

ECSE-552 Final Project Software Architecture

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Source File Organization

- Python files
 - Use for core modules like defining model class or feature extraction
 - Bulk of code in this format as it's easier to track diffs in GitHub
- Jupyter Notebook- Limited to setting up the execution environment
 - Download and install libraries
 - Connect to Google drive/external storage location
 - Initiate training data transfer and unzipping
 - Initiate training execution and display/save results
- GitHub stores:
 - Source code
 - Planning/architectural documents



Network Issue w/ Data Storage

- Google Colab storage doesn't persist → data needs to be uploaded each time
- Solution #1 – Store data on Gdrive and access Gdrive while training
 - Quota limits on per-user and per-file operation count and bandwidth quotas
 - Creates bottleneck where training loop could be stalled/waiting on data from network connection between Google Colab and Gdrive
- Better solution – Zip up data and transfer it all before training begins
 - More overhead upfront in terms of upload time
 - Data stored on drives associated with VM instance
 - Removes network connection from bottleneck
- Documented problem in [Google Colab FAQ](#)



Usage of Google Drive

- Serve as a common reference point for everyone similar to GitHub
- Don't make several copies across multiple Gdrives as maintenance becomes a pain
- Stores:
 - Training/validation/testing data (Pre-processed?)
 - Best model checkpoints from training?
 - Output graphs/logs/performance metrics

