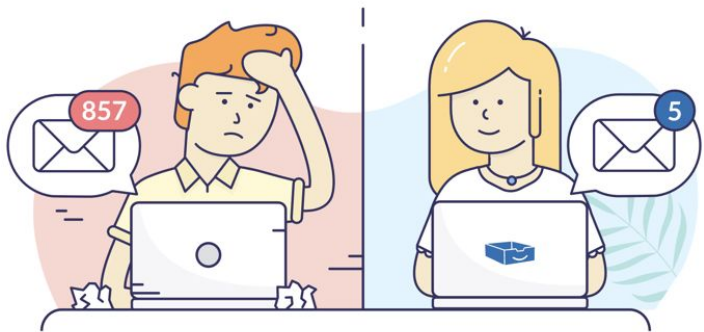


# Introducing... ClutterCutter!

The smart, effective tool for your messy inbox



# Introduction and Motivation



## The Problem

A messy, disorganized inbox makes life more complicated than it needs to be.

### Why do we need a solution?

- To save valuable time
- To make email search easier
- To increase the quality of life



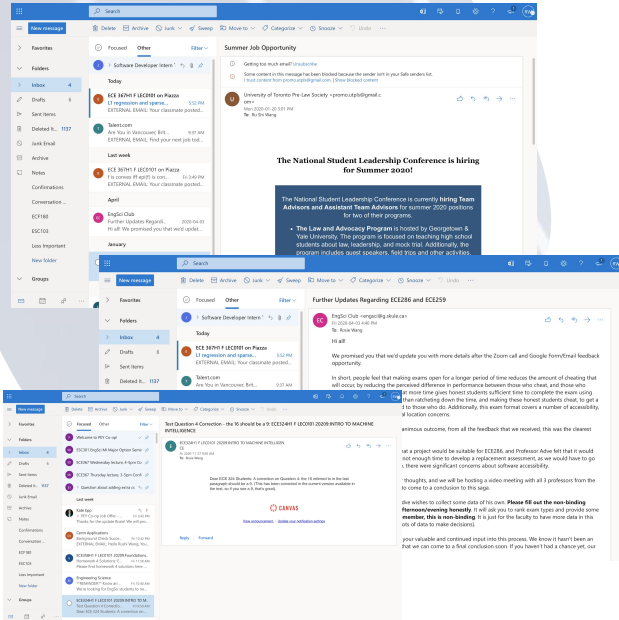
# The Solution Process



1. Provide examples of how we sort past emails
2. Apply ML to learn the patterns
3. Apply this knowledge to make predictions
4. Automated sorting for future emails!



# Data & Data Processing



## Data Used

- Real-life emails from our own accounts

## Data Cleaning

- Standardized text
- Removed personal info for privacy reasons

## Amount of Data

- Initial: 150/class for a total of 750
- Re-sampling: Increased to ~200/class for ~1000 total
- Data Augmentation: Increased to 2850 total
  - Synonym Replacement
  - Back Translation

# Data Statistics

**8872 unique words** in 2850 emails!



Below are the 5 most frequently appearing “meaningful” words for each category

## Academics:

- 'course': 124, 'students': 121, 'final': 82, 'questions': 82, 'engineering': 81

## Alerts:

- 'order': 218, 'email': 169, 'account': 147, 'password': 71, 'information': 70

## Personal:

- 'practice': 45, 'think': 32, 'going': 20, 'other': 19, 'email': 19

## Professional:

- 'application': 177, 'interview': 145, 'position': 100, 'interest': 68, 'assessment': 59

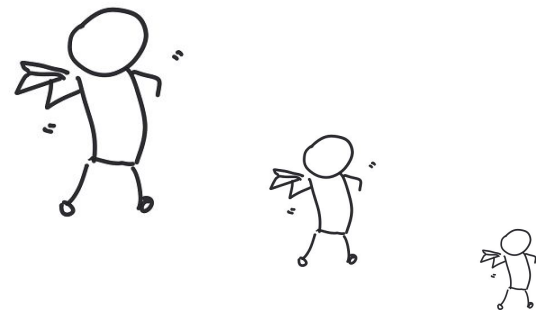
## Promotions and Events:

- 'students': 275, 'engineering': 198, 'november': 151, 'student': 144, 'university': 143

# Data Statistics cont.d...

## Data Splits

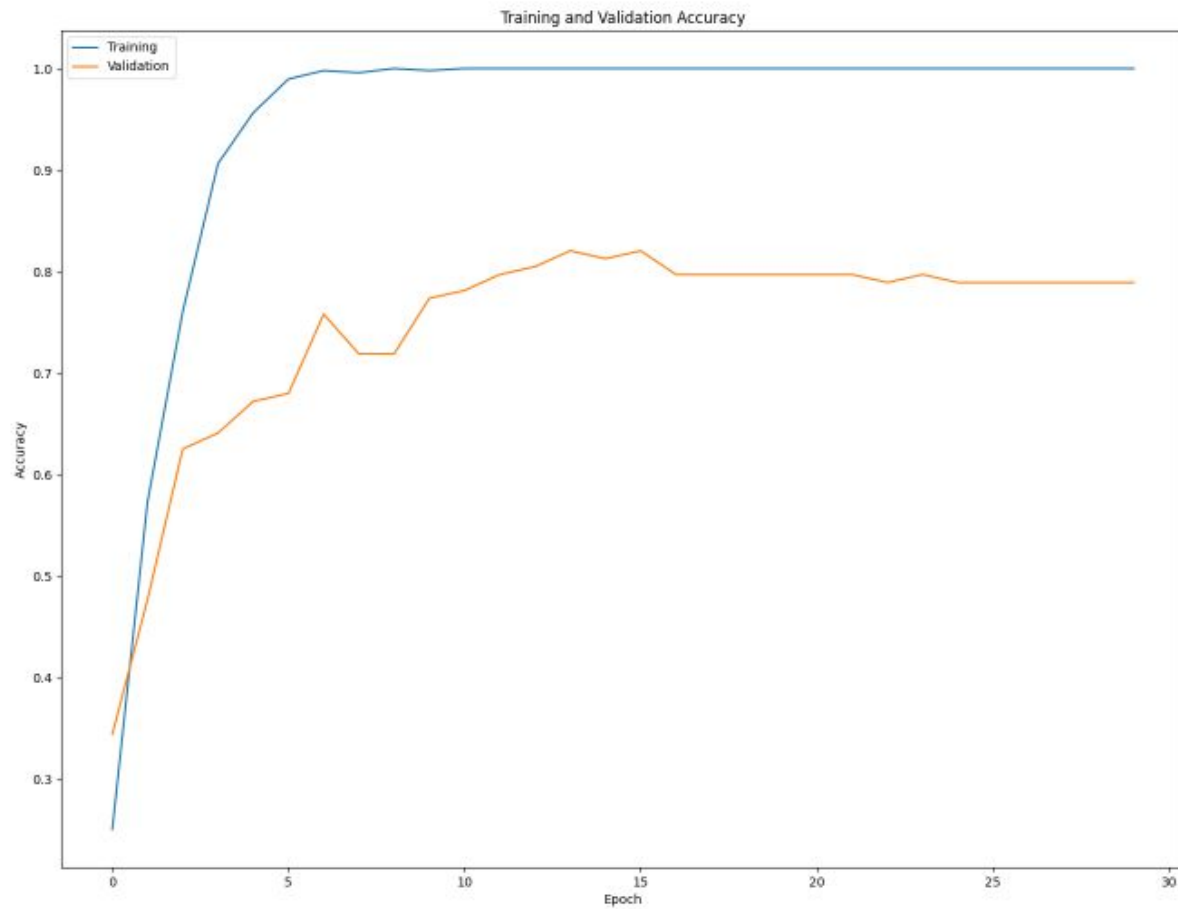
- Training = 0.64
- Validation = 0.16
- Test = 0.20



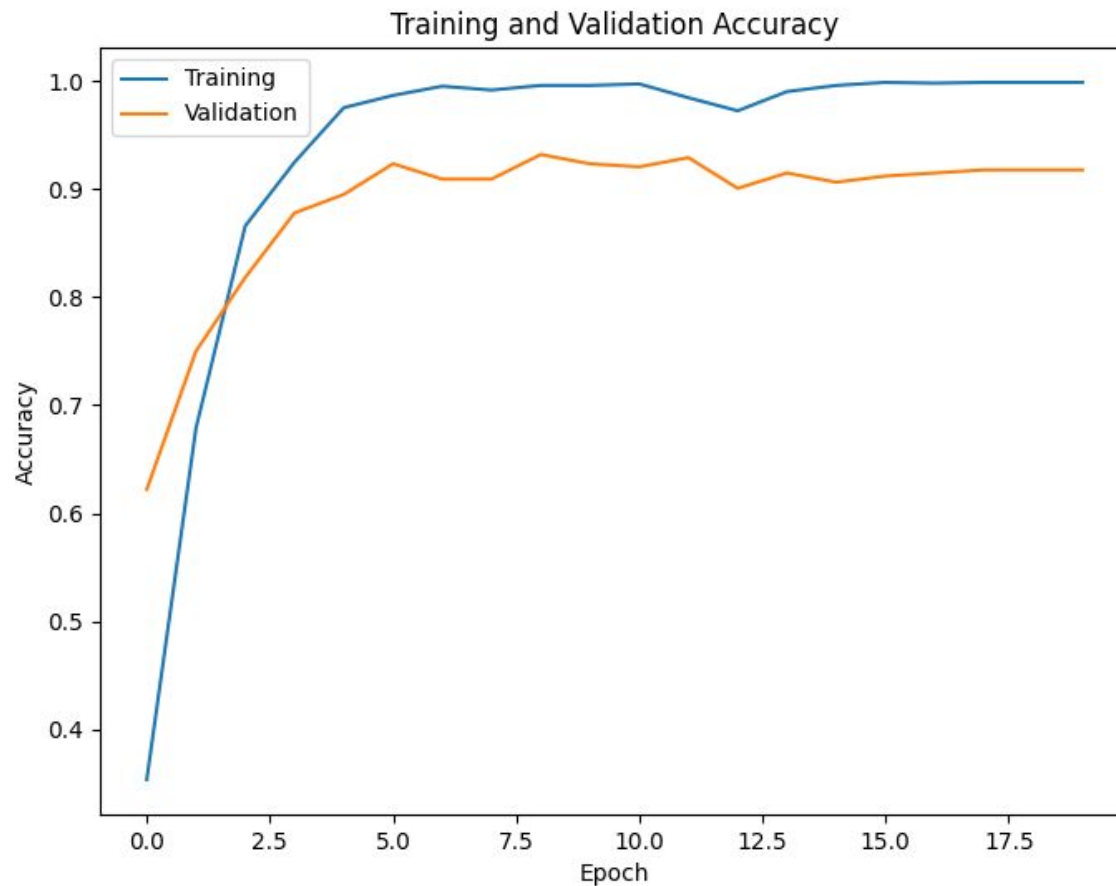
## Class Balance

Labels	Train	Validation	Test
Academics	355	89	111
Alerts	370	93	116
Personal	363	91	113
Professional	376	94	118
Promotions and Events	355	88	111

# Case 1: No Data Augmentation



## Case 2: 35% Data Augmentation





### Case 3: 50% Data augmentation



# Our Model



## Vectorization

- Word embeddings using Fasttext

## Baseline

- Took average meaning of each email
- Fed to linear layer to produce 5 outputs

## RNN

- Single GRU unit
- Initial hidden dimension = 50
- Fed to linear layer to produce 5 outputs



raw email samples

preprocessing



labelled  
.txt files

data augmentation



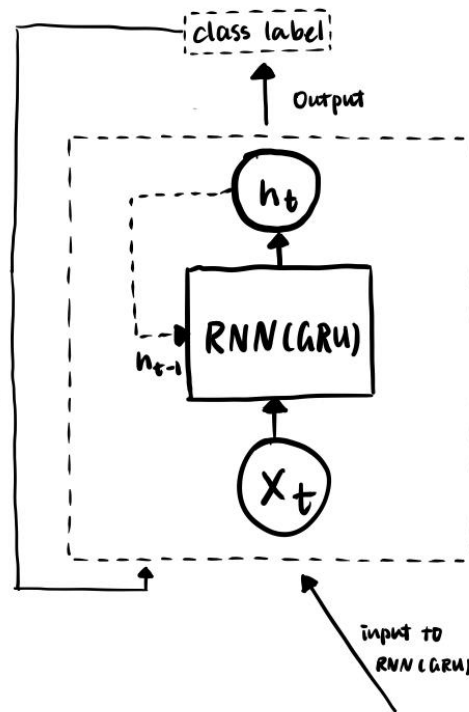
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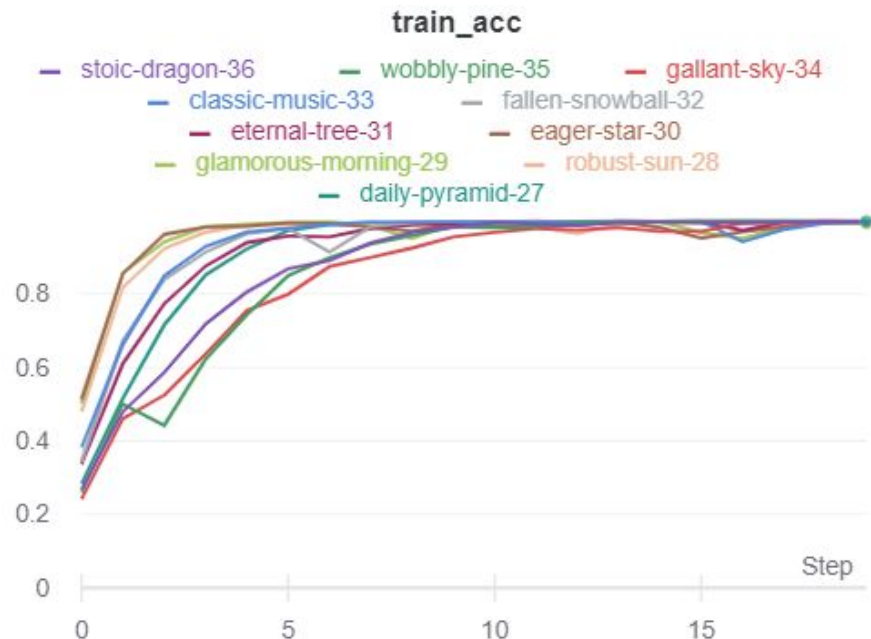
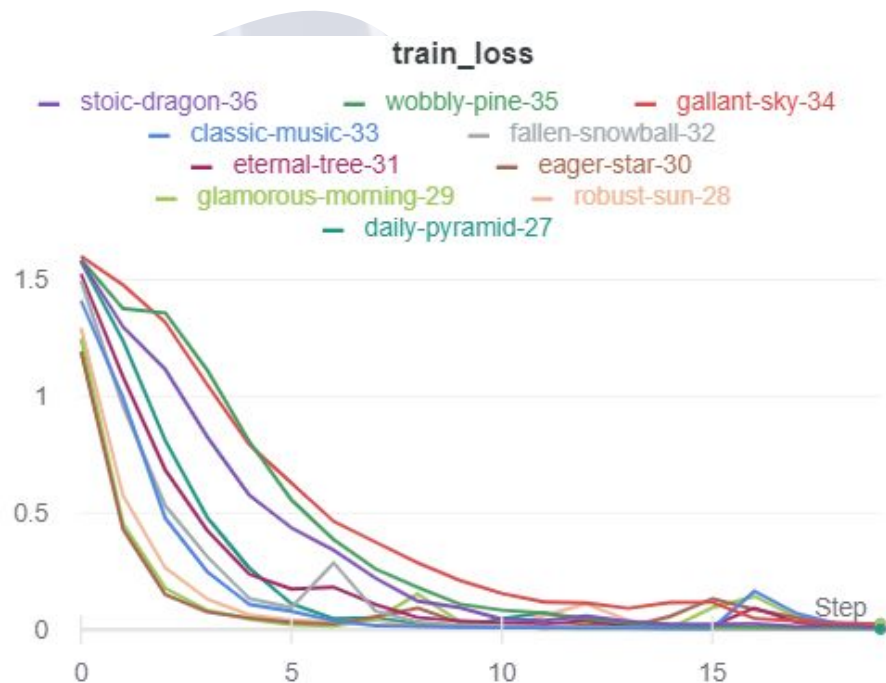


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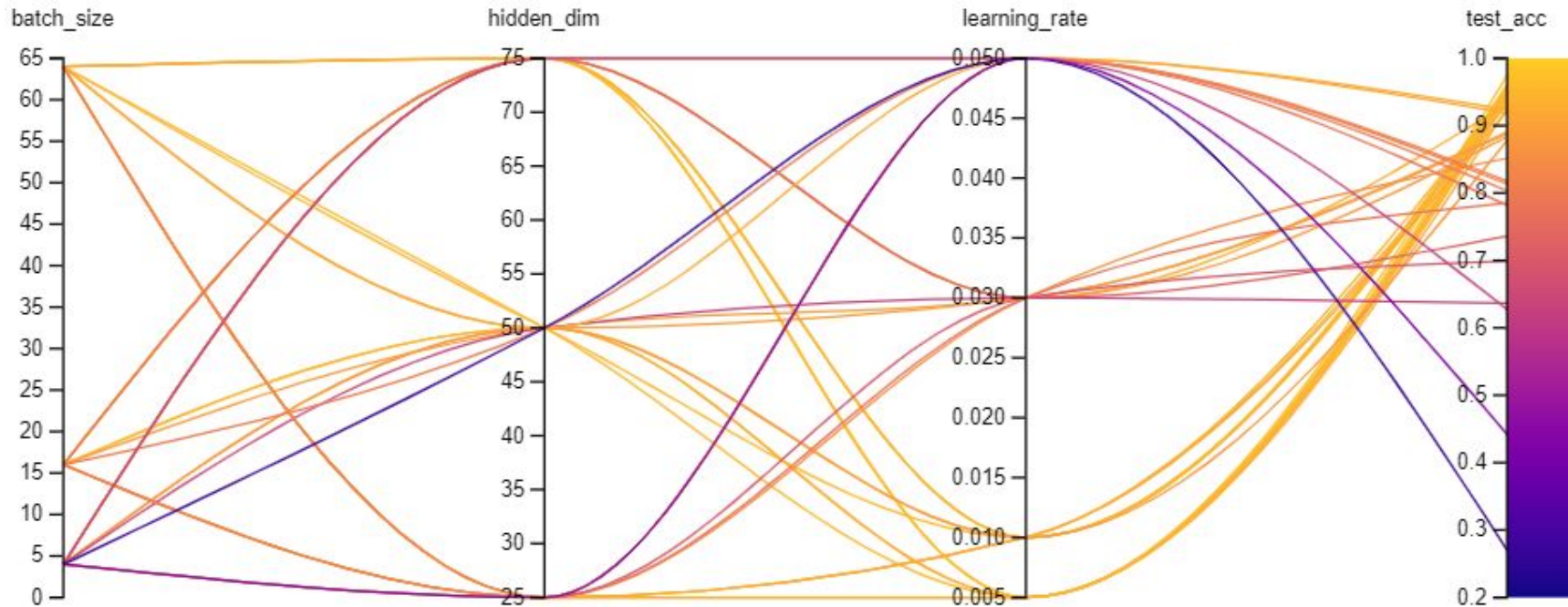
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## Hyperparameter Search: Loss and Accuracy Curves



# Summary Sweep of Hyperparameters

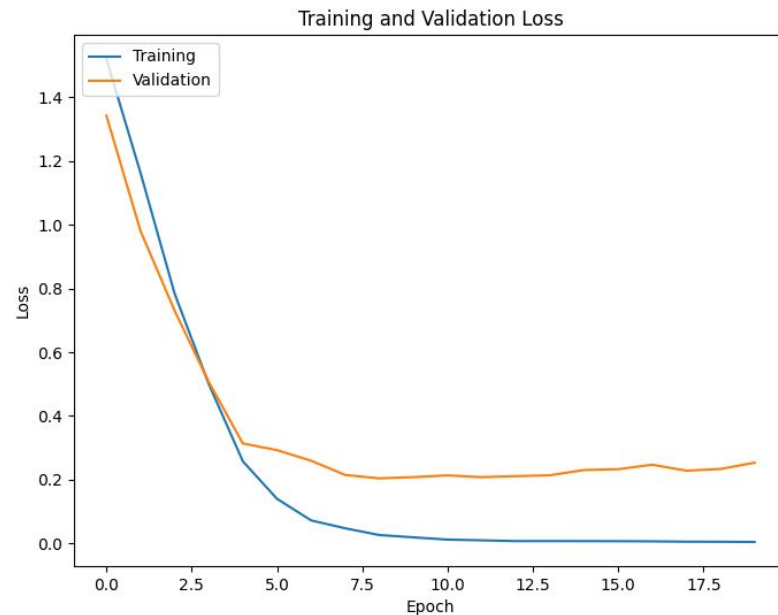
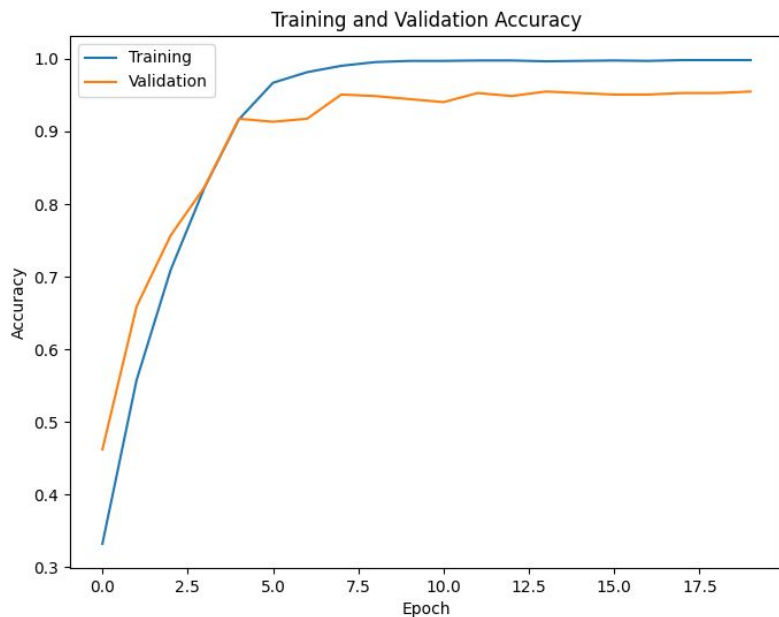


# Best Model

Test Accuracy: **96.65%**



**Hyperparameters:** Batch size - 32, Learning rate - 0.005, Hidden dimension - 75





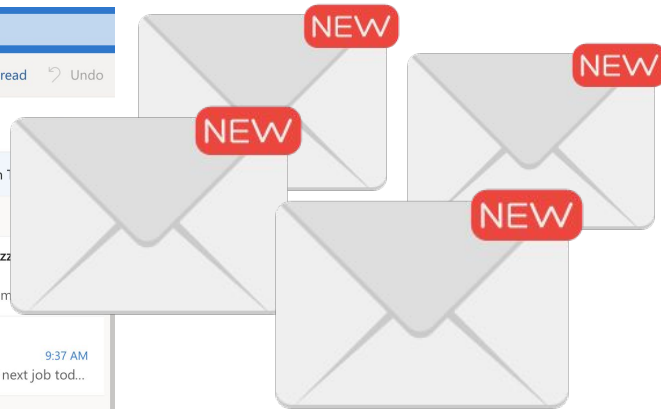
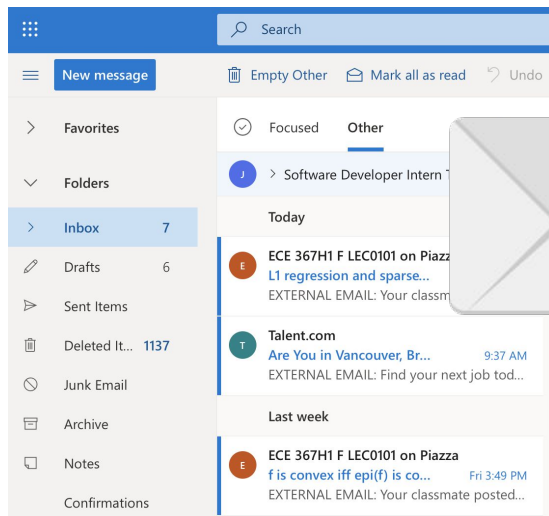
# **Video Demo**

# Video Summary

## From the video we saw

- Ex 1: Question from Piazza was correctly predicted as Academics
- Ex 2: Ad for job opportunities was predicted as Promotions & Events

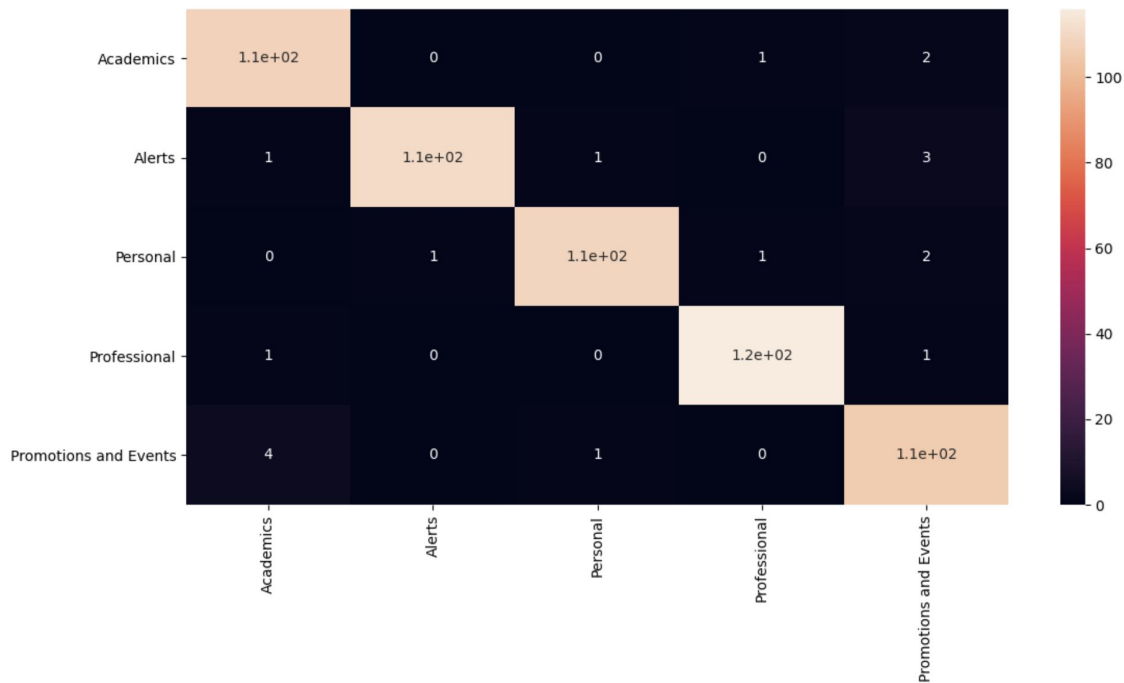
These examples were from new emails the model has never seen!





# Visualizing Errors

- The **poorest performing** class was Promotions & Events
  - Actual P&E got confused for Academics
  - Most samples falsely labeled as P&E



# Examples of Incorrect Predictions 1

**Prediction: Promotions & Events**  
**Ground Truth: Academics**

## Course Evaluations: Closing Soon! Complete Yours Today! (Engineering)



Course Evaluations <course.evaluations@utoronto.ca>

Sun 2020-11-29 1:25 AM

To: [REDACTED]



**Make your voice heard!**

Hello, [REDACTED]

Now is your opportunity to evaluate your courses and instructors. We appreciate you taking the time to provide comments to your instructor, as they can use this feedback to reflect upon their own work in these challenging times. Course evaluations are only open for a limited time, so complete yours today!

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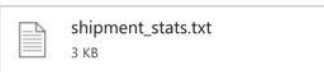
Model rnn predicts that this email is: Promotions and Events

# Examples of Incorrect Predictions 2

**Prediction: Promotions & Events**  
**Ground Truth: Professional**

## Assignment - shipment stats

Hi [REDACTED]



### EXTERNAL EMAIL:

Hi [REDACTED]

It was a pleasure talking to you today.

As promised during our chat, we would like to ask you to do the assignment. This will allow us to assess your technical skills in a "real-life" setting. We do not believe in asking candidates to code on the whiteboard under the pressure of the spotlight during the interview, we believe that candidates will produce the best code in a calm and relaxed environment (just like day to day in the office). For this, we are asking you to spend some of your personal time and we appreciate that.

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Model rnn predicts that this email is: Promotions and Events

Ignore this

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ECE 367H1 F LEC0101 on Piazza <no-reply@piazza.com>

Thu 2020-12-03 4:00 PM

To:



**EXTERNAL EMAIL:**

Your classmate posted a new Followup.

Hello

Great discussion on Linear Programming and its application! You mentioned that LP can be extended in to a variety of fields and I wonder if maximizing profit/minimizing cost etc. financial problems can also be addressed with LP. Since they also share a linear objective function which is to be optimized (maximize or minimize) subject to a certain number of constraints. Thanks!

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Model rnn predicts that this email is: Academics

Ignore this too

Operations Application

Some content in this message has been blocked because the sender isn't in your Safe senders list.  
[I trust content from](#)[Show blocked content](#)

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ms.com>

Mon 2020-11-30 10:39 AM

To:

EXTERNAL EMAIL:

Hello ,

Thank you for your interest in our  Operations: WHS Intern 2021 United States !

There are many bright and talented candidates like you in the marketplace, making our job all that much harder. With that said, we regret to inform you that we will be unable to extend the interview process at this time. We appreciate the time you invested in pursuing an opportunity with us.

While we know that this news is disappointing, we encourage you to apply to other roles on our [careers website](#) that look of interest to you and match your skillset. We acknowledge that your skills and interests are constantly developing and changing, and we would like to let you know that you are eligible to apply for this role again after 6 months.

We wish you all the best in your search and in your future endeavors!

Thank you for your interest,

Recruiting Team

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## Discussion



We have high test accuracy... but:

- Data source ( $\frac{3}{4}$  Engineering +  $\frac{1}{4}$  Artsci = 100% UofT)
- Only tested on emails in our accounts
- **May not generalize!**

Keyword frequency implies category:

Recall the most common words in each category

- “Course” → Academics
- “Order” → Alerts
- “Application” → Professional
- “Students” → Promotion & Events
- “Practice” → Personal

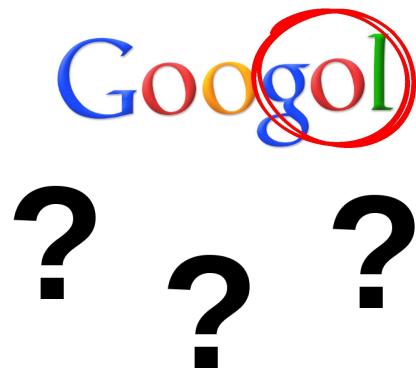
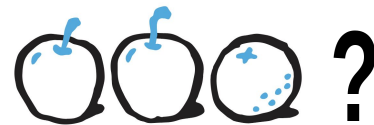
# What we learned

- Preparing raw data takes **time!**
  - Need enough
  - Manual cleaning
- Need to be **VERY clear** on the scope of the labels



# Things to Consider

- **Generalization** for all users?
- User choice for **labels**?
- Managing **typos**?
- Incorporation of **decision heuristics** into NN design?





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**Any Questions?**

