

Object Detection for Automated Doorstep Package Classification

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Introduction

- Why Package Detection?
 - The market has placed a high value on household monitoring technology
 - Rise in package theft
- What will this project accomplish?
 - Generate Package Classification Dataset
 - Train a YOLOv5 model
 - Export the model to run in real-time on the edge





Data loading & Preprocessing

Data Sources

Classes and Annotation

Data Augmentation

Data Sources

- Original dataset of 865 images
 - Pre-existing, publicly available package datasets
 - Frames extracted from videos captured in the test environment



Classes and Annotation

Class	Operationalization
box	Any rectangular cardboard package that holds its own shape rather than assuming the approximate shape of the object inside.
plastic_bag	Any soft plastic wrapping that does not hold its own shape and roughly assumes the shape of its contents
envelope	Any flat, rectangular packaging made of thick paper or thin cardboard with a single defined opening that is only designed to transport paper, thin books, or other flat objects.

Augmentation

- Expanded dataset with a variety of transformation functions approximating weather, lighting changes, and motion
- Increased number of annotated images from 865 to 6000+

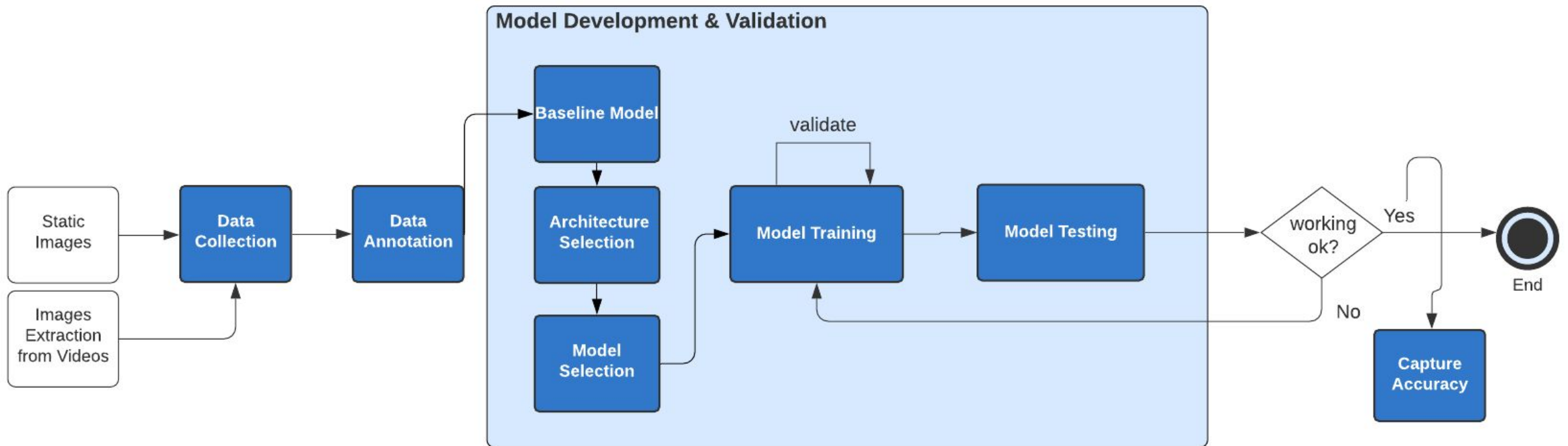




Model Training & Validation

Training & Validation Flow Diagram
Architecture Selection
Model Configuration
Detection

Model Development and Validation



Architecture Selection

- Specified number of steps/epochs required to train in <30 minutes

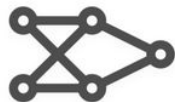
Architecture	mAP@0.5	mAP@0.5:0.95
MobileNetSSD	0.8338	0.5214
Faster-RCNN	0.8391	0.5305
YOLOv5	0.9515	0.6059

Model Configuration



Small
YOLOv5s

14 MB_{FP16}
2.2 ms_{V100}
36.8 mAP_{COCO}



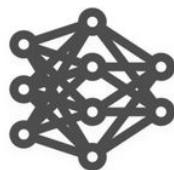
Medium
YOLOv5m

41 MB_{FP16}
2.9 ms_{V100}
44.5 mAP_{COCO}



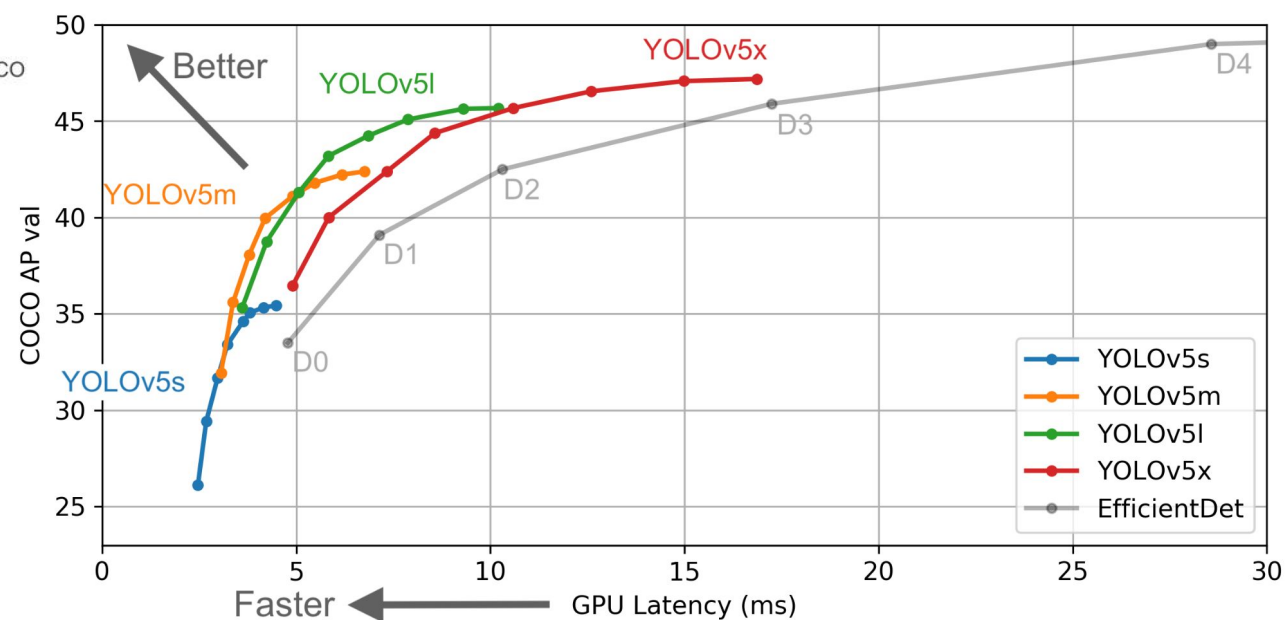
Large
YOLOv5l

90 MB_{FP16}
3.8 ms_{V100}
48.1 mAP_{COCO}



XLarge
YOLOv5x

168 MB_{FP16}
6.0 ms_{V100}
50.1 mAP_{COCO}



Model Selection

Configuration	Train Time (100 epochs)	mAP@0.5	mAP@0.5:0.95
yolov5s	01:22:17	0.694	0.558
yolov5x	07:20:30	0.688	0.551

Detection





Inference with Nx

Nx Architecture
Results

NX Architecture

Edge container applications have been deployed using Kubernetes (K3s) on the Jetson NX.

The package detector application is able to detect packages in a video stream coming from the USB camera.

Three containers:

Package Detector

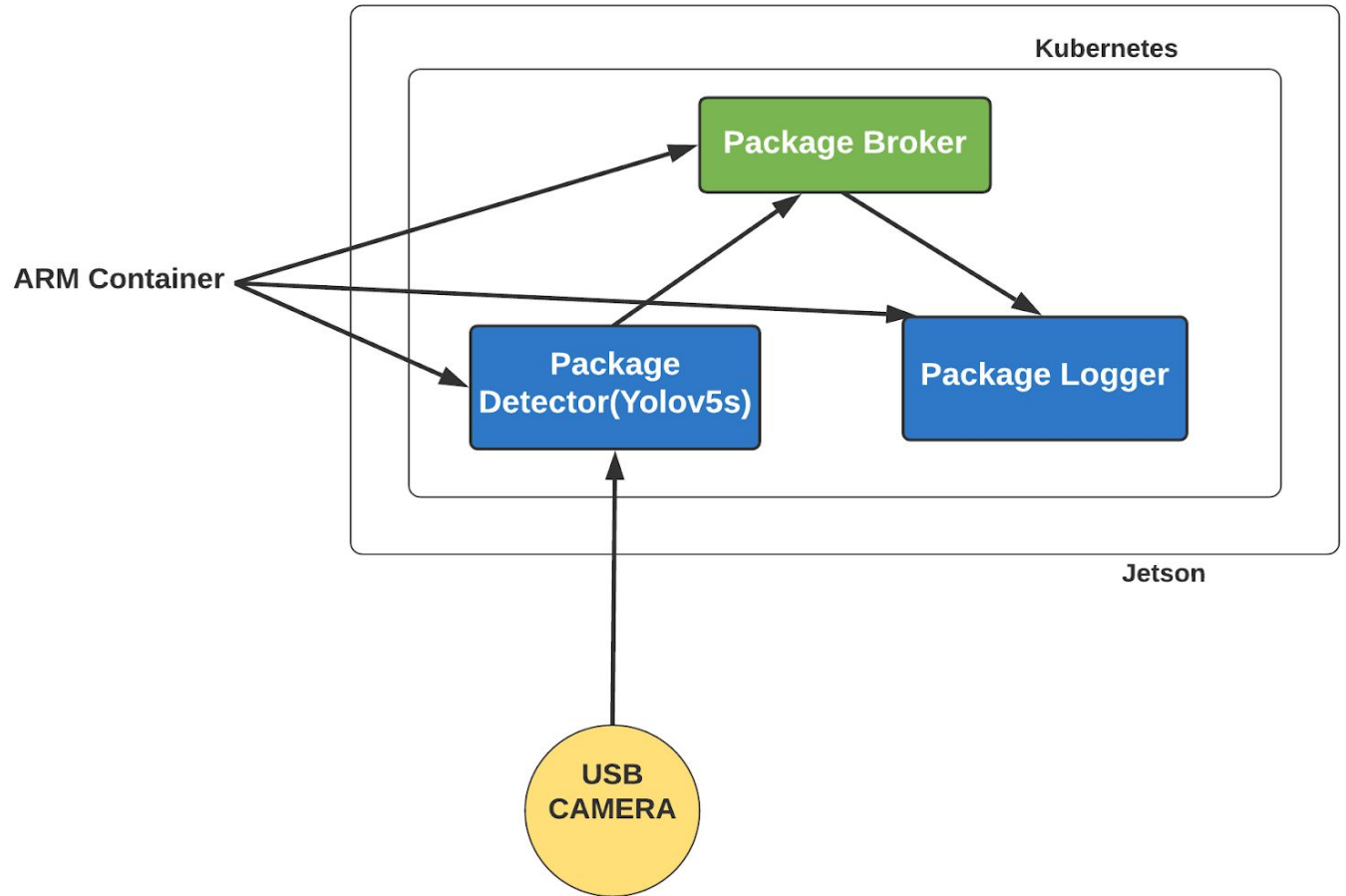
- Captures video stream from USB Camera, pre-processing is done using openCV.
- Does inference with Included trained weights from custom yolov5 model.
- Publishes message to MQTT broker with detected packages and classes.

Package Broker

- Uses "MQTT" as the messaging fabric
- Includes service, to access the broker from outside Kubernetes and then from inside it.

Package Logger

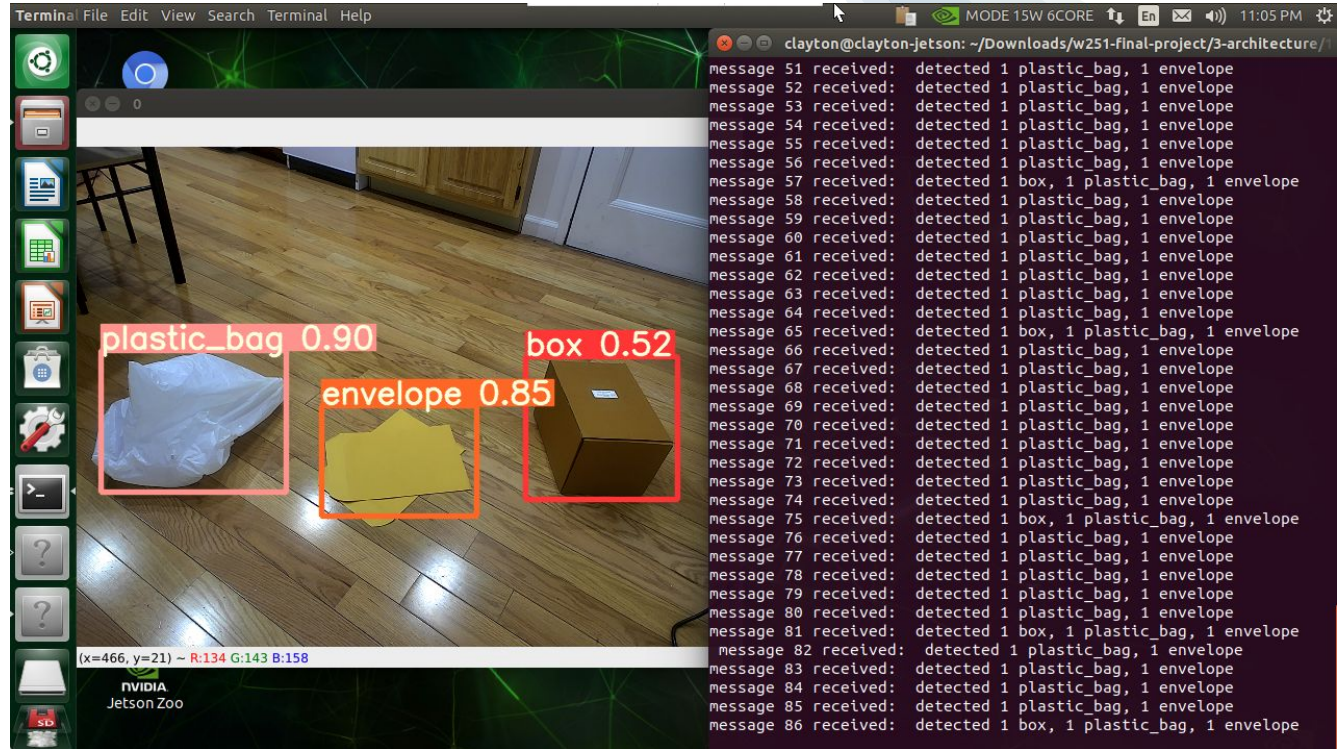
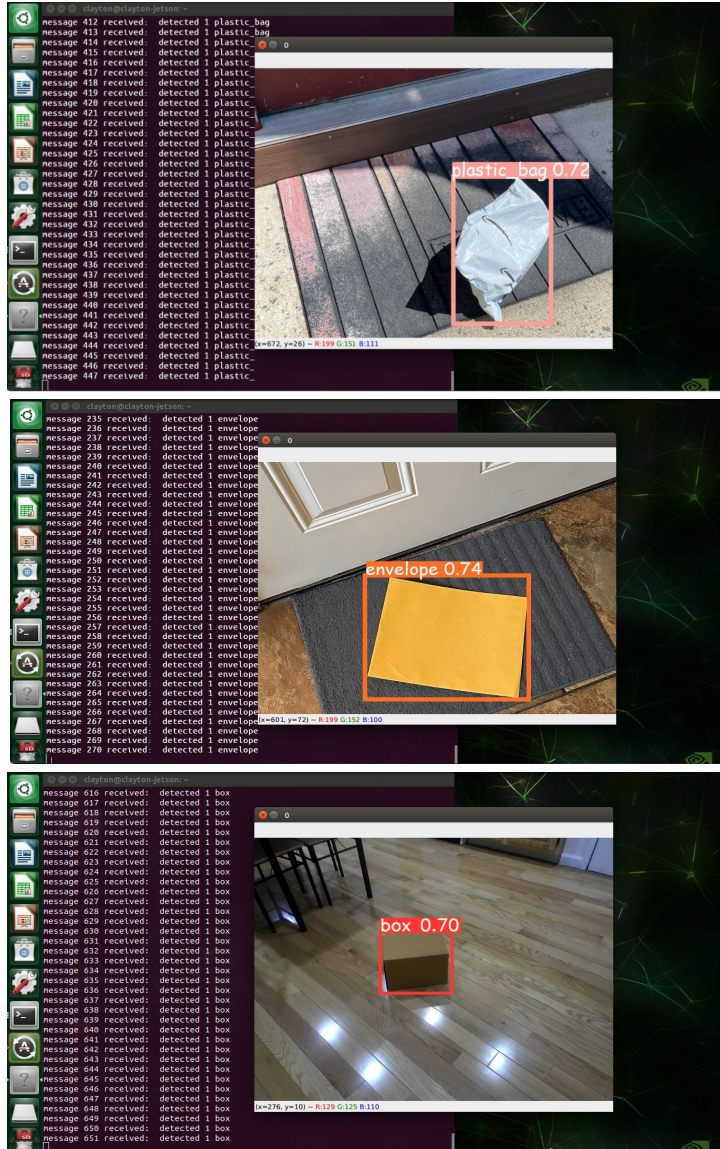
- Receives messages from the local broker, and outputs to its log about receiving one package or multiple packages.
- Logs the class name of the package detected.



Change detect.py from Yolov5s original model as package-detector.py for running on NX

- Added and Initialized MQTTclient to connect to local mosquitto service
 - publish the detected objects for message logger to log.
- Changed default variables of detect.py
 - changed image size to 416
 - changed default input to webcam
 - changed default confidence threshold

Inference



Conclusion

- Challenges
 - Envelope annotation
- Potential enhancements:
 - More parameter tuning
 - Delivery/pick up service support
 - Porch pirate prevention
 - Spatial Augmentations
- Summary:
 - YOLOv5s has the best performance
 - Identify multiple classes of packages in real time with average accuracy above 70%.
 - People will get real-time notifications

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Thank you!