

# Snakes Species Classification: With Python

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# Introduction

## Goals & Motivations

- ★ Given an image of a snake, **identify** its species
- ★ **Classify** whether the snake is venomous

## Steps

1. **Web scrape** images of different snake species
2. Convert images to a **dataset**
3. **Classify** images via augmentation and build a model
4. Use our model to **identify** the snake species and whether it's venomous

# Web Scraping with Selenium

Selenium is a web driver that automates various web applications.

We used Selenium to automate the process of scrolling through Google Chrome's image search of each snake species,

programming it to parse through each image HTML and find the “class” code associated with the snake’s species.

```
def get_images(delay, max, url):
    driver = webdriver.Chrome()
    def scroll_down(driver):
        driver.execute_script("window.scrollTo(0, document.body.scrollHeight);")
        time.sleep(delay)

    driver.get(url)

    image_urls = set()
    skips = 0
    thumbs = 0

    while len(image_urls) < max:
        print(f"Processed {thumbs} images so far.")
        curr_height = driver.execute_script("return document.body.scrollHeight")
        scroll_down(driver)
        if (driver.execute_script("return document.body.scrollHeight") == curr_height): # Reached bottom
            break

    thumbnails = driver.find_elements(By.CLASS_NAME, 'mNsIhb')
    for img in thumbnails[thumbs:max]:
        thumbs += 1
        try:
            img.click()
            time.sleep(delay)
        except:
            continue

        containers = driver.find_elements(By.CLASS_NAME, "YsLeY")
        for container in containers:
            images = container.find_elements(By.TAG_NAME, "img")
            for image in images:
                src = image.get_attribute('src')
                if src and (re.search(r"\..{3}$", src) or re.search(r"\..{4}$", src)) and (src not in image_urls):
                    image_urls.add(src)
                else:
                    max += 1
                    skips += 1
    print(f"There are now {len(image_urls)} unique images.")
    driver.quit()
    return image_urls
```

# Web Scraping with Selenium Cont.

After we specify a number of images we want the scraper to search for, the program downloads that many images (or as many as it can) to a local folder, which we can then use to create our dataset.

```
watersnake_urls = get_images(1, 10000, watersnake)
urls = set()
urls = watersnake_urls

def download_img(download_path, url, file_name):
    try:
        headers = {
            "Accept": "image/*",
            "User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Apple Mac OS X 13_0_1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/114.0.0.0 Safari/537.36",
        }
        content = requests.get(url, headers = headers)
        content.raise_for_status()
        file = io.BytesIO(content.content)
        image = Image.open(file)
        path = download_path + file_name + ".png"
        with open(path, "wb") as f:
            image.save(f, "PNG")
    except Exception as e:
        print("Failed -", e)

count = 746
for url in urls:
    download_img("/Users/merid/Downloads/snaks/", url, str(count))
    count += 1
```

# Web Scraping with BeautifulSoup

BeautifulSoup is a library that parses through the html of the page from the webdriver.

```
wd = webdriver.Chrome()

url = 'https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5b98c83cf2f6de0&sxsrf=ADLYW
wd.get(url)

num_scrolls = 20
for _ in range(num_scrolls):
    wd.execute_script('window.scrollTo(0, document.body.scrollHeight);')
    time.sleep(3)

page = wd.page_source
soup = BeautifulSoup(page, 'html.parser')
boas = soup.find_all('img', class_="YQ4gaf")

boa_img = []

for boa in boas:
    boa_img.append(boa.attrs["src"])
```

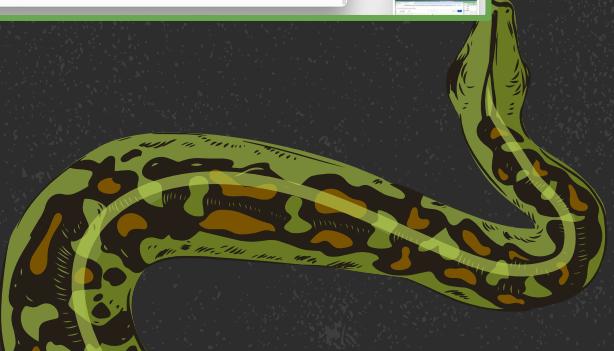
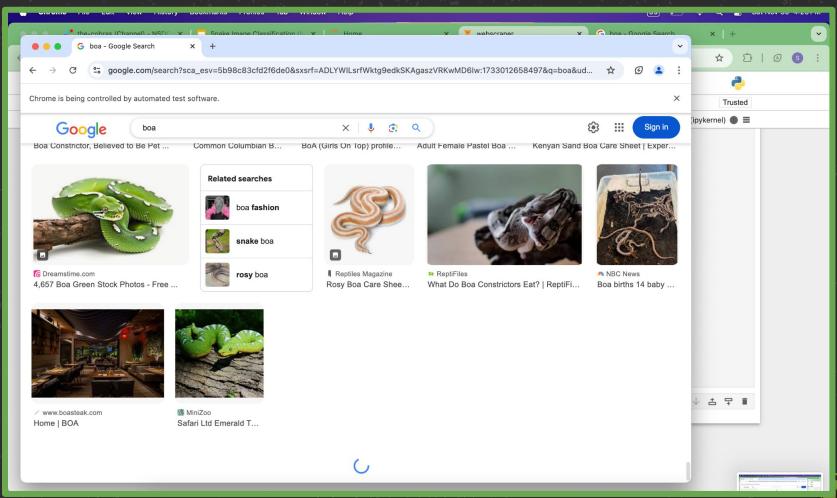
We used this to find all the img tags with the class associated with the snake.

```
<div class="F0uyec" jsdata="j00pre;9Cf2142kIFKuBM;A9uWV0" jscontroller="qK
rDxc" jsshadow role="button" tabindex="0" jSACTION="rcuQ6b:npT2md:h5M12e;j
GQf0b:kNqZ1c;mouseover:UI3Kjd" data-viewer-entrypoint="1" data-vhid="9Cf21
42kIFKuBM">
  <div jsslot>
    <div class="H8Rx8c" style="height:180px"> flex
      <g-img style="max-height:183px;max-width:275px" class="mNsIhb">
         == $0
      </g-img>
      <div class="cC9Rib"></div>
    </div>
```

# Web Scraping with BeautifulSoup

Using a similar `download_img` function, Selenium opens and downloads the images from the uri that begins with “`data:image/`”.

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
boa_513.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	8 KB	JPEG image
boa_514.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	736 bytes	JPEG image
boa_515.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	8 KB	JPEG image
boa_516.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	687 bytes	JPEG image
boa_517.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	13 KB	JPEG image
boa_519.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	11 KB	JPEG image
boa_521.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	23 KB	JPEG image
boa_522.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	794 bytes	JPEG image
boa_523.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	14 KB	JPEG image
boa_524.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	742 bytes	JPEG image
boa_525.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	8 KB	JPEG image
boa_527.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	14 KB	JPEG image
boa_529.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	2 KB	JPEG image
boa_530.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	2 KB	JPEG image
boa_531.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	2 KB	JPEG image
boa_532.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	22 KB	JPEG image
boa_534.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	6 KB	JPEG image
boa_536.jpg	Nov 18, 2024 at 2:03AM	15 KB	JPEG image



# 11 Snake Species Collected

1. Copperhead
2. Boa Constrictor
3. Coral Snake
4. Yellow Eyelash Viper

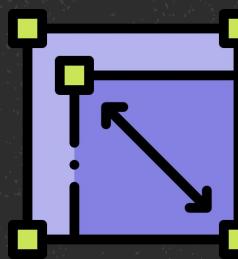
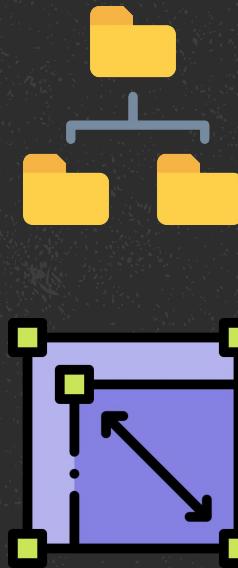
...and 7 more!



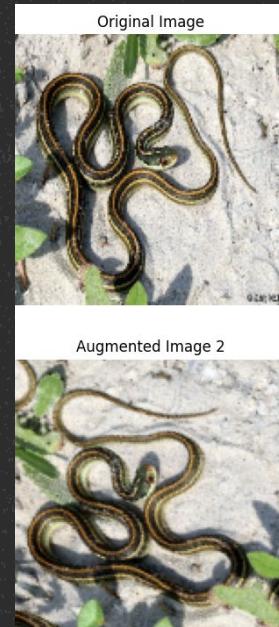
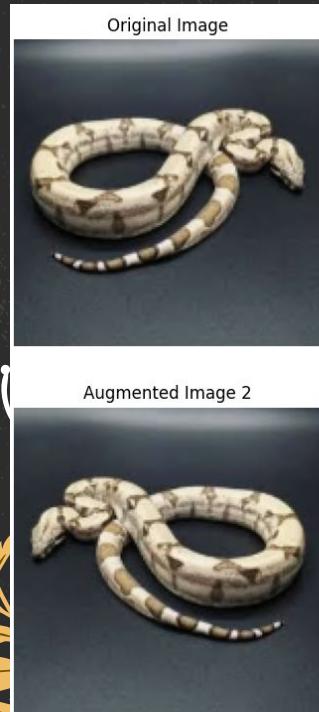
# Converting to a Dataset

To be able to input the data into a model, have to convert it to the proper format.

1. Format the images in the folder properly
2. Upload from the directory
3. Rescale all of the images to the same size for consistency
4. Separate into train, validation, and test sets



# Image Classification: Data Augmentation



Data augmentation is the process of making modifications to existing training data to increase its diversity and exposure

## CODE

```
IMG_SHAPE = (150, 150, 3)
base_model = keras.applications.EfficientNetB0(input_shape=IMG_SHAPE,
                                               include_top=False,
                                               weights='imagenet')

# For MobileNetV2: alpha = 1.4
base_model.trainable = False

i = keras.Input(shape=IMG_SHAPE)
x = base_model(i, training = False)
base_model_layer = keras.Model(inputs = i, outputs = x)

model4 = models.Sequential([
    # augmentation layers
    layers.RandomFlip("horizontal", input_shape=IMG_SHAPE),
    layers.RandomFlip("vertical", input_shape=IMG_SHAPE),
    layers.RandomRotation(0.2),

    base_model_layer,
    layers.GlobalAveragePooling2D(),

    layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dropout(0.3),
    layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    #layers.Dropout(0.1),
    layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax'), # outputs the final classification
])
```

```
[33]: test_loss, test_accuracy = model4.evaluate(test)
print(f'Test Accuracy: {test_accuracy * 100:.2f}%')

10/10 16s 754ms/step - accuracy: 0.7778 - loss: 0.7654
Test Accuracy: 80.00%
```



Input

# Image Classification: The Model

Feature Extraction

EfficientNetBO (pre-trained)

Classification

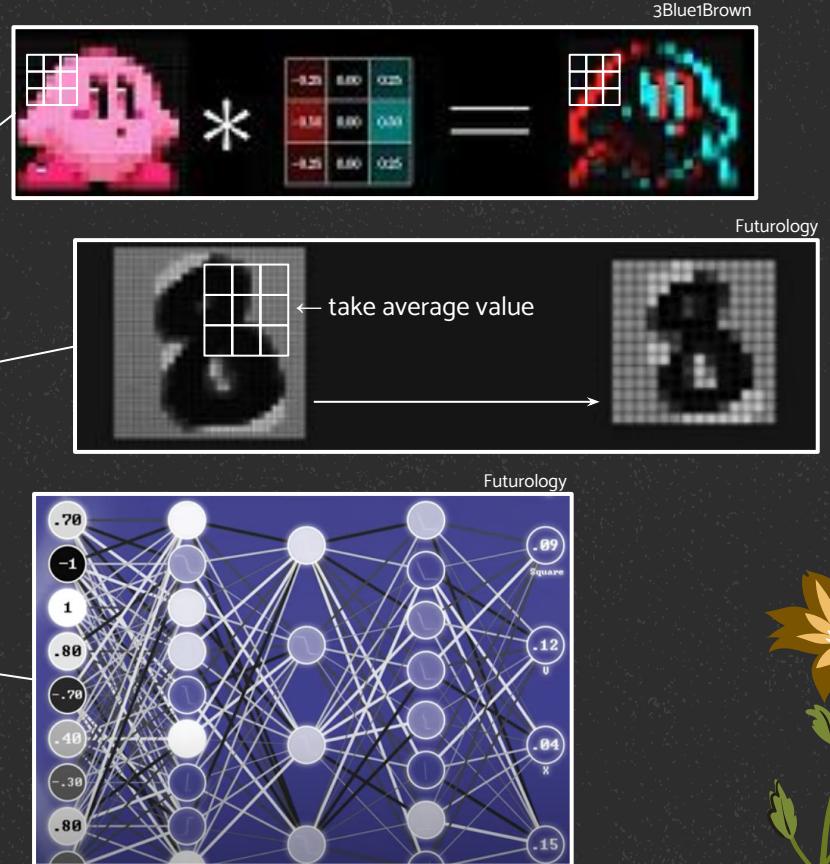
Average Pooling Layer

2 Dropout Layers

2 Dense Layers

Output: pit viper

Augmentation





More images!

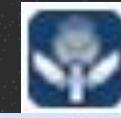
# Potential Improvements



Clean the data!



`class="YQ4gaf"`



`class="YQ4gaf zr758c"`

Similar Parent Class!

# Conclusion

Using **web scraping** with **selenium** and **image classification**, in this project, we were given an image of a snake and our model could identify which species it was and whether or not it was venomous

Real-world applications of our model:

- Aid in public travel services by quickly identifying venomous vs non-venomous snakes
- Opens up new opportunities for automated animal identification



# Resources

- Build a Deep CNN Image Classifier with ANY Images - YouTube
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_LwzRVP7bg&t=532s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_LwzRVP7bg&t=532s)

