

# ML Basic C References

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## Machine Learning Basics in C++

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## Neural Networks and Deep Learning

I had the idea for this project while reading [Neural Networks and Deep Learning](#) by Michael A. Nielsen. His book is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 3.0 Unported License.

The backpropagation method `void backprop(...)`, the Stochastic Gradient Descent method `void SGD(...)` and the commandline parameteres for my `main(...)` are inspired from his python code. Like him, I use the USPS dataset for my project.

## The Deep Learning Book

I learned the machine learning basics and most of the Math from the book [Deep Learning](#) by Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville.

## The Softmax function and its derivative

Eli Bendersky explains on his [website](#), how to derive the Softmax function.

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## The MNIST Dataset

The "Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology" dataset is a large set of handwritten digits. Like Michael A. Nielsen, I use the MNIST dataset for test and demonstration purpose.



You should download the dataset from Yann Lecun's [site](#), since I use the IDX file format, that is described there.

## The Eigen Matrix Library

My code uses the Dense Matrix classes from [Eigen](#).

Eigen is primarily MPL2 licensed (see: <http://www.mozilla.org/MPL/2.0/>).

I installed the latest stable release 3.3.4 from [www.tuxfamily.org](http://www.tuxfamily.org) in the `MingW\x86_64-w64-mingw32\include` directory.

## Compiler, O-S, Hardware

I use the MinGW environment (see <http://www.mingw.org>)

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c:> g++ --version
g++ (x86_64-posix-seh-rev0, Built by MinGW-w64 project) 7.1.0
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This is free software; see the source for copying conditions.  There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
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