

# Deep Learning: Image Classification with CNN

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# Project Overview

## Selected Dataset: CIFAR-10

- The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60000 32x32 color images in 10 classes, with 6000 images per class. There are 50000 training images and 10000 test images.

## Objective:

- Build a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to classify images from a given dataset into predefined categories/classes.

## Hypothesis:

- CNN can effectively classify CIFAR10 images with high accuracy.

## Data Loading Method:

- Direct import using tensorflow.keras.datasets.

## Preprocessing Techniques used:

- Normalization & One-Hot Encoding

## Building Model Architecture

## Model Training & Evaluation

- Accuracy & Loss Results and Confusion Matrix

## Transfer Learning

- VGG16 Architecture used

## Bonus: Model Deployment

- Docker Container, Google Cloud Storage, Vertex AI & Flask Web App

# Preprocessing Techniques

```
# Normalize the images
X_train = X_train.astype('float32') / 255.0
X_test = X_test.astype('float32') / 255.0
```

## Normalization

- Scaled pixel values of images to  $[0, 1]$ , converting them to floats, which accelerates model convergence during training.

## One-Hot Encoding:

- Transforms categorical labels into binary vectors. Ensuring compatibility with machine learning models and preventing unintended ordinal relationships between classes.

```
# One-hot encode the labels
y_train = to_categorical(y_train, num_classes)
y_test = to_categorical(y_test, num_classes)
```

# Data Wrangling and Cleaning

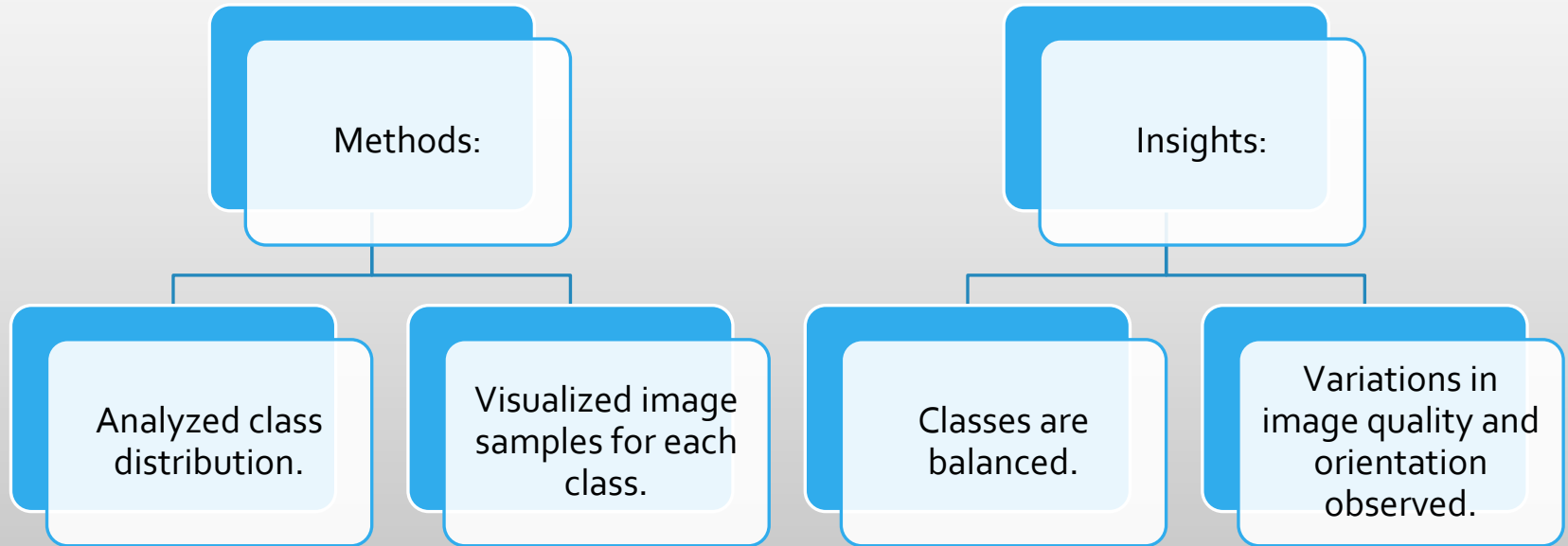
## CHALLENGES:

- HANDLING DATASET SIZE EFFICIENTLY.
- ENSURING DATA WAS NORMALIZED FOR MODEL TRAINING.

## RESOLUTION:

- UTILIZED EFFICIENT PREPROCESSING.

# Exploratory Data Analysis



# Model Building

## Architecture:

- 4 Convolutional Blocks: ReLU activation, 'same' padding.
- Batch Normalization, Max Pooling, and Dropout layers.
- Final Dense and Softmax layers.

## Hyperparameters:

- Optimizer: Adam
- Loss Function: Categorical Crossentropy
- Batch Size: 64, Epochs: 60 (Early Stopping enabled).

```
# Convolutional Block 1
model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', padding='same', input_shape=input_shape))
model.add(BatchNormalization())
model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', padding='same'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(Dropout(0.25))
```

```
# Flatten and Fully Connected Block
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(256, activation='relu'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())
model.add(Dropout(0.5))

# Output Layer
model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```

# Training Process

## Training Results:

- Accuracy: 96.82% (11 epochs)
- Test Accuracy: 85%
- Test Loss: 0.64

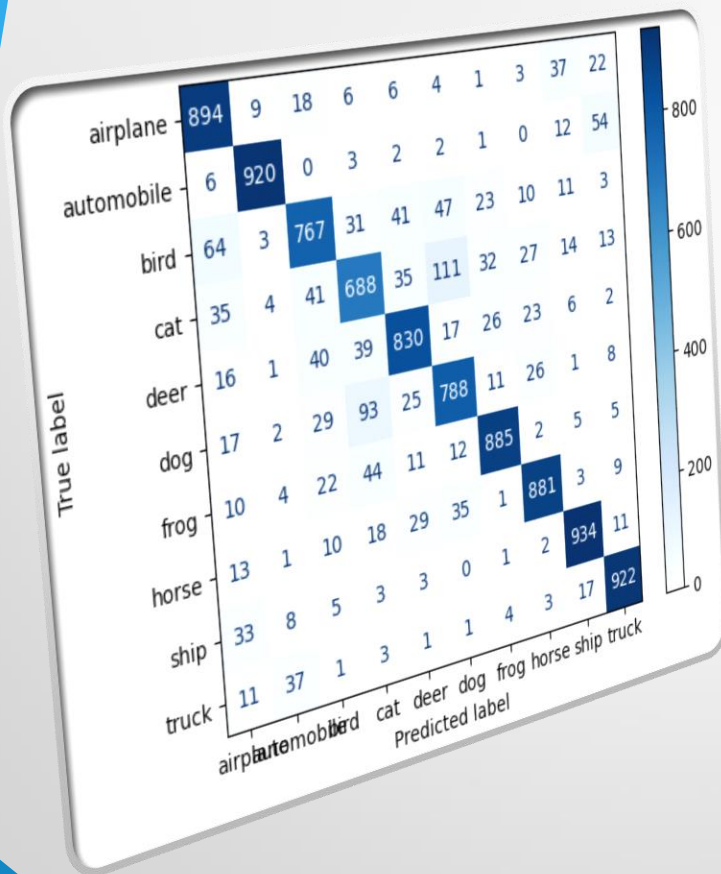
## Optimization:

- Early stopping function used for efficiency.

```
# Early stopping
early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10)

# Train the model
history = model.fit(
    X_train, y_train,
    batch_size=64,
    epochs=60,
    verbose=1,
    validation_data=(X_test, y_test),
    callbacks=[early_stopping]
)
```

# Insights from the Confusion Matrix



## Strengths:

- High accuracy for airplanes, ships, trucks.

## Weaknesses:

- Highest Confusion between cats vs. dogs.



# Transfer Learning



Architecture: VGG16 pre-trained model.



Results:

Test Accuracy: 65.2%

Test Loss: 1.716

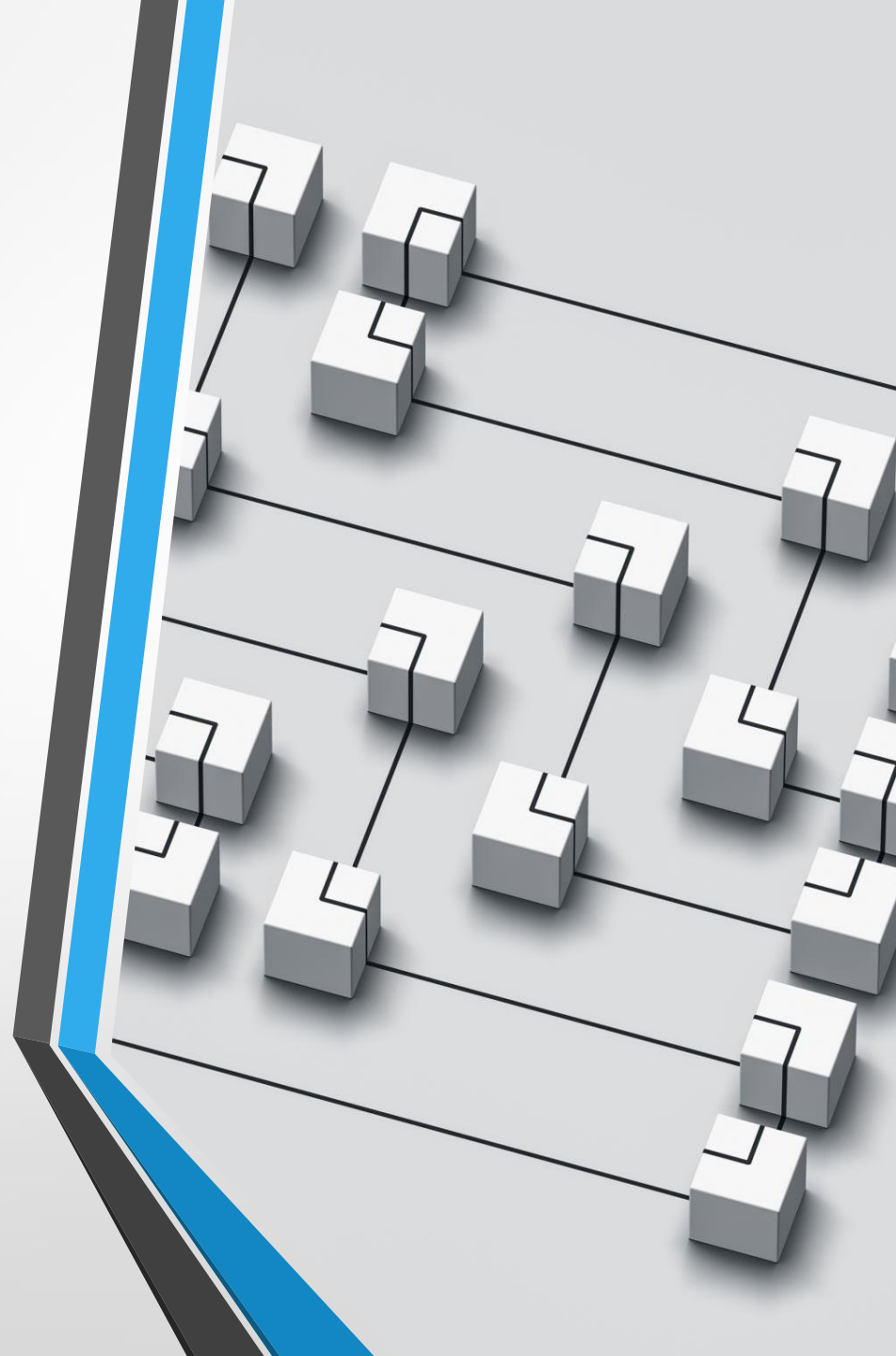


Observation:

Lower accuracy but demonstrated utility of pre-trained models.

# Model Saving and Deployment

- Saving:
  - Saved in TensorFlow format for compatibility.
- Deployment:
  - TensorFlow Serving in Docker.
  - Hosted on Google Cloud using Vertex AI.
- Integration:
  - Endpoint connected to a client application for predictions.

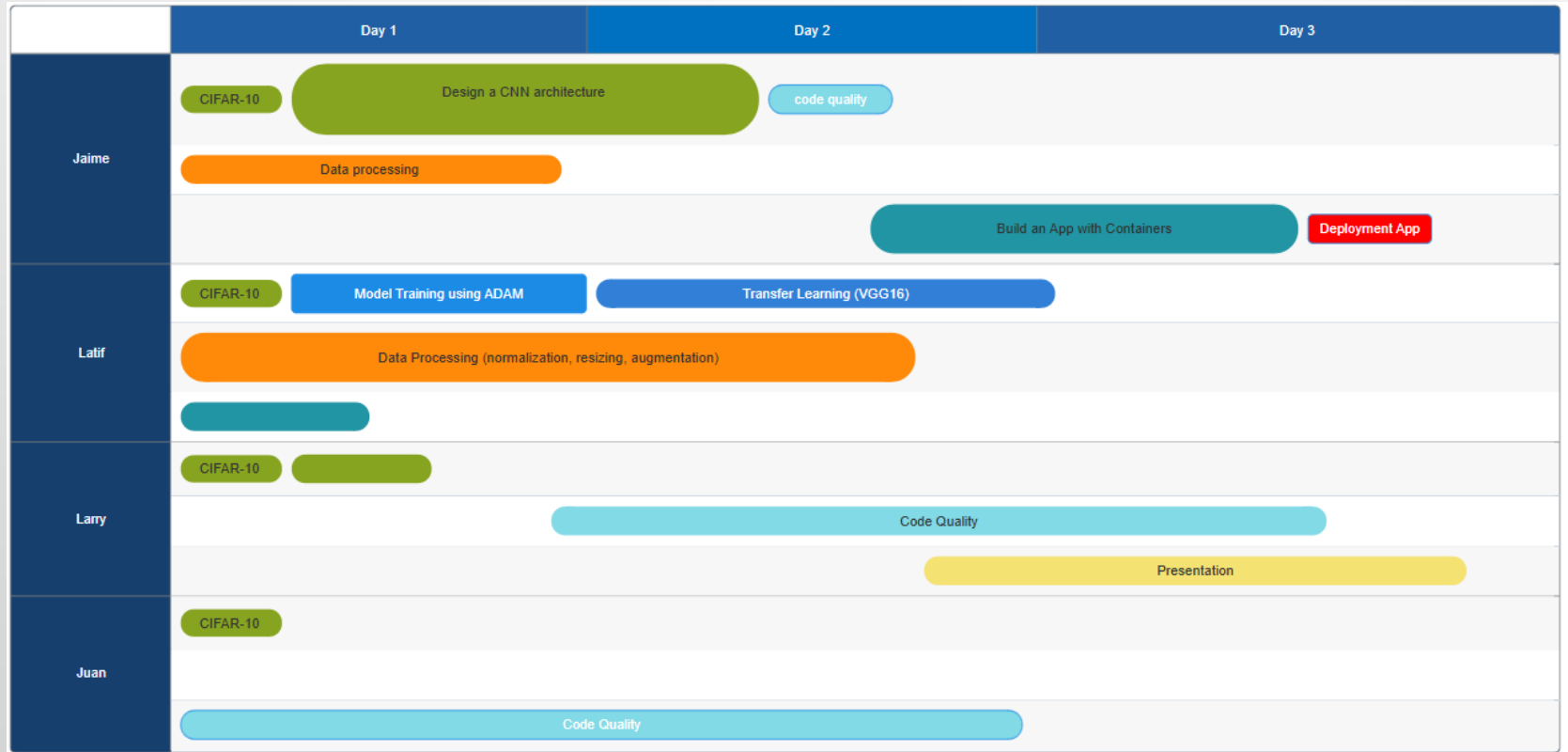




# Flask Web Application

- Features:
  - Image Upload and Prediction.
  - Displays original and preprocessed images.
- Technology Stack:
  - Frontend: HTML, HTMX, Tailwind CSS.
  - Backend: Flask, Model API integration.
- Workflow:
  - Upload, preprocess, predict, and display results.

# Project Management



# Teamwork & Project Management

- Workflow:
  - Followed an iterative refinement process.
- What Worked Well:
  - Clear role distribution.
- Improvements:
  - Enhanced documentation.
- Risk Management:
  - Addressed model overfitting early.

# Major Obstacle



Biggest Obstacle:

Overfitting with initial model design.



Learnings:

Importance of regularization techniques.  
Effective use of validation data.



Hindsight:

Earlier implementation of dropout layers.

# Conclusion and Insights



## Hypothesis Outcome:

Supported: Achieved high accuracy with CNN.



## Key Learnings:

Iterative model improvement leads to significant accuracy gains.

Importance of balancing model complexity and computational efficiency.

Deployment Model Processes



**Thank You!**