# TinyML WITH ESP32

## MACHINE LEARNING WITH IOT FOR EVERYONE

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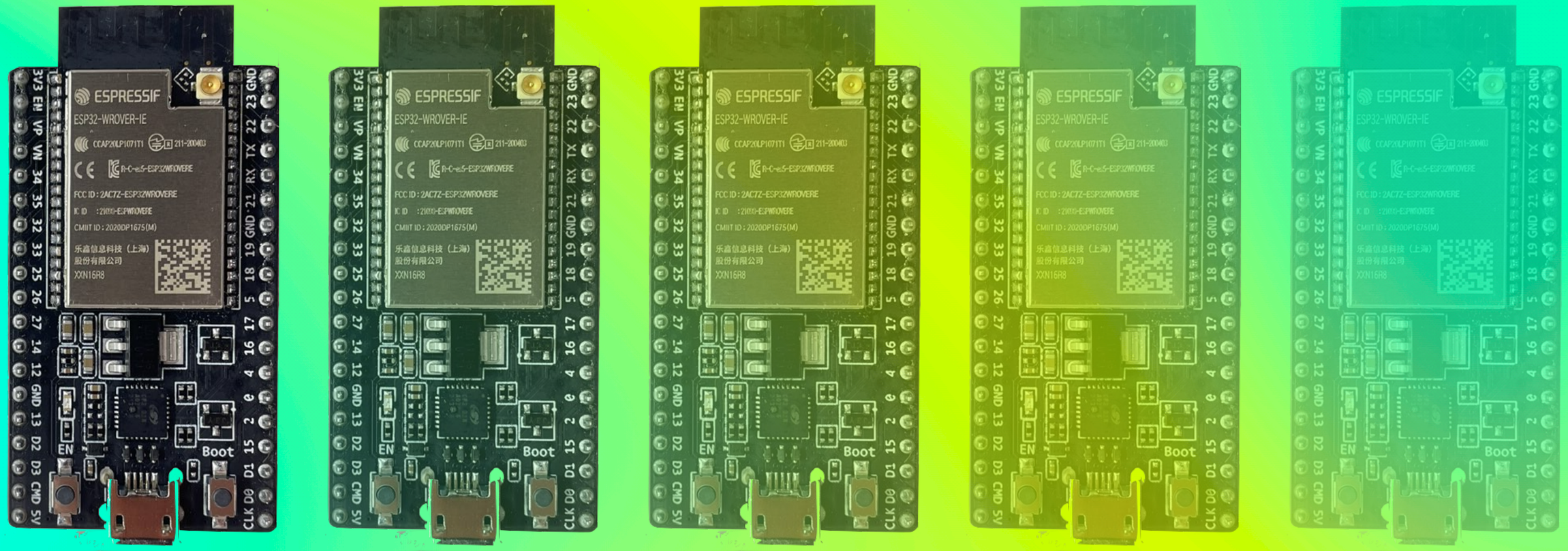
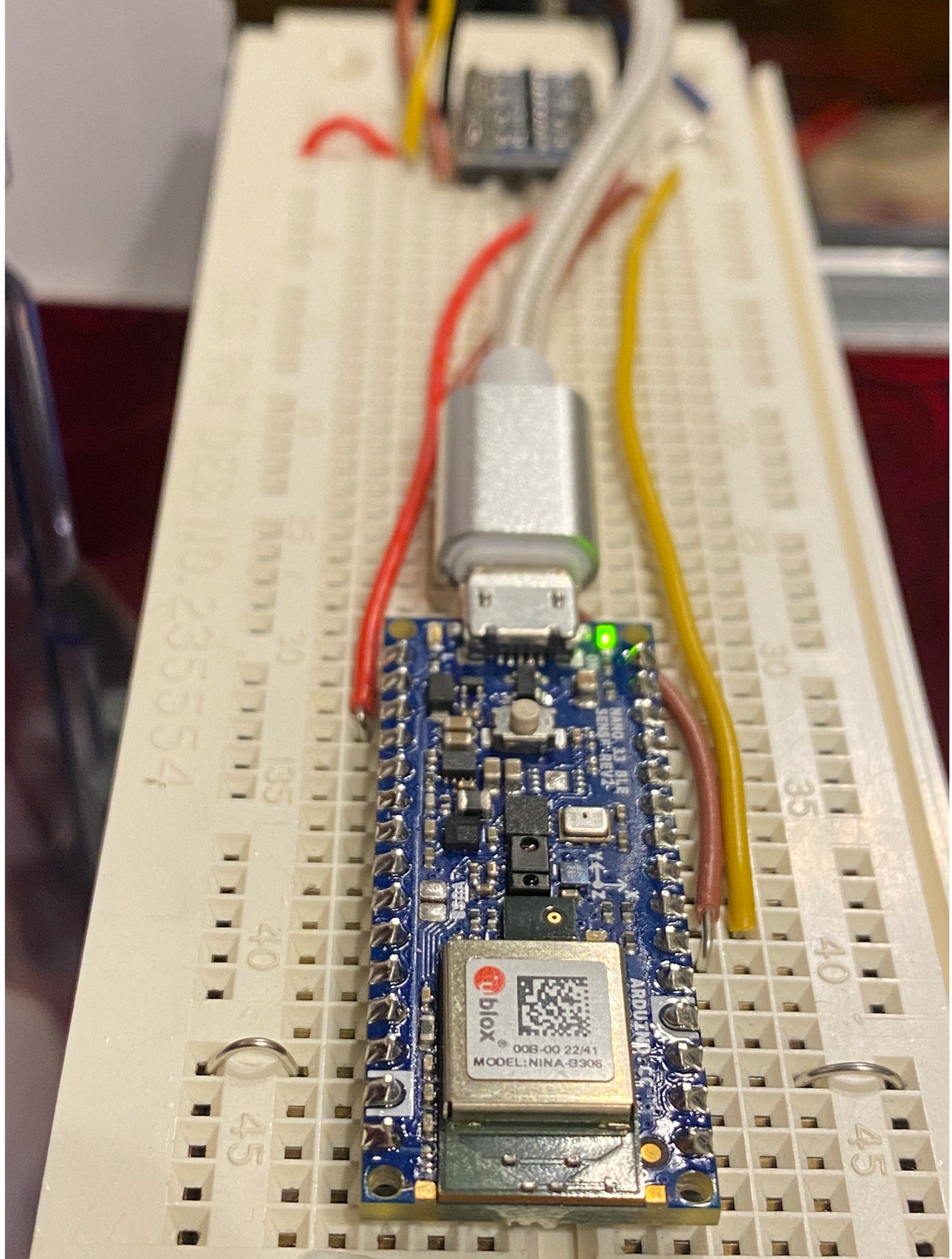


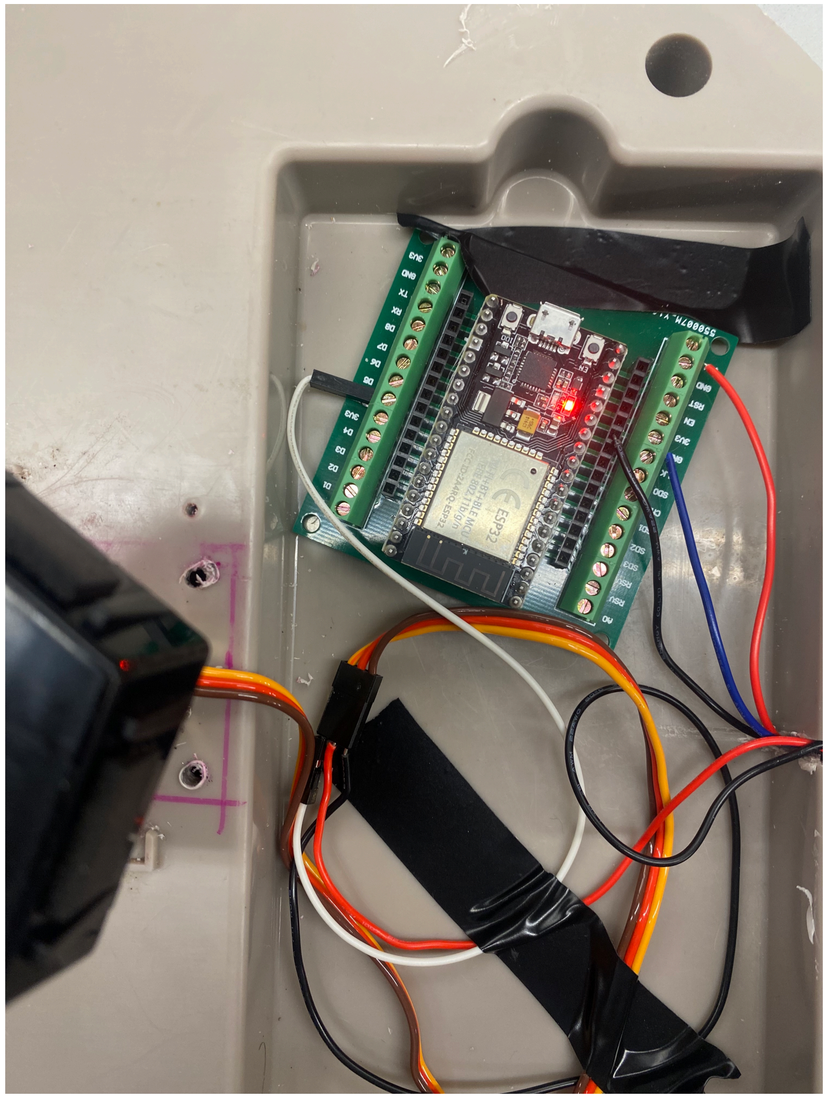
# TOPICS WE'LL DISCUSS:

- Edge Computing
- TinyML
- Microprocessors that run TinyML
- Bird species classification by TinyML
- A Neural Network used in image classifying
- Edge Impulse ML Model building interface
- Market considerations of Edge devices
- The future of TinyML

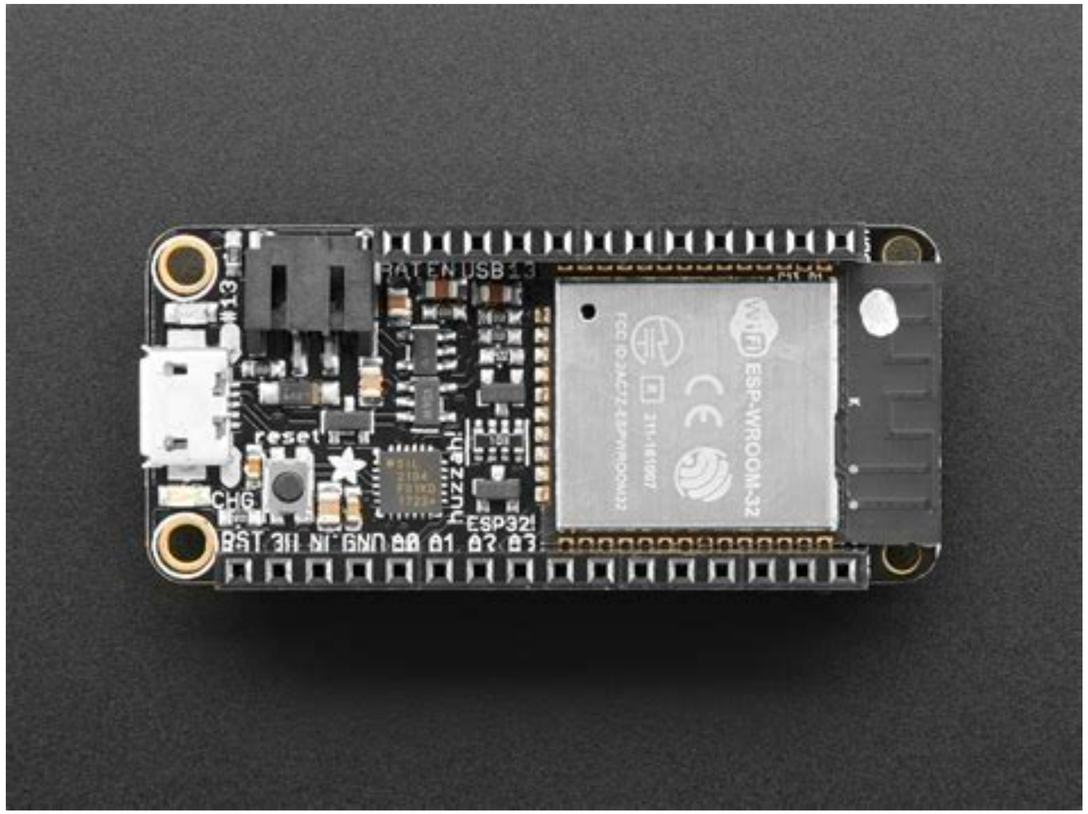


# “EDGE COMPUTING”

- Collect and process data at the source
- Greater and higher quality data collection
- Less  central processing
- Less  network traffic & thus less latency
- Data privacy / security
- Specialized hardware
- Redundancy and scalability



# ESP32 VS. RASPBERRY PI




Adafruit HUZZAH32 ESP32 Feather breakout board - $20

Raspberry Pi 4 Model B - $55

# WHAT IS TINYML?

Machine learning on “the edge”

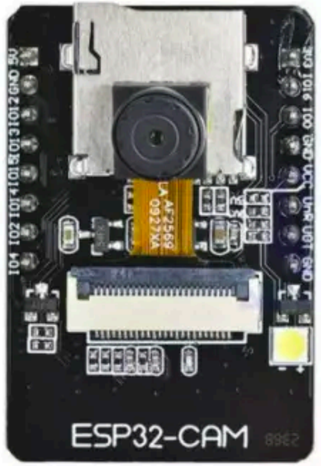
IoT microprocessor based machine learning:

- Low power (mW range) Battery op
- Always-on use cases

“Inferencing” standalone or in a client-server configuration

data collection in “the field” (edge)

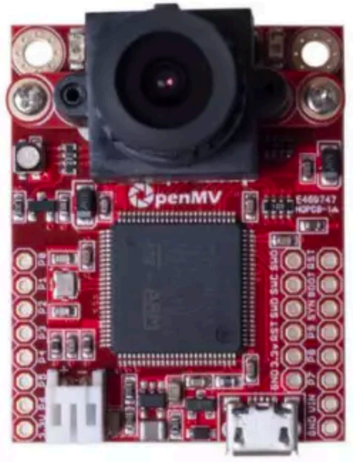
More realistic data = better models




**ESP32-CAM**
CPU: Dual core, 32-bit, 240 MHz, 4 MB Flash, 520 KB SRAM
Camera: 2 MP
Price: ≈ $ 8

**Sipeed MAIX Bit**
CPU: RISC-V Dual Core, 64-bit, 400 Mhz, 16 MB Flash, 8 MB SRAM
Camera: 2 MP
Price: ≈ $ 21

**M5StickV AI Camera**
CPU: RISC-V, 64-bit, 400 MHz, Dual FPU, 16 MB Flash, 8 MB SRAM
Camera: VGA
Price: ≈ $ 30



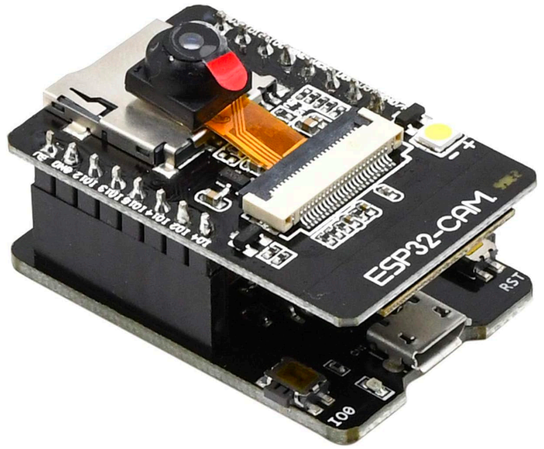

**OpenMV Cam H7**
CPU: ARM Cortex-M7, 32-bit, 480 MHz, 2 MB Flash, 1 MB SRAM
Camera: 5 MP
Price: ≈ $ 65

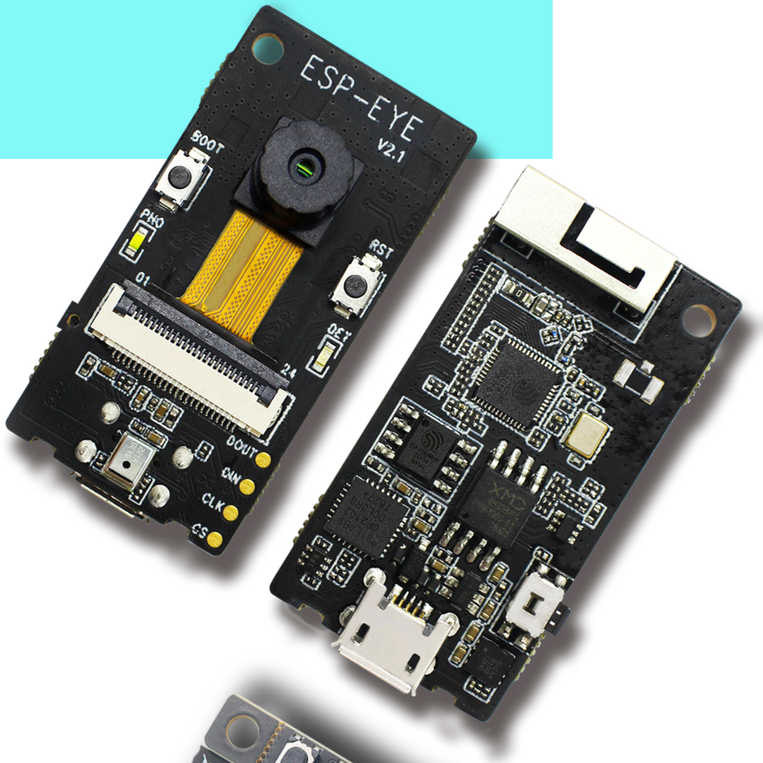
# THE HARDWARE:

## “AI-IOT” SYSTEM ON A CHIP (SOC)

**ESP32-CAM (LATE 2019):**

- Espressif ESP32 @ 160Mhz
- 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi and Bluetooth
- 520KB SRAM and 4MB PSRAM memory
- TF card (microSD) socket
- 2 Megapixel Camera
- Costs $8



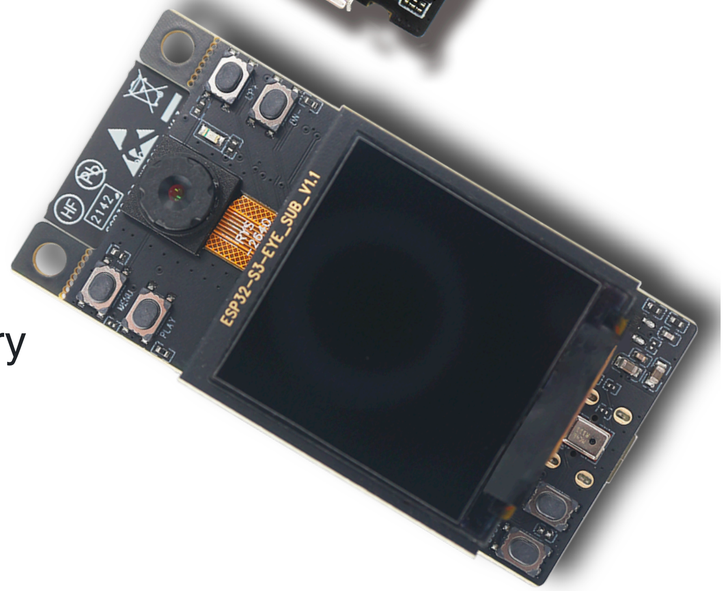




**ESP-EYE (2020):**

- Espressif ESP32 @ 240Mhz
- 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi and Bluetooth
- 4MB Flash and 8MB PSRAM memory
- 2 Megapixel Camera
- MEMS microphone
- Costs $20

**ESP32-S3-EYE (2021):**

- Espressif ESP32-S3 @ 240Mhz
- 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi and Bluetooth
- 8MB Flash and 8MB PSRAM memory
- 2 Megapixel Camera
- MEMS microphone
- LCD display
- Accelerometer
- Costs $48



# ESP32-CAM: GATEWAY TO TINYML

HARDWARE SOFTWARE CLOUD DOCUMENTATION COMMUNITY BLOG ABOUT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GLOSSARY

Find anything that can be improved? Suggest corrections and new documentation via GitHub.

Doubts on how to use Github? Learn everything you need to know in this tutorial.

Reference > Libraries > Tensorflowlite esp32

## TensorFlowLite_ESP32

Data Processing

Allows you to run machine learning models locally on your ESP32 device.
This library runs TensorFlow machine learning models on microcontrollers, allowing you to build AI/ML applications powered by deep learning and neural networks. With the included examples, you can recognize speech, detect people using a camera, and recognise "magic wand" gestures using an accelerometer. The examples work best with the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense board, which has a microphone and accelerometer.

Author: TensorFlow Authors

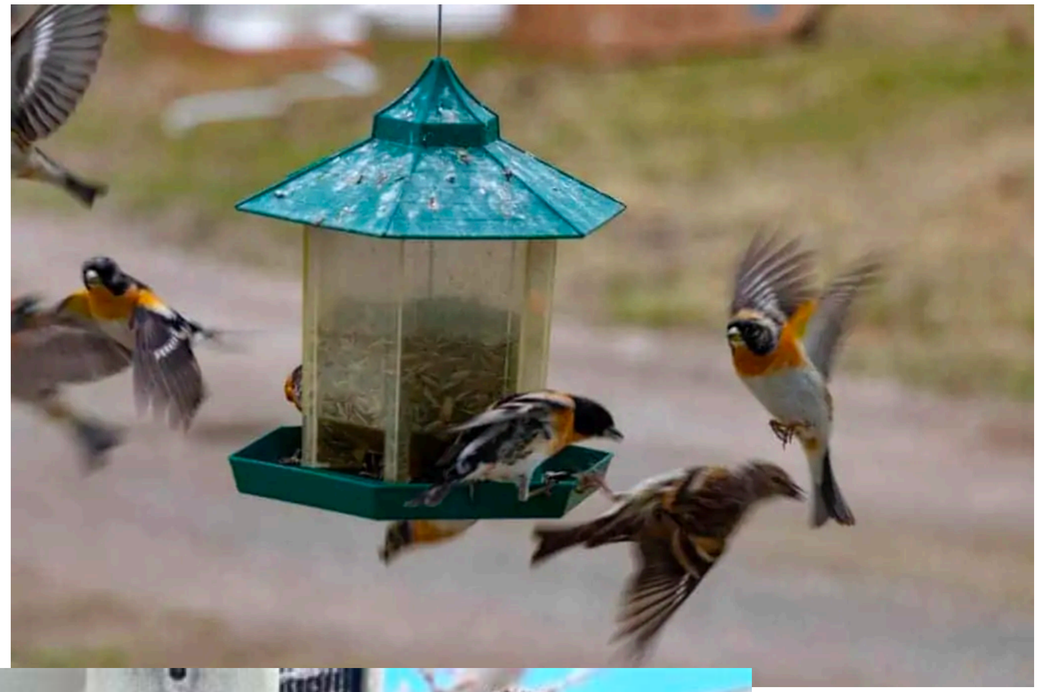
Maintainer: TANAKA Masayuki

Read the documentation

Help

# THE CHALLENGE:

**RECOGNIZE “BULLY BIRDS” FROM A BIRD FEEDER USING AIoT & TINYML**



# THE DATA:

## TINYML IS “FOR THE BIRDS” OR, IMAGE RECOGNIZING THEM ANYWAY...

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Exploring and Conserving Nature

### NABirds Dataset: Downloac

Try out a dataset for fine-grained recognition, fe

**NABirds V1** is a collection of 48,000 annotated
commonly observed in North America. More tha
including separate annotations for males, femal
This dataset is to be used for fine-grained visua

- More than 550 visual categories, organized ta
- Photos curated in collaboration with domain e

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### BIRDS 510 SPECIES- IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

510 species, 81,950 train, 2550 test, 2550 validation images 224X2

Data Card | Code (255) | Discussion (14)

#### About Dataset

Data set of 500 bird species. 80,085 training images, 2500 test images(5 ima
2500 validation images(5 images per species. This is a very high quality datas
one bird in each image and the bird typically takes up at least 50% of the pixe

Caltech DATA
by Caltech Library

Published April 11, 2022 | Version 1.0

Dataset | Open

### CUB-200-2011

Welinder, Peter[2];

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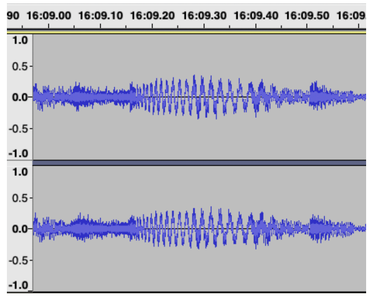
ona, P., & Belongie, S. (2022). CUB-
. https://doi.org/10.22002/D1.20098

of CUB-200, a challenging dataset of 200 bird species. The
umber of images per category and adds new part localization

**“THE FIELD OF STUDY THAT GIVES COMPUTERS THE ABILITY TO LEARN WITHOUT EXPLICITLY BEING PROGRAMMED.”**

**ARTHUR SAMUEL**

# NEURAL NETWORKS AS NEXT-GEN DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING



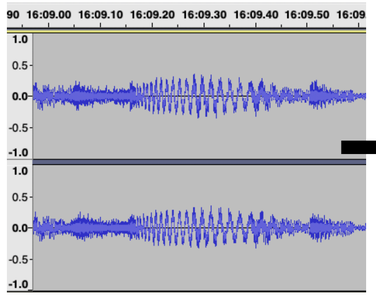

**DSP**

**X > 10 dB ?**

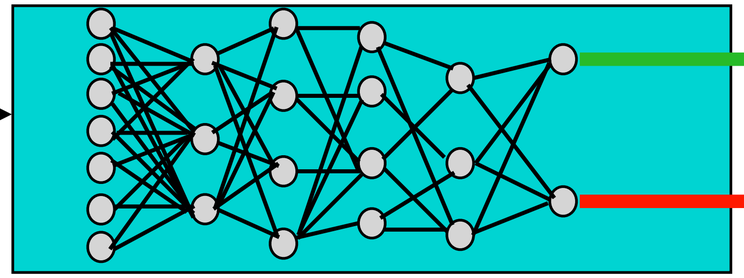
YES → ALARM

NO → NOT AN ALARM

**Filter with rule-based parameters**
**e.g. sound an alarm when the volume (1 feature) is above 10 decibels**




**DNN**

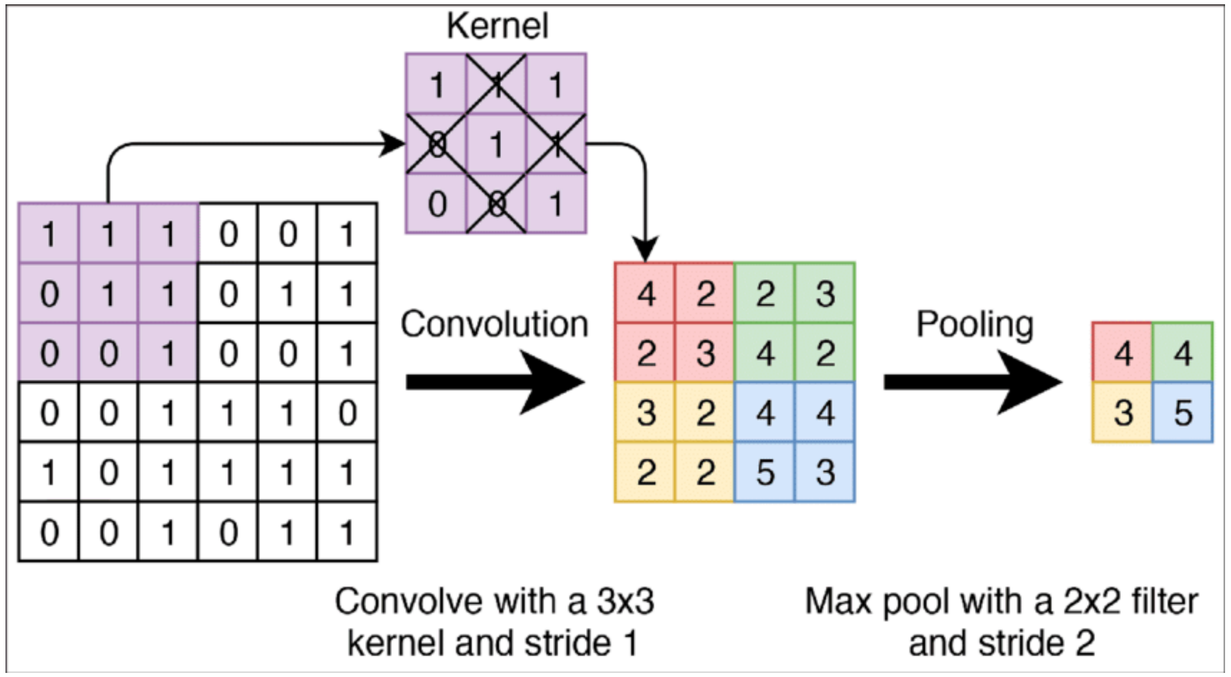


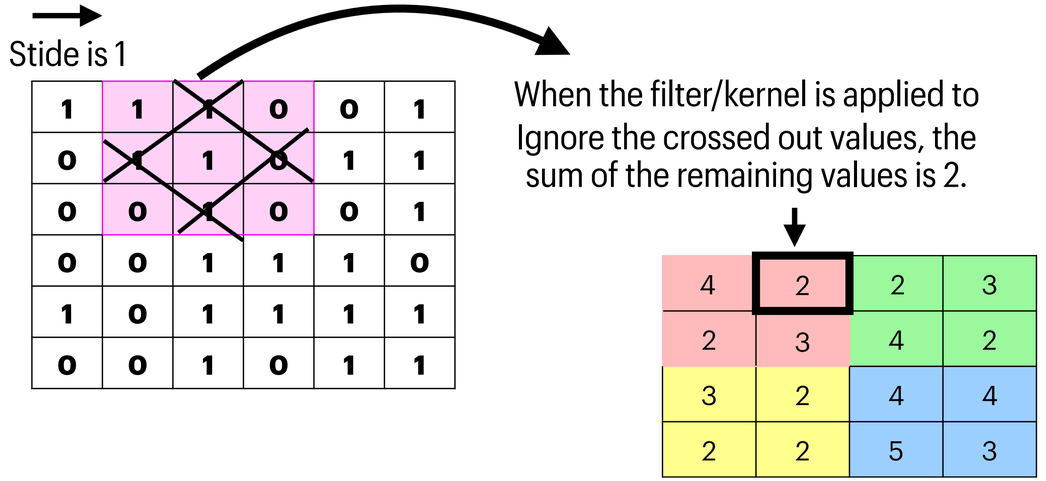
% confidence it is An ALARM

% confidence it is NOT an ALARM

**Filter with learned weights from training data/a training process**
**e.g. does the set of features (including volume, frequency, time, and combinations of those) from the input signal resemble those that an alarm situation would have?**

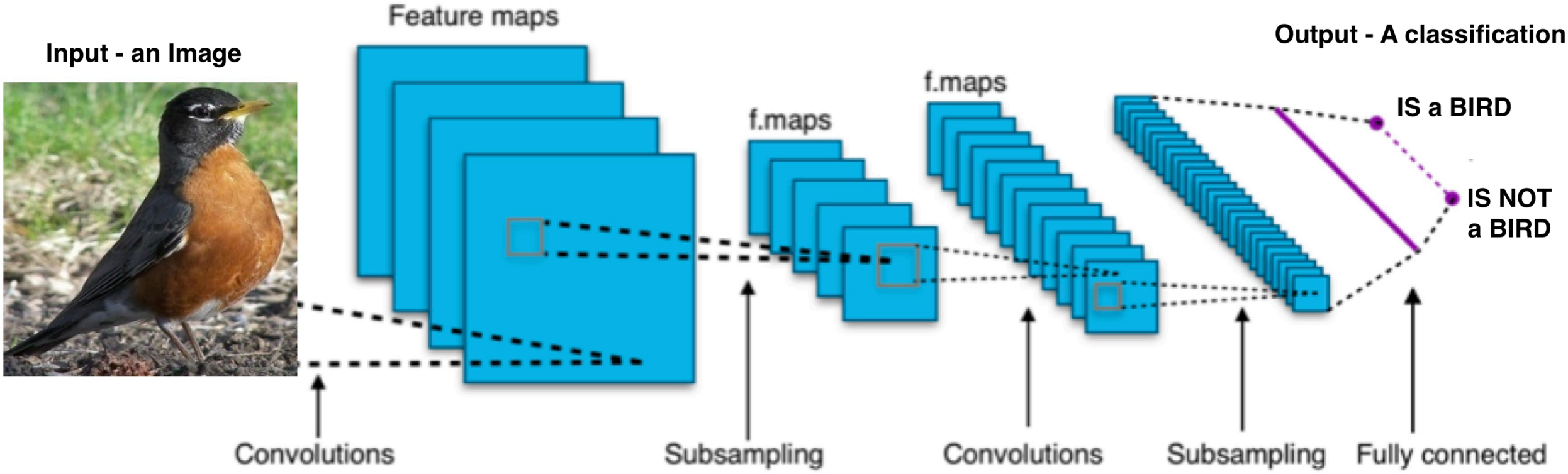
# C IS FOR CONVOLUTION:



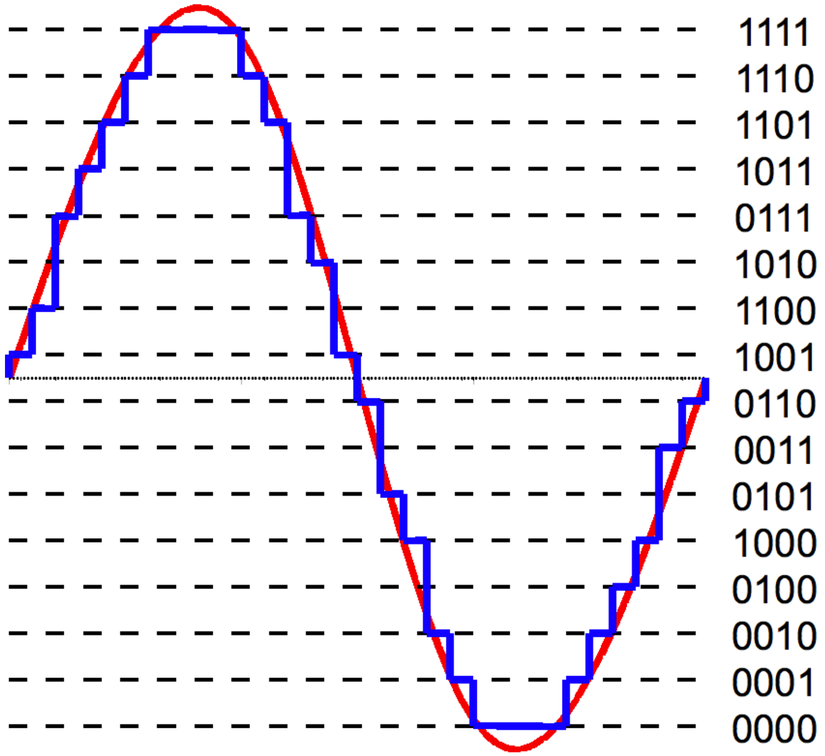

**Convolution**:
A filter (kernel) is used to add values of a pixel within an image to its neighboring pixels (based on a certain filter) resulting in feature maps. The subsequent subsampling (pooling) layer reduces the dimensions of these feature maps.

# CNN FOR IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

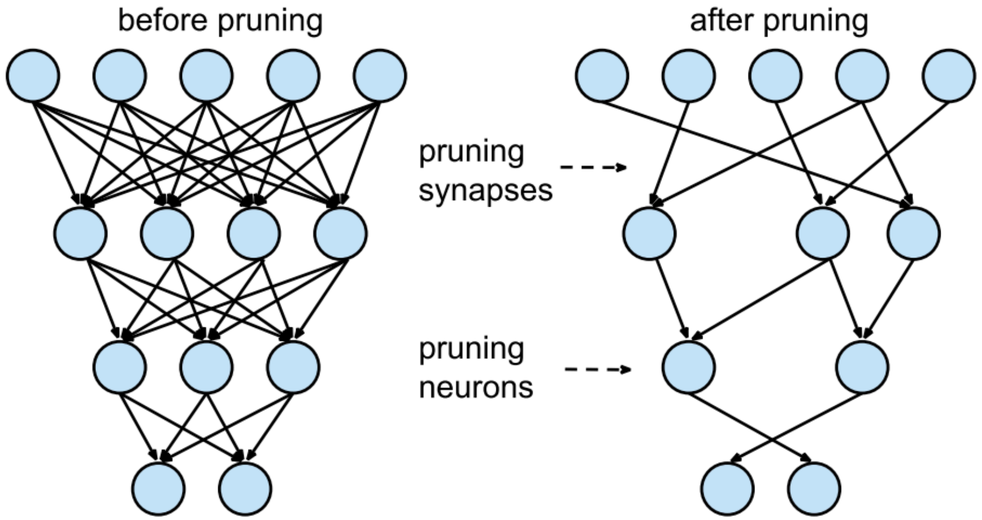


# MINIATURIZED ML - TINYML

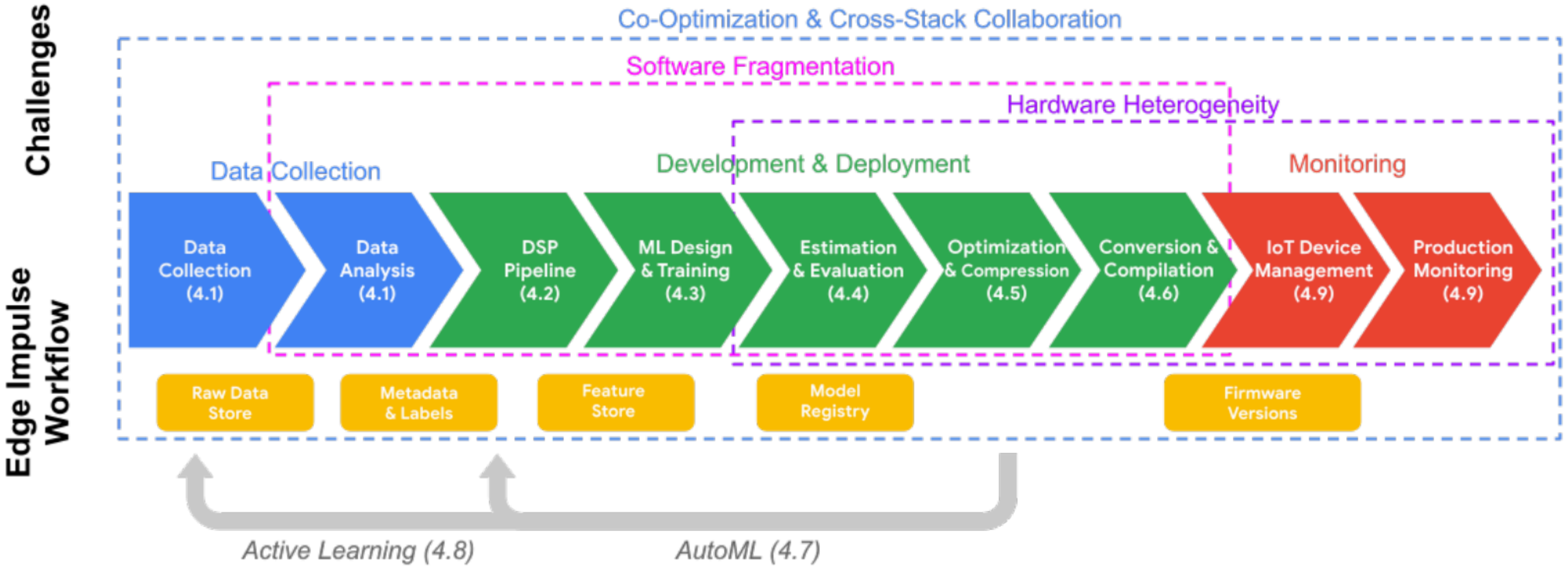
## Quantization:



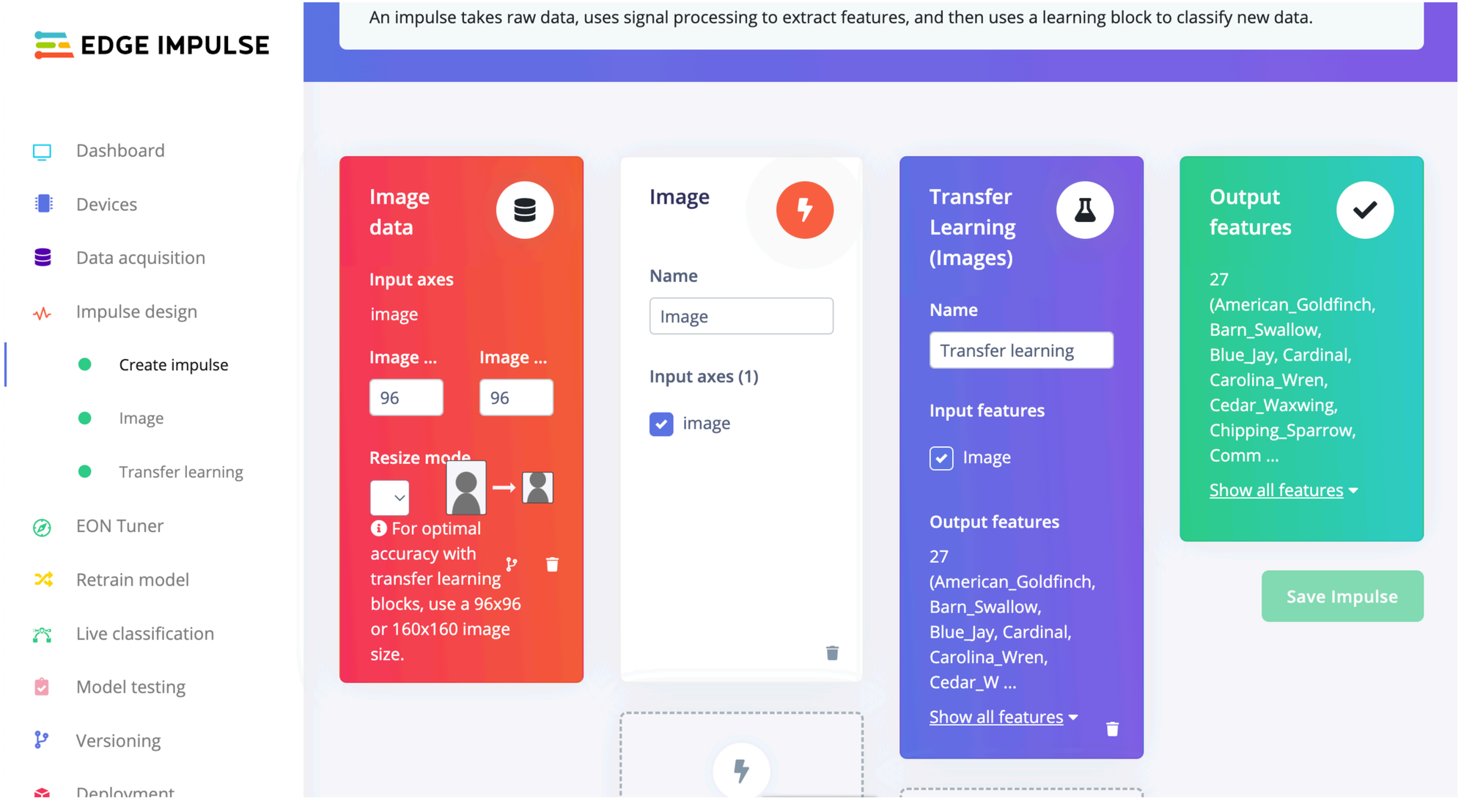

## Pruning::



# EDGE IMPULSE - THE PLATFORM



# EDGE IMPULSE USER INTERFACE



# MOBILENET V1

## THE TINYML MODEL ARCHITECTURE

Neural network architecture

Input layer (27,648 features)

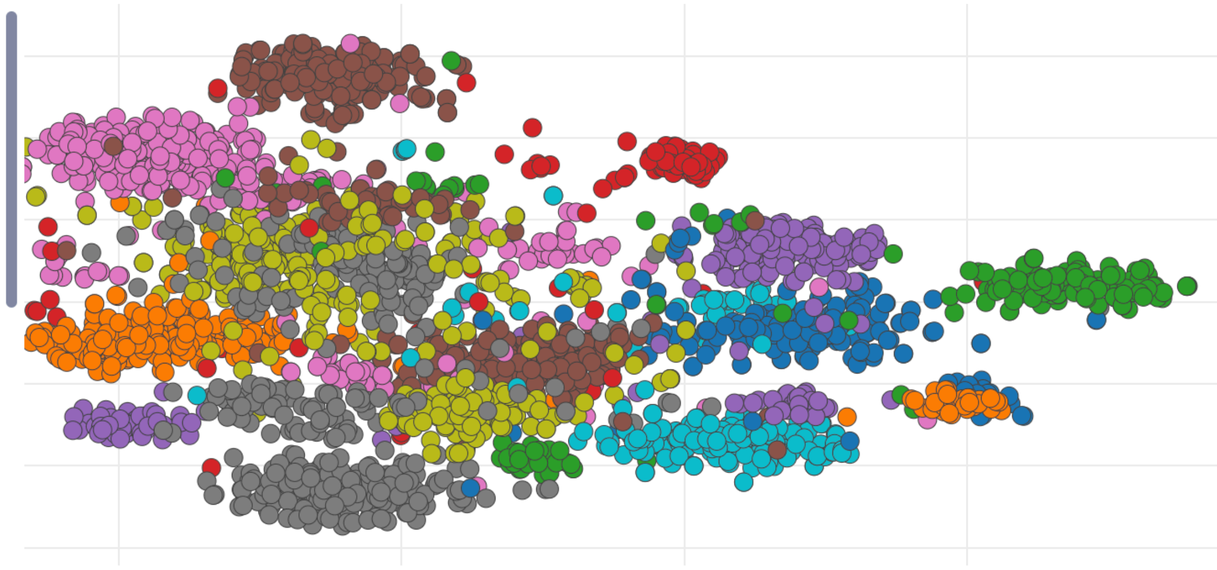
MobileNetV1 96x96 0.25 (no final dense layer, 0.1 dropout)

Choose a different model

Output layer (27 classes)

0 items selected | Set labels | Delete items

- American_Crow
- American_Goldfinch
- American_Robin
- Barn_Swallow
- Blue_Jay
- Cardinal
- Carolina_Wren
- Cedar_Waxwing
- Chipping_Sparrow
- Common_Grackle
- Crow
- Dark_Eyed_Junco
- Downy_Woodpecker
- Eastern_Bluebird
- European_Starling
- Gray_Catbird



# ML TRAINING ON EDGE IMPULSE

## Upload data

You can upload existing data to your project in the Dat

**Select files**

Choose Files No file chosen

**Upload into category**

- (•) Automatically split between training and testing
- ( ) Training
- ( ) Testing

**Label**

- (•) Infer from filename
- ( ) Enter label:

Enter a label

‹ Back

## Model

Model version: Quantized (int8)

**Last training performance** (validation set)

ACCURACY
71.2%

LOSS
1.08

**Confusion matrix** (validation set)

| | F1-SCORE | PRECISION | RECALL |
|---|---|---|---|
| AMERICAN_GOLDFI | 0.86 | 0.75 | 1.00 |
| BARN_SWALLOW | 0.80 | 1.00 | 0.67 |
| BLUE_JAY | 0.50 | 0.36 | 0.82 |
| CARDINAL | 0.89 | 0.96 | 0.82 |
| CAROLINA_WREN | 0.63 | 0.67 | 0.60 |
| CEDAR_WAXWING | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.78 |
| CHIPPING_SPARROV | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.65 |
| COMMON_GRACKLE | 0.63 | 0.50 | 0.83 |
| CROW | 0.63 | 0.52 | 0.79 |
| DARK_EYED_JUNCO | 0.66 | 0.63 | 0.69 |
| DOWNY_WOODPECI | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| EASTERN_BLUEBIRD | 0.87 | 0.93 | 0.82 |
| EUROPEAN_STARLI | 0.71 | 0.70 | 0.72 |
| GRAY_CATBIRD | 0.72 | 0.79 | 0.66 |
| HOUSE_FINCH | 0.82 | 0.87 | 0.77 |
| HOUSE_SPARROW | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.56 |
| MOCKINGBIRD | 0.44 | 0.50 | 0.40 |

## Feature explorer (full training set)

- American_Goldfinch - correct
- Barn_Swallow - correct
- Blue_Jay - correct
- Cardinal - correct
- Carolina_Wren - correct
- Cedar_Waxwing - correct
- Chipping_Sparrow - correct
- Common_Grackle - correct
- Crow - correct
- Dark_Eyed_Junco - correct
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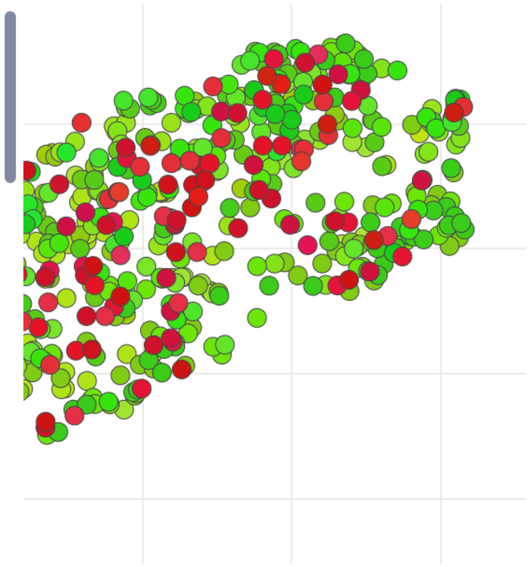
- European_Starling - correct
- Gray_Catbird - correct
- House_Finch - correct
- House_Sparrow - correct



## On-device performance

INFERENCIN...
1,586 ms.

PEAK RAM U...
130.9K

FLASH USAGE
313.3K

# TENSORFLOW LITE ESP32 LIBRARY

```
const unsigned char g_person_detect_model_data[] DATA_ALIGN_ATTRIBUTE = {
  0x1c, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x54, 0x46, 0x4c, 0x33, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x00, 0x00, 0x0e, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00, 0x04, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00, 0x0c, 0x00,
  0x10, 0x00, 0x14, 0x00, 0x0e, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x04, 0x99, 0x03, 0x00, 0x0c, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x20, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xc8, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x0f, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x54, 0x4f, 0x43, 0x4f, 0x20, 0x43, 0x6f, 0x6e,
  0x76, 0x65, 0x72, 0x74, 0x65, 0x64, 0x2e, 0x00, 0x57, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
  0xa8, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x98, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x84, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x70, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x64, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x58, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00,
  0x4c, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x40, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x34, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00,
```


## Convert to a C array

Many microcontroller platforms do not have native filesystem support. The easiest way to use a model from your program is to include it as a C array and compile it into your program.

The following unix command will generate a C source file that contains the TensorFlow Lite model as a `char` array:

```
xxd -i converted_model.tflite > model_data.cc
```

# DEPLOYING E-I ML ON ESP32-EYE

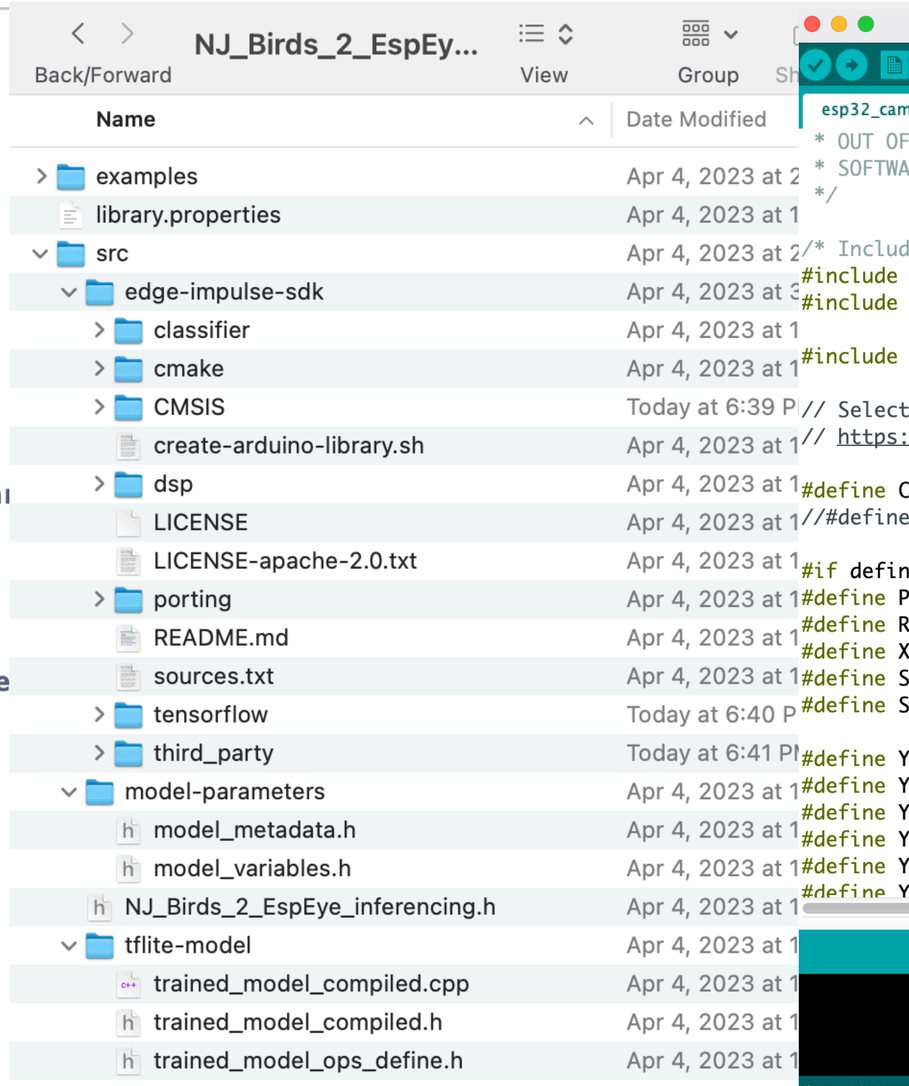
## Built Arduino library

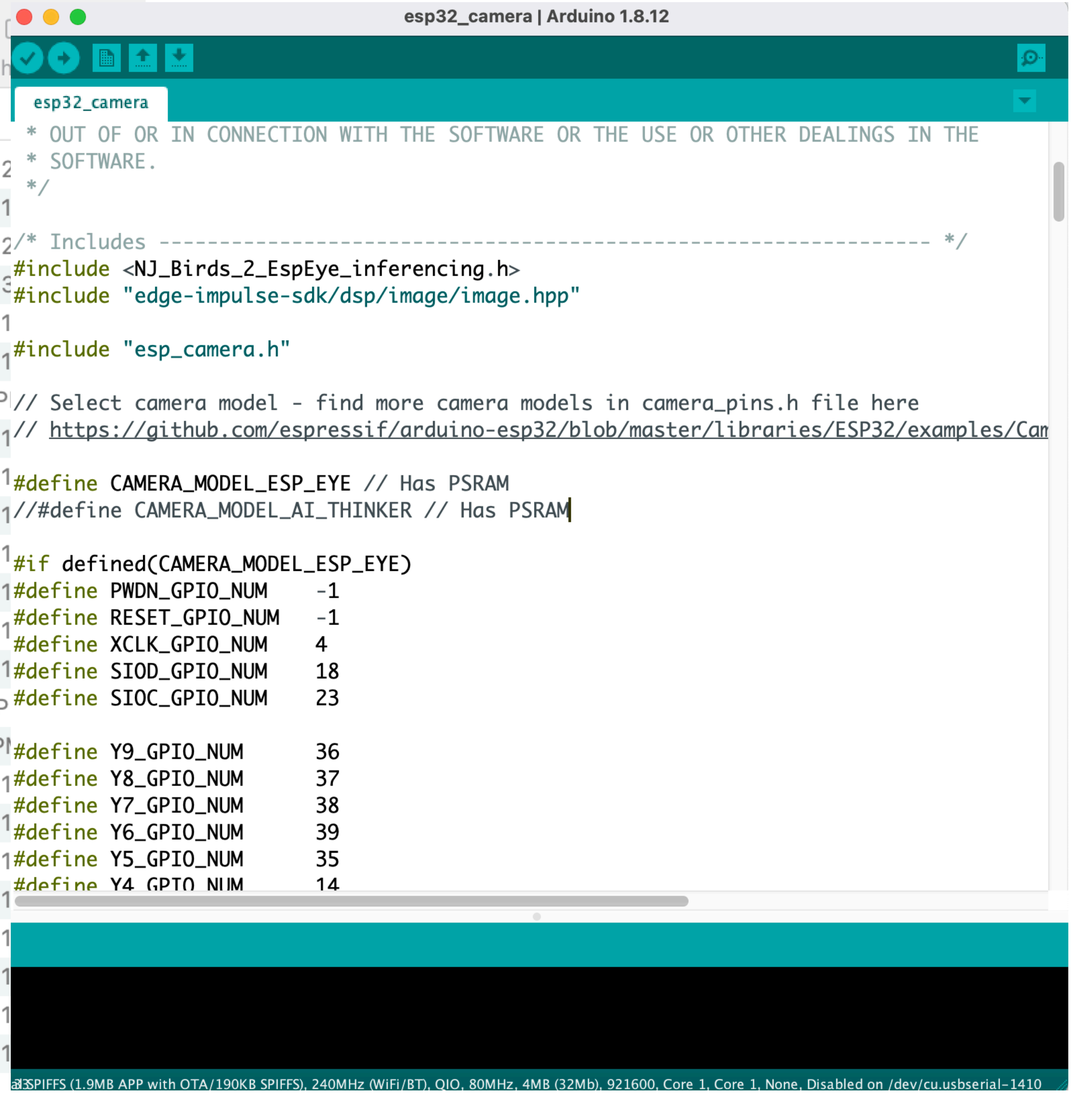
Add this library through the Arduino IDE via:

**Sketch > Include Library > Add .ZIP Libra**

Examples can then be found under:

**File > Examples > NJ_Birds_2_EspEye_infere**



# CUSTOMIZATION

EdgeImpulseNJBirds2_Arduino_EspEye_withStreaming | Arduino 1.8.12

EdgeImpulseNJBirds2_Arduino_EspEye_withStreaming

```
const char index_html[] PROGMEM = R"rawliteral(
<!DOCTYPE HTML><html>
<head>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
  <style>
    body { text-align:center; }
    .vert { margin-bottom: 10%; }
    .hori{ margin-bottom: 0%; }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="container">
    <h2>ESP32-EYE Last Photo</h2>
    <p>It might take more than 5 seconds to capture a photo.</p>
    <p>
      <button onclick="rotatePhoto();">ROTATE</button>
      <button onclick="captureOnlyPhoto()">JUST CAPTURE PHOTO</button>
      <button onclick="capturePhoto()">CAPTURE & CLASSIFY PHOTO</button>
      <button onclick="location.reload();">REFRESH PAGE</button>
    </p>
  </div>
  <div><img src="saved-photo" id="photo" width="70%"></div>
</body>
<script>
  var deg = 0;
  function capturePhoto() {
    var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhr.open('GET', "/capture", true);
```

Done Saving.

Not Secure | 192.168.5.188

## ESP32-EYE Last Photo

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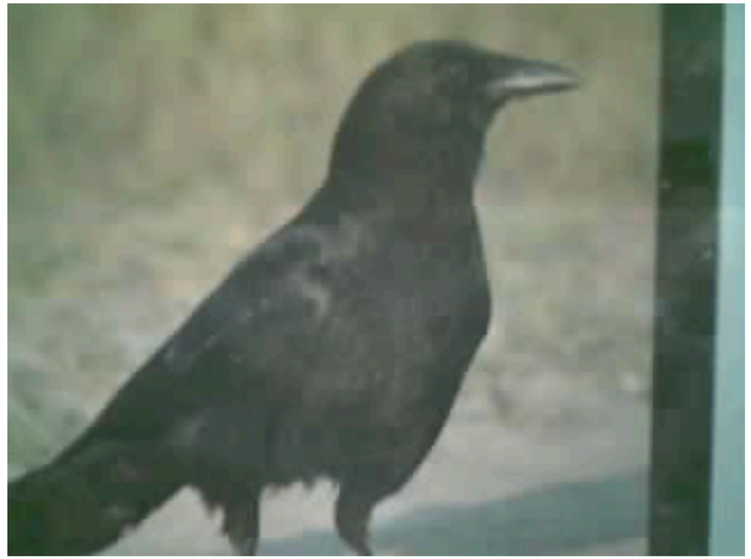
ROTATE | JUST CAPTURE PHOTO | CAPTURE & CLASSIFY PHOTO | REFRESH PAGE



# TEST OF MODEL ON ESP32-EYE

## ESP32-EYE Last Photo

It might take more than 5 seconds to capture a photo.

ROTATE | JUST CAPTURE PHOTO | CAPTURE & CLASSIFY PHOTO | REFRESH PAGE

```
Predictions (DSP: 0 ms., Classification: 693 ms., Anomaly: 0 ms.):
    American_Goldfinch: 0.00000
    Barn_Swallow: 0.00391
    Blue_Jay: 0.00781
    Cardinal: 0.00000
    Carolina_Wren: 0.00391
    Cedar_Waxwing: 0.00391
    Chipping_Sparrow: 0.00000
    Common_Grackle: 0.00391
    Crow: 0.17578
    Dark_Eyed_Junco: 0.00000
    Downy_Woodpecker: 0.00000
    Eastern_Bluebird: 0.00000
    European_Starling: 0.01562
    Gray_Catbird: 0.00000
    House_Finch: 0.00000
    House_Sparrow: 0.00000
    Mockingbird: 0.00391
    Mourning_Dove: 0.00000
    Northern_Flicker: 0.00000
    Red_Bellied_Woodpecker: 0.00000
    Red_Winged_Blackbird: 0.77734
    Robin: 0.00000
    Rock_Pigeon: 0.00000
    Song_Sparrow: 0.00000
    Tufted_Titmouse: 0.00000
    White_Breasted_Nuthatch: 0.00000
    White_Throated_Sparrow: 0.00000
```

# ITERATIONS

## ESP32-EYE Last Photo

It might take more than 5 seconds to capture a photo.

ROTATE | JUST CAPTURE PHOTO | CAPTURE & CLASSIFY PHOTO | REFRESH PAGE

```
Picture file name: /photo.jpg
The picture has been saved in /photo.jpg - Size: 4096 bytes
Predictions (DSP: 0 ms., Classification: 691 ms., Anomaly: 0 ms.):
    American_Goldfinch: 0.00000
    Barn_Swallow: 0.00391
    Blue_Jay: 0.12500
    Cardinal: 0.00000
    Carolina_Wren: 0.00000
    Cedar_Waxwing: 0.00000
    Chipping_Sparrow: 0.00000
    Common_Grackle: 0.01562
    Crow: 0.49609
    Dark_Eyed_Junco: 0.01953
    Downy_Woodpecker: 0.02344
    Eastern_Bluebird: 0.00000
    European_Starling: 0.01562
    Gray_Catbird: 0.01562
    House_Finch: 0.00000
    House_Sparrow: 0.00000
    Mockingbird: 0.03125
    Mourning_Dove: 0.00781
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    Red_Winged_Blackbird: 0.00391
    Robin: 0.00000
    Rock_Pigeon: 0.16797
    Song_Sparrow: 0.00781
    Tufted_Titmouse: 0.00391
    White_Breasted_Nuthatch: 0.03125
    White_Throated_Sparrow: 0.00000
```

# DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

Data Collection

Idea

Research

Architecting & Training

EDGE IMPULSE

Field Test

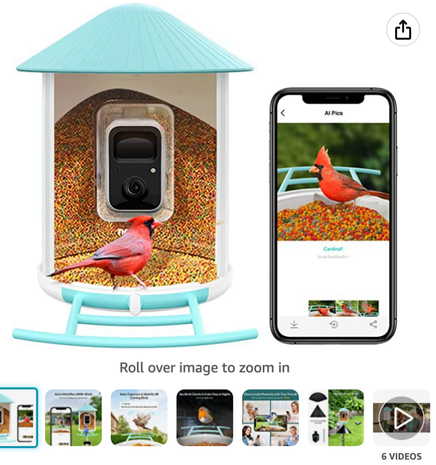
Deployment

# FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Events triggered after bully bird detection
- Form factor of feeder
- Additional feeder features/automation
- Locality customization
- Season customization
- Human validation of field test results
- User testing UI/UX
- Hardware upgrades

# MARKET RESEARCH - OTHER PRODUCTS

Patio, Lawn & Garden › Outdoor Décor › Backyard Birding & Wildlife › Birds › Feeders

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NETVUE Birdfy AI - Smart Bird Feeder with Camera, AI Identify Bird Species, Auto Capture Bird Videos & Notify of Birds, Bird Watching Camera, Birdwatching Wireless Camera Ideal Gift for Mother

Visit the NETVUE Store

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Deal

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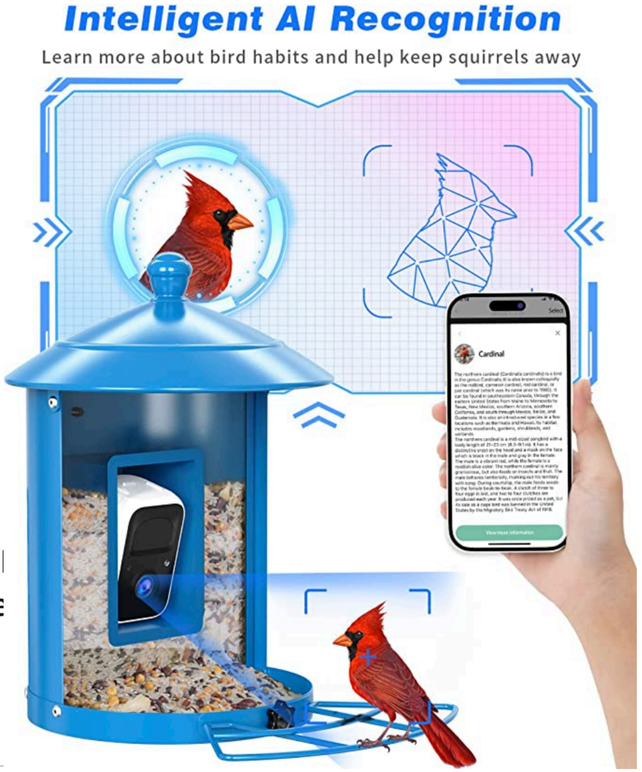


Daulpell Smart Bird Feeder with Cam
Bird Feeder with 1080P HD Camera,
160°Wide Angle, Auto Capture Bird V
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Brand: Daulpell

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| **Brand** | Daulpell |
| **Connectivity** | Wireless |

‹ Back to results


MICOLLY Smart Bird Feeder with Camera, AI
Bird Species, 2023 Upgrade Dual Solar Pane
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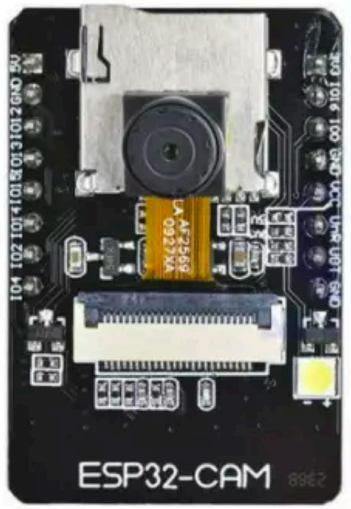



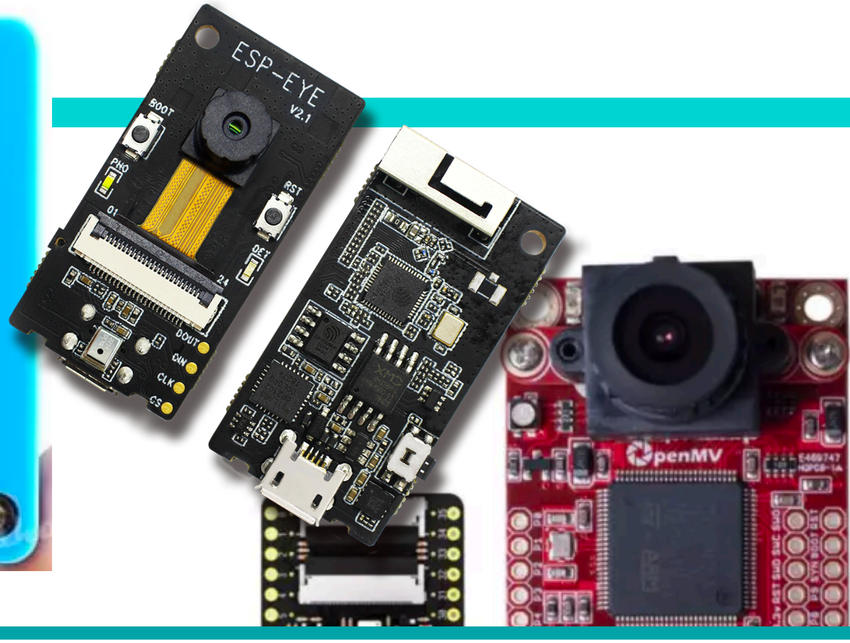


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# FUTURE OF TINYML

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what is the future of TinyML

The future of TinyML (Tiny Machine Learning) is promising and has the potential to revolutionize many industries. TinyML is the deployment of machine learning models on small and low-power devices, such as sensors, wearables, and IoT devices. By bringing t power of machine learning to these small devices, TinyML enables them to perform

# FURTHER LEARNING

Tensorflow Lite for Microcontrollers: https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/microcontrollers

MIT Sloan School of Business ML Overview: https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/machine-learning-explained

Hymel et al., “Edge Impulse: An MLOps Platform for Tiny Machine Learning” 2023, https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.03332

IBM, “What are convolutional neural networks?” https://www.ibm.com/topics/convolutional-neural-networks

# Q & A

# DEMO