

# Applications of Computer Vision in Image and Video Web Advertising

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#### Outline

Image and Video Adverts on the Web

Understanding Advert Content with Computer Vision

Image Advert Retargeting

Video Advert Summarization

Image Advert Enhancement

Open Research Challenges





## Image and Video Ads on the Web

#### **Display and Video Ads**



Image Creative

Video Creative

Text Creative



#### History: The first banner ad in 1994

#### 1994: AT&T ad on Hotwired appears as one of the 1st banner ads, Click Rate = 44%



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#### Image and Video Ads Online Today

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#### How does the ecosystem benefit from computer vision

Better looking ads - Enhancing, Generating More useful and enjoyable ads - Visual Understanding



More engaged users

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### What can we do with today's computer vision

Understanding the structure of the adverts with vision models

- Topics and Objects
- Text (OCR)
- Brand (logo) and Products
- Faces
- Salient regions



Example: Brand Presence along the video advert

Focus of this talk

#### What can we do with today's computer vision

Allows to do for example:

Adapt creative to different formats

Visual quality improvements

Relevance scoring

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Automatic Retargeting to different aspect ratios



#### Seam Carving for Image Ad Resizing





Aspect Ratio = 6.4

#### Seam Carving Example



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Automatic conversion from landscape to portrait

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## Adaptive Video Cropping





### Video Landscape to Portrait Retargeting



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## **Video Ad Summarization**

Automatic reduction of long video ads to short ones



#### Automatic Creation of Shorter Video Ad Creatives





Convolutional Neural Networks

> Temporal saliency of each frame



#### **Automatic Creation of Shorter Video Ad Creatives**





#### Automatic Creation of Shorter Video Ad Creatives





17 sec video ad

6 sec video ad





## Image Ad Enhancement

Making ads look better on all screens



#### Sharpening and superresolution





Deep Upscaling Neural Network

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#### Sharpening and superresolution





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# **Conclusion and Open Research Challenges**

#### Conclusions

There are a lot of applications for computer vision technology in the digital advertising world

Current technology for understanding image and video creatives can help advertisers deal with all the formats and platforms

However, there are still a lot of research challenges in this space.

#### **Open research challenges**

Some examples:

Modeling temporal saliency in video advertisements

Non-topical understanding - emotion, mood, style, cinematography

Understanding the storyline, visual rhetoric, punch line, climax and other higher level concepts

Generative models for image and video ad creation

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#### Thanks!