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Neronet

*Toolbox for managing the training
neural networks*

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Just a prototype, not ready for release to users.

Demo script:

1. Neronet Installation, preferences and initial setup of clusters
2. Specification of clusters via CLI
3. Specification of an experiment
4. Submission of the specified experiment to an unmanaged node
5. Retrieval of experiment status report

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- ▶ Updates to DoD:
 - ▶ We replaced *unit test coverage 90%* with *unit tests are written where applicable* – the old metric was not useful for all BIs
- ▶ Otherwise, we have followed our DoD as planned.

Used QA practices and tools:

- ▶ Commenting & documentation – forces to rethink from another perspective, facilitates peer review
- ▶ Python standard unittest framework – white-box test automation
- ▶ Functional testing – manual black-box testing based on specs
- ▶ Peer review – quality assurance

Performance in quality assurance practices peer-graded with scale 0-3:

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Qualitatively we achieved our standards only partially:

- ▶ Unit and functional test coverage – good
- ▶ Quality of comments and documentation – good
- ▶ Peer review – ok (done rather quickly)

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- ▶ **Performance** – The current performance is mediocre. We will put more effort on this in the future.

Effort

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- ▶ Our team had comparatively little experience
- ▶ The project's problem domain was challenging to understand
- ▶ Studying existing products and technologies took a lot of time
- ▶ The scrum master served also as team leader and lead developer

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Sprint planning:

- ▶ BI clarity and simplicity (user guide helps)
- ▶ It might have been better if the PO had created the stories from scratch -Matias, Tuomo
- ▶ We should actively seek more input from PO when developing the user guide
- ▶ we should make sure we reserve enough time for the actual story selection on Monday -Matias

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Daily scrums:

- ▶ We have mostly been doing teamwork, so there has been little new info in the scrums -Matias -Joona -Teemu
- ▶ They have been overly long and they have extended due to inexperience.
- ▶ People are late.

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Teamwork sessions:

- ▶ Sessions are too long and sometimes people get hungry
- ▶ Generally someone has to leave early or comes late

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Tools:

- ▶ Flowdock is good x6
- ▶ Agilefant has a steep learning curve. -liro
- ▶ People tend to forget to log their time at agilefant
- ▶ Github hasn't been used much. Hope to use it more during future sprints
- ▶ Floobits is very buggy.
- ▶ Top 3 tools: 1) GitHub 2) Flowdock 3) Agilefant
- ▶ Worst 3 tools: 1) Floobits 2) Six tactics 3) Agilefant

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How teamwork could be improved:

- ▶ People should be more on time
- ▶ Scrum Master shouldn't have to work as a team leader too.
- ▶ Hard to think of improvements since we haven't really started coding yet