



Machine Learning For Kids :: Teachers' notes

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| Worksheet | Snap |
| Activity | Make a card game in Scratch that learns to recognise pictures of your card. |
| Objective | Teach a computer to recognise what icons look like <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how computers can be trained to recognise pictures |
| Difficulty level | Beginner |
| Time estimate | 1.5 hours (for full version of the project, where the students make their own cards) 45 minutes (if students are provided with pre-made cards) |
| Summary | Students make cards with different symbols. They will train a machine learning model to recognise what the symbols look like by taking pictures of them with a computer webcam. They use this in Scratch to make a Snap game where the computer recognises if it chooses a matching card. |
| Topics | image classification, supervised learning |

Setup

Each student will need:

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| Print-outs | Project worksheet (download from https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk/worksheets) Blocks in Scratch scripts are colour-coded, so printing in colour will make it easier for students. |
| Resources | Paper, scissors, felt pens (for full project, where the students make their own cards) or Pre-made cards (download and print the "Additional project resources") |
| Technology | Web-cam |
| Access | Username and password for machinelearningforkids.co.uk |

Class account will need:

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| API keys | Watson Visual Recognition - 1 custom model per student One "Lite" API key is free but can only be used to create 2 custom models One "Standard" API key can be used to create to create multiple custom models more detail at: https://github.com/IBM/taxinomitis-docs/raw/master/docs/pdf/machinelearningforkids-apikeys.pdf |
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Customizing

If you use **PRIMM** approaches with your class, add a step where students predict how the project template works. If you want to **increase the amount of coding** involved, delete some of the code from the project template and add steps to the worksheet so students code it themselves.

If you want to **encourage problem solving**, delete some of the detail in the worksheets and provide more general instructions instead.

Project template files & worksheets in MS Word format are available so you can **modify them to suit your class**.

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| Project templates | https://github.com/IBM/taxinomitis-docs/tree/master/scratch-templates Scratch 3 templates end .sb3 Scratch 2 templates end .sb2 |
| Worksheets | https://github.com/IBM/taxinomitis-docs/tree/master/project-worksheets/mword |

Help

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| Potential issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will take photos and upload them to a secure site. If only cards are visible in photos they take, students will not be identifiable. If this raises concerns it may be sensible to obtain parental permission. "https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk" is a long URL to type for some children. You may find it easier to set up a bookmark that they can click on instead. <p>General troubleshooting and help at https://machinelearningforkids.co.uk/help</p> |
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