

Team 5: Datadark

Dataset #5 - Shelf behaviors CCTV

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1. Introduction and Problem Statement

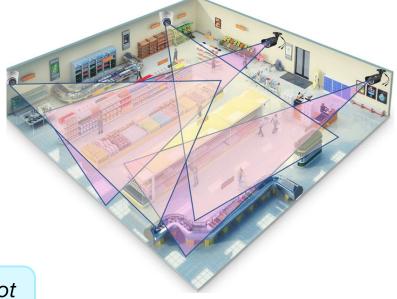
Abstraction

CCTV appears in millions stores.

CCTV provides enormous data

Only some malls analyze those data

Most groceries are not able to leverage them



What problems can be treated with data of CCTV?



Huge data wasted

Problem 1: Unsuitable Items arrangement



The need to bend down to reach products on lower shelves poses challenges for a significant portion of the population. For example, it causes many annoying results

Accessibility Barriers: The current shelf layout makes it difficult for individuals with mobility challenges to retrieve products. This lack of accessibility may deter potential customers and diminish the overall shopping experience.





Customer Safety: The act of bending down increases the risk of accidents, such as trips or falls, particularly among older customers.

Problem 2: Unequal distribution



The imbalance manifests as crowded shelves in certain areas and empty or underutilized shelves in others, contributing to a suboptimal shopping experience for customers.

Operational Inefficiency: Unequal distribution complicates inventory management processes, as some empty places require a lot of money to rent while not generating profit

Customer Frustration: Unequal distribution of products results in crowded shelves, making it challenging for customers to navigate and find desired items.





Those two problems are common in many supermarkets and stores but not many people recognize it. Therefore, our MVP will pioneer to provide solutions for the 2 above problems

Insight: Heatmap and analytical data



Providing a heatmap and statistical data can be an effective solution to address the two problems mentioned

Heatmap: a heatmap depicts the product distribution across shelves can quickly convey information. The heatmap visualizes crowded places where mostly people bend down with bright color, while others is presented with dark colors.





Statistical data: Alongside the heatmap, customer bend-down rates, product turnover rates, sales data, and popularity metrics for each product category can offer a comprehensive understanding of demand patterns.

2. Solution Overview

Solution Overview

Shop owners mainly focus on where their customer shopping. However, we believe that: "How customer shopping is absolutely much that important".



Accordingly, we propose an app "Grocify" with slogan

Grocify = Grocery + Identify

Grocify is proposed to enhance the visibility of customer behavior in groceries and supermarkets.

We believe the solution plays a crucial role helping the owners in improving shop quality.

Unique features

	Features	Features
Detection	Human Tracking	Keypoint Estimator
Visualizaiton	Distribution Heatmap	Pose Heatmap
Statistic	Customer Counter	Pose Comparison

3. MVP Introduction

MVP Introduction

GROCIFY is a responsive web application:

Utilize AI model on the architecture of YOLOV8 providing map and figure of customer movement with data from video.



Product concept



Target users Supermarket managers and grocery owners, who want to know the distribution of customers for better goods arrangement.

Functional benefits

Statisticizing 'arranged inappropriate item' at which people bend down to inspect items \Rightarrow *improve customer satisfaction*.

Analyzing 'distribution of buyers' in specific time range by plotting heatmaps \Rightarrow optimize the market space.

Connect to the camera's storage and generate reports at the scheduled time \Rightarrow *reduce operational time*.

Platform

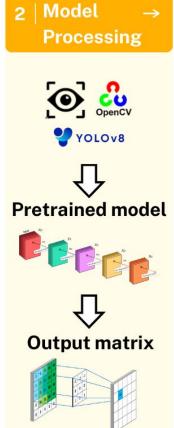
Web (suitable for office users) and **App** (suitable for owners away from the store)

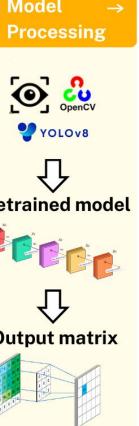




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Overview















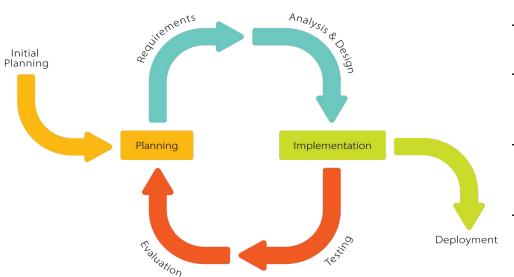


4. Methodologies, architecture design and tech stack

Methodology



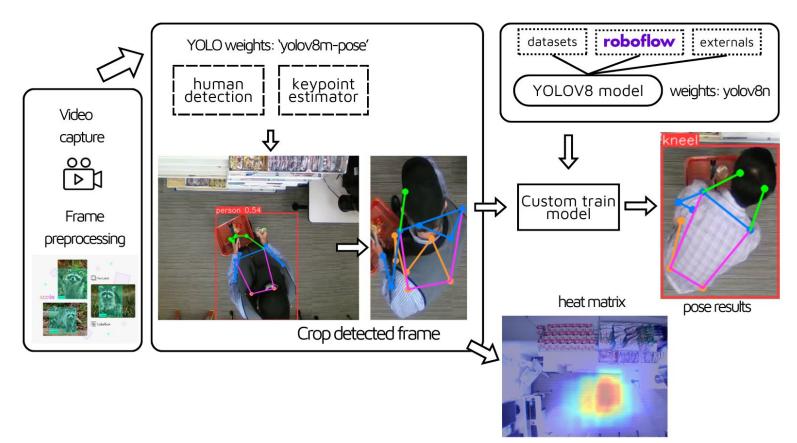
Grocify is built on the architecture of incremental development:



- Project is not within budget
- Reduce the cost of accommodating changing user requirements
- Easier to get customer feedback on the development work that has been done.
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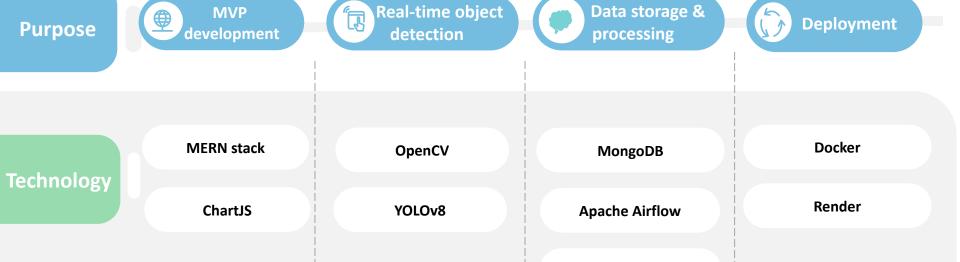
Al architecture





Tech Stack Overview





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5. Core functionality and performance metrics

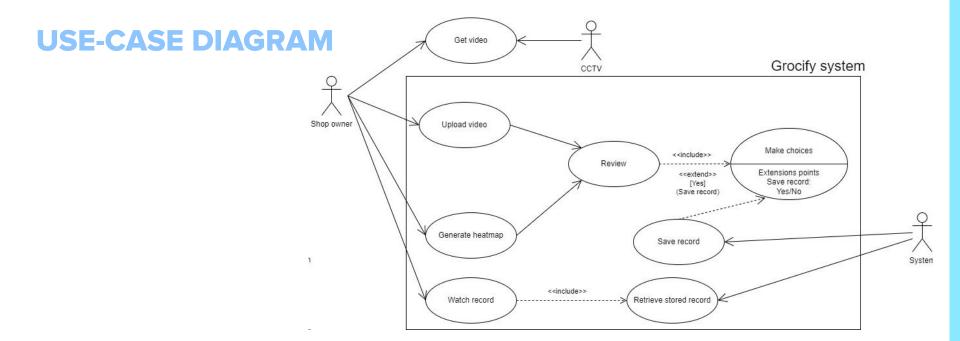
Core Functionality



- Distributed Heatmap Visualization:
 Frequency that customers appear in the CCTV/Camera.
- Stand/Kneel Pose Heatmap Visualization:
 Frequency customers stand/bend down at each shelf in CCTV.
- Customer & Pose realtime detection:

 Realtime inference of AI model through CCTV data.
- Mixed Heatmap:
 Combination of distributed and pose heatmap.
- 6 Retrieve statistic: Figures (people counter, kneel proportion, return product rate)
- Replacement recommendation:
 Suggest which shelf row should be moved and where to move.





Due to the use-case diagram, our main flow includes:

- 1. Shop owner can use video recorded from CCTV or upload new ones.
- 2. The system returns heatmap and analytical data of videos.
- 3. After receiving the heatmap and data, users review and then choose to delete/save record.
- 4. Users can retrieve and watch stored record at anytime, or they can delete helpless records.

UI explanation

The center of app provide video in database recorded by camera, you can also upload new video if you do not have ones

The navbar helps us to navigate the main page, the history, and setting manager



The header bar provides services, camera adding



A heat map is displayed to represent the locations that do not have suitable goods arrangement

Some information extracted from the video is represented as charts and text

Performance Metrics



Application

To maintain the convenience and ease of use for **Grocify**, we consider application's response time, with the focusing on working with large size file (as CCTV source video always long, despite its low quality) as well as output image size.

Model

Of course, the accuracy and speed of AI model can not be neglected. As our model is in field of object detection and classification, we will use mAP (mean Average Precision). It is used to evaluate the accuracy of models in identifying and localizing objects within an image.

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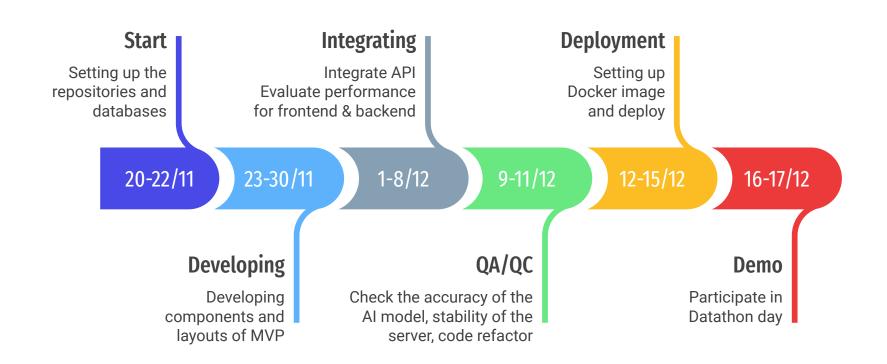
Application evaluation				
	Video Length	Time		
Processing time/	Short (<15 mins)	immediate		
Video length	Medium (1 hour)	< 1 min		
	Long (n hour)	< log2(n) min		
Realtime delay	CCTV/Camera	<1500ms		
Output stays as	Distribution heatmap	< 500KB		
Output storage	Pose heatmap	< 500KB		

Model Evaluation (mAP)					
Person Detection	Precision	> 0.95			
Model	Recall	> 0.95			
Pose Estimator	Precision	> 0.9			
Model	Recall	> 0.9			
Whole Model	Runtime	> 45 frames/ second			

6. Timeline

Timeline and Roadmap





7. Current limitations and future development

Potential future development

Initiating new features: Integrating other recognition platform such as shoplifting detection, people shopping habit by analyzing the type of items customer buy





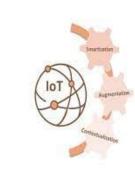
Integrate in public places: Our system can be installed in other public locations.

For example, in library, the shelves are high and the amount of books in each shelf is extremely significant, hence an Al model notify shelves need to be rearranged is important to save time for lectures and students.

Limitations

Direct connection with CCTV is limited: In order to analyze the outcome of retail, our web-app requires access to the storage of past videos on CCTV instead of connecting directly like other service-loT apps.







CCTV is too expensive: For some middle and small groceries, especially in rural areas. Setting up the whole system may cost a considerable amount of money to operate.

Conclusion

Apart from given information, we can conclude about our app as:

Key-point: customers have to bend down for items and some places in shop do not have equal popularity

Value proposition: solution to two critical challenges: unequal product distribution and lost sales opportunities.

Benefits of Al model: improving the image processing stage, helping plotting heating with providing analytics data for retail sellers.

Potential impact: can adding more detection features such as shoplifting, shopping habits, etc in the app.