

What Makes a **Good** Photo?

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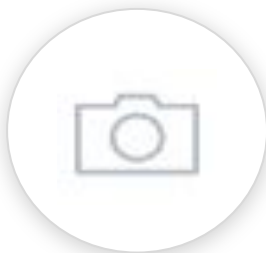
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IMPROVE PHOTOGRAPHER BOOKING PLATFORM



Book, Match, Pay



Shoot



Deliver Photos



Feedback



GOAL

Increase client satisfaction

APPROACH

Give feedback to photographers before they deliver photos to clients

PHOTOGRAPHER PAIN POINTS

Must give photos to client
within 48 hrs of shoot

May have 100s of images
to review, enhance

SOLUTION

Use machine learning to
help photographer quickly
detect photo quality issues



PHOTO QUALITY: Feedback Success Criteria

Effectively judge photos

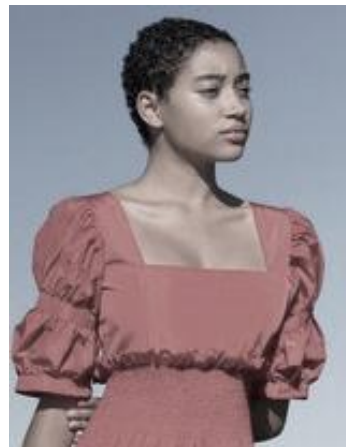
- Understand what impacts quality, build models to measure attributes



Composition (e.g. rule of thirds)

Provide actionable insights

- Photographer can edit bad photos or delete them



Color saturation

PHOTO QUALITY: Industry Landscape

Evaluating photo

content

systems exist

IMAGENET

Microsoft
Cognitive Services

 **clarifai**

 Google Cloud

 **ReKognition**

quality

new area

EyeEm

 **clarifai**

PHOTO QUALITY: Industry Use Cases

Evaluating photo

quality



Returning best results in
image searches



Displaying most attractive
photos for businesses first

PHOTO QUALITY: Available Resources

Training Data

Aesthetics and Attributes Database ([AADB](#)) provides photos with aesthetic quality labels



PHOTO QUALITY: Model Development

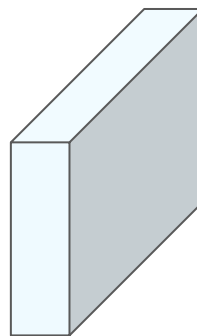
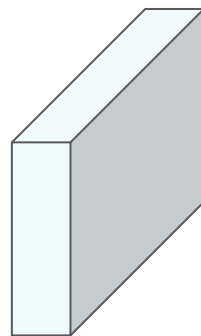
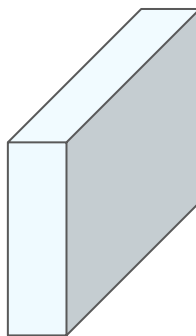
Training Data

AADB photos,
quality labels



Model

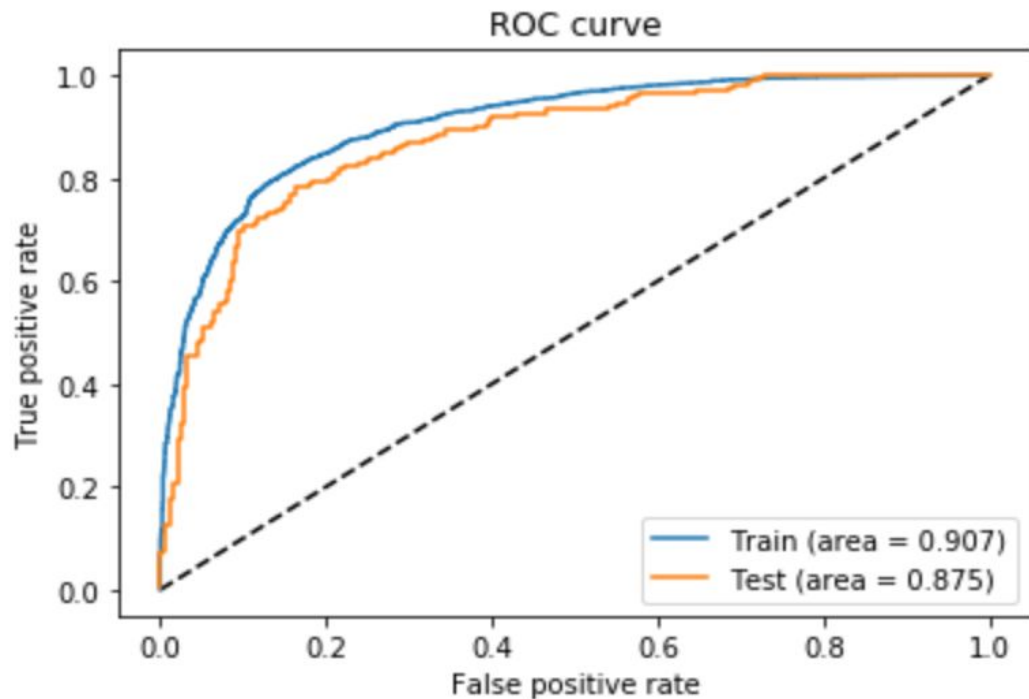
MobileNet convolutional neural network



replaced
top layer

added fully
connected layer
with binary
classification for
ratings

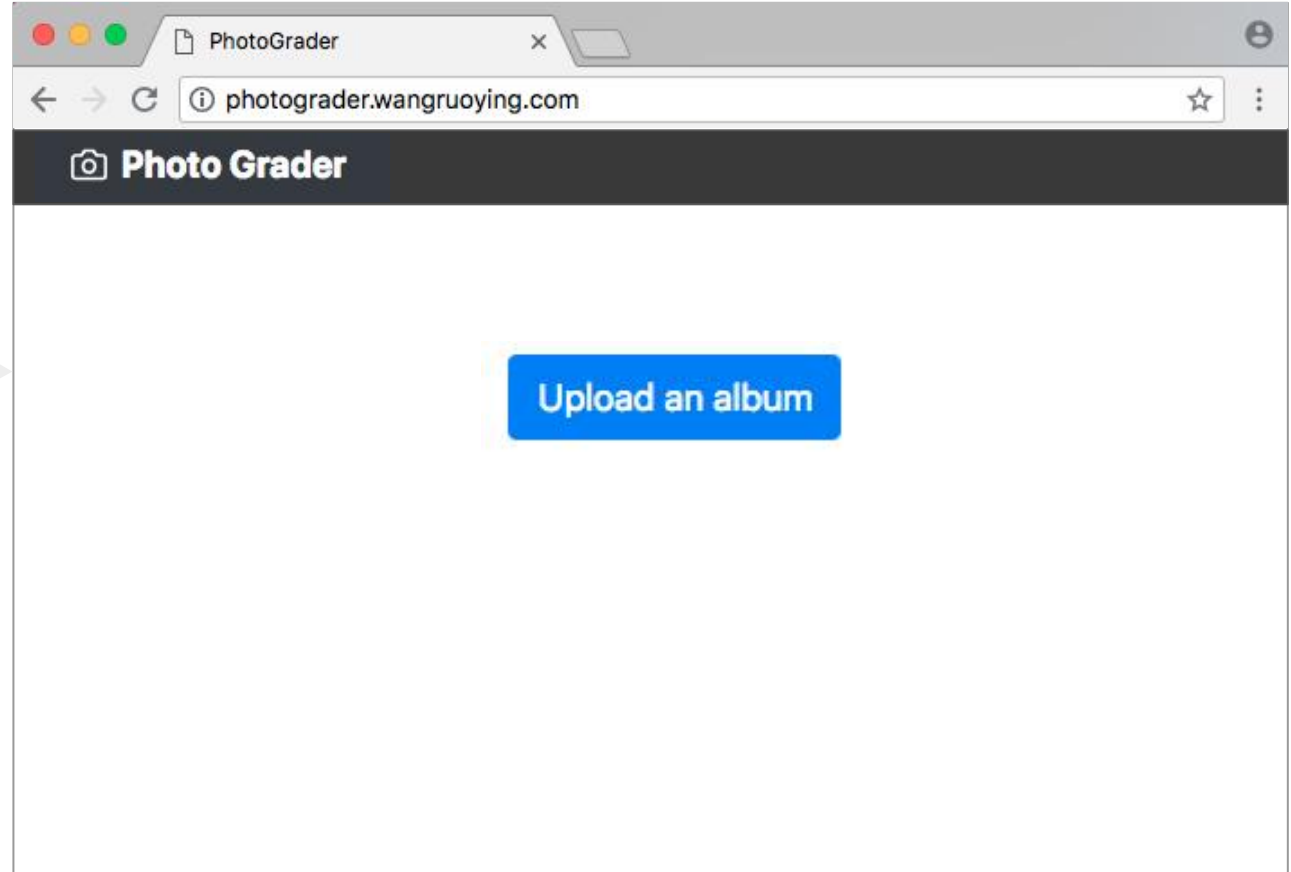
PHOTO QUALITY: Model Development



Results

Model was able to predict quality labels associated with AADB images

PHOTO QUALITY: Model Provides Feedback Via App



Photographer
uploads photo
album

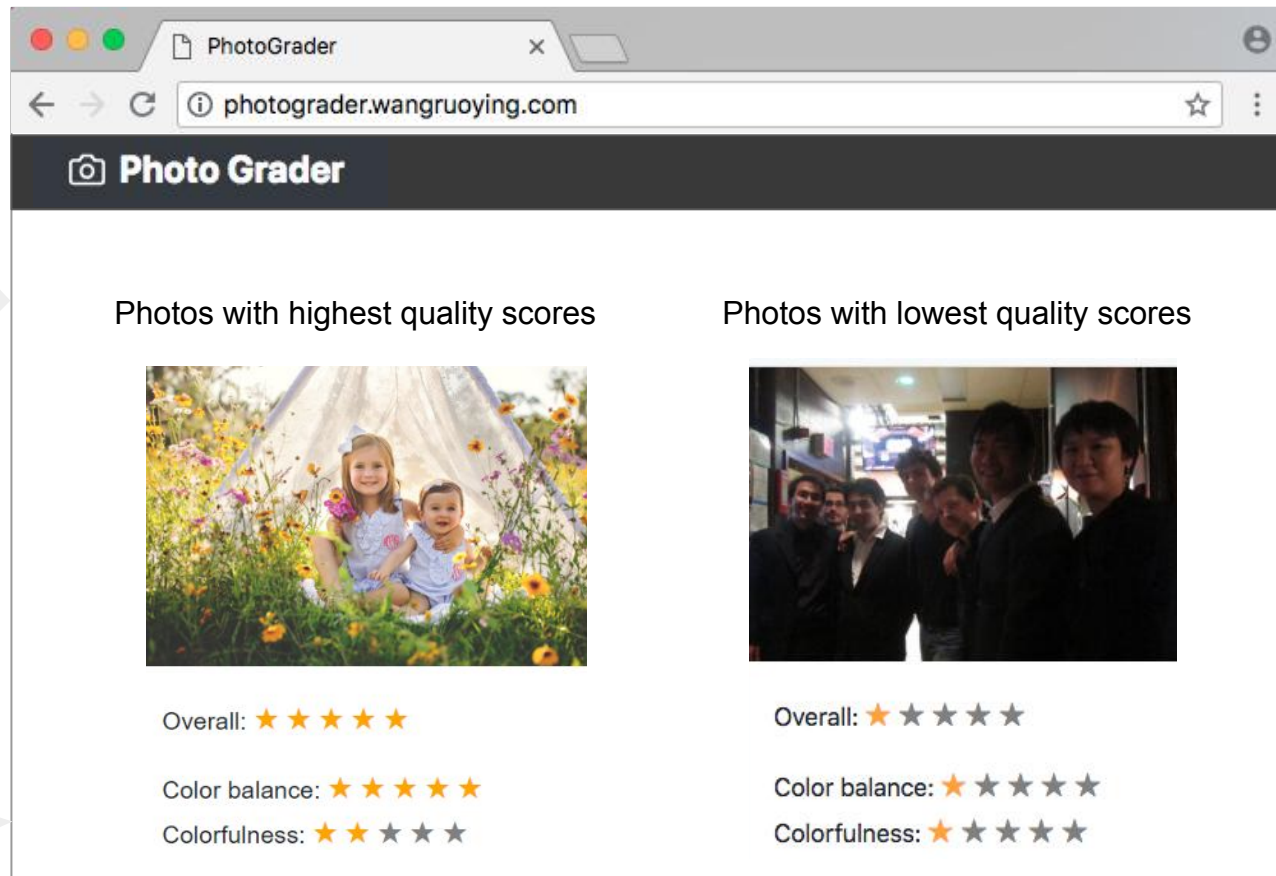
PHOTO QUALITY: Model Provides Feedback Via App

App runs models
on album

Displays 6 photos:

- 3 highest quality
- 3 lowest quality

Shows quality
attribute ratings



GOAL: Increase Client Satisfaction

APPROACH

SOLUTION

Machine learning models:

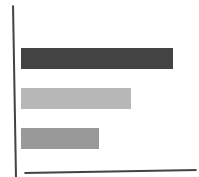
Useful, instant
feedback for
photographers

detect quality
issues in photos
uploaded to app



Review factors
that impact client
satisfaction

gauge importance
of features to client
album ratings



FEATURE IMPORTANCE: Platform Data Available



Book, Match, Pay



Shoot



Deliver Photos



Feedback

Customer sets:

- Shoot type, location, time
- Preferences

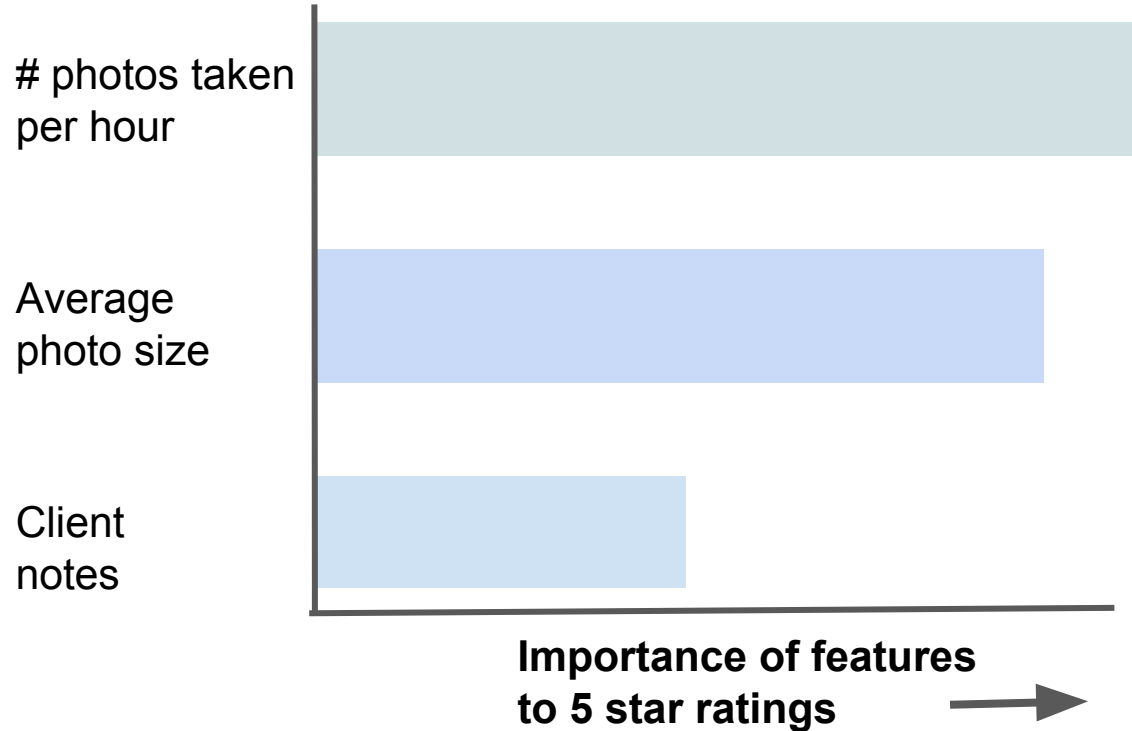
System detects:

- Photo exif, size

Customer can:

- Rate album
- Favorite photos

FEATURE IMPORTANCE: Factors Impacting Ratings



Recommendations

Set guidelines for photographers
(# photos, photo size)

Encourage clients to give preferences before shoots

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