Predicting the publisher's name from an article title

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Can this task be automated?

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It can now be modeled as a **text classification** problem.

Eyeballing at the dataset

	url	title	score
0	https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/carlosxcl	Show HN: Code Cards, Like Texas hold 'em for p	11
1	http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/van/roo/2035	Best Roommate Ad Ever	11
2	https://github.com/Groundworkstech/Submicron	Deep-Submicron Backdoors	11
3	http://empowerunited.com/	Could this be the solution for the 99%?	11
4	http://themanufacturingrevolution.com/braun-vs	Braun vs. Apple: Is copying designs theft or i	11
	First five rows fr	om the resulting query	

Source (Dataset publicly available via BigQuery)

The dataset I expect for the given problem

title	source	
feminist-software-foundation complains about r	github	0
expose sps as web services on the fly	github	1
show hn scrwl shorthand code reading and wr	github	2
geoip module on nodejs now is a c addor	github	3
show hn linuxexplore	github	4

Looking at the class distribution

blogspot	41386
github	36525
techcrunch	30891
youtube	30848
nytimes	28787

Other aspects of the dataset

- No missing values ^_^
- 513 titles having character length lesser than 11
- 1 title having maximum character length of 138

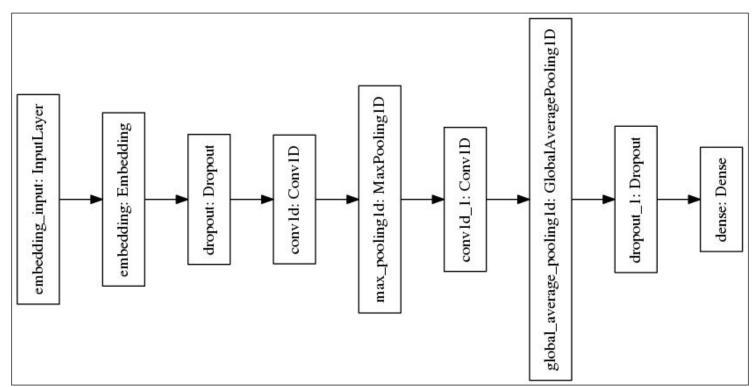
Three sets from hell

Train set		Validation set		Test set	
nytimes	23106	nytimes	2856	nytimes	2856
youtube	24586	techcrunch	3088	techcrunch	3088
techcrunch	24735	youtube	3115	youtube	3115
github	29238	github	3637	github	3637
blogspot	33084	blogspot	4147	blogspot	4147

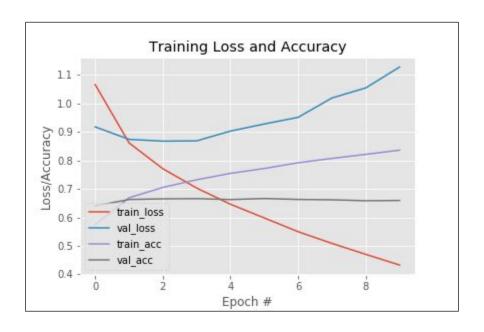
Data preprocessing steps taken

- Label encoding
- Creating a vocabulary from the training corpus tokenization
- Numericalizing the titles and pad them to a fixed-length
- Preparing the embedding matrix with respect to pre-trained embeddings like GloVe

Building the Horcrux: A sequential language model



And the network overfits:(



Demo inference

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Google Cloud Platform, ftw!

- BigQuery for data gathering
- Al Platform
 - Preconfigured Notebooks for experimentation
 - ML Engine for making the entire modeling pipeline easier





Future directions

- Try other sequence models
- A bit of hyperparameter tuning
- Learn the embeddings from scratch
- Try different embeddings like universal sentence encoder, nnlm-128 and so on

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See you next time



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Thank you very much:)



