and Artifacts. The main area displays "Nzafloris's workspace" with 10 runs. A chart titled "1-2dcnn" is visible, with a red arrow pointing to the run entry "1-2dcnn" in the list below it.



The screenshot shows the WandB interface for the run "1-2dcnn" within the project "wandb-quickstart". The top navigation bar shows the path: wandb-quickstart > Runs > 1-2dcnn > Overview. The right sidebar includes sections for Overview (selected), Tags, Author, State, Start time, Duration, Run path, Hostname, OS, Python version, Python executable, Colab link, Command, System Hardware, W&B CLI Version, and Job Type. The "Run path" field is highlighted with a red box. The "Command" field contains the URL <https://colab.research.google.com/notebook#fileId=1eycSFUdDE92qMizHCo>.

NOTEBOOK: RESUMING RUN

```
run_id = "4jtvb0pu" ### Replace with run id string
run = wandb.init(
    id      = run_id, ### Insert specific run id here if you want to resume a previous run
    resume = "must", ### You need this to resume previous runs, but comment out reinit = True when using this
    project = "wandb-quickstart", ### Project should be created in your wandb account
)
```

NOTEBOOK: HYPERPARAMETER SWEEPING

```
[ ] # Hyperparameters to work with

parameters_dict = [
    'optimizer':{
        'values': ['sgd', 'adam']
    },
    'learning_rate':{
        'distribution': 'uniform',
        'min': 2e-4,
        'max': 1e-1
    },
    'batch_size': {
        'distribution': 'q_log_uniform_values',
        'q': 4,
        'min': 16,
        'max': 128
    },
    'epochs':{
        'value': 5
    }
]
sweep_config['parameters'] = parameters_dict
```

```
[ ] # Initalizing the sweep

sweep_id = wandb.sweep(sweep_config, project="CIFAR-Sweep2")
```

```
▶ def train_sweep(config = None):
    with wandb.init(config=config) as run:
        run.name=f"Jeel_{wandb.config.learning_rate}_{wandb.config.batch_size}_{wandb.config.optimizer}"
        config = wandb.config

        train_loader, test_loader = build_data(config.batch_size, data_train, data_test)

        model = Network().to(device)

        optimizer = get_optim(config.optimizer, config.learning_rate, model)

        criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

        scaler = torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler()

        for epoch in range(config.epochs):

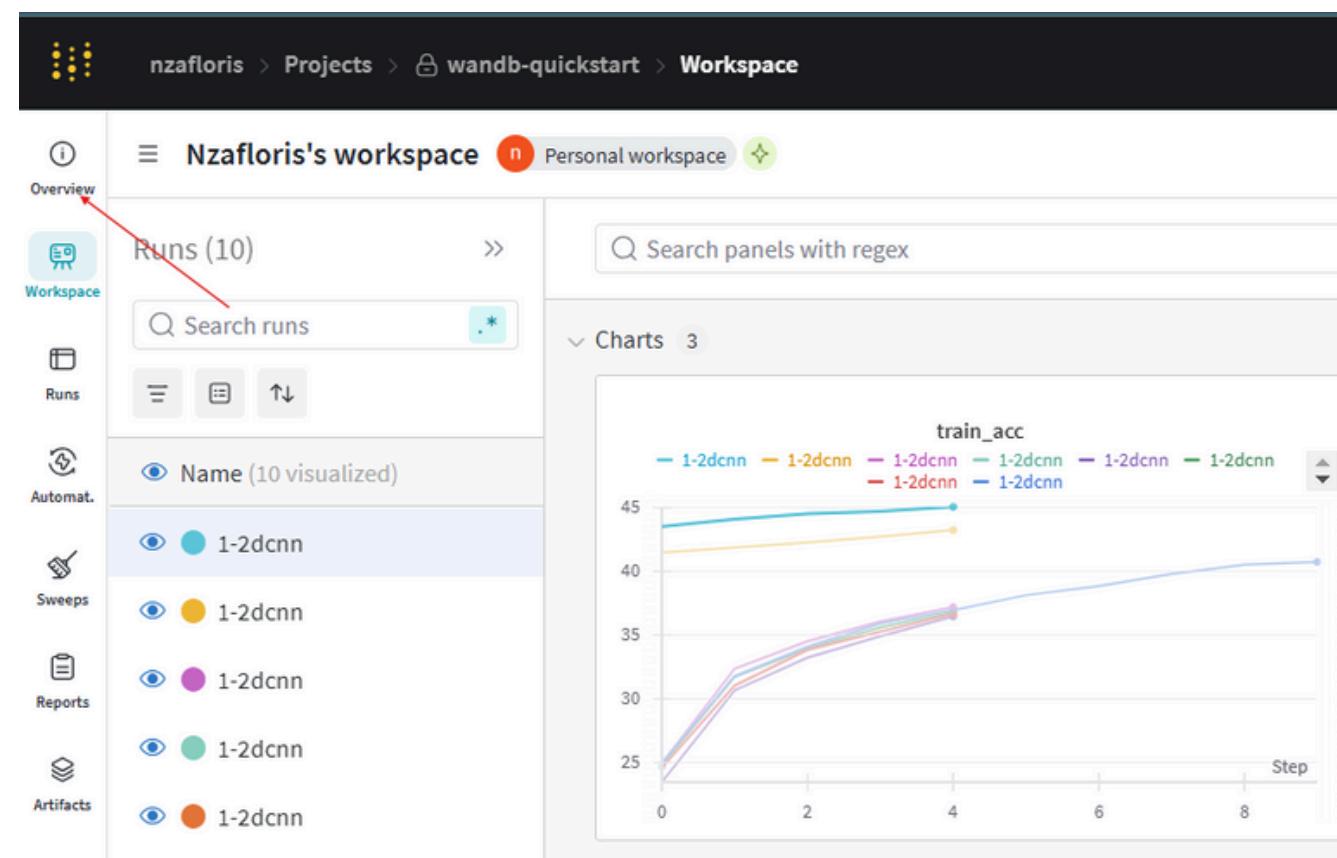
            model, loss = train_epoch(model, train_loader, optimizer, criterion, scaler)

            wandb.log({'loss': loss})
```

```
[ ] # Running the sweep

wandb.agent(sweep_id, train_sweep, count=2)
```

MAKING YOUR WANDB PROJECT PUBLIC



The screenshot shows the WandB project overview and edit pages for the "wandb-quickstart" project. The top navigation bar includes "Projects", "wandb-quickstart", "Overview", "Invite teammates", and user information. The "Edit" button is highlighted with a red arrow. The project details include:

Project visibility	Private
Last active	12/19/2024, 6:20:18 PM
Owner	Floris Nzabakira
Contributors	1 user
Total runs	10
Total compute	17 minutes

The "Edit project" dialog box shows the current project name "wandb-quickstart" and the "Project visibility" dropdown set to "Private". Other options include "Public", "Open", and "Restricted".

WANDB STORAGE FOR ACCOUNTS

Once your WandB free storage is full, you won't be able to access your runs!

- Individual Account:
 - Provides 100GB free
 - Can be accessed through <https://wandb.ai/subscriptions>
- Group Account:
 - Provides 5GB free per team
 - Can be accessed through:
<https://wandb.ai/account-settings/<Team-Name>/billing>



THANK YOU!

