



Machine Learning in Microcontrollers

# DAY 1: AI and ML for Microcontrollers

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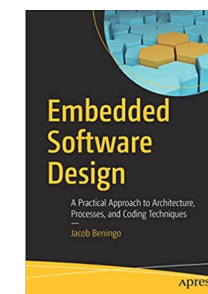
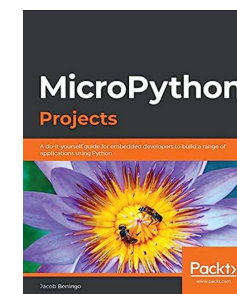
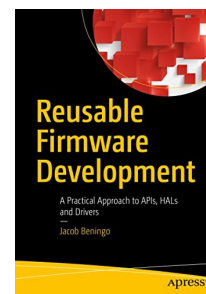
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## Course Sessions

- **AI and ML for Microcontrollers**
- Writing Embedded Software with ChatGPT and Open.AI
- Tools for Machine Learning in Microcontrollers
- Training a Model for the STM32
- Deploying Machine Learning Models





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# The Rise of AI/ML

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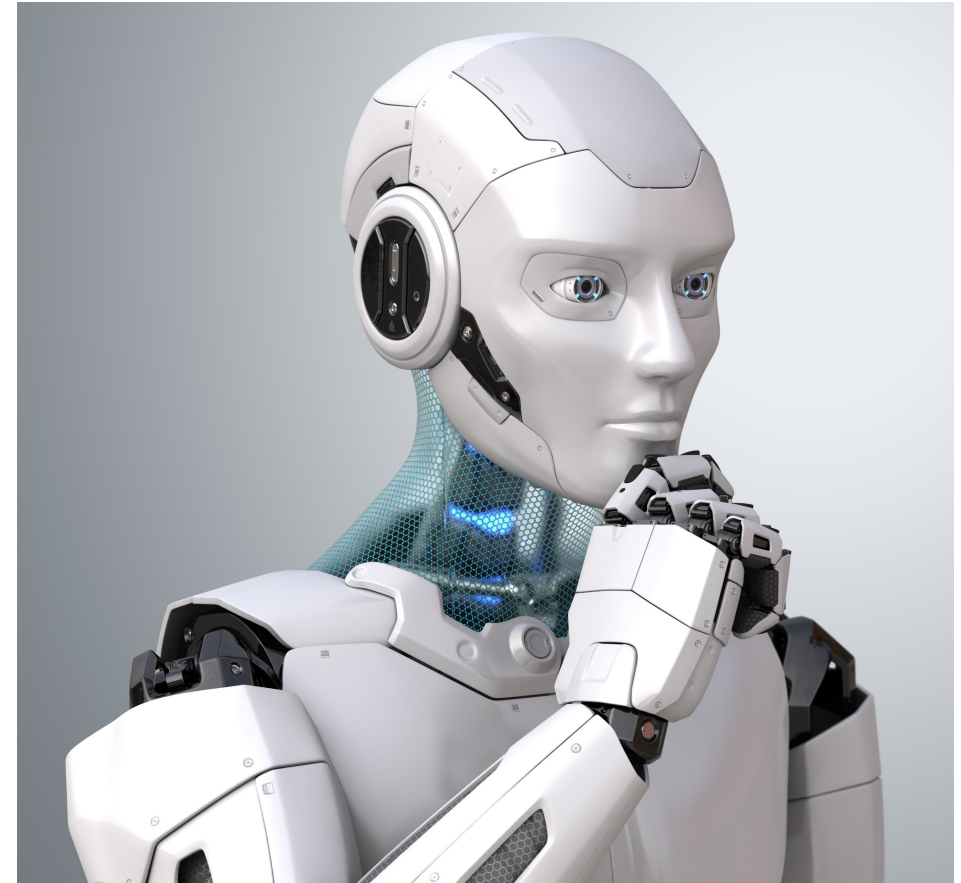
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JA Can you give me a 100 - 150 word introductory paragraph for a presentation on AI and ML for Microcontrollers that discusses the rise of AI / ML for use in embedded systems?

 Welcome to our presentation on AI and Machine Learning (ML) for Microcontrollers, an exciting field that has witnessed tremendous growth in recent years. The rising sophistication of AI and ML, once considered exclusive to powerful servers or data centers, is now reshaping the landscape of embedded systems. Microcontrollers, traditionally employed for predefined, deterministic tasks, are now being infused with AI and ML capabilities, unlocking unprecedented possibilities. This shift has made AI and ML more accessible, affordable, and power-efficient, thereby increasing the intelligence and functionality of devices at the edge. Today, we're poised to delve into the transformative role of AI and ML in embedded systems and microcontrollers, and explore the exciting implications of this groundbreaking development.   

## What is artificial intelligence?

“Artificial intelligence is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. Specific applications of AI include expert systems, natural language processing, speech recognition and machine vision.”



# What is machine learning?

“Machine learning is a field of computer science that often uses statistical techniques to give computers the ability to ‘learn’ with data, without being explicitly programmed”

- Wikipedia





# The Rise of AI / ML

- Artificial Intelligence
  - Cloud-based
  - Generative AI
    - Write code
    - Debug code
    - Code suggestions
    - Datasheet to code converter
    - etc
- Machine Learning
  - On-chip
  - Resource constrained
  - Wide range of applications
    - Sensors
    - Classifications,
    - etc

Are you currently using AI / ML in or to develop your embedded applications?

- Yes, AI to develop and ML in my application
- Yes, AI to develop only, no ML
- Yes, no AI, but using ML in my application
- No, but within the next 6 months
- No, the distant future

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# AI Use Cases for Embedded

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## #1 – Code Generation

```
usartError_t usart_init(usart_t device, const usartConfig_t* const config);  
usartError_t usart_read(usart_t device, uint8_t* buffer, uint32_t numBytes);  
usartError_t usart_write(usart_t device, const uint8_t* data, uint32_t numBytes);
```

```
typedef enum {  
    USART_1,  
    USART_2,  
    USART_3,  
    USART_MAX  
} usart_t;  
  
typedef enum {  
    USART_OK,  
    USART_ERROR,  
    USART_TIMEOUT,  
    // Add more error codes as needed  
} usartError_t;  
  
typedef struct {  
    uint32_t baudrate;  
    uint8_t parity;  
    uint8_t stopbits;  
    uint8_t charSize;  
    uint8_t flowControl;  
    bool blocking;  
    bool dma;  
    usartError_t (*callback)(usart_t device);  
} usartConfig_t;
```

## AI Use Cases for Embedded #2 – Code Reviews

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define LED_PIN 13

int main() {
    pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);

    while (1) {
        digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH);
        delay(1000);
        digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
        delay(1000);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <wiringPi.h>

#define LED_PIN 13
#define BLINK_DELAY_MS 1000

int main() {
    if (wiringPiSetup() == -1) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Failed to initialize wiringPi.\n");
        return 1;
    }

    pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);

    while (1) {
        digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH);
        delay(BLINK_DELAY_MS);
        digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
        delay(BLINK_DELAY_MS);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

## AI Use Cases for Embedded #3 – Code Debugging

I'm working with the XC32 compiler. In my makefile I have the following flag: `DFLAGS := -mprocessor=ATSAME54P20A -D__inside_$(notdir $(basename $@)) -include $(SRC_DIR)/src/third_party/TraceRecorder/include/trcCTI.h` when the code compiles, it's supposed to use the `-D` to create a definition with the filename, however, it is instead producing `-D__inside_`, what can be done to resolve this?

To achieve the desired expansion, you can modify the build rules as follows:

```
makefile Copy code  
  
%.d %.o: %.c  
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) $(DEPFLAGS) -D__inside_$(notdir $(basename $@)) -o $*.o $<  
  
%.d %.o: %.S  
    $(CC) $(SFLAGS) $(DEPFLAGS) -D__inside_$(notdir $(basename $@)) -o $*.o $<
```

What application are you most interested in using AI for?

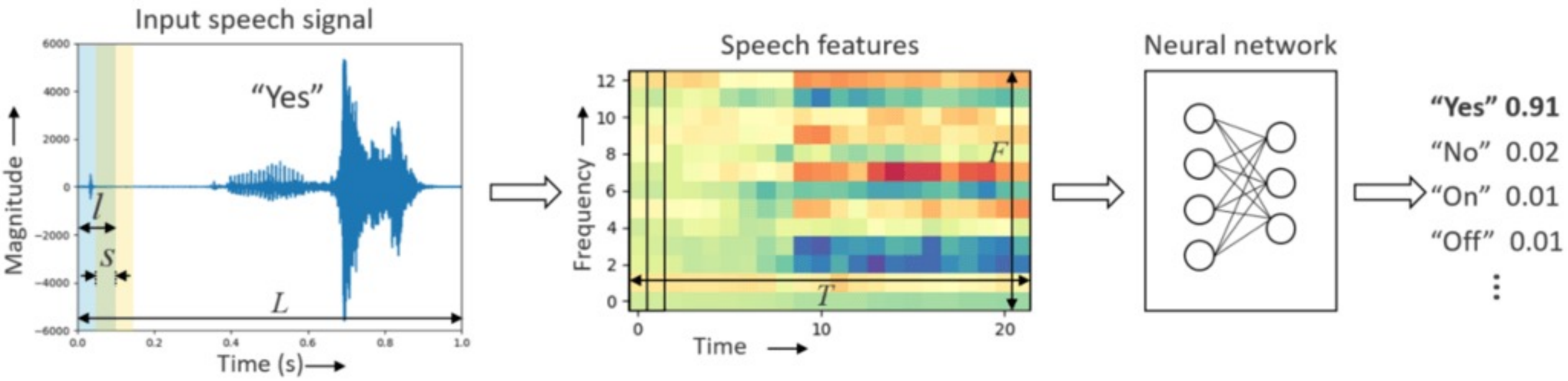
- Code Generation
- Code Reviews
- Debugging
- Other

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# ML Use Cases



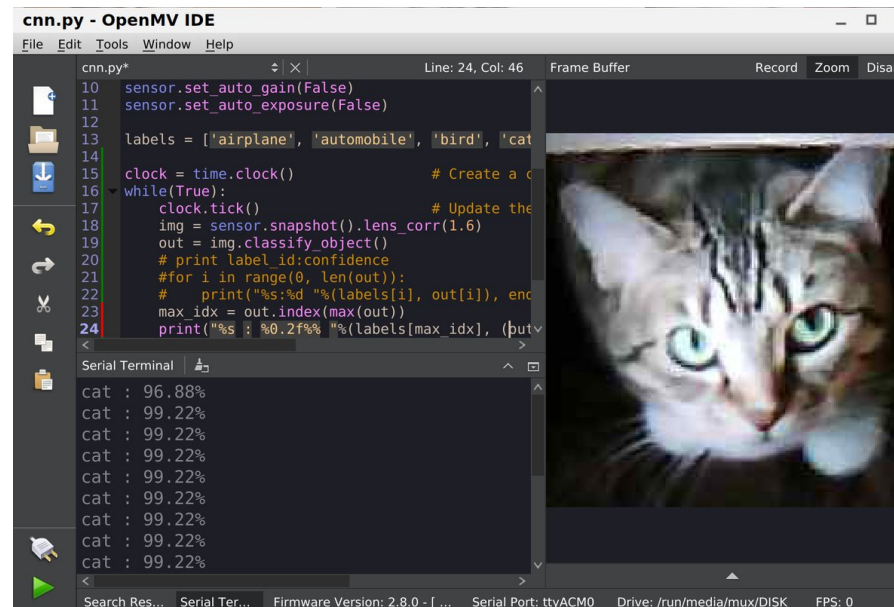
# ML Use Cases #1 – Keyword Spotting



# AI / ML Use Cases #2- Image Recognition



OpenMV Cam with a Cortex-M7



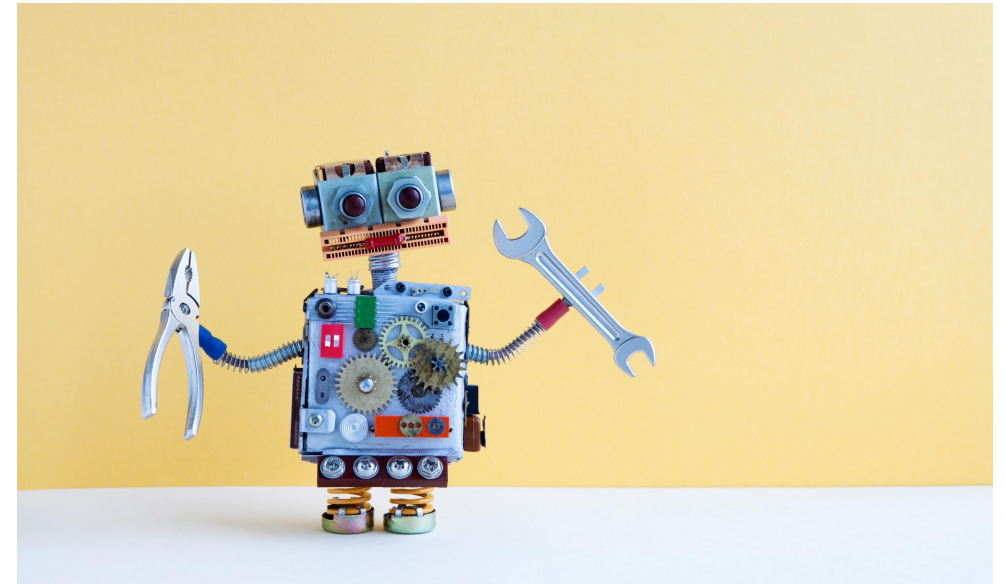
```
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cnn.py* Line: 24, Col: 46 Frame Buffer Record Zoom Disable
10 sensor.set_auto_gain(False)
11 sensor.set_auto_exposure(False)
12
13 labels = ['airplane', 'automobile', 'bird', 'cat']
14
15 clock = time.clock() # Create a clock
16 while(True):
17     clock.tick() # Update the clock
18     img = sensor.snapshot().lens_corr(1.6)
19     out = img.classify_object()
20     # print label_id:confidence
21     #for i in range(0, len(out)):
22     #    print("%s:%d"%(labels[i], out[i]), end=" ")
23     max_idx = out.index(max(out))
24     print("%s : %0.2f%%"%(labels[max_idx], (putv
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```

Video :

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdWi\\_fvY9Og](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdWi_fvY9Og)

## AI / ML Use Cases #X – Choose your own adventure!

- Gesture classification
- Anomaly detection
- Analog meter reader
- Guidance and Control (GNC)
- Game AI
- Package detection
- (a plethora of applications)



What application are you most interested in using ML for?

- Keyword spotting
- Image classification
- Predictive maintenance
- Other

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# Going Further

## AI and ML Resources

- [Jacob's AI Blogs](#)
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  - <http://bit.ly/1BAHYXm>

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