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Al-Powered Image Retrieval System

This project implements a content-based image retrieval system using deep learning and vector similarity search. The system allows users to upload an image and find visually similar images from a pre-indexed collection.

Features

- Upload any image and find visually similar images
- Uses pre-trained ResNet model fine-tuned for image similarity
- Fast search with FAISS vector database
- Interactive web interface built with Streamlit
- Efficient feature extraction and indexing process

Project Structure

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— caltech101/
                            # The caltech dataset used for training
                            # Directory for storing features and FAISS
  — data∕
index (faiss_index.bin, features_path.json)
— weights/
                            # Directory for storing trained model weights
(model.pth)
                            # Source code for the model
  - src/
       __init__.py
    __ model.py
                            # Model definition
  - utils/
                            # Utility functions
      — __init__.py
      — data_utils.py # Data loading utilities
      — display_utils.py # Display functions for Streamlit
     — faiss_utils.py  # FAISS indexing utilities
— image_utils.py  # Image processing utilities
    precompute_features.py # Script to precompute image features
                            # Main Streamlit application
   app.py
  - precompute.sh
                            # Script to precompute features
```

Usage

Step 1: Prepare your model

Place your trained model in the weights/ directory as model.pth. The model should be a saved PyTorch state dictionary compatible with the ResNetTransferModel class defined in src/model.py. Change src/model.py if you plan to use a different model definition.

Step 2: Precompute features

Run the precompute script to extract features from your dataset and build the FAISS index:

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```
sh precompute.sh
```

You can customize the number of images per class:

```
sh precompute.sh --num-per-class 20
```

This will extract features from your dataset, build a FAISS index, and save everything to the data/directory.

Step 3: Run the web app

Launch the Streamlit web application:

```
streamlit run app.py
```

This will start the web server and open the application in your default browser. From there, you can:

- 1. Upload an image
- 2. Click "Search" to find similar images
- 3. View the results with similarity scores

App Features

Customizing Search Results

The sidebar includes several options to customize your search experience:

- Number of Results: Use the slider to adjust how many similar images to display (1-10)
- **Show All Categories**: Enable this checkbox to display all available image categories in the sidebar. This helps you understand what types of images are in the database.

The application will display the uploaded image in the sidebar and show the retrieved similar images with their categories and similarity scores in the main panel.

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