

# Litter Detection Algorithm:

**User Manual** 



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# 1. Introduction

FixIT worked with Keep America Beautiful to create a Litter Detection Algorithm that will identify litter, visually, when given a particular image. This manual was written as a user-friendly guide for anyone that is interested in using our litter detection algorithm with no prior experience in computer science or programming.

# 2. Tools

## **TensorFlow**

## **Amazon Web Services**

P2 Large Ubuntu Server

## **Jupyter Notebook**

## Windows:

PuTTY

#### Mac:

Terminal

# 3. How to Interface the AWS ec2 Server

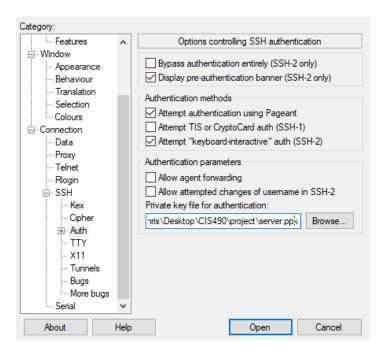
# 3.1 Logging on to the server

## 3.1.1 Windows

For the purposes of this project, Putty was used on Windows computers to interface the ec2 server.

- 1. Download and install Putty from <a href="https://www.putty.org/">https://www.putty.org/</a>
- 2. Load in the private key under [Connection > SSH > Auth]
  - a. Click "browse" and select your private key file

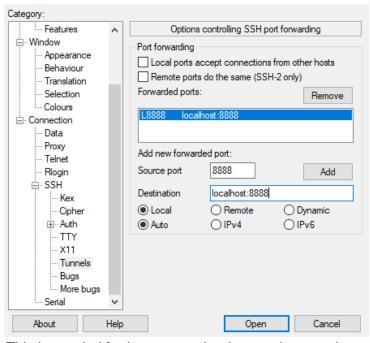




3. Setup SSH tunneling under [ Connection > SSH > Tunnels]. Enter these values:

Source Port: 8888

**Destination:** localhost:8888



This is needed for jupyter notebook to work correctly.

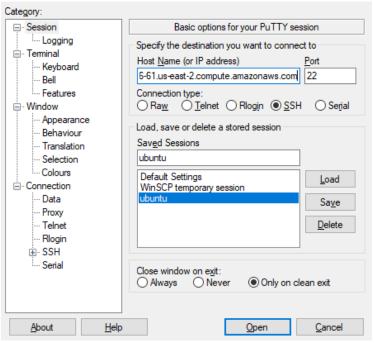
4. Enter the server connection details under [Session]

IP: ec2-18-218-116-61.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com



Port: 22

**Connection Type: SSH** 



- 5. Save the session and click open to login to the server.
- 6. Login as **ubuntu**.

## 3.1.2 Mac

For the purposes of this project, Terminal, a native Mac application, was used on Mac computers to interface the ec2 server.

1. In the Terminal application, change directories to the location of the private key file that you created when you launched the instance. This private key file will have the format: *filename.pem.* Execute the following command into the Terminal window:

```
cd path/to/file.pem
```

2. Use the **chmod** command to make sure that your private key file isn't publicly viewable. For example, if the name of your private key file is my-key-pair.pem, use the following command:

```
chmod 400 /path/my-key-pair.pem
```



3. Use the **ssh** command to connect to the instance. You specify the private key (.pem) file and user\_name@public\_dns\_name. For example, if you used an Amazon Linux AMI, user\_name is ec2-user. If you used Ubuntu, user\_name is ubuntu. Replace <ec2-domain> with your actual domain address.

```
ssh -i "FixItServer.pem" -L 8157:127.0.0.1:8888
user_name@<public_dns_name>
```

The first time you login, you should see the following response:

```
The authenticity of host 'ec2-198-51-100-1.compute-1.amazonaws.com (10.254.142.33)' can't be established.

RSA key fingerprint is 1f:51:ae:28:bf:89:e9:d8:1f:25:5d:37:2d:7d:b8:ca:9f:f5:f1:6f.

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?
```

Type **yes** to connect. After your initial login, after you execute the ssh command, you will be automatically logged into the server.

## 3.2 Initial configuration

1. Activate Tensorflow environment by using the following command:

```
source ~/tensorflow/bin/activate
```

2. Change directories to the models/research directory.

```
cd ~/models/research
```

3. Compile the protoc library. Execute the following command:

```
protoc object_detection/protos/*.proto --python_out=.
```

4. Export the appropriate Python path. Execute the following command:

```
export PYTHONPATH=$PYTHONPATH:`pwd`:`pwd`/slim
```



## 3.3 Using Jupyter Notebook

The Jupyter Notebook is an open-source web application that allows you to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations and narrative text. This application will be used to execute the algorithm on chosen test images. These test images are located in the ~/models/research/object detection/test images folder.

1. Change directories models/research/object\_detection by using the following command:

```
cd ~/models/research/object_detection
```

2. Run Jupyter Notebook using the following command:

```
jupyter-notebook
```

You should see the following results:

```
Serving notebooks from local directory:
/home/ubuntu/models/research/object_detection
[I 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp] 0 active kernels
[I 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp] The Jupyter Notebook is running at:
[I 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp]
http://localhost:8888/?token=dec00e2a8d30add83c31c735213336503524e16e9f952b5b5
[I 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
[W 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp] No web browser found: could not locate runnable browser.
[C 22:00:04.373 NotebookApp]

Copy/paste this URL into your browser when you connect for the first time, to login with a token:

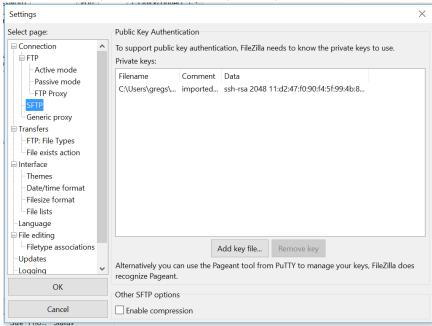
http://localhost:8888/?token=dec00e2a8d30add83c31c735213336503524e16e9f952b5b5
```

3. In any web browser type **localhost:8157** to access the Jupyter Notebook interface. Copy the token string (i.e. the red bolded line of text bolded in the above snippet) into the password textbox to login.

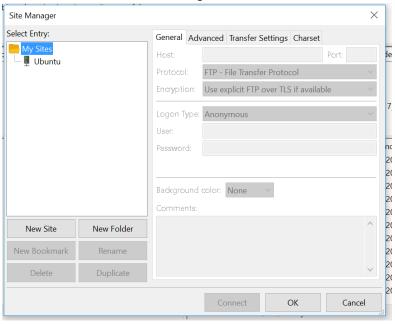


# 3.4 Running the algorithm

- 1. Choose images that you would like to test. It is important that the format needs to be .jpg.
- 2. Download a file transfer client, e.g. FileZilla. You need this client to upload your test images to the server.
- 3. Go to Edit > Settings and then to SFTP on the left side. Click "Add Key file..." and go to to the directory where you saved your key to server (.pem file) and select it.



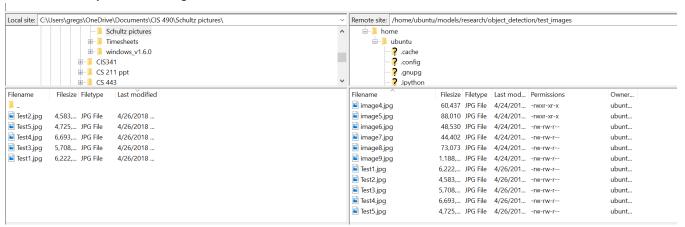
4. Go to File > Site Manager and click "New Site".



- 5. The "Host" is the domain of your aws server.
- 6. For "Protocol" select "SFTP".
- 7. Choose "Normal" for "Logon Type".
- 8. The "User" is the same username you use to log on to the server.



- 9. Type in your password for the server if you have one otherwise just leave it blank.
- 10. Press "Connect" to connect to the server
- 11. The left side it shows all the files saved locally on your PC and select the directory where you saved your test images here.



- 12. On the right side it shows all the files saved on the server. Go to home > ubuntu > models > research > object\_detection > test\_images. Here all the images that are executed by the algorithm are saved.
- 13. Move the images from your PC into that folder.
- 14. Open the Jupyter Notebook in your Browser as explained in the steps above. Navigate to the appropriate Notebook file (i.e. file ends in .ipynb). Then go to Cells > Run All to run the algorithm with the selected images

