



## PersonaLens: MBTI Analysis with Transformer Technology

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# Introduction





#### What is MBTI?

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a personality assessment tool which categorizes individuals into 16 different personality types based on their preferences:

- Extraversion (E) vs. Introversion (I)
- Sensing (S) vs. Intuition (N)
- Thinking (T) vs. Feeling (F)
- Judging (J) vs. Perceiving (P)

Each type is a combination of these preferences: ISTJ (Introverted, Sensing, Thinking, Judging).



### Why Transformer for MBTI classification?

- Traditional MBTI questionnaires are lengthy and time-consuming.
- Transformers captures contextual information of human language
  - great potential at predicting MBTI through text inputs!





# Methodology

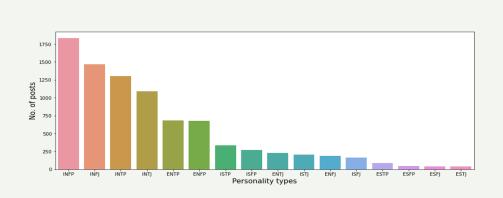
- Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Transformer (BERT) + Extra Classification Layer

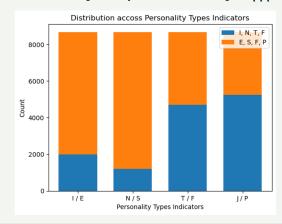






Our dataset is collected from Kaggle. It was originally collected through the PersonalityCafe forum. This website provides a large selection of people and their MBTI personality type, as well as corpses of their posts. This dataset contains over 8600 rows of data. Each row consist of the person's 4 letter MBTI and the most recent 50 things they have posted (Each entry separated by "|||").





**ENFP** 'He doesn't want to go on the trip without me, so me staying behind wouldn't be an option for him. I thin









## **Preprocessing**

1st step: Text cleaning

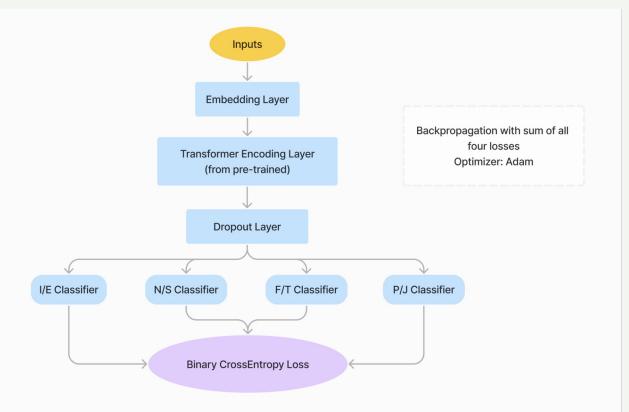
2st step: Bert Tokenizer (transformers library by Hugging Face)

- **Tokenization**: WordPiece tokenization where frequent words are kept whole, rare words are split into subwords.
- Vocabulary Mapping:
  - token is mapped to an index based on a pre-defined vocabulary
  - vocabulary contains a fixed list of tokens with unique index
- Adding Special Tokens:
  - [CLS] at the beginning of each sequence
  - [SEP] to separate segments/mark sentence end
- Padding and Truncation:
  - pads shorter sequences with [PAD]
  - truncates longer sequences to maximum length





### **Model Architecture**



#### **Pretrained model:**

'bert-base-uncased'

#### **Parameter tune:**

- Learning rate = 0.00002
- Dropout rate = 0.1
- Loss function:
  BinaryCrossentropy



# Results



### **Transformer Results**









### **Precision**

I/E: 64.94% N/S: 76.47% F/T: 80.61% P/J: 80.00%

Mean: 75.50%

#### Recall

I/E: 74.09% N/S: 52.00% F/T: 85.61% P/J: 61.00%

Mean: 68.17%

#### F1 Score

I/E: 69.21% N/S: 61.90% F/T: 83.03% P/J: 69.22%

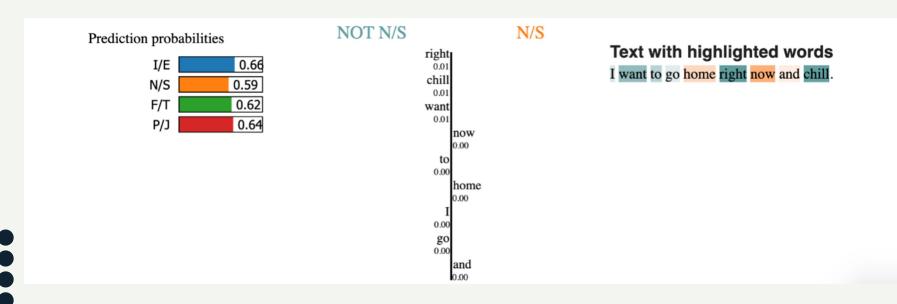
Mean: 70.84%





## **Quick Interpretation**

Text input: "I want to go home right now and chill."







## Comparison between models

Test scores (round to 3 decimal points)

	I/E	N/S	F/T	P/J	Mean	Overall
MLP	0.841	0.878	0.825	0.727	0.818	0.478
CNN	0.734	0.855	0.616	0.525	0.683	0.212
Transformer	0.866	0.893	0.831	0.787	0.844	0.585









# Discussion

- lessons learned
- lingering problems/limitations with your implementation
- future work (i.e. how you, or someone else, might build on what you've done)





### **Problems in implementation**

of posts

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- **1. Data imbalance** # of samples with I and N personality is significantly higher
- Poor Generalization: it might not learn sufficient features of the less common classes. When faced with new examples of these underrepresented classes, it doesn't generalize well
- Overfitting to Frequent Classes: The model end up being very good at recognizing patterns specific to more common classes but fail to capture broader patterns that apply to all classes

#### 2. Overfitting problem

ENTP ENFP

 Accuracy in Training set keeps increasing but not much improvements on validation set after 3 epochs.

Personality types









### Lesson learned: Concerns in Preprocessing

#### BERT Tokenizer Vs. TF-IDF and Word2Vec

- Contextual Understanding: BERT provides contextual embeddings, meaning the
  representation of a word can change based on the surrounding words. TF-IDF and
  Word2Vec do not provide contextual embeddings; the representation of a word is the same
  regardless of its context.
- **Dimensionality:** BERT embeddings are very high-dimensional and dense. Word2Vec also produces dense embeddings but typically of lower dimensionality than BERT. TF-IDF produces high-dimensional but sparse vectors.
- Performance and Complexity: BERT models are generally more complex and require more computational resources. They tend to perform better on tasks requiring understanding of context. TF-IDF and Word2Vec are less resource-intensive and can be very effective for tasks with less contextual dependency.







### **Future Work**

#### 1. Advanced Handling of Imbalanced Data

- Data Augmentation: For underrepresented classes in the dataset, we could generate synthetic data using techniques like SMOTE or by paraphrasing existing text to create varied yet semantically similar entries.
- Resampling Techniques: Experiment with different resampling strategies to balance the dataset, either by oversampling the minority classes or undersampling the majority classes.

#### 2. Incorporation of Additional Features

 Psycholinguistic Features: Include features from psycholinguistic databases like LIWC, which can provide insights into the psychological and emotional states conveyed in text.





