

AIoT vision sensor with ESP32–S3

TinyML implementation

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Expected learning outcomes

| Technical competencies | Activities |
|---------------------------------|---|
| ML and TinyML concepts | Lectures: introduction to ML and TinyML Demonstration: object detection device |
| Dev tools, SDK and API | Lectures: Python , TensorFlow API , Demonstration: Edge Impulse workflow |
| Data collection and preparation | Lectures: data collection and labeling Practice: image capture, label and upload |
| Model selection and training | Lectures: models for object detection Practice: FOMO model training and tuning |
| ML inferencing | Lectures: Edge Impulse firmware Practice: firmware customization |
| ML deploiment | Lectures: MQTT protocol Practice: capture, detect and report scenarios |

Learning tools

- Lilygo T-SIMCAM: [ESP32S3 \(16 MB Flash / 8MB PSRAM\)](#), [OV2640 camera \(2 Mpixels\)](#)
- Edge Impulse
- VS Code with Python and Platform.io extension + PySide



0. Edge computing – vision on MCU



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmBWmXDLIdY>

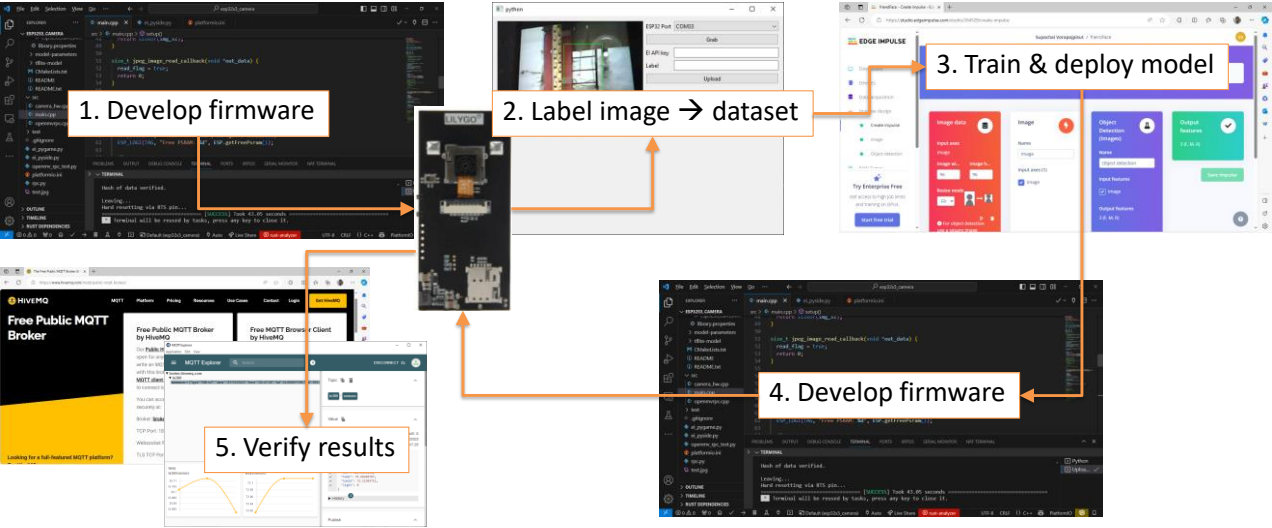
0. AIoT development workflow



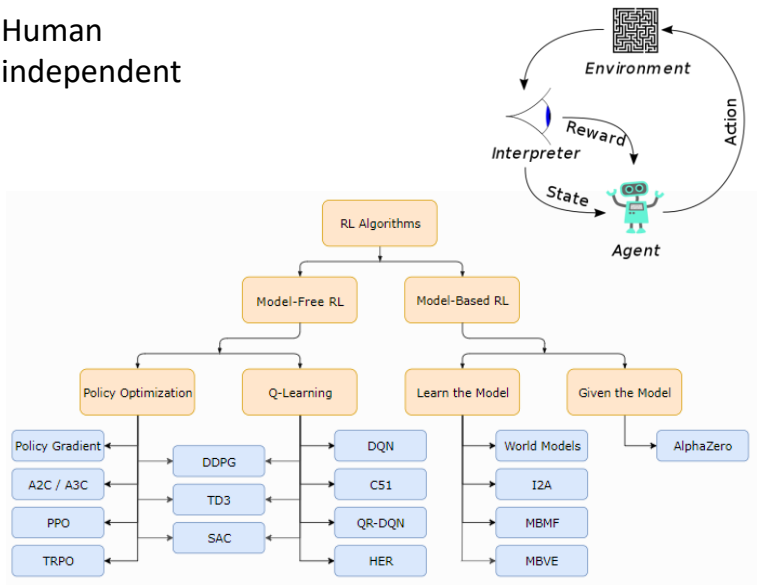
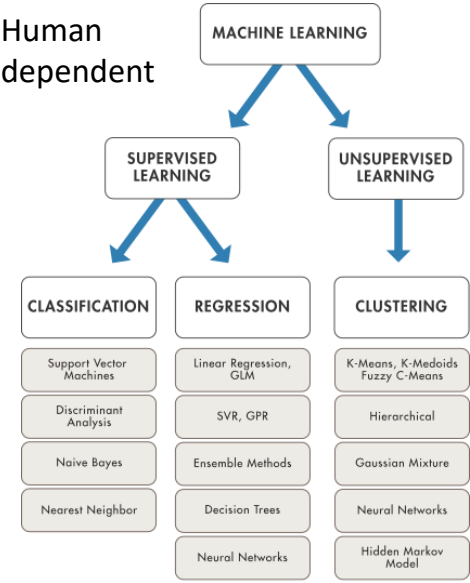
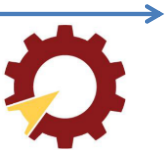
VS Code + Platform.io extension

PySide6 + OpenCV

Edge impulse



1. Machine learning

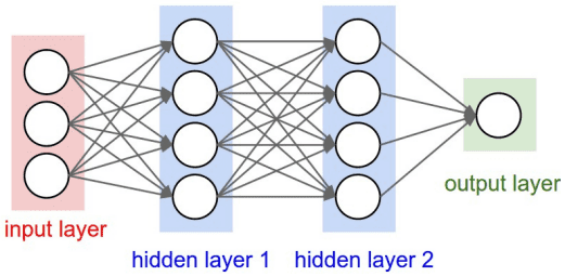


1. Neural network



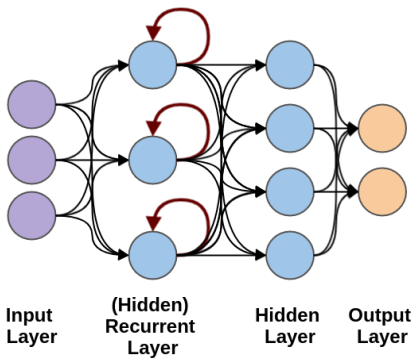
Feedforward NN

- Features → input node
- Output types → output layer
- Complexity → hidden layer/nodes

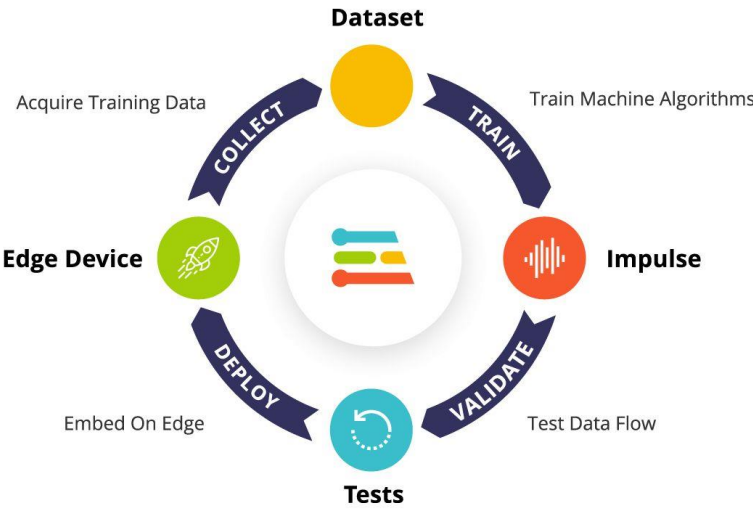


Recurrent NN

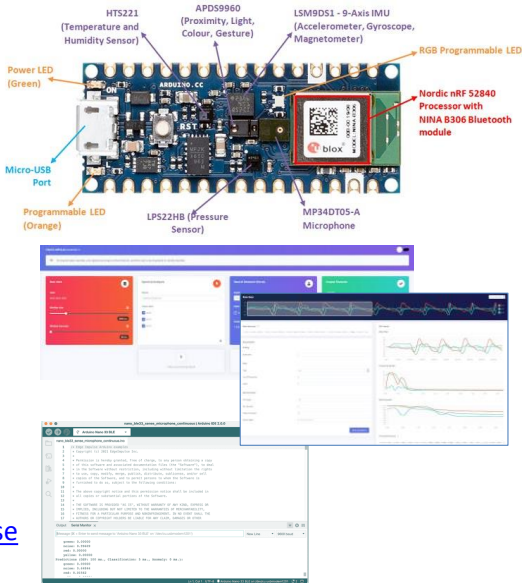
+ temporal/sequence → feedback loops



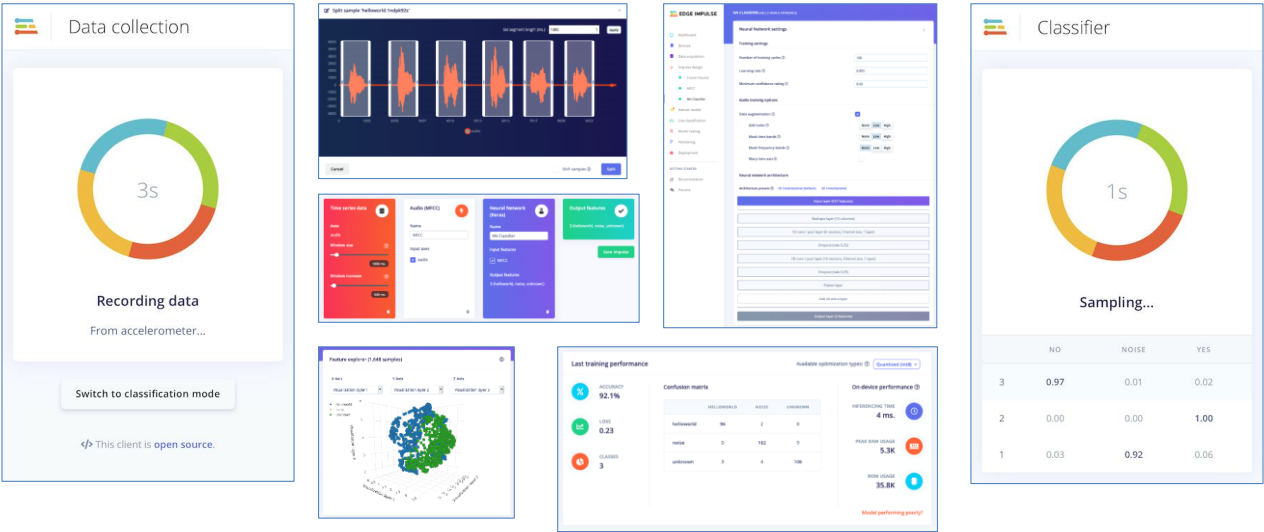
1. Edge Impulse workflow



<https://edgeimpulse.com/blog/getting-started-with-edge-impulse>



1. Smartphone as TinyML frontend



<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/docs/development-platforms/using-your-mobile-phone>

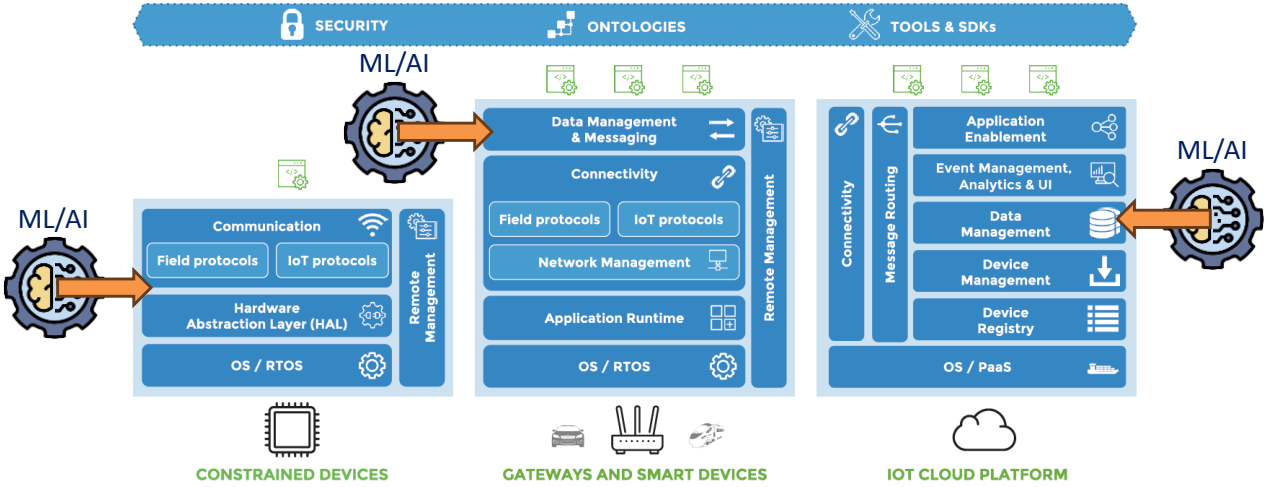


Practice #1 edge impulse

1. Register and create Edge Impulse project
2. Activate smartphone for data collection
3. Collect voice dataset
4. Train classification model
5. Do live classification

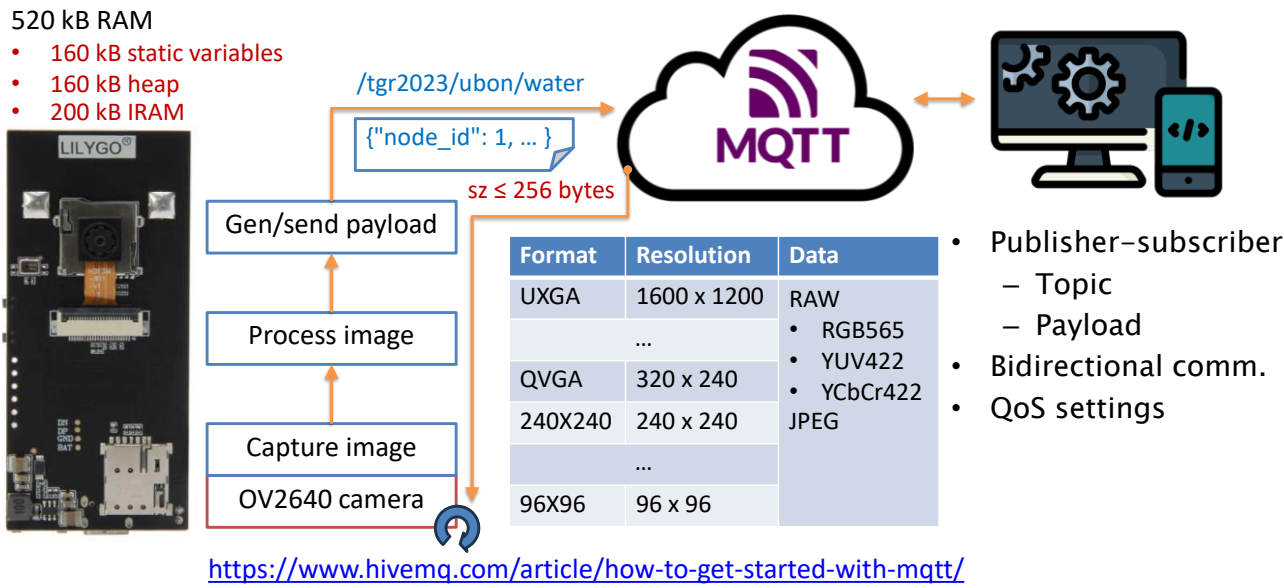
<https://edgeimpulse.com/university>

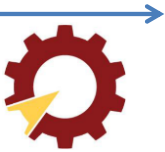
2. IoT software stack ← AI features



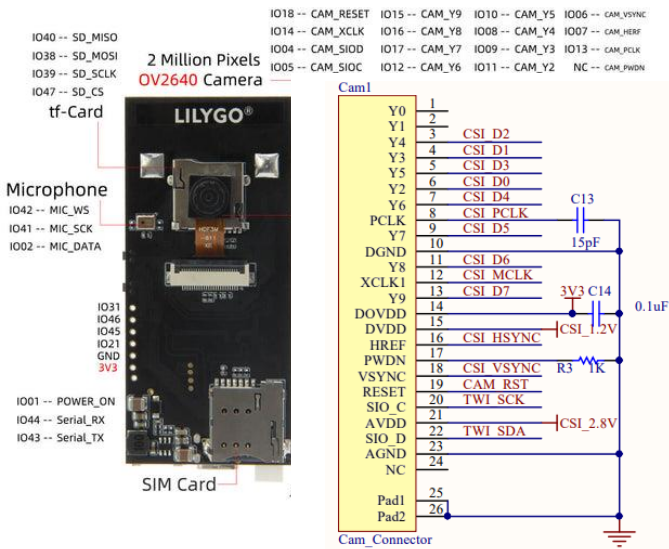
Ref: The Three Software Stacks Required for IoT Architectures

2. From edge vision to Internet





2. ESP32 camera interface



esp32-camera library

- Need PSRAM
- `esp_camera_init(&camera_config);`
- Pin configuration
- Pixel format: **JPEG**
- Frame size: **240x240**
- Frame buffer: **2**
- Mode: **grab when empty**
- `fb = esp_camera_fb_get();`
- Pointer to **camera_fb_t**
- `esp_camera_fb_return(fb);`
- Return frame buffer

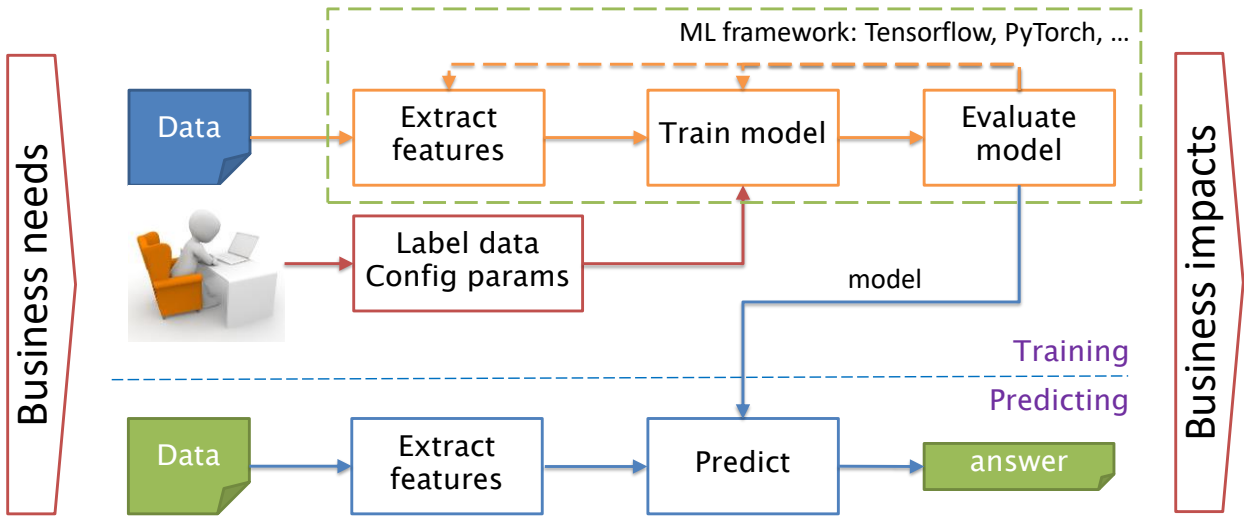
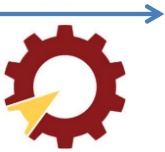
<https://github.com/espressif/esp32-camera>

Practice #2 camera capture

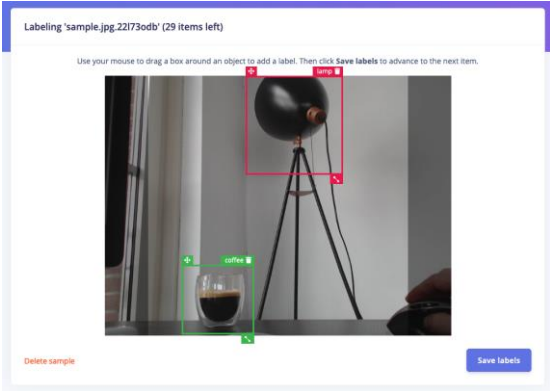


1. Open project [tgr2023_05_camera](#)
2. Write code to configure, initialize, and capture images on button pressed
 - Configure OV2640 pins
 - Initialize camera in [setup\(\)](#)
 - Snapshot camera in [loop\(\)](#)
3. Test when camera is covered and pointed to different scenes

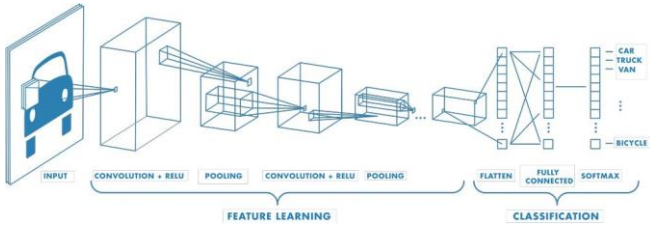
3. Supervised learning



4. Object detection



MobileNetV2 SSD FPN-Lite



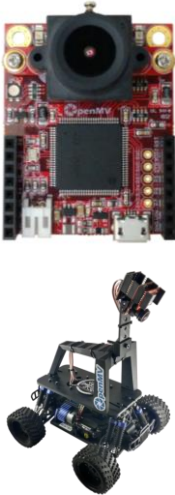
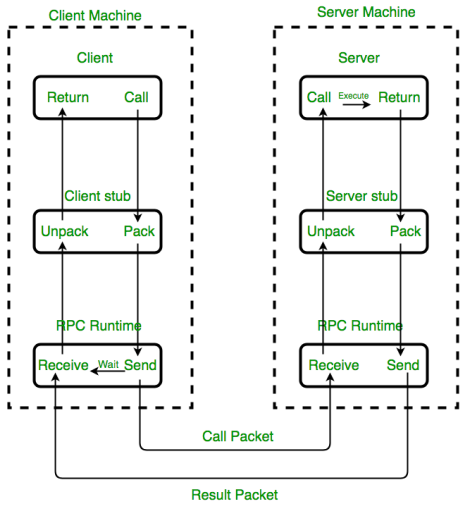
Model training

- Train/test dataset
- Image size
- Bounding box = location + size

<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/docs/tutorials/end-to-end-tutorials/object-detection/object-detection>

<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/docs/tutorials/end-to-end-tutorials/object-detection/detect-objects-using-fomo>

3. Remote Procedure Call (RPC) protocol



Remote device (server/slave)

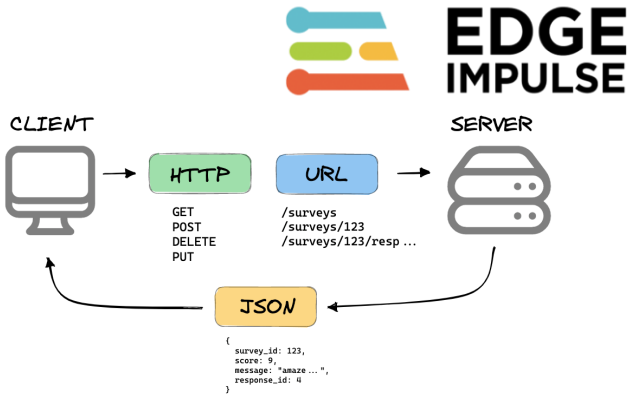
- Register callback
`rpc.register_callback("dummyFcn", dummyFcn)`
- Prepare callback
`size_t dummyFcn(void *out){}`
`void dummyFcn(void *in,size_t len){}`

Controller (client/master)

- Call remote task
`rpc.call_no_args("dummyFcn",&in, sizeof(in))`
`rpc.call("dummyFcn", &out, sizeof(out))`

<https://github.com/openmv/openmv-arduino-rpc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRHrqIKBZ3s>

3. Edge Impulse: ingestion API



- API endpoint
<https://ingestion.edgeimpulse.com>
POST /api/training/files
POST /api/testing/files

- Headers

| header | parameters |
|--------------|---|
| x-api-key | API key |
| x-label | label text |
| Content-type | multipart/form-data application/json |

- Payload

<https://edgeimpulse.readme.io/reference/ingestion-api>



Practice #3 AIoT data collection

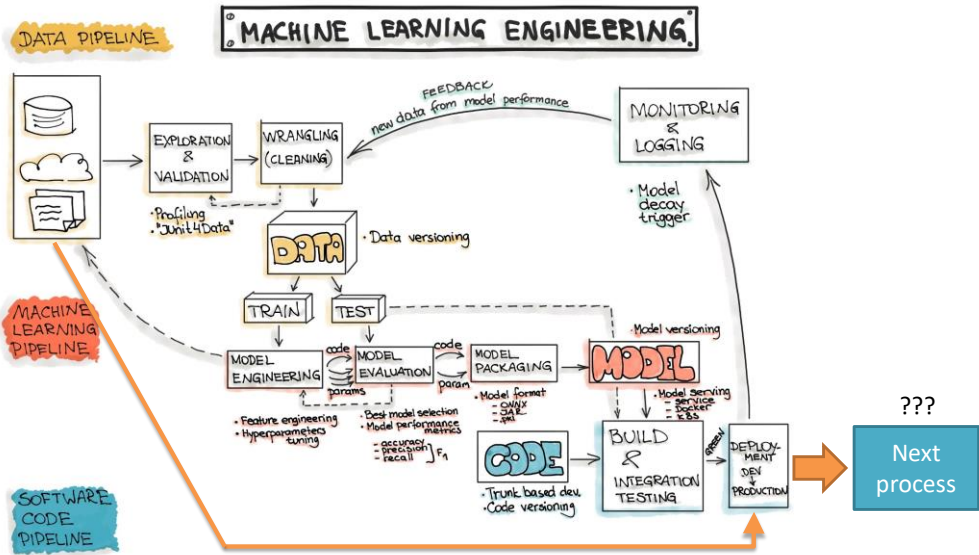
1. Open project [tgr2023_06_imglabel](#)
2. Install Python and required libraries

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```
3. Modify main.cpp to add RPC callback
 - `button_read_callback()` read and return button status
 - `jpeg_image_snapshot_callback()` snapshot image
 - `jpeg_image_read_callback()` read image via Serial
4. Run [ei_pyside.py](#) to grab and label image
 - Use API key from Edge Impulse web

3. End-to-End ML workflow

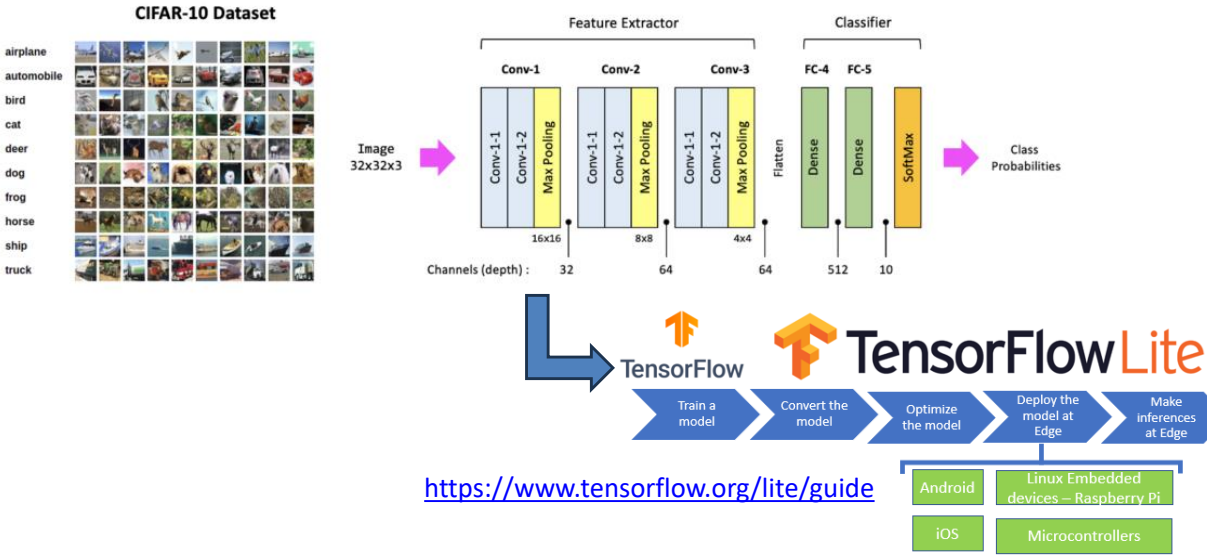
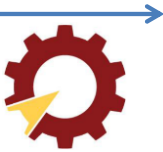


- Human (staff, customer)
- Machine
- Other sources



<https://ml-ops.org/content/end-to-end-ml-workflow>

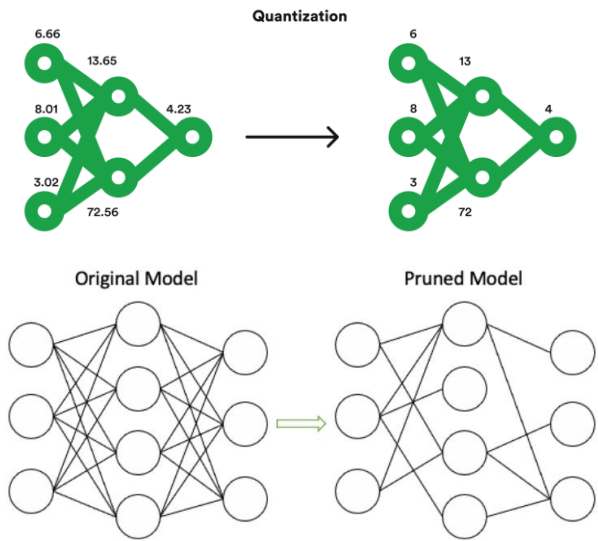
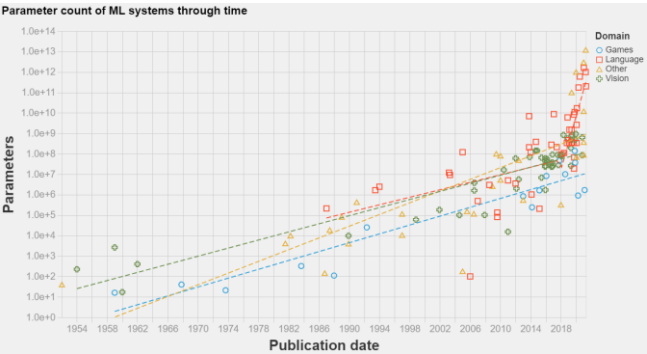
4. TensorFlow Lite



4. TinyML: quantization and pruning



Neural network parameters



4. Faster Objects, More Objects (FOMO)



RAW DATA

beer.2p8tgv8.ba85f4502171.jpg.2p917e7q

Raw features

0x2f2e3e, 0x313841, 0x343242, 0x363645, 0x393b4a, 0x3f4150, 0x454857, 0x595...

Classification result

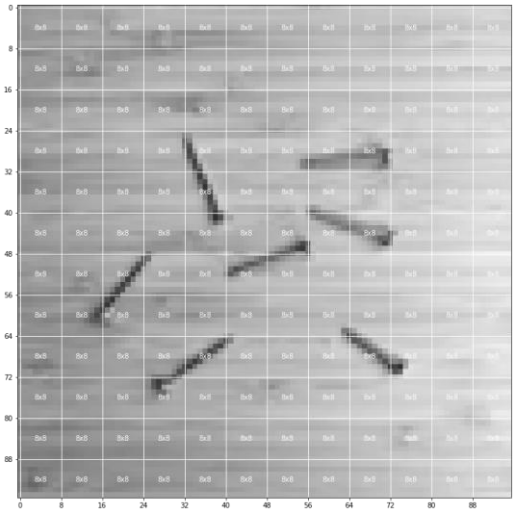


<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/docs/edge-impulse-studio/learning-blocks/object-detection/fomo-object-detection-for-constrained-devices>



4. Training FOMO model

| layer | tensor shape | #parameters | comment |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| input | (None, 160, 160, 3) | 0 | input |
| MobileNet-V2 backbone | (None, 20, 20, 96) | 15,840 | image feature extractor |
| dense (Conv2D) | (None, 20, 20, 32) | 3,104 | fully convolutional classi |
| logits (Conv2D) | (None, 20, 20, 2) | 66 | fully convolutional classi |



320 x 320 pixels → 12 x 12 heatmap

4. End-to-End edge vision workflow



1. Create project → [target ESP32-EYE](#)
2. Train model
 1. Grab image and label bounding box → [EI Ingestion API](#)
 2. Create and train model → [FOMO model](#)
 3. Deploy as C++ project → [Arduino firmware](#)
3. Create inference firmware
 1. Add C++ as library
 2. Grab image, convert to bitmap, resize to feature size
 3. Provide features via callback → [signal_t](#) struct
 4. Run classifier → `run_classifier(&signal, &result, false);`
 5. Interpret result → `result`.

<https://www.survivingwithandroid.com/tinymml-esp32-cam-edge-image-classification-with-edge-impulse/>

Practice #4



1. Open project tgr2023_07_vision
2. Extract Edge Impulse firmware into /lib
3. Modify code to grab image, prepare feature, classify, and see result
4. Take snapshot and check result