

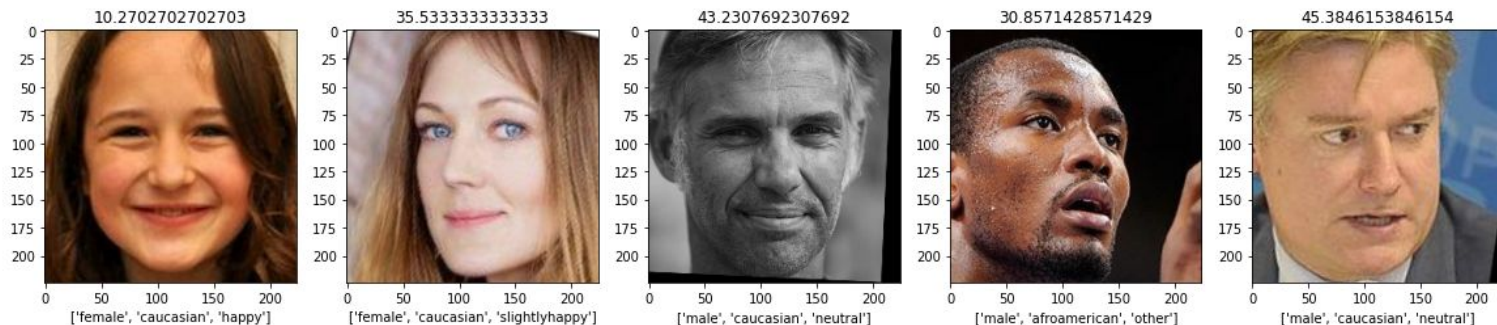
# Practical Sessions Detailed

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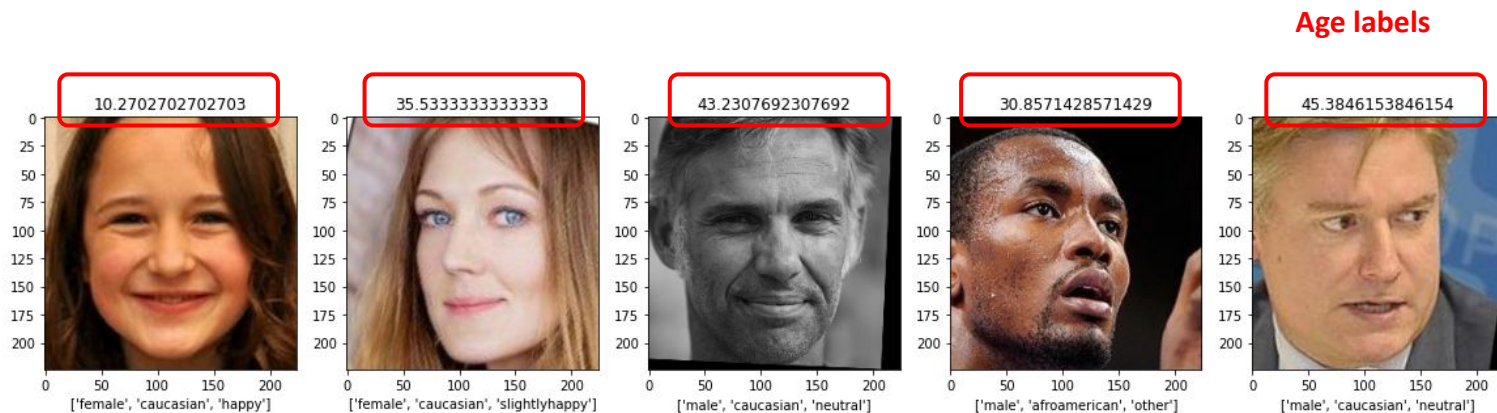
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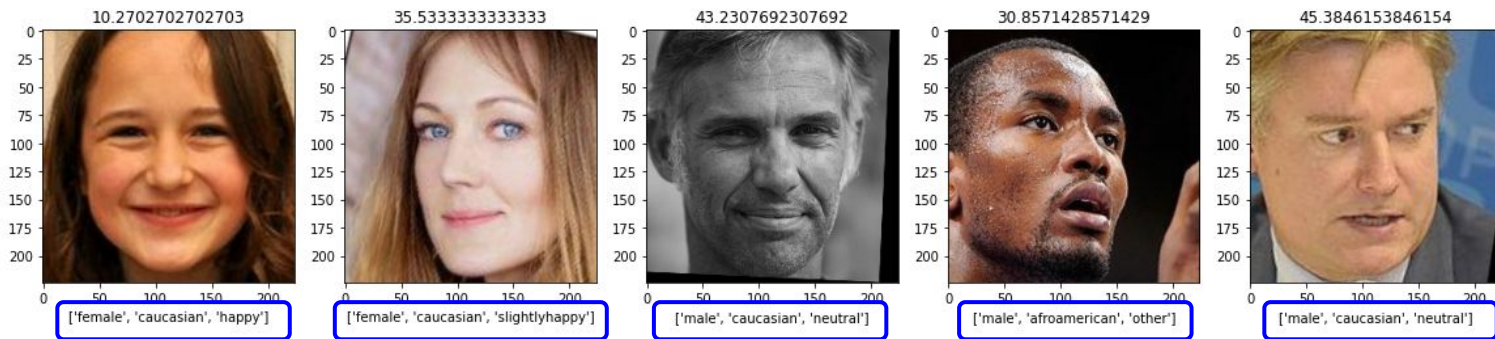
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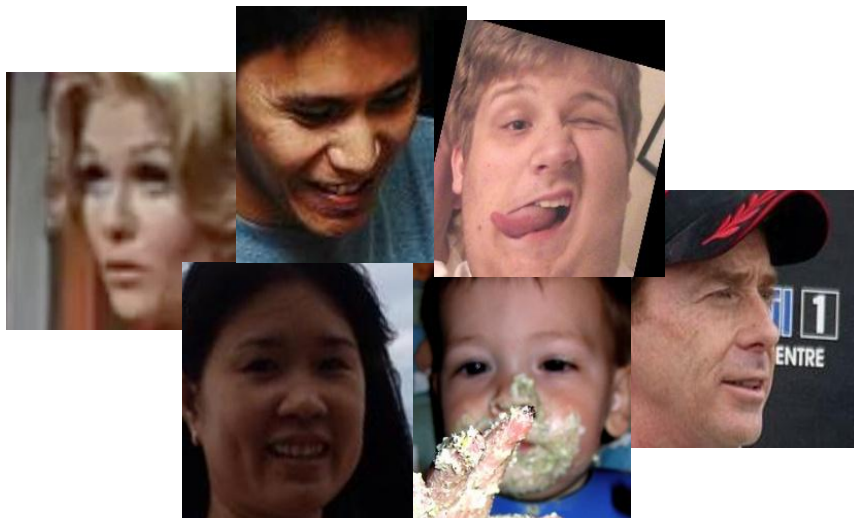
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- **It looks simple but** several challenges are involved

- Pose variation
- Different image qualities
- Different illumination conditions
- Occlusions, etc



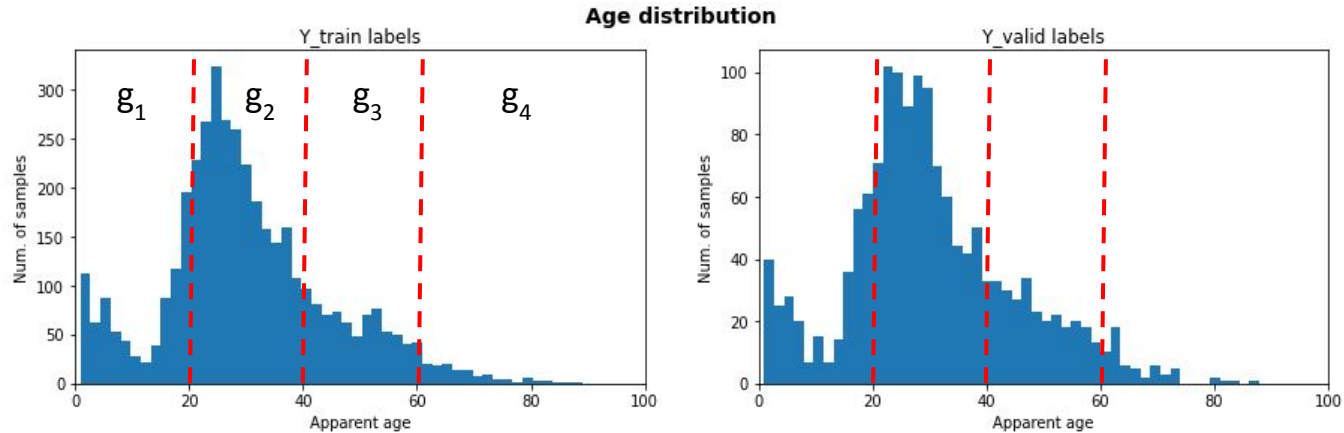
# Dataset: Appa-Real Age Dataset

- The data is divided in:
  - **Train** (4065 images),
  - **Validation** (1482 images) and
  - **Test** (1978 images) set (*without labels*)
- Metadata is also provided:
  - **Gender**: male / female
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  - **Facial expression**: neutral / slightly-happy / happy / other
- **Dataset is biased w.r.t** different attributes

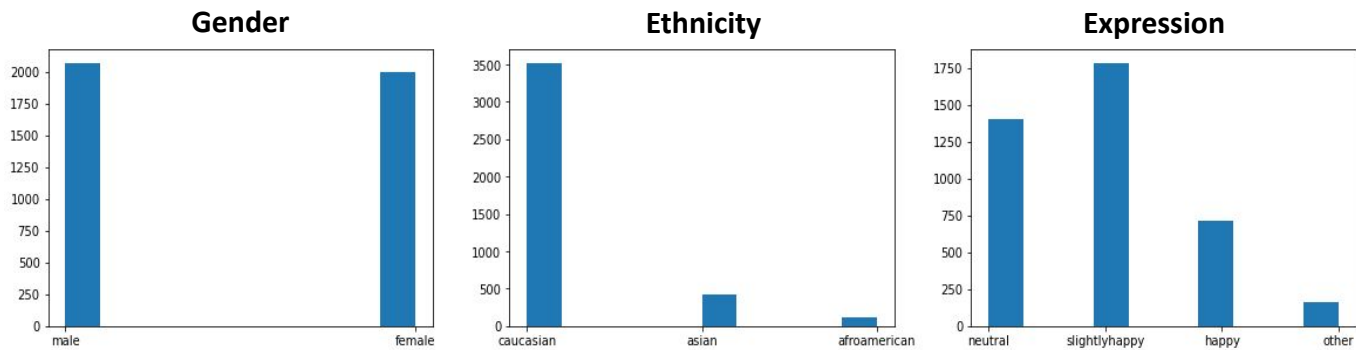


<http://chalearnlap.cvc.uab.es/challenge/13/track/13/description/>

# Training data distribution: Age



# Training data distribution: Metadata





# Your Goal: maximize accuracy & minimize the bias scores

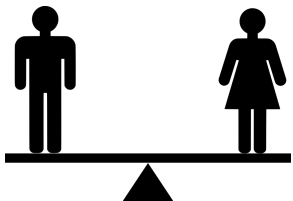
- Reduced *Mean Absolute Error (MAE)* → *Global*

- Reduced *Bias scores*

- **Gender** bias (2 groups)
- **Age** bias (4 age groups)
- **Ethnicity** bias (3 groups)
- **Facial expression** bias (4 groups)

→ **Bias metric goal:** to minimize the MAE (E) difference among different sub-groups (N), given an attribute (A).

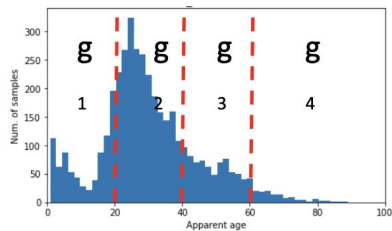
$$B_A = \frac{1}{(N^2 - N)/2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N |E_i - E_j|, \forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}^*, \text{ if } i < j$$



Ideally, the method should predict with **similar accuracy for all different subgroups**

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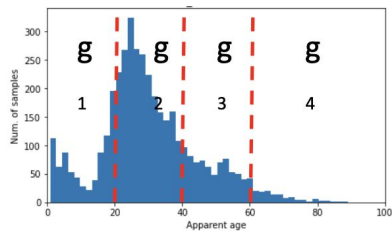
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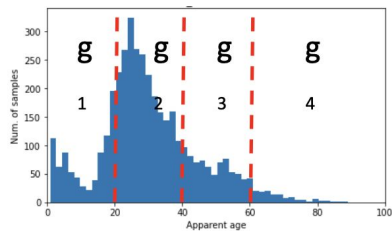
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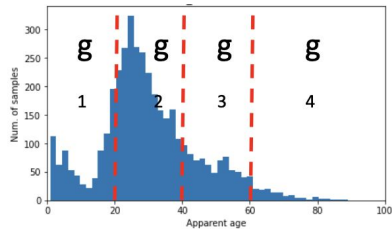
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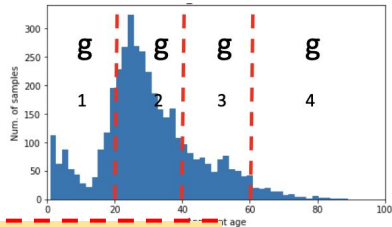
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- For example, let's consider the **Age attribute**, where we have 4 sub-groups (N=4).



- First, we compare each sub-group
- Then, we compare among the
- The final bias diffencens.

This will "force" us to minimize the error difference among these sub-groups.

In other words, making them having similar accuracy.

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# ***The dynamics of the practical sessions***

Tasks

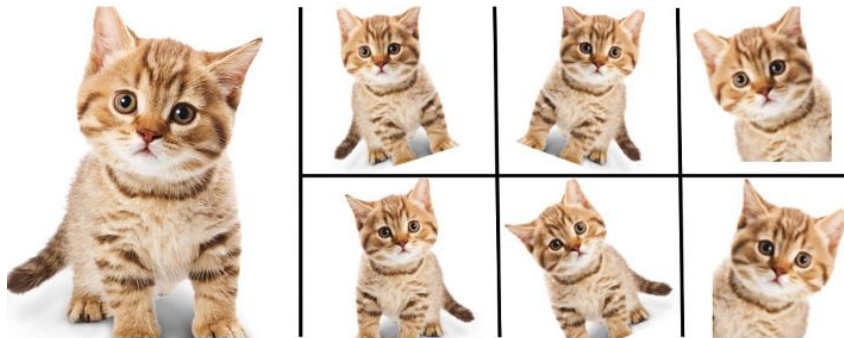
Deliverables

Final Project Presentation

## Task 1: Intelligent data augmentation

- **Challenge:** deal with multiple attributes together (age, gender, ethnicity, expression)
- Ex.: generating new data for a particular group may affect the data distribution of other groups or subgroups

Compared  
with baseline  
results...



### Enlarge your Dataset



# What you should **avoid**

- Making **minor modifications of the starting kit**:

```
# from  
x_blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(x, (5,5), 1.0)  
  
# to  
x_blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(x, (7,7), 1.0)
```

- Augment the data for **the same attribute only**:

```
if Y_train[i]*100>=60:  
    # flip  
    X_train_augmented.append(cv2.flip(X_train[i], 1))  
    Y_train_augmented.append(Y_train[i])
```

**Be creative!**

## Task 2: Custom Loss (without data augmentation)

- **Challenge:** deal with multiple attributes together (age, gender, etc)
- Ex.: creating a “customized loss” which gives more weight to people having less samples in train data.
- During training, the model may better learn how to make predictions on those cases while trying to minimize the loss.
  - The starting-kit will consider the age range only, based on different age ranges. This way, we believe the model will be able to generalize a little bit better.

Compared  
with baseline  
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Compared  
with task 1...

# What you should **avoid**

- Use the same strategy as the starting kit:

$$w_j = n_{samples} / (n_{classes} * n_{samples,j}),$$

- Consider the same attribute only.

```
for i in range(0,Y_train.shape[0]):  
    if(Y_train[i]*100<20):  
        sample_weights.append(w[0])  
    if(Y_train[i]*100>=20 and Y_train[i]*100<40):  
        sample_weights.append(w[1])  
    if(Y_train[i]*100>=40 and Y_train[i]*100<60):  
        sample_weights.append(w[2])  
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        sample_weights.append(w[3])
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# Optional Task 3: Surprise us

- **Exploit your creativity as much as you can** (“surprise us”)
- **Challenge:** deal with multiple attributes together (age, gender, etc)
  - With/without data augmentation and/or custom loss.



Source: <https://www.pexels.com>

# Final Project Presentation

- By the end of the course, your group will need to give a short presentation about the solutions you proposed for tasks 1 and 2 (and task 3, if you want).
  - Introduce the proposed solutions, discuss and present the main experiment and results
  - Main findings and insights

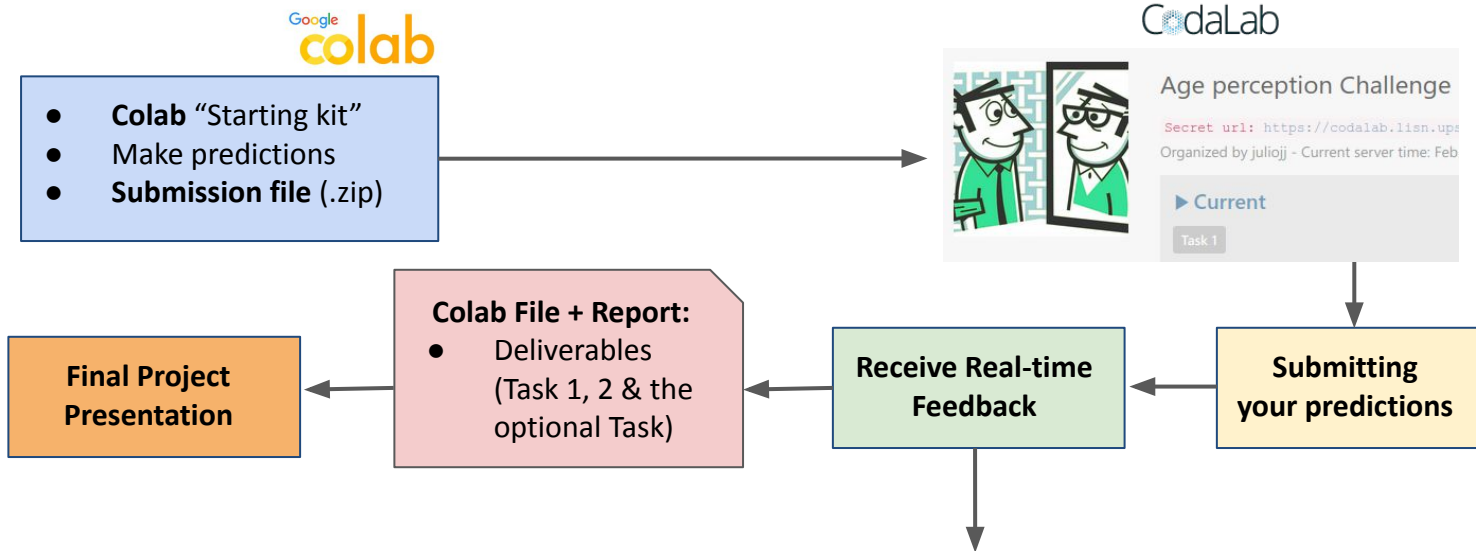


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# Working in **groups**

- Our proposal is to work in **groups** → check the details on **Virtual Campus**.
  - Stimulate collaborative work
  - Receive quick feedback
- **Groups should be defined ASAP, as the Tasks (and deliverables) will be defined by the end of this class;**
  - Please, include the information about your group in the **shared doc** available on **Virtual Campus**.

# Workflow



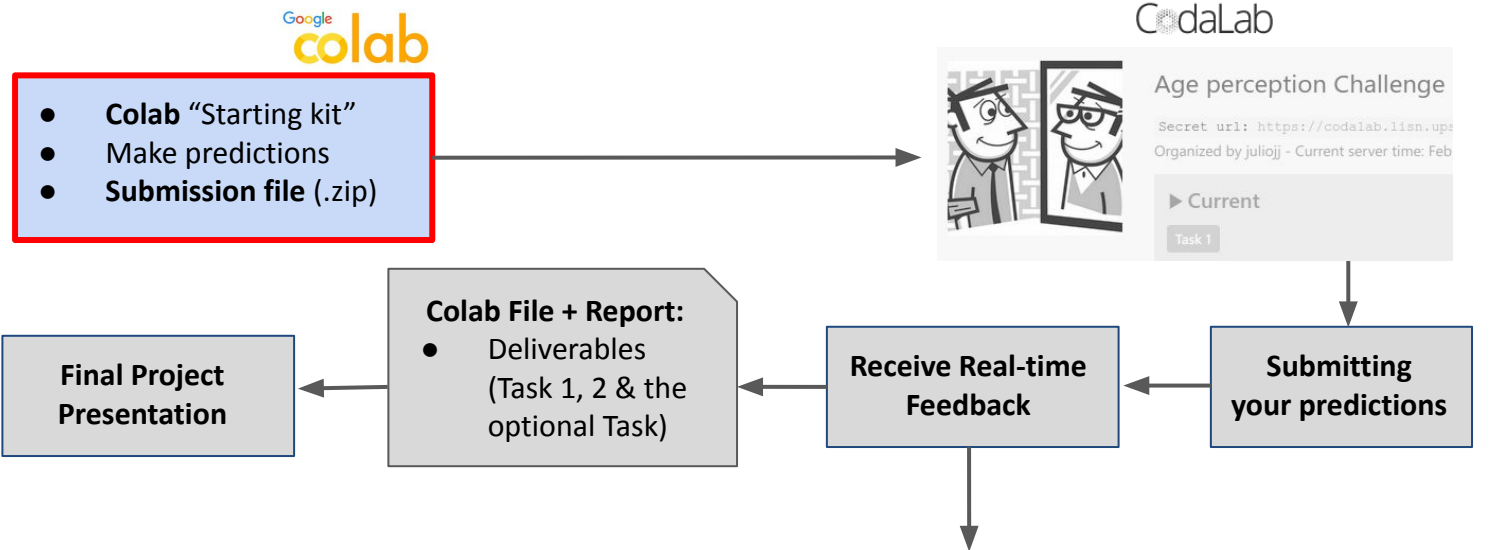
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# Colab & Starting-kit



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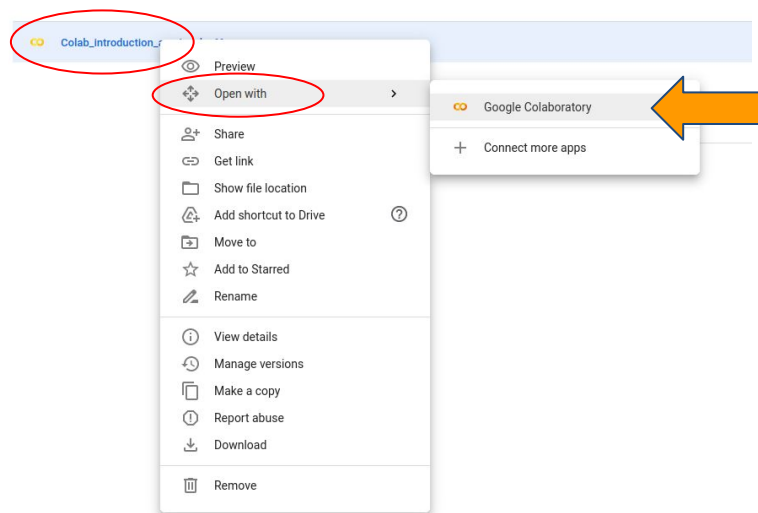
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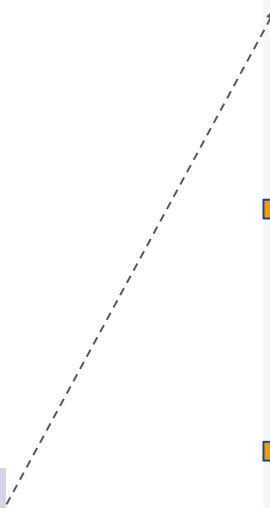


# Colab & Starting-kit: “Hello Colab”

- Data loading
- Visualization
- Modeling
- Training (*stop & continue*)
- Evaluation

## Recommendation:

- A) Press “**Play**” and get used with everything
- B) Edit → Improve



```
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, ModelCheckpoint

# load a model and train history (defined and trained
# as below, trained for 38 epochs)
#-----
LOAD_BEST_MODEL_ST1 = True # (training only the last FC layers)
#-----

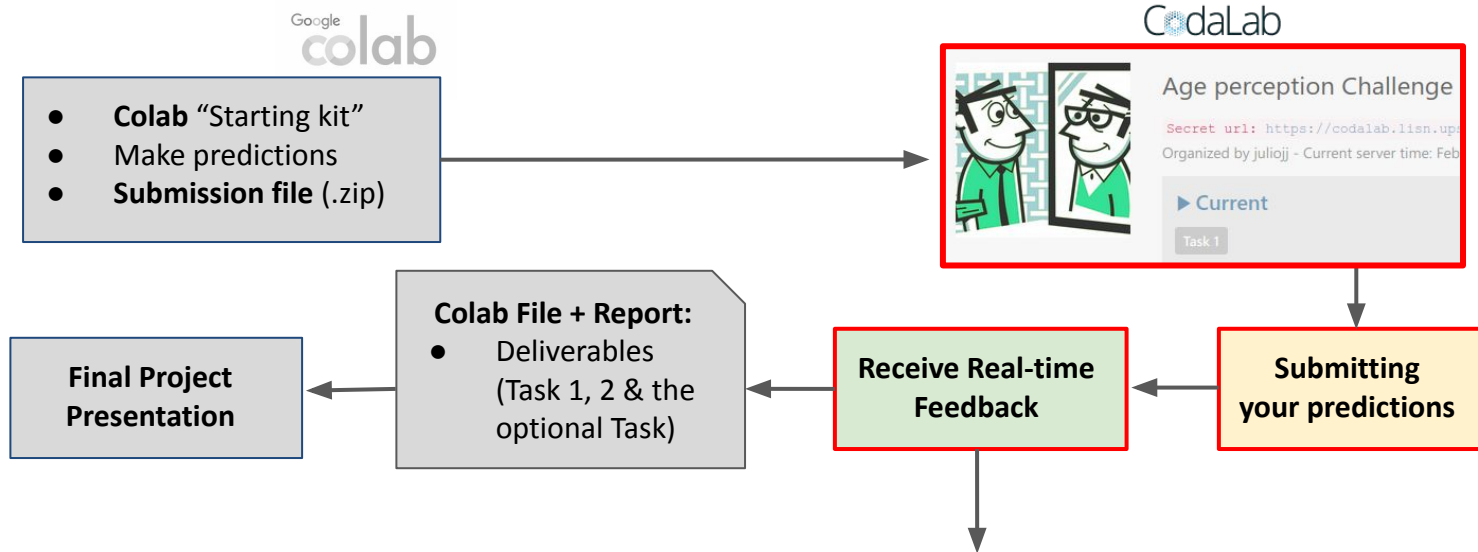
if(Load_Best_Model_St1==True):
    # downloading the trained model
    !wget https://www.dropbox.com/s/x51d08o20ybzqto/best_model_st1.zip
    # decompressing the data
    with ZipFile('best_model_st1.zip','r') as zip:
        zip.extractall()
        print('Model decompressed successfully')
    # removing the .zip file after extraction to clean space
    !rm best_model_st1.zip

else:
    # defining the early stop criteria
    es = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', mode='min', verbose=1, patience=
    # saving the best model based on val loss
    mc = ModelCheckpoint('/content/gdrive/MyDrive/temp/best_model.h5', moni

    # defining the optimizer
    model.compile(tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=1e-5), loss=tf.kera

    # training the model
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# Codalab Competition



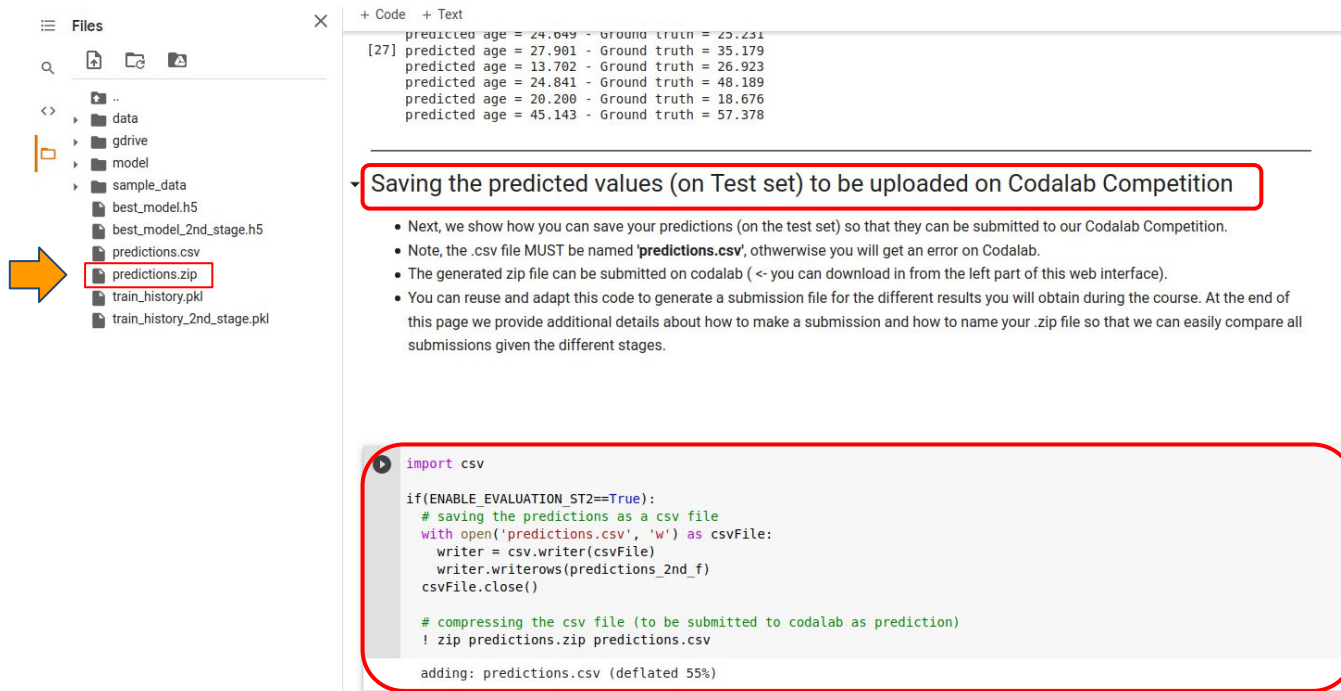
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+ Code + Text

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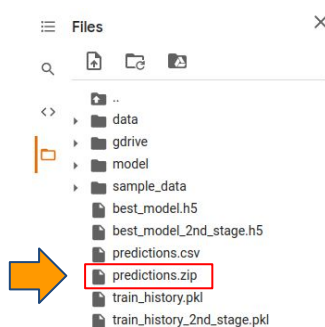
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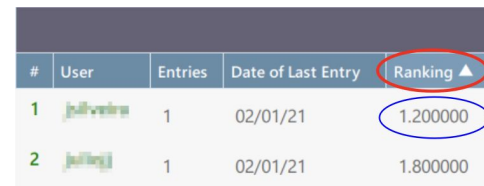
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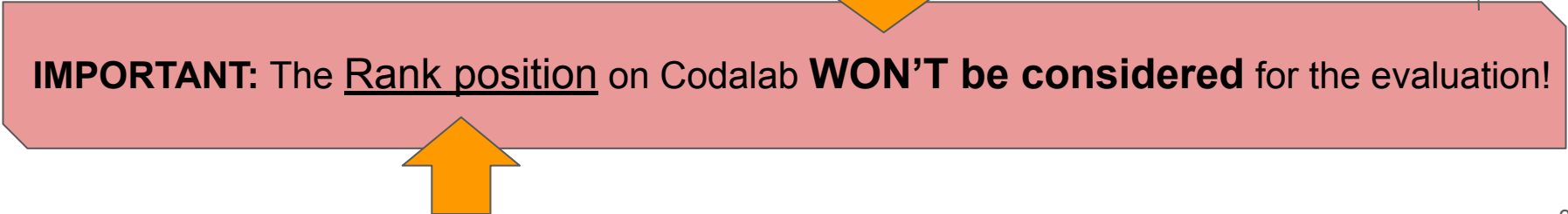
**Why?**

# Codalab Competition: **main goal** → **motivation**

1. **Motivate you** to improve your method and results
  - a. Compared to your previous submissions
  - b. Compared to your colleagues and other students
2. Simulate a real scenario in research (to **motivate you**)
3. Have fun while learning new skills (to **motivate you**)



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**IMPORTANT:** The Rank position on Codalab **WON'T be considered** for the evaluation!



# Codalab Competition: Submitting your results

1. **Register** on Codalab: <https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr>

2. Access our Challenge

Challenge link available on eCampus

3. **Participate**

(Task is automatically

defined based on the

schedule)

4. **Submit** your file

The screenshot shows the Codalab competition interface for the 'Age perception Challenge'. At the top, there's a header with the challenge name and a 'Secret url'. Below this, a timeline shows the current phase (Task 1) and the next phase (Task 2). The 'Participate' tab is selected, and the 'Task 1' sub-tab is active. The main content area displays the phase description, submission limits (999 per day, 999 total, 300 MB max), and a 'Submit' button. A red dashed line connects the 'Submit' button in the instructions to the 'Submit' button in the interface. Another red dashed line connects the 'Participate' tab to the 'Participate' button in the navigation bar. A third red dashed line connects the 'Submit' button in the instructions to the 'Submit' button in the interface.

Age perception Challenge

Secret url: [https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/11086?secret\\_key=ed092e53-d1f2-4861-b57e-2e23ef14312a](https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/11086?secret_key=ed092e53-d1f2-4861-b57e-2e23ef14312a)

Organized by julioj - Current server time: Feb. 24, 2023, 4:24 p.m. UTC

Current	Next	End
Task 1 Feb. 19, 2023, midnight UTC	Task 2 March 7, 2023, 11:55 p.m. UTC	Competition Ends March 21, 2023, 11:55 p.m. UTC

Learn the Details Phases Participate Results Forums

Get Data Files Submit / View Results

Task 1 Task 2 Optional

Phase description  
None

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# Codalab Competition: **Real-time feedback**

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analysed **biases**

**"Accuracy"**

# Codalab Competition: **baselines**

Google  
colab

- Colab “Starting kit”
- Make predictions
- Submission file (.zip)

CodaLab

Age perception Challenge

Secret url: <https://codalab.lisn.upm.fr/competitions/age-perception-challenge>

Organized by juliojj - Current server time: Feb 01 2021 10:00:00

► Current

Task 1

Submitting  
your predictions

- **Baseline results obtained from the starting-kit, but trained for more epochs**
  - With data augmentation (task 1)
  - Custom loss (task 2)

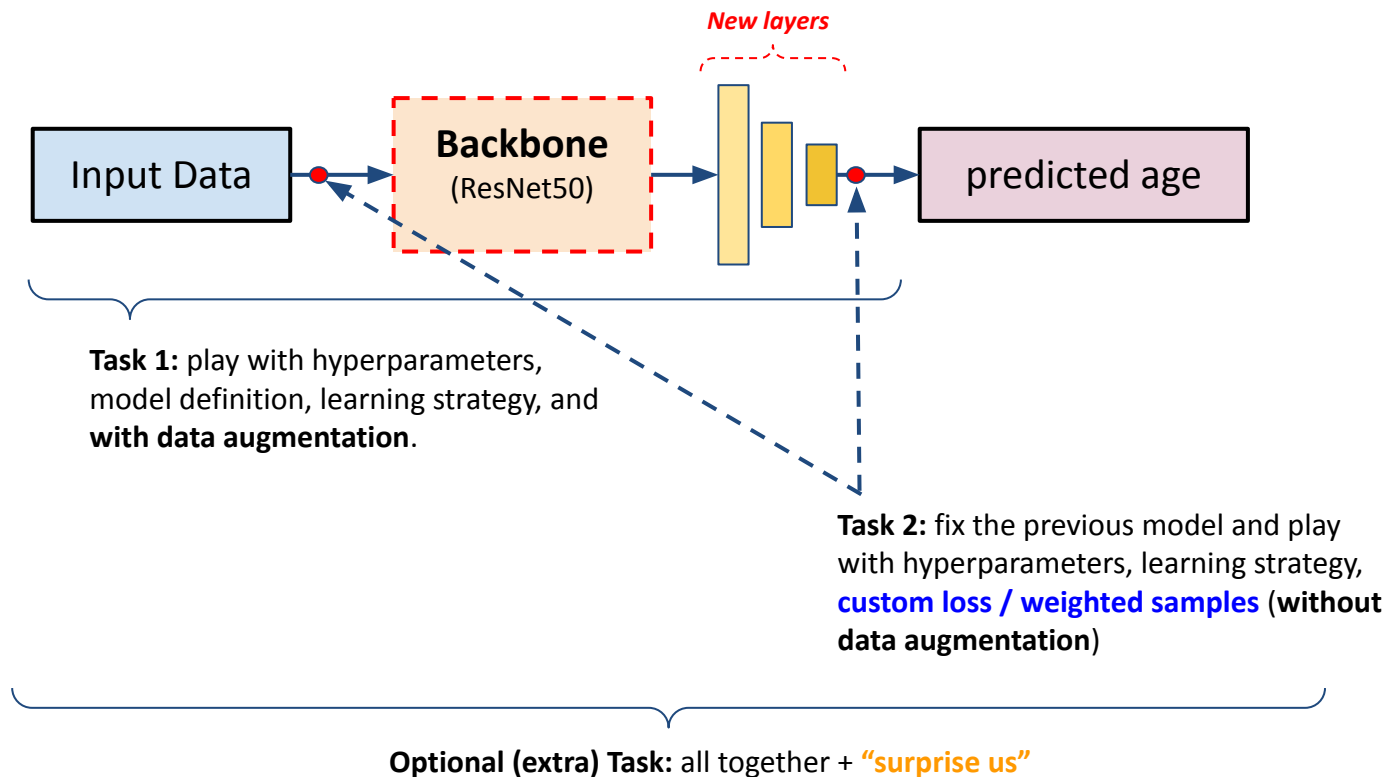
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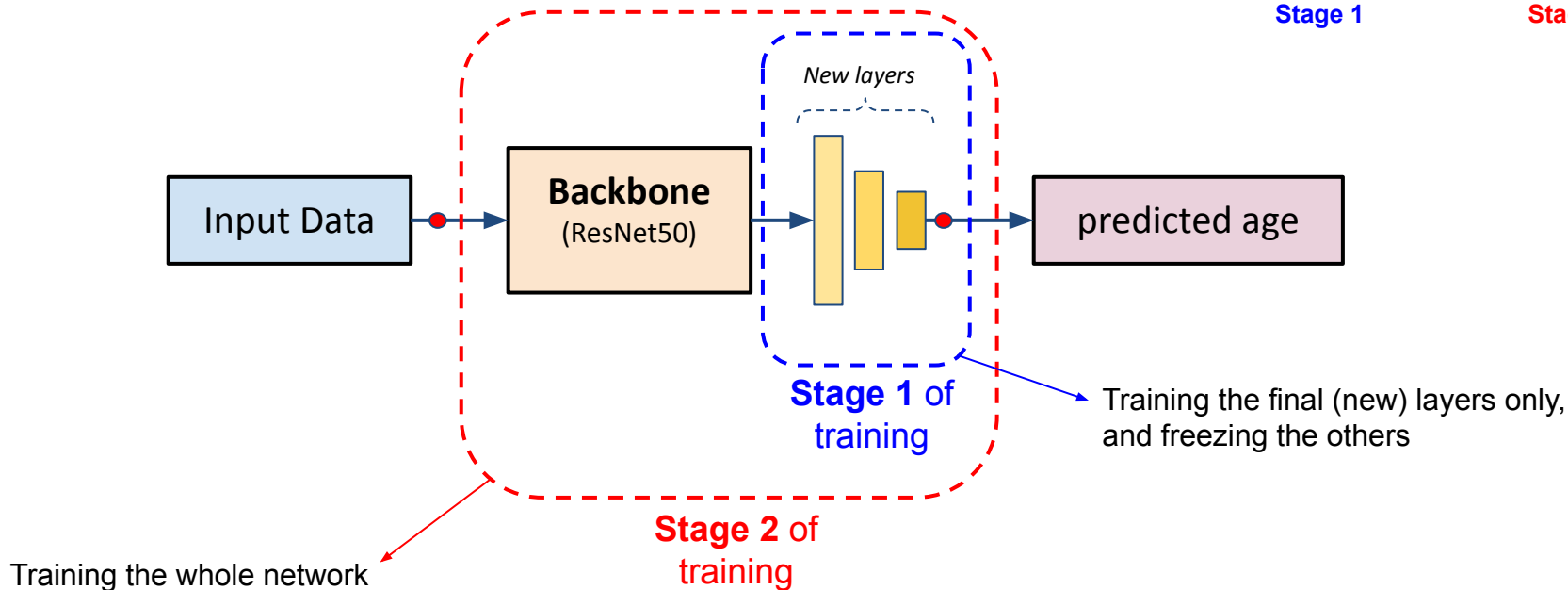
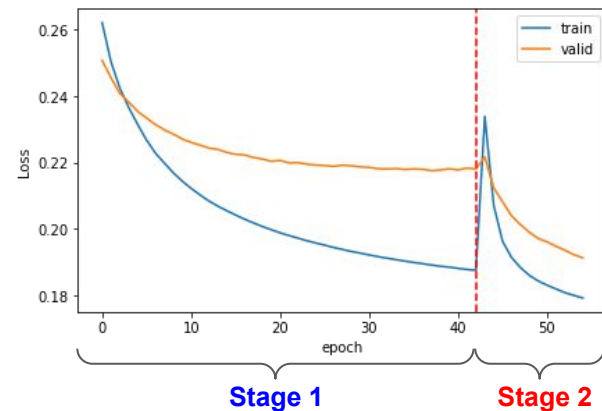
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# Starting kit: **General Working Plan**



# Starting kit: Training Strategy

- You are free to employ any training strategy you want



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Model	Size (MB)	Top-1 Accuracy	Top-5 Accuracy	Parameters	Depth	Time (ms) per inference step (CPU)	Time (ms) per inference step (GPU)
Xception	88	79.0%	94.5%	22.9M	81	109.4	8.1
VGG16	528	71.3%	90.1%	138.4M	16	69.5	4.2
VGG19	549	71.3%	90.0%	143.7M	19	84.8	4.4
ResNet50	98	74.9%	92.1%	25.6M	107	58.2	4.6
ResNet50V2	98	76.0%	93.0%	25.6M	103	45.6	4.4
ResNet101	171	76.4%	92.8%	44.7M	209	89.6	5.2
ResNet101V2	171	77.2%	93.8%	44.7M	205	72.7	5.4
ResNet152	232	76.6%	93.1%	60.4M	311	127.4	6.5
ResNet152V2	232	78.0%	94.2%	60.4M	307	107.5	6.6
InceptionV3	92	77.9%	93.7%	23.9M	189	42.2	6.9
InceptionResNetV2	215	80.3%	95.3%	55.9M	449	130.2	10.0
MobileNet	16	70.4%	89.5%	4.3M	55	22.6	3.4
MobileNetV2	14	71.3%	90.1%	3.5M	105	25.9	3.8
DenseNet121	33	75.0%	92.3%	8.1M	242	77.1	5.4
DenseNet169	57	76.2%	93.2%	14.3M	338	96.4	6.3
DenseNet201	80	77.3%	93.6%	20.2M	402	127.2	6.7
NASNetMobile	23	74.4%	91.9%	5.3M	389	27.0	6.7
NASNetLarge	343	82.5%	96.0%	88.9M	533	344.5	20.0
EfficientNetB0	29	77.1%	93.3%	5.3M	132	46.0	4.9
EfficientNetB1	31	79.1%	94.4%	7.9M	186	60.2	5.6
EfficientNetB2	36	80.1%	94.9%	9.2M	186	80.8	6.5
EfficientNetB3	48	81.6%	95.7%	12.3M	210	140.0	8.8
EfficientNetB4	75	82.9%	96.4%	19.5M	258	308.3	15.1
EfficientNetB5	118	83.6%	96.7%	30.6M	312	579.2	25.3
EfficientNetB6	166	84.0%	96.8%	43.3M	360	958.1	40.4
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EfficientNetV2B1	34	79.8%	95.0%	8.2M	-	-	-
EfficientNetV2B2	42	80.5%	95.1%	10.2M	-	-	-
EfficientNetV2B3	59	82.0%	95.8%	14.5M	-	-	-
EfficientNetV2S	88	83.9%	96.7%	21.6M	-	-	-
EfficientNetV2M	220	85.3%	97.4%	54.4M	-	-	-
EfficientNetV2L	479	85.7%	97.5%	119.0M	-	-	-
ConvNeXtTiny	109.42	81.3%	-	28.6M	-	-	-
ConvNeXtSmall	192.29	82.3%	-	50.2M	-	-	-
ConvNeXtBase	338.58	85.3%	-	88.5M	-	-	-
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Remember:  
The task is already solved!!  
**We expect you to go beyond the starting-kit!**

# Forums

- You can use the Forum to **exchange experiences**, ask **questions** and report any **problem** (apart from the Virtual Campus).



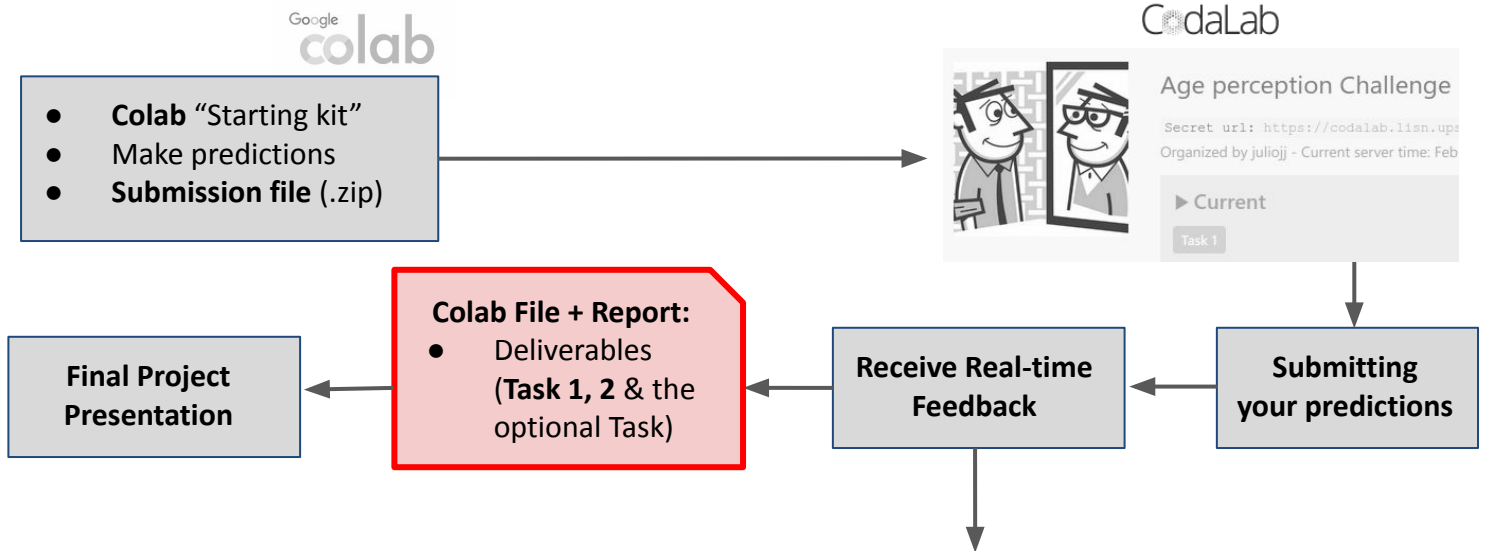
## Age perception Challenge

Organized by juliojj - Current server time: Sept. 12, 2022, 2:29 p.m. UTC

Previous	▶ Current	End
Custom loss	Optional Task	Competition Ends
Sept. 1, 2022, midnight UTC	Sept. 1, 2022, midnight UTC	Oct. 31, 2022, midnight UTC

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analysed biases

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# Report + Colab file

- For each deliverable: **Task 1, 2** and the **Optional (extra) Task**
- **Your group will have to deliver:**
  - **Report document** (saved as **.pdf**) → **will receive more attention**
    - Detailing the proposed solution, with a strong analysis and discussion of the experiments and results.
  - **Colab file** (saved as **.ipynb**) → **will be used to complement the report**
    - Well documented and with clean code → please, remove basic information that is not **your contribution**.
- **How to share these files?**
  - Zip both files (**your\_name\_task\_id.zip**) → submit it via **Virtual Campus** by the deadline (one .zip file per group to avoid inconsistencies)

# Report document Template

(Link for download on [Virtual Campus](#))

## HEADER

## 1. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

## 2. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

## 3. FINAL REMARKS

Go direct to the point!

OPT 2 – COMPUTER VISION (2022)  
REPORT: Task 1&2 (or "optional Task 3")

### Group members:

full name (1), <email\_1@domain>, Codalab\_user\_1  
full name (2), <email\_2@domain>, Codalab\_user\_2  
full name (n), <email\_n@domain>, Codalab\_user\_n

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- Include a short description of the model architecture<sup>1</sup> (you can use images, text or tables) and a brief justification about your decision (why have you selected/defined it?). Detail the changes you made in the model provided with the starting-kit, if any.
- Detail how you have addressed the bias mitigation problem given the different attributes (age, gender, ethnicity and expression) and task requirements. For instance, have you prioritized any attribute or considered them jointly?

#### 1.1 Data augmentation strategy

Describe in detail the proposed solution. How was the data augmentation strategy applied? Justify your decisions.

#### 1.2 Custom loss strategy

Describe in detail the proposed solution. How was the custom loss strategy applied? Justify your decisions.

#### 1.2 Training strategy

Detail the training strategy with a brief justification about your decisions. How were the models trained? Have you used any pre-trained model? What optimizer was used? How have you defined the best set of hyperparameters? Etc.

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Describe in detail the different experiments you have defined and present the different results you have obtained, with analysis and discussion of the results. It should include:

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Next, we illustrate how to include **Tables** and **Figures** in your report as well as how you could start a discussion around the results. For instance, you can analyze and compare model X with model Y and comment why model Y obtained overall better results. **Don't forget that the main goal is to maximize accuracy while minimizing (all) the bias scores (i.e., avoid just focusing on minimizing MAE).**

"Table 1 shows obtained results of experiment A. As it can be seen, model X obtained higher Mean Absolute Error. However, it was able to lower down the bias score associated with the Expression attribute compared to model Y, which may be justified by the fact that our strategy prioritized this attribute based on (...)"

Table 1: Experiment A. Hypothetically comparing the results obtained for model X and Y while keeping other variables fixed (i.e., learning rate and training strategy).

Model	Learning rate	Training strategy	Gender bias	Expression bias	Ethnicity bias	Age bias	MAE
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"In Figure 1, we illustrate the training curves of strategy 1. As it can be observed, (...)"

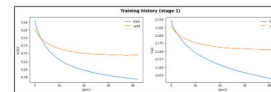


Figure 1: Illustrative example of training curve.

In the end, based on your experiments, results and analysis, you should be able to suggest, whenever possible, what strategy better achieved our goal.

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Draw your final remarks, conclusions and findings. For instance, you can comment why you believed strategy Y worked better than X for the problem at hand (and goal), what you believe could make a difference as suggestions for future work, etc.

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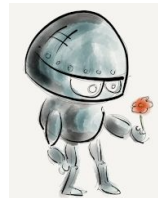
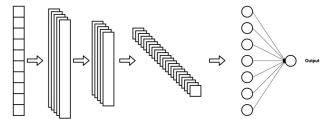
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- **Mandatory for (the optional) task 3:** compare the results you obtained using the baseline model (starting-kit - after 2nd stage of training without data augmentation) with the best results you obtained on task 1, task 2 and the optional task 3.



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That is, **don't centralize**  
**your discussions around**  
**accuracy only!**

... **avoid**

- Applying minor changes to the starting-kit
  - **Model**
    - Using the exact same model with different hyperparameters → “be creative”
  - **Augmentation**
    - Applying the same transformations or minor changes → “be creative”
    - Considering the same attribute (age only) → “be creative”
  - **Custom Loss**
    - Applying the same weights / strategy → “be creative”
    - Considering the same attribute (age only) → “be creative”
  - **Training Strategy**
    - Using the same training strategy → “be creative”



# Important

**We expect** to receive a **clear and good discussion around clearly defined experiments**, with **Tables** and **visualizations** (training curves, augmented data examples, etc) + **“surprise us”**

The Colab code will complement the report document. That is, **we will pay more attention to the report document**, but we also expect a clear and well documented code, where we can check the final implementation, experiments and obtained results.

**Remember:** The **Rank position** on Codalab **WON'T be considered** for the evaluation!



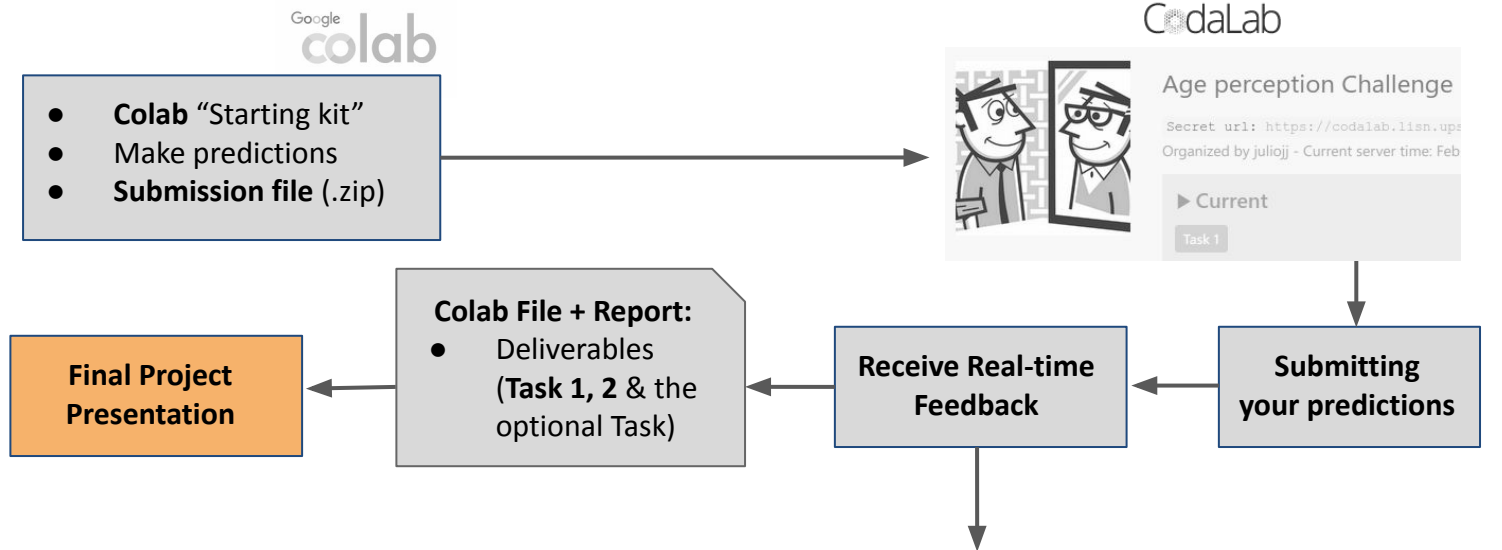
# Evaluation

- **Report + Colab File: List of items and achievement levels + Creativity**
  - Task goal (e.g., data **augmentation** or **custom loss**) will have high weight

## Level of achievement

✓	Played with <b>hyperparameters</b> ?	✗	Low	✗	Mid	✓	High
✓	Played with different <b>backbones</b> (optional)?	✗	Low	✗	Mid	✓	High
✓	Played with the <b>layers</b> of the Net?	✗	Low	✗	Mid	✓	High
✓	Performed data <b>augmentation</b> ?	✗	Low	✗	Mid	✓	High
✓	<b>Presentation</b> of the results	✗	Low	✗	Mid	✓	High
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# Final Project Presentation

- By the end of the course, your group will need to **give a short presentation** about the solutions you proposed for task 1 and task 2 (and the optional task 3 if you want to include it), **where you present your strategies, the results and main findings**.
- You will need to deliver your presentation (as **.pdf**) on Virtual Campus based on our schedule.
- We will randomly select one group to ask one question to another group → be prepared to formulate one question for the presenter.



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# Schedule

- Problem definition class: **28/02/2023**
- Task 1 deadline: **07/03/2023**
- Task 2 deadline: **14/03/2023**
- Control session: **17/03/2023**
- Optional Task 3 deadline: **21/03/2023**
- Deadline for uploading the Final project presentation in pdf format: **21/03/2023**
- Final project presentation (group A): **21/03/2023**
- Final project presentation (group B): **24/03/2023**

# Colab demo