

# What Makes a **Good** Photo?

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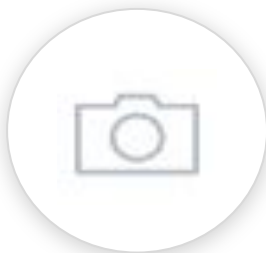
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# IMPROVE PHOTOGRAPHER BOOKING PLATFORM



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

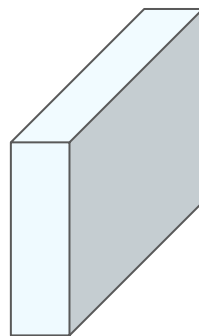
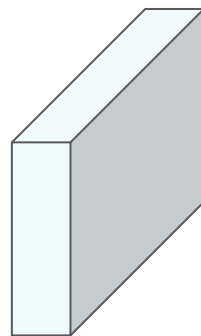
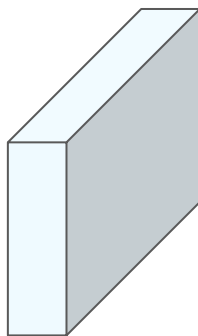
## Training Data

AADB photos,  
quality labels



## Model

MobileNet convolutional neural network

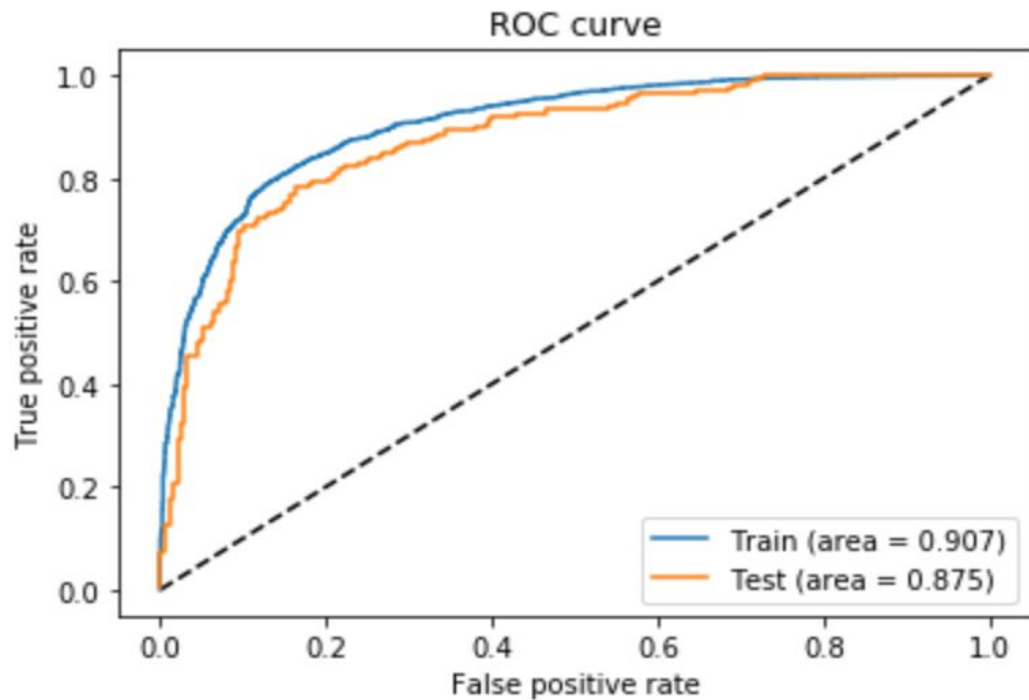


replaced  
top layer

added fully  
connected layer  
with binary  
classification for  
ratings



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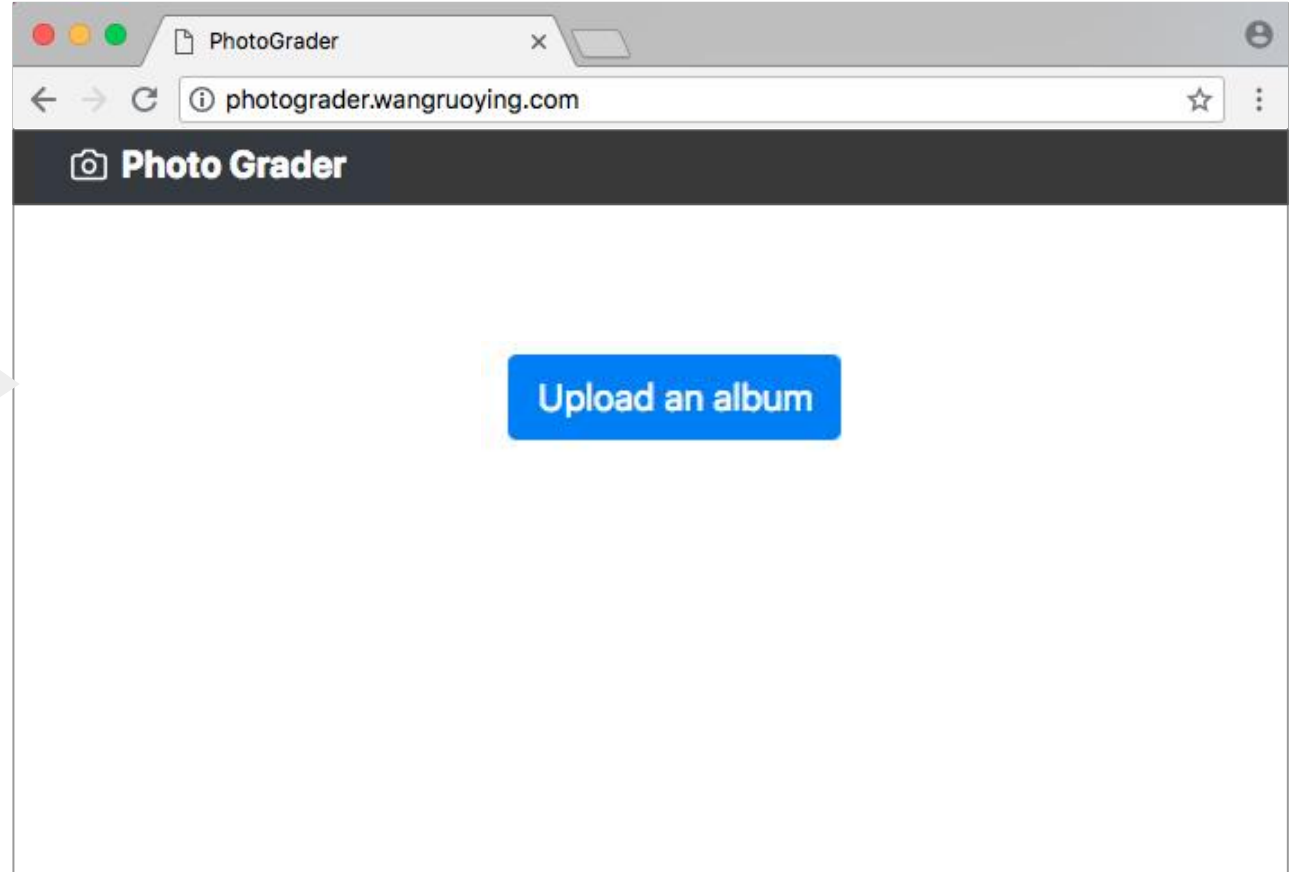


## Results

Model was able to predict quality labels associated with AADB images

# PHOTO QUALITY: Model Provides Feedback Via App

Photographer  
can upload an  
album of  
photos



# PHOTO QUALITY: Model Provides Feedback Via App

App displays:


- 3 photos with highest, lowest quality scores
- Ratings for quality attributes

PhotoGrader

photograder.wangruoying.com

**Photo Grader**

Photos with highest quality scores




Overall: ★★★★★

Color balance: ★★★★★

Colorfulness: ★★★★★

Photos with lowest quality scores



Overall: ★★★★★

Color balance: ★★★★★

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# GOAL: Increase Client Satisfaction

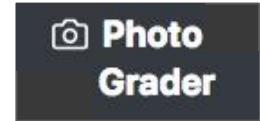
## APPROACH

## SOLUTION

Machine learning models:

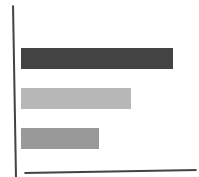
Useful, instant  
feedback for  
photographers

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



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Feedback

Customer sets:

- Shoot type, location, time
- Preferences

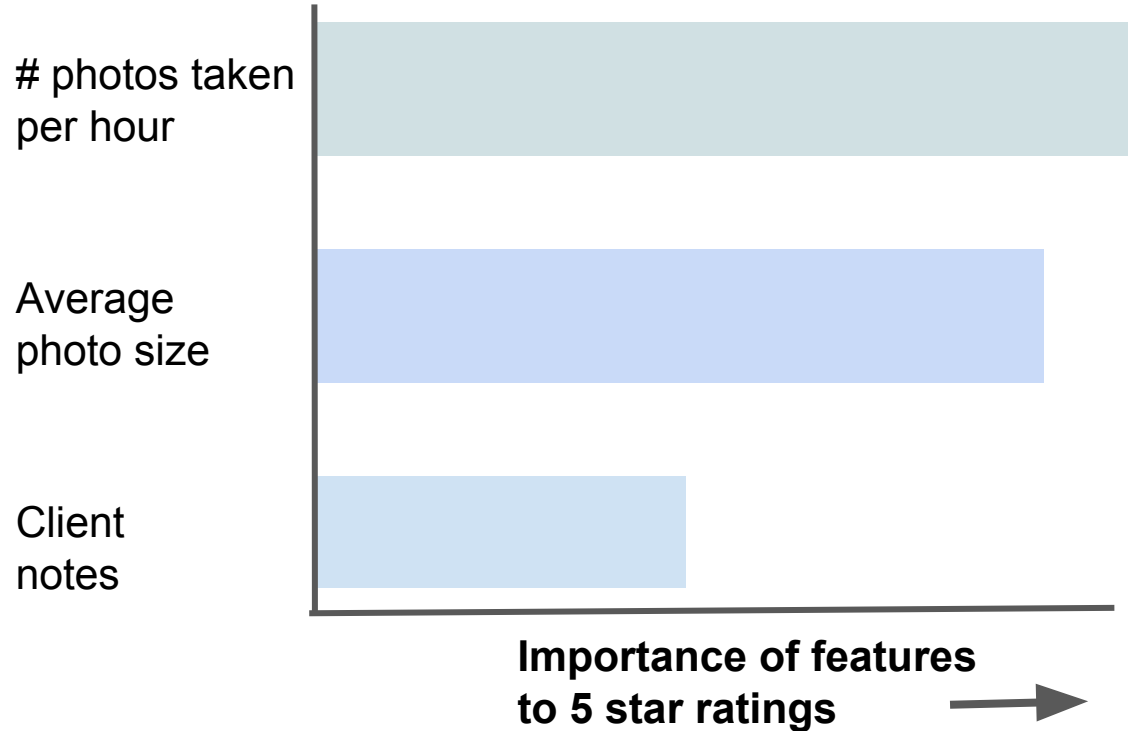
System detects:

- 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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