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1 Introduction

In the research paper, hybrid computing is introduced as a means of reducing the cloud overhead for machine learning web applications. This configuration manual is provided to assist with setting up and testing the research project. It provides a detailed description of the prerequisites installations and steps to be carried out. This document is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the system configuration parameters. Section 3 discusses the model training. Section 4 presents how to run and access to the application.

2 System Configuration

2.1 Hardware Specification

- Model: MSI GF63 Thin 9RCX
- Processor: Intel (R) Core(TM) i5-9300H CPU @2.40 GHz 2.40 GHz
- Operating System: Ubuntu 20.04 dual boot with Windows 10 (version 10.0.19041)
- RAM: 16GB (15.8 GB usable)
- Hard Disk: 54 GB SSD Ubuntu partition

The project is demonstrated on this local device but can also be deployed to a suitable cloud server and tested.

3 Model Training

The web application utilises a model trained over the FER-2013 dataset which can be downloaded from <https://www.kaggle.com/msambare/fer2013>.

3.1 Prerequisites

- Python: Python can be downloaded from <https://www.python.org/downloads/>. Python version 3.8 is recommended.
- Jupyter Notebook: Can be downloaded on its own from <https://jupyter.org/install> or as part of the Anaconda data science toolkit from <https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>

- TensorFlow: Installation guide available <https://www.tensorflow.org/install>

To train the model, follow the steps below.

1. Unzip the project zip file to access the files.
2. Upload the model_V2.ipynb file from the project folder to a Jupyter notebook
3. Update path to where the downloaded dataset is located

```
##### '''
this the version 2 of the model where we are trying to built the model from scratch using the combination of
VGG and inception blocks
'''

In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import os
import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image_dataset_from_directory

In [3]: train_dir = './emotion_detection/images/train/'
BATCH_SIZE = 4
IMG_SIZE = (48, 48)

train_dataset = image_dataset_from_directory(train_dir,
                                           shuffle=True,
                                           batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
                                           image_size=IMG_SIZE)

Found 28821 files belonging to 7 classes.
```

Figure 1: Snippet of Code

4 Running The Application

Two modes of running the application are developed. A hybrid mode where the trained model is exported to the client's device and inference carried out there and a complete cloud (server) mode where all computation is carried out on the server.

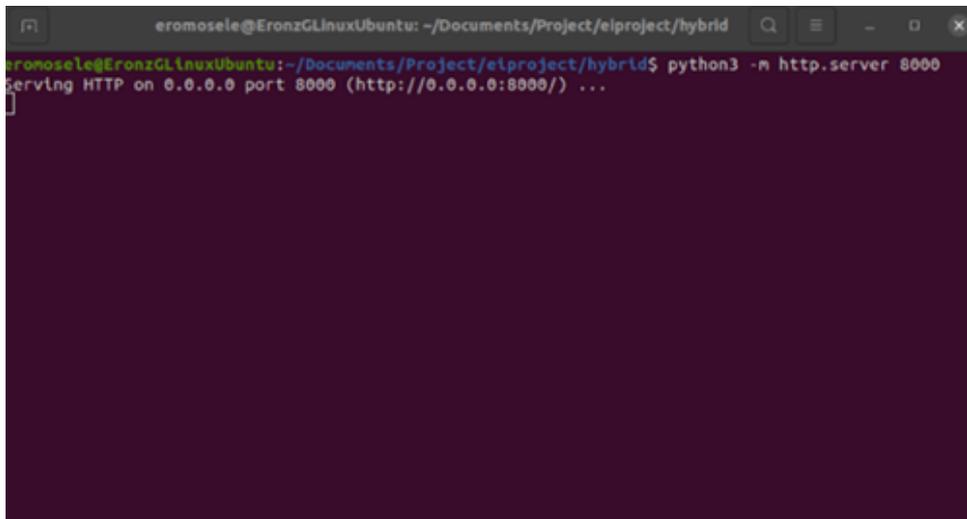
4.1 Prerequisites

- Download and setup ngrok. Instructions available at <https://ngrok.com/download>
 - Sign up and login
 - Download ngrok
 - Unzip to a folder of choice
 - Connect your account by running the specified command in a terminal
- Setup Python. Python can be downloaded from <https://www.python.org/downloads/>. Python version 3.8 is recommended. If using the same machine used for model training, then skip this step.

- Install packages
 - pip install -U tensorflow
 - pip install -U aiortc.
 - pip install -U opencv-python
 - pip install -U aiohttp

4.2 Hybrid Mode

1. Unzip the file and access the hybrid folder.
2. Open a terminal and run a HTTP server using the command below. Here port 8000 is used.
 - `python3 -m http.server 8000`



```
eromosele@EronzGLinuxUbuntu: ~/Documents/Project/eiproject/hybrid
eromosele@EronzGLinuxUbuntu:~/Documents/Project/eiproject/hybrid$ python3 -m http.server 8000
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
```

Figure 2: Run HTTP Server

3. Open a terminal from the ngrok folder and run the command below to open a tunnel. Here port 8000 is used.
 - `./ngrok http 8000`
4. Open the https link generated by ngrok in a browser to access the web application.

4.3 Cloud (Server) Mode

1. Unzip the file and access the Server folder.
2. Open a terminal and run the server.py file using the command below.
 - `python3 server.py`

```
eromosele@EronzGLinuxUbuntu: ~/Documents/Project/elproject/ngrok-stable-lin...
ngrok by @Inconshreveable (Ctrl+C to quit)
Session Status      online
Session Expires    1 hour, 59 minutes
Version            2.3.40
Region             United States (us)
Web Interface       http://127.0.0.1:4040
Forwarding          http://4be51c3c16f1.ngrok.io -> http://localhost:8080
Forwarding          https://4be51c3c16f1.ngrok.io -> http://localhost:8080

Connections
  ttl  opn  rt1  rt5  p50  p90
    0    0   0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
```

Figure 3: Open ngrok tunnel

3. Open a terminal from the ngrok folder and run the command below to open a tunnel. Here port 8080 is used.
 - `./ngrok http 8080`
4. Open the https link generated by ngrok in a browser to access the web application.
5. Click the "Start" button

References