Practical Strategies for Successful Implementation and Deployment of AI-Based Solutions

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General Practice

Where to start?

Defining Business Requirements

- End-user experience
- Resource and time constraints
- Competitive advantage
- Risk management
- Cost-effectiveness

Defining Technical Requirements

- Problem type
- Data size and complexity
- Input data
- Resource constraints
- Domain knowledge
- Experimentation
- Scalability

Application Requirements

Traffic management

Understanding Business Requirements

- ✓ User needs
- ✓ Resource and time constraints
- ✓ Traffic level
- ✓ Vehicles kind – car, bus, bikes
- ✓ Integration with drone cameras
- ✓ Integration with existing infrastructure
- ✓ Data security and privacy

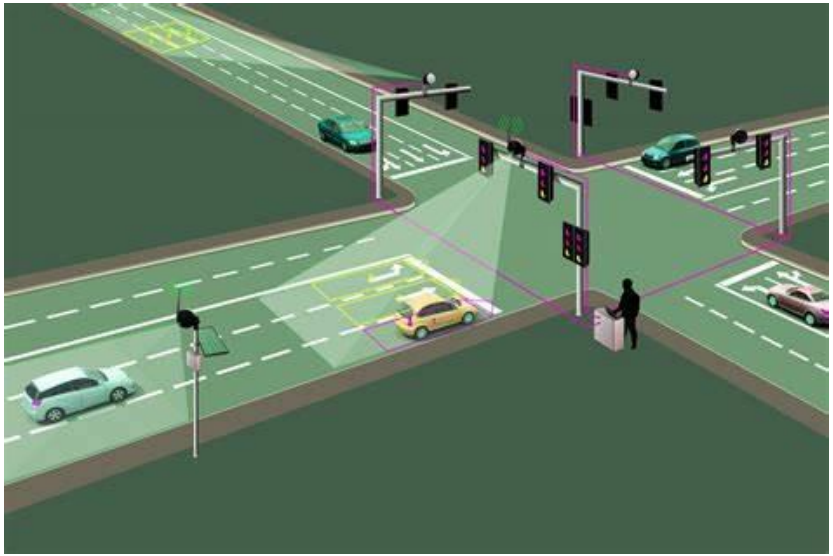
Understanding Technical Requirements

- ✓ Image processing – small object detection
- ✓ Drone camera specifications
- ✓ Real time video streams
- ✓ Data transmission and connectivity
- ✓ Environmental adaptability - lighting, weather, and terrain
- ✓ Accuracy and performance
- ✓ Data security and privacy
- ✓ Scalability and flexibility

Designing the Algorithm

Create a roadmap

Conceptualizing the design and identifying the problems



Visual reference

Designing the Algorithm

Create a roadmap

After the problem is identified and the requirements are gathered, the design phase begins

- Pre-processing:
  - Motion flow determination
  - Image clarity
  - Weather considerations
    - Weather detection
    - Adaptation strategies – reduced visibility
- Object detection
  - Selecting the right architecture
- Post-processing:
  - Refinement of detected objects
  - Traffic flow analysis
  - Density estimation
  - Data refinement – statistical analysis
  - Optimization
  - Deployment strategies – failure mechanisms
  - Feedback loop
- Final assessment

Identifying Architecture

Based on model characteristics

Model capabilities

- Small object detection
- Computation speed
- Flexibility

- ❑ YOLO: Fast processing, moderate accuracy.
- ❑ SSD: Balance between speed and accuracy.
- ❑ EfficientDet: High accuracy with efficient resource utilization.
- ❑ Mask-RCNN: High accuracy, Compute Intensive

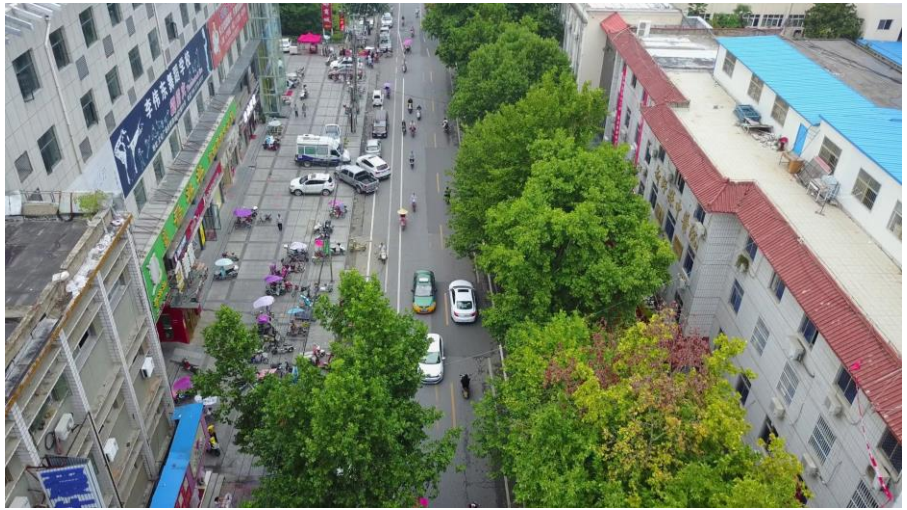
After careful consideration we ended up using RetinaNet – Focal loss, anchors and feature pyramid networks.

Data Collection Strategies

Application specific

Several strategies can be employed to collect data, some of which are:

- Open-source datasets
- Simulation environment/synthetic
- Collaborative partnerships
- Crowdsourcing



Vis-Drone dataset

Training and Evaluating Models

Understanding model hyperparameters and their impact on performance

Setting up a baseline model for comparison is the next stage, whether training from scratch or utilizing transfer learning

- Identifying evaluation metrics
- Understanding hyperparameters
- Pitfall identification – fitting issues
- Model comparison
- Visualization techniques

Extra cars

Missing cars

Creating the Algorithm

Enhancing object detection with advanced approaches

Creating the final algorithm is the culmination of the entire process of developing a solution

- Integration of multiple models and their outputs
- Selection of optimal parameters
- Adaptive control strategies – weather/lighting conditions
- Feedback mechanism – to better the algorithm

Ensemble model

Deployment

Strategies for successful implementation

Deployment strategy considerations

- Data security and compliance
- Latency and performance
- Infrastructure costs
- Scalability and flexibility
- IT support and maintenance

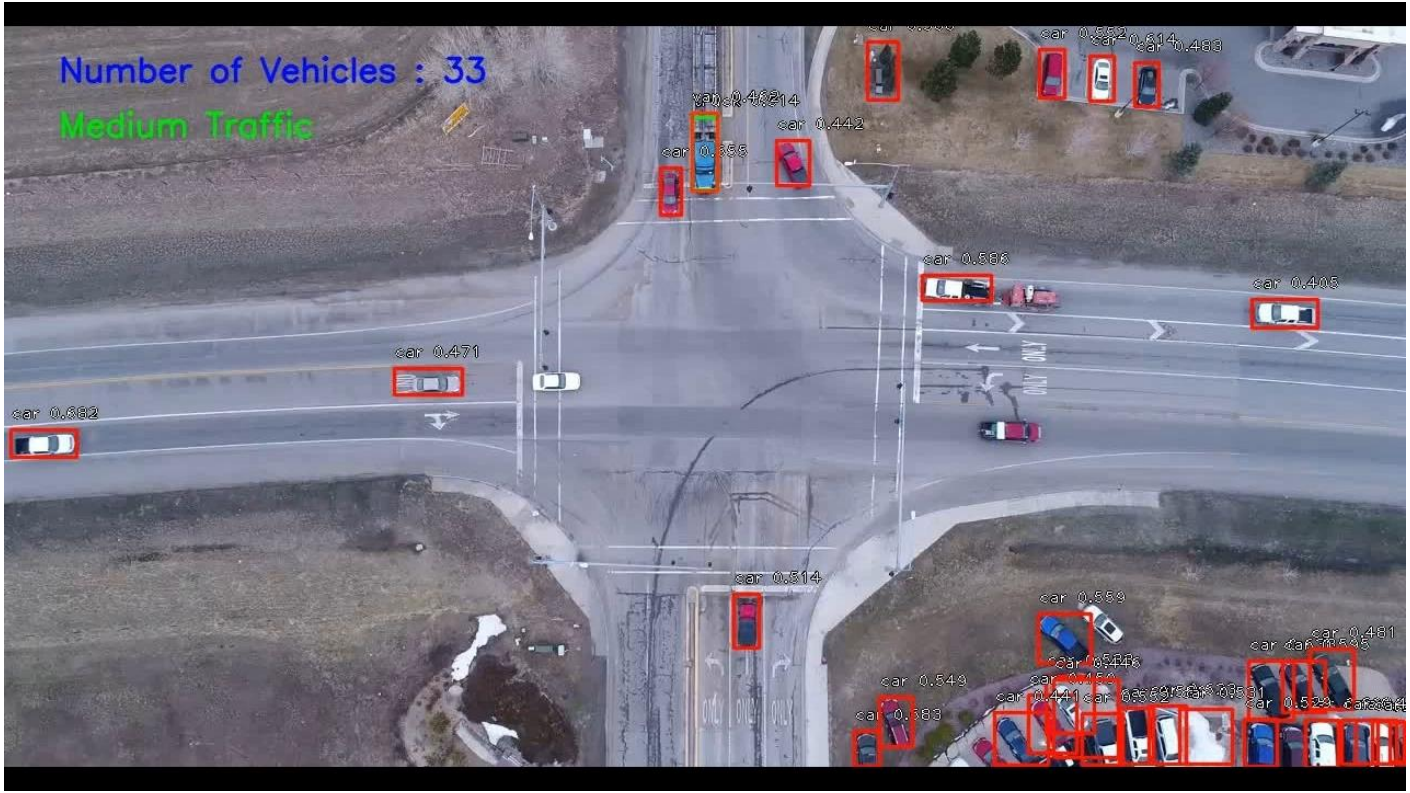
The AI Loop

Navigating the continuous cycle of development, deployment, and iteration

A synergy between

- Data engineers
- Domain experts
- Machine learning engineers
- Deep learning engineers
- Data scientists
- DevOps engineers
- Software engineers
- Quality assurance engineers

Final Product



Conclusion

Consider the following when developing an AI application

- Holistic approach
- Data-driven decision making
- Iterative development
- Collaborative effort
- Real-world considerations
- Bias mitigation
- Ethical considerations

Resource

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