



# **Business News Classification Engine**

**Springboard Capstone Project 2**

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# **REQUIREMENT**

- **Take CurationCorp's labelled news database of 43,502 articles**
- **Train a neural net-based topic classification engine**
- **Make this functionality available via a cloud-based API**

# APPROACH

- **Data wrangling**
- **Compare Classifiers**
  - A multi-layer neural net (NN)
  - A convolutional neural net (CNN)
  - A long/short term memory neural net (LSTM)
  - A very deep convolutional neural net (VDCNN)
- **Build a prediction API**
- **Future research**

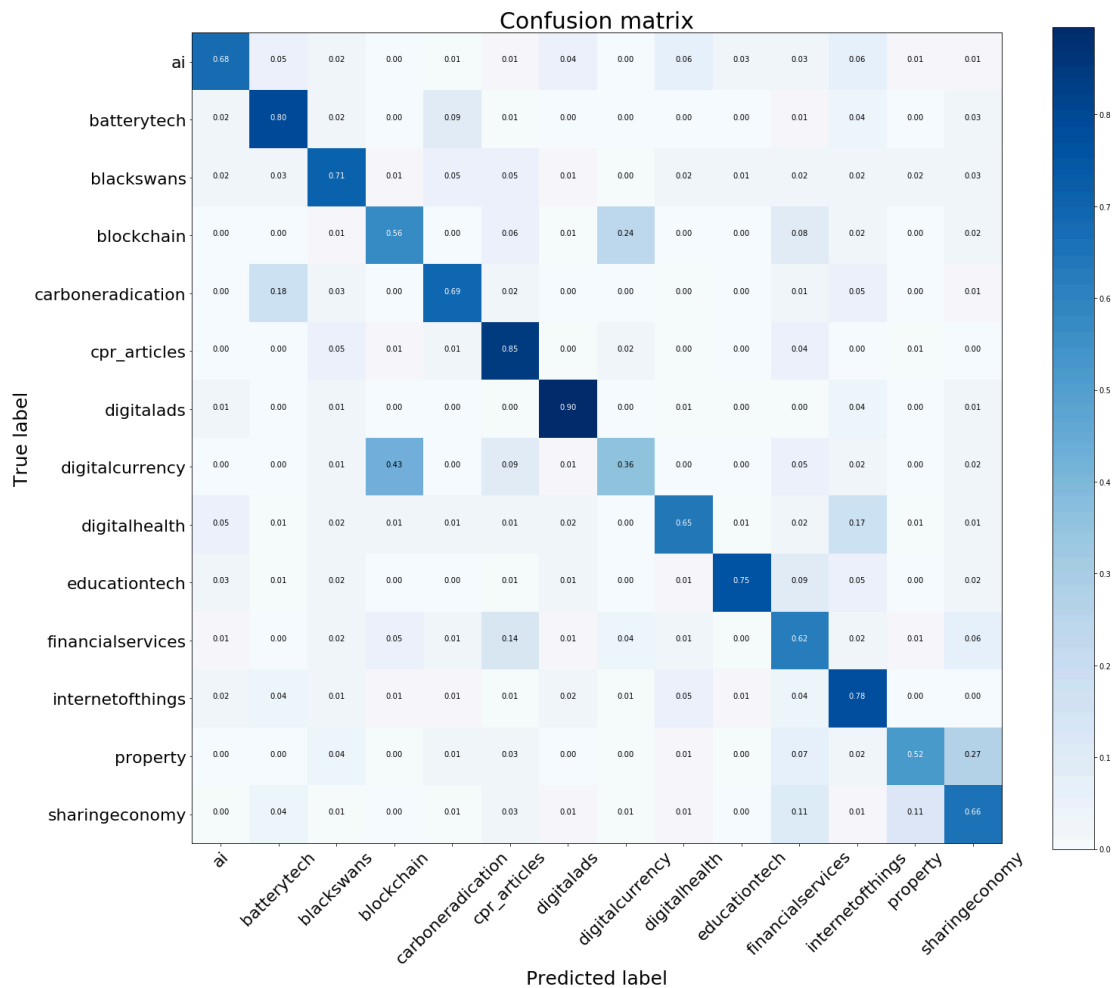
# UNBALANCED DATASET

cpr_articles	6846
blackswans	4837
batterytech	4092
financialservices	3986
carboneradication	3690
sharingeconomy	3574
digitalads	2920
internetofthings	2627
property	2132
digitalhealth	1943
digitalcurrency	1914
ai	1722
blockchain	1650
educationtech	1555

# BALANCED DATASET

batterytech	16368
financialservices	15944
internetofthings	15762
digitalhealth	15544
digitalcurrency	15312
property	14924
carboneradication	14760
digitalads	14600
blackswans	14511
sharingeconomy	14296
educationtech	13995
ai	13776
cpr_articles	13692
blockchain	13200

# MULTILAYER NEURAL NET



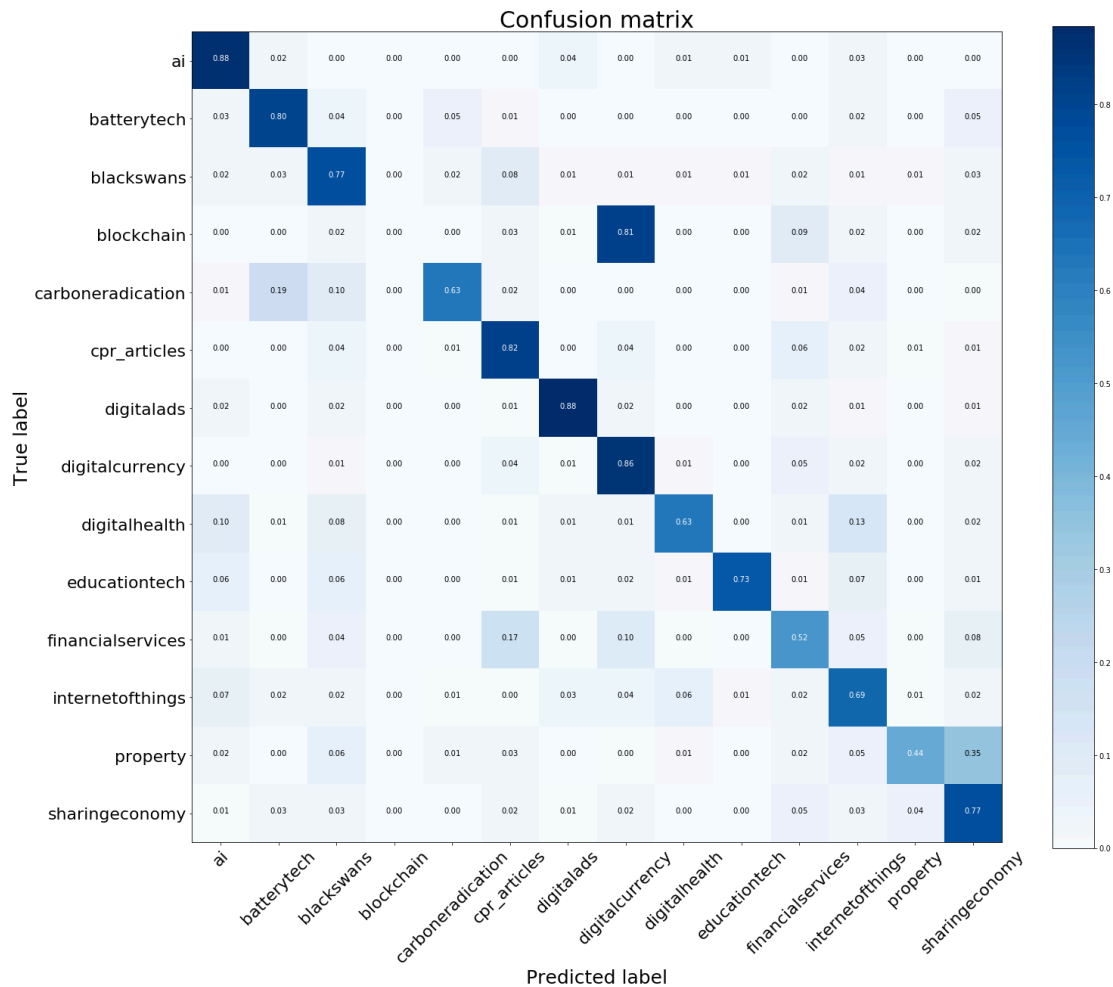
Best performance:

**72.5% accuracy**  
(unbalanced data)

Support vector  
machine benchmark:

**77% accuracy**

# CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NET



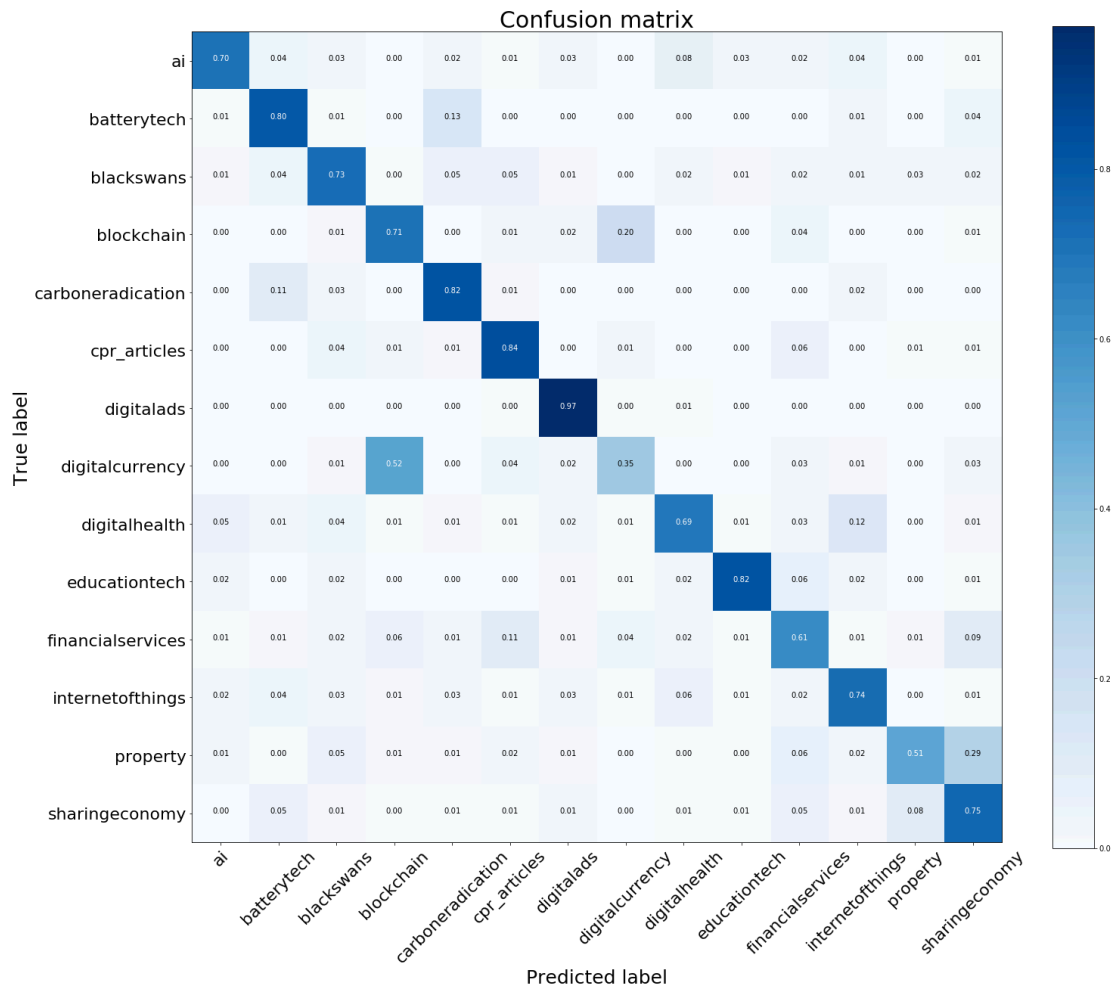
**Best performance:**

**72.6% accuracy  
(unbalanced data)**

**Support vector  
machine benchmark:**

**77% accuracy**

# LONG SHORT-TERM MEMORY



Best performance:

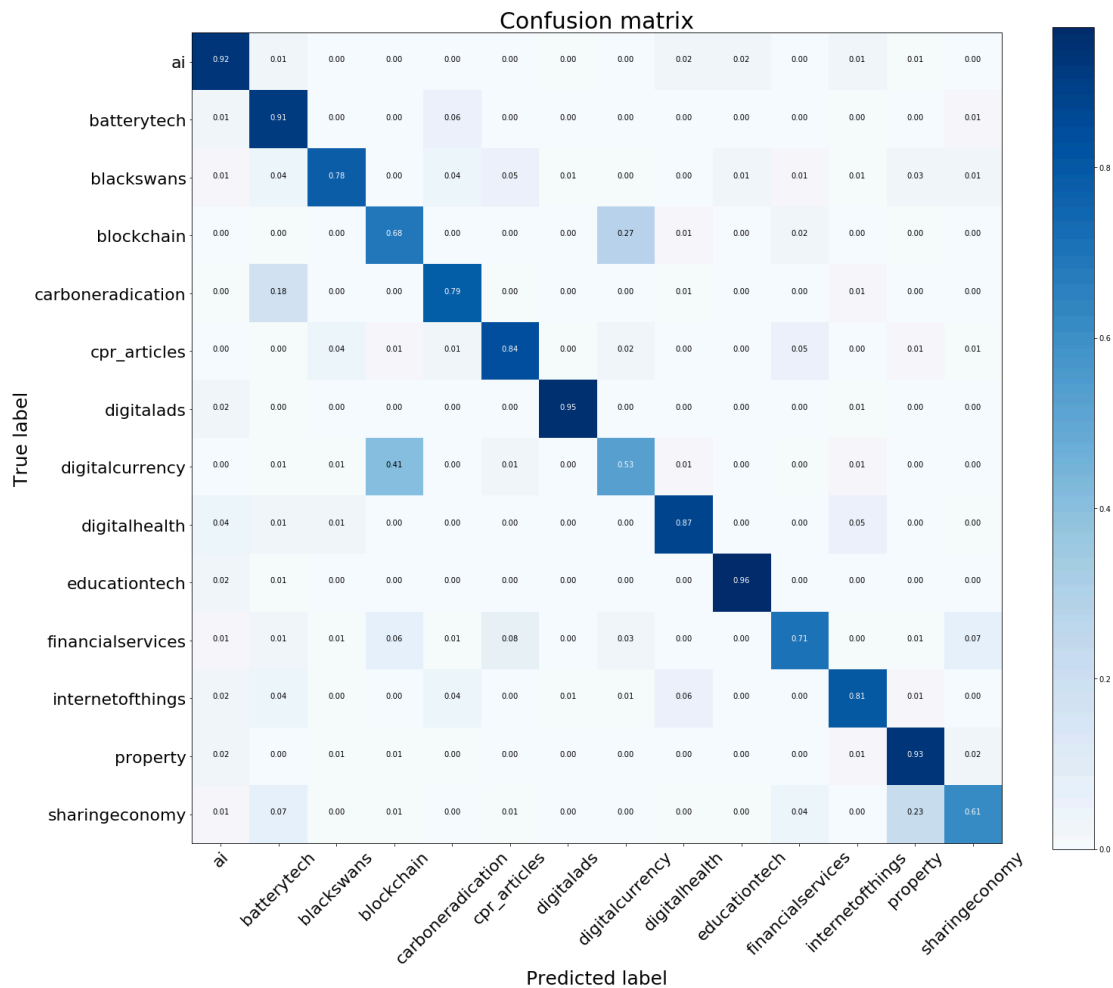
**81.3% accuracy**  
(balanced data)

Support vector  
machine benchmark:

**77% accuracy**



# VERY DEEP CNN



**Best performance:**

**80.6% accuracy  
(balanced data)**

**Support vector  
machine benchmark:**

**77% accuracy**

# PREDICTION WEB FORM

**Please classify an article using the form below**

Title (max 15 words):

Article (max 135 words) :

CLASSIFY!

**<https://afternoon-shelf-15457.herokuapp.com/form>**

# PREDICTION API

```
import requests
import json

url = 'https://afternoon-shelf-15457.herokuapp.com/predict'
s = {"title": "foo", "body": "bar"}
s_json = json.dumps(s)
headers = {'Content-Type': 'application/json'}
r = requests.post(url, data=s_json, headers=headers)
print(r.text)
```

**<https://afternoon-shelf-15457.herokuapp.com/predict>**

# NEXT STEPS

- **Text Summarisation**
- **Tag generation**
- **Retrain using user feedback**
- **Enable batch processing**

*See REPORT document for details on each of these*

**THANKS & GOOD LUCK**