Darknet Training

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YOLO Training Command and object file

- $ ./darknet detector train *object_specific_file* *config_file* *weight_file* [options]
  - *object_specific_file*: specifies number of classes, files to locate images for training and validation, file containing object names (class names), and directory for backup for weights
  - *config_file*: network configuration file
  - *weight_file*: weight file
  - options
    - -dont_show not to show progress
    - -map to see mAP (mean average precisions)
  - weight files
    - After training is complete: “yolo-obj_final.weights” in the “backup” directory
    - Temporary weight files will be saved in the “backup” directory
      - yolo-obj_*1000*.wights

Object file and train/valid file

object file example

```
classes= 2
train  = data/train.txt
valid  = data/test.txt
names = data/obj.names
backup = backup/
```

- number of classes to detect
- file name with path, which containing a list of images to be used for training along with label and bounding box file
- file name with path, which containing a list of images to be used for validation along with label and bounding file
- file name with path containing class names
- directory for saving temporary weight files

train file example

```
data/obj/img1.jpg
data/obj/img2.jpg
data/obj/img3.jpg
```

test file example

```
data/obj/img1.jpg
data/obj/img2.jpg
data/obj/img3.jpg
```

Configuration file

- Modify YOLO configuration file for your own training
  - Set the number of classes (i.e., objects)
  - Set the value of filter
    - For Yolov2 (classes + 5)*5
    - For Yolov3 (classes + 5)*3

Configuration file example

```
...
[convolutional]
...
filters=35
...
[region]
...
classes=2
...
```


Labeling object with bouncing box

- Darknet requires text file for each image file
  - E.g., ‘my_image.txt’ for ‘my_image.jpg’

label file example: image file name with ‘.txt’ extension

<object-class> <x_center> <y_center> <width> <height>

with and height of bounding box raining from 0.0 to 1.0
* float values relative to width and height of the image

center of bounding box raining from 0.0 to 1.0
* float values relative to width and height of the image

object identification in integer from 0 to (classes-1)

label file example: img1.txt for img1.jpg

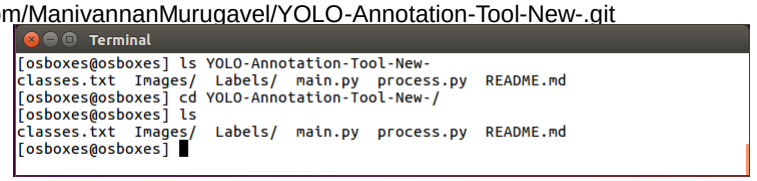
```
1 0.716797 0.395833 0.216406 0.147222
0 0.687109 0.379167 0.255469 0.158333
1 0.420312 0.395833 0.140625 0.166667
```

Labeling image files

- Yolo_mark
  - https://github.com/AlexeyAB/Yolo_mark
  - GUI for marking bounded boxes of objects in images for training neural network Yolo v3 and v2
  - C++
  - It requires OpenCV.
- Yolo-Annotation-Tool
  - https://github.com/ManivannanMurugavel/YOLO-Annotation-Tool
  - https://github.com/ManivannanMurugavel/Yolo-Annotation-Tool-New-
  - Pyton
  - It requires conversion for Darknet format of labeling.
- BBox_Label
  - https://github.com/puzzledqs/BBox-Label-Tool
  - A simple tool for labeling object bounding boxes in images, implemented with Python Tkinter.
  - Pyton
  - It requires conversion for Darknet format of labeling.

YOLO-Annotation-Tool case (1/3)

- Download the tool
  - $ git clone https://github.com/ManivannanMurugavel/YOLO-Annotation-Tool-New-.git

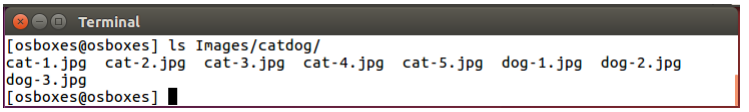


- Modify ‘classes.txt’ for your classes

classes.txt

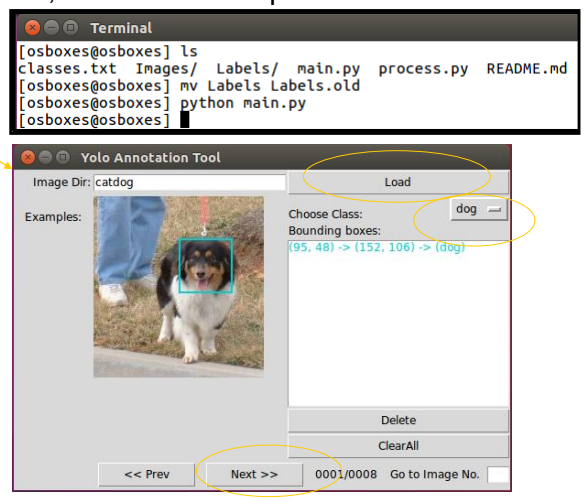
cat
dog

- Make a directory under “Images” directory and then put image files with “.jpg” extension in the new directory, say ‘Images/catdog’.



YOLO-Annotation-Tool case (2/3)

- Rename ‘Labels’ directory if you need it, since it will be updated.
  - $ mv Labels Labels.old
- Run ‘main.py’ with Python
  - $ python main.py
- Enter the directory name
  - Directory under the ‘Images’
- Click ‘Load’
  - 1. choose class
  - 2. draw bounding box on the image
  - 3. click ‘Next’ button
  - 4. repeat from 1 for each image
- Label files will be created
  - See ‘Labels/catdog’



Prepare train and test file

- You need to prepare two files say ‘tain.txt’ and ‘test.txt’, which contains file names to be used for train and test (verification).
- Modify ‘process.py’
  - ‘current_dir= .....’ ➔ “current_dir = “Images/catdog”
  - ‘percentage_test = 10’ ➔ portion to be used for verification if you want to change.
- Run ‘process.py’
  - $ python process.py
- Then ‘train.txt’ and ‘test.txt’ file will be generated.
  - ‘test.txt’ may not contain any file name when there are not sufficient image files.

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