FontGen

Generating fonts using a neural net

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In[21]:=
```
ClearAll["Global`*"]
SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
```

I spend a lot of time trying to identify and download fonts, so a program that could do it for me would be wonderful. There are many academic papers on the subject, but none of them have published their code, so I decided to implement it myself and learn more about deep learning along the way.

Data

The data is a whopping 13+ gigabytes and was scraped from the internet by someone else. It can be downloaded here.

```
Import["fonts.hdf5", {"Dimensions"}]
```

```
⟨|/fonts → {56443, 62, 64, 64}|⟩
```

I debugged the neural net using a much smaller dataset, consisting of my personal collection of fonts. The smaller dataset was created by running a script written by the same guy who got the original data.

```
Import["fonts.small.hdf5", {"Dimensions"}]
f = Import["fonts.small.hdf5", {"Datasets", "fonts"}];
Image[f[[1]][[1]]]
```

```
⟨|/fonts → {21, 62, 64, 64}|⟩
```

Network

Each letter is 64x64 pixels.

```
(* We use 4 letters as input... *)
4 * 64^2
(* ... and get 62 letters as output. *)
62 * 64^2
```

```
16 384
```

```
253 952
```

There are $4*64^2 = 16,384$ input neurons, and $62*64^2 = 253,952$ output neurons. The letters chosen for the inputs are “B”, “A”, “S”, and “Q”.

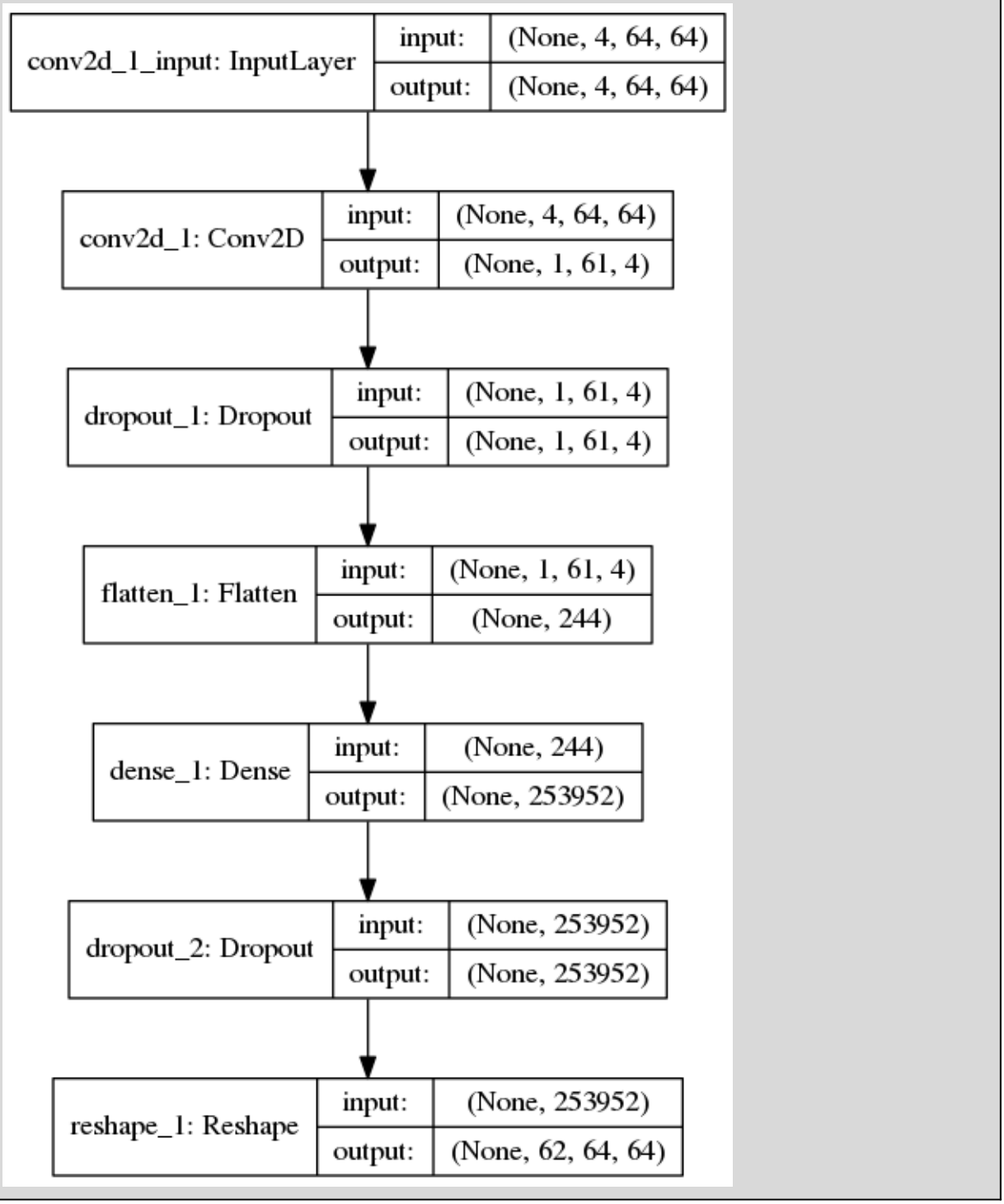
```
(* http://bit.ly/2oeHyZX *)
Range[0, 25];
letters = AssociationThread[ToUpperCase[#] & /@ Alphabet[], %];
Lookup[letters, {"B", "A", "S", "Q"}]
Image[f[[1]][[# + 1]]] & /@ %
```

```
{1, 0, 18, 16}
```

Model

In[4]:=
```
Import["img/model.png"]
```

Out[4]=



Running `model.save_weights()` saves the model and its weights to an HDF5 file, which can be loaded to recreate the model (see the documentation).

In[43]:=
```
Import["model.hdf5", {"Dimensions"}]
```

Out[43]=
```
⟨| /conv2d_1/conv2d_1/bias:0 → {4}, /conv2d_1/conv2d_1/kernel:0 → {4, 4, 64, 4},
 /dense_1/dense_1/bias:0 → {253 952}, /dense_1/dense_1/kernel:0 → {244, 253 952} |⟩
```

You can download the final model here.

Evaluation

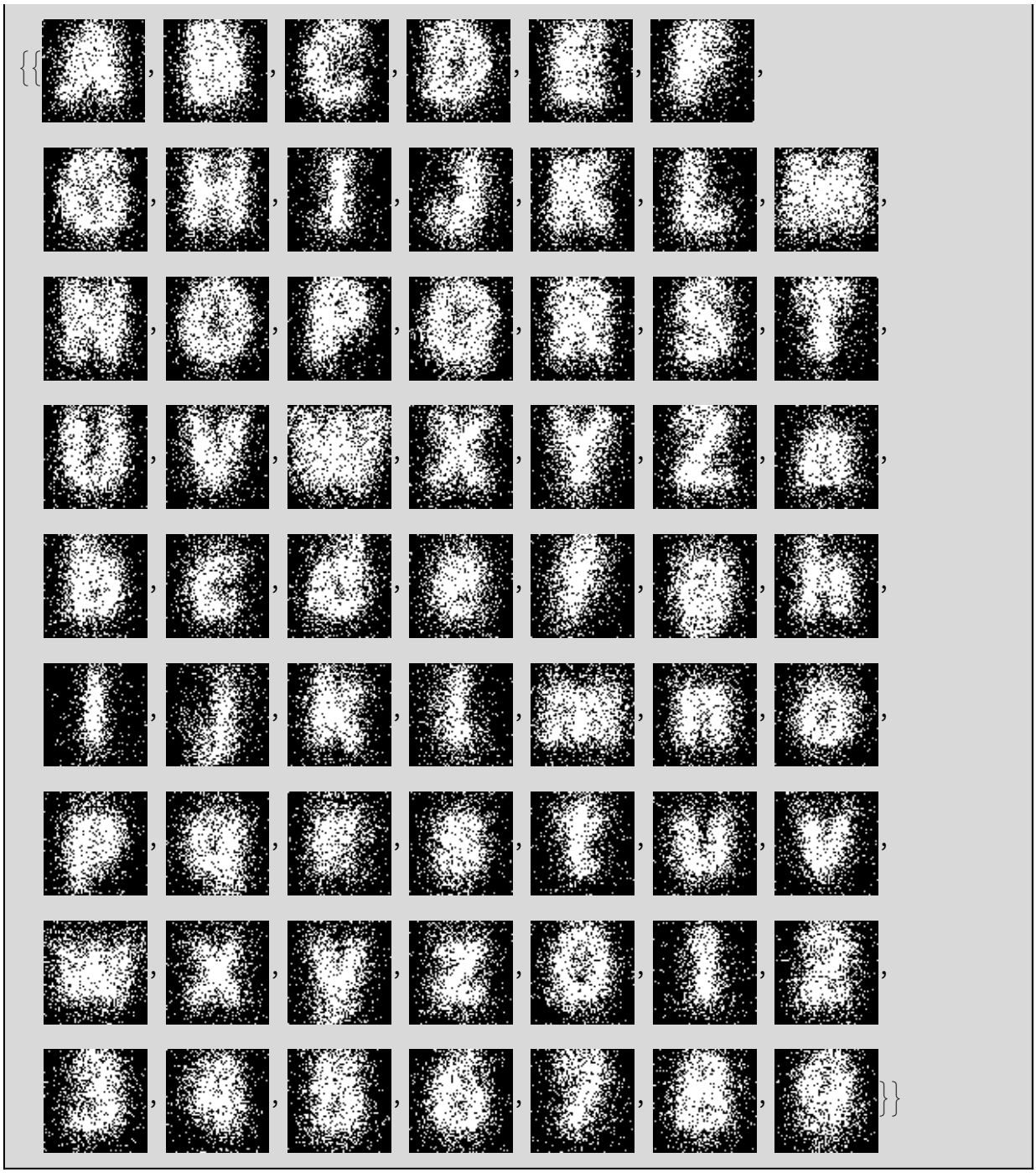
```
(* Transforms a list of image arrays to a list of images. *)
displayFont[f_]:=Map[Map[Image,#]&,f];
```

I tested the model on the font Ubuntu Mono, which is available for download here.

In[39]:=
```
testInput = Import["test.hdf5", {"input"}];
displayFont[testInput]
output = Import["test.hdf5", {"output"}];
displayFont[output]
```

Out[40]=

Out[42]=



You can make out the individual letters, but clearly this isn't an exact recreation. Since I'm still relatively new to deep learning, I'm fairly pleased with these results.

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