Custom Models

Custom Model use cases

Recognize specific structures in satellite images

Spot cracks in pipe

Pinpoint rust or corrosion on infrastructure

Flag known defects in a manufacturing process

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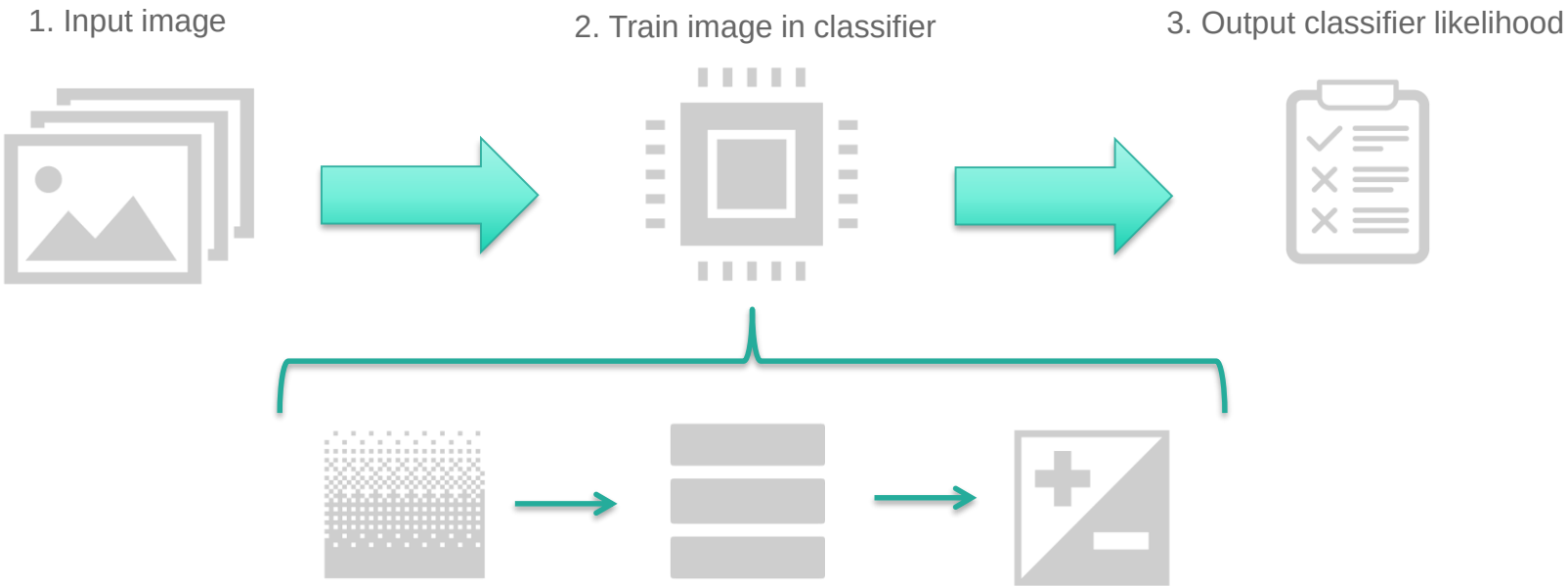

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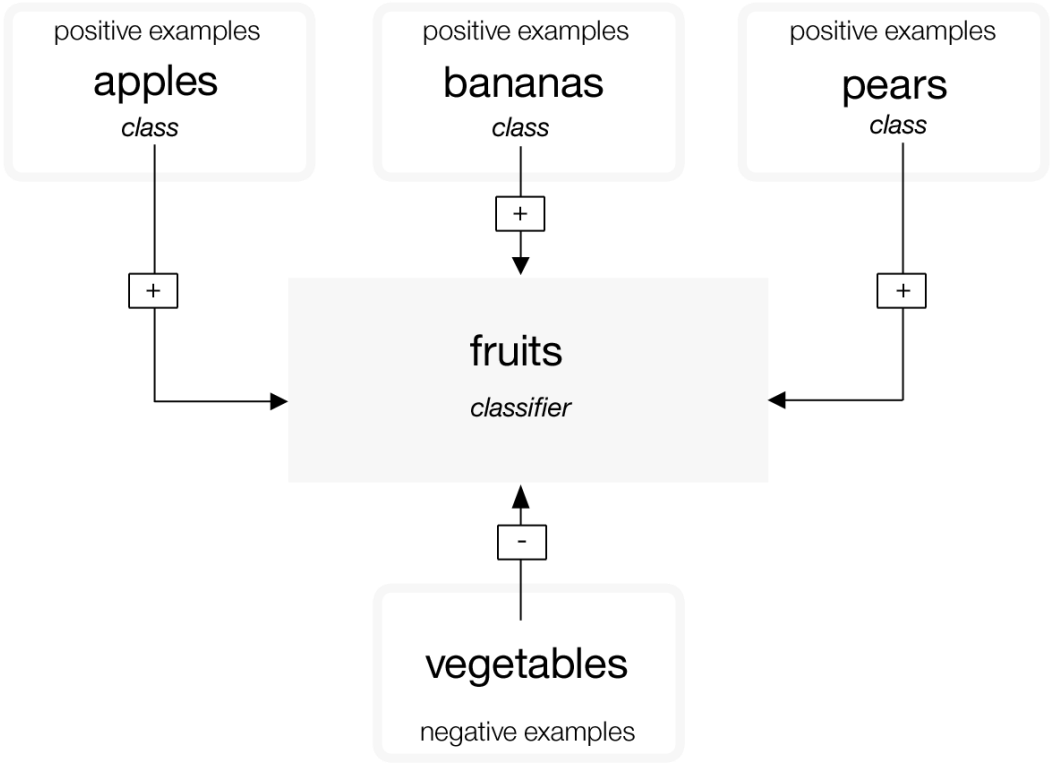

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Before you can upload your images to Watson Studio (or using API), you need to organize your images in **.zip files**

Option 1:

- One .zip file for each class

Option 2:

- One .zip file for all images with images separated into one folder for each class.

Option 3:

- Divide images of a class into multiple .zip files

Step 1: Image Preparation

“Clients who closely control their image training processes observed greater than 98% accuracy”

Image collection

- Positive classes
- Negative class (optional)
- At least 10 images per class
- **Recommended** 150 to 200 per Zip
- Max 10’000 images, 100 Mb per Zip
- Consider tools

Image pre-processing

- Subject matter of classifier is 1/3
- Consider for detecting details
- Tile, zoom, crop, resize, scale

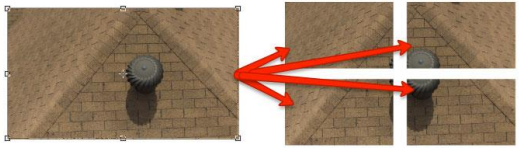

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Image quality and limitations

- Light, exposure, angle, focus, color, background
- Min size 32x32, **recommended** 244x244

Training and Testing sets

- Have some similarity in both sets

Training set

Good

Testing set

Bad

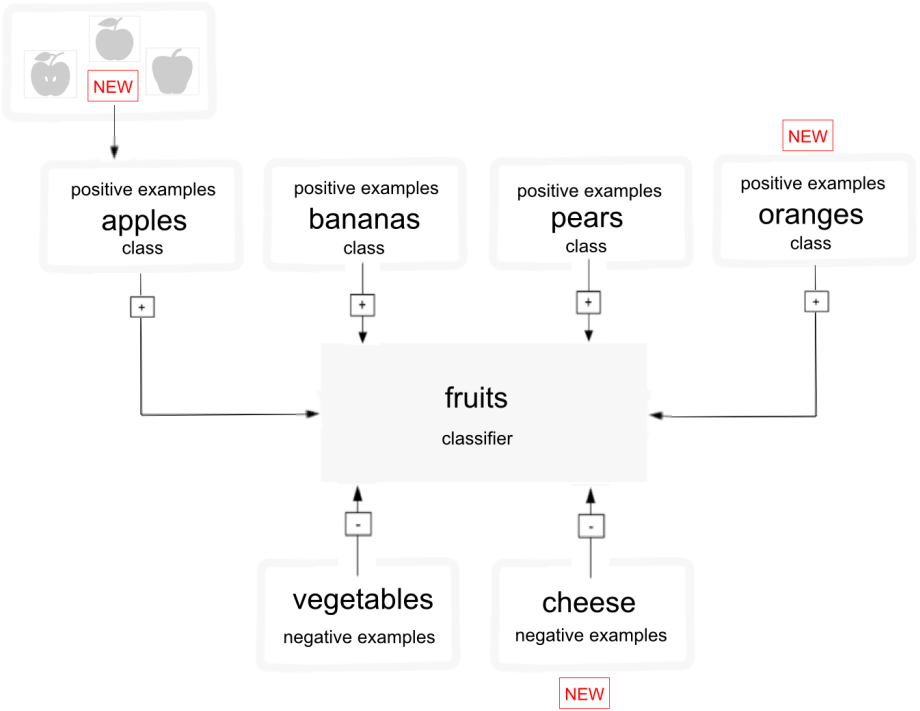
Step 2: Training and retraining

Training insiders

- One classifier = one model
- Positive from other classes are trained as negative
- Service performs Statistical classification

Updates

- By adding new set of positive images to existing classes
- And/or adding new set of positive images as a new class
- Suffix “_positive_examples” is required
- Splitting class definition is possible but be CAUTIOUS



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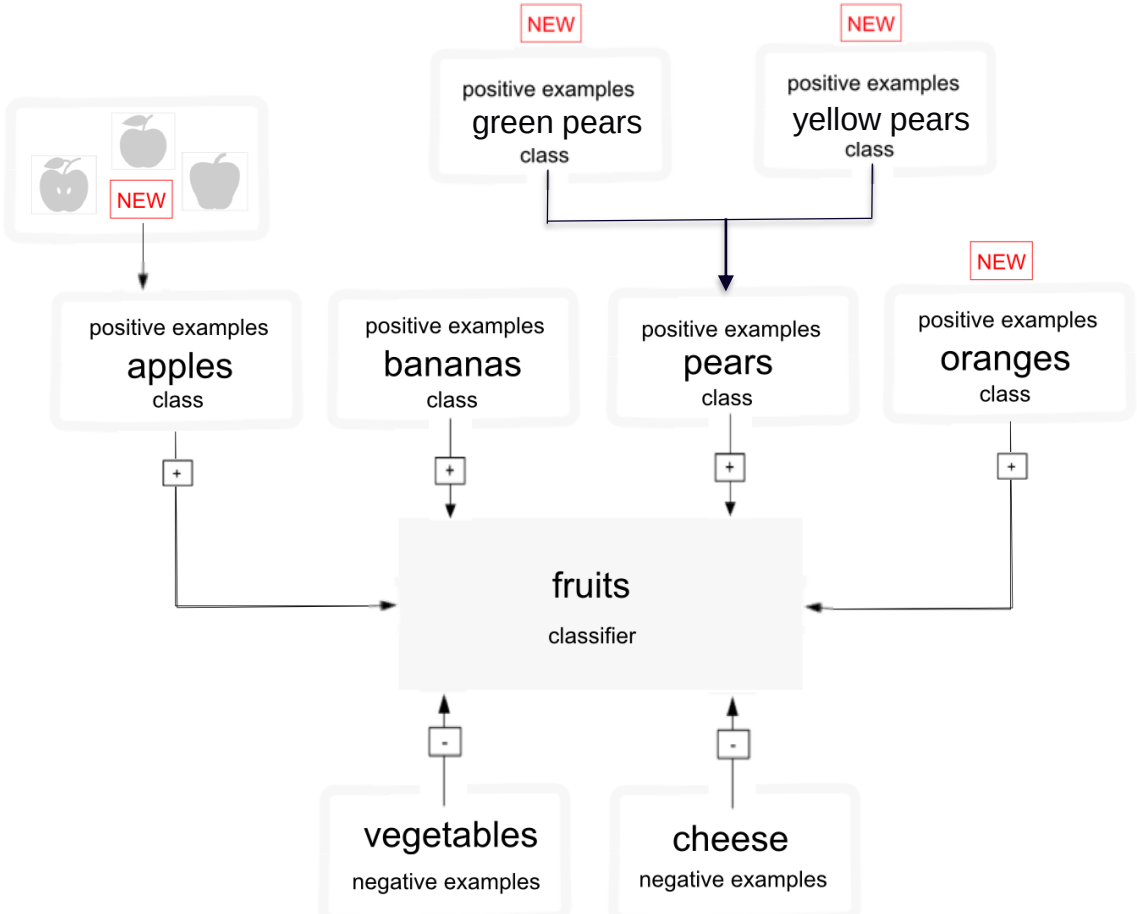


Step 3: Score your classifier

Scores

- Score is the response to a classification.
- Score defines the “true” or “false” positive or negative conditions of an image against a class.
- The `/classify` method produces a score between 0.0 and 1.0 for each image for each class.
- Custom classifiers use binary "one versus the rest" models to train each class against the other classes.

What do the scores mean?

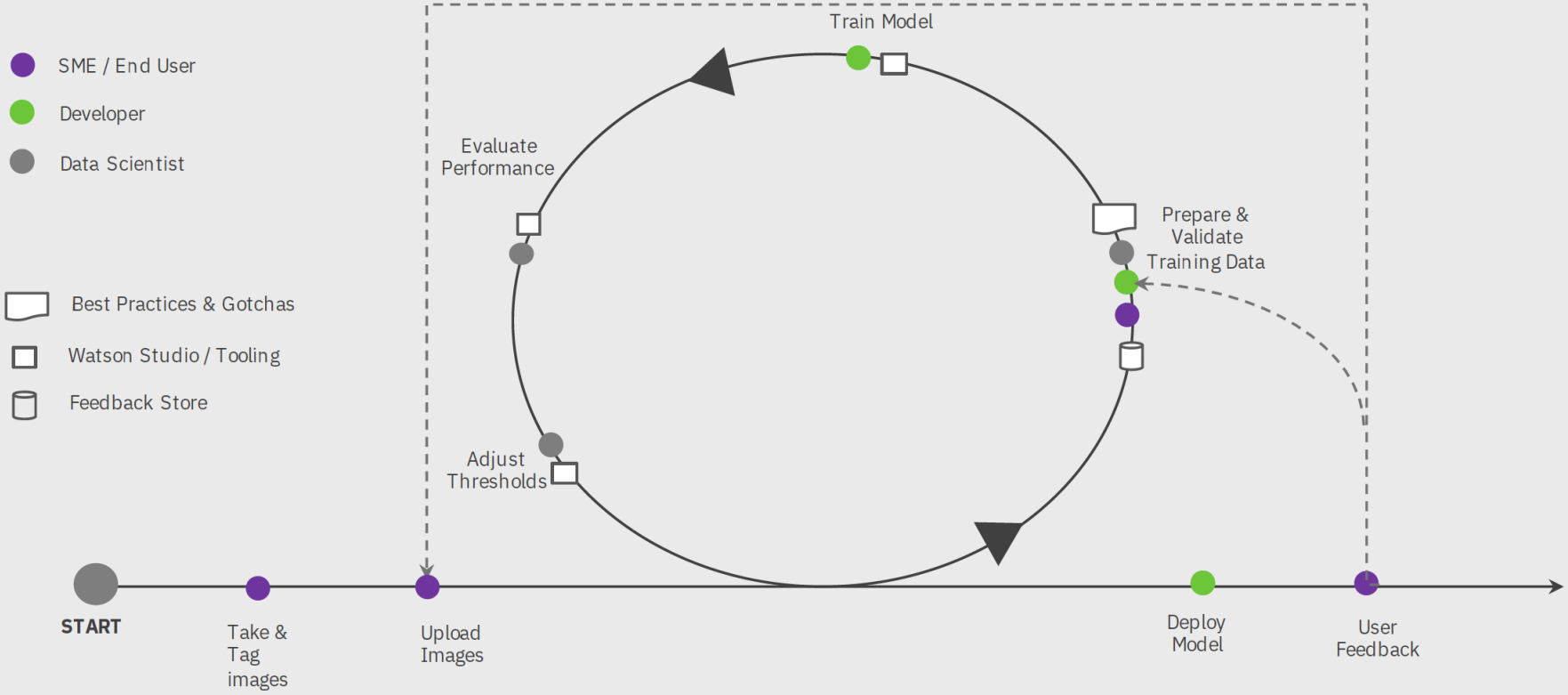
- The scores are comparable indicators, with a range from 0.0 to 1.0.
- The scores for custom classifiers are not comparable to the scores returned by the General classifier (which has classifier_id: "default")

How to evaluate classifier accuracy?

- Assemble a set of labeled images "L" that was not used in training the classifier.
- Split L into two sets, V and T - validation and testing.
- Run V through your classifier and pick a score threshold "R" which optimizes the correctness metric you value, such as top-5 precision, across all of V.
- From T, select a random subset "Q" and classify it using your classifier and "R". Compute the probability of a correct classification on Q. That's one experiment.
- Repeat step 4 with a different subset Q from T, then compute the average % correct across all experiments.

Continuous Learning Approaches

Continuous learning – Lifecycle & Ecosystem



Power Line use case

Objective

1. Identify where on a tower there may be deterioration
2. Classify what level of rust deterioration
3. Determine confidence to take action

Current State

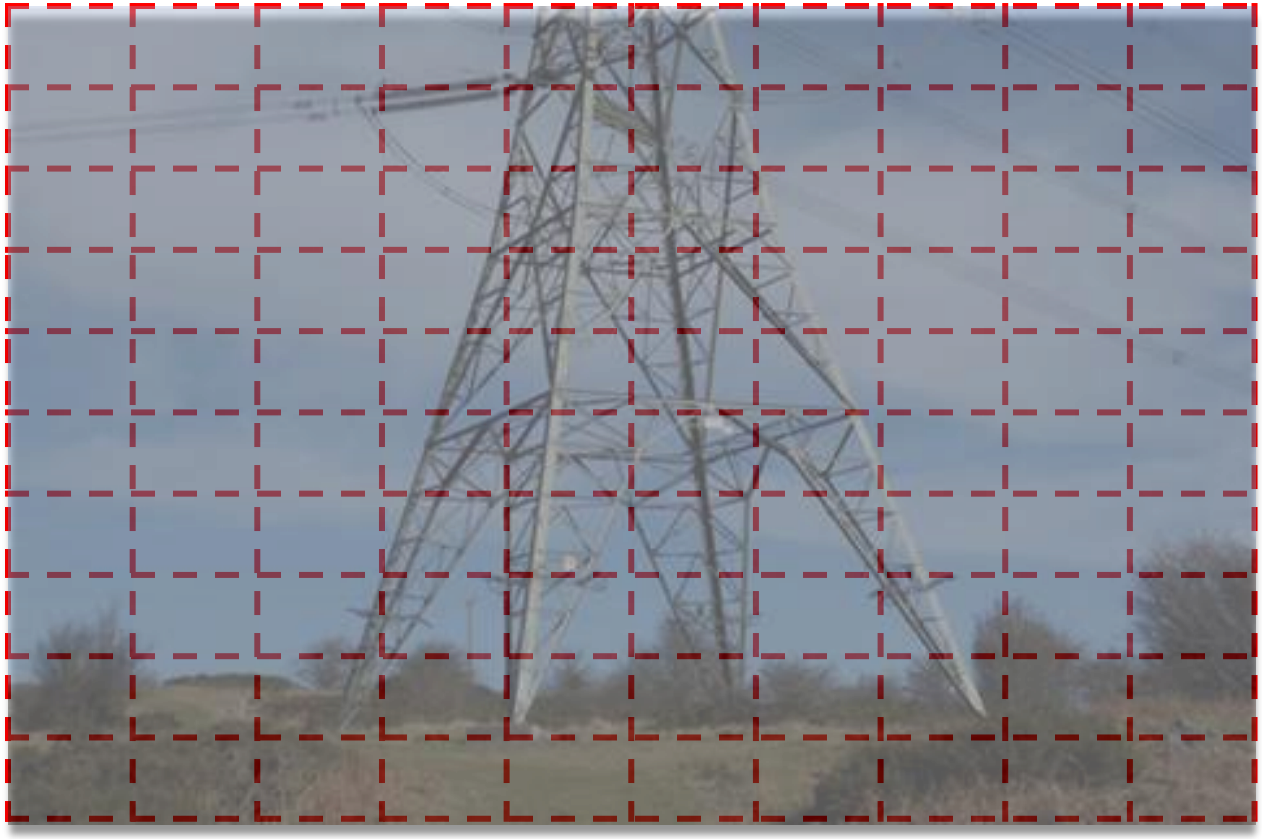
-Helicopters fly around
-Manually “zooming in” on images to determine rust areas
-Manually classification

Challenges

- Costly
- Time intensive, manual
- Fraught with human errors and judgement discrepancies between operators and technicians

Example of raw image

Step 1: Divide raw image into grid to classify where in image to “zoom in”



Step 2: Create high-level “is it metal?” classifier. Train VR what to look for

Train Watson using examples for each level of classification you are looking for mimicking human reasoning.
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Class 1: Metal Structure




Training Example | Training Example
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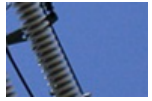
Class 2: Other Structure



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Negative: Non-Metal)






Training Example | Training Example
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Step 3: Determine confidence if metal or not

Classifier: Metal Structure?

metal_structure .87
other_structure .13

Step 4: Train for rust classification types

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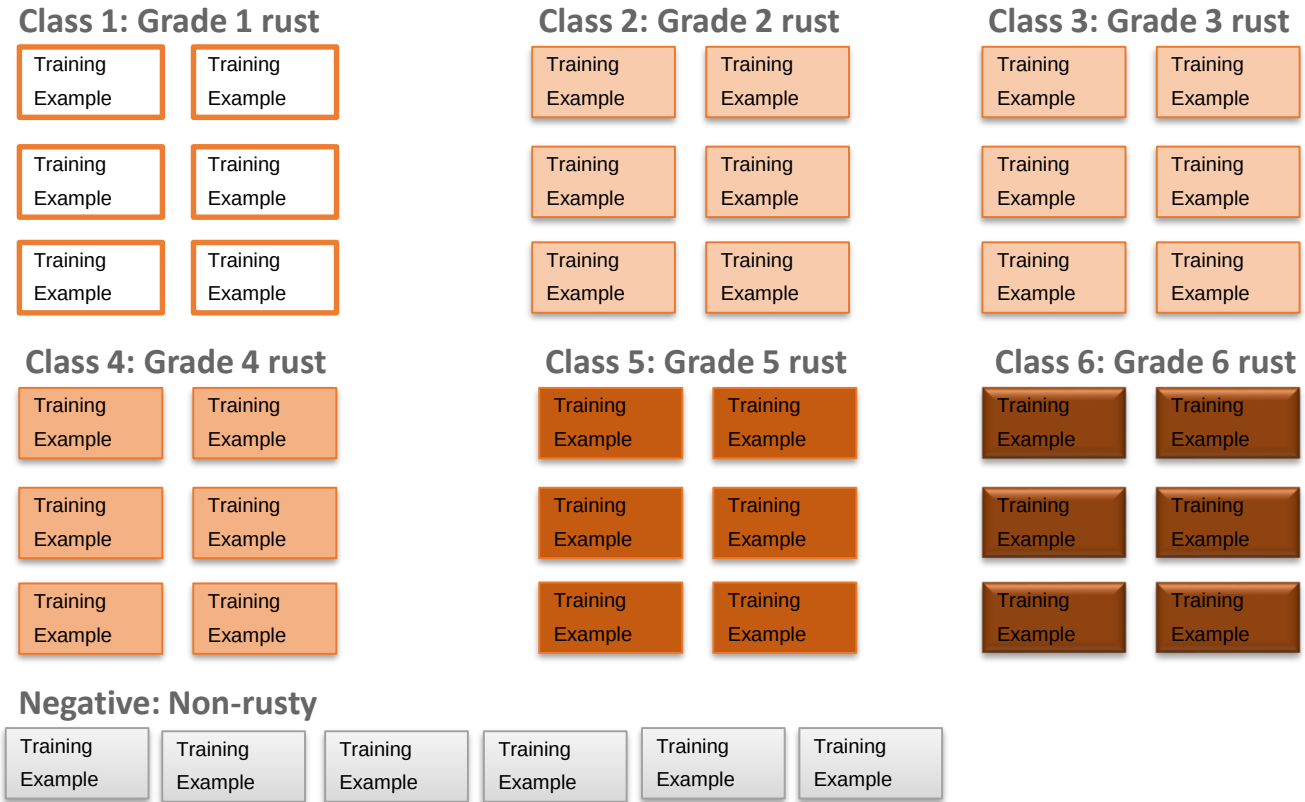

Step 5: Determine confidence of rust type

Classifier: Rust Type?

Rust_level_5	.67
Rust_level_6	.41
Rust_level_4	.28
Rust_level_3	.08
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Step 6: Re-train and improve confidence over time

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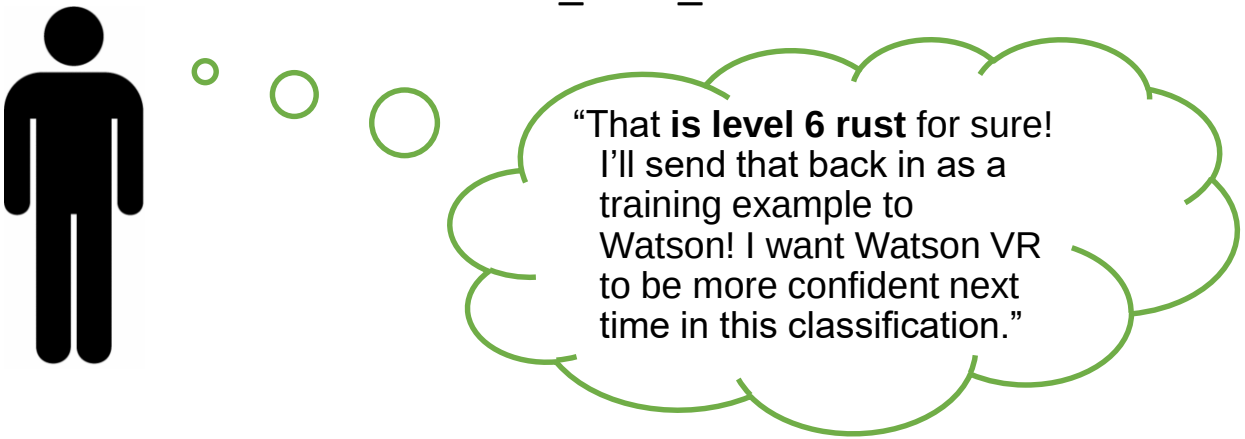

Step 7: Rinse and repeat. Watson VR improves over time

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