Google AutoML: Cloud Natural Language Processing

This chapter will build a language toxicity classification model to classify and recognize toxic and non-toxic or clean phrases using Google Cloud AutoML for natural language processing (NLP). The data used in this project is from the Toxic Comment Classification Challenge on Kaggle by Jigsaw and Google. The data is modified to have a sample of 16,000 toxic and 16,000 non-toxic words as inputs to build the model on AutoML NLP.

Enable AutoML NLP on GCP

The following steps will enable AutoML NLP on GCP:

 Click the triple dash in the top-left corner of the interface and select Natural Language under the category ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE as shown in Figure 43-1.

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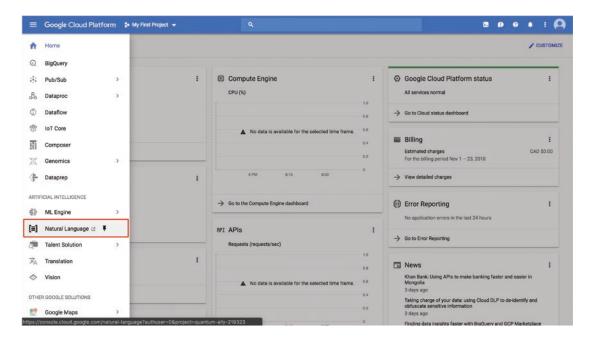


Figure 43-1. Open Cloud AutoML for Natural Language

From the screen that follows, click Get started with AutoML (see Figure 43-2).



Figure 43-2. Click Get started with Cloud AutoML NLP

3. Click **SET UP NOW** to automatically setup the GCP project for working with Cloud AutoML NLP (see Figure 43-3). This process involves activating the API for AutoML and creating a bucket on GCP for storing the data input and output models. We will use this bucket in the next section.

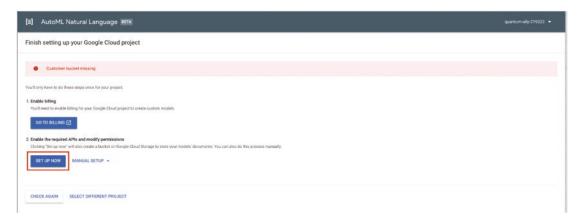


Figure 43-3. Auto-configure Cloud AutoML NLP

4. After configuration, the Cloud AutoML NLP Dashboard is activated (see Figure 43-4).

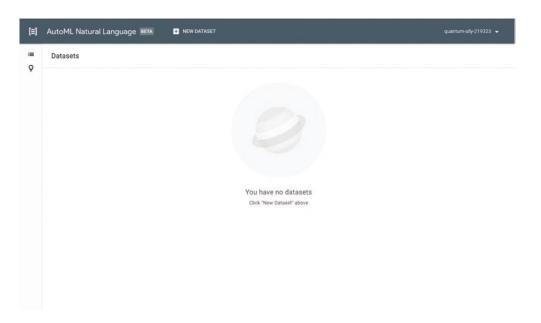


Figure 43-4. AutoML NLP dashboard

Preparing the Training Dataset

Let's step through preparing the dataset for building a custom language classification model with Cloud AutoML NLP:

- 1. The training input can either be a document in (.txt) format or as an in-line text in a (.csv) file. Multiple texts can be grouped as a compressed (.zip) file.
- 2. For this project, text files are placed in sub-folders with their grouped output labels as the folder names. This is later used to create a CSV file containing the data file path and their labels. For example:
 - [files]
 - [toxic]
 - [clean]
- 3. Next, a CSV must be generated that points to the paths of the images and their corresponding label. Just like Cloud Vision, Cloud NLP uses the CSV file to point to the location of the training documents or words and their corresponding labels. The CSV file is placed in the same GCS bucket created AutoML NLP was configured. In our case, this bucket is named 'gs://quantum-ally-219323-lcm'. The following code segment prepares the data and produces a CSV file.

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import re
import pathlib
import os

# read the Toxic Comment Classification training dataset
data = pd.read_csv('./data/train.csv')

# add clean column label
data['clean'] = (1 - data.iloc[:, 2:].sum(axis=1) >= 1).
astype(int)
```