



# Sentiment Analysis via Google's BERT

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[github.com/cmiddleman/BERT\\_sentiment\\_analysis](https://github.com/cmiddleman/BERT_sentiment_analysis)



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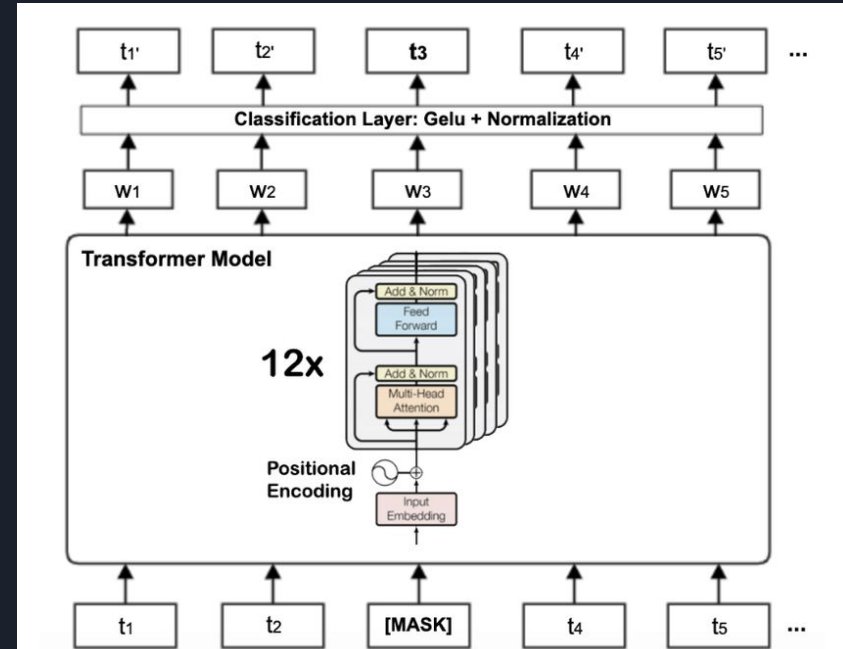


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- Chat analysis of the popular livestream platform twitch.

# What is BERT?

- B(idirectional) E(ncoder) R(epresentations) from T(ransformers)
- Masked language model
  - Learns by filling in the \_\_\_\_
- Trained on a \*large\* corpus of words
  - 2.5 billion words from wikipedia
  - 800 million words from various literary works
- [Original BERT paper](#)





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- Four million Amazon.com product reviews from kaggle.com
- Labeled positive or negative
- Balanced



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  - TPU - 2.5 hours
    - Gave some issues with pickling trained model for production
    - Work arounds were found



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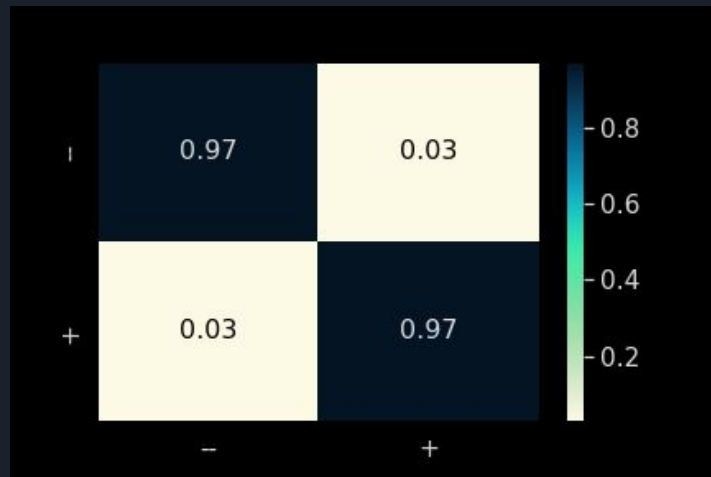
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review	label
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cute toy: I had one whenever I was a kid, and I loved it. I recently ordered this doll for my sister.	--
Returned: I apparently ordered an incorrect size as the filter did not fit my car thus I returned it!	+
Great movie: I liked the movie a lot. I saw it several years ago and it's one that I would see again.	--
Just Fein: Not only were the blades cheeper than the store bought blades, they seemed to last longer.	+





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- > 60,000 viewers on average





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- Turns task into supervised learning problem
- Label comments by surrounding emotes
  - Weighted by difference in time stamps



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It seems feasible for this to be applied to streamers reading sponsored ads to gauge how their chat is reacting when compared to typical content. Definitely more hidden information waiting to be uncovered!



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