



# Fire Risk Profiles

## Image Recognition on Floor Plans as Input for a Fire Risk Model

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# Outline

- The Problem
- The Model
- The Prototype
- Prototype Evaluation
- Conclusions & Future Work
- Questions

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# The Problem

- Problem definition
- Limitations / challenges
- Solution definition

## Problem Ideation Insight

*The goal of this project is presently more about **gathering inputs** than it is about creating new models, given the number of missing inputs for any potential risk model.*

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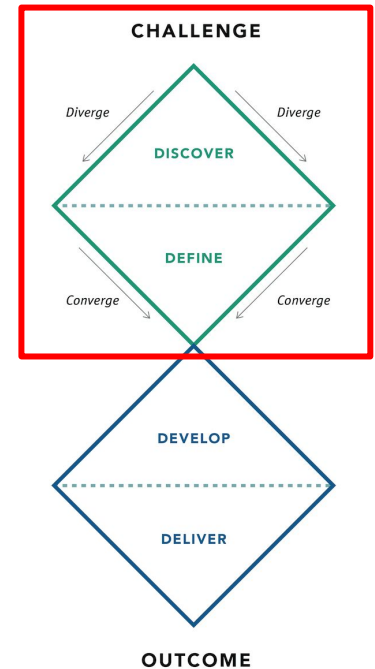
# Problem Discovery & Definition

## Discover: Explore the Problem

- Plans must be submitted for permits
- Plans contain key information on possible fire risk and impact of fire

## Define: Decide What to Fix

- Computer vision model to parse floor plan images
- Extracting key information : compartments, doors, windows



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# Challenges

## Model:

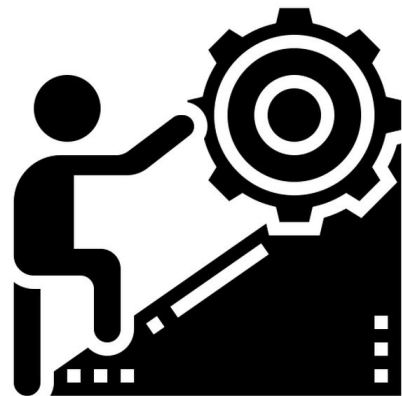
- Working with varied data
- Computationally heavy & expensive to train model (GPU cost)

## Data:

- Target data not available
- Annotated data even rarer

## Prototype:

- Visually appealing way to show model and results
- Interface



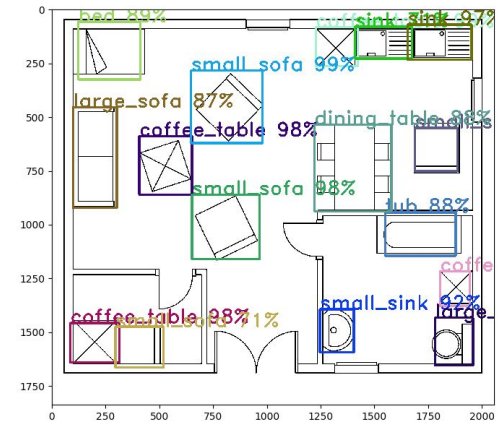
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# The Model

- Model selection
- Processing pipeline
- Data annotations
- Model architecture
- Hyperparameter tuning
- Output post-processing
- Model Evaluation

# Object detection/ Instance segmentation

- Recognise floor plan elements (door, windows , walls)
- Common problem in computer vision
- Previous work on similar problems available
  - Algorithmic
  - Machine learning





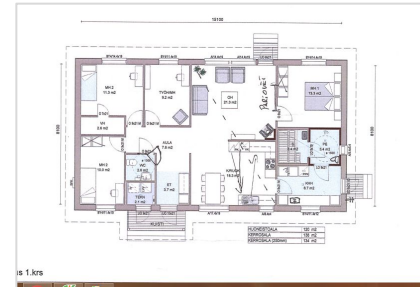
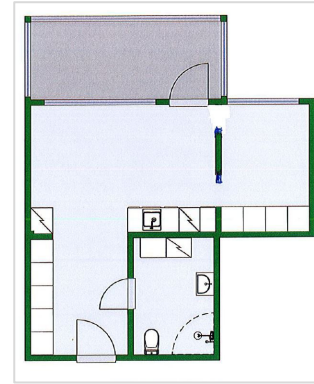
# Algorithmic/ML

## Algorithmic

- Relies on relation between elements
- Lacks generality in terms of noise and datasets

## Machine learning

- Robust to variation
- State-of-the-art
- However, annotated data required
  - Only recently used, little annotated data



# Room Function Extraction

- According to Red Cross, most house fires start in kitchen
- Function encoded in symbols/text
- Room function may predict escape route

Only model with room function prediction:

**DeepFloorplan (Zeng et al., 2019)**

- Published 2019
- Semantic Segmentation (pixel wise labeling)
- Convolutional Neural Network with TensorFlow





# Data Processing Pipeline



## Data Preparation

- Web-scraping
- Floor plans annotations



## Model Implementation

- Train/test split
- Model training
- Hyperparameter fine-tuning



## Model Evaluation

- Check accuracy on test sets

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## Public training datasets

1. R2V - 815 images - Japan
2. R3D - 214 images - New York

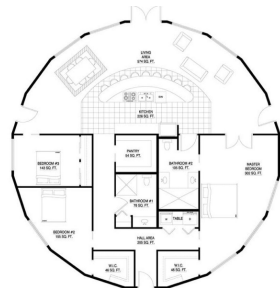
Adding new data can enrich the model from two aspects:

1. Dutch floor plan style
2. In Dutch language

### A. Japan



## B. New York

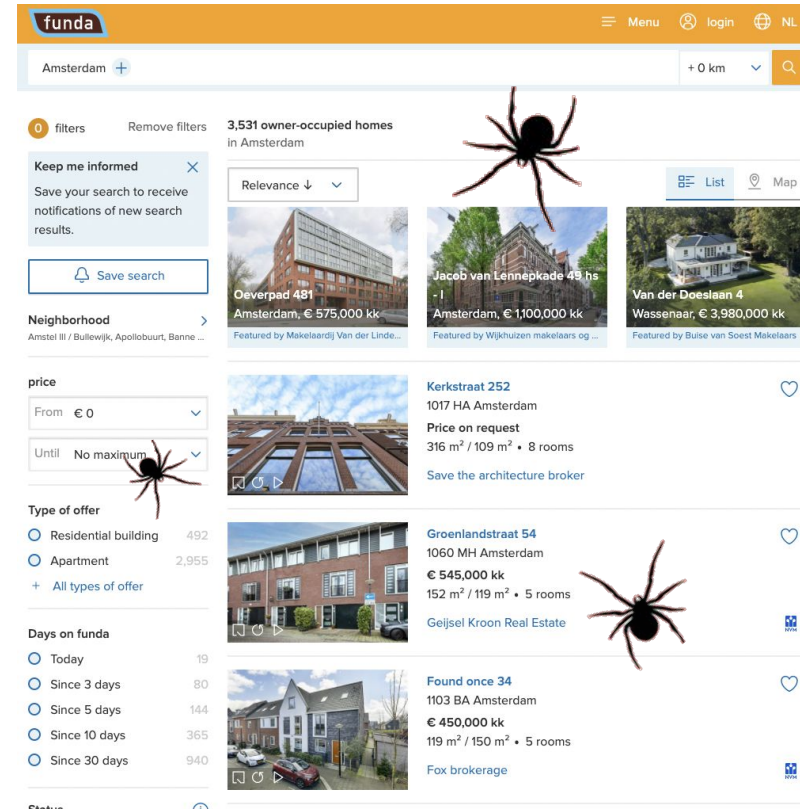


### C. Amsterdam



# Web-scraping

- No access to the target floor plans due to privacy issues
- Alternatively, we scraped floor plan images from Funda automatically as supplementary training data



The screenshot shows the Funda website interface for Amsterdam. The top navigation bar includes the Funda logo, a menu icon, login, and language (NL). The search bar shows 'Amsterdam' and a distance of '+ 0 km'. The main content area displays '3,531 owner-occupied homes in Amsterdam'. On the left, there are filters for 'Keep me informed', 'Save search', 'Neighborhood', 'price', 'Type of offer', and 'Days on funda'. The main grid shows several property listings with images, addresses, and prices. Three spiders are drawn on the page: one on the top right, one on the 'Type of offer' filter, and one on the right side of the listings grid.

**filters** Remove filters

**Keep me informed** X  
Save your search to receive notifications of new search results.  
Save search

**Neighborhood** >  
Amstel III / Bullewijk, Apollonbuurt, Banne...

**price**  
From € 0  
Until No maximum

**Type of offer**  
Residential building 492  
Apartment 2,955  
All types of offer

**Days on funda**  
Today 19  
Since 3 days 80  
Since 5 days 144  
Since 10 days 365  
Since 30 days 940

**3,531 owner-occupied homes in Amsterdam**

Relevance ↓

**Oeverpad 481**  
Amsterdam, € 575,000 kk  
Featured by Makelaardij Van der Linde...

**Jacob van Lennepkade 49 hs**  
Amsterdam, € 1,100,000 kk  
Featured by Wijkhuizen makelaars og ...

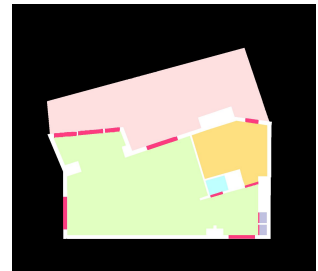
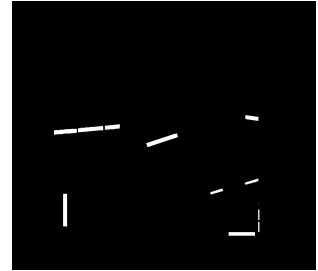
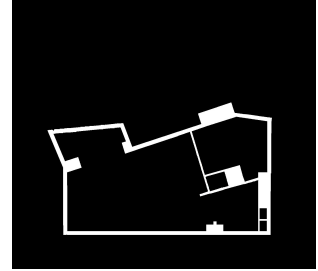
**Van der Doeslaan 4**  
Wassenaar, € 3,980,000 kk  
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**Kerkstraat 252**  
1017 HA Amsterdam  
Price on request  
316 m<sup>2</sup> / 109 m<sup>2</sup> • 8 rooms  
Save the architecture broker

**Groenlandstraat 54**  
1060 MH Amsterdam  
€ 545,000 kk  
152 m<sup>2</sup> / 119 m<sup>2</sup> • 5 rooms  
Geijssels Kroon Real Estate

**Found once 34**  
1103 BA Amsterdam  
€ 450,000 kk  
119 m<sup>2</sup> / 150 m<sup>2</sup> • 5 rooms  
Fox brokerage

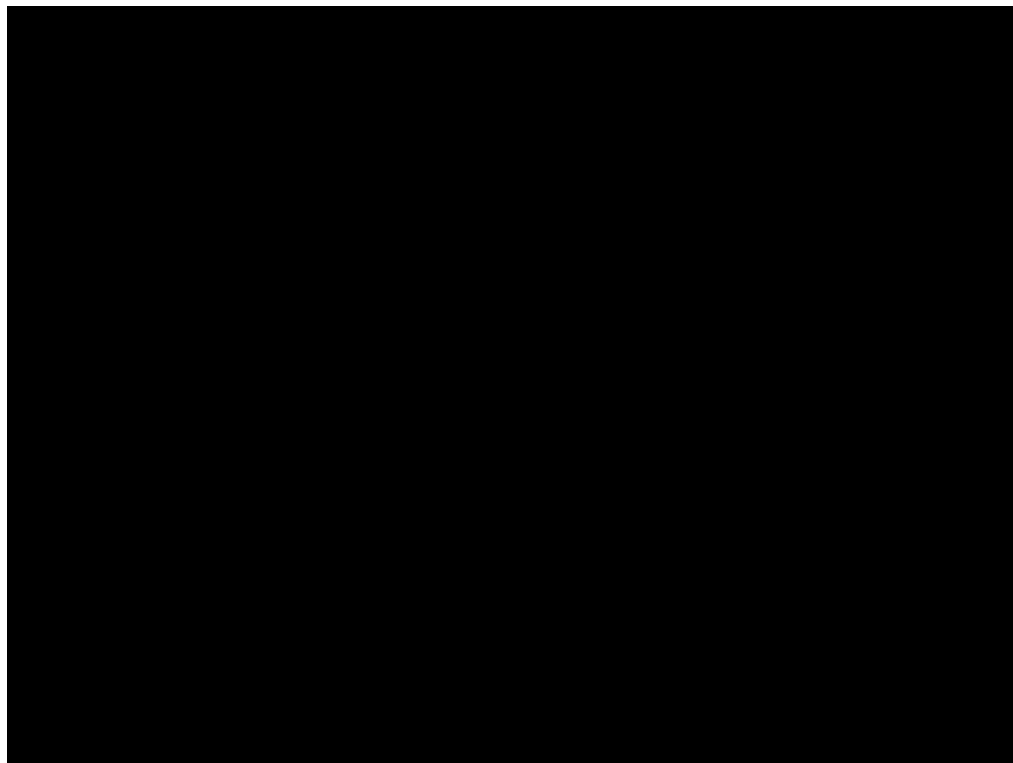
- Annotate each pixel in Photoshop/ Photopnea
- Time to annotate one floor plan: 45 - 60 minutes





## Data annotation

Make sure every single pixel is labeled.



200 images \* 45-60 minutes/image =

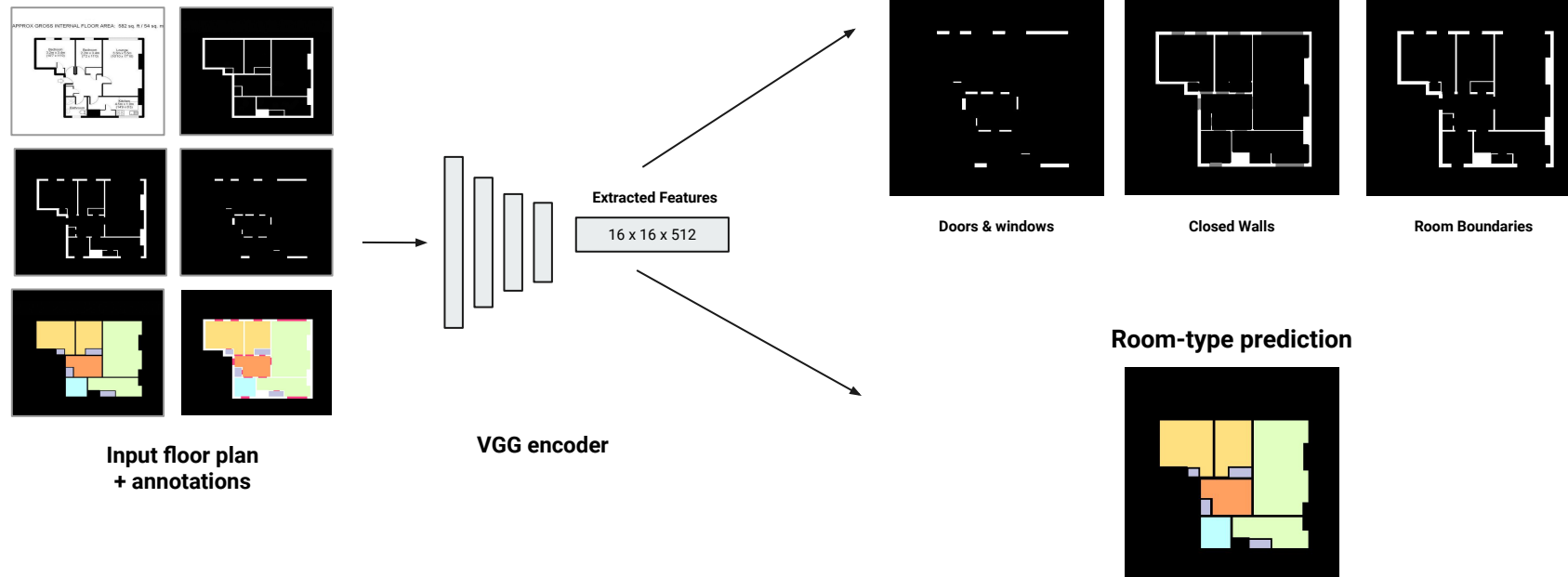
**150 - 200 hours**

Floor plan annotations are **labour intensive**.

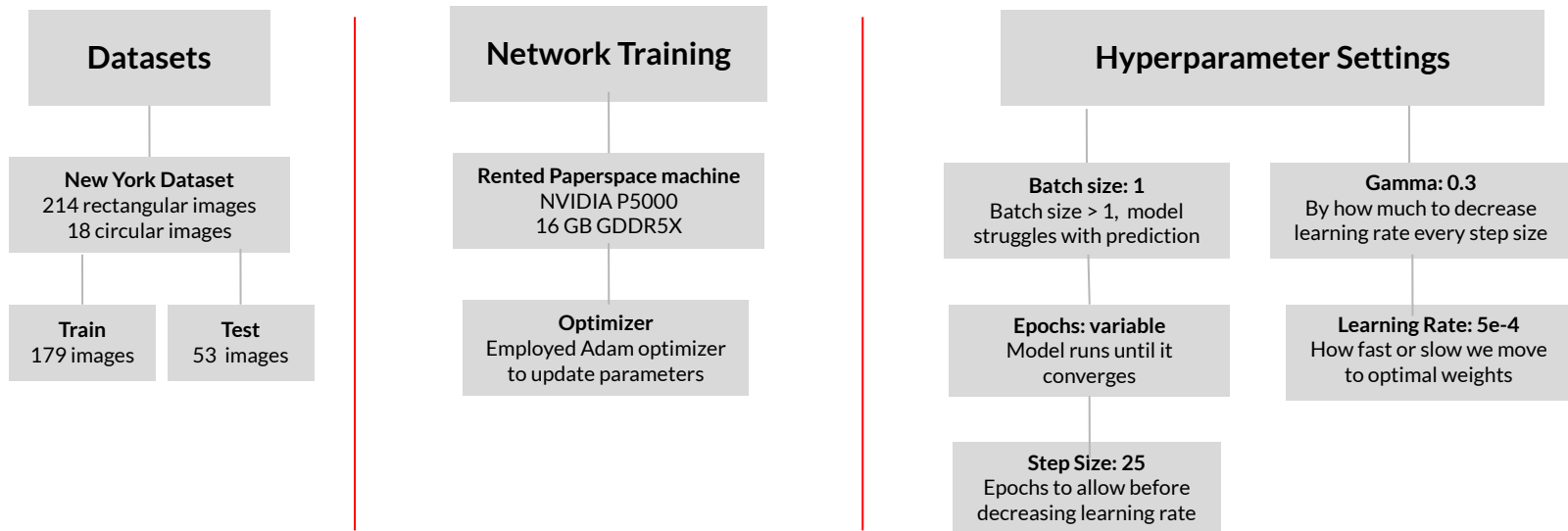
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# Model architecture



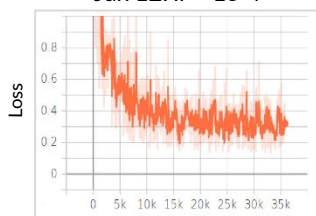
# Model Training



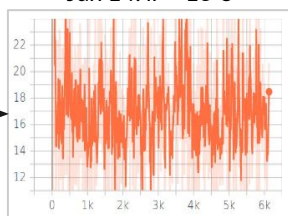
# Hyperparameter tuning - a focus on learning rate

*Learning rate (lr) is a key hyperparameter for tuning neural networks*

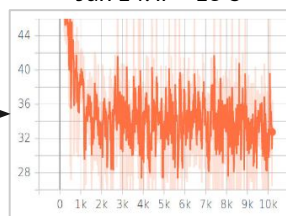
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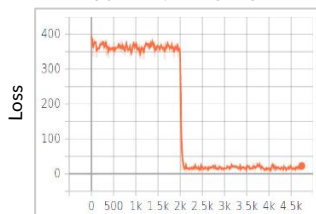
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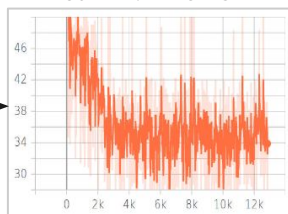
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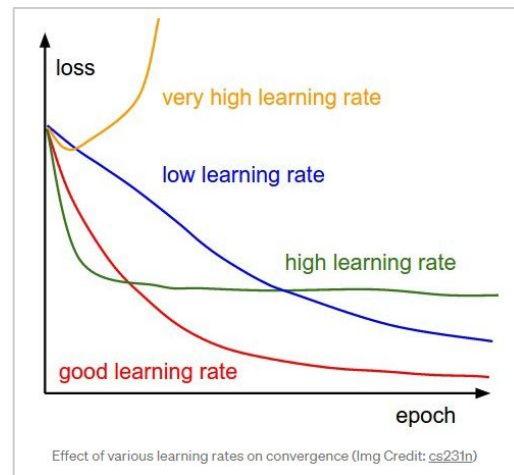
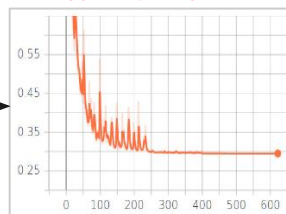
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Jan 19: lr =  $5e-4$





## Model Evaluation Metrics

Overall pixel accuracy

$$\text{overall accu} = \frac{\sum_i N_i}{\sum_i \hat{N}_i}$$

Per-class pixel accuracy

$$\text{class accu}(i) = \frac{N_i}{\hat{N}_i}$$

$\hat{N}_i$  is total number of the ground-truth pixels

$N_i$  is correctly-predicted pixels for the  $i$ -th floor plan element



## Model Evaluation

	Model_20_lr5-e4	Model_AMS3_lr5-e4
Overall accuracy	0.7759	0.6328
Room type (Mean accuracy)	0.4267	0.1425
Room type + boundary (Mean accuracy)	0.5324	0.3075

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# The Prototype

- Requirements
- Development process
- Prototype demo



# MVP Requirements

## Functionality

- Floor plans -> extracted data CSV
- Batch processing
- Extracted data visualization

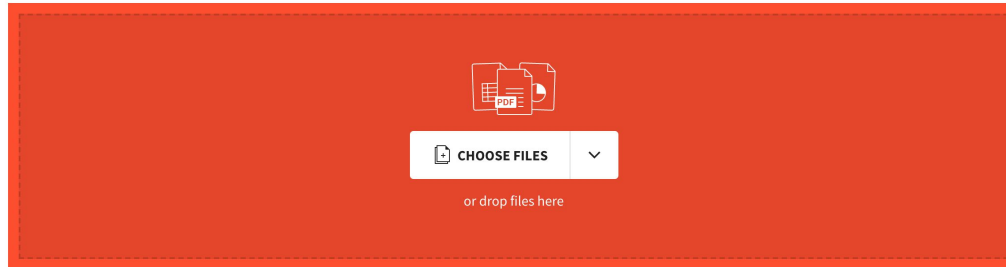
## Environment

- Data security
- Hardware constraint GPU
- Web application

# Competitive usability analysis

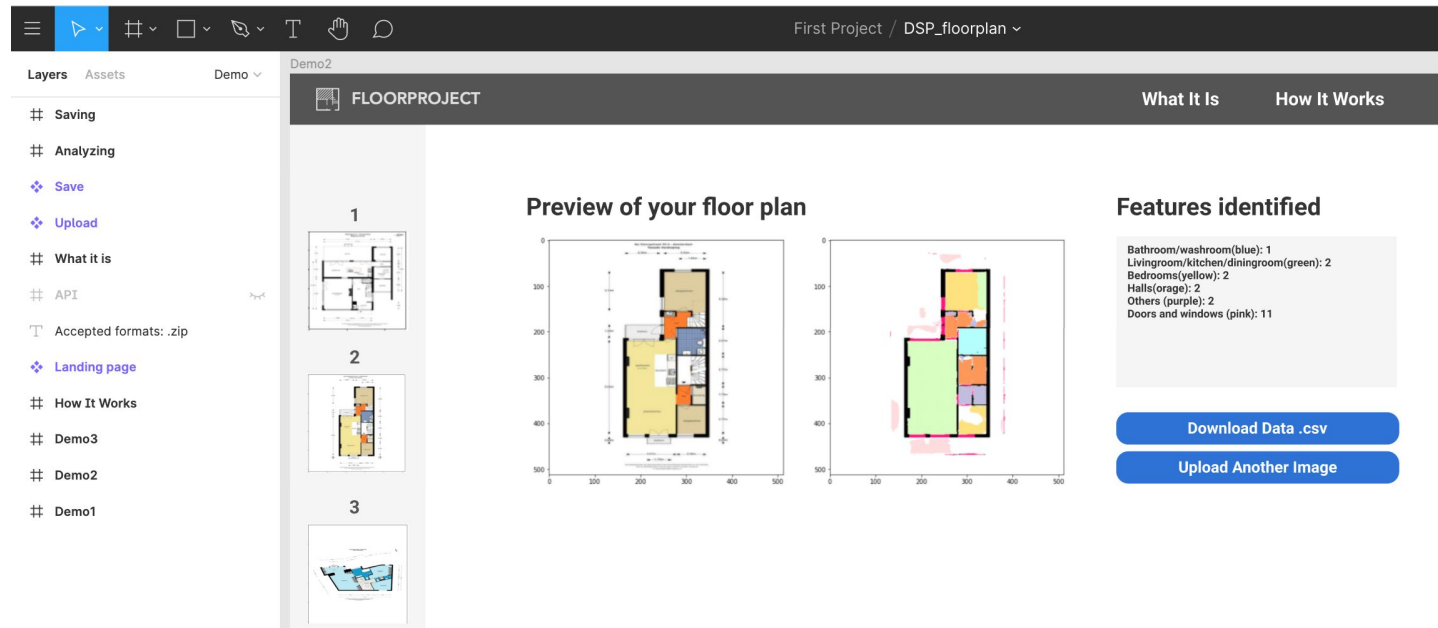
- Google Vision AI (similar intended function)
- Smallpdf (similar intended structure)

 **PDF Converter**  
Convert files from and to PDF





# First Iteration: Figma click dummy prototype



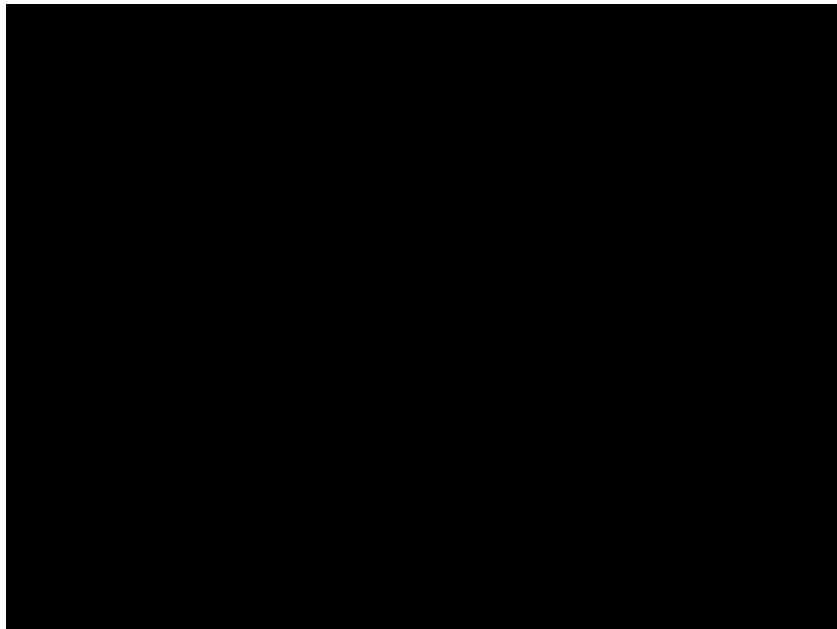
## Technology used

- Backend - Django REST API
- Frontend - React Javascript framework
- Deployed to remote cloud infrastructure





# Demo



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# Prototype Evaluation

- Usability testing

# Usability Testing - UX test 1

- Test on Figma prototype using Maze and Zoom
- Explorative usability test
- 5 participants
  - Information Studies
  - High digital literacy
- Different tasks and questions

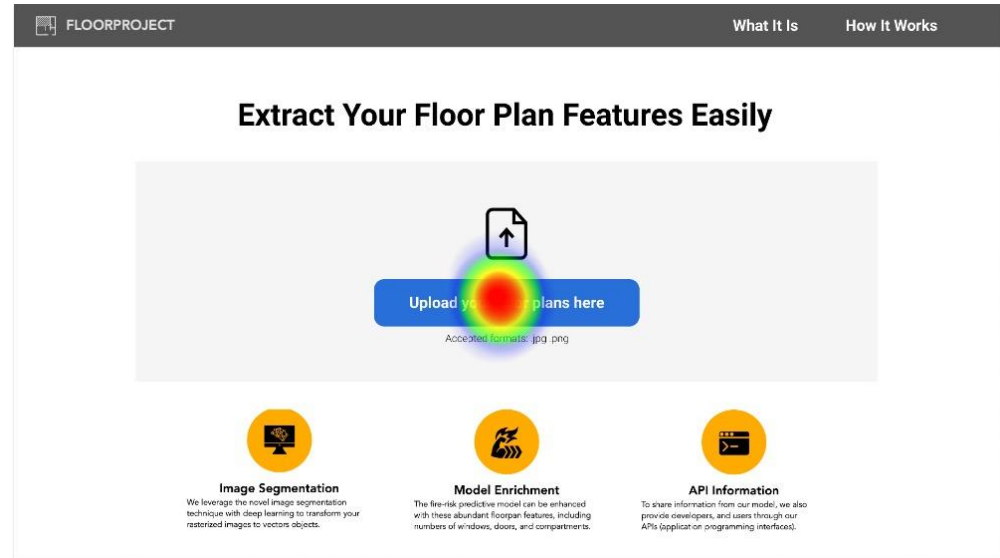




# Usability Testing - Example Maze

# Usability Testing - Results 1

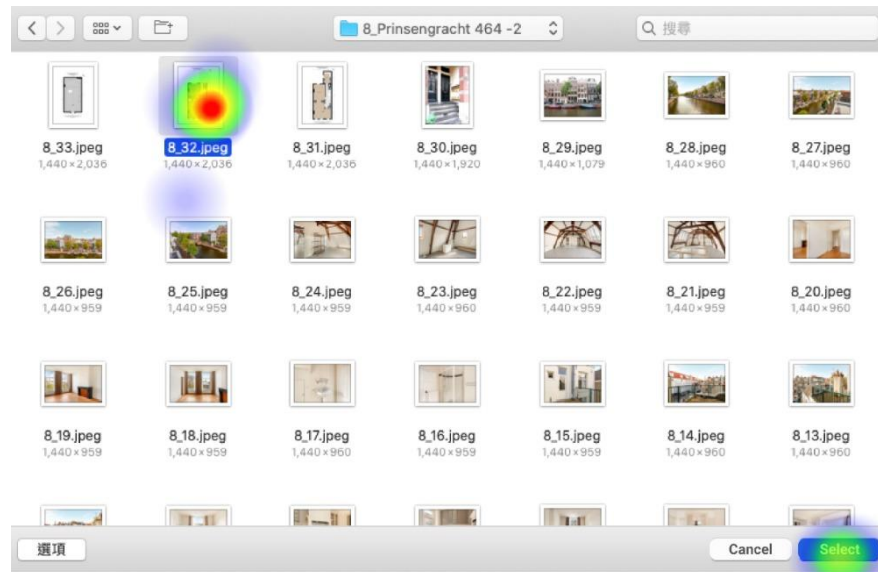
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- Intuitive and easy to use
- Output page and data presentation was not clear
  - Extracted features table unclear
  - Adding a legend would help
- Reliability somewhat questionable



Figma landing page  
heatmap

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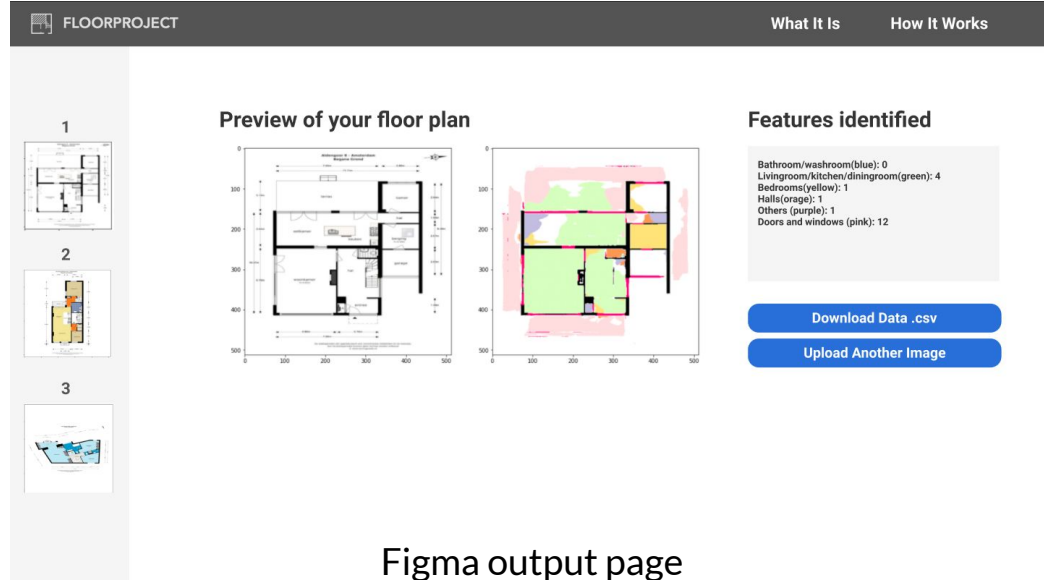


Figma upload page  
heatmap



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Figma output page

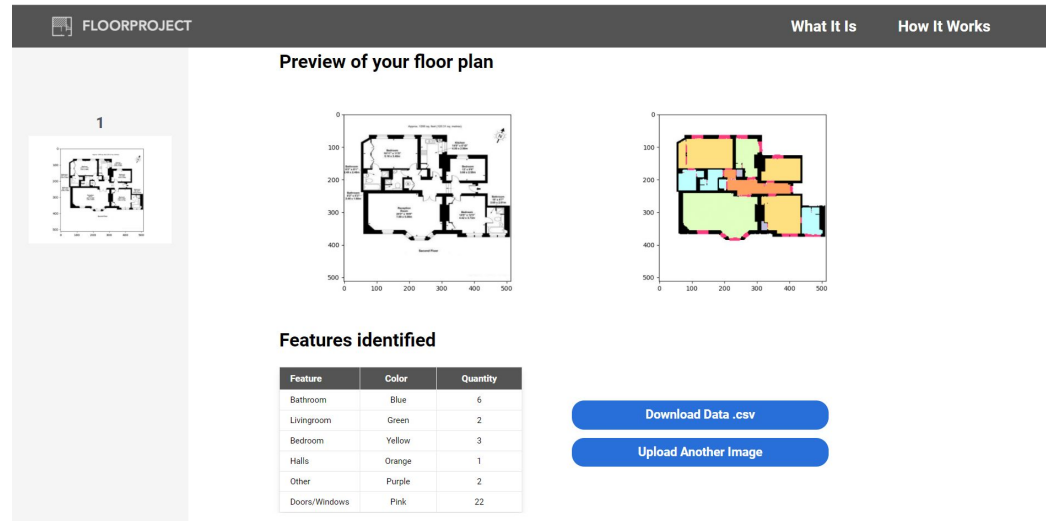


## Usability Testing - UX test 2

- Test on real prototype using Zoom
- Classic usability test
- 5 participants
  - Information Studies
  - High digital literacy
- Tasks, reflection, and open ended questions

## Usability Testing - Results 2

- Still clear, intuitive, and easy to use
- Questionable layout scalability
- **Output page and data presentation could still be improved according to most users**
  - Adding a legend would help
  - Labeling images



Prototype output  
page

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# Conclusion & Future Work

## *Conclusion*

System transforms unstructured floor plans to structured data, which can be a supplementary input to the fire risk model

Room boundary detection, counting compartments: **accuracy of 77%**

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## Future work

1. Annotate and train with Dutch floor plans
  - a. Room function inference harder: more data might help
  - b. Training data should be representative of target data: Dutch features (language, styling) on image important
2. Differentiate doors from windows
3. Web application improvements based on feedback

**Thank you**  
Dank je wel



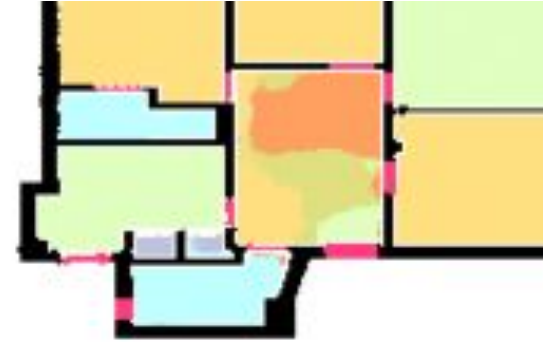
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# Appendix



## Output post-processing

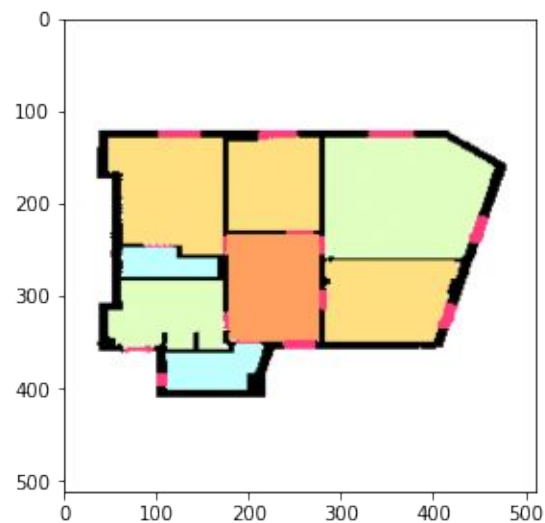
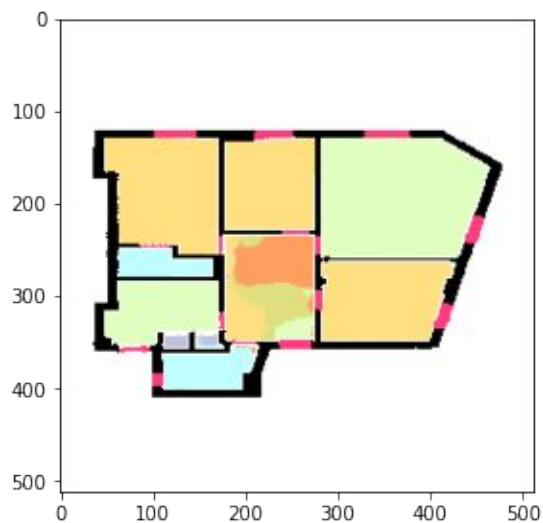
- Due to the per-pixel prediction, the output is noisy
- Post-processing is performed:
  - a. Locate room regions by the room-boundary pixels
  - b. Count the number of pixels of each room type in the bounded region
  - c. Set the overall predicted type by the largest frequency



Raw prediction output



After post-processing



# Counting compartments

- Aggregate connected pixels to count different rooms
- Connected component labeling:
  - 4-connected neighborhood
  - 8-connected neighborhood

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

4-connected  
neighborhood

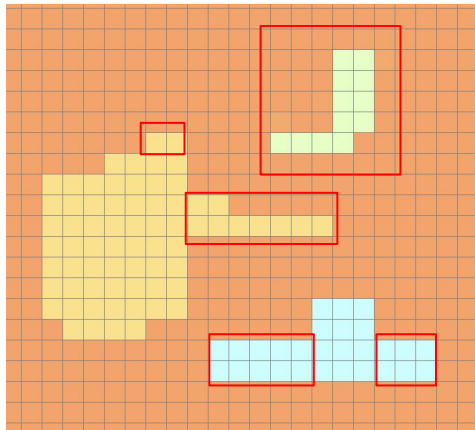
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8-connected  
neighborhood

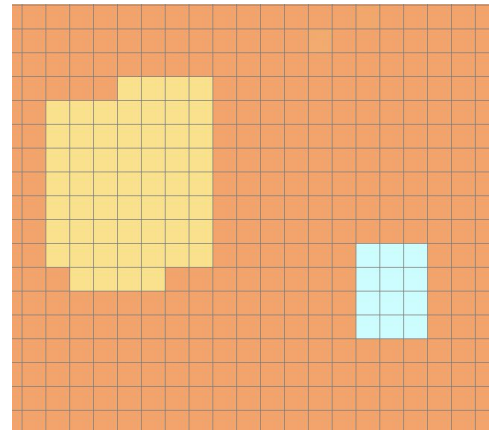
## Counting compartments



Raw prediction



Pixels not having  
8-connected neighbors

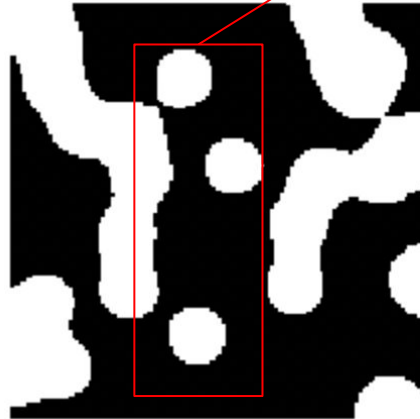


Remove isolated pixels

## Counting compartments

- Only the area larger than certain pixels will be counted
- Different threshold for different types of items:
  - Door & windows: 80 pixels
  - Living room & Dining room: 120 pixels
  - Storage room/closet : 200 pixels

These three areas are  
less than 300 pixels



Original image



Removing areas  
under 300 pixels

## Model Evaluation - Feature Elements

Accuracy			
Element #	Feature Element	Model_20_Ir5-e4	Model_AMS3_Ir5-e4
0	background	0.9966	0.9972
1	closet	0.1656	0.0
2	bathroom/washroom	0.4469	0.0
3	livingroom/kitchen/dining room	0.4077	0.0
4	bedroom	0.4628	0.0
5	hall	0.3281	0.0
6	balcony	0.1792	0.0
9	door & window	1.0000	1.0000
10	wall	0.8046	0.7704

