

# Using RNN to fix syntax errors in JavaScript files

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`['jsiaw', 'justin_lew', 'lperesde'].map(f => f + '@sfu.ca')`



## The Problem

Parsers often fail miserably in finding syntax errors

```
1 if (process.argv.length > 3) //{
2   console.error('Not enough args!');
3   process.exit(1);
4 }
```

Mozilla SpiderMonkey (2016)

```
wrong.js:4: SyntaxError: syntax error:
wrong.js:4: }
wrong.js:4: ^
```

Node with Google’s V8 JavaScript (2016)

```
/path/to/wrong.js:6 // line 6 does not exist!
});
^
SyntaxError: Unexpected token }
```

## GrammarGuru

GrammarGuru is a tool created by that seeks to find and fix single token syntax errors, using LSTM language models on 10,000 GitHub repos (EA Santos et al., 2017).

## Improving GrammarGuru suggestions

GrammarGuru works greatly for insertions and deletions, however it rarely work when a token is changed, e.g when a keyword is mistyped, e.g **functions** rather than **function**. We improve GrammarGuru by training a NN that reevaluates and reranks GrammarGuru scores by using a modification of the features of the ranking system ROSE [2]:

ID	Description
1-4	n-gram precision, n=1...4
5-8	n-gram recall, n=1...4
9-12	n-gram f-measure, n=1...4
13	average n-gram precision per code line
14	n-gram score at the document level
15-18	n-gram precision excluding common tokens, n=1...4
19-22	n-gram recall excluding common tokens, n=1...4
23-26	n-gram f-measure excluding stopwords, n=1...4
27	average n-gram precision excluding stopwords, n=1...4
28	pos distance of $hyp_1$ , $hyp_2$ against parser error $\{-1, 0, 1\}$
29	which of $hyp_1$ , $hyp_2$ equals parser error token $\{-1, 0, 1\}$
30	$hyp_1$ and/or $hyp_2$ fix the syntax error $\{-1, 0, 1\}$
31	which of $hyp_1$ , $hyp_2$ has best score $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

Table 1: ROSE features with modifications

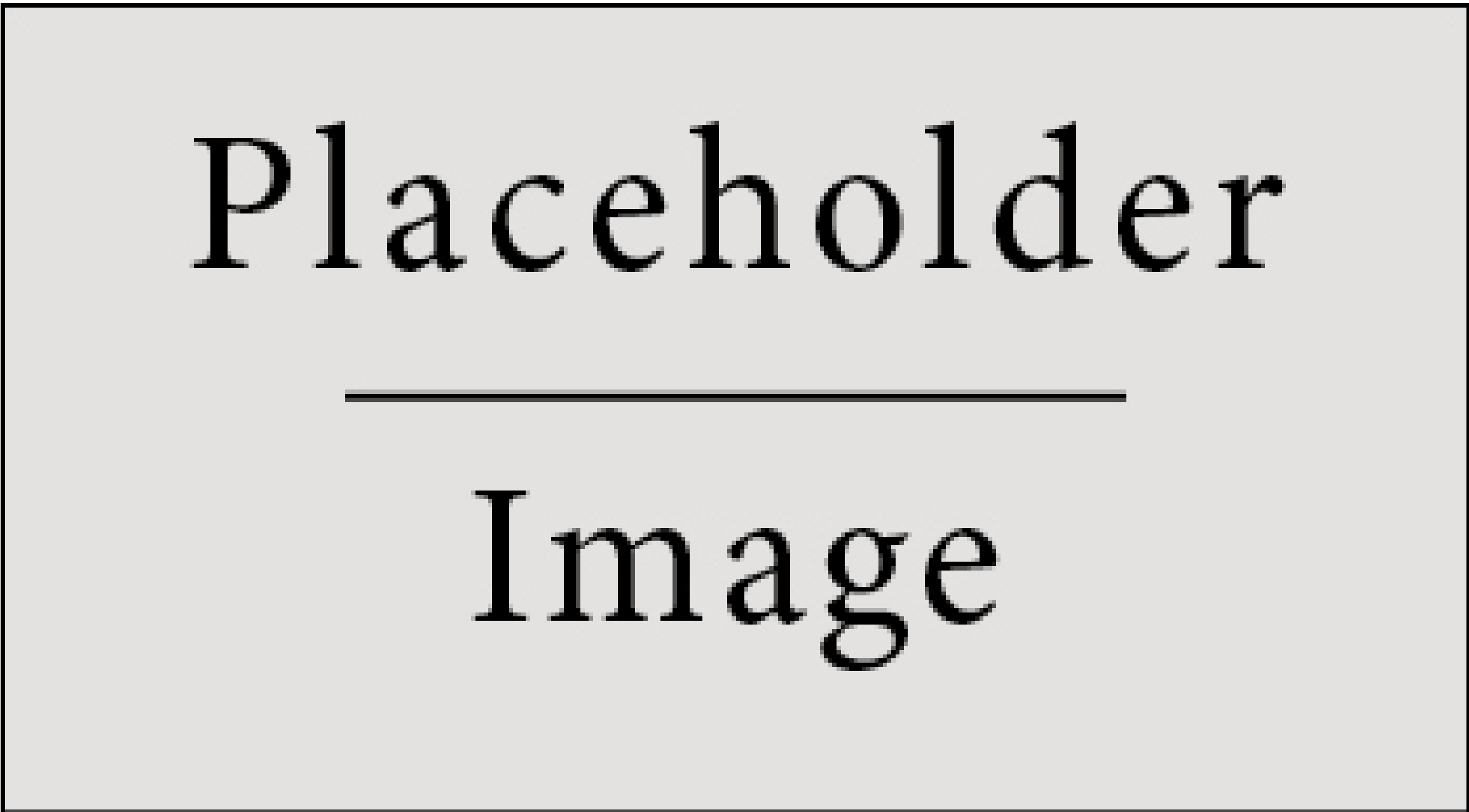


Figure 1: Figure caption

In hac habitasse platea dictumst. Etiam placerat, risus ac. Adipiscing lectus in magna blandit:

Treatments	Response 1	Response 2
Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
Treatment 3	0.0009271	0.296

Table 2: Table caption

Vivamus sed nibh ac metus tristique tristique a vitae ante. Sed lobortis mi ut arcu fringilla et adipiscing ligula rutrum. Aenean turpis velit, placerat eget tincidunt nec, ornare in nisl. In placerat.

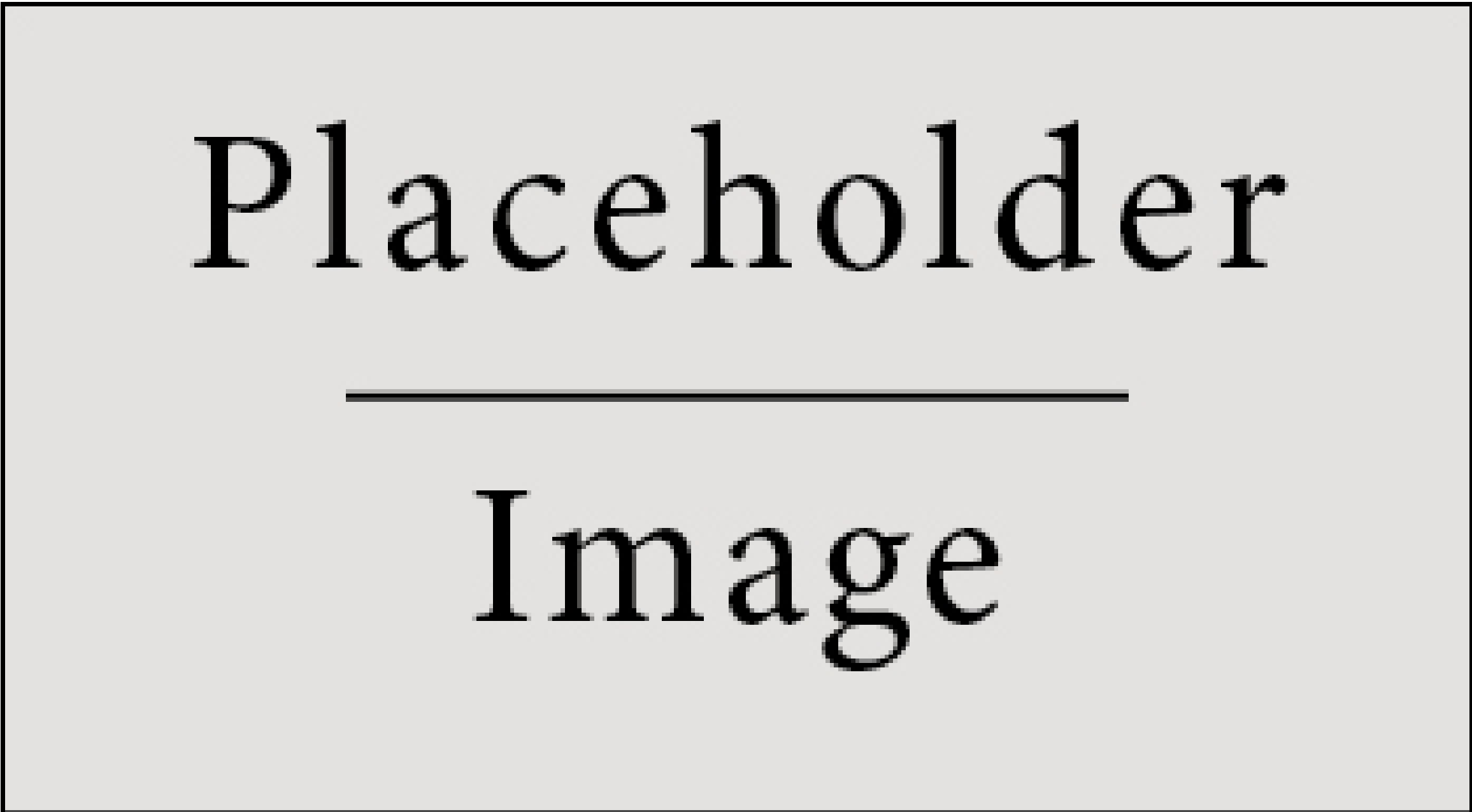


Figure 2: Figure caption