FINAL ASSIGNMENT - DEEP LEARNING (CNN)

Project Background & Objective

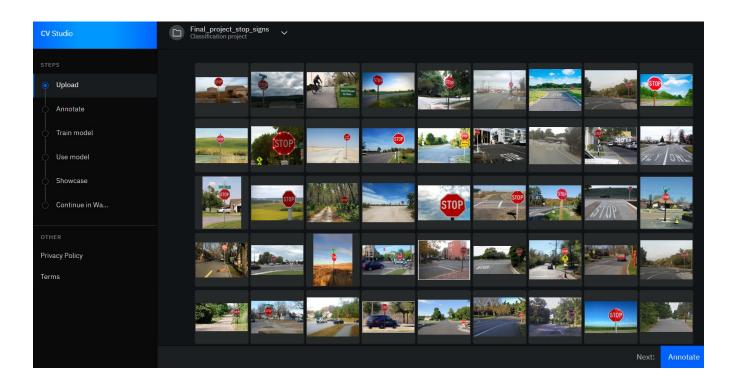
The goal of the project was to build a convolutional neural network to identify stop signs for self-driving cars.

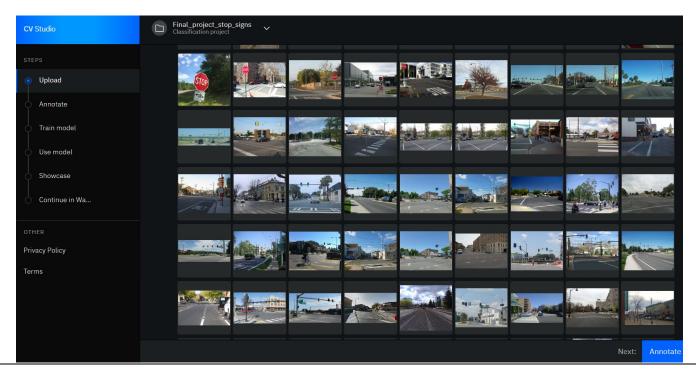
About the Dataset

The dataset consisted of several thousand examples of roads with stop signs and roads without stop signs. These were gathered from the internet and all of the stop signs were in English.

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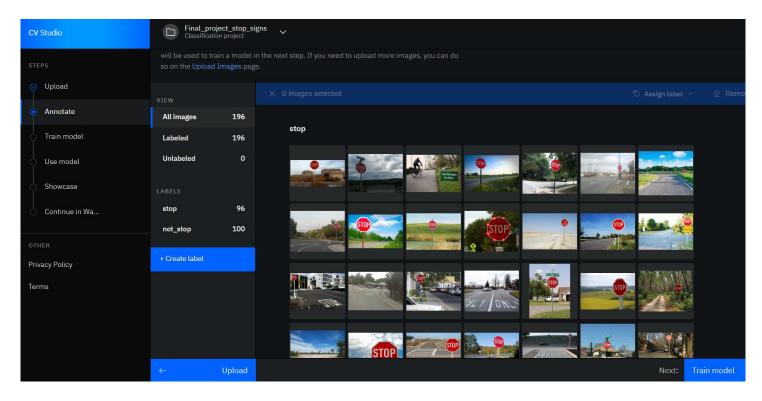
As the data was a basket of images there was not much analysis or pre-processing to do. In some instances, the photos needed to be cropped and rotated. Some images were rotated to make the model more robust although in the case of stop signs specifically, the cameras on the car should be reading them from the right side up (i.e. on its wheels).



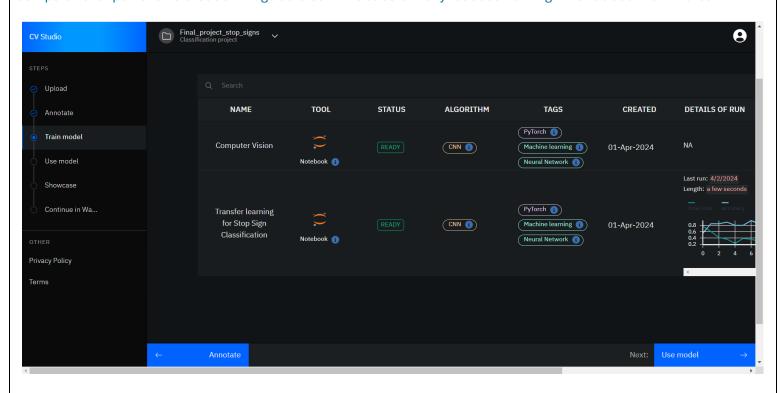


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Photos were then labelled as "Stop" or "Not-Stop"

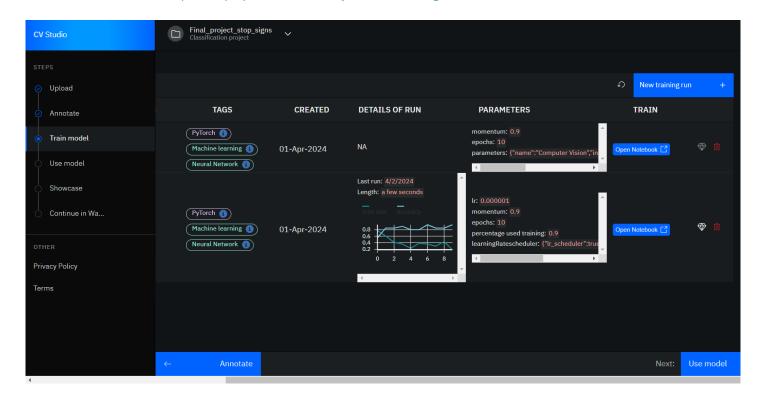


The model was then trained on a convolutional neural network in PyTorch The model utilized transfer learning whereby the high-level data set of stop signs was overlaid a deeper data set which had been pre-trained with more data and computational power on a broader image data set. This substantially reduced training time to about 20 minutes.

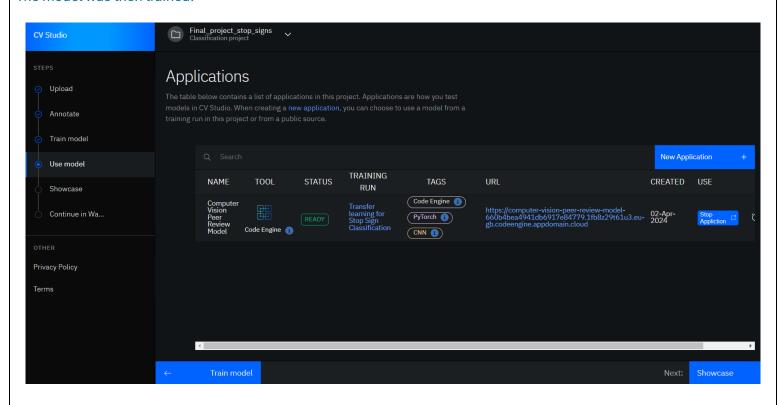


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I used a limited number of epochs (10) with a relatively small learning rate.



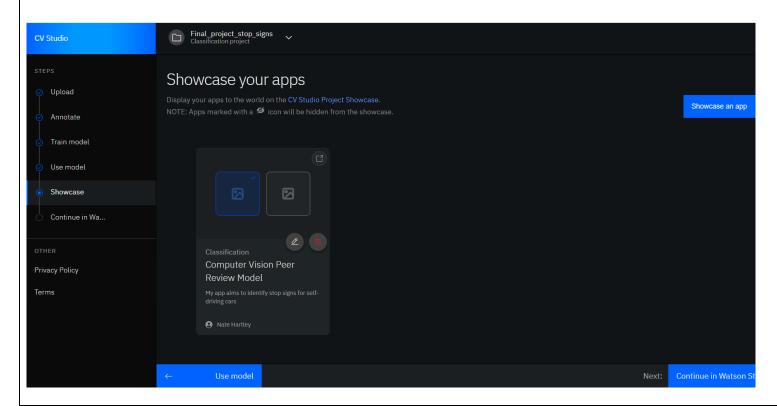
The model was then trained:



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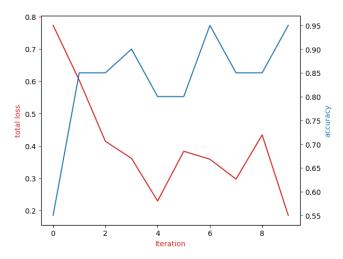
The final app can be viewed here: https://computer-vision-peer-review-model-660b4bea4941db6917e84779.1fb8z29t61u3.eu-gb.codeengine.appdomain.cloud/

The source python file can be found here: https://github.com/NH-Davis/IBM-Deep-Learning-Final-Assignment



Model Evaluation

The model performed as expected, not entirely perfect but high accuracy – up to 95% after 8 iterations



Suggested Next Steps

Although the model displayed a high degree of accuracy I think it would be important to push this even higher – to 99% or even more given the human safety implications of misidentifying a traffic sign. A larger data set and more layers in the model could make this possible.