

# TensorFlow Reading Data

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# Feeding Mechanism

- ▶ Feeds
  - ▶ Inject data into any Tensor in a computation graph
  - ▶ Temporarily replace the output of an operation with a tensor value
- ▶ Placeholder Operation
  - ▶ Serve as the target of feeds, not initialized and contains no data
- ▶ great for small examples and easily interacting with data

# Feeding Example I

## ► Input:

```
import tensorflow as tf

input1 = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)
input2 = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)
output = tf.mul(input1, input2)

with tf.Session() as sess:
    print(sess.run([output], feed_dict={input1:[7.], input2:[2.]}))
```

## ► Output:

```
[array([ 14.], dtype=float32)]
```

## Feeding Example II -MNIST

```
def placeholder_inputs(batch_size):  
    images_placeholder = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(batch_size,  
                                                         mnist.IMAGE_PIXELS))  
    labels_placeholder = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, shape=(batch_size))  
    return images_placeholder, labels_placeholder  
  
def fill_feed_dict(data_set, images_pl, labels_pl):  
    images_feed, labels_feed = data_set.next_batch(FLAGS.batch_size,  
                                                  FLAGS.fake_data)  
  
    feed_dict = {  
        images_pl: images_feed,  
        labels_pl: labels_feed,  
    }  
    return feed_dict
```

# Feeding Example II -MNIST

```
def run_training():
    data_sets = input_data.read_data_sets(FLAGS.input_data_dir,
                                           FLAGS.fake_data)

    with tf.Graph().as_default():
        images_placeholder, labels_placeholder = placeholder_inputs(
                                                    FLAGS.batch_size)

        ...
        init = tf.global_variables_initializer()
        sess = tf.Session()
        sess.run(init)
        for step in xrange(FLAGS.max_steps):
            feed_dict = fill_feed_dict(data_sets.train,
                                      images_placeholder,
                                      labels_placeholder)
            _, loss_value = sess.run([train_op, loss],
                                    feed_dict=feed_dict)
```

► Full code is available at: [fully\\_connected\\_feed.py](#)

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# Load Images - Using TensorFlow

```
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
import glob

data_dir = '/home/chentao/Pictures/'
filename_list = glob.glob('%s*.jpg' % (data_dir))
filename_queue = tf.train.string_input_producer(filename_list)
reader = tf.WholeFileReader()
key, value = reader.read(filename_queue)
img = tf.image.decode_jpeg(value) # use png or jpg decoder based on your files.

init_op = tf.global_variables_initializer()
sess = tf.InteractiveSession()

sess.run(init_op)

coord = tf.train.Coordinator()
threads = tf.train.start_queue_runners(coord=coord, sess=sess)

for i in range(len(filename_list)): # length of your filename list
    image = img.eval() # here is your image Tensor
    Image.fromarray(np.asarray(image)).show()

coord.request_stop()
coord.join(threads)
```

# Load Images - Using OpenCV

```
import cv2
import glob
data_dir = '/home/chentao/Pictures/'
for filename in glob.glob('%s*.jpg' % (data_dir)):
    image = cv2.imread(filename)
    # Only for display
    cv2.imshow(filename, image)
    cv2.waitKey(1000)
```

# Load Images - Using PIL

```
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
import glob
data_dir = '/home/chentao/Pictures/'
for filename in glob.glob('%s*.jpg' % (data_dir)):
    image = np.asarray(Image.open(filename))
    Image.fromarray(image).show()
```

# Load Images - Using scikit-image

```
import skimage.io as ski_io
from PIL import Image
import glob
data_dir = '/home/chentao/Pictures/'
for filename in glob.glob('%s*.jpg' % (data_dir)):
    image = ski_io.imread(filename)
    Image.fromarray(image).show()
```

# Load Images - Using scipy

```
from scipy import misc
from scipy import ndimage
from PIL import Image
import glob
data_dir = '/home/chentao/Pictures/'
for filename in glob.glob('%s*.jpg' % (data_dir)):
    # image = misc.imread(filename) # either one
    image = ndimage.imread(filename)
    Image.fromarray(image).show()
```

# Preloaded Data

- ▶ only used for small data sets that can be loaded entirely in memory
- ▶ Two approaches:
  - ▶ Store the data in a constant (simpler, but consumes more memory)
  - ▶ Store the data in a variable, that you initialize and then never change.

## Preloaded Data - Using Constants

```
training_images = ...  
training_labels = ...  
with tf.Session():  
    input_images = tf.constant(training_images)  
    input_labels = tf.constant(training_labels)  
    ...
```

# Preloaded Data - Using Variables

```
training_images = ...
training_labels = ...
with tf.Session() as sess:
    images_initializer = tf.placeholder(dtype=training_images.dtype,
                                        shape=training_images.shape)
    label_initializer = tf.placeholder(dtype=training_labels.dtype,
                                      shape=training_labels.shape)
    input_images = tf.Variable(images_initializer, trainable=False,
                               collections=[])
    input_labels = tf.Variable(label_initializer, trainable=False,
                              collections=[])

    ...
    sess.run(input_data.initializer,
             feed_dict={images_initializer: training_images})
    sess.run(input_labels.initializer,
             feed_dict={label_initializer: training_labels})
```



# Preloaded Data - Generate Batch

```
image, label = tf.train.slice_input_producer(  
    [input_images,  
     input_labels],  
    num_epochs=FLAGS.num_epochs,  
    shuffle=True)  
  
label = tf.cast(label, tf.int32)  
images, labels = tf.train.batch([image, label],  
                                batch_size=FLAGS.batch_size)
```

- Full code is available at:  
[fully\\_connected\\_preloaded.py](#)  
[fully\\_connected\\_preloaded\\_var.py](#)

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# Reading Records from Files Pipeline

- ▶ The list of filenames
- ▶ Optional filename shuffling
- ▶ Optional epoch limit
- ▶ Filename queue
- ▶ A Reader for the file format
- ▶ A decoder for a record read by the reader
- ▶ Optional Preprocessing
- ▶ Example queue

# CSV Files

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```
import tensorflow as tf
filename_queue = tf.train.string_input_producer(['csv_data/file0.csv',
                                                'csv_data/file1.csv'])

reader = tf.TextLineReader()
key, value = reader.read(filename_queue)

record_defaults = [[1], [1], [1], [1], [1]]
col1, col2, col3, col4, col5 = tf.decode_csv(
    value, record_defaults=record_defaults)
features = tf.pack([col1, col2, col3, col4])

with tf.Session() as sess:
    # Start populating the filename queue.
    coord = tf.train.Coordinator()
    threads = tf.train.start_queue_runners(coord=coord)

    for i in range(15):
        key_in,value_in,example,label = sess.run([key, value, features, col5])
        print('key:',key_in, ' value:',value_in, ' example:',list(example),
              ' label:',label)

    coord.request_stop()
    coord.join(threads)
```

# Fixed length records

```
filenames = [os.path.join(data_dir, 'data_batch_%d.bin' % i)
              for i in xrange(1, 6)]
filename_queue = tf.train.string_input_producer(filenames)
reader = tf.FixedLengthRecordReader(record_bytes=record_bytes)
key, value = reader.read(filename_queue)
record_bytes = tf.decode_raw(value, tf.uint8)

# Suppose the first bytes represent the label
label = tf.cast(tf.slice(record_bytes, [0], [label_bytes]), tf.int32)

# Suppose the remaining bytes after the label represent the image,
# which we reshape from [depth * height * width] to [depth, height, width].
depth_major = tf.reshape(tf.slice(record_bytes, [label_bytes], [image_bytes]),
                          [depth, height, width])
# Convert from [depth, height, width] to [height, width, depth].
image = tf.transpose(depth_major, [1, 2, 0])
```

- Full code is available at: [cifar10\\_input.py](#)

# Standard TensorFlow Format

- Convert whatever data into a supported format([TFRecords File](#))

## TFRecord File

- ▶ `tf.train.Example` protocol buffers
  - ▶ `tf.train.Features` (a map of strings to `Feature`)
    - ▶ `tf.train.Feature` (a `FloatList`, a `ByteList` or a `Int64List`)

# Standard TensorFlow Format - tf.train.Example

```
# construct the Example proto object
example = tf.train.Example(
    # Example contains a Features proto object
    features=tf.train.Features(
        # Features contains a map of string to Feature proto objects
        feature={
            # A Feature contains one of either a int64_list,
            # float_list, or bytes_list
            'label': tf.train.Feature(
                int64_list=tf.train.Int64List(value=[label])),
            'image': tf.train.Feature(
                int64_list=tf.train.Int64List(value=
                    features.astype('int64'))),
        })
    ))
```

# Standard TensorFlow Format - Convert to TFRecord

```
def _int64_feature(value):  
    return tf.train.Feature(int64_list=  
        tf.train.Int64List(value=[value]))  
  
def _bytes_feature(value):  
    return tf.train.Feature(bytes_list=  
        tf.train.BytesList(value=[value]))  
  
filename = 'data.tfrecords'  
writer = tf.python_io.TFRecordWriter(filename)  
for index in range(dataset_size):  
    image_raw = images[index].tostring()  
    example = tf.train.Example(features=tf.train.Features(feature={  
        'height': _int64_feature(rows),  
        'width': _int64_feature(cols),  
        'depth': _int64_feature(depth),  
        'label': _int64_feature(int(labels[index])),  
        'image_raw': _bytes_feature(image_raw)}))  
    writer.write(example.SerializeToString())  
writer.close()
```

► Full code is available at: [convert\\_to\\_records.py](#)



# Standard TensorFlow Format - Read TFRecord Method I

```
import tensorflow as tf

filename = "data.tfrecords"
for serialized_example in tf.python_io.tf_record_iterator(filename):
    example = tf.train.Example()
    example.ParseFromString(serialized_example)

    # traverse the Example format to get data
    image = example.features.feature['image_raw'].int64_list.value
    label = example.features.feature['label'].int64_list.value[0]
```

# Standard TensorFlow Format - Read TFRecord Method II

```
filename = "data.tfrecords"
filename_queue = tf.train.string_input_producer(
    [filename], num_epochs=num_epochs)
reader = tf.TFRecordReader()
_, serialized_example = reader.read(filename_queue)
features = tf.parse_single_example(
    serialized_example,
    features={
        'image_raw': tf.FixedLenFeature([], tf.string),
        'label': tf.FixedLenFeature([], tf.int64),
    })
image = tf.decode_raw(features['image_raw'], tf.uint8)
label = tf.cast(features['label'], tf.int32)
```

- Full code is available at: [fully\\_connected\\_reader.py](#)

# Preprocessing

```
image = tf.cast(image, tf.float32)
# Image processing for training the network. Note the many random
# distortions applied to the image.

# Randomly crop a [height, width] section of the image.
distorted_image = tf.random_crop(image, [height, width, 3])

# Randomly flip the image horizontally.
distorted_image = tf.image.random_flip_left_right(distorted_image)

distorted_image = tf.image.random_brightness(distorted_image,max_delta=63)
distorted_image = tf.image.random_contrast(distorted_image,
                                           lower=0.2, upper=1.8)

# Subtract off the mean and divide by the variance of the pixels.
float_image = tf.image.per_image_standardization(distorted_image)
```

► Full code is available at: [cifar10\\_input.py](#)

# Batching

```
def read_my_file_format(filename_queue):
    reader = tf.SomeReader()
    key, record_string = reader.read(filename_queue)
    example, label = tf.some_decoder(record_string)
    processed_example = some_processing(example)
    return processed_example, label

# Method 1
# filenames is a list of image files like ['data/1.jpg', 'data/2.jpg',...]
# or a list of tfrecord files, csv files, binary files, etc.
def input_pipeline(filenames, batch_size, num_epochs=None):
    filename_queue = tf.train.string_input_producer(
        filenames, num_epochs=num_epochs, shuffle=True)
    example, label = read_my_file_format(filename_queue)
    min_after_dequeue = 10000
    capacity = min_after_dequeue + 3 * batch_size
    example_batch, label_batch = tf.train.shuffle_batch(
        [example, label], batch_size=batch_size, capacity=capacity,
        min_after_dequeue=min_after_dequeue)
    return example_batch, label_batch
```

- ▶ `tf.train.shuffle_batch(tensors, enqueue_many=False)`: `tensors` is a single example
- ▶ `tf.train.shuffle_batch(tensors, enqueue_many=True)`: `tensors` is a batch of examples

# Batching

```
# Method 2
# filenames is a list of filenames like ['data/1.jpg', 'data/2.jpg',...]
def input_pipeline(filenames, batch_size, num_epochs=None):
    image_files = tf.convert_to_tensor(all_filenames, dtype=dtypes.string)
    labels = tf.convert_to_tensor(all_labels, dtype=dtypes.int32)
    train_input_queue = tf.train.slice_input_producer(
        [image_files, labels],
        shuffle=True)

    file_content = tf.read_file(train_input_queue[0])
    train_image = tf.image.decode_jpeg(file_content, channels=NUM_CHANNELS)
    train_label = train_input_queue[1]
    train_image.set_shape([IMAGE_HEIGHT, IMAGE_WIDTH, NUM_CHANNELS])
    train_image_batch, train_label_batch = tf.train.batch(
        [train_image, train_label],
        batch_size=BATCH_SIZE)

    return train_image_batch, train_label_batch
```

## Prefetch by QueueRunner

- ▶ Many of the **tf.train** functions add **QueueRunner** to graph
- ▶ Call **tf.train.start\_queue\_runners** before training or inferencing
- ▶ Use **tf.train.Coordinator** to coordinate the termination of a set of threads

# Prefetch by QueueRunner

```
init_op = tf.global_variables_initializer()
sess = tf.Session()
sess.run(init_op)

# Start input enqueue threads.
coord = tf.train.Coordinator()
threads = tf.train.start_queue_runners(sess=sess, coord=coord)

try:
    while not coord.should_stop():
        # Run training steps or whatever
        sess.run(train_op)

except tf.errors.OutOfRangeError:
    print('Done training -- epoch limit reached')
finally:
    # When done, ask the threads to stop.
    coord.request_stop()

# Wait for threads to finish.
coord.join(threads)
sess.close()
```