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# Future-Proofing Testers in the Age of AI, ML, and Bots

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### Agenda



- DevOps Transformation & Trends
- Defining AI & ML
- Top AI and ML Algorithms
- AI/ML Tool Landscape for Mobile and Web
- The Role and Skills Required for Testers
- Q & A



### PAST vs. The FUTURE





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### **Defining Al**



Artificial Intelligence: Sometimes called machine intelligence, is intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and other animals. In computer science AI research is defined as the study of "intelligent agents": any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goals. The term "artificial intelligence" is applied when a machine mimics "cognitive" functions that humans associate with other human minds, such as "learning" and "problem solving".



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### **Defining ML**



An algorithm which gives a statistic answer to welldefined question based on previous results



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### **Basic Terms**



- Supervised classification- collection of examples with the current answers
  - Recognize person based on tagged photo album
  - Recommendations system (Netflix) match a movie based on proviruses choices



• Training data - List of organized input-output data (Future and label)



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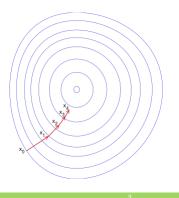
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# Future and label well-defined question – is she going to like a song previous results = data set Data Point She Likes Those SHE DOESN'T LIKE

### **Top Used ML/AI Techniques: Gradient Descent**



• <u>Gradient Descent</u> - Is a first-order iterative optimization algorithm for finding the minimum of a function. To find a local minimum of a function using gradient descent, one takes steps proportional to the *negative* of the gradient (or approximate gradient) of the function at the current point. If instead one takes steps proportional to the *positive* of the gradient, one approaches a local maximum of that function; the procedure is then known as **gradient ascent**.



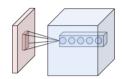
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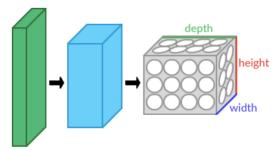
### **Top Used ML/AI Techniques: Convolutional Networks**



• Convolutional Networks - In machine learning, a convolutional neural network (CNN, or ConvNet) is a class of deep, feed-forward artificial neural networks, most commonly applied to analyzing visual imagery. The convolutional layer is the core building block of a CNN. The layer's parameters consist of a set of learnable filters, that have a small receptive field, but extend through the full depth of the input volume. During the forward pass, each filter is convolved across the width and height of the input volume, computing the dot product between the entries of the filter and the input and producing a 2-dimensional activation map of that filter. As a result, the network learns filters that activate when it detects some specific type of feature at some spatial position in the input.



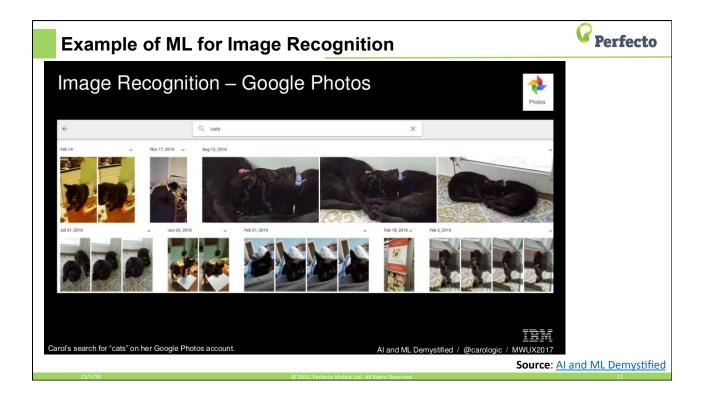
Neurons of a convolutional layer (blue), connected to their receptive field (red)



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### Top Used ML/AI Techniques: Lookahead & Backchaining



- <u>Lookahead & Backcahining</u>- are the leading models for decision making as part of machine learning.
  - **Backchaining** is a technique used in teaching oral language skills, especially with polysyllabic or difficult words. The teacher pronounces the last syllable, the student repeats, and then the teacher continues, working backwards from the end of the word to the beginning.

For example, to teach the name '**Kinsbruner**' a teacher will pronounce the last syllable: -**ner**, and have the student repeat it. Then the teacher will repeat it with --**bru-** attached before: -**bru-ner**, after which all that remains is the first syllable: **Kins-bru-ner**.

 The lookahead-based algorithms is used for induction of decision trees, allowing tradeoff between tree quality and learning times.

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### **Example of ML for Sound Recognition**





Source: Al and ML Demystified

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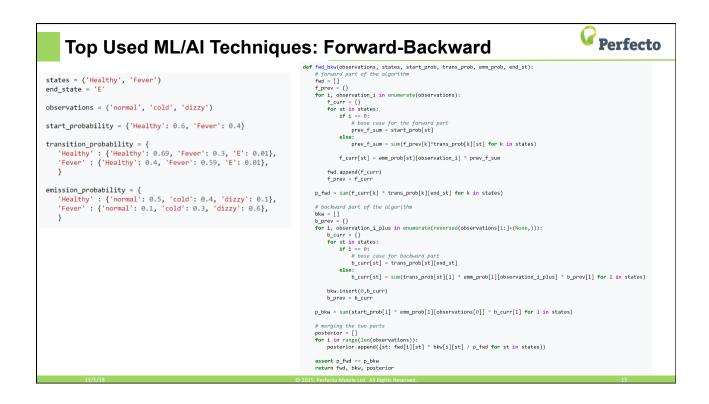
Forward Backward – In an inference algorithm that computes the posterior marginals of all hidden state variables given a sequence of observations. The algorithm makes use of the principle of dynamic programming to efficiently compute the values that are required to obtain the posterior

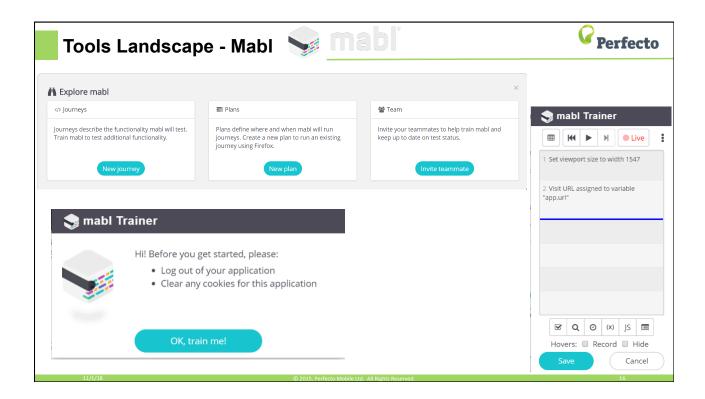
marginal distributions in two passes. The first pass goes forward in time while the second goes backward in time; hence the name forward-backward algorithm.

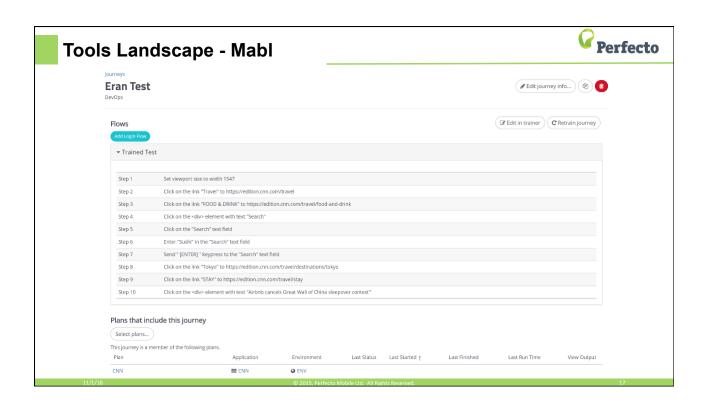
Top Used ML/AI Techniques: Forward-Backward

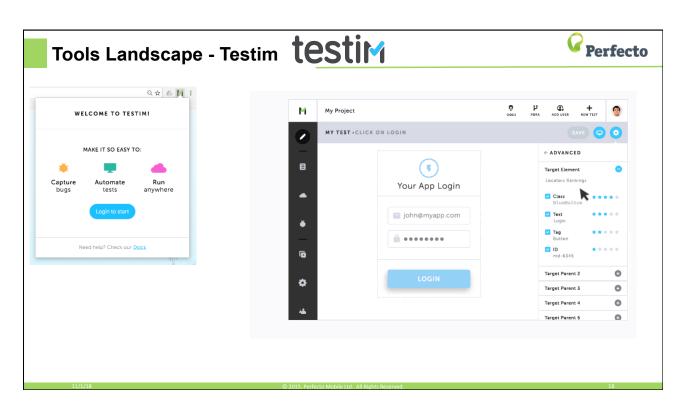
In the first pass, the forward-backward algorithm computes a set of forward probabilities which provide the probability of ending up in any particular state given the first observations in the sequence. In the second pass, the algorithm computes a set of backward probabilities which provide the probability of observing the remaining observations given any starting point. These two sets of probability distributions can then be combined to obtain the distribution over states at any specific point in time given the entire observation sequence.

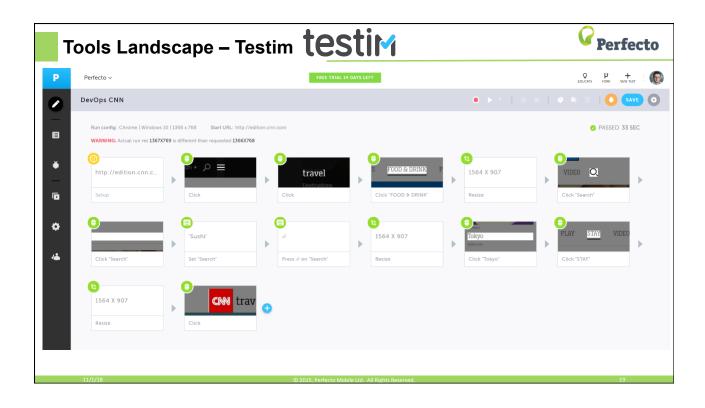
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                print(*line)
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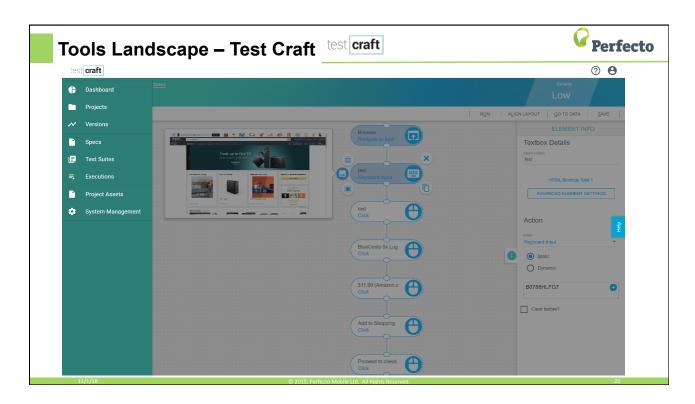


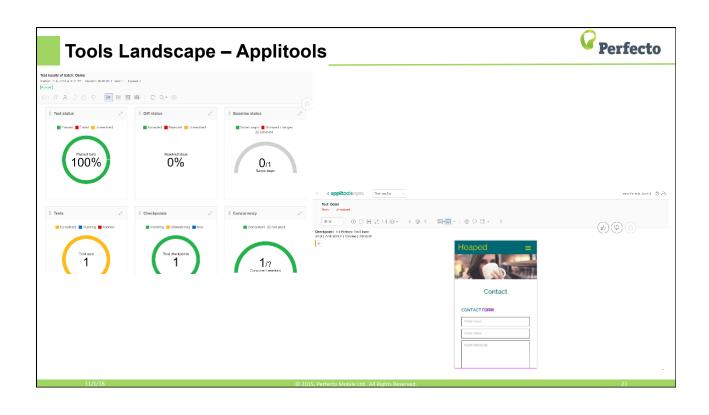


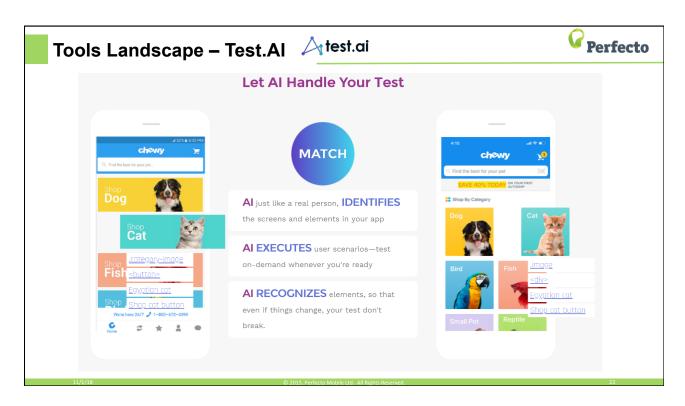


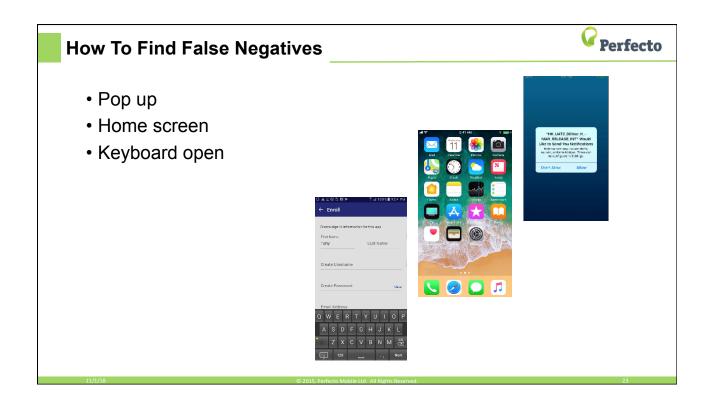


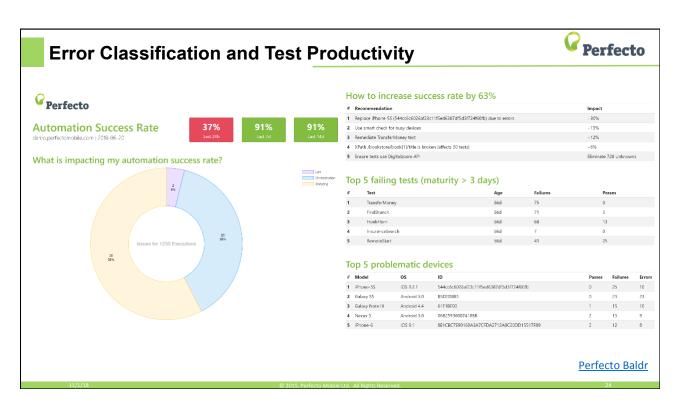












### **Role and Skillset**



- Change in mind set Aid Humans vs. Replacing Humans
- Training on modern ML/AI tools and techniques
- Use the tools to solve complex testing activities
- Keep humans in control of these tools, evolve productivity
- Modify working processes accordingly (Go/No GO criteria?)

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### **Summary**



- Start exploring AI/ML tools today (Dev and Test)
- Clearly (today), AI/ML tools are solving specific rather than holistic problems
- Match AI/ML tools to existing pains and bottlenecks (Automation, analytics)
- Start small and grow (Web, Mobile, Both)
- Calm Down



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