Tensorflow Object Detection API Walkthrough

Topics

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Intro

open source framework presented by Google

built on top of TensorFlow

covers constructing, training and evaluating object detection models

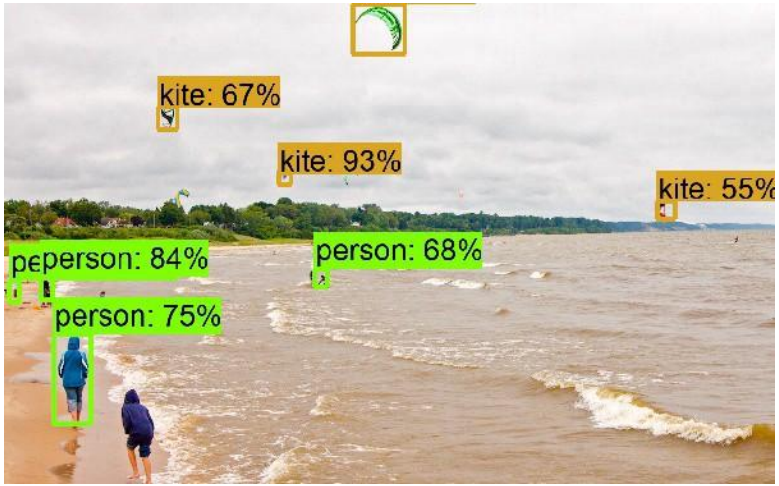
Task: localizing and identifying multiple objects in a single image

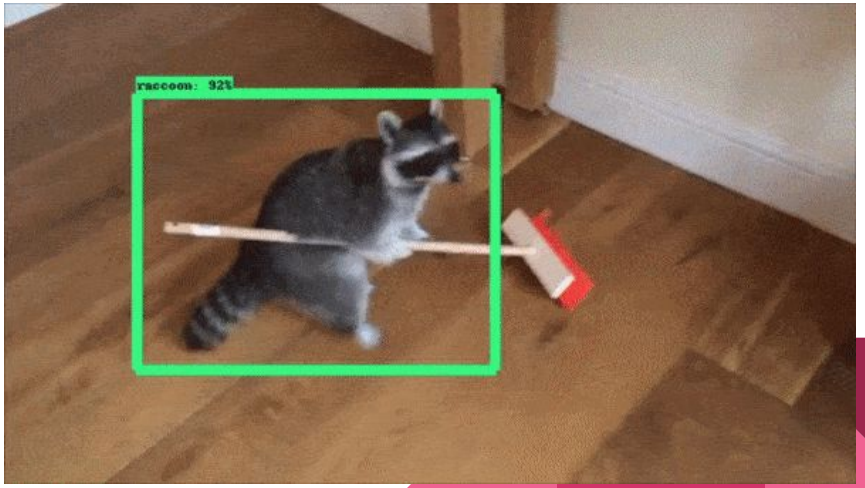
https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/object_detection

Intro

off-the-shelf pre-trained models from computer vision challenges

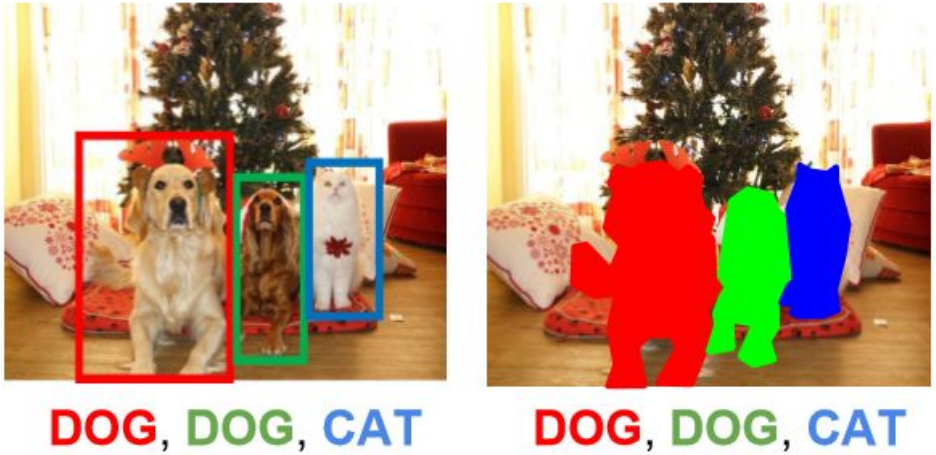
Train (fine tune) your own model with customized dataset





Intro

Object detection(bounding boxes) & segmentation (object outline)



Only convolutional, no recurrent neural nets

Installation - TensorFlow GPU

Python & pip

tensorflow-gpu,

```
C:\> pip3 install --upgrade tensorflow-gpu
```

https://www.tensorflow.org/install/install_windows

From Nvidia: CUDA (GPU driver included) , cuDNN

Note: use versions required by tensorflow, not the latest version!

https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit-archive

https://developer.nvidia.com/cudnn

Installation - Object Detection API

Download repository from GitHub and unzip to local directory

https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research

Install python packages

```
pip install Cython
pip install pillow
pip install lxml
pip install jupyter
pip install matplotlib
```

Installation - Object Detection API

Protobuf Compilation (convert protocols to python files)

Download protoc.exe v3.4.0 from https://github.com/google/protobuf/releases

```
# From tensorflow/models/research/
protoc object_detection/protos/*.proto --python_out=.
```

COCO API installation (some evaluation metrics come from this API)

Install GitHub for desktop, Visual C++ 2015 build tools, then run

```
$ pip install git+https://github.com/philferriere/cocoapi.git#subdirectory=PythonAPI
```

***Original COCO API has no support on Windows machines**

Installation - Object Detection API

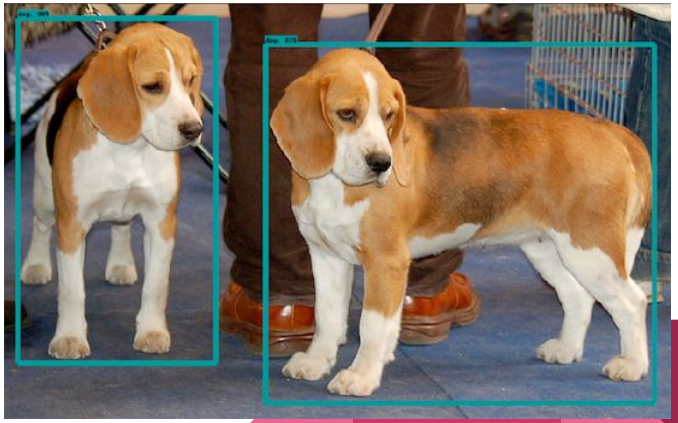
Add Libraries to PYTHONPATH as system variables

```
C:\Users\Tuocheng\models-master\research
C:\Users\Tuocheng\models-master\research\slim
```

Testing the Installation

```
python object_detection/builders/model_builder_test.py
```

models / research / object_detection / object_detection_tutorial.ipynb

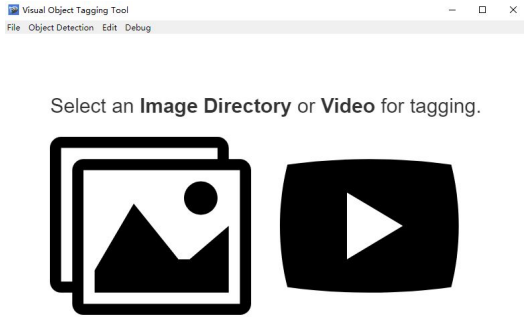


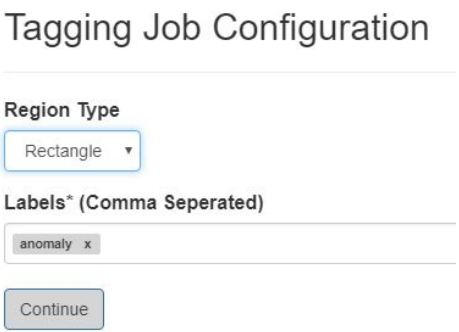
Prepare Dataset

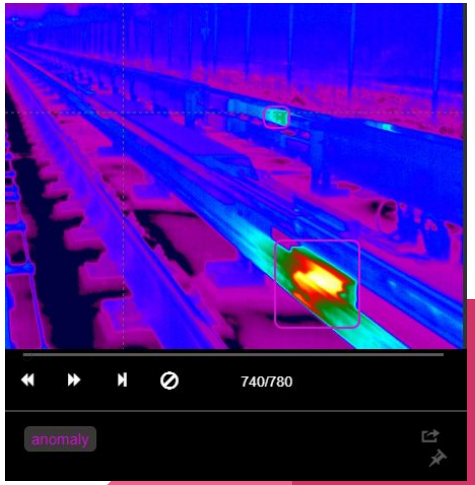
Convert pictures and annotations (labels) into TFrecord (.record files)

Label objects using Microsoft VoTT (visual object tagging tool)

https://github.com/Microsoft/VoTT/releases





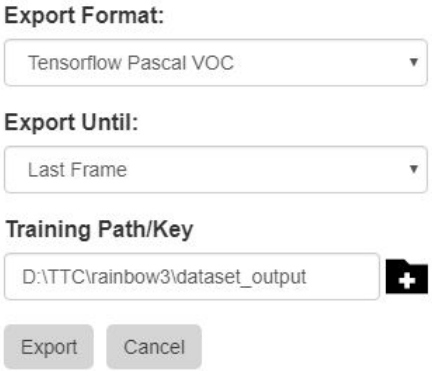


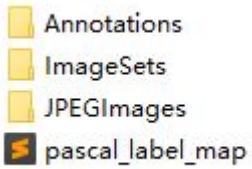
Prepare Dataset

When all pictures labeled, export tags in Pascal VOC format

Images are automatically splitted into train/validation sets, modify if necessary

Convert dataset folder into TFrecords using modified scripts in API





object_detection / dataset_tools / **create_pascal_tf_record.py**

```
Example usage:
    python object_detection/dataset_tools/create_pascal_tf_record.py \
        --data_dir=/home/user/VOCdevkit \
        --year=VOC2012 \
        --output_path=/home/user/pascal.record
"""
```

Training

Choose a pre-trained model from the Model Zoo

Use ssd mobilenet model for faster detection speed

Use faster_rcnn model for better performance

Model name	Speed (ms)	COCO mAP[^1]	Outputs
ssd_mobilenet_v1_coco	30	21	Boxes
ssd_mobilenet_v2_coco	31	22	Boxes
ssdlite_mobilenet_v2_coco	27	22	Boxes
ssd_inception_v2_coco	42	24	Boxes
faster_rcnn_inception_v2_coco	58	28	Boxes
faster_rcnn_resnet50_coco	89	30	Boxes
faster_rcnn_resnet50_lowproposals_coco	64		Boxes
rfcn_resnet101_coco	92	30	Boxes
faster_rcnn_resnet101_coco	106	32	Boxes

Model: Faster-RCNN-Inception-V2
Training Time: 3 hours

Model: MobileNet-SSD-V1
Training Time: 8 hours

Training - Tune the parameters in configuration file

A skeleton configuration file is shown below:

```
model {
(... Add model config here...)
}

train_config : {
(... Add train_config here...)
}

train_input_reader: {
(... Add train_input configuration here...)
}

eval_config: {
}

eval_input_reader: {
(... Add eval_input configuration here...)
}
```

Model config

- Image resizer, box predictor, feature extractor, loss…
- *** Must change num_classes suited to your dataset

Train config

- Batch size, optimizer, learning rate, input preprocessing…
- *** Provide path of fine tune checkpoint (pre-trained model)

Eval config

- Set of metrics used for evaluation, mAP as default

Input readers

- *** Path of train/eval dataset TFrecords and label mapping

Training

Run python script from command line

With path of training checkpoints and config file

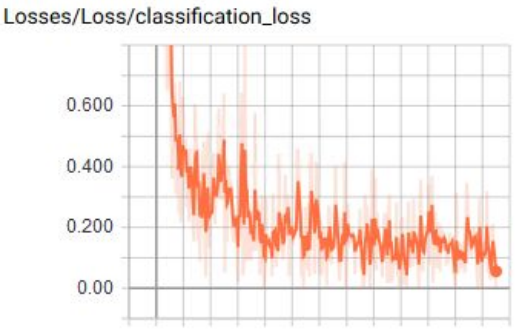
```
Example usage:
    ./train \
        --logtostderr \
        --train_dir=path/to/train_dir \
        --pipeline_config_path=pipeline_config.pbtxt


Example usage:
    ./train \
        --logtostderr \
        --train_dir=path/to/train_dir \
        --model_config_path=model_config.pbtxt \
        --train_config_path=train_config.pbtxt \
        --input_config_path=train_input_config.pbtxt
```

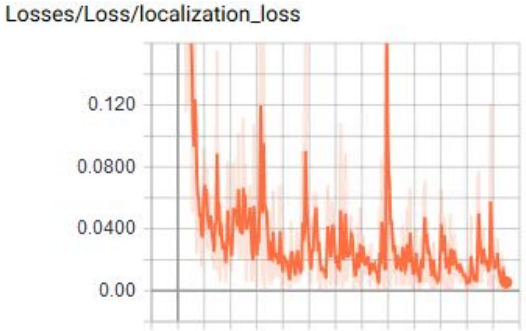
```
INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from C:/ssd_model/model.ckpt
INFO:tensorflow:Running local_init_op.
INFO:tensorflow:Done running local_init_op.
INFO:tensorflow:Starting Session.
INFO:tensorflow:Saving checkpoint to path C:\best_10\fold4\demo\model.ckpt
INFO:tensorflow:Starting Queues.
INFO:tensorflow:global_step/sec: 0
INFO:tensorflow:Recording summary at step 0.
INFO:tensorflow:global step 1: loss = 13.6294 (20.515 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 2: loss = 10.9286 (1.937 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 3: loss = 10.3585 (1.906 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 4: loss = 9.3087 (1.922 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 5: loss = 8.7222 (2.031 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 6: loss = 8.4649 (1.906 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 7: loss = 8.6662 (1.906 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 8: loss = 8.7053 (1.875 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 9: loss = 7.5724 (1.890 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 10: loss = 7.0564 (1.828 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 11: loss = 6.6012 (1.906 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 12: loss = 6.2580 (1.875 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 13: loss = 6.6885 (1.953 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 14: loss = 7.7189 (1.891 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 15: loss = 7.7209 (1.906 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 16: loss = 6.3769 (1.891 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 17: loss = 5.7438 (1.828 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 18: loss = 5.5889 (1.890 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 19: loss = 5.4214 (1.859 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 20: loss = 5.8326 (1.797 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 21: loss = 5.4545 (1.937 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 22: loss = 4.6640 (1.844 sec/step)
```

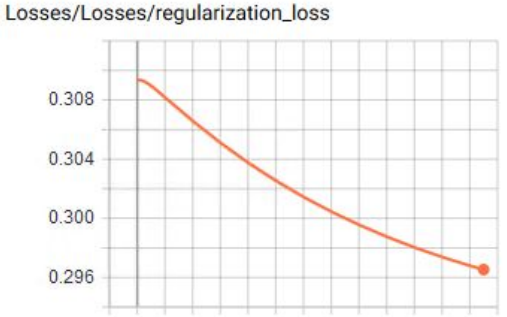
Training

Use TensorBoard to monitor the training progress

```
tensorboard —logdir=D:\best_10\fold1\train_fr
```







Evaluate

Run python script from command line

With path of train & eval checkpoints and config file

```
Example usage:
    ./eval \
        --logtostderr \
        --checkpoint_dir=path/to/checkpoint_dir \
        --eval_dir=path/to/eval_dir \
        --pipeline_config_path=pipeline_config.pbtxt
```

```
Example usage:
    ./eval \
        --logtostderr \
        --checkpoint_dir=path/to/checkpoint_dir \
        --eval_dir=path/to/eval_dir \
        --eval_config_path=eval_config.pbtxt \
        --model_config_path=model_config.pbtxt \
        --input_config_path=eval_input_config.pbtxt
```

```
creating index...
index created!
INFO:tensorflow:Loading and preparing annotation results...
INFO:tensorflow:Loading and preparing annotation results...
INFO:tensorflow:DONE (t=0.00s)
INFO:tensorflow:DONE (t=0.00s)
creating index...
index created!
Running per image evaluation...
Evaluate annotation type *bbox*
DONE (t=0.06s).
Accumulating evaluation results...
DONE (t=0.03s).
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area=   all | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.50       | area=   all | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.75       | area=   all | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area= small | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area=medium | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Precision  (AP) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area= large | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
 Average Recall     (AR) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area=   all | maxDets=  1 ] = 0.000
 Average Recall     (AR) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area=   all | maxDets= 10 ] = 0.000
 Average Recall     (AR) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area=   all | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
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 Average Recall     (AR) @[ IoU=0.50:0.95 | area= large | maxDets=100 ] = 0.000
```
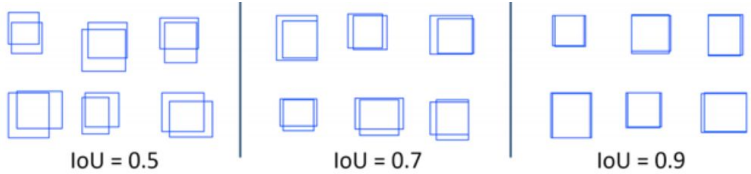
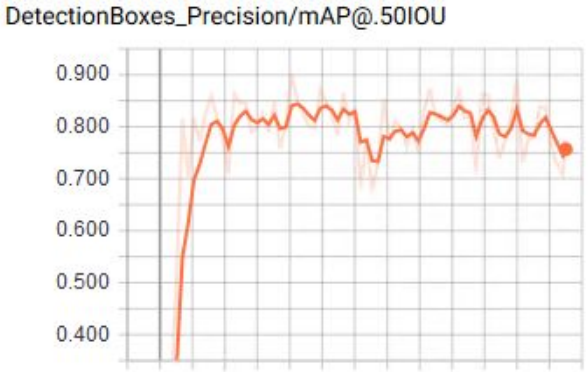

Evaluate

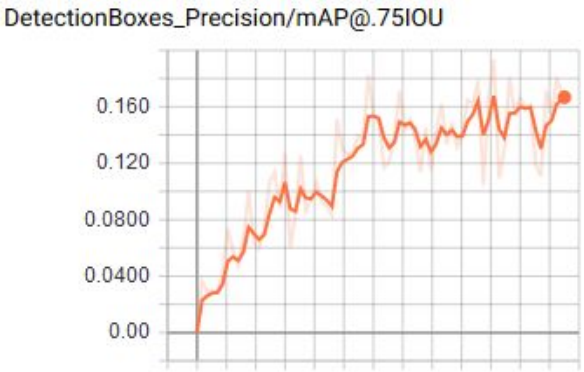
Use TensorBoard to monitor the evaluations

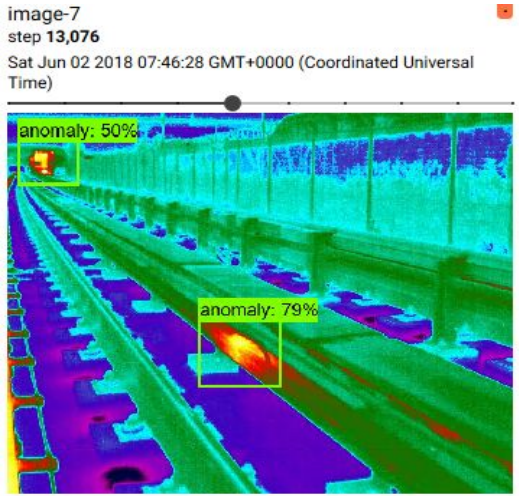
```
tensorboard —logdir=D:\best_10\fold1\eval_fr
```

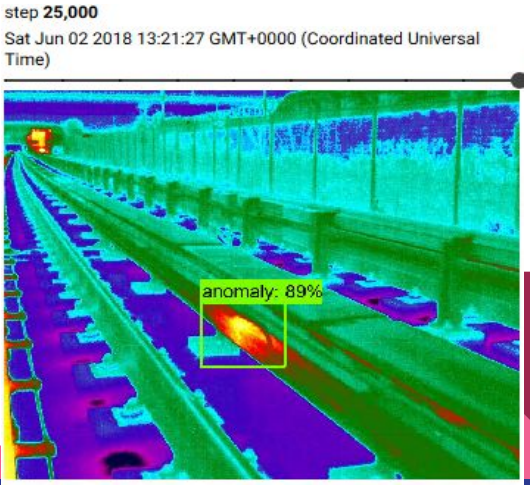
http://image-net.org/challenges/talks/2016/ECCV2016_workshop_presentation_detection_segmentation.











Freeze trained graph

Run python script from command line

models / research / object_detection / **export_inference_graph.py**

```
Example Usage:
--------------
python export_inference_graph \
    --input_type image_tensor \
    --pipeline_config_path path/to/ssd_inception_v2.config \
    --trained_checkpoint_prefix path/to/model.ckpt \
    --output_directory path/to/exported_model_directory

The expected output would be in the directory
path/to/exported_model_directory (which is created if it does not exist)
with contents:
 - graph.pbtxt
 - model.ckpt.data-00000-of-00001
 - model.ckpt.info
 - model.ckpt.meta
 - frozen_inference_graph.pb
 + saved_model (a directory)
```

Output

For each picture, detection result output as a python dict

Coordinates of Detection Boxs [X_min, Y_min, X_max, Y_max]

Index of detection class

List of detection scores

```
{'detection_boxes': array([[0.14454937, 0.5826644 , 0.2641731 , 0.85977614],
        [0.12431949, 0.5558384 , 0.2906674 , 0.8978116 ],
        [0.09528517, 0.21992032, 0.14173023, 0.29406458],
        [0.07737082, 0.30287856, 0.53552   , 0.7620695 ],
        [0.15836397, 0.69915134, 0.27629077, 0.9362243 ]], dtype=float32),
 'detection_classes': array([1, 1, 1, 1, 1], dtype=uint8),
 'detection_scores': array([0.2817396 , 0.04794831, 0.0432571 , 0.01840543, 0.01637581],
       dtype=float32),
 'num_detections': 5},
```

Q&A

Many incompatibility issues between software packages and versions,

- Stackoverflow and github issue reporting page usually have solutions

Model config samples usually work fine as they come from challenges

- No need to mess up with parameters unless you clearly understand the outcome

Set learning rate suitable to your dataset to gain optimal training efficiency

- Need multiple trails to gain insights, but grid search is time consuming.