Introduction to TensorFlow ™

Fast Campus Start Deep Learning with Tensorflow

TensorFlow

A multidimensional array.



A graph of operations.

What is TensorFlow?

- Open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs
- Originally developed by Google Brain Team to conduct machine learning and deep neural networks research
- General enough to be applicable in a wide variety of other domains as well

TensorFlow provides an extensive suite of functions and classes that allow users to build various models from scratch.

Deep Learning Framework

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_deep_learning_softwa re
- For a framework to be useful in production, it needs to be efficient, scalable, and maintainable.
- For research, the framework needs to have flexible operations that can be combined in novel ways.
- Alternative frameworks are either flexible enough for research but less scalable, such as Chainer and PyTorch, or scalable but less flexible, such as Caffe and MXNet. TensorFlow are both flexible and scalable, allowing users to streamline from research into production.

Why TensorFlow

- Python API
- Portability: deploy computation to one or more CPUs or GPUs in a desktop, server, or mobile device with a single API
- Flexibility: from Raspberry Pi, Android, Windows, iOS, Linux to server farms
- Visualization (TensorBoard is da bomb)
- Checkpoints (for managing experiments)
- Auto-differentiation autodiff (no more taking derivatives by hand. Yay)
- Large community (> 10,000 commits and > 3000 TF-related repos in one year)
- Awesome projects already using TensorFlow

TensorFlow in Open-Source Community

Positive Reviews

Rapid Development

Direct Engagement

67,000+
GitHub Stars

1,000+
Contributors

8,000+ Stack Overflow questions answered

17,000+

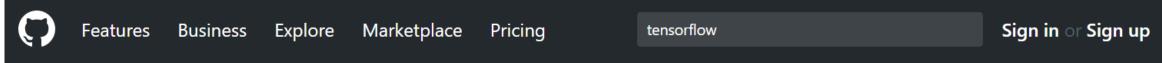
GitHub repositories with 'TensorFlow' in the title 21,000+

Commits in 21 months

100+

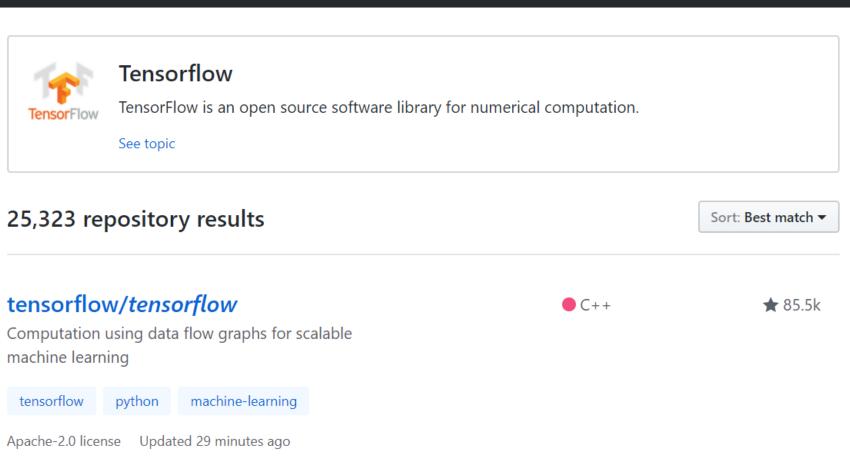
Community-submitted GitHub issues responded to weekly

Search Results on Github



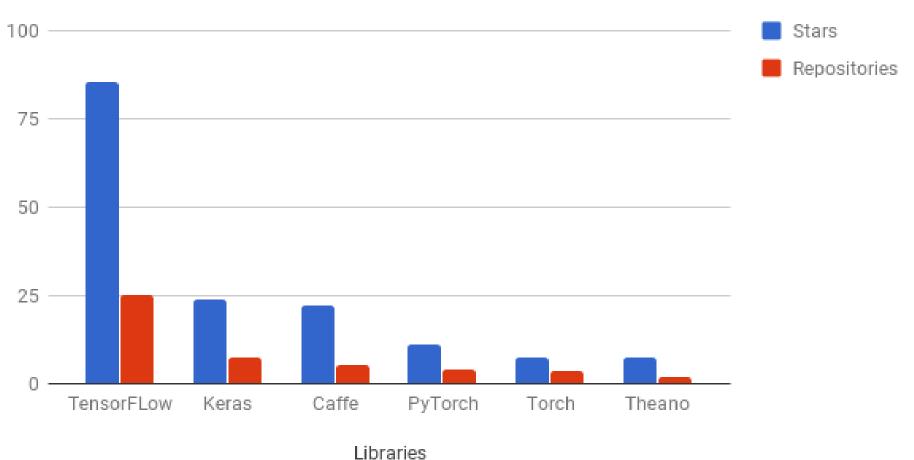






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Companies Using Tensorflow

- Google
- OpenAl
- DeepMind
- Snapchat
- Uber
- Airbus
- eBay
- Dropbox
- A bunch of startups

Fancy Projects Using TensorFlow

- WaveNet: A Generative Model for Raw Audio (DeepMind, 2016)
- <u>Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural</u> <u>networks</u> (Esteva, Kuprel, et al., Nature 2017)
- <u>Magenta</u> (Google)

TensorFlow Basics

import tensorflow as tf

- The first thing we need to understand about TensorFlow is its computation graph approach. Any TensorFlow program consists of two phases:
 - Phase 1: assemble a graph
 - Phase 2: use a session to execute operations in the graph.
- Note that this might change in the future with <u>TensorFlow's eager</u> mode, currently experimental.