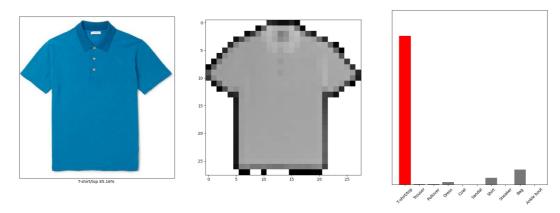
Introduction

This project is a lab about **BigData Virtualization** and **Learning**, using the tech of **Containerization**. The lab built a simple web app based on the framework of python & flask & cassandra, which realized the classification of images of clothing. Then it built the app into a container by means of docker.

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App: Classification

We borrow datas and algorithm from tensorflow to trains a neural network model to classify images of clothing, details showed in the tutorial of tensorflow.keras or in model.py. Here is an example of the result:



The model.py use the APIs and datas (the Fashion MINIST dataset), from tensorflow.keras. It create, build and train a network, then save the final model into my_model.h5.

Web API

We use flask as our Web application framework, details in app.py. The structure is like this(see in quickstart):

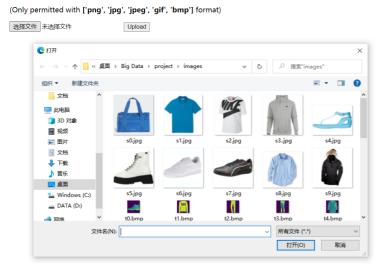
```
from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
def hello_world():
    return 'Hello, World!'
```

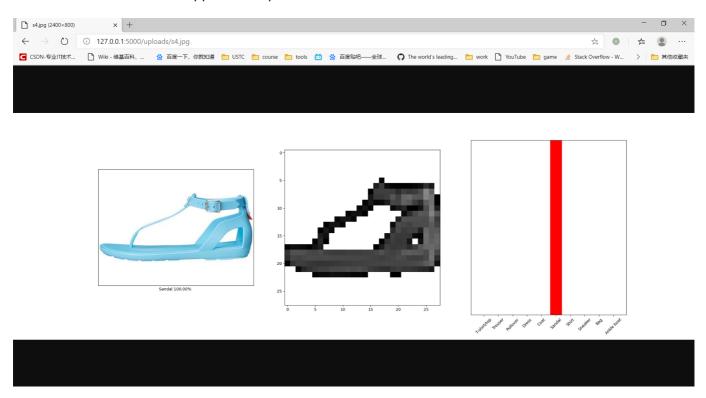
We load our model above and use it to do prediction. The app recieve a file of image from the Web font end. As an example:



Upload An Image



In the back end, we use our app to make prediction and return the visualized result.

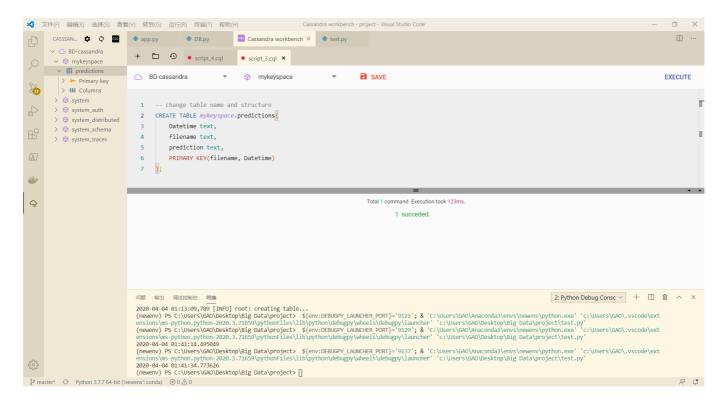


Database

We choose cassandra as our database, for its light weight and good distributability. More convenient, Cassandra has been packaged into cassandra-docker. Get and run it with few commands.

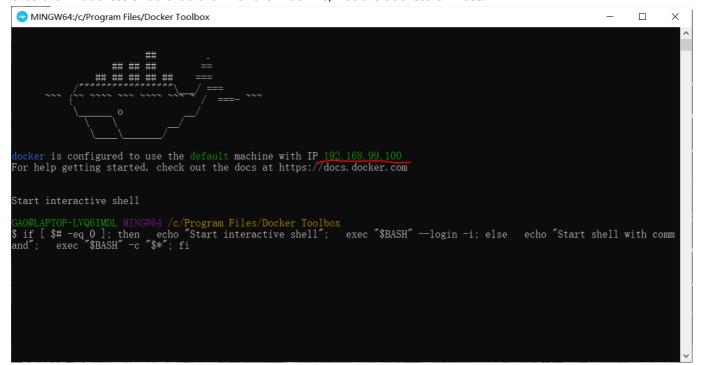
```
docker pull cassandra
docker run --name some-cassandra --network some-network -d cassandra:tag
docker run -it --network some-network --rm cassandra cqlsh some-cassandra
```

There is also some useful tools like cassandra workbench to help operate on cassandra. VS code has a plugin tool:



Python acts well to connect with cassandra by import the model cassandra-driver.

DB.py shows how to connect to a database and run several cql queries. Be careful about the address and port map of your server, which is the key to successful connection. In windows, docker run in a virtual machine, thus the IP address should be the IP of the machine, not the address of Host.

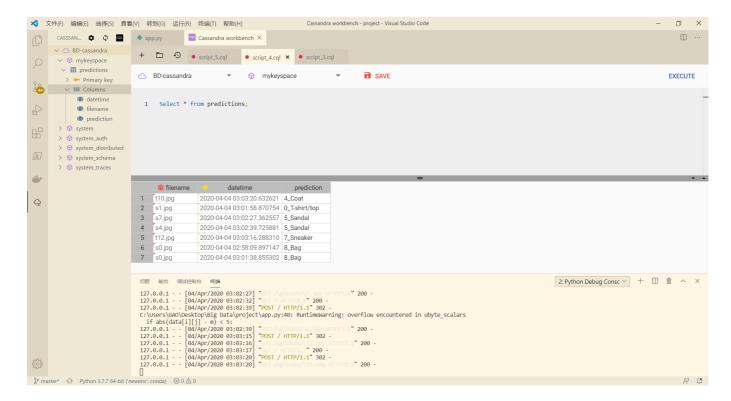


app.py contains how the app connect and insert datas to an existing database.

The app inserts time, filename and the result into the database. We can inspect the result by cql query in cqlsh runned in docker.

```
select * from Table
```

Or in workbench



Build and run an image in docker

At this part, we package our app into an image and run a container in docker. Since we have already run the database server in docker, there will be two containers communicating with each other in the end. Docker has a tutorial of build and run your own image.

The issue is about writing dockerfile

```
# bulid an image based on an basic image
FROM python:3.7

# set the workplace
WORKDIR /app

# copy files
ADD . /app

# install dependencies
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt

EXPOSE 5000

# Run app.py when the container launches
CMD ["export", "FLASK_APP=hello.py"]
CMD ["flask", "run"]
```

Use docker command to build and run your images. Docker will run the instructions in dockerfile one by one and build an image.

```
docker build -t bdroject:latest .
```

Notice that requirement.txt contains all dependencies of python models. This file can be easily build by running a pip cmd in the virtual environment of your project:

```
pip freezing>requirements.txt
```

Then launch a container of an image. The CMD part of dockerfile will be carried out at this moment. We need to run our flask app, thus two cmd are executed.

```
export FLASK_APP=hello.py
flask run
```

Finally, the application run in a container!