

AI, Big Data, and Opensource

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What is AI?

Artificial Intelligence describes the ability to imitate cognitive functions typically associated with the human mind. “it’s whatever hasn’t been done yet”

To be more specific. . .

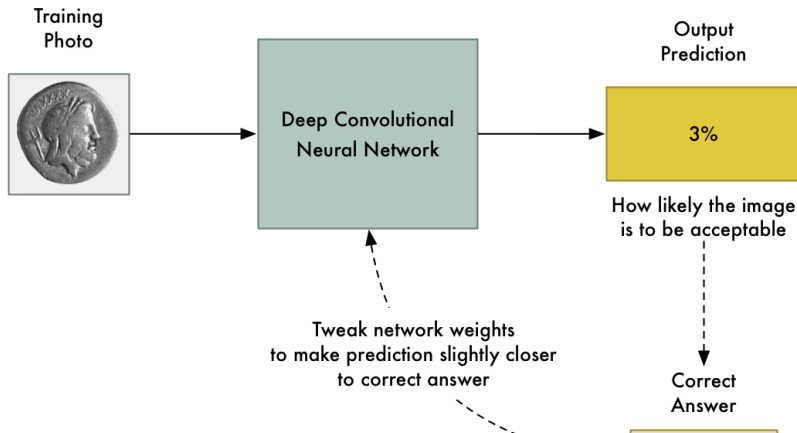
Machine Learning: a computer can learn to perform certain tasks without a specific program for said task Learning requires experience, so this type of computation requires massive amounts of data

Examples of ML applications

- Amazon recommendation engine
- computer vision for self-driving vehicles (ex. Tesla)
- thiscatdoesnotexist.com

Training a neural network

Training the Neural Network



Big Data

- the very nature of big data outmatches the capabilities of traditional databases
- collection of this data has been necessary with the centralization of data and the rise of modern internet services, as well as the decrease in hardware specifications
- This data collection now serves as a barrier to product development in the field

ML and FLOSS

- Amazon released Neo-AI project under Apache Software License
- TensorFlow by Google also under Apache Licensing

Big Data and FLOSS?

- privacy and data
- ethics of data collection (opt in vs opt out)
- Cambridge Analytica
- Tesla's AI in development powered by sensors on roads

Not all data collection is evil: Don't let privacy scandals stall cybersecurity

Facebook continues to be criticized for its data collection practices. The media is hammering Google over how it handles data. JPMorgan Chase & Company was vilified for using Palantir software to allegedly invade the privacy of employees. This past June marked the five-year anniversary of The Guardian's first [story](#) about NSA mass surveillance operations.

These incidents and many others have led to an era where the world is more heavily focused on privacy and trust. We've seen this reflected in several ways. Europeans have enacted the [GDPR](#). Some global businesses have voluntarily [halted](#) certain data sales practices. Many Americans have left Facebook since its [privacy scandal](#) erupted. California passed its [own version](#) of a consumer privacy

Conclusions?

