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Introductions: Project Deep See



- IoTHackDay 2017 project
- Creative runner-up award
- Highlight of the night...
 - ...we got hired!



Introductions



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Motivation

- Assistive Technology has come a long way since the Braille typewriter.
- In today's world of intelligent voice assistants, smart homes and gesture detection wearables, we know that technology will always make life easier.
- However, there is a long way to go.



Motivation (contd.)

- The beautiful world around us with all its captivating visual stimuli is out of some people's reach.
- How do we use the technology available to us today to make their lives not just simpler but also more meaningful?
- Maybe the answer lies in Al.
- Maybe we can use machine vision to help others to see and understand the world around us.

Where do we start?



- Let's start with Alexa.
- Alexa is an AI system designed to engage with one of the world's biggest and most tangled data sets: human speech.
- Alexa Voice Service focuses on 3 important markets: home automation, home entertainment, and shopping.
- But at its core, Alexa is an accessibility tool, and that's what we focused on.

The Plan: make Alexa smarter



- Our hope is to use deep learning and voice recognition tools to help the visually impaired see and understand the world around them.
- We plan to make Amazon Alexa a lot smarter by adding machine vision capabilities to her 'skill set'
- We use Google's deep learning libraries for brain power and AWS Lambda for compute power.

"See without looking"

- Bob Dylan

Sidenote: Other applications

- Smarter virtual assistants
- Industry insight
- Remote activity monitoring







Cookbook

h/w

- Amazon Echo Dot
- Raspberry Pi
- RPi Camera

s/w

- Google TensorFlow
- AWS IoT
- AWS Lambda
- AWS Rekognition

Background

Part I: Image Classification

Deep Convolutional Neural Networks





Real-time facial recognition with Alexa

Amazon Rekognition API











Happy





Disgusted

Surprised

Background

Part II: More neural networks

Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM)



Fig. 3: Close-up of a single LSTM cell, a special kind of RNN

Deep Learning with TensorFlow

- TensorFlow is an open source software library for numerical computation
- In 2014, the Google Brain team trained a ML program to automatically produce captions that accurately describe images
- In 2016, they released an open-source model in TensorFlow
- It was pre-trained using tonnes of human-captioned data
- The result was a model that generates natural language descriptions of images and their regions

Human captions from the training set



drawn on a sandy beach.







Automatically captioned







TensorFlow

Deep Image-Captioning

- CNN + LSTM
- $CNN \rightarrow does the classification$
- LSTM \rightarrow does the captioning
- Uses Inception v3
 - Trained on 1000 classes
 - 93.9% classification accuracy
- Extremely deep CNN layers



Putting it all together...



AWS Lambda, IoT, S3, Rekognition

Time for a demo.















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Future Improvements

- Region-based CNN's: CNN's tells us 'who' and 'what'. RCNN's also tell us 'where'
- Transfer learning: what else can we ask Alexa to see?

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Thank you!

Any questions?