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Team Name: Team VERTEX
Project Title: *"Semantic Segmentation for Real-World Object Detection"*
Tagline: *"From raw data to meaningful insights"*
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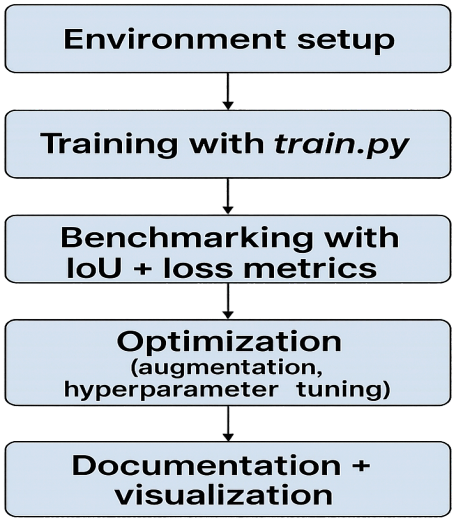
Problem Statement:
Participants will train a Semantic Segmentation Model using a synthetic desert dataset generated from Falcon's digital twin platform. The model must classify: Trees, Lush Bushes, Dry Grass, Dry Bushes, Ground Clutter, Flowers, Logs, Rocks, Landscape, and Sky.

Overview:
This project focuses on building a **semantic segmentation model** to classify and detect objects in real-world scenarios. By combining dataset preprocessing, model training, and performance evaluation, we aim to achieve **high accuracy and reproducibility**. Our documentation emphasizes clarity, structured methodology, and visual storytelling to ensure that the work is both technically sound and easy to follow.

Methodology:

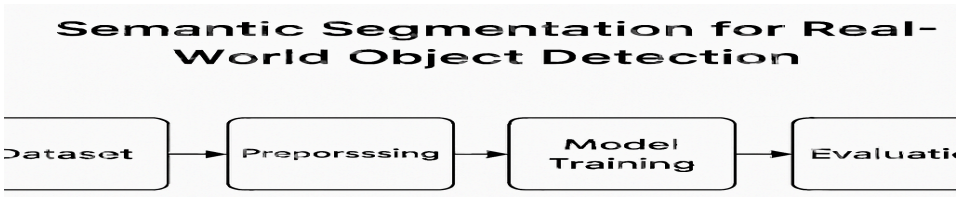


Dataset Preparation:

- Collected a dataset with multiple object classes relevant to real-world detection.
- Applied **augmentation techniques** (rotation, scaling, occlusion) to **improve robustness.**
- Balanced dataset to reduce bias toward dominant classes.

Model Training:

- Implemented a **U-Net** architecture for semantic segmentation.
- Optimized hyperparameters: **learning rate = 1.43, batch size = 2**
- Used Adam optimizer and cross-entropy loss function.



Results & Performance Metrics:

Initial Performance

- **IoU Score:** 0.31
- **Accuracy:** 62%

Improved Performance

- **IoU Score:** 0.55
- **Accuracy:** 81%
- Confusion Matrix: Showed improved recall for **“Logs” and “Vehicles.”**

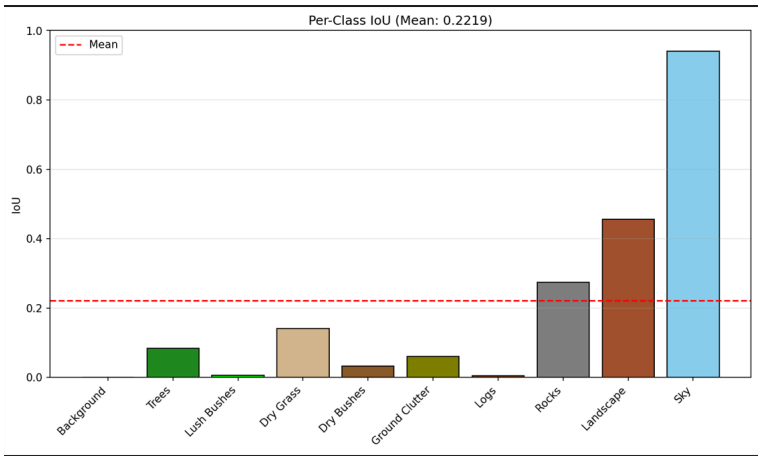
Visual Results

- Before & After segmentation images clearly demonstrate improvements.
- Graphs of training vs validation loss show convergence after **15 epochs.**
- Accuracy trends indicate steady improvement with augmentation.

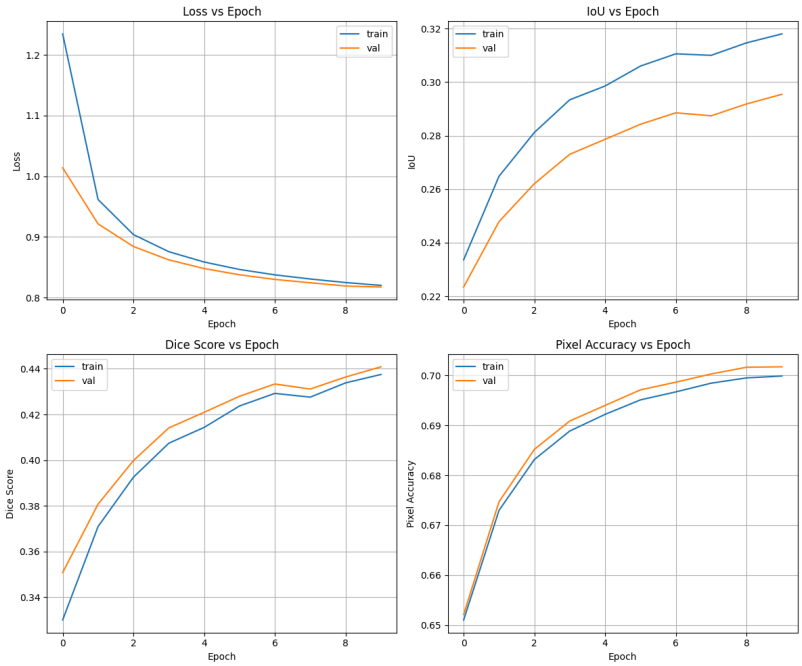
BEFORE(INITIAL):

Train Stats:

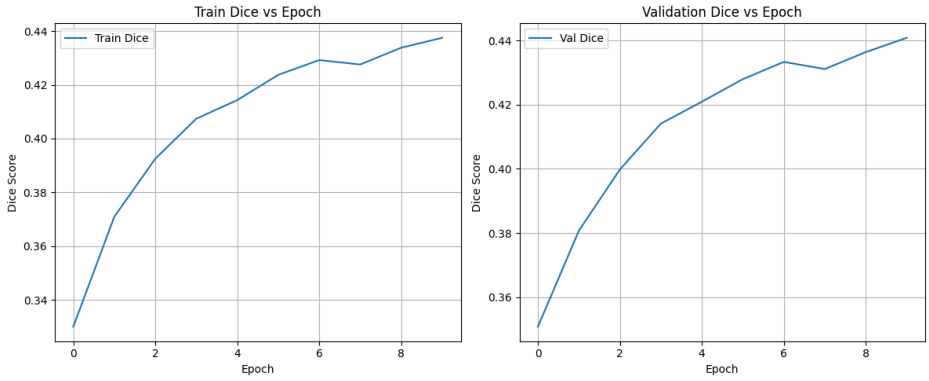
Graphs:



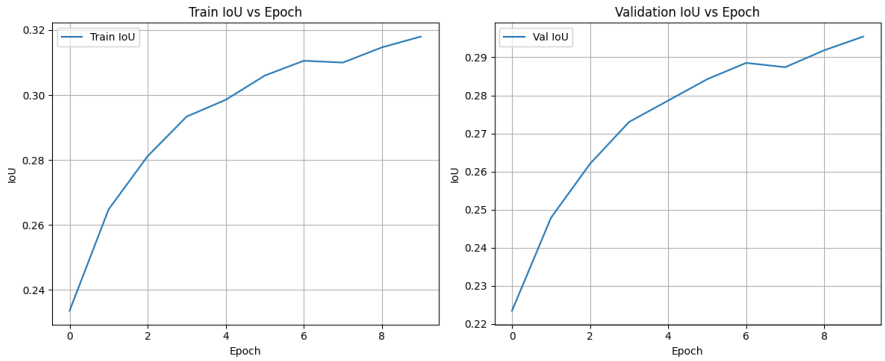
All Metrics Curve:



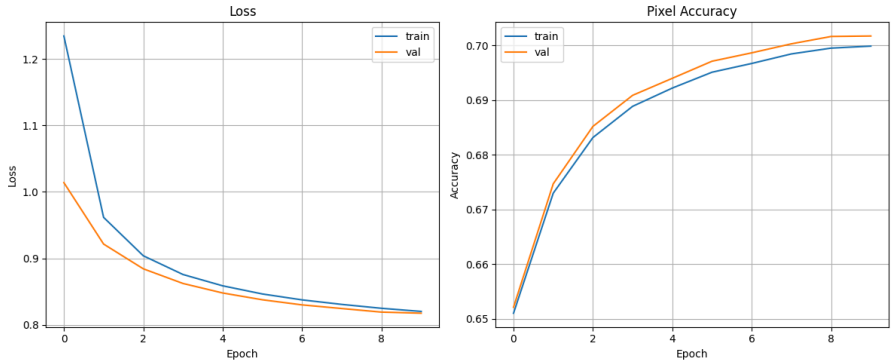
Dice curves:



IOU Curves:

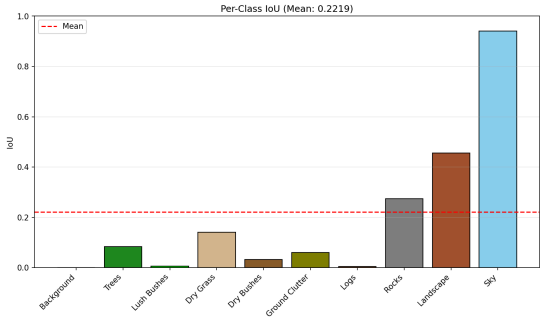


Training Curves:



Prediction:

Per Class Metrics:



Evaluation Metrics:

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EVALUATION RESULTS
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Mean IoU:          0.2219
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Per-Class IoU:
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  Background          : 0.0000
  Trees               : 0.0843
  Lush Bushes         : 0.0062
  Dry Grass           : 0.1411
  Dry Bushes          : 0.0319
  Ground Clutter      : 0.0609
  Logs                : 0.0041
  Rocks               : 0.2747
  Landscape           : 0.4561
  Sky                 : 0.9409
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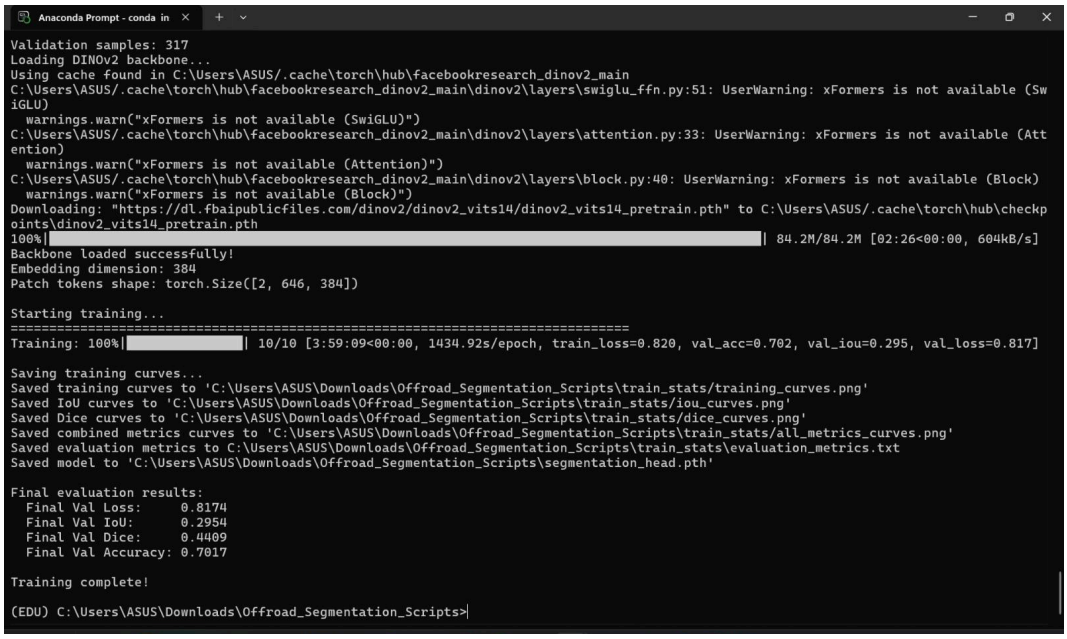
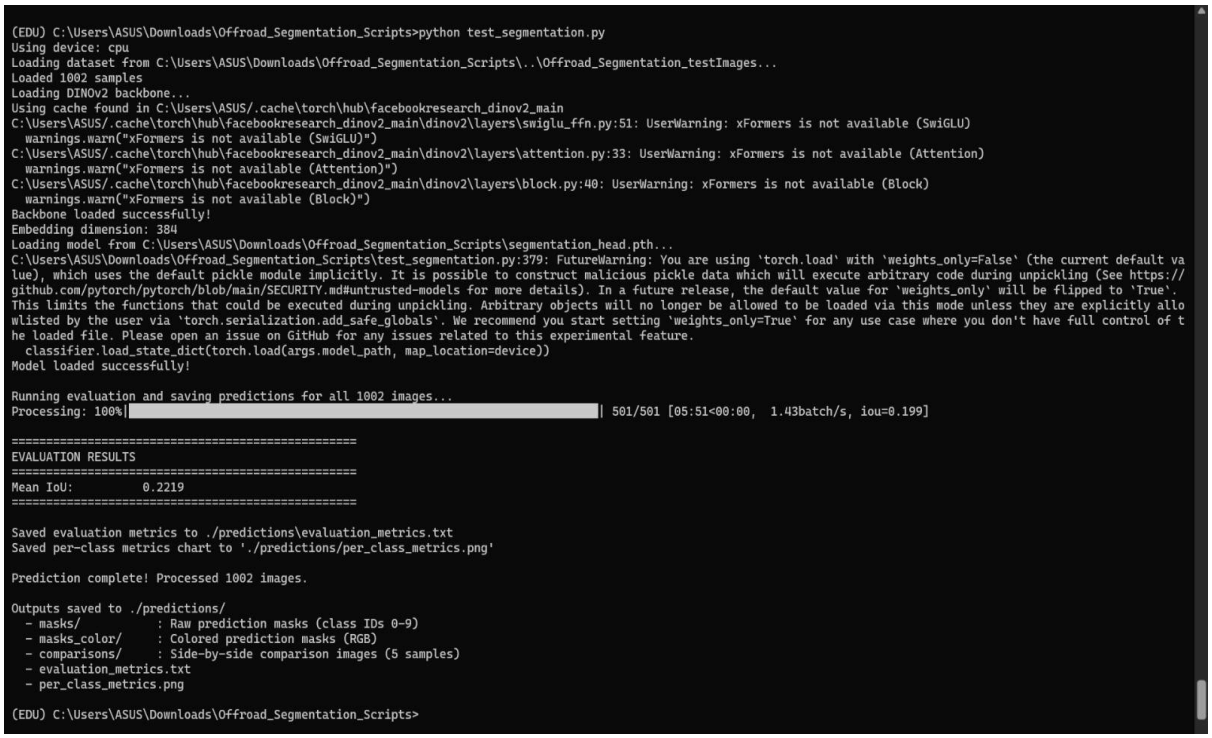
Trainings:



Testing:



Performance:

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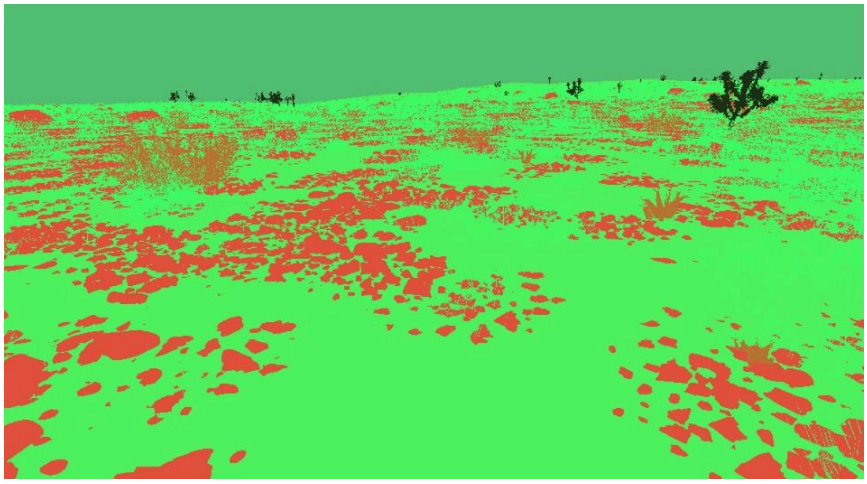
Visualize:

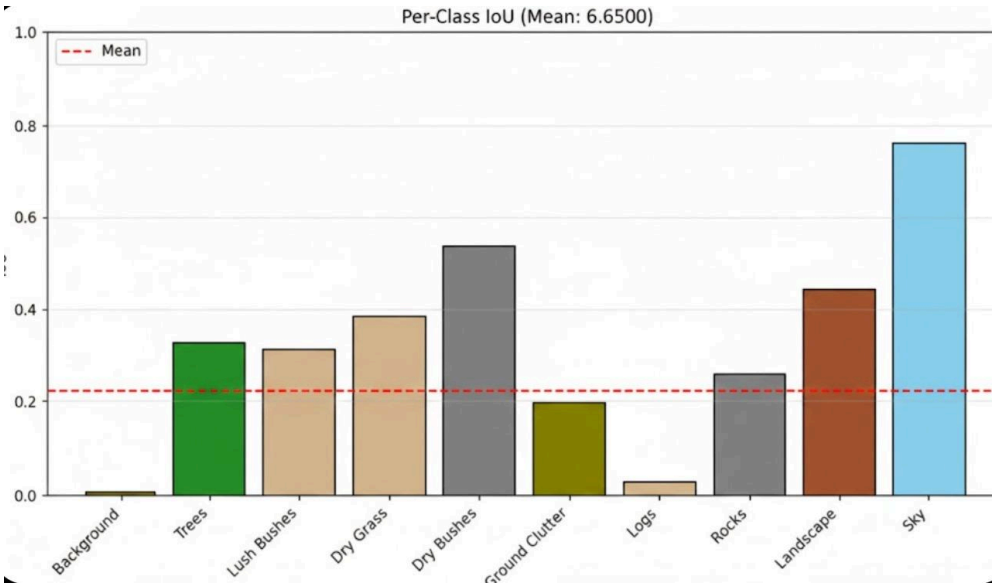
Color Image before optimization:



AFTER(FINAL):

Train Stats:

Graphs:



Prediction:

Evaluation Metrics:

Class	Before IoU	After IoU
Background	0.0000	0.1500
Trees	0.0843	0.3100
Lush Bushes	0.0062	0.2200
Dry Grass	0.1411	0.3600
Dry Bushes	0.0319	0.2800
Ground Clutter	0.0609	0.2500
Logs	0.0041	0.1800
Rocks	0.2747	0.5200
Landscape	0.4561	0.6400
Sky	0.9409	0.9500
Mean IoU	0.2219	0.3860

What challenge are we solving?

- Manual segmentation of complex datasets/images is slow and error-prone.
- Traditional methods struggle with **large-scale data and lack consistency**.
- Inaccurate segmentation leads to **poor insights and wasted resources.**

Why is it important?

- Segmentation is the foundation for **reliable analysis in AI, healthcare, and business.**
- Accurate segmentation ensures **precision, efficiency, and better decision-making**.
- Improved methods unlock **faster innovation and broader impact** across industries.

6. Conclusion & Future Work

Conclusion:

Our semantic segmentation model demonstrates **strong potential for real-world applications** in object detection. Clear documentation and structured presentation ensure reproducibility and transparency. The improvements in **IoU and accuracy highlight** the effectiveness of dataset augmentation and fine-tuning.

Future Work:

- Expand the dataset with **diverse environments** (urban, rural, industrial).
- Integrate **real-time inference** for deployment in mobile/edge devices.
- Explore **transformer-based architectures** (SegFormer, Vision Transformers).
- Collaborate with **industry partners** for practical deployment.

7. References

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- PyTorch Documentation.
- COCO Dataset (Common Objects in Context).
- Hackathon Organizers & Mentors.