

1. Dataset: <https://www.kaggle.com/andrewmvd/face-mask-detection>

- I chose this dataset because it represents a comprehensive spectrum of data points relative to what I want to test my model with. In order to best train my model, I must identify what is correct vs what is wrong, and this data set provides a large number of such images with a large variety of ethnicities, ages and mask colours that help strengthen the eventual model I create.

2. Methodology:

Data Preprocessing

- With the data at hand, I plan to split the data into three sections: training data, testing data and validation data where each section is further split into two labels 'wearing or not wearing a mask'.
- Each image will be rescaled to the same height and width

Model

- I want to predict whether the individual in the camera that is hooked onto my raspberry pi is wearing a mask or not
- **Machine Learning Algorithm to use:** CNN (Convolutional Neural Network)
 - **Pros:** less pre-processing of data is required than other machine learning algorithms and mainly used to identify objects in images which is the primary focus of my project
 - **Cons:** computationally demanding, requires large GPUs to process
- **Evaluation Metric:** Confusion Matrix, Accuracy / logistic loss

3. Application:

- User stands in front of the webcam / camera and the output will either encircle their face with a red box (meaning no mask) or a green box (wearing a mask)