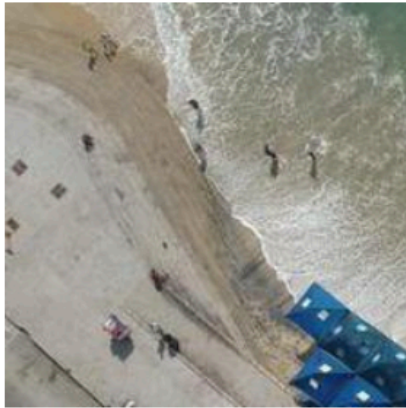
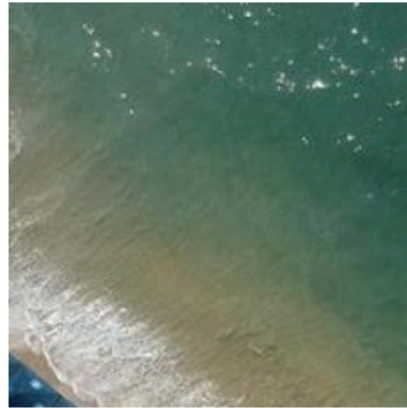




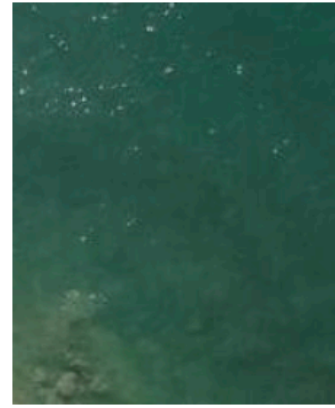
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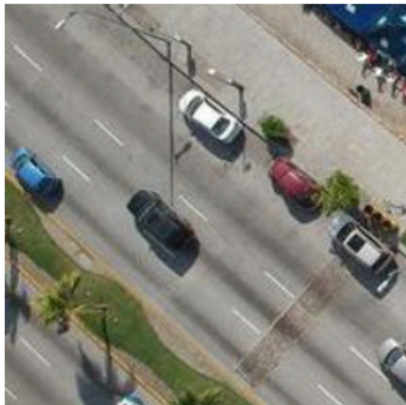
#1 $p(\text{beach})=0.670$



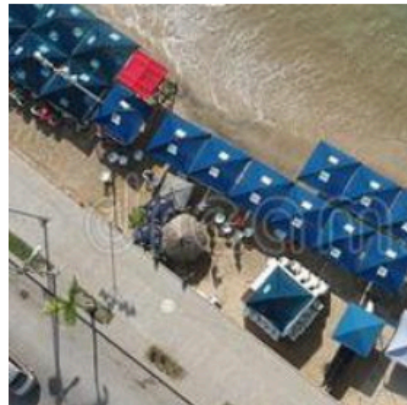
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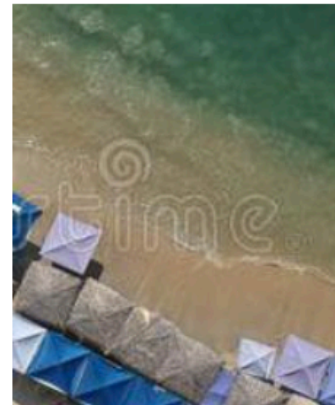
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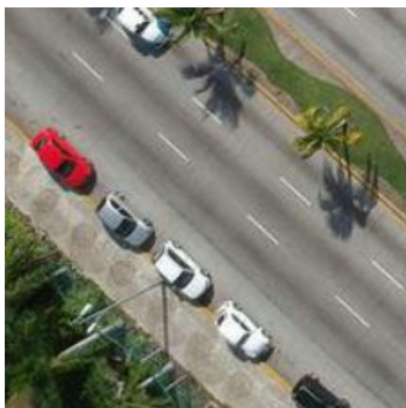
#12 $p(\text{beach})=0.000$



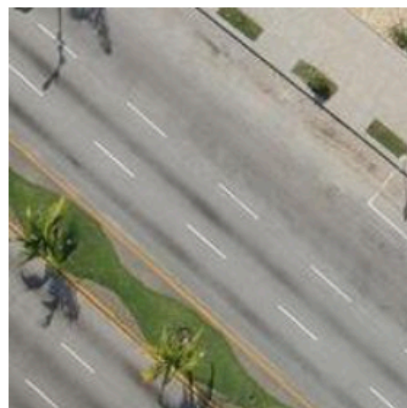
#7 $p(\text{beach})=0.025$



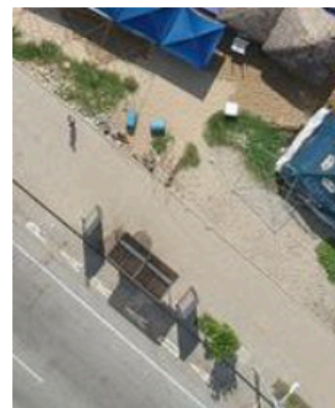
#4 $p(\text{beach})=0.03$



#10 $p(\text{beach})=0.000$



#11 $p(\text{beach})=0.000$



#9 $p(\text{beach})=0.00$

We fine-tuned the [CLIP Network from OpenAI](#) with satellite images and captions. The CLIP network learns visual concepts by being trained with image and caption pairs by using text paired with images found across the Internet. During inference, given a relevant image given a text description or the most relevant text description given an image, it is enough to be used in zero-shot manner on everyday images. However, we felt that satellite images sufficiently different from everyday images that it would be useful to fine-tune the model. It turned out to be correct, as the evaluation results (described below) shows. In this post, we describe our training and evaluation process, and our plans for future work on this project.

The goal of our project was to provide a useful service and demonstrate how the model can be used. Our model can be used by applications to search through large collections of images using text queries. Such queries could describe the image in totality (for example, beach, city, etc) or search or mention specific geographic or man-made features within the image. The model is fine-tuned for other domains as well, as shown by the [medclip-demo team](#) for medical images.

The ability to search through large collections of images using text queries is a powerful tool and can be used as much for social good as for malign purposes. Possible applications include disaster response and anti-terrorism activities, the ability to spot and address effects of climate change, etc. Unfortunately, this power can also be misused, such as for surveillance by authoritarian nation-states, so it does raise some ethical questions as well.

You can read about the project on our [project page](#), download our [trained model](#), or see it in action on our [demo](#).

Training

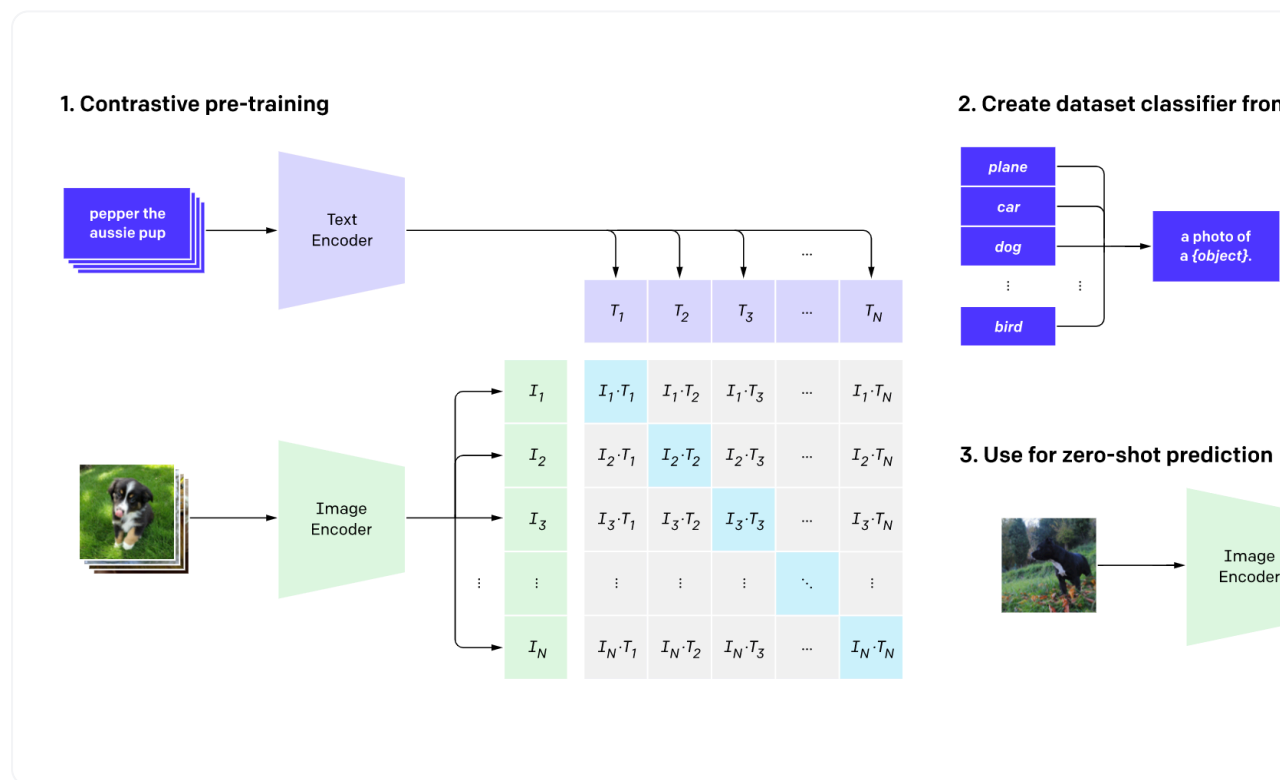
Dataset

We fine-tuned the CLIP model primarily with the [RSICD dataset](#). This dataset

image has 5 captions. The Sydney dataset contains images of Sydney, Australia. The Sydney dataset contains 613 images belonging to 7 classes. Images are (500, 500) RGB and provides 5 captions for each image. We used these additional datasets because we were not sure if the RSICD dataset would be enough for CLIP.

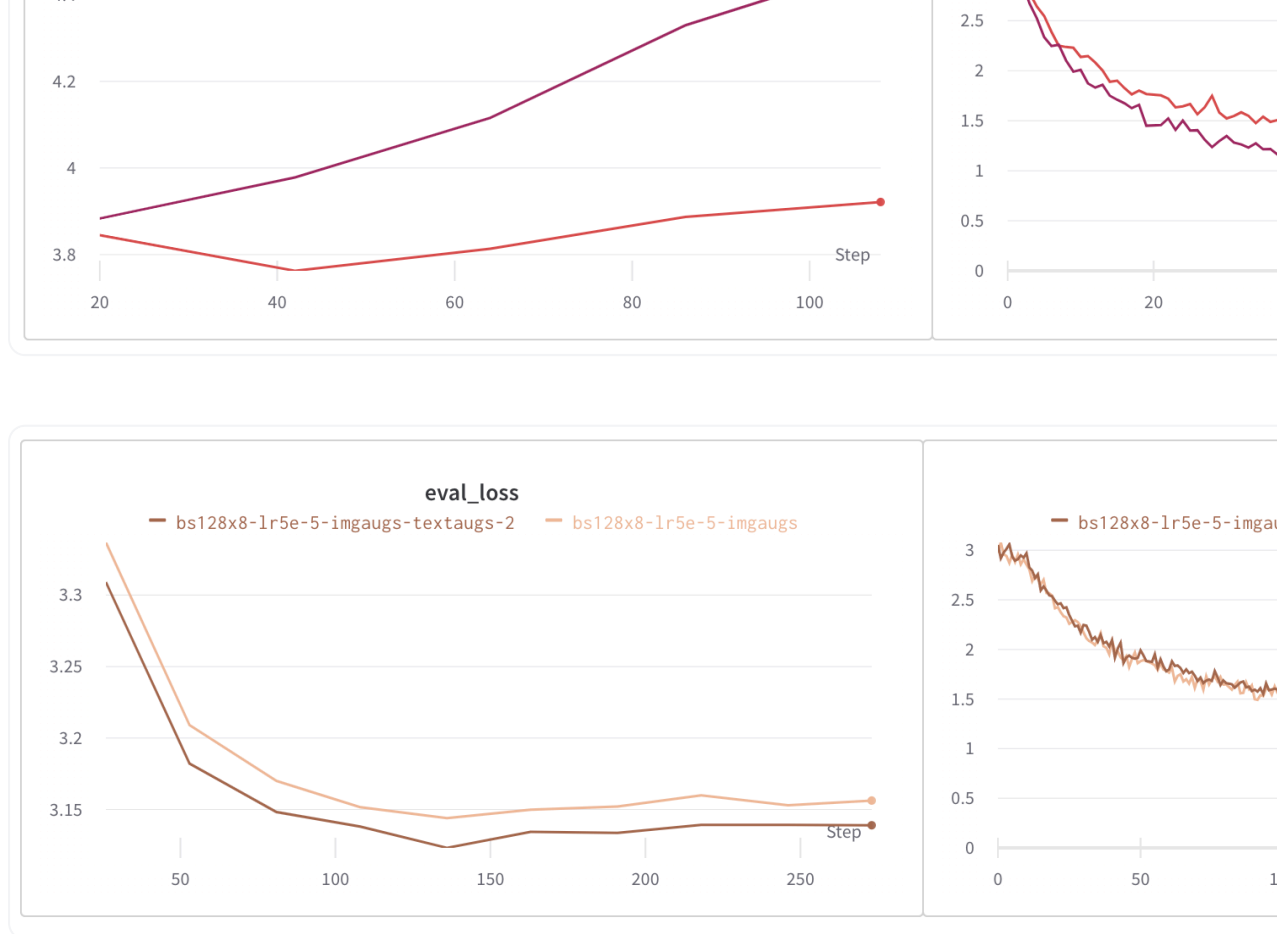
Model

Our model is just the fine-tuned version of the original CLIP model shown below. A batch of captions and a batch of images passed through the CLIP text encoder and image encoder respectively. The training process uses contrastive learning to learn a joint embedding representation. In this embedding space, images and their respective captions are pushed close together, while images and similar captions are pushed further apart. Conversely, images and captions for different images, or images and captions for different objects, are likely to be pushed further apart.



CLIP Training and Inference (Image Credit: CLIP: Connecting Text and Images)

Data Augmentation



Evaluation and Training loss plots comparing (top) no augmentation vs image augmentation vs text+image augmentation

Evaluation

Metrics

A subset of the RSICD test set was used for evaluation. We found 30 categories for evaluation was done by comparing each image with a set of 30 caption sentences: "A photograph of {category}". The model produced a ranked list of the 30 captions, with the most relevant at the top. Categories corresponding to captions with the top k scores (for k=1, 5, 10, 20, 30) were compared with the category provided via the image file name. The scores are the number of images used for evaluation and reported for various values of k, as shown below.

The baseline model represents the pre-trained openai/clip-vit-base-pa

bs128x8-lr5e-5-imgaug-textaug-ckpt-8	0.831	0
bs128x8-lr5e-5-imgaug-ckpt-4	0.746	0
bs128x8-lr5e-5-imgaug-textaug-2/ckpt-4	0.811	0
bs128x8-lr5e-5-imgaug-textaug-3/ckpt-5	0.823	0
bs128x8-lr5e-5-wd02/ckpt-4	0.820	0
<u>bs128x8-lr5e-6-adam/ckpt-1</u> ¹	0.883	0

1 - our best model, 2 - our second best model

Demo

You can access the [CLIP-RSICD Demo](#) here. It uses our fine-tuned CLIP model and its search functionality:

- Text to Image search
- Image to Image search
- Find text feature in image

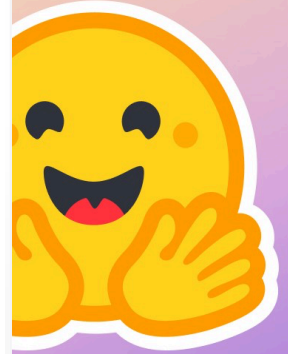
The first two functionalities use the RSICD test set as its image corpus. They use our fine-tuned CLIP model and stored in a [NMSLib](#) index which allows Approximate Nearest Neighbor search. For text-to-image and image-to-image search respectively, the query text or image is encoded and matched against the image vectors in the corpus. For the third functionality, the image is split into patches and encode them, encode the queried text feature, match the text feature vector with the image patch vector, and return the probability of finding the feature in each patch.

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