

Project 2020

Emerging Technologies

Due: last commit on or before January 8th, 2021

These are the instructions for the Project assessment for Emerging Technologies in 2020. The assessment is worth 50% of the marks for the module. Please read the *Using git for assessments* [2] document on the Moodle page which applies here. As always, you must also follow the code of student conduct and the policy on plagiarism [1].

Instructions

In this project you will create a web service that uses a machine learning model to make predictions. The web service will provide a standard HTTP interface, allowing users to send inputs in a standard format and receive predicted outputs based on the model. In the project you will use the famous Iris flower data to train the model. The goal will be to allow users to send four numeric inputs and receive a predicted category of iris as output.

Your submission will be in the form of a git repository containing, at a minimum, the following items:

1. A jupyter notebook that trains a model using the iris dataset, as above.
2. A python script that runs a web service based on the model, as above.
3. Relevant documentation such as a README containing instructions to train the model and run the web service.

To enhance your submission, you might consider adding some of the following items.

1. A docker file to create an image for your web service.
2. More than one model based on the data set, for comparison.
3. An analysis of the accuracy of your model.

Rest assured, all the above concepts will be explored in lecture videos and other materials in the coming semester.

Marking scheme

The following marking scheme will be used to mark your submission out of 100%, which will then be scaled to 50%. The examiner's overall impression of your submission may influence marks in each individual component. It is important that your submission provides direct evidence of each of the items listed in each category. For instance, your commit history should demonstrate and provide evidence that you had a pragmatic attitude to completing the assessment. Likewise, your submission should have references in it to demonstrate that you considered the literature and the work of others.

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| 25% | Research | Evidence of research performed on topic; submission based on referenced literature, particularly academic literature; evidence of understanding of the documentation for any software or libraries used. |
| 25% | Development | Environment can be set up as described; code works without tweaking and as described; code is efficient, clean, and clear; evidence of consideration of standards and conventions appropriate to code of this kind. |
| 25% | Consistency | Evidence of planning and project management; pragmatic attitude to work as evidenced by well-considered commit history; commits are of a reasonable size; consideration of how commit history will be perceived by others. |
| 25% | Documentation | Clear documentation of how to create an environment in which any code will run, how to prepare the code for running, how to run the code including setting any options or flags, and what to expect upon running the code. Concise descriptions of code in comments and README. |

References

- [1] GMIT, "Quality assurance framework,"
<https://www.gmit.ie/general/quality-assurance-framework>.
- [2] I. McLoughlin, "Using git for assessments,"
<https://github.com/ianmcloughlin/using-git-for-assessments/>.