

Al Case Study

Recognition of objects in images or How to remove background in 15 seconds?

Project description: Users can upload their product image and have the background removed in 15 seconds, as opposed to hours of manual work in the past.

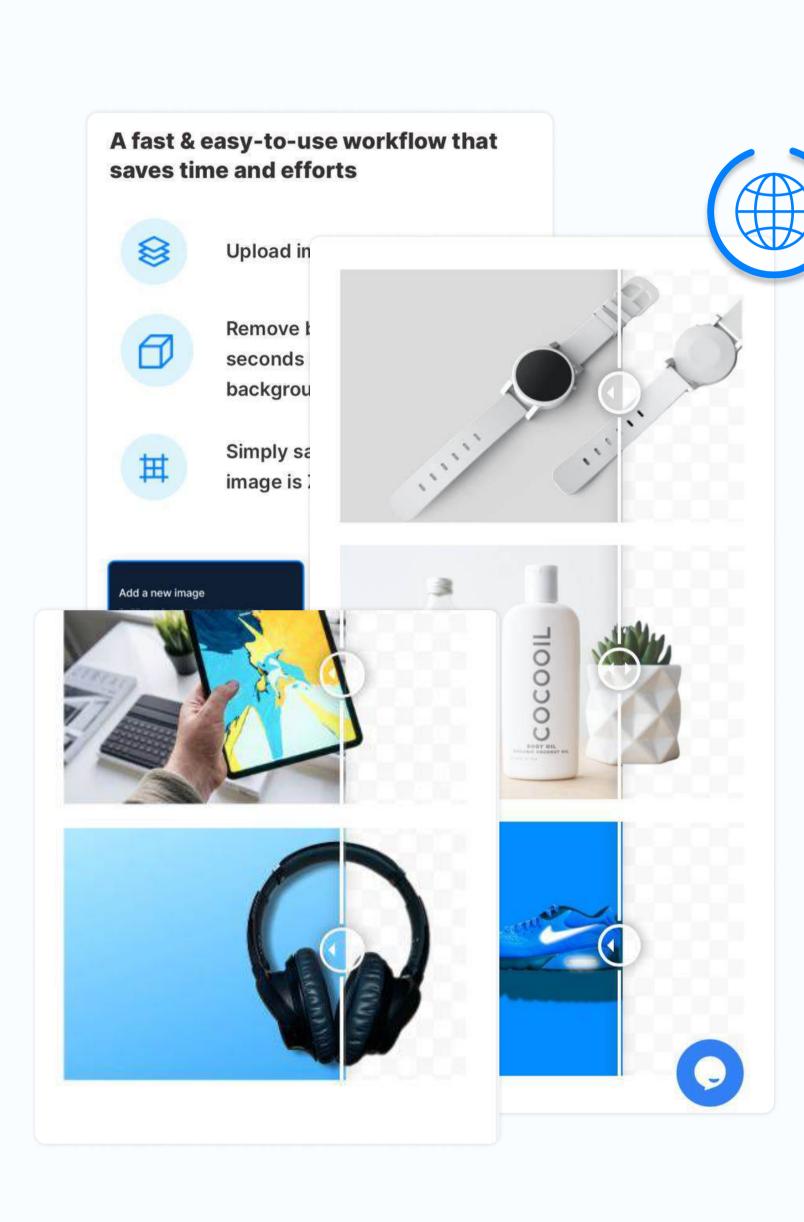
Outcome: a lot of humans no longer need to do boring, tedious work.

Client's request

Our client had several businesses in the retail industry. Selling products online requires high-quality product images, and producing high-quality images involves a ton of effort.

It was expected that the image processing time would be reduced from 20 minutes per image to 2 minutes per image on average, thus allowing sellers to increase their productivity tenfold.





Approach we used:

We used several neural networks for image detection and border refinement.

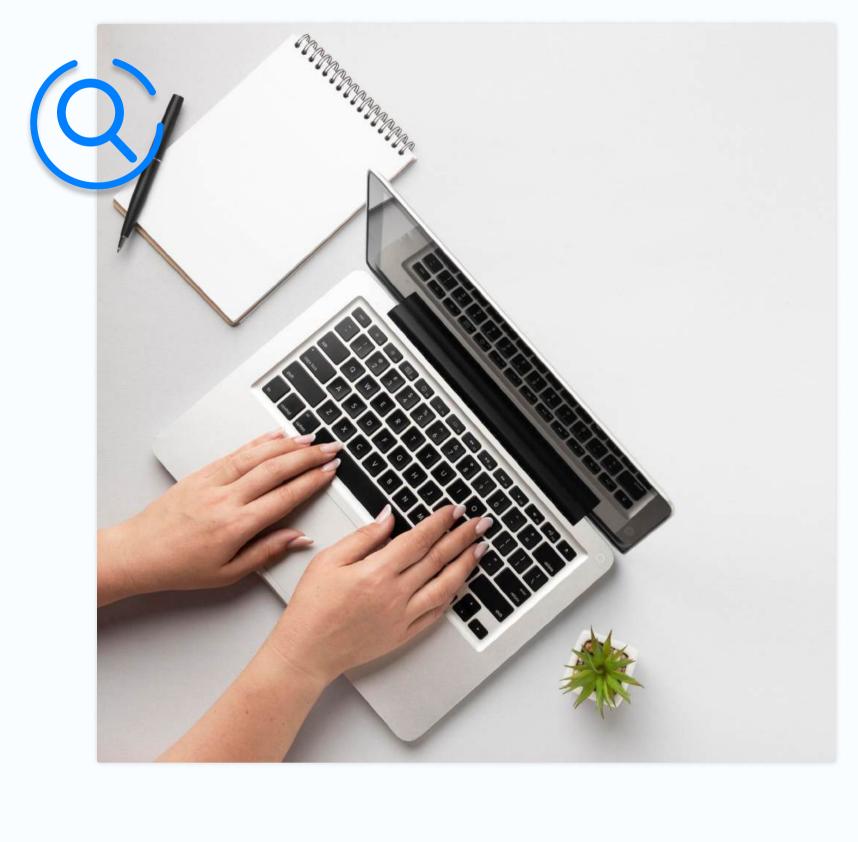
In addition to what was available as open source, we also trained our own models for some specific classes of images.

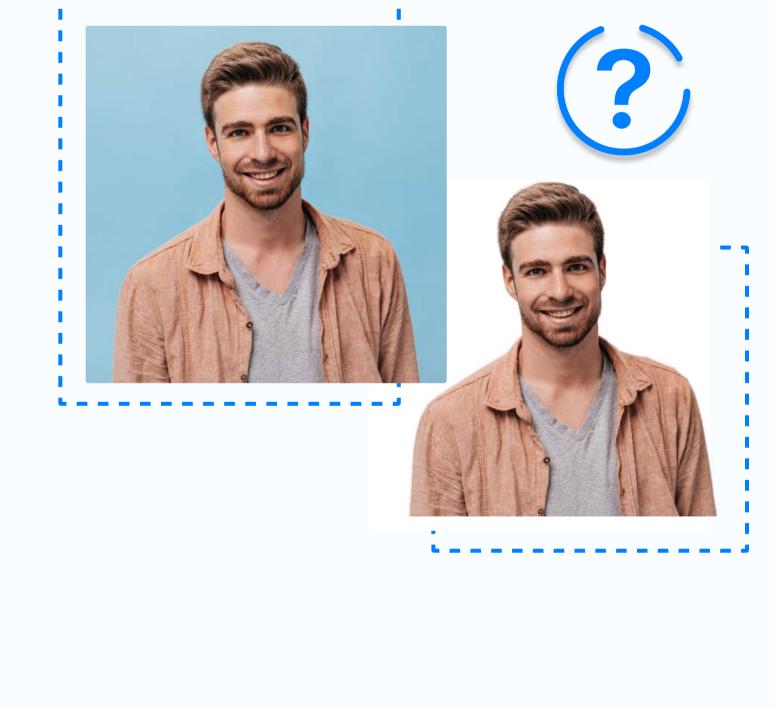
On top of that, we created simple but powerful user interface for fine-tuning the results.

Workflow

We started with analysis of what the customers will mostly need and what is easily available on the market as ready-to-use solutions.

Lucky for us, there were good examples out there, a number of models already trained, and we were able to pull together a proof-of-concept quickly.





Challenges we encountered The true challenge was to support the image classes (object types) that are

needed by customers but have yet to be available in the market. We had to source a lot images from various sources and have the neural

networks trained with that data. This process is somewhat unpredictable, as you can never be sure about the

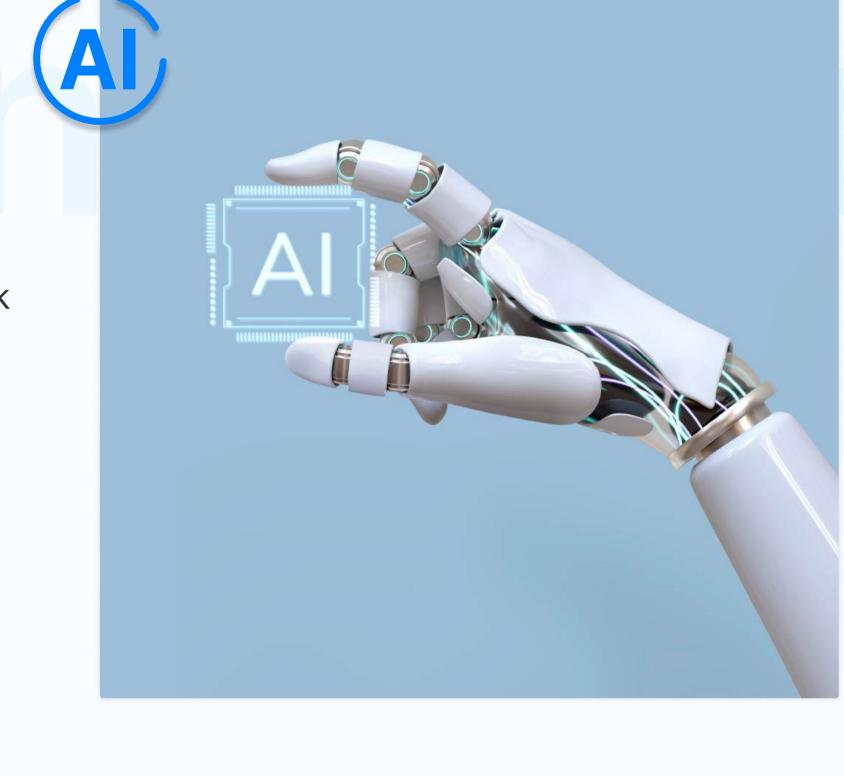
outcome, and even if the model is trained well, there are always test subjects that fail your tests. You have to find the balance between efforts put into data sourcing and average quality of the results.



The lessons learned are: • Always see what's been done already by someone else and reuse their work

as much as possible.

- Be ready to work with data a lot. Data is the king.
- There is never a 100% perfection in Al... but you should get as close to that as possible.



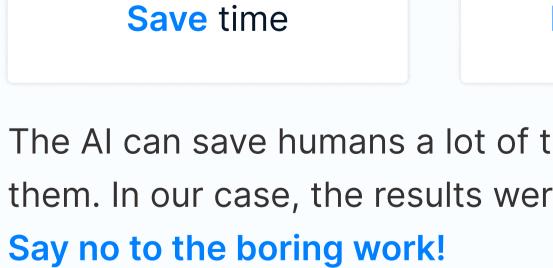


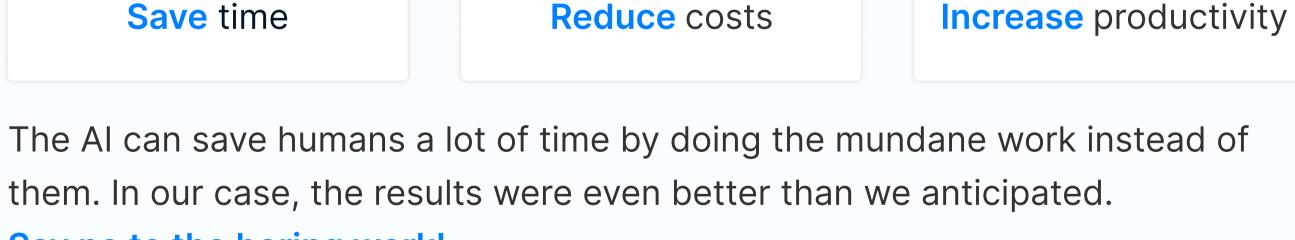
Problems we solved were:

Wrapping up

The average time spent on product image processing decreased from 20 minutes to 2 minutes per image.

The employee training time reduced from a couple of days to 30 minutes.

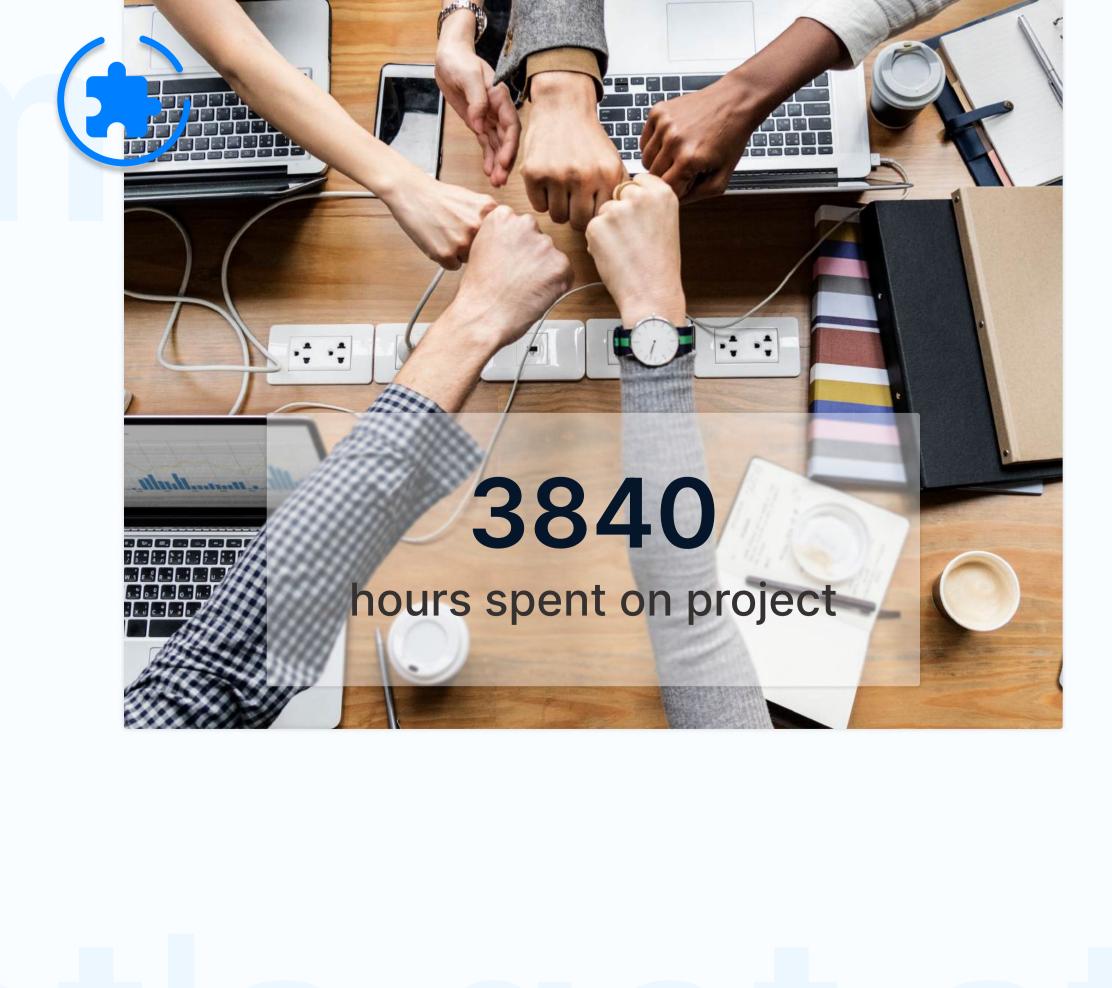




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