

Object Detection

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Review

- Last lecture:
 - Scene Classification Problem
 - Scene Classification Applications
 - Scene Classification: Evolution of Datasets
 - Scene Classification Evaluation Metrics
 - Scene Classification Background: Deep Features and Fine-Tuning
 - Scene Classification Computer Vision Models
- Assignments (Canvas)
 - Reading assignment due this Wednesday
- Questions?

Object Detection: Today's Topics

- Problem
- Applications
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- Evaluation metric
- Background: naive sliding window solution

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Problem Definition

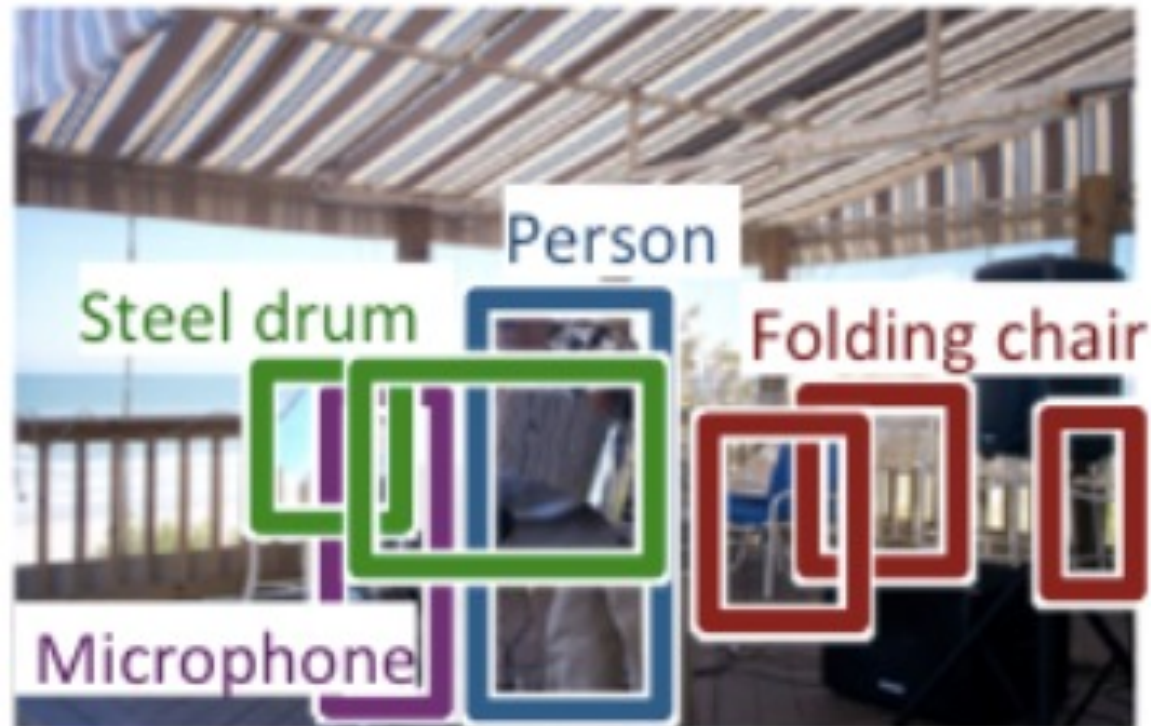
- Localize with a bounding box object(s) of interest



Focus for today's lecture

Problem: Semantic Object Detection

- Localize with a bounding box every instance of an object from pre-specified categories

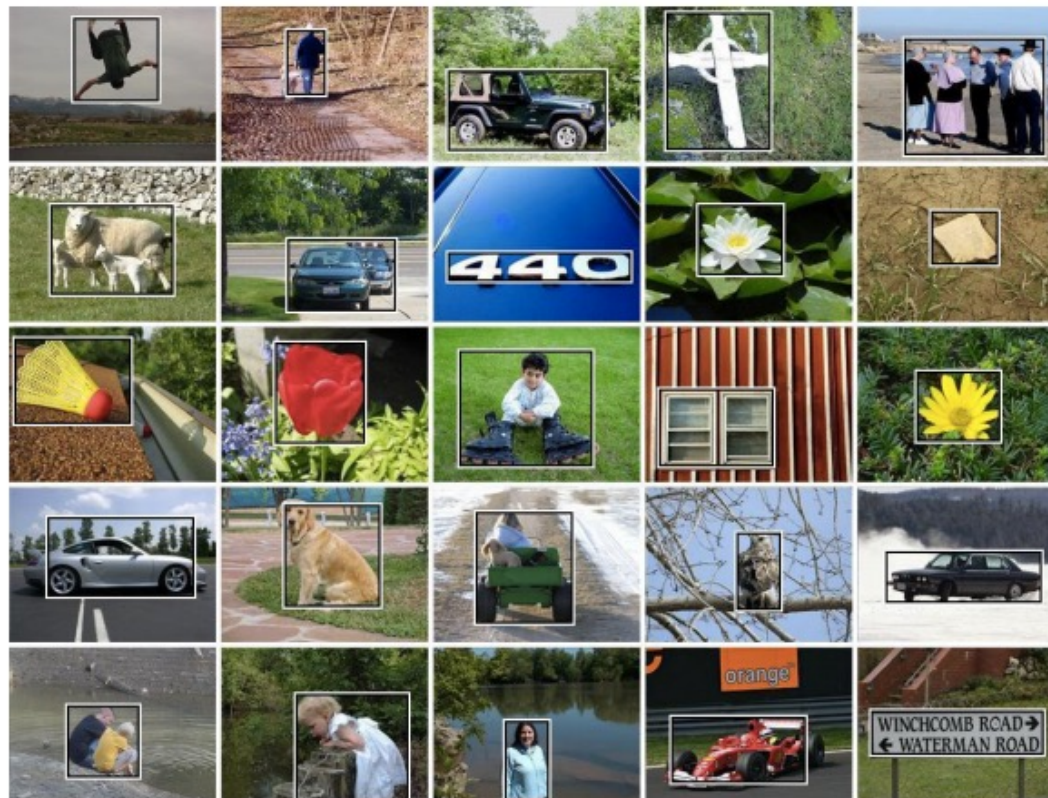


[Russakovsky et al; IJCV 2015]

To be covered in a future lecture

Problem: Salient Object Detection

- Localize with a bounding box the salient object(s)



[Liu et al; CVPR 2007]

Object Detection vs Object Recognition

“What is the difference between (semantic) object detection and object recognition?”

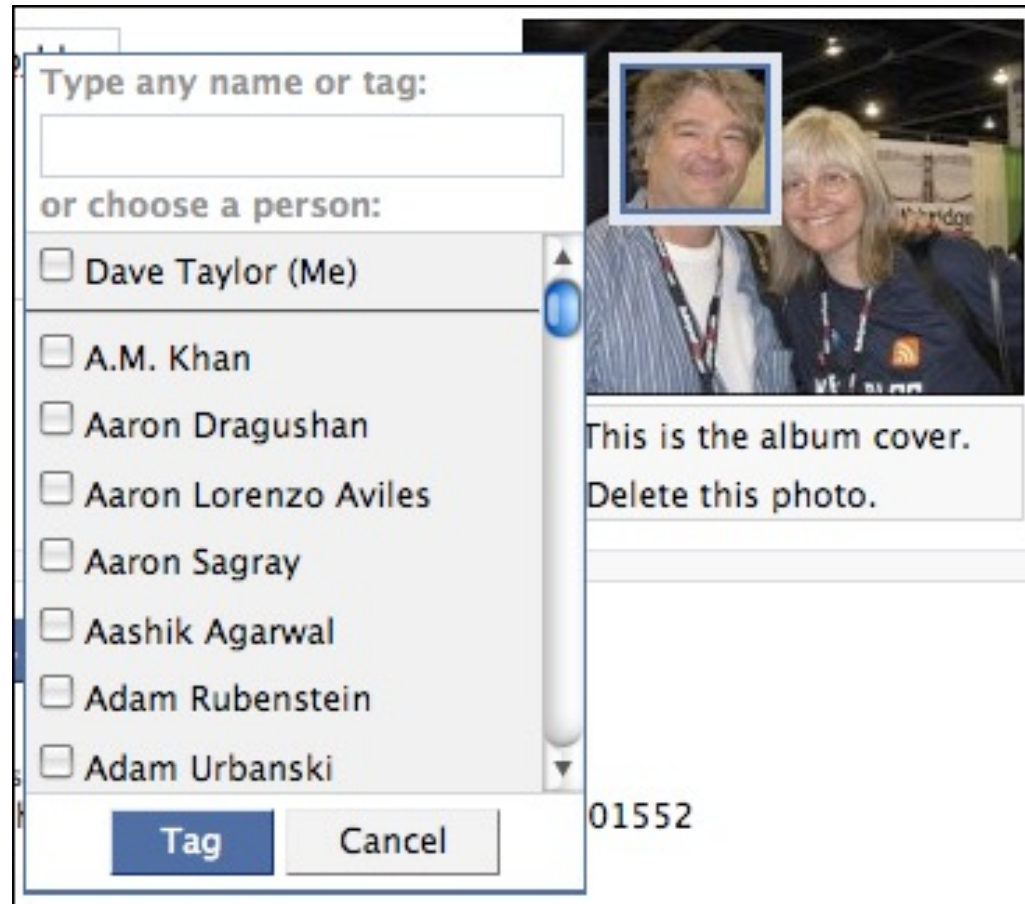


- Must learn appearance of object rather than only its image context; e.g., giraffe

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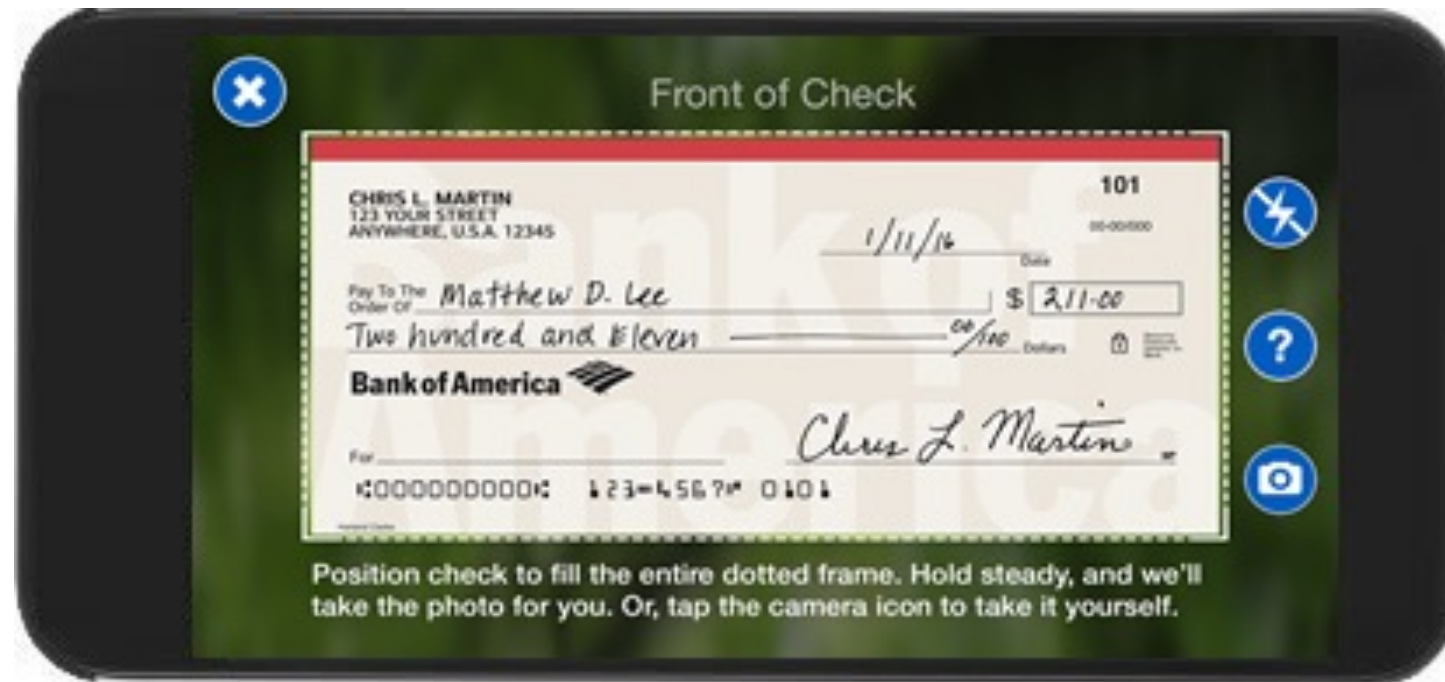
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Social Media



Face detection
(e.g., Facebook)

Banking



Mobile check deposit
(e.g., Bank of America)

Transportation



License Plate Detection (e.g., AllGoVision)

Construction Safety



Pedestrian Detection
(e.g., Blaxtair)

<http://media.brintex.com/Occurrence/121/Brochure/3435/brochure.pdf>

Counting



Counting Fish (e.g., SalmonSoft)
http://www.wecountfish.com/?page_id=143



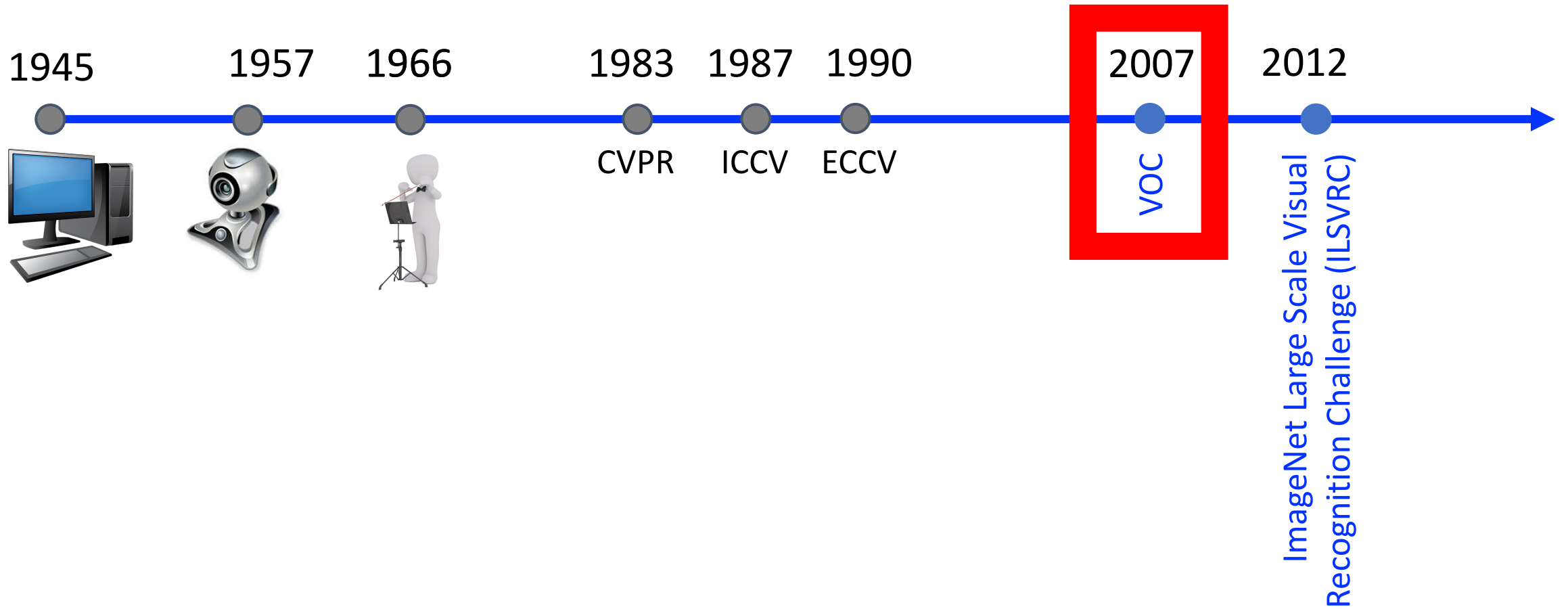
Business Traffic Analytics

Can you think of any other
potential applications?

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Object Detection Datasets



VOC

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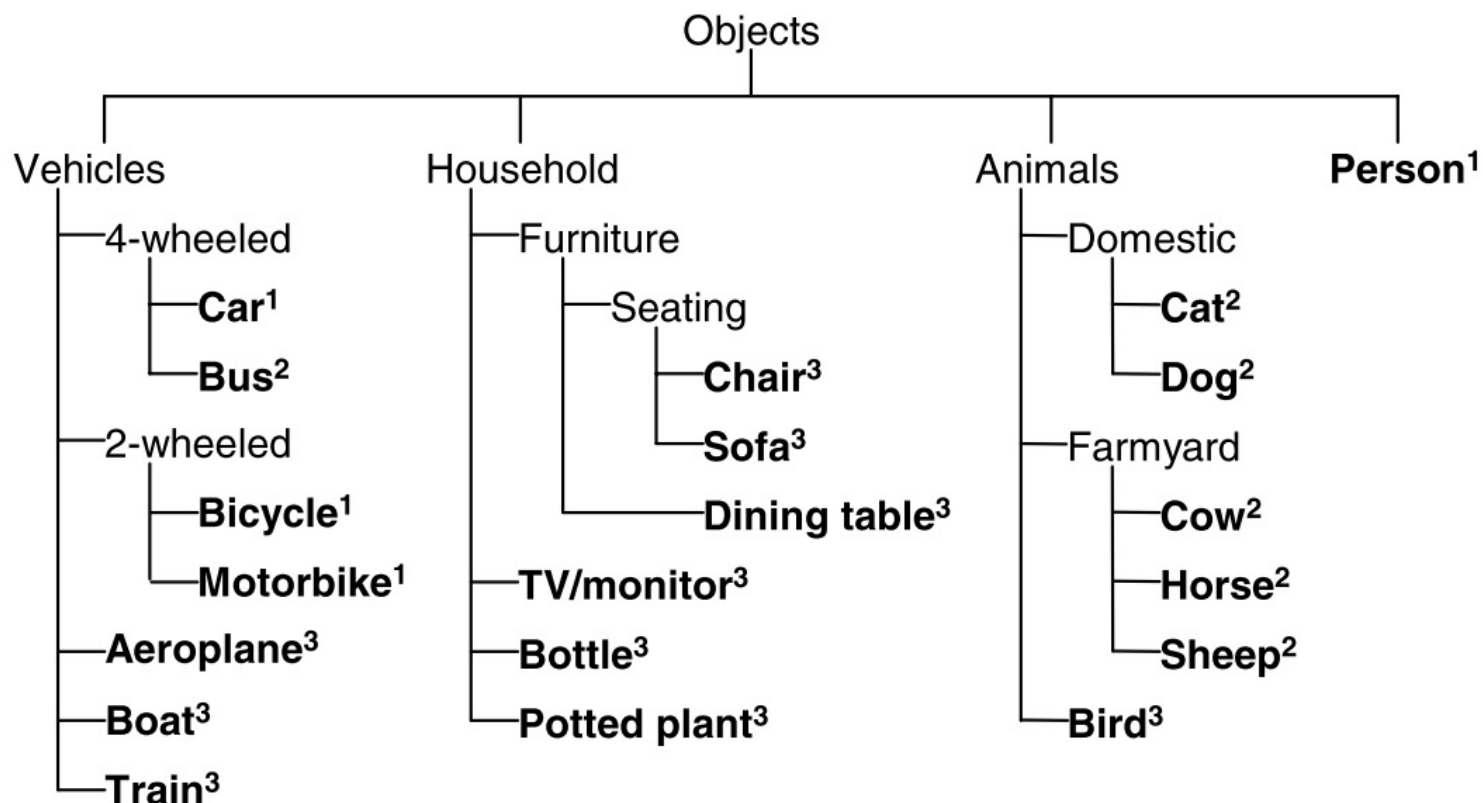
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(superscript indicates year of inclusion in the challenge: 2005¹, 2006², 2007³)

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2. Image Collection

- 500,000 images retrieved from Flickr by querying with a number of keywords

(many query terms per category)

- **aeroplane**, airplane, plane, biplane, monoplane, aviator, bomber, hydroplane, airliner, aircraft, fighter, airport, hangar, jet, boeing, fuselage, wing, propellor, flying
- **bicycle**, bike, cycle, cyclist, pedal, tandem, saddle, wheel, cycling, ride, wheelie
- **bird**, birdie, birdwatching, nest, sea, aviary, birdcage, bird feeder, bird table
- **boat** ship, barge, ferry, canoe, boating, craft, liner, cruise, sailing, rowing, watercraft, regatta, racing, marina, beach, water, canal, river, stream, lake, yacht
- **bottle**, cork, wine, beer, champagne, ketchup, squash, soda, coke, lemonade, dinner, lunch, breakfast
- **bus**, omnibus, coach, shuttle, jitney, double-decker, motorbus, school bus, depot, terminal, station, terminus, passenger, route
- **car**, automobile, cruiser, motorcar, vehicle, hatchback, saloon, convertible, limousine, motor, race, traffic, trip, rally, city, street, road, lane, village, town, centre, shopping, downtown, suburban
- **cat**, feline, pussy, mew, kitten, tabby, tortoiseshell, ginger, stray
- **chair**, seat, rocker, rocking, deck, swivel, camp, chaise, office, studio, armchair, recliner, sitting, lounge, living room, sitting room
- **cow**, beef, heifer, moo, dairy, milk, milking, farm
- **dog**, hound, bark, kennel, heel, bitch, canine, puppy, hunter, collar, leash
- **horse**, gallop, jump, buck, equine, foal, cavalry, saddle, canter, buggy, mare, neigh, dressage, trial, racehorse, steeplechase, thoroughbred, cart, equestrian, paddock, stable, farrier
- **motorbike**, motorcycle, minibike, moped, dirt, pillion, biker, trials, motorcycling, motorcyclist, engine, motocross, scramble, sidecar, scooter, trail
- **person**, people, family, father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandma, grandfather, grandpa, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, cousin
- **sheep**, ram, fold, fleece, shear, baa, bleat, lamb, ewe, wool, flock
- **sofa**, chesterfield, settee, divan, couch, bolster
- **table**, dining, cafe, restaurant, kitchen, banquet, party, meal
- **potted plant**, pot plant, plant, patio, windowsill, window sill, yard, greenhouse, glass house, basket, cutting, pot, cooking, grow
- **train**, express, locomotive, freight, commuter, platform, subway, underground, steam, railway, railroad, rail, tube, underground, track, carriage, coach, metro, sleeper, railcar, buffet, cabin, level crossing
- **tv/monitor**, television, plasma, flatscreen, flat screen, lcd, crt, watching, dvd, desktop, computer, computer monitor, PC, console, game

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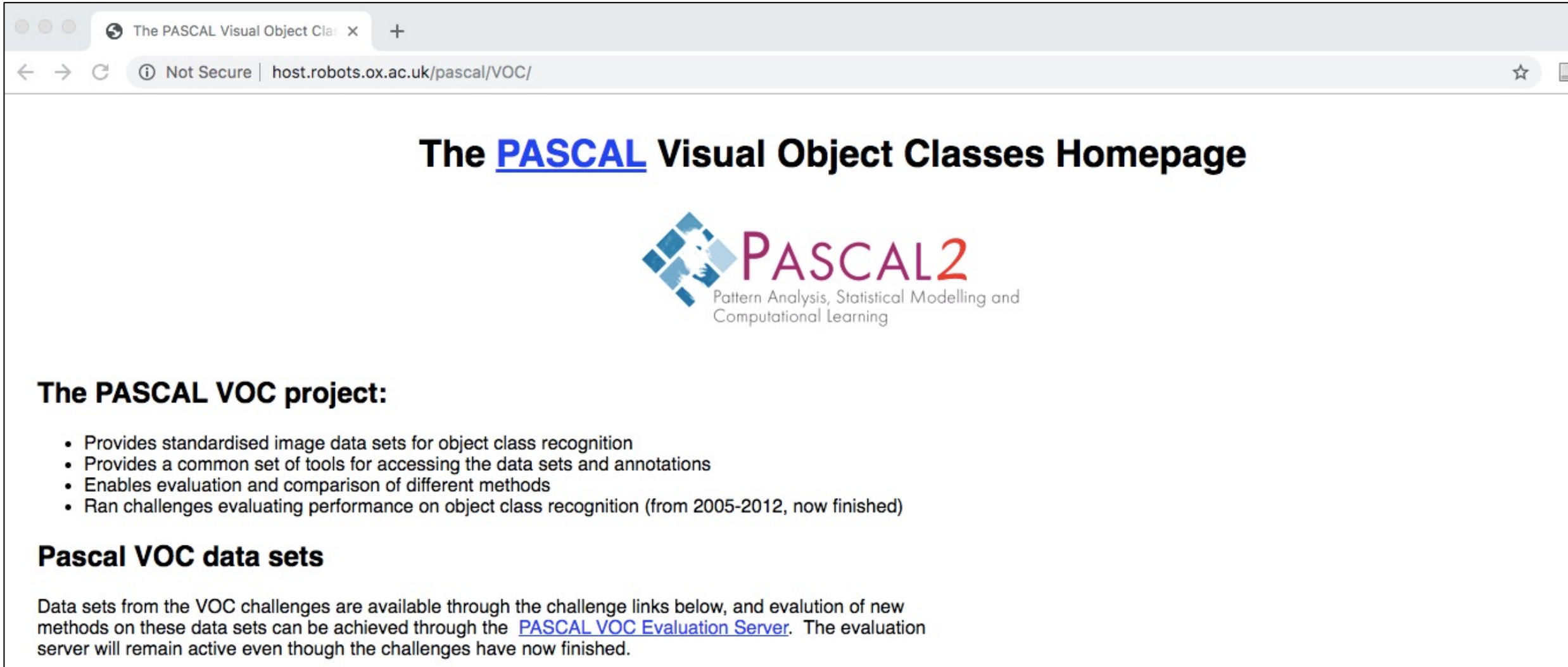
3. Image Verification + Image Annotation

- University of Leeds annotation party to recruit annotators
- Annotation guidelines & real-time assistance
- Review of every annotation
- Annotate only “minority” classes at end of party to increase the count of them


VOC Guidelines:

What to label	<p>All objects of the defined categories, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you are unsure what the object is. • the object is very small (at your discretion). • less than 10-20% of the object is visible, <i>such that you cannot be sure what class it is</i>. e.g. if only a tyre is visible it may belong to car or truck so cannot be labelled car, but feet/faces can only belong to a person. <p>If this is not possible because too many objects, mark image as bad.</p>
Viewpoint	<p>Record the viewpoint of the 'bulk' of the object e.g. the body rather than the head. Allow viewpoints within 10-20 degrees.</p> <p>If ambiguous, leave as 'Unspecified'. Unusually rotated objects e.g. upside-down people should be left as 'Unspecified'.</p>
Bounding box	<p>Mark the bounding box of the visible area of the object (<i>not</i> the estimated total extent of the object).</p> <p>Bounding box should contain all visible pixels, except where the bounding box would have to be made excessively large to include a few additional pixels (<5%) e.g. a car aerial.</p>
Truncation	<p>If more than 15-20% of the object lies outside the bounding box mark as Truncated. The flag indicates that the bounding box does not cover the total extent of the object.</p>
Occlusion	<p>If more than 5% of the object is occluded within the bounding box, mark as Occluded. The flag indicates that the object is not totally visible within the bounding box.</p>
Image quality/illumination	<p>Images which are poor quality (e.g. excessive motion blur) should be marked bad. However, poor illumination (e.g. objects in silhouette) should not count as poor quality unless objects cannot be recognised.</p> <p>Images made up of multiple images (e.g. collages) should be marked bad.</p>
Clothing/mud/snow etc.	<p>If an object is 'occluded' by a close-fitting occluder e.g. clothing, mud, snow etc., then the occluder should be treated as part of the object.</p>
Transparency	<p>Do label objects visible through glass, but treat reflections on the glass as occlusion.</p>
Mirrors	<p>Do label objects in mirrors.</p>
Pictures	<p>Label objects in pictures/posters/signs only if they are photorealistic but not if cartoons, symbols etc.</p>

VOC Annual Workshop



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following content:

- Browser tab: The PASCAL Visual Object Cla: x
- Address bar: Not Secure | host.robots.ox.ac.uk/pascal/VOC/
- Page title: The **PASCAL** Visual Object Classes Homepage
- Logo:  The logo features a blue diamond shape composed of smaller squares, with a white figure of a person inside. To the right, the word "PASCAL2" is written in a purple font, with "PASCAL" in a smaller size and "2" in a larger size. Below this, the text "Pattern Analysis, Statistical Modelling and Computational Learning" is written in a smaller, grey font.
- Section header: **The PASCAL VOC project:**
- List of bullet points:
 - Provides standardised image data sets for object class recognition
 - Provides a common set of tools for accessing the data sets and annotations
 - Enables evaluation and comparison of different methods
 - Ran challenges evaluating performance on object class recognition (from 2005-2012, now finished)
- Section header: **Pascal VOC data sets**
- Text: Data sets from the VOC challenges are available through the challenge links below, and evaluation of new methods on these data sets can be achieved through the [PASCAL VOC Evaluation Server](#). The evaluation server will remain active even though the challenges have now finished.

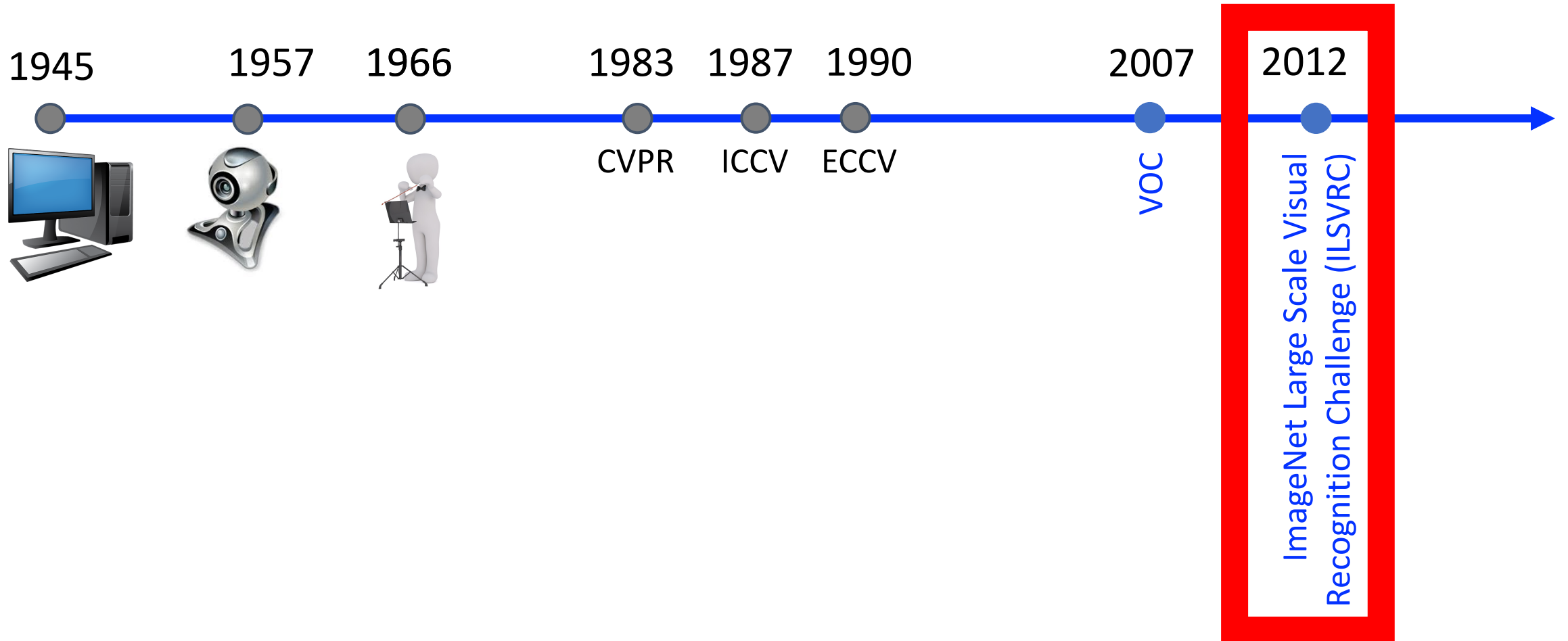
<http://host.robots.ox.ac.uk/pascal/VOC/>

VOC: Datasets Evolved

The table below gives a brief summary of the main stages of the VOC development.

Year	Statistics	New developments	Notes
2005	Only 4 classes: bicycles, cars, motorbikes, people. Train/validation/test: 1578 images containing 2209 annotated objects.	Two competitions: classification and detection	Images were largely taken from existing public datasets, and were not as challenging as the flickr images subsequently used. This dataset is obsolete.
2006	10 classes: bicycle, bus, car, cat, cow, dog, horse, motorbike, person, sheep. Train/validation/test: 2618 images containing 4754 annotated objects.	Images from flickr and from Microsoft Research Cambridge (MSRC) dataset	The MSRC images were easier than flickr as the photos often concentrated on the object of interest. This dataset is obsolete.

Object Detection Datasets



ILSVRC

“ILSVRC follows in the footsteps of the PASCAL VOC challenge... which set the precedent for standardized evaluation of recognition algorithms in the form of yearly competitions.”

ILSVRC

1. Category Selection

- 200 ImageNet classes which:
1) exclude synset overlap
2) exclude object classes too “big” in the image
3) are basic-level categories
4) backward compatible: VOC

Class name in PASCAL VOC (20 classes)	Closest class in ILSVRC-DET (200 classes)
aeroplane	airplane
bicycle	bicycle
bird	bird
<i>boat</i>	<i>watercraft</i>
<i>bottle</i>	<i>wine bottle</i>
bus	bus
car	car
cat	domestic cat
chair	chair
<i>cow</i>	<i>cattle</i>
<i>dining table</i>	<i>table</i>
dog	dog
horse	horse
motorbike	motorcyle
person	person
<i>potted plant</i>	<i>flower pot</i>
sheep	sheep
sofa	sofa
train	train
tv/monitor	tv or monitor

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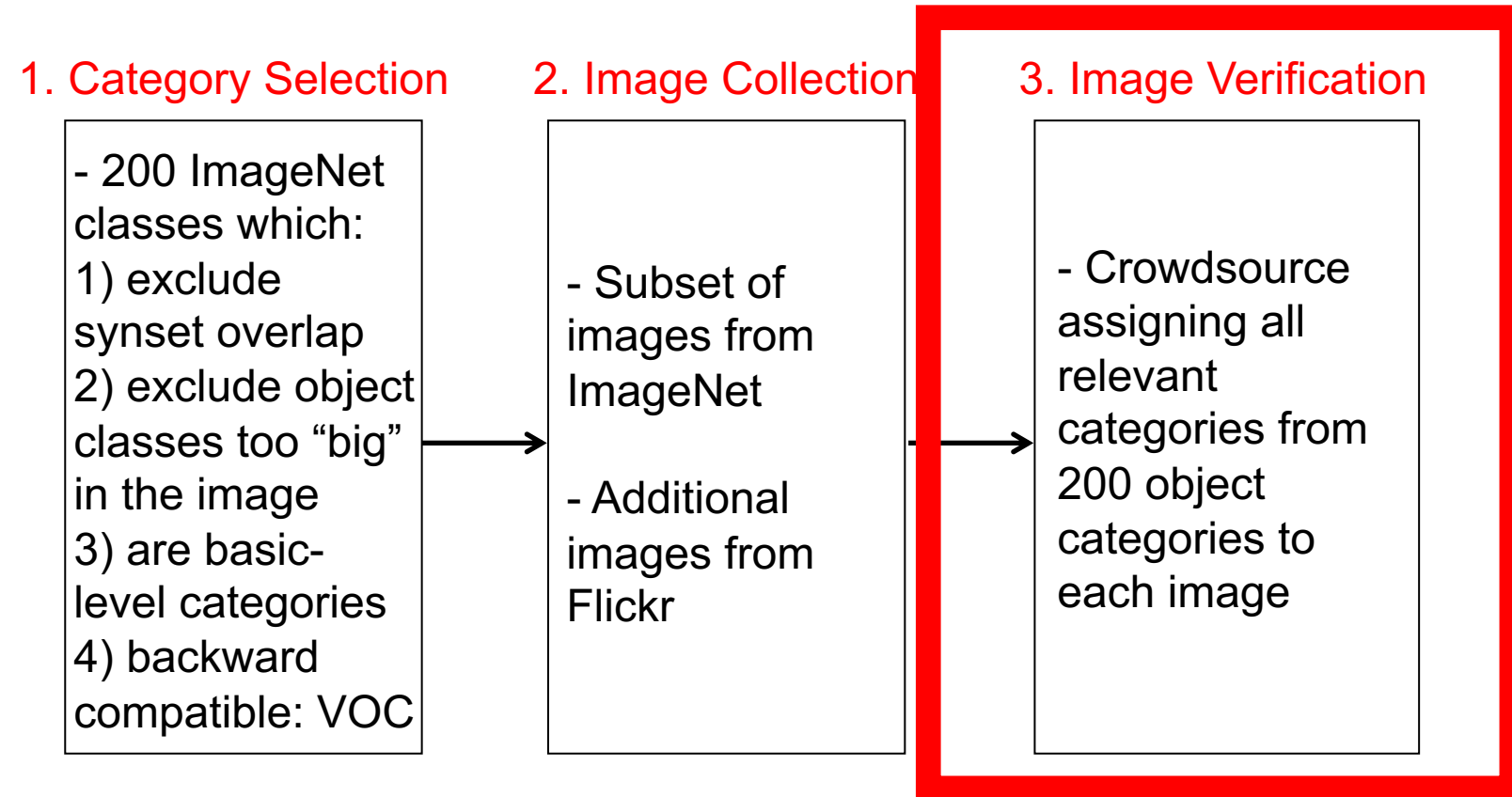
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- Additional images from Flickr

ILSVRC



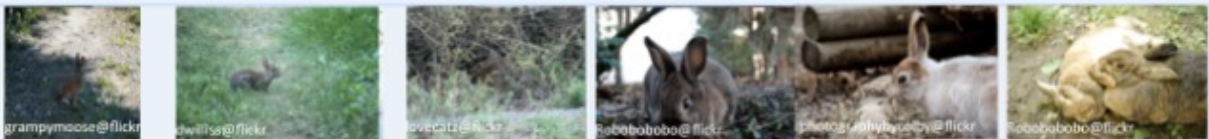
Recall from ImageNet: Object Presence Labeling

Identify images which contain object categories
Requester: VLab
Qualifications Required: None


Reward: \$0.01 per HIT HITs Available: 1 Duration: 30 minutes

Main Instructions


Good Examples
(mouse over to enlarge):



Bad Examples (COMMON MISTAKES)



Please click on the images that contain **rabbit**



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< page 1 of 6 > Submit Submit button will be enabled on the final page.

Olga Russakovsky, Jia Deng, Hao Su, Jonathan Krause, Sanjeev Satheesh, Sean Ma, Zhiheng Huang, Andrej Karpathy, Aditya Khosla, Michael Bernstein, Alexander C. Berg, Li Fei-Fei , IJCV 2015

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3. Image Verification

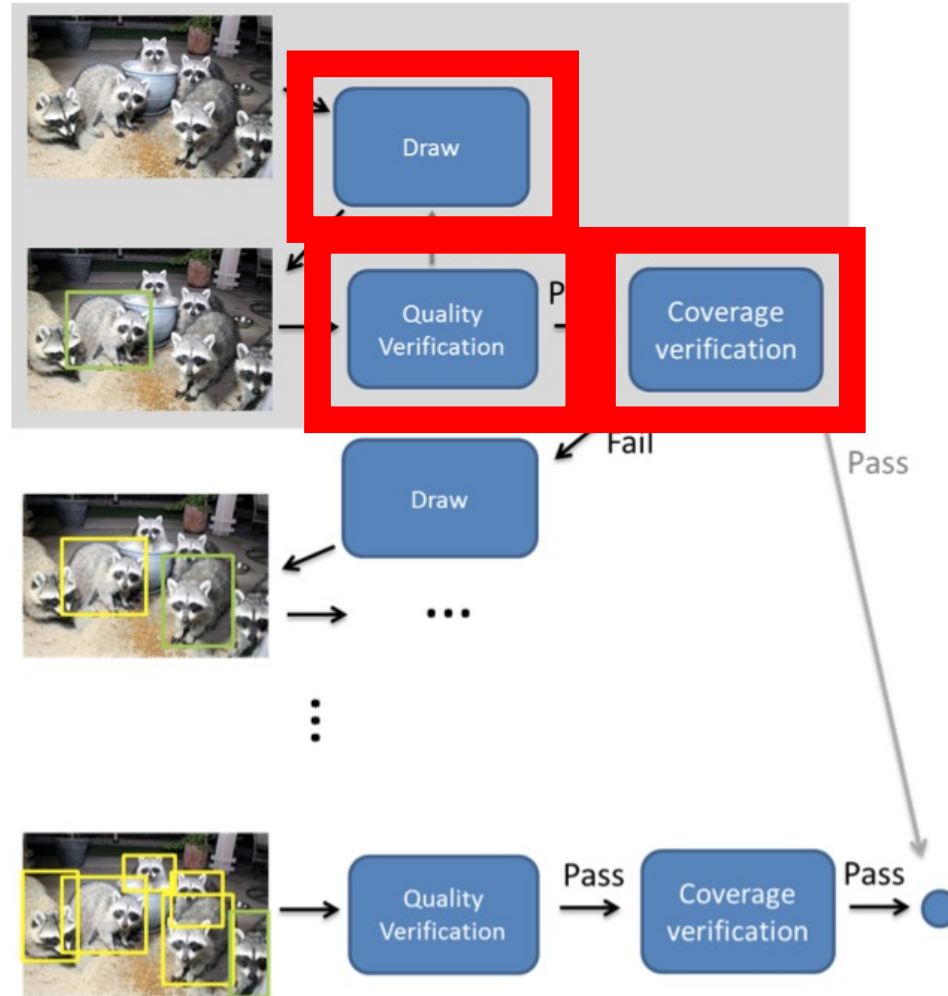
- Crowdsourcing assigning all relevant categories from 200 object categories to each image

4. Image Annotation

- Crowdsourcing demarcating a bounding box around EVERY instance of every object category

ILSVRC: Efficient Object Localization

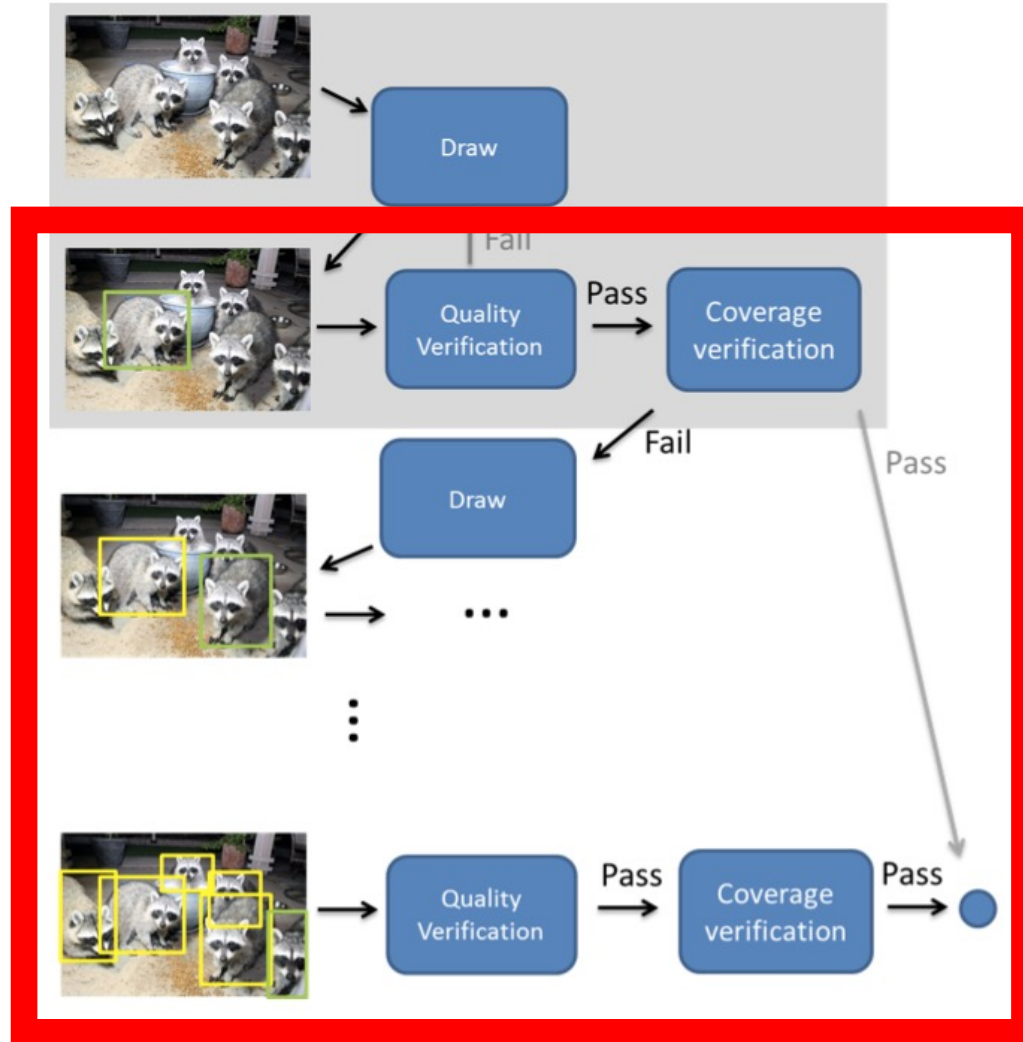
- 3 Tasks:



Idea: each task has fixed and predictable amount of work

ILSVRC: Efficient Object Localization

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ILSVRC: Drawing Task

Main | **Instructions with examples** | Look up "balloon" in Wikipedia | in Google

Draw a box around **balloon**: large tough nonrigid bag filled with gas or heated air



Draw a bounding box around the following object in the image:

balloon: large tough nonrigid bag filled with gas or heated air

Instructions:

- Include all visible parts and draw as tightly as possible
- **If there are multiple instances, pick only ONE (any one).**
- **Do NOT draw on the instances that already have bounding boxes.**

[SEE INSTRUCTIONS WITH EXAMPLES](#)

Check here if there's NO balloon in this image or if every instance already has a bounding box.

(Optional) Enter any comment you have:

ev NO. 1

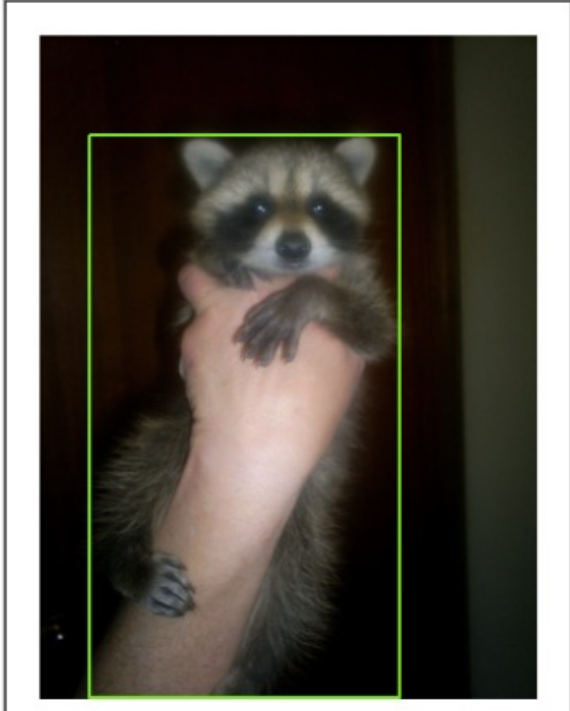
Images in total. 0 left. This is a preview. Please **accept it first.**

Drag the red corners to adjust the box or click 'clear box' to start over.

ILSVRC: Quality Verification Task

Main [Instructions with examples](#) [Look up "raccoon" in Wikipedia](#) [in Google](#)

Answer questions about **"raccoon, racoon: an omnivorous nocturnal mammal native to North America and Central America"** in the image.



[SEE INSTRUCTIONS WITH EXAMPLES](#)

Question: Is the **GREEN** bounding box good? A good bounding box must meet ALL the conditions below:

- It contains one instance of **raccoon, racoon: an omnivorous nocturnal mammal native to North America and Central America**
- It includes all visible parts and is drawn as tightly as possible.
- It contains ONLY ONE instance of "raccoon, racoon" if there are multiple instances

GOOD (default)

BAD

(Optional) Enter any comment you have:


NO. 2

11 images in total. 9 left. 'Submit' button will show up in the final page.

ILSVRC: Coverage Verification Task

[Main](#) [Instructions with examples](#) [Look up "bird" in Wikipedia](#) [in Google](#)

Draw a box around **bird**: *warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrates characterized by feathers and forelimbs modified as wings* [SEE INSTRUCTIONS WITH EXAMPLES](#)



Question: Does every instance of "bird" have a bounding box (either green or yellow)?

YES, everyone has a bounding box.
 NO, not everyone has a bounding box.

(Optional) Enter any comment you have:

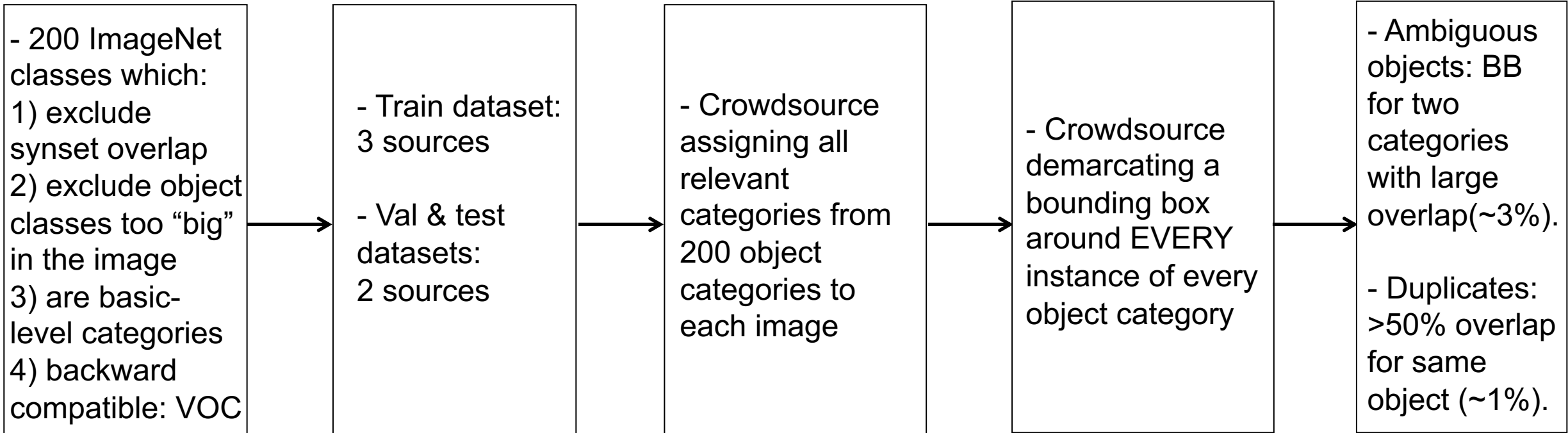
NO. 4

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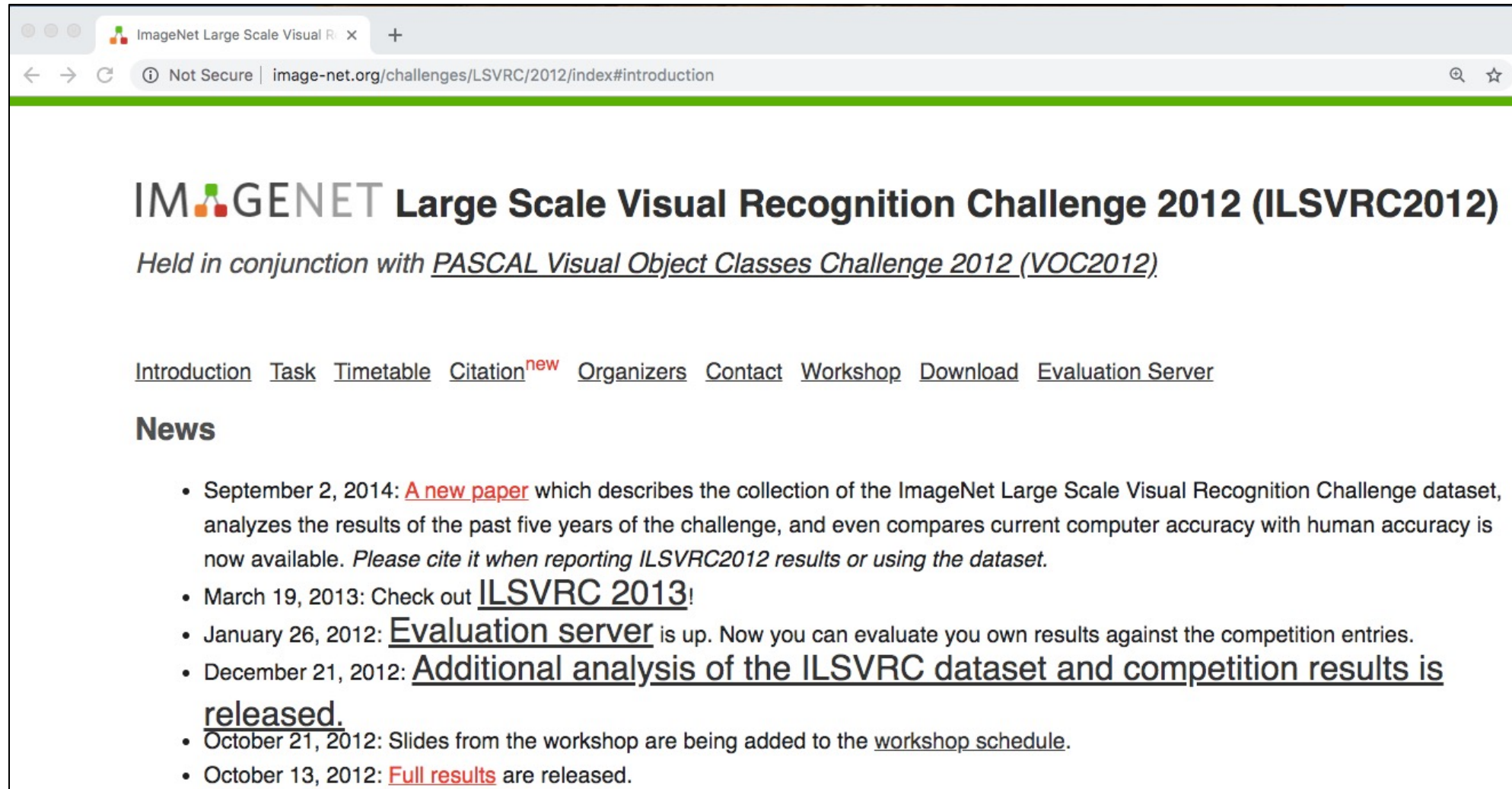
Answer the questions on the right! That is it!

ILSVRC

1. Category Selection 2. Image Collection 3. Object presence labeling 4. Object localization 5. Author Review



Object Detection: ILSVRC Annual Workshop



ImageNet Large Scale Visual R... x +

← → ↻ ⓘ Not Secure | image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2012/index#introduction 🔍 ☆

IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge 2012 (ILSVRC2012)

Held in conjunction with PASCAL Visual Object Classes Challenge 2012 (VOC2012)

[Introduction](#) [Task](#) [Timetable](#) [Citation^{new}](#) [Organizers](#) [Contact](#) [Workshop](#) [Download](#) [Evaluation Server](#)

News

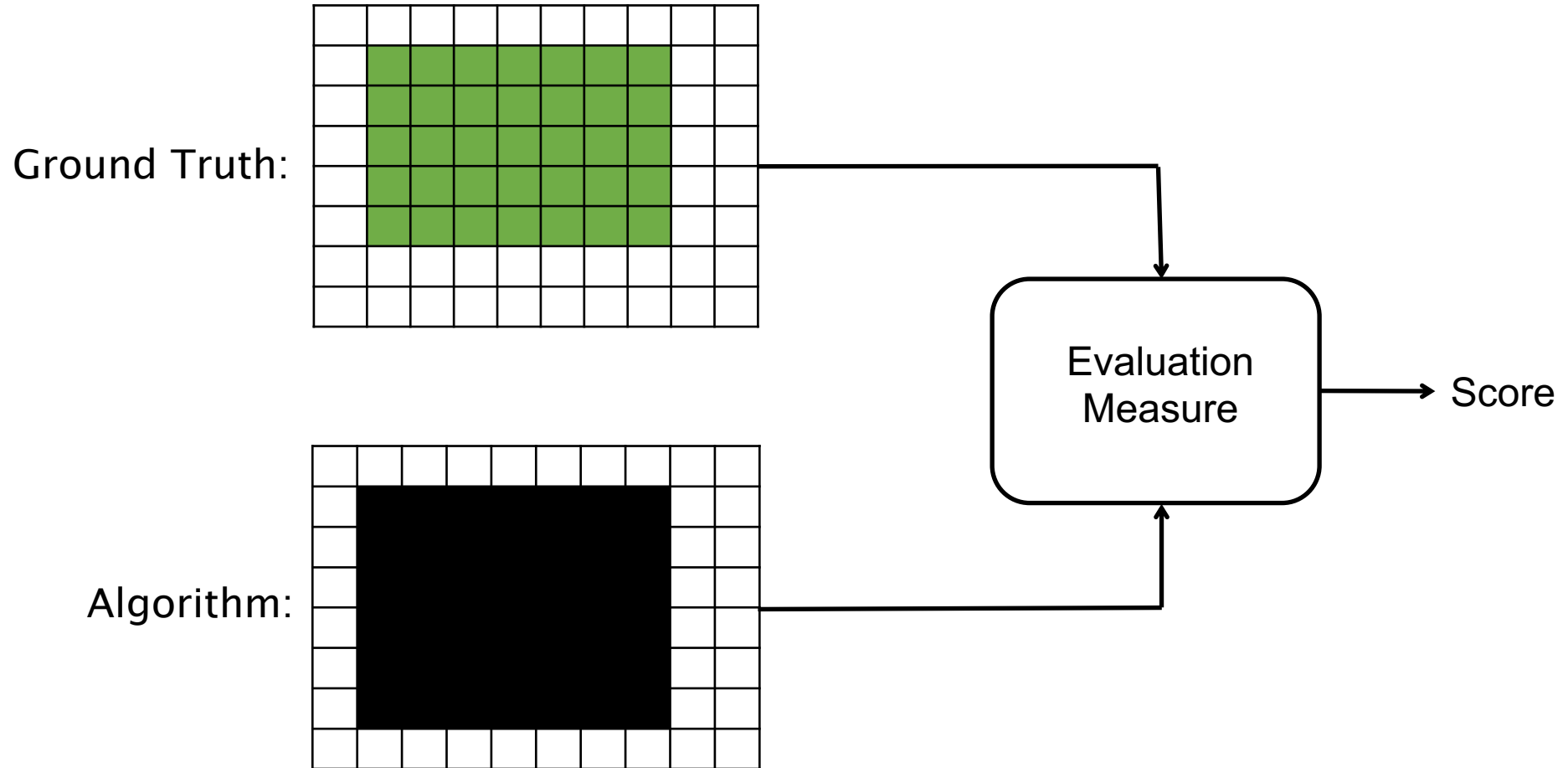
- September 2, 2014: [A new paper](#) which describes the collection of the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge dataset, analyzes the results of the past five years of the challenge, and even compares current computer accuracy with human accuracy is now available. *Please cite it when reporting ILSVRC2012 results or using the dataset.*
- March 19, 2013: Check out [ILSVRC 2013!](#)
- January 26, 2012: [Evaluation server](#) is up. Now you can evaluate you own results against the competition entries.
- December 21, 2012: [Additional analysis of the ILSVRC dataset and competition results is released.](#)
- October 21, 2012: Slides from the workshop are being added to the [workshop schedule](#).
- October 13, 2012: [Full results](#) are released.

<http://image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2012/index#introduction>

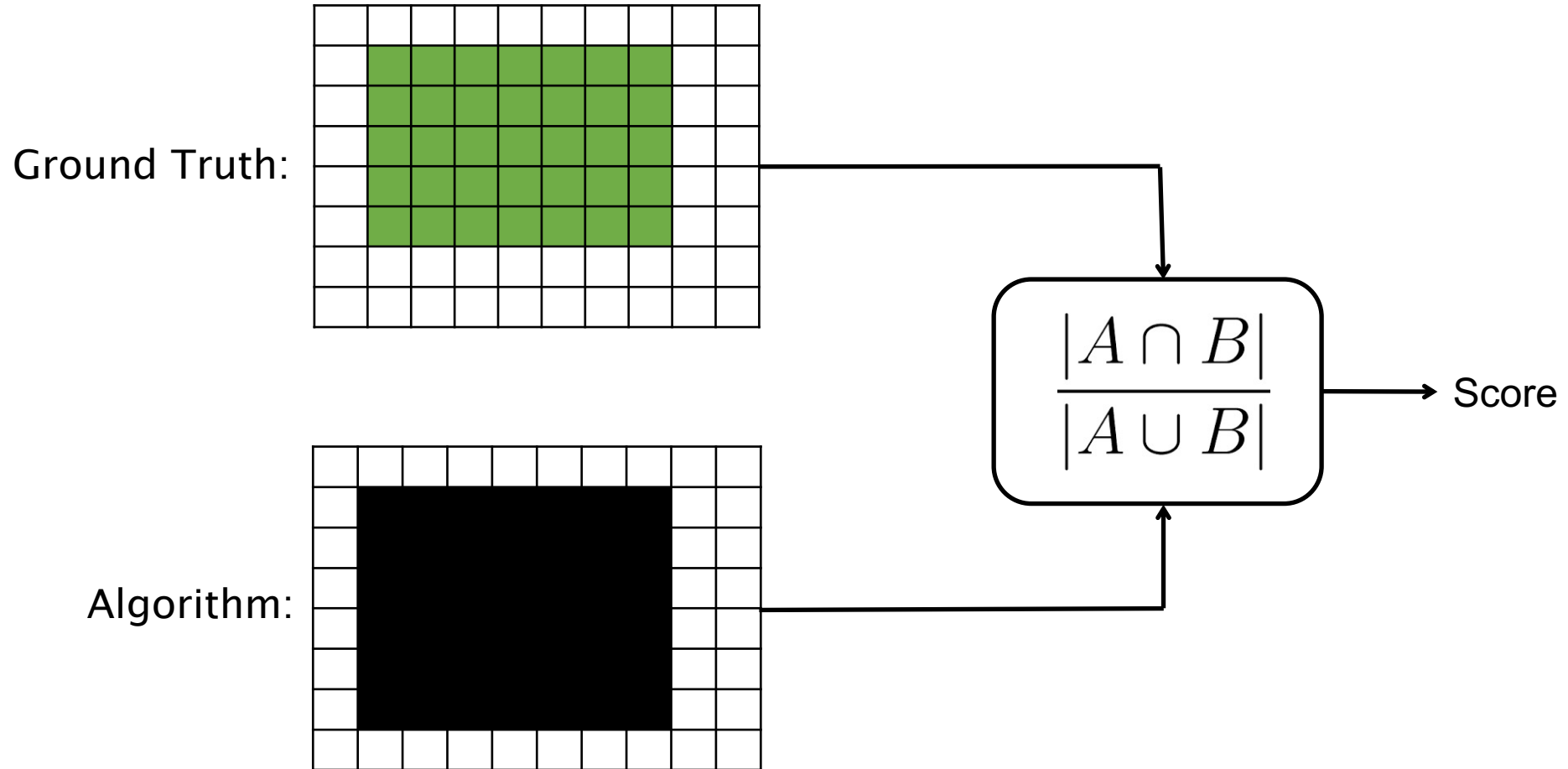
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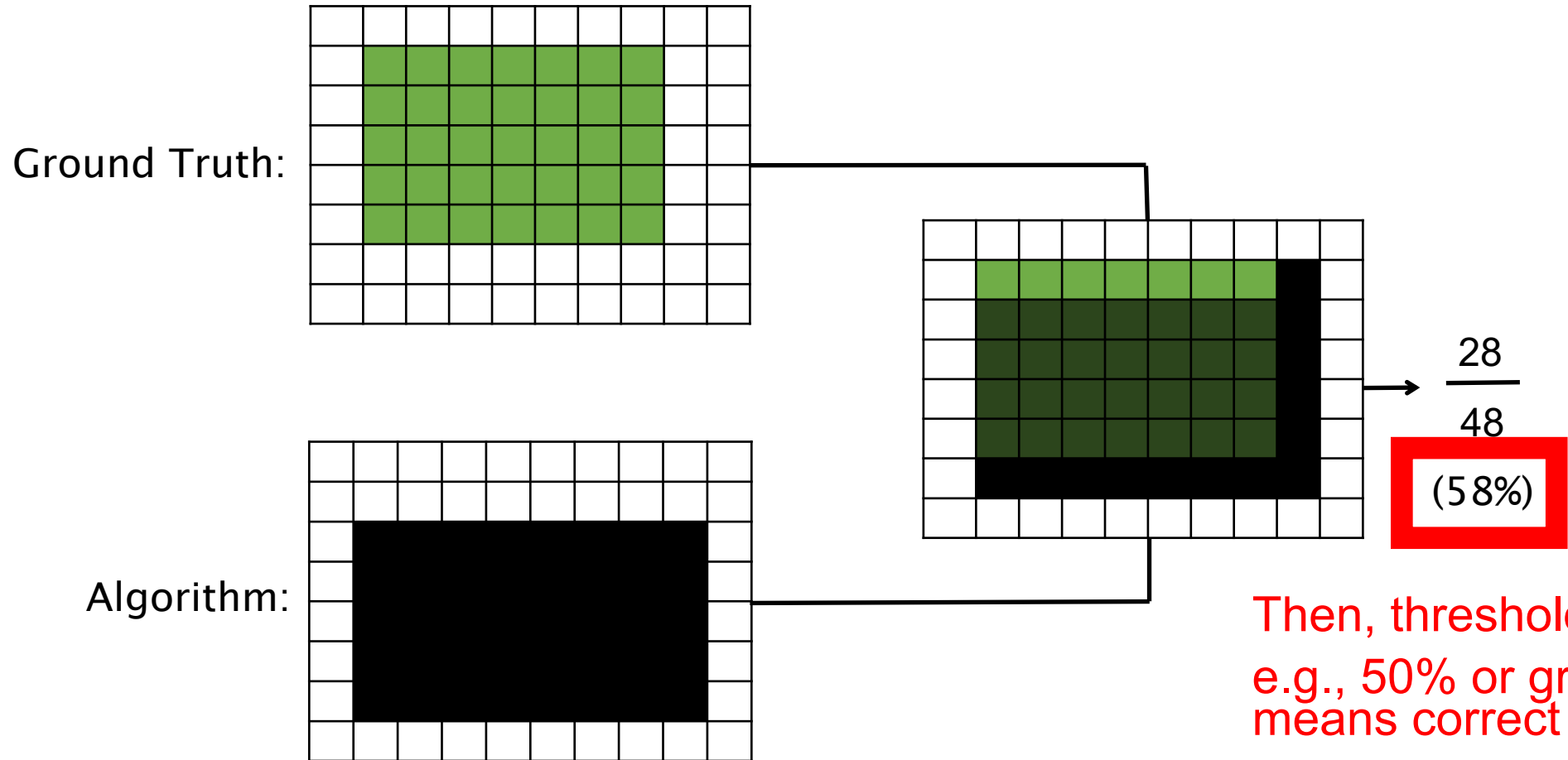
Single Object



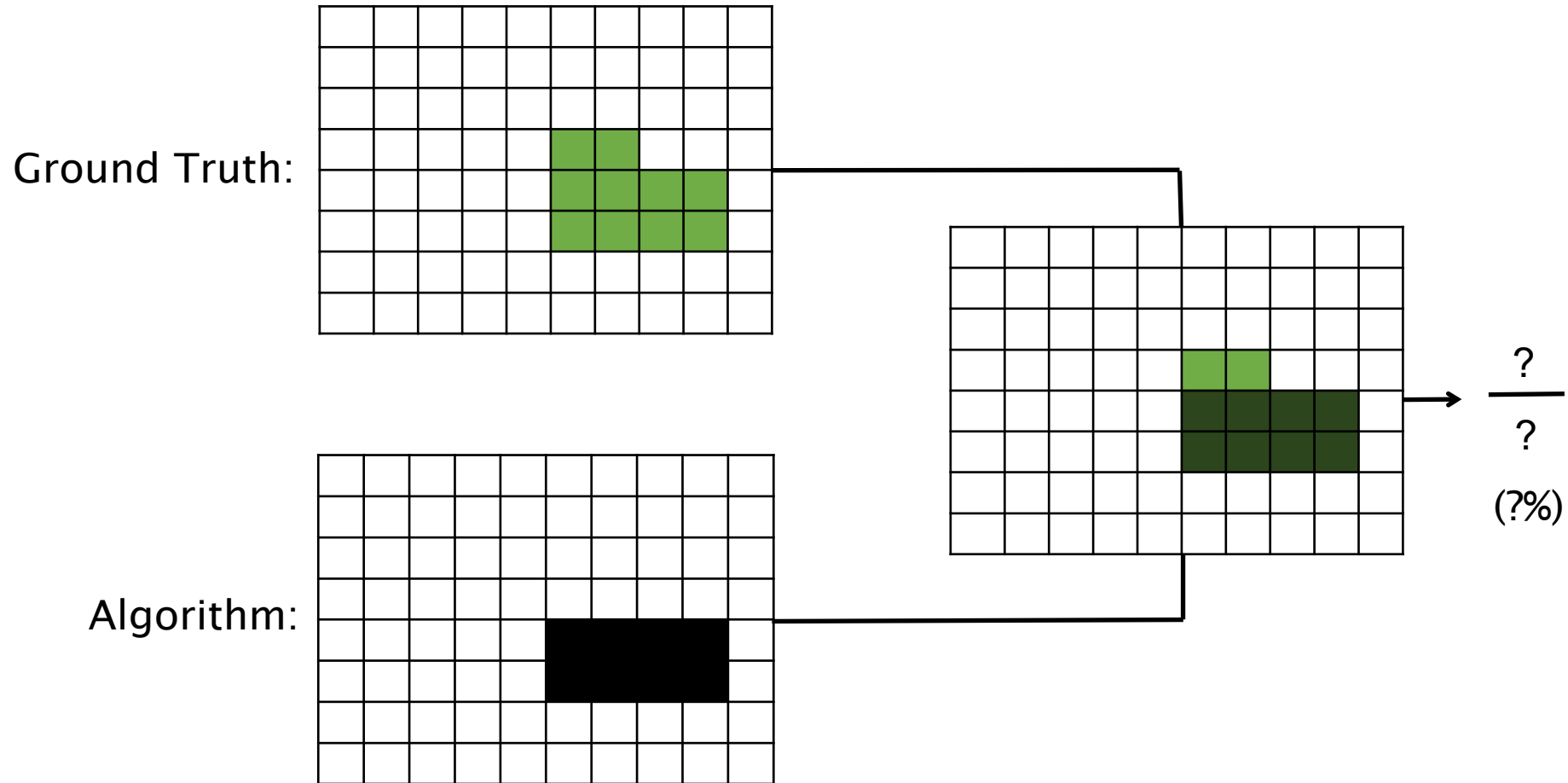
Single Object: IoU (Intersection Over Union)



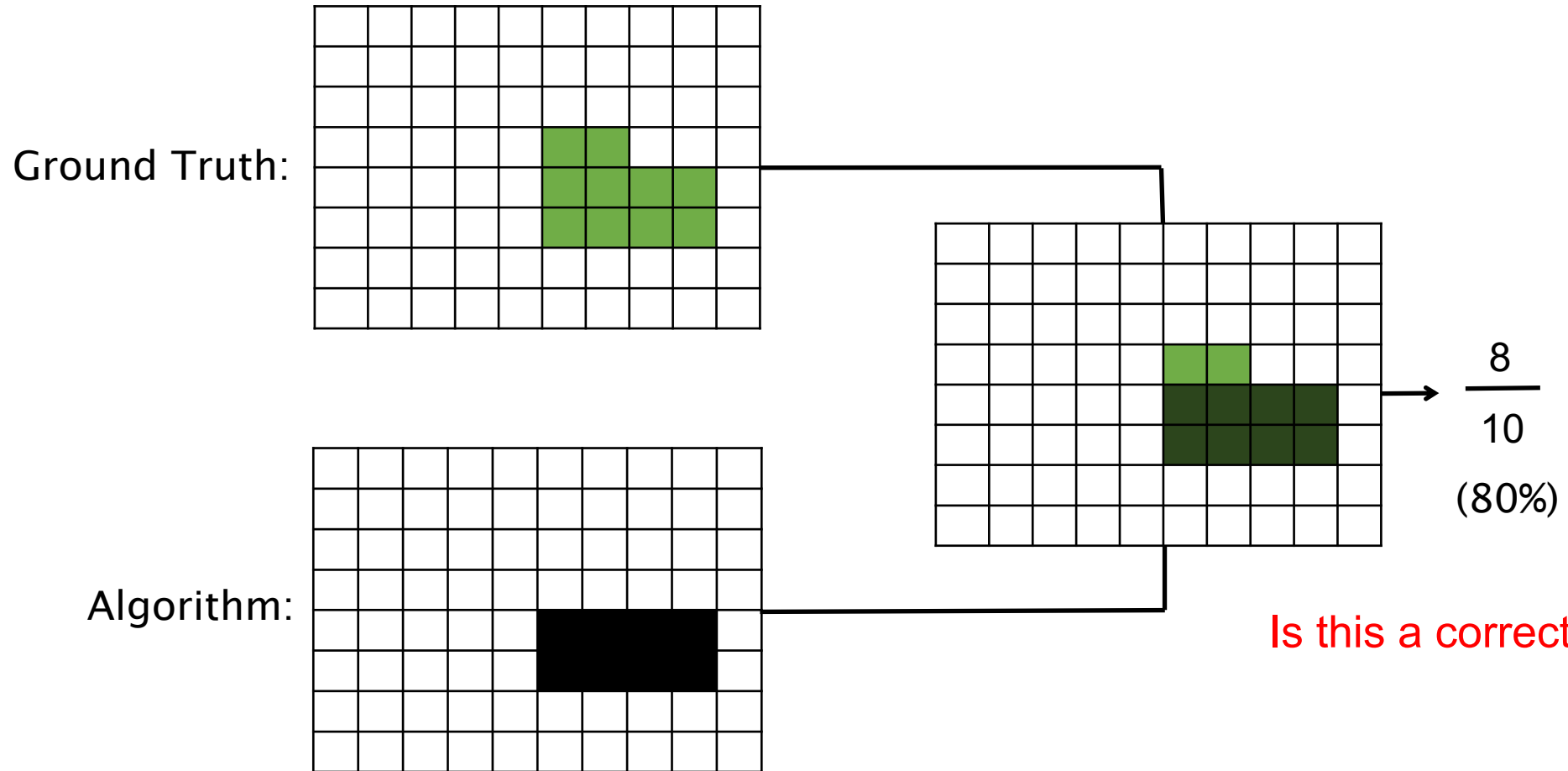
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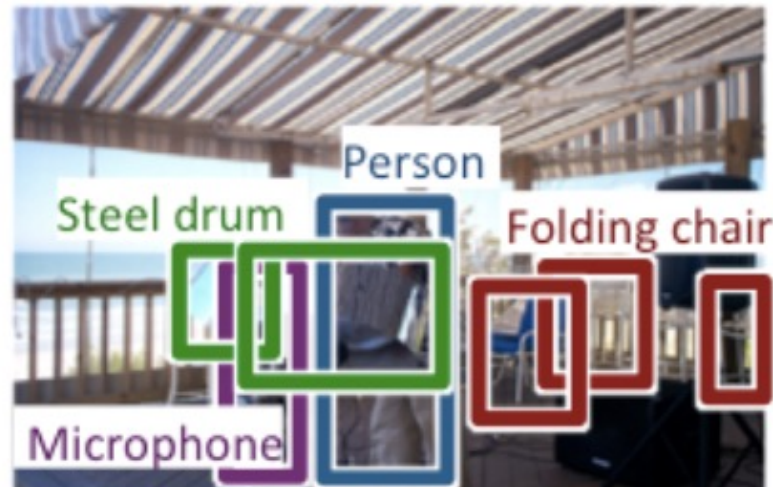


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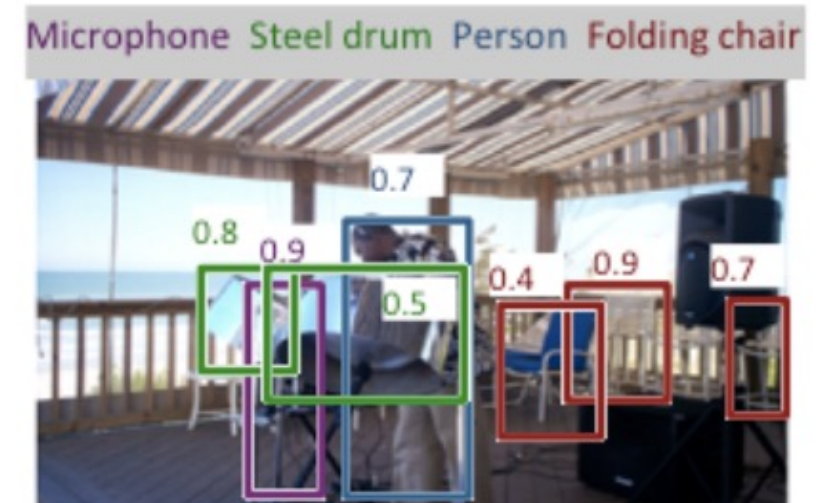


Multiple Objects

- For each object class (e.g., cat, dog, ...), compute:
 - Precision: fraction of correct detections from all detections by a model when using a 0.5 IoU



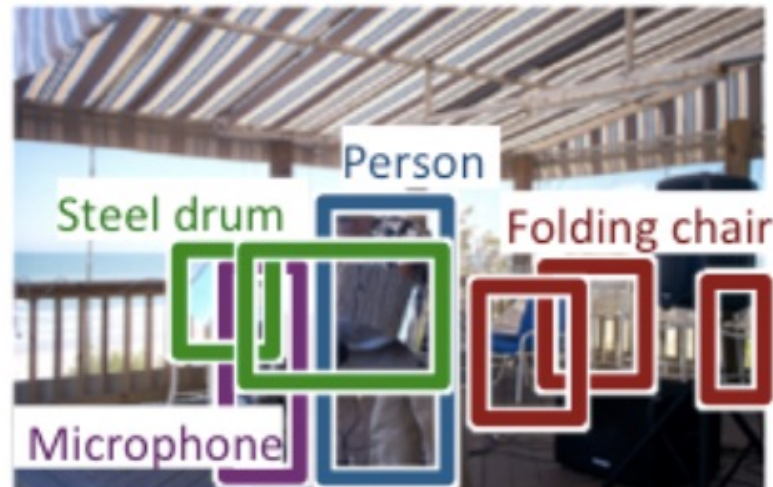
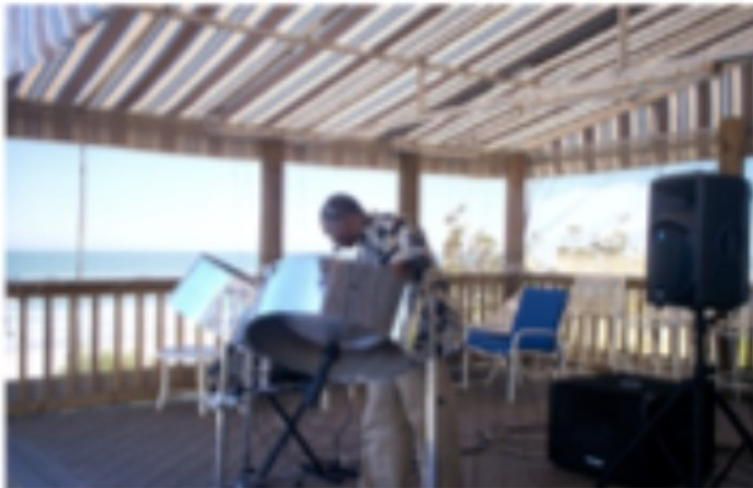
Ground truth



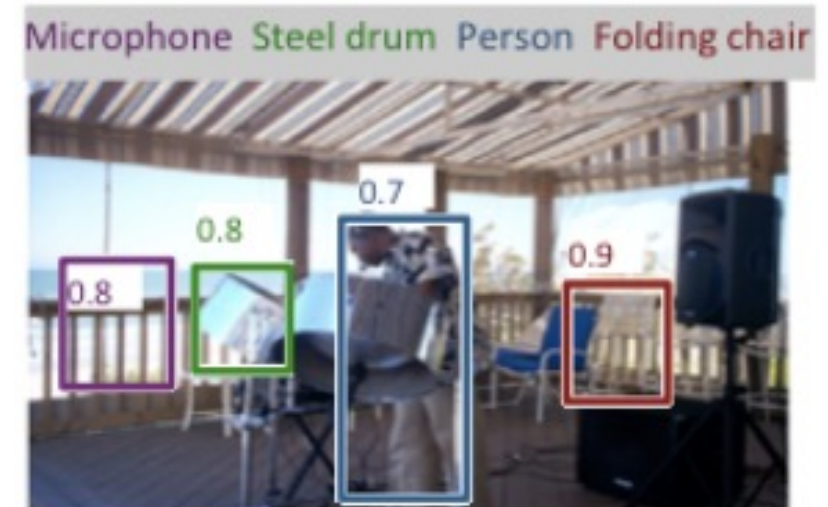
Algorithm BB + its Confidence

Multiple Objects

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Ground truth



AP: 0.0 0.5 1.0 0.3

Multiple Objects

- For each object class (e.g., cat, dog, ...), compute:
 - Precision: fraction of correct detections from all detections by a model when using a 0.5 IoU
- Then compute mean precision across all object classes

What are limitations of this evaluation approach?

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Object Detection With Sliding Windows

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?

Person?



Image Source: <https://yourboulder.com/boulder-neighborhood-downtown/>

Object Detection With Sliding Windows

Car?
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Car?



Image Source: <https://yourboulder.com/boulder-neighborhood-downtown/>

Object Detection With Sliding Windows



Would this detect the person?

Object Detection With Sliding Windows



Would this detect the car?

Image Source: <https://yourboulder.com/boulder-neighborhood-downtown/>

Object Detection With Sliding Windows

Need to test windows of different scales...

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Object Detection With Sliding Windows



Would this
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Object Detection With Sliding Windows

Need to test windows of different aspect ratios...

Person?
Person?
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Person?



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Object Detection With Sliding Windows

Would this aspect ratio detect the person?



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Object Detection With Sliding Windows

- Sliding window approach: must test different locations at...
 - Different scales
 - Different aspect ratios (e.g., person vs car or car taken at different angles)
- Number of regions to test? (e.g., 1920 x 1080 image)
 - Easily can explode to hundreds of thousands or millions of windows
- Key limitation
 - Very slow!

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A dark gray background with a central circular glow. The glow is a gradient from light gray in the center to dark gray at the edges. The text "The End" is centered within this glow. The entire scene is framed by a white film strip border with rectangular sprocket holes on the left and right sides.

The End