

tf.feature_column.input_layer

```
input_layer(
    features,
    feature_columns,
    weight_collections=None,
    trainable=True
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/feature_column/feature_column.py](#).

Returns a dense **Tensor** as input layer based on given **feature_columns**.

Generally a single example in training data is described with FeatureColumns. At the first layer of the model, this column oriented data should be converted to a single **Tensor**.

Example:

```
price = numeric_column('price')
keywords_embedded = embedding_column(
    categorical_column_with_hash_bucket("keywords", 10K), dimensions=16)
columns = [price, keywords_embedded, ...]
features = tf.parse_example(..., features=make_parse_example_spec(columns))
dense_tensor = input_layer(features, columns)
for units in [128, 64, 32]:
    dense_tensor = tf.layers.dense(dense_tensor, units, tf.nn.relu)
prediction = tf.layers.dense(dense_tensor, 1)
```

Args:

- **features**: A mapping from key to tensors. **_FeatureColumn**s look up via these keys. For example **numeric_column('price')** will look at 'price' key in this dict. Values can be a **SparseTensor** or a **Tensor** depends on corresponding **_FeatureColumn**.
- **feature_columns**: An iterable containing the FeatureColumns to use as inputs to your model. All items should be instances of classes derived from **_DenseColumn** such as **numeric_column**, **embedding_column**, **bucketized_column**, **indicator_column**. If you have categorical features, you can wrap them with an **embedding_column** or **indicator_column**.
- **weight_collections**: A list of collection names to which the Variable will be added. Note that, variables will also be added to collections **tf.GraphKeys.GLOBAL_VARIABLES** and **ops.GraphKeys.MODEL_VARIABLES**.
- **trainable**: If **True** also add the variable to the graph collection **GraphKeys.TRAINABLE_VARIABLES** (see **tf.Variable**).

Returns:

A **Tensor** which represents input layer of a model. Its shape is (batch_size, first_layer_dimension) and its dtype is **float32**. first_layer_dimension is determined based on given **feature_columns**.

Raises:

- `ValueError` : if an item in `feature_columns` is not a `_DenseColumn`.

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