

[Cloud AutoML Vision Object Detection](#)

# Exporting Edge models

After you have created (trained) a model, you can export your custom model.

After exporting your model you can then deploy the model to a device.

You can export an image classification model in either generic **Tensorflow Lite** (#tf-lite) format, general **TensorFlow** format, or **TensorFlow.js for Web** (#web) format to a Google Cloud Storage location using the [ExportModel API](#)

(<https://cloud.google.com/automl/docs/reference/rest/v1/projects.locations.models/export>).

## Export to devices

### TensorFlow Lite models

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1. Open the [Cloud AutoML Vision Object Detection UI](#) (<https://console.cloud.google.com/vision>) and click the lightbulb icon in the left navigation bar to display the available models.  
To view the models for a different project, select the project from the drop-down list in the upper right of the title bar.
2. Select the row for the model you want to use to label your images.
3. Select the **Test & use** tab.
4. In the **Use your model** section select the **TF Lite** card. This opens a side **"Use your on-device model"** window.

IMPORT IMAGES TRAIN EVALUATE **TEST & USE** Object detection


Model  
docs\_july1\_fishfo\_20190701095030

**i** To use online prediction, deploy your model to the cloud. Deployed model charges are per hour and number of machines used. [Pricing guide](#) [DEPLOY MODEL](#)

### Use your model



**TF Lite**  
Export your model as a TF Lite package to run your model on Android and iOS.



**Container**  
Export your model as a TensorFlow package to run your model on a Docker container.

*Note: A red arrow points to the TF Lite option in the original image.*

5. In the side window, specify the output Google Cloud Storage location. After choosing the storage location for your model output, select **Export** to begin the model export operation.

## TF Lite

### Use your on-device model

The **Tensorflow Lite (.tflite)** format allows you to run your model on mobile and embedded devices. [Android](#) [iOS](#)

1. Download a sample camera app. It includes instructions for implementing your model on your device
2. Export your model as a TF Lite package

Select a destination

iod\_edge\_export\_bucket [BROWSE](#)

[EXPORT](#) [OPEN IN GCS](#)

```
$ gsutil cp -r gs://iod_edge_export_bucket ./download_dir
```

6. After exporting you can select the "**Open in Google Cloud Storage**" option in the same window to go directly to the export directory in Google Cloud Storage.

As a result you will see a folder structure in the directory you provided (***cloud-storage-bucket/[directory]***). The created folder structure will have the following general format (timestamp in ISO-8601 format):

- ***cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/model-type-dataset-name-YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ***

For example:

- ***cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/tf-saved-model-dataset-name-2019-07-22T21:25:35.135Z***
- ***cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/tflite-dataset-name-2019-07-22T21:23:18.861Z***

The folder contains a TensorFlow Lite model named `model.tflite`, a label file named `dict.txt`, and a `tflite_metadata.json` file.

[Buckets](#) / [ml-edge-xxxx-xxxx](#) / [export-tflite](#) / [model-export](#) / [iod](#) / [tflite-salad\\_dataset\\_20190722113444-2019-07-22T21:23:18.861Z](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Size	Type	Storage class	Last modified	Public access	Encryption	Retention expiration date	Holds
<input type="checkbox"/>	dict.txt	51 B	application/octet-stream	Regional	7/22/19, 2:23:25 PM UTC-7	Not public	Google-managed key	–	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	model.tflite	2.79 MB	application/octet-stream	Regional	7/22/19, 2:23:25 PM UTC-7	Not public	Google-managed key	–	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	tflite_metadata.json	521 B	application/octet-stream	Regional	7/22/19, 2:23:25 PM UTC-7	Not public	Google-managed key	–	None

### dict.txt

Each line in the label file `dict.txt` represents a label of the predictions returned by the TensorFlow Lite model, in the same order they were requested. For example, the `dict.txt` for the salad dataset is as follows:

```
background
Baked Goods
Salad
Cheese
Seafood
Tomato
```

### tflite\_metadata.json

A `tflite_metadata.json` file looks similar to below:

```
{
  "inferenceType": "QUANTIZED_UINT8",
  "inputShape": [
    1, // This represents batch size
    512, // This represents image width
    512, // This represents image height
    3 // This represents inputChannels
  ],
  "inputTensor": "normalized_input_image_tensor",
  "maxDetections": 20, // This represents max number of boxes.
  "outputTensorRepresentation": [
    "bounding_boxes",
    "class_labels",
    "class_confidences",
    "num_of_boxes"
  ],
  "outputTensors": [
    "TFLite_Detection_PostProcess",
    "TFLite_Detection_PostProcess:1",
    "TFLite_Detection_PostProcess:2",
    "TFLite_Detection_PostProcess:3"
  ]
}
```

## Using the exported model

After exporting your model to a Google Cloud Storage bucket you can deploy your AutoML Vision Edge model on [Android devices](#)

([https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/models/object\\_detection/overview](https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/models/object_detection/overview)), [iOS devices](#)

(<https://cloud.google.com/vision/automl/object-detection/docs/tflite-ios-tutorial>), or [Raspberry Pi 3](#)

([https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/guide/build\\_rpi](https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/guide/build_rpi)).

## Export to a container

As a result you will see a folder structure in the directory you provided (***cloud-storage-bucket/[directory]***). The created folder structure will have the following general format

(timestamp in ISO-8601 format):


- `cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/model-type-dataset-name-YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ`

For example:

- `cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/tf-saved-model-dataset-name-2019-07-22T21:25:35.135Z`
- `cloud-storage-bucket/model-export/iod/tflite-dataset-name-2019-07-22T21:23:18.861Z`

The folder contains a TensorFlow model named `saved_model.pb`.

Buckets / [cloud-storage-bucket](#) / [export-container](#) / [model-export](#) / [iod](#) / `tf-saved-model-salad_dataset_20190722113444-2019-07-22T21:25:35.135Z`

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Size	Type	Storage class	Last modified	Public access <sup>?</sup>	Encryption <sup>?</sup>	Retention expiration date <sup>?</sup>	Holds <sup>?</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 saved_model.pb	10.76 MB	application/octet-stream	Regional	7/22/19, 2:25:49 PM UTC-7	Not public	Google-managed key	-	None <sup>?</sup>

## Using the exported model

After exporting your model to a Google Cloud Storage bucket you can use your exported model to make predictions in a Docker image. See the [Containers tutorial](#) (<https://cloud.google.com/vision/automl/object-detection/docs/containers-gcs-tutorial>) for instructions on deployment to a container.

## Export for Web

### Web UI

**Note:** Starting September 2019 we will start migrating AutoML Vision users to a new user interface that may affect the steps in this operation. This migration will occur in an on-going basis. See the **"Integrated UI"** tab for instructions using the updated interface.

1. Open the [AutoML Vision UI](#) (<https://console.cloud.google.com/vision>) and select the lightbulb icon in the side navigation bar to display the available models.

To view the models for a different project, select the project from the drop-down list in the upper right of the title bar.

2. Select the row for the model you want to use to label your images.
3. Select the **Test & Use** tab just below the title bar.
4. In the **Use your model** section select the **Tensorflow.js** option. After selecting the **Tensorflow.js** option, select **Export** to export your Web-ready TensorFlow.js model.

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud AutoML Vision dashboard. The main interface is for a project named 'untitled\_1569963933092'. The 'TEST & USE' tab is active. In the 'Use your model' section, four options are visible: TF Lite, Container, Core ML, and TensorFlow.js. A red arrow points to the TensorFlow.js option. The right sidebar displays the 'Export TensorFlow.js package' dialog, which includes instructions on how to use the model in a web browser or on a node.js machine, a 'BROWSE' button for selecting a destination folder on Cloud Storage, an 'EXPORT' button, and a terminal command: `$ gsutil cp -r gs://target ./download_dir`. There are also links to a 'Web quickstart' and a 'Node.js quickstart'.

## Integrated UI

1. Open the [Vision Dashboard](https://console.cloud.google.com/vision/dashboard) (<https://console.cloud.google.com/vision/dashboard>) and select the lightbulb icon in the side navigation bar to display the available models.

To view the models for a different project, select the project from the drop-down list in the upper right of the title bar.

2. Select the row for the model you want to use to label your images.
3. Select the **Test & Use** tab just below the title bar.
4. In the **Use your model** section select the **Tensorflow.js** option. After selecting the **Tensorflow.js** option, select **Export** to export your Web-ready TensorFlow.js model.

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud AutoML console interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation tabs: IMPORT, IMAGES, TRAIN, EVALUATE, and TEST & USE. The 'TEST & USE' tab is active. Below the tabs, there's a dropdown menu for the model name, currently set to 'edge\_model'. A notification banner states: 'To use online prediction, deploy your model to the cloud. Deployed model charges are per hour and number of...'. The main section is titled 'Use your model' and contains four cards: 'TF Lite', 'Container', 'Core ML', and 'TensorFlow.js'. The 'TensorFlow.js' card is highlighted with a red arrow. To the right of the console, there's a sidebar titled 'Export TensorFlow.js package' with instructions and an 'EXPORT' button.

## REST & CMD LINE

Before using any of the request data below, make the following replacements:

- **project-id**: your GCP project ID.
- **model-id**: the ID of your model, from the response when you created the model. The ID is the last element of the name of your model. For example:
  - model name: `projects/project-id/locations/location-id/models/I0D4412217016962778756`
  - model id: **I0D4412217016962778756**
- **output-storage-bucket**: a Google Cloud Storage bucket/directory to save output files to, expressed in the following form: `gs://bucket/directory/`. The requesting user must have write permission to the bucket.

HTTP method and URL:

POST `https://automl.googleapis.com/v1/projects/project-id/locations/us-central1/mode`

Request JSON body:

```
{
  "outputConfig": {
    "modelFormat": "tf_js",
    "gcsDestination": {
      "outputUriPrefix": "output-storage-bucket/"
    },
  },
}
```

To send your request, choose one of these options:

## curl

**Note:** Ensure you have set the [GOOGLE\\_APPLICATION\\_CREDENTIALS](https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production) (<https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production>) environment variable to your service account private key file path.

Save the request body in a file called `request.json`, and execute the following command:

```
curl -X POST \
-H "Authorization: Bearer "$(gcloud auth application-default print-access-token) \
-H "Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8" \
-d @request.json \
https://automl.googleapis.com/v1/projects/project-id/locations/us-central1/models/mo
```

## PowerShell

**Note:** Ensure you have set the [GOOGLE\\_APPLICATION\\_CREDENTIALS](https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production) (<https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production>) environment variable to your service account private key file path.

Save the request body in a file called `request.json`, and execute the following command:

```
$cred = gcloud auth application-default print-access-token
$headers = @{ "Authorization" = "Bearer $cred" }
```

```
Invoke-WebRequest `
  -Method POST `
  -Headers $headers `
```



```
-ContentType: "application/json; charset=utf-8" `
-InFile request.json `
-Uri "https://automl.googleapis.com/v1/projects/project-id/locations/us-central1/m
```






You should receive a JSON response similar to the following:

```
{
  "name": "projects/project-id/locations/us-central1/operations/operation-id",
  "metadata": {
    "@type": "type.googleapis.com/google.cloud.automl.v1.OperationMetadata",
    "createTime": "2019-07-22T21:23:21.643041Z",
    "updateTime": "2019-07-22T21:23:21.643041Z",
    "exportModelDetails": {
      "outputInfo": {
        "gcsOutputDirectory": "output-storage-bucket/model-export/icn/tf_js-dataset-
      }
    }
  }
}
```

As a result you will see a folder in the directory you provided (`$(USER_GCS_PATH)`). The created folder will be named according to timestamp in the format `/model-export/icn/tf_js-dataset-name-YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ` (for example, `tf_js-edge_model-2019-10-03T17:24:46.999Z`).

The folder contains binary files (`.bin`), a label file named `dict.txt`, and a `model.json` file.

[Buckets](#) / [automl-beta-refresh-docs-vcml](#) / [model-export](#) / [icn](#) / [tf\\_js-edge\\_model-2019-10-03T17:24:46.999Z](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Size	Type	Storage class	Last modified
<input type="checkbox"/>	 dict.txt	40 B	application/octet-stream	Regional	10/3/19, 10:24:52 AM UTC-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	 group1-shard1of3.bin	4 MB	application/octet-stream	Regional	10/3/19, 10:24:52 AM UTC-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	 group1-shard2of3.bin	4 MB	application/octet-stream	Regional	10/3/19, 10:24:52 AM UTC-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	 group1-shard3of3.bin	3.79 MB	application/octet-stream	Regional	10/3/19, 10:24:52 AM UTC-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	 model.json	79.81 KB	application/octet-stream	Regional	10/3/19, 10:24:52 AM UTC-7

## dict.txt

Each line in the label file `dict.txt` represents a label of the predictions returned by the TensorFlow.js model, in the same order they were requested. For example, the `dict.txt` for the flowers dataset is as follows:

```
daisy
dandelion
roses
sunflowers
tulips
```

## model.json (shortened for clarity)

```
{
  "format": "graph-model",
  "generatedBy": "1.14.0",
  "convertedBy": "TensorFlow.js Converter v1.2.9",
  "modelTopology": {
    "node": [
      {
        "name": "image",
        "op": "Placeholder",
        "attr": {
          "shape": {
            "shape": {
              "dim": [
                {
                  "size": "1"
                },
                {
                  "size": "224"
                },
                {
                  "size": "224"
                },
                {
                  "size": "3"
                }
              ]
            }
          }
        },
        "dtype": {
          "type": "DT_FLOAT"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

```

    }
  }
},
...
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a/cell_3/op_0/expand_0/tf_layer/kernel",
  "op": "Const",
  "attr": {
    "dtype": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    },
    "value": {
      "tensor": {
        "dtype": "DT_FLOAT",
        "tensorShape": {
          "dim": [
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              "size": "1"
            },
            {
              "size": "1"
            },
            {
              "size": "24"
            },
            {
              "size": "72"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
},
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/cell_14/op_0/project_0/Conv2D_bn_offset",
  "op": "Const",
  "attr": {
    "value": {
      "tensor": {
        "dtype": "DT_FLOAT",
        "tensorShape": {
          "dim": [
            {
              "size": "192"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

        }
      ]
    }
  },
  "dtype": {
    "type": "DT_FLOAT"
  }
}
},
...
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/stem/bn/FusedBatchNorm",
  "op": "_FusedConv2D",
  "input": [
    "image",
    "mnas_v4_a/stem/conv/tf_layer/kernel",
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/stem/conv/Conv2D_bn_offset"
  ],
  "device": "/device:CPU:0",
  "attr": {
    "num_args": {
      "i": "1"
    },
    "explicit_paddings": {
      "list": {}
    },
    "fused_ops": {
      "list": {
        "s": [
          "Qmlhc0FkZA=="
        ]
      }
    },
    "use_cudnn_on_gpu": {
      "b": true
    },
    "padding": {
      "s": "U0FNQR=="
    },
    "dilations": {
      "list": {
        "i": [
          "1",
          "1",
          "1"
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

        "1",
        "1"
    ]
    }
},
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},
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            "2",
            "1"
        ]
    }
},
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    "s": "TkhXQw=="
}
}
},
{
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    "op": "DepthwiseConv2dNative",
    "input": [
        "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/stem/bn/FusedBatchNorm",
        "mnas_v4_a/lead_cell_0/op_0/depthwise_0/depthwise_kernel"
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            "list": {
                "i": [
                    "1",
                    "1",
                    "1",
                    "1"
                ]
            }
        }
    },
    "strides": {

```

```

    "list": {
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        "1",
        "1",
        "1",
        "1"
      ]
    }
  },
  "T": {
    "type": "DT_FLOAT"
  },
  "padding": {
    "s": "U0FNRQ=="
  },
  "data_format": {
    "s": "TkhXQw=="
  }
}
},
...
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/Relu",
  "op": "_FusedConv2D",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_0/op_0/bn2_0/FusedBatchNorm",
    "mnas_v4_a/lead_cell_1/op_0/expand_0/tf_layer/kernel",
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/expand_0/Conv2D_bn_offset"
  ],
  "device": "/device:CPU:0",
  "attr": {
    "explicit_paddings": {
      "list": {}
    },
    "num_args": {
      "i": "1"
    },
    "fused_ops": {
      "list": {
        "s": [
          "Qmlhc0FkZA==",
          "UmVsdQ=="
        ]
      }
    }
  }
},

```

```

"use_cudnn_on_gpu": {
  "b": true
},
"padding": {
  "s": "U0FNQR=="
},
"dilations": {
  "list": {
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      "1",
      "1",
      "1",
      "1"
    ]
  }
},
"epsilon": {
  "f": 0
},
"t": {
  "type": "DT_FLOAT"
},
"strides": {
  "list": {
    "i": [
      "1",
      "1",
      "1",
      "1"
    ]
  }
},
"data_format": {
  "s": "TkhXQw=="
}
}
},
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  "op": "DepthwiseConv2dNative",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/Relu",
    "mnas_v4_a/lead_cell_1/op_0/depthwise_0/depthwise_kernel"
  ],
  "attr": {

```

```

    "strides": {
      "list": {
        "i": [
          "1",
          "2",
          "2",
          "1"
        ]
      }
    },
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    },
    "data_format": {
      "s": "TkhXQw=="
    },
    "padding": {
      "s": "U0FNQR=="
    },
    "dilations": {
      "list": {
        "i": [
          "1",
          "1",
          "1",
          "1"
        ]
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/bn1_0/FusedBatchNorm",
    "op": "BiasAdd",
    "input": [
      "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/depthwise_0/depthwise",
      "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/depthwise_0/depthwise_bn_off
    ],
    "attr": {
      "T": {
        "type": "DT_FLOAT"
      },
      "data_format": {
        "s": "TkhXQw=="
      }
    }
  }
}

```



```
}
},
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/Relu_1",
  "op": "Relu",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/lead_cell_1/op_0/bn1_0/FusedBatchNorm"
  ],
  "attr": {
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    }
  }
},
...
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/feature_extractor/Mean",
  "op": "Mean",
  "input": [
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    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/feature_extractor/Mean/reduction_indices"
  ],
  "attr": {
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    },
    "keep_dims": {
      "b": false
    },
    "Tidx": {
      "type": "DT_INT32"
    }
  }
},
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/output/fc/MatMul",
  "op": "MatMul",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/feature_network/feature_extractor/Mean",
    "mnas_v4_a/output/fc/tf_layer/kernel"
  ],
  "attr": {
    "transpose_b": {
      "b": false
    }
  },
}
```

```

    "transpose_a": {
      "b": false
    },
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    }
  }
},
{
  "name": "mnas_v4_a_1/output/fc/BiasAdd",
  "op": "BiasAdd",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/output/fc/MatMul",
    "mnas_v4_a/output/fc/tf_layer/bias"
  ],
  "attr": {
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    },
    "data_format": {
      "s": "TkhXQw=="
    }
  }
},
{
  "name": "ExpandDims",
  "op": "ExpandDims",
  "input": [
    "mnas_v4_a_1/output/fc/BiasAdd",
    "ExpandDims/dim"
  ],
  "attr": {
    "T": {
      "type": "DT_FLOAT"
    },
    "Tdim": {
      "type": "DT_INT32"
    }
  }
},
{
  "name": "Squeeze",
  "op": "Squeeze",
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  ]
}

```

```
    ],
    "attr": {
      "T": {
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      "squeeze_dims": {
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            "0"
          ]
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      }
    }
  },
  {
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    "op": "Softmax",
    "input": [
      "Squeeze"
    ],
    "attr": {
      "T": {
        "type": "DT_FLOAT"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "name": "scores",
    "op": "Identity",
    "input": [
      "Softmax"
    ],
    "attr": {
      "T": {
        "type": "DT_FLOAT"
      }
    }
  }
],
"library": {},
"versions": {}
},
"weightsManifest": [
  {
    "paths": [
```

```

    "group1-shard1of3.bin",
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    "group1-shard3of3.bin"
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