Machine Learning in practice

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Our Plan

- Examples of successful application of Machine Learning (ML)
- ▶ But wait!? What is ML?
- ▶ Why is it so popular now?
- ▶ What is ML's impact on business?
- ► How can you adopt it in your company?





Receipt no: 50

Date: 30/09/2014 10:12:31

Opened By: admin
Insert By: admin
Payment Type: Cash

QTY	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
2x	Chicken Chop(unit)	12.00	24.00
1x	redeem1(unit)	2.00	2.00
1x	yeos(unit)	1.80	1.80
1x	king fried rice(unit)	12.00	12.00
	Total		39.80
	Discount		0.00
	Grand		39.80
	Extra Disc		0.00
	Srvc ()	the Wallet	0.00
	Inclusive Of Tax		2.25
	(6.00%)		
	Round Up		0.00
	Nett		39.80
	Tendered		0.00
***********	Change	•••••	-39.80

Machine learning in accounting

- ▶ Who issued this receipt?
- ▶ When was it issued?
- What is the total of the receipt?
- ▶ What is the tax of the receipt?
- What is the time needed to answer these questions for 1 image?
- What if you need to answer these questions for several million images per day?

What is machine learning

Building a mathematical model by observing historical data (training data) in order to make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed to perform the task.

▶ Predict the price for house with size 2000 ft.

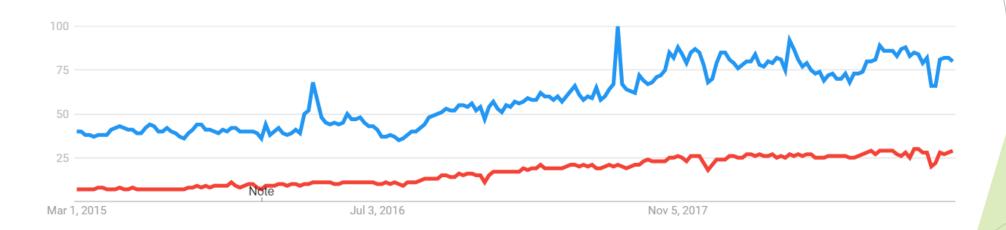
Self driving cars:

► https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRE97JTQ1Nc

Square Feet (x)			
1400			
1600			
1700			
1875			
1100			
1550			
2350			
2450			
1425			
1700			

Why now?

► Google trends Machine learning vs Artificial intelligence



Why now?

- ML and Al Algorithms exists since 1940 why suddenly so popular?
 - ▶ The amount of data!!!
 - ► Facebook 2013: **350 Million!** images per day
 - Computational speed
 - Software tools and frameworks

How big of a technology shift is ML/AI for businesses?

- It's like electrification.
 - It took about two or three decades for electrification to pretty much change the way the world was.
- However, implementing machine learning system is hard!
 - More complex than traditional software development.
 - Best practices and traditional approaches yet to be defined.
 - Requires people with good software development skills AND machine learning knowledge.

How a company can adopt AI/ML?

- Identify a problem that your customers or your workers have.
- Write down a solution for that problem that you'd like to have.
- Work backwards and figure out what kind of automation might support this goal.
- Work back to whether there's the data you need, and how you collect it.

Example

- Let's try it out.
 - Context You own Human Resources agency.
 - Problem Your clients are not happy. The agency connects its clients with candidates who do not fit the jobs' descriptions. Companies and job candidates, both, waste time.
 - ► Solution ?
 - ▶ Data ?

Building Machine Learning system

- Phases of machine learning
 - Collecting data
 - Generating features
 - ► Learning models
 - Evaluating models
 - Publishing models
 - Responding

