Developing a machine learning IoT app (with Node-Red and Tensorflow)

1. Setting up the "Node-Red" environment:

There are different ways to run NodeRed.

You can run NodeRed:

- Local install on a laptop or desktop (Mac, Windows, Linux)
- Raspberry Pi
- In a Cloud environment such as http://cloud.ibm.com

In this workshop we will use the IBM Cloud environment to run Node-Red.

- Login to IBM Cloud : http://cloud.ibm.com
- Open a Cloud Shell (in the top right corner)



This will open a Cloud Shell window within the 'Frankfurt' region

Issue the command to switch to the 'UK-Region' where you should normally have your development space (you can verify this via "Manage" -> "Account" -> "Cloud Foundry orgs" -> "<your org>"):

```
# ic target -r eu-gb
# ic target -cf
```

You should now see that all fields in the results have been given a value (see example below):

```
Targeted Cloud Foundry (https://api.eu-gb.cf.cloud.ibm.com)
Targeted org ibmuser@gmail.com
Targeted space dev
API endpoint:
                   https://cloud.ibm.com
Region:
User:
                   ibmuser@gmail.com
                   IBM User's Account (bc8344c378a535a1db6b7f42db4bbfc8)
Account:
                  No resource group targeted, use 'ibmcloud target -g
Resource group:
RESOURCE_GROUP'
CF API endpoint: https://api.eu-gb.cf.cloud.ibm.com (API version: 2.161.0)
Org:
                   ibmuser@gmail.com
Space:
                   dev
```

Issue the following command to deploy a NodeRed instance :

ic cf push nodered --docker-image ydebeer/nodered_tensorflow -d eugb.mybluemix.net --random-route

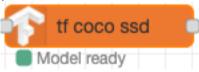
This will deploy a pre-built docker image which contains NodeRed and it will generate a random unique URL (route) for you to access the application. Copy the route URL and paste it in a browser to open the NodeRed development environment.

2. Exercise 1 - Deploy your first NodeRed flow with Tensorflow:

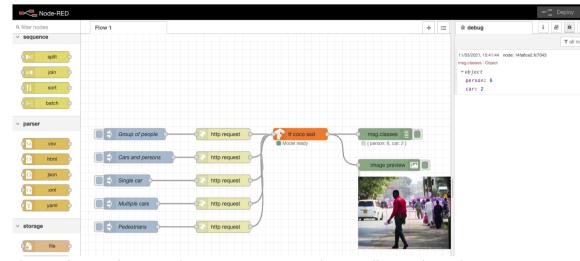
- Open the following URL in a new browser tab/window: https://flows.nodered.org/node/node-red-contrib-tfjs-coco-ssd
- Deploy the Basic example from this web page:
 - Copy the JSON code to your clipboard
 - Go to the 'Import' tab in NodeRed (hamburger menu top right corner)
 - o Paste the JSON code and hit 'Import'
 - Click to fix the flow on the Development pane



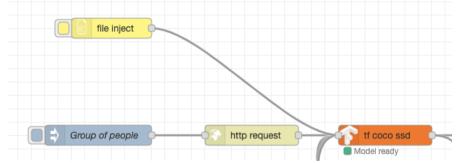
- Modify the parameters of the
 - Double click the node
 - Replace the 'Model Url'-value with http://<your application route>/coco/model.json – where <your application route> is the route url from your NodeRed which you obtained in step 1.
 - Click 'Done'
- Click 'Deploy' (Red Button top right) to activate the flow (make sure the 'tf coco ssd' node indicates 'Model Ready')



 Now you are ready to test the flow by clicking the inject node in front of the flow. Each inject will retrieve an image via a HTTP Request and analyze it to detect common objects.



- The results are shown in the Image preview node as well as in the Debug tab
- Test with your own images
 - Add some browser utilities to the Node-Red palette:
 - Goto 'Manage Palette' in NodeRed (hamburger menu top right corner)
 - Click the 'Install' tab and search for module 'node-red-contribbrowser-utils' and click install. This will install 3 nodes: camera, file inject and microphone
 - You can now drag and drop the 'file inject' node onto the canvas and connect it to the 'tf coco ssd' node.



- Click 'Deploy' in the top right corner to activate the modified flow.
- Click the button in front of the 'file inject' node to add an image from your local machine and have it analysed.

3. Tensorflow labs using Jupyter notebooks:

First deploy another Docker image into your Cloud environment using the IBM Cloud Shell.

Issue the following command:

ic cf push tensorflow --docker-image tensorflow/tensorflow:latest-jupyter -d eugb.mybluemix.net --random-route -k2G -m2G

This will install and deploy a complete Jupyter environment for you to run some Tensorflow labs.

In order to login to the application you will need to retrieve the login token generated by the application.

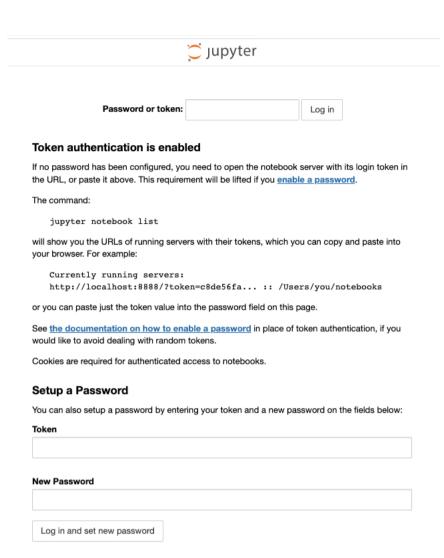
Issue the following command in your IBM Cloud Shell to get the token:

ic cf logs tensorflow --recent

You should see something like the following:

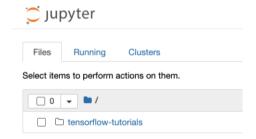
Copy the token obtained from the logs of the application (Red Text – search for token=....)

Open the URL (generated by the previous deployment) in a new browser tab – you should see the following page:



Use the token obtained from the logs of the application (Red Text – search for token=....)

Once you are logged in you should see:



Start the 'regression' exercise first and finish by doing the steps described in the 'classification' tutorial.