

Why Microsoft Cognitive Services?

Easy	Flexible	Tested
Roll your own with REST APIs	Integrate into the language and platform of your choice	Built by experts in their field from Microsoft Research, Bing, and Azure Machine Learning
Simple to add: just a few lines of code required	Breadth of offerings helps you find the right API for your app	Quality documentation, sample code, and community support
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The problem

Image understanding in human-computer interaction is:

Technically challenging

It's exceedingly difficult to enable a computer to understand what a person wants and to find the pieces of information that are relevant to their intent.

Costly to implement

Building and maintaining machine learning systems requires a large investment of time, money and engineering resources

Often domain specific

In the past, building your own machine learned models often required assistance of a team of data scientists that would customize the models to the specific domain.



Custom Vision Service

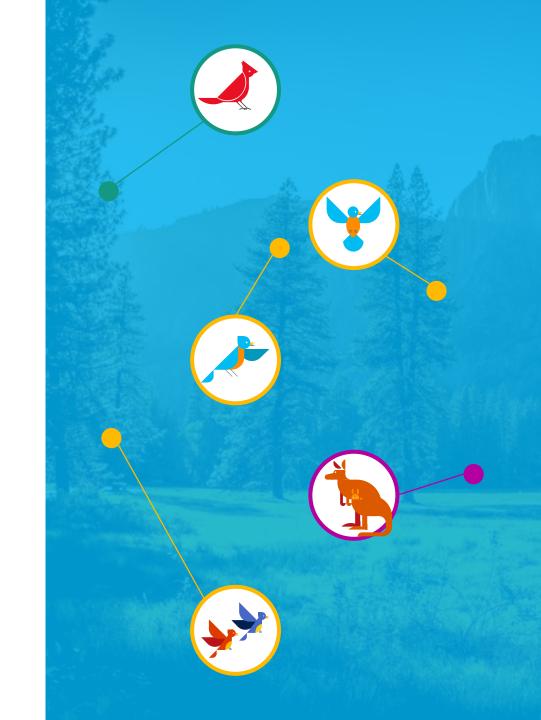
Custom Vision Service is an easy-to-use tool for prototyping, improving, and deploying a <u>custom</u> image classifier to a cloud service, without any background in computer vision required.

Example use cases

Custom Vision Service makes it easy to build a custom image classifier. For example:

Identify whether a photo includes a picture of your product

Differentiate between species of animals or types of tools



Advantages

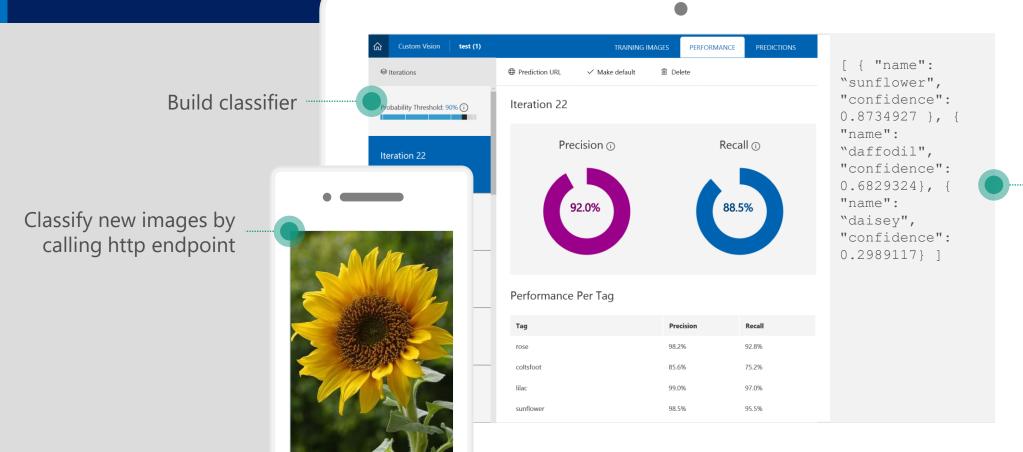
- Well suited for classifying images where the item you are trying to identify is a main subject in the photo
- Robust to subtle differences in subjects- so you only need a limited about of example training data to get started

Constraints

- Object Detection with bounding boxes is not yet available in v1
- Intended to be robust to subtle differences, so v1 is not well suited to tasks like defect detection/quality assurance tasks

Example: flower recognition

Model trained to recognize species of flowers.



Results available for your application

Easy and fast

Custom Vision Service is designed to be straightforward to use, regardless of whether you have any experience in computer vison.

It only takes <u>30 images</u> per category to build your first prototype classifier. Build a new classifier in minutes!

Training your classifier takes <2 minutes

Once you build your classifier, you can deploy it to an http endpoint for use in your application

Straightforward UX

REST APIs make bulk and programmatic actions simple



Improves over time

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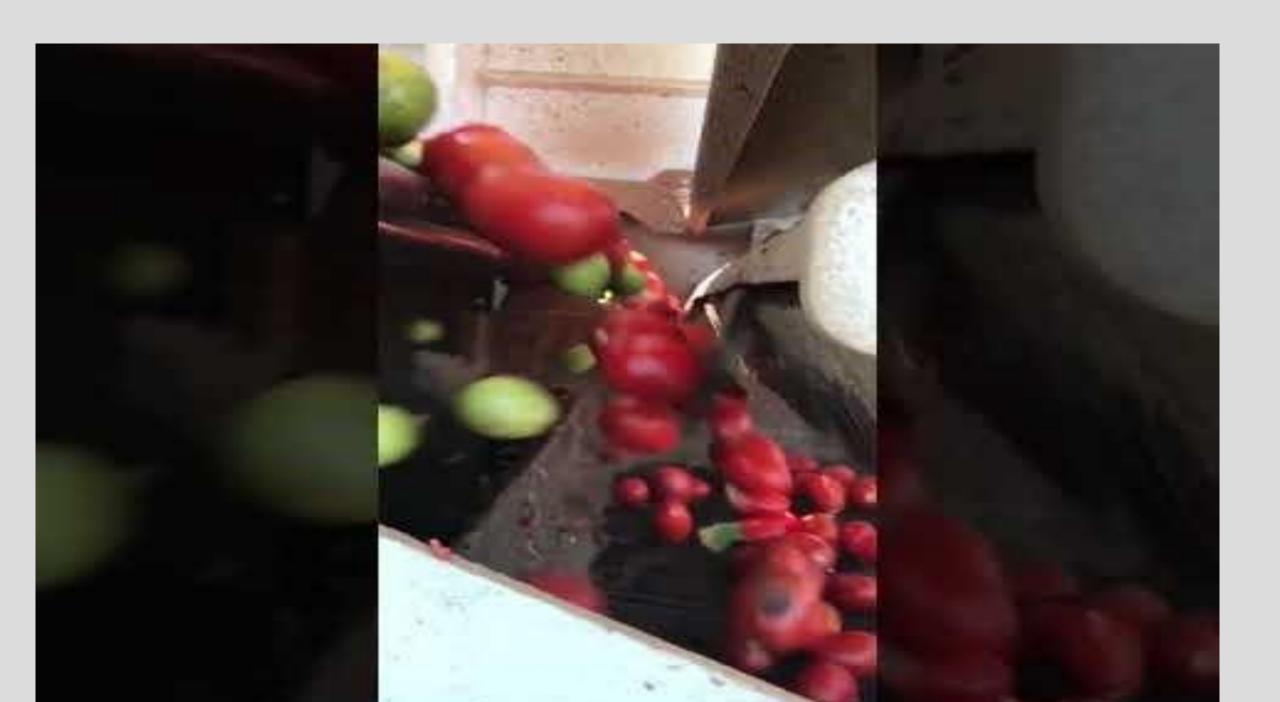
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Give your apps a human side

- Vision
 - Computer Vision | Content Moderator | Emotion | Face | Video | Video Indexer | Custom Vision Service
- Speech

 Bing Speech | Custom Speech Service | Speaker Recognition
- Language

 Bing Spell Check | Language Understanding | Linguistic Analysis |
 Text Analytics | Translator Text & Speech | Web Language Model
- Knowledge
 Academic Knowledge | Entity Linking | Knowledge Exploration |
 Recommendations | QnA Maker | Custom Decision Service
- Search

 Bing Autosuggest | Bing Image Search | Bing News Search | Bing Video Search | Bing Web Search | Bing Custom Search
- Labs
 Project Prague | Project Cuzco | Project Johannesburg | Project
 Nanjing | Project Abu Dhabi | Project Wollongong

