



Identifying Artist from Artwork with CNN Image Classification

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Introduction

- Digital art theft – way to find original artist?



- Train ML model to identify artist of a given artwork

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WLOP



Philipp Ulrich

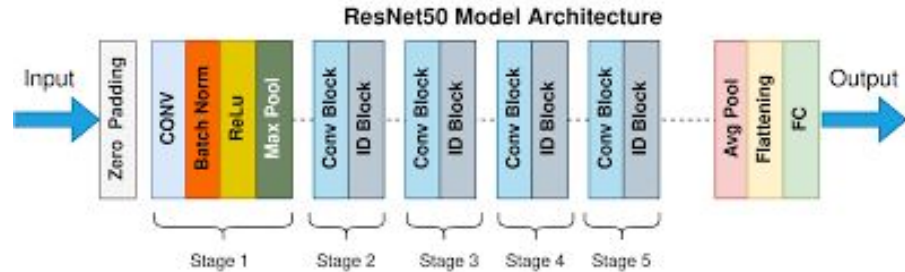


Introduction

- ResNet50 (Convolutional Neural Network)

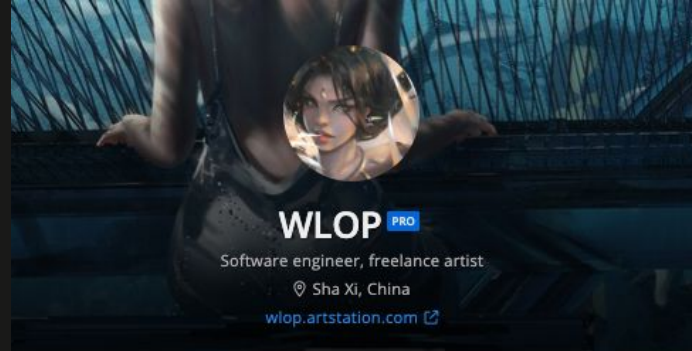
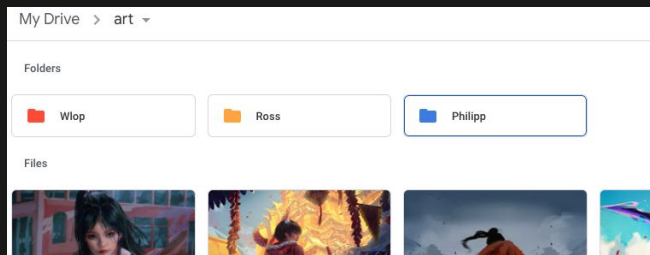
Analyze pixel info of an input image, learn to recognize and differentiate objects/aspects of it

- Transfer Learning — ResNet50 pre-trained on pictures from ImageNet

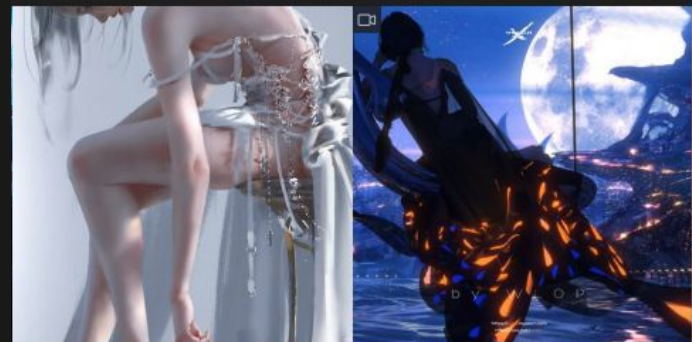


Data

- Download All Images (Google Extension)
- ArtStation – Portfolios →
- Hand sorted through pictures (Colab)



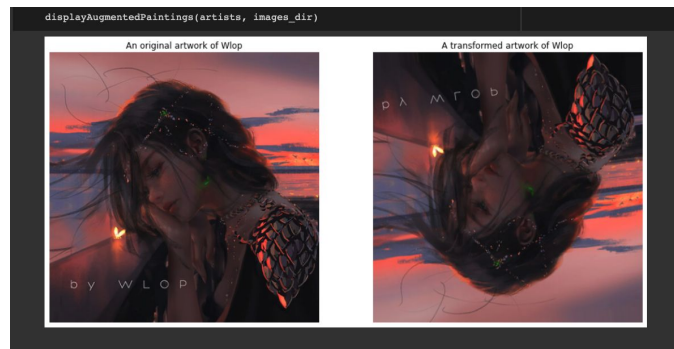
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Data

- Accessed using os module
- .csv file listing artists, number of paintings, and calculated class weights

	name	paintings	class_weight
0	Philipp	556	0.801788
1	Ross	358	0.938838
2	Wlop	234	1.113248



- Data generators to get training/validation data (80–20% split)
- Transformed data when training for more robust classification.

Training the Model

Train model for 10 epochs. Reduce learning rate if improvement plateaus.

```
accuracy: 0.9913  
val_accuracy: 0.5223
```

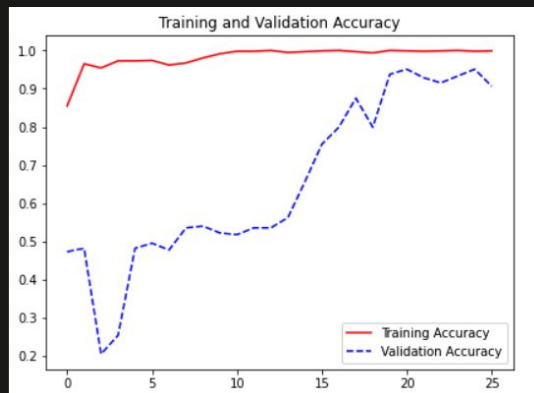


Freeze core ResNet50 layers.
Train model for 25 more epochs.
Stop training if no improvement for 5 epochs.



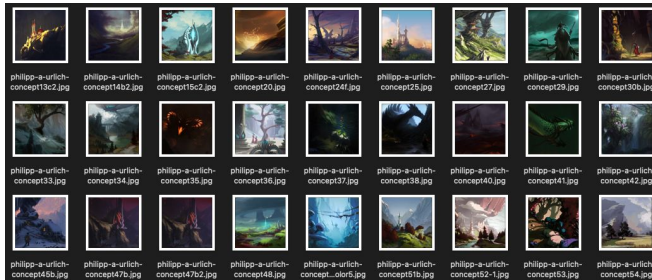
Test completed model on additional data.

```
accuracy: 0.9989  
val_accuracy: 0.9062
```



Challenges

1. Not enough data initially.



Solved: only used artists who had
> 200 pieces in portfolio.

2. Model kept overfitting.

```
accuracy: 1.0000  
1e-07.  
accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2547 - val_accuracy: 0.9152 - lr: 1.0000e-06  
accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2345 - val_accuracy: 0.9152 - lr: 1.0000e-07  
accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2705 - val_accuracy: 0.9062 - lr: 1.0000e-07  
accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2593 - val_accuracy: 0.9062 - lr: 1.0000e-07
```

Solved: Early stopping after 5 epochs.



Conclusions



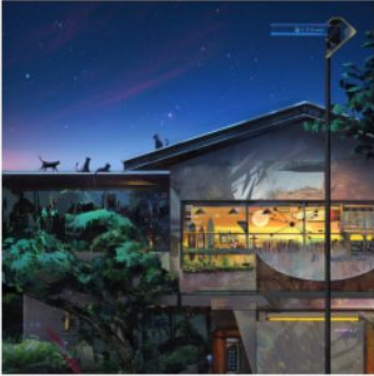
98% on training data

```
<ipython-input-17-40304a0a99fe>:2: UserWarning: `Model.evaluate_generator` is deprecated  
score = myModel.model.evaluate_generator(train_generator, verbose=1)  
59/59 [=====] - 16s 266ms/step - loss: 0.0695 - accuracy: 0.9818  
Prediction accuracy on train data = 0.9817596673965454
```

```
<ipython-input-17-40304a0a99fe>:6: UserWarning: `Model.evaluate_generator` is deprecated  
score = myModel.model.evaluate_generator(valid_generator, verbose=1)  
15/15 [-----] - 4s 268ms/step - loss: 0.3415 - accuracy: 0.8874  
Prediction accuracy on CV data = 0.887445867061615
```

89% on validation data

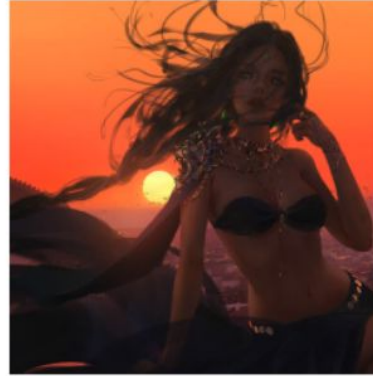
Actual artist = Ross
Predicted artist = Philipp
Prediction probability = 58.10 %



Actual artist = Ross
Predicted artist = Ross
Prediction probability = 98.82 %



Actual artist = Wlop
Predicted artist = Wlop
Prediction probability = 97.20 %



Actual artist = Philipp
Predicted artist = Philipp
Prediction probability = 96.20 %



▶ predictAny('drive/MyDrive/art/wlop2.jpg', "Wlop")

🗂 1/1 [=====] - 0s 28ms/step

Actual artist = Wlop
Predicted artist = Wlop
Prediction probability = 92.54 %



▶ predictAny('drive/MyDrive/art/ross2.jpg', "Ross")

🗂 1/1 [=====] - 0s 33ms/step

Actual artist = Ross
Predicted artist = Ross
Prediction probability = 94.14 %



```
predictAny('drive/MyDrive/art/katsura.png', "Alison")
```

```
1/1 [=====] - 0s 29ms/step
```

Actual artist = Alison
Predicted artist = Ross
Prediction probability = 93.99 %



```
[51] predictAny('drive/MyDrive/art/plane.png', "Alison")
```

```
1/1 [=====] - 0s 27ms/step
```

Actual artist = Alison
Predicted artist = Philipp
Prediction probability = 79.42 %



predictAny('drive/MyDrive/art/samurai.jpg', "Alison")

1/1 [=====] - 0s 28ms/step

Actual artist = Alison
Predicted artist = Wlop
Prediction probability = 95.66 %



Pros and Cons



Pros

If expanded, could be useful to people who need to trace an artwork to its original artist.

- Art enthusiasts/students
- Companies/employers



Cons

- Currently, only works for 3 artists.
- Doesn't help small artists who don't have enough training images.

Takeaways

- Data quantity & quality matter a lot
- Overfitting and how to fix it
- Google Colab + GPU Runtime

Thank you!



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