POWER PLATFORM & CUSTOM VISION

HOW TO BRING AI TO THE BUSINESS

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WHO AM I?



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SUMMARY

- Introduction
- App Components: Custom Vision
- App Components: Power Platform
- Demo
- Other User Cases: AI + Power Platform
- Conclusions





INTRODUCTION



CONTEXT

- Low Code platforms are gradually changing the way the business applications are developed.
- These platforms provide a set of tools and connectors to easily integrate apps with data sources or other apps. Code reuse allows to cut development times and costs, and allows even faster business transformation.
- Standard AI features can now be added to a low code app without extensive knowledge of machine learning algorithms and without the costs of a dedicate AI infrastructure.









CASE STUDY: THE FASHION MARKET

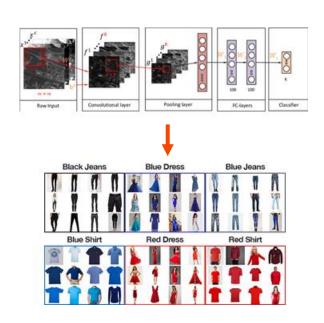




TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH 1/2

- Behind the scenes, the app works using Computer Vision algorithms that solve an image classification problem.
- Any catalogue of products (images) can be used as a training set for a supervised algorithm that takes as input the picture uploaded by the user and returns its classification.

The approach can be **applied wherever images are involved** (retail market, fashion, luxury, homeware, jewelry, etc).

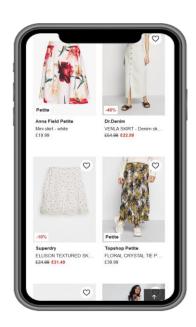




TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH 2/2

- The front-end app can be developed as a standard web-app or as a Power App
- Power App offers a connector to easily integrate Custom Vision models with the device camera. Many features such as image collection, web searching and geolocalization can be added to the app with almost zero code.

All data can be collected in a **Power BI** report to **analyze** and **understand** market trends

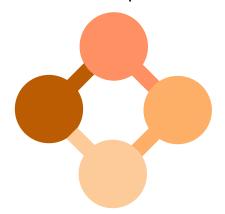




THE GOALS

Finding alternatives to out-of-stock or expensive items

Find if similar items were present in an old collection



Suggesting items similar to what the consumer already has

Finding out if the good is an original product or a fake

Al used within Business Applications has to add features and services in order to make the work simpler

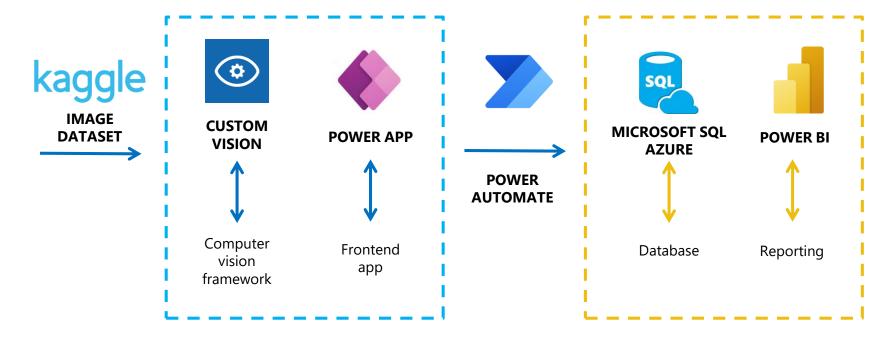


APP COMPONENTS: CUSTOM VISION



APP COMPONENTS

Microsoft Azure offers all the services needed to develop the app:

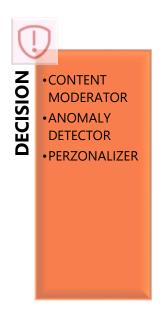


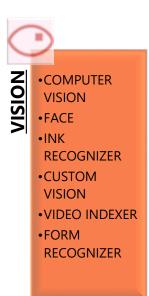


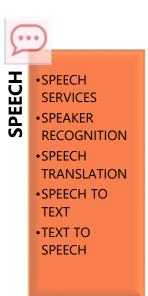
AZURE COGNITIVE SERVICES



- Azure Cognitive Services are APIs, SDKs and services available to **help developers build intelligent applications** without having direct AI or data science skills. They enable developers to **easily add cognitive features into their applications**
- The goal of this Cognitive Services is to help developers create applications that can see, hear, speak, understand and even begin to reason













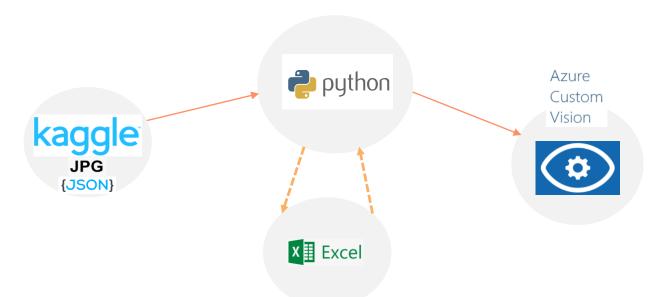
MODEL STRUCTURE

- Use of fashion product images dataset taken from Kaggle.com with multiple label attributes describing the product in JSON format
- Create a **Python script** to build an image classification model using the Custom Vision SDK. Around **30.000** images are uploaded and 40 tags chosen to train the model
- Since classes of tags should not be too unbalanced, a data refinement step has been developed in R Studio before uploading the images and relative tags on Custom Vision
- The model is mapped with an **Excel file** that selects and standardizes all tags to receive in output



TAGS MAPPING

The **Kaggle** dataset contains both *jpg* file for images and *json* file for tags. The images are **uploaded** and **correctly tagged** on Custom Vision by Python code. It read tags from json files and **correctly mapped them** with the standardized tags specified in an Excel table.



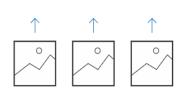


Custom Vision receives back **40 standardized tags** useful for our app.



CUSTOM VISION

A customizable web service that learns to recognize specific content in imagery



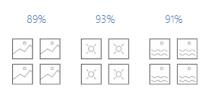
UPLOAD IMAGES

Upload your own labeled images, or use Custom Vision Service to quickly tag any unlabeled image



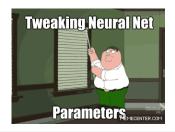
TRAIN

Use your labeled images to **teach Custom Vision** the concepts you want it to learn



EVALUATE

Use simple REST API calls to quickly tag images with your new custom computer vision model



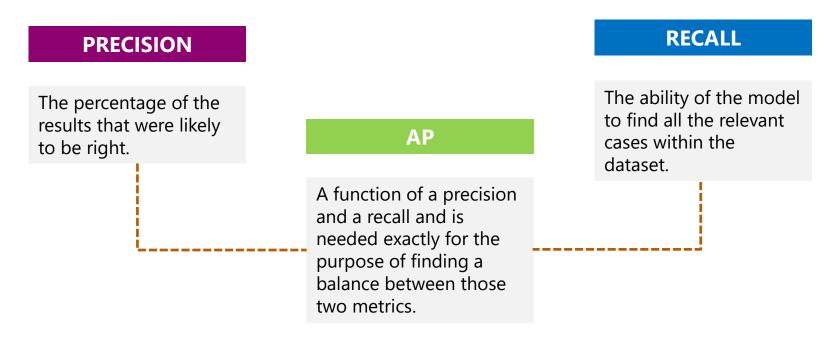
ACTIVE LEARNING

Images evaluated through your custom vision model become part of a feedback loop you can use to keep improving your classifier



MODEL PERFORMANCE

Three adequate **metrics** to evaluate the model: a **k-fold cross validation** estimates how accurately will a classifier perform in the real case scenario.





LICENSING

There are two tiers of keys for the Custom Vision service.

You can sign up for a **FO (free)** or **SO (standard)** subscription through the Azure portal.

Factor	F0	S0				
Projects	2	100				
Training images per project	5.000	100.000				
Predictions / month	10.000	Unlimited				
Tags / project	50	500				
Iterations	10	10				
Min labeled images per Tag, Classification (50+ recommended)	5	5				
Min labeled images per Tag, Object detection (50+ recommended)	15	15				
Max tags per classification image	100	100				



APP COMPONENTS: POWER PLATFORM

POWER APP

STEP 1

A dropdown menu will appear by clicking on the downward arrow. Here you can choose which camera you prefer (front/back).

STEP 3

Here is your picture! Once you're satisfied with your picture, push the «Recognize image» button

STEP 5

These are the tags resulted from the image identification and in which percentage each tag has been recognized.



STEP 2

Choose the article of clothing you want to detect and tap on the left square once the image is well centered

STEP 4

Once pushed the «Recognize image» button, your image will be analyzed.

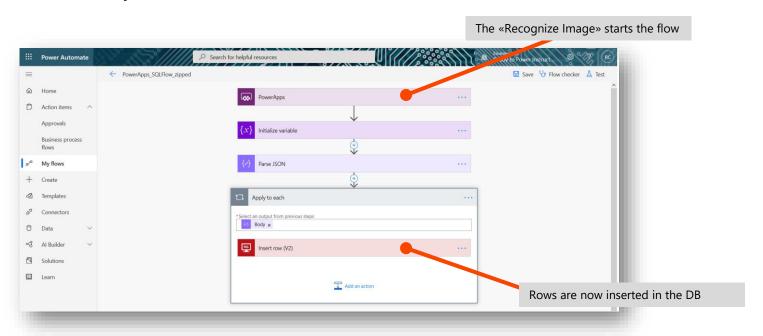
STEP 6

You have many possibilities of web searching in order to look for your favourite article of clothing.



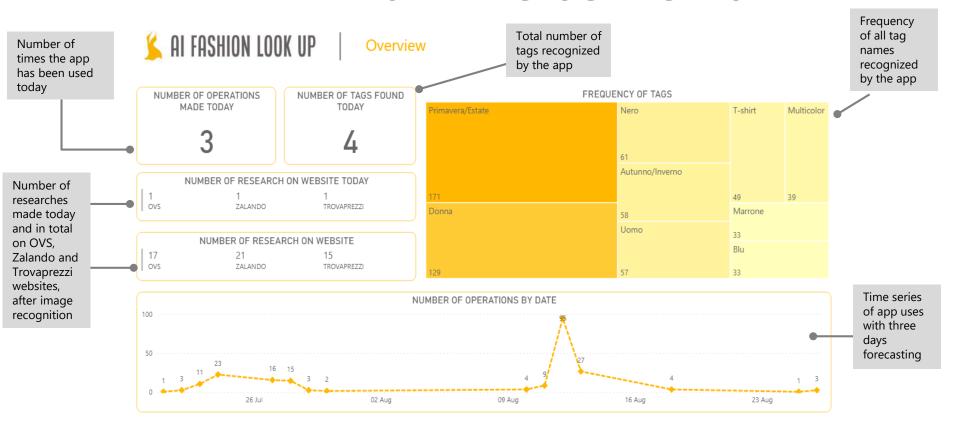
POWER AUTOMATE

Power Automate easily saves Custom Vision results on a Azure SQL Server DB



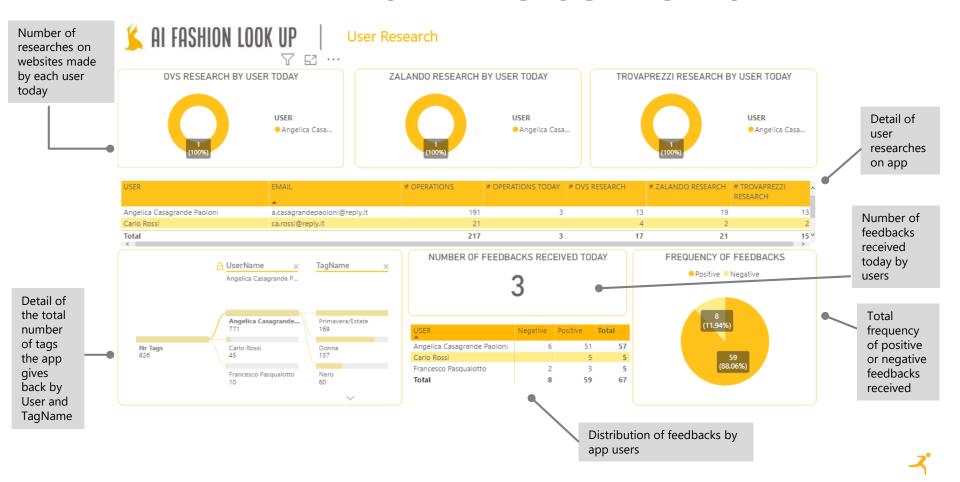


REAL TIME REPORTING USING POWER BI





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TAG	Autunno/Inverno	Bianco	Blu	Borsa	Cappello	Donna	Gonna	Grigio	Marrone	Multicolor	Nero	Primavera/Estate	Rosso	Shorts	T-shirt	Unisex	Uomo	Vestito	Total
Arancione						1						4	2		2		2		4
Autunno/Inverno	58	5	15	3	6	20	1	4		3	26	49	7	9	20	8	39	3	58
Biancheria da notte			1			3	1				2	3						1	3
Biancheria Intima						1						1		1					1
Bianco	5	14			5	3					- 1	11		1	4		5	1	14
Blu	15		33	4	6	14	1				2	17			10	6	8	1	33
Blu marino	3		2			3					3	3			1		2		5
Borsa	3		4	12		7					4	8	1			4			12
Cappello	6	5	6		13							12				6	6		13
Donna	20	3	14	7		129	14	7	33	39	37	116	4	21	8		6	15	129
Giacca		1																	1
Giallo	4					1						5			4		4	1	5
Gonna	1		1			14	14			12	- 1	14						1	14
Grigio	4					7		7			3	6					3		7
Jeans	3		3			3						1							3
Leggings			1			1					1	1							1
Marrone						33			33			33							33
Multicolor	3					39	12			39	19	39		19				4	39
Nero	26	1	2	4		37	1	3		19	61	54		24	15	4	22	3	61
Pantaloni						1				1		1							1
Primavera/Estate	49	11	17	8	12	116	14	6	33	39	54	171	12	26	32	8	50	15	171
Rosa	3					5				1		5	3					4	5
Rosso	7			1		4						12	13		6		9	3	13
Scarpe	2	1	1			1					1	3					3		4
Shorts	9	1				21				19	24	26		26			6		26
T-shirt	20	4	10			8					15	32	6		49		30		49
Tuta	4					3		3			4	4					4		4
Unisex	8		6	4	6						4	8				11	6		11
Total	58	14	33	12	13	129	14	7	33	39	61	171	13	26	49	11	57	15	215



GDPR COMPLIANCE FOR APPS

As a mobile app publisher, it's necessary to be **aware of how to obtain, transfer, store, and handle the user data**. You should take some time to understand exactly how you currently **ensure data security for users** and what you can do to **improve** this in order to have a **GDPR-compliant mobile app**.





DEMO

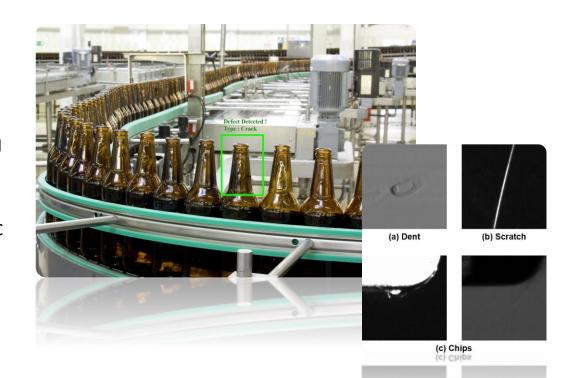


OTHER USES CASES AI + POWER PLATFORM

MANUFACTURING

DEFECT RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED INSPECTION

- Custom Vision could be used to create and automate a visual defect recognition system for the manufacturing process
- CV models could be trained using images of defects detected over the years
- Power Apps could add other logic to defect recognition (multiple angles ecc.)
- Power Automate could trigger an alert when a defect is found



HEALTHCARE

EMBEDDING AI INTO DIAGNOSTICS

- The opportunity of using Deep Learning technologies to analyze images and recognize patterns opens up the <u>potential</u> for creating models to **help doctors diagnose specific diseases** faster and more accurately
- Custom Vision can be used to spot signs of a certain disease in medical images such as MRIs, x-rays, and CT scans
- Embedding AI into diagnostics removes opportunities for human error and saves clinical laboratories time and money

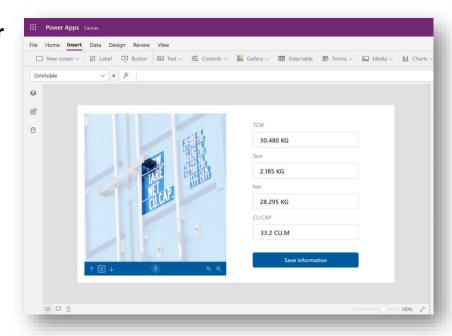




LOGISTICS

CONTAINER & PACKAGE DETAILS RECOGNITION

- Custom Vision can be used to read container and packages details (es. origin, destination, weight and volume details, ...)
- These details can automatically fill a form in a Power App to easily collect the data coming from the operators
- Several AI features are available directly from Power App using AI Builder





AI BUILDER

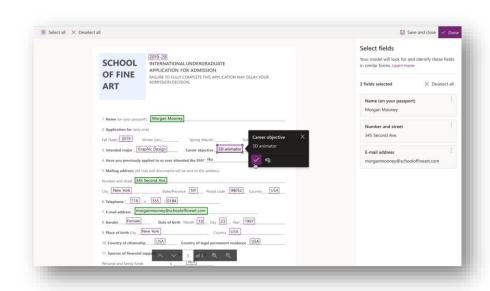
Power Platform provides a set of features to add AI to Power App and Power Automate

Components that use **prebuilt AI models** that are ready to use right away:

- Business card reader
- Receipt processor component
- Text recognizer component

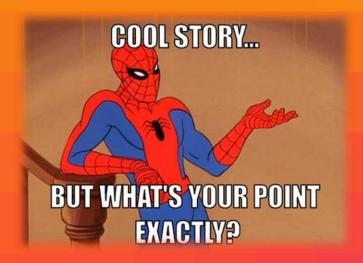
Components that use **custom AI models** that you build and train:

- Form processor
- Object detector





CONCLUSIONS





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- Despite the **hype** for Machine Learning and AI, sometimes it's **difficult** to find use cases or suitable applications in order to bring AI to the business.
- Low-code platforms cut out development times and costs, allowing easier and faster transformation processes than traditional programming. The ROI is estimated in 188% in three years.
- Low-code platforms allow building cognitive intelligence into applications without having direct artificial intelligence (AI) or data science skills or knowledge.
- Al can simplify and automatize all business processes, from production lines to administration.
- Start from the problem, and not from the solution!



THANK YOU



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