

Watson Visual Recognition API

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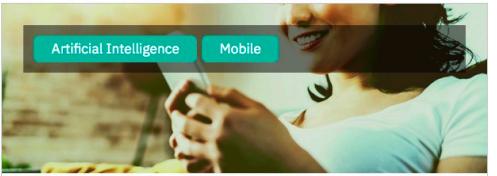
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Deploy a Core ML model with Watson Visual Recognition

With Core ML, developers can integrate a trained machine learning model into an application. Watson Visual Recognition now supports exporting trained Core ML models. This code pattern shows you how to create a Core ML model using Watson Visual Recognition, which is then bundled into an application.

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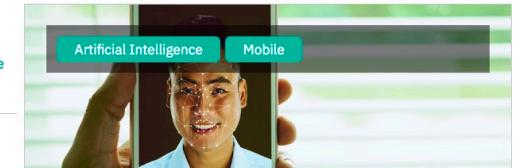


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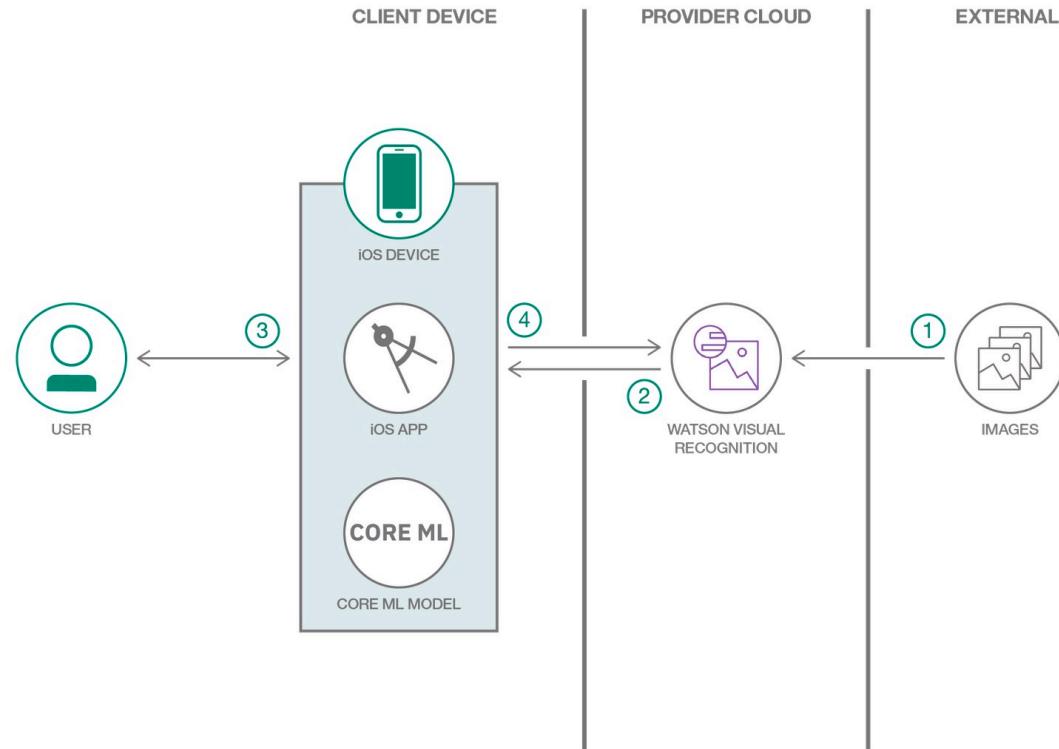
Create an app that combines ARKit with Watson Visual Recognition and a Cloudant database to give you a complete augmented reality experience.

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Classify offline with Watson Visual Recognition and Core ML

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(1) Import and tag images.

(2) Train, test and deploy a Watson Visual Recognition model for Core ML.

(3) Run the application using to classify image using the Core ML model on the device.

(4) Get feedback from the user/device for iterative training in Watson.

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1. Upload to project

To add files to your project, drop .zip files here or [Browse](#)

2. Add from project

Drag .zip files from your project to the training area to add them to your model.

0 selected

- mucinex.zip 13 Jul 2018, 3:57:06 pm
30.74 MB
- nyquil.zip 13 Jul 2018, 3:57:05 pm
16.97 MB
- vitaminc.zip 13 Jul 2018, 3:56:23 pm
22.28 MB

Default Custom Model

Associated Service : upkar-watson-medicine-classification

My classes (4) All images (47)

Drag and drop zip files from your project.

4 classes | 0 incomplete classes | 5 unclassified images Total file size: 70.0/250 MB

Create a class

mucinex 19 images

negative (recommended) 0 images

Use the negative class to train the model on images that do not depict the visual subject of any of the positive classes.

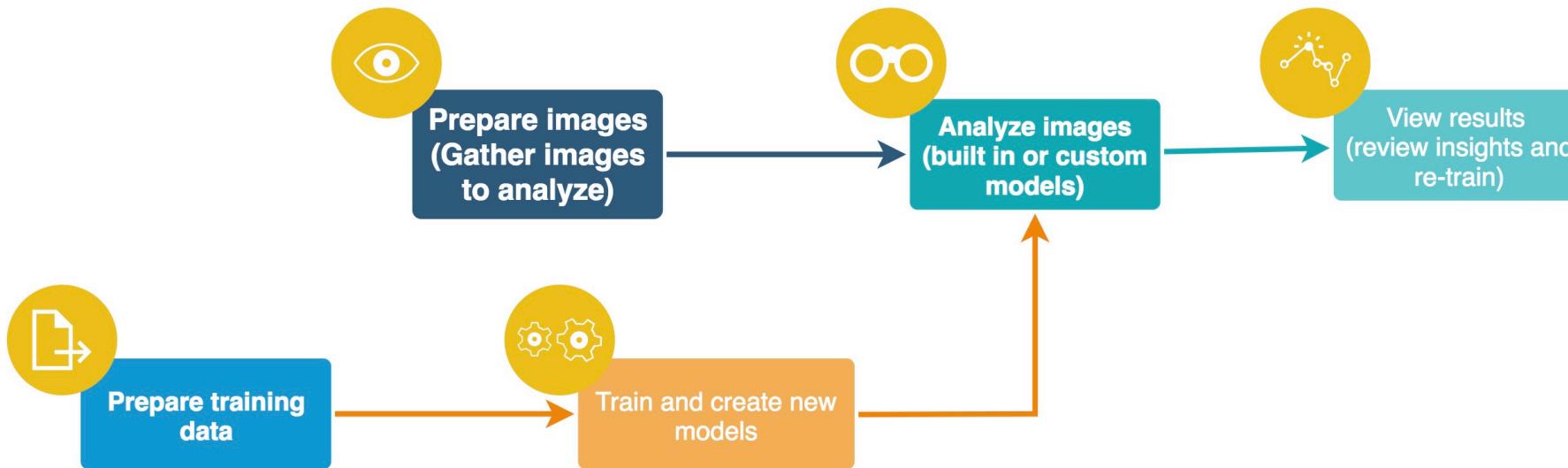
nyquil 10 images

vitaminc 13 images

Built in Models

A set of built-in models provides highly accurate results without training:

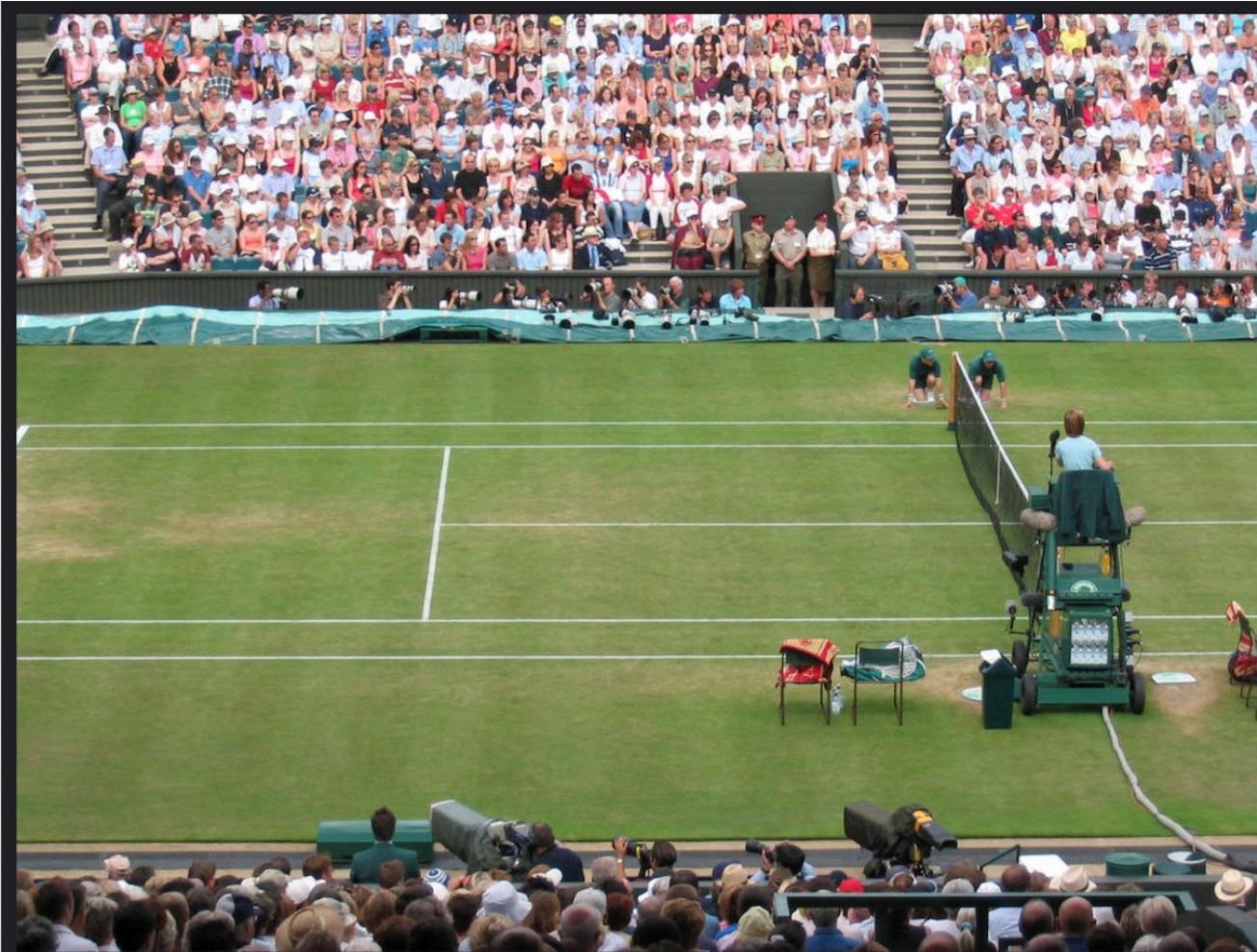
- General model: Default classification from thousands of classes.
- Face model: Facial analysis with age and gender.
- Explicit model (Beta): Whether an image is inappropriate for general use.
- Food model (Beta): Specifically for images of food items.
- Text model (Private beta): Text extraction from natural scene images.



General Model

- Animals (including birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc.)
- Person and people-oriented information and activities
- Food (including cooked food and beverages)
- Plants (including trees, shrubs, aquatic plants, vegetables)
- Sports
- Nature (including many types of natural formations, geological structures)
- Transportation (land, water, air)
- And many more, including furnishings, fruits, musical instruments, tools, colors, gadgets, devices, instruments, weapons, buildings, structures and man-made objects, clothing and garments, and flowers, among others.

General Model Example



```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "classifiers": [  
        {  
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          "classes": [  
            {  
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              "score": 0.762,  
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            {  
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              "score": 0.774  
            },  
            {  
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            },  
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            },  
            {  
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            },  
            {  
              "class": "greenishness color",  
              "score": 0.716  
            }  
          ]  
      ],  
      "image": "sport.jpg"  
    }  
  ],  
  "images_processed": 1,  
  "custom_classes": 0  
}
```

Face Detect



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```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "faces": [  
        {  
          "age": {  
            "min": 42,  
            "max": 45,  
            "score": 0.8267146  
          },  
          "face_location": {  
            "height": 240,  
            "width": 198,  
            "left": 587,  
            "top": 258  
          },  
          "gender": {  
            "gender": "MALE",  
            "score": 0.99999547  
          }  
        },  
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            "min": 20,  
            "max": 22,  
            "score": 0.99971515  
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            "left": 1275,  
            "top": 330  
          },  
          "gender": {  
            "gender": "MALE",  
            "score": 0.9667457  
          }  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ],  
  "image": "family.jpg"  
},  
  "images_processed": 1  
}
```

Face Detect



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classify

```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "classifiers": [  
        {  
          "classifier_id": "default",  
          "name": "default",  
          "classes": [  
            {  
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              "score": 0.678,  
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            },  
            {  
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              "score": 0.678  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "building",  
              "score": 0.678  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "claret red color",  
              "score": 0.733  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "alizarine red color",  
              "score": 0.672  
            }  
          ]  
        },  
        {"image": "cuba.jpg"}  
      ],  
      "images_processed": 1,  
      "custom_classes": 0  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

detect_faces

```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "faces": [  
        {  
          "age": {  
            "min": 0,  
            "max": 12,  
            "score": 0.36798656  
          },  
          "face_location": {  
            "height": 129,  
            "width": 103,  
            "left": 1229,  
            "top": 352  
          },  
          "gender": {  
            "gender": "MALE",  
            "score": 0.68076503  
          }  
        },  
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            "max": 57,  
            "score": 0.79777867  
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            "top": 76  
          },  
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            "score": 0.96644753  
          }  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Food

classifier_ids=""



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```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "classifiers": [  
        {  
          "classifier_id": "default",  
          "name": "default",  
          "classes": [  
            {  
              "class": "plant",  
              "score": 0.631  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "berry",  
              "score": 0.6  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "dark red color",  
              "score": 0.911  
            }  
          ]  
        },  
        {"image": "fruit2.jpg"}  
      ],  
      "images_processed": 1,  
      "custom_classes": 0  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

classifier_ids=food

```
{  
  "images": [  
    {  
      "classifiers": [  
        {  
          "classifier_id": "food",  
          "name": "food",  
          "classes": [  
            {  
              "class": "raspberry",  
              "score": 0.934,  
              "type_hierarchy": "/fruit/berry/raspberry"  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "berry",  
              "score": 0.95  
            },  
            {  
              "class": "fruit",  
              "score": 0.95  
            }  
          ]  
        },  
        {"image": "fruit2.jpg"}  
      ],  
      "images_processed": 1,  
      "custom_classes": 0  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Watson Visual Recognition API

Visual Recognition

The IBM Watson™ Visual Recognition service uses deep learning algorithms to identify scenes, objects, and faces in images you upload to the service. You can create and train a custom classifier to identify subjects that suit your needs.

For more information about this service, see the IBM® Cloud docs.

<https://console.bluemix.net/docs/services/visual-recognition/getting-started.html>

General

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GET /v3/classify

Classify an image

POST /v3/classify

Classify images

Face

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GET /v3/detect_faces

Detect faces in an image

POST /v3/detect_faces

Detect faces in images

Custom

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

GET /v3/classifiers

Retrieve a list of classifiers

POST /v3/classifiers

Create a classifier

DELETE /v3/classifiers/{classifier_id}

Delete a classifier

GET /v3/classifiers/{classifier_id}

Retrieve classifier details

POST /v3/classifiers/{classifier_id}

Update a classifier

Core ML

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GET /v3/classifiers/{classifier_id}/core_ml_model

Retrieve a Core ML model of a classifier

User data

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

DELETE /v3/user_data

Delete labeled data

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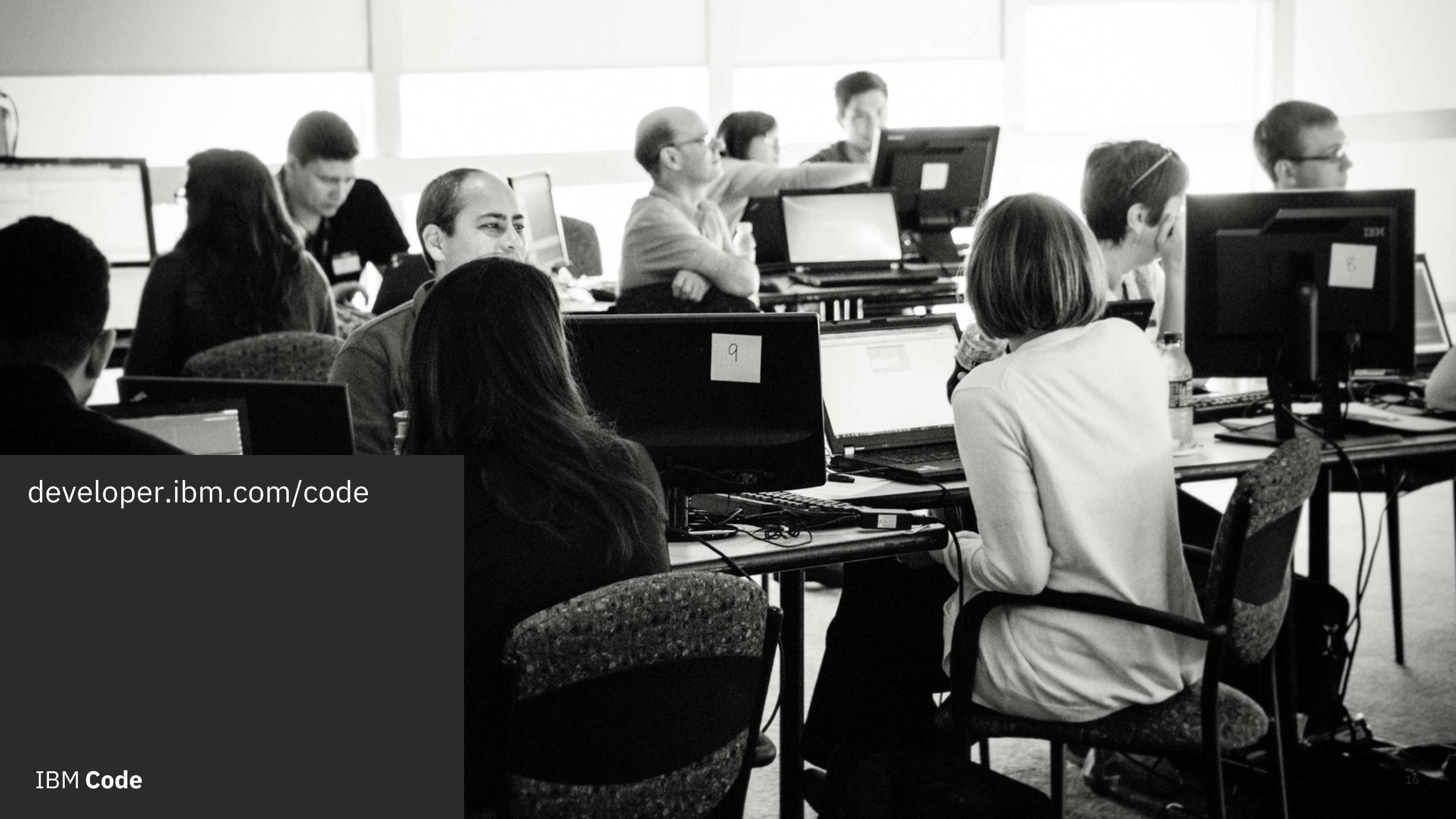
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Custom Models - Tips and Tricks

- Provide training examples that are similar to what you plan to analyze. Example: training with tiger in a zoo and then using the model to classify tiger in the wild. The background, surroundings matter, angle, lighting, distance, size of subject, etc matter.
- If the quality and content of training data is the same, then classifiers/classes that are trained on more images will do better.
- Time vs accuracy - the benefits of more images plateaus around 5000 images.
- Parallelize by groups of images. You can train a class asynchronously.
- Recommend 150-200 images per .zip file with image size of 320 x 320. Do not need high resolution.
- Specify only classifiers you want the result for using the “classifier_id” parameter.



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Difficult Use Cases

While Watson Visual Recognition is highly flexible, there have been a number of recurring use cases that we've seen the API either struggle on or require significant pre/post-work from the user.

- **Face Recognition:** Visual Recognition is capable of face detection (detecting the presence of faces) not face recognition (identifying individuals).
- **Detecting details:** Occasionally, users want to classify an image based on a small section of an image or details scattered within an image. Because Watson analyzes the entire image when training, it may struggle on classifications that depend on small details. Some users have adopted the strategy of breaking the image into pieces or zooming into relevant parts of an image.
- **Emotion:** Emotion classification (whether facial emotion or contextual emotion) is not a feature currently supported by Visual Recognition. Some users have attempted to do this through custom classifiers, but this is an edge case and we cannot estimate the accuracy of this type of training.

Size Limitations

There are size limitations for training calls and data:

- The service accepts a maximum of 10,000 images or 100 MB per .zip file
- The service requires a minimum of 10 images per .zip file.
- The service accepts a maximum of 256 MB per training call.
- Minimum recommended size of an image is 32X32 pixels.

There are also size limitations when classifying images or detecting faces:

- Limitations for the methods to classify images:
 - Maximum image size is 10 MB.
 - Maximum .zip file size is 100 MB with up to 20 images.
- Limitations for the methods to detect faces:
 - Maximum image size is 10 MB.
 - Maximum .zip file size is 100 MB with up to 15 images.