However, in general you will want to reuse only part of the original model (as we will discuss in a moment). A simple solution is to configure the `Saver` to restore only a subset of the variables from the original model. For example, the following code restores only hidden layers 1, 2, and 3:

```
[...] # build new model with the same definition as before for hidden layers 1-3

init = tf.global_variables_initializer()

reuse_vars = tf.get_collection(tf.GraphKeys.TRAINABLE_VARIABLES,
                               scope="hidden[123]")
reuse_vars_dict = dict([(var.name, var.name) for var in reuse_vars])
original_saver = tf.Saver(reuse_vars_dict) # saver to restore the original model

new_saver = tf.Saver() # saver to save the new model

with tf.Session() as sess:
    sess.run(init)
    original_saver.restore("./my_original_model.ckpt") # restore layers 1 to 3
    [...] # train the new model
    new_saver.save("./my_new_model.ckpt") # save the whole model
```

First we build the new model, making sure to copy the original model's hidden layers 1 to 3. We also create a node to initialize all variables. Then we get the list of all variables that were just created with `"trainable=True"` (which is the default), and we keep only the ones whose scope matches the regular expression `"hidden[123]"` (i.e., we get all trainable variables in hidden layers 1 to 3). Next we create a dictionary mapping the name of each variable in the original model to its name in the new model (generally you want to keep the exact same names). Then we create a `Saver` that will restore only these variables, and we create another `Saver` to save the entire new model, not just layers 1 to 3. We then start a session and initialize all variables in the model, then restore the variable values from the original model's layers 1 to 3. Finally, we train the model on the new task and save it.

The more similar the tasks are, the more layers you want to reuse (starting with the lower layers). For very similar tasks, you can try keeping all the hidden layers and just replace the output layer.

Reusing Models from Other Frameworks

If the model was trained using another framework, you will need to load the weights manually (e.g., using Theano code if it was trained with Theano), then assign them to the appropriate variables. This can be quite tedious. For example, the following code shows how you would copy the weight and biases from the first hidden layer of a model trained using another framework:

```
original_w = [...] # Load the weights from the other framework
original_b = [...] # Load the biases from the other framework

X = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(None, n_inputs), name="X")
hidden1 = fully_connected(X, n_hidden1, scope="hidden1")
[...] # # Build the rest of the model

# Get a handle on the variables created by fully_connected()
with tf.variable_scope("", default_name="", reuse=True):  # root scope
    hidden1_weights = tf.get_variable("hidden1/weights")
    hidden1_biases = tf.get_variable("hidden1/biases")

# Create nodes to assign arbitrary values to the weights and biases
original_weights = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(n_inputs, n_hidden1))
original_biases = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(n_hidden1))
assign_hidden1_weights = tf.assign(hidden1_weights, original_weights)
assign_hidden1_biases = tf.assign(hidden1_biases, original_biases)

init = tf.global_variables_initializer()

with tf.Session() as sess:
    sess.run(init)
    sess.run(assign_hidden1_weights, feed_dict={original_weights: original_w})
    sess.run(assign_hidden1_biases, feed_dict={original_biases: original_b})
    [...] # Train the model on your new task
```

Freezing the Lower Layers

It is likely that the lower layers of the first DNN have learned to detect low-level features in pictures that will be useful across both image classification tasks, so you can just reuse these layers as they are. It is generally a good idea to "freeze" their weights when training the new DNN: if the lower-layer weights are fixed, then the higher-layer weights will be easier to train (because they won't have to learn a moving target). To freeze the lower layers during training, the simplest solution is to give the optimizer the list of variables to train, excluding the variables from the lower layers:

```
train_vars = tf.get_collection(tf.GraphKeys.TRAINABLE_VARIABLES,
                               scope="hidden[34]|outputs")
training_op = optimizer.minimize(loss, var_list=train_vars)
```

The first line gets the list of all trainable variables in hidden layers 3 and 4 and in the output layer. This leaves out the variables in the hidden layers 1 and 2. Next we provide this restricted list of trainable variables to the optimizer's `minimize()` function. Ta-da! Layers 1 and 2 are now frozen: they will not budge during training (these are often called *frozen layers*).