

WebNN Operator Update Wave 3



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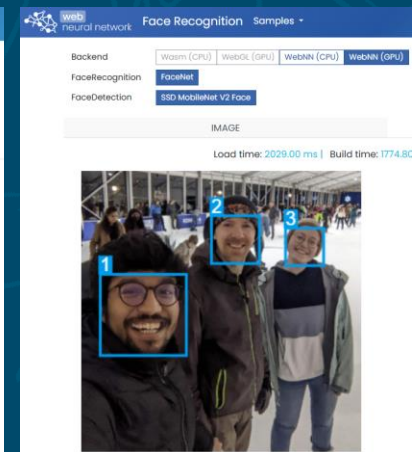
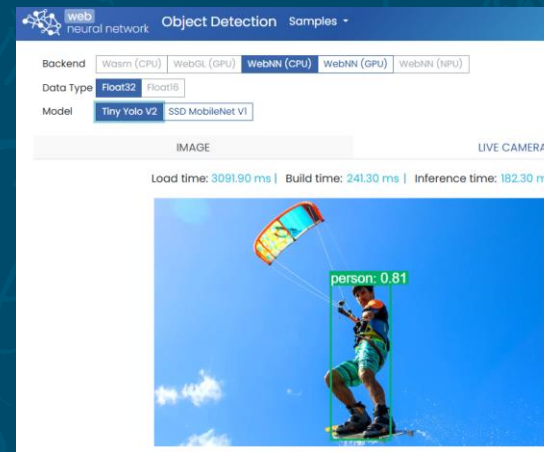
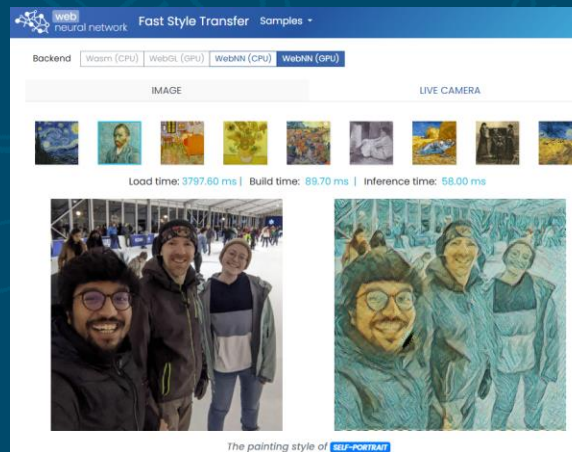
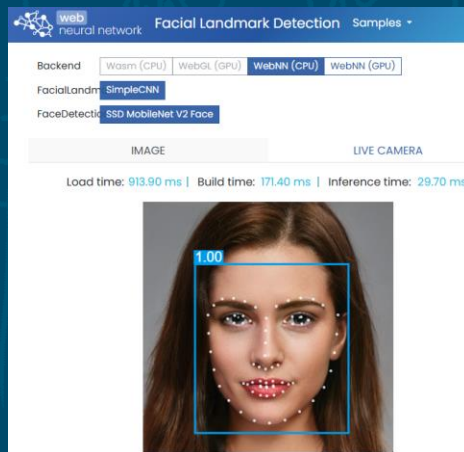
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Wave 1 , 60 ops – 2020..2024

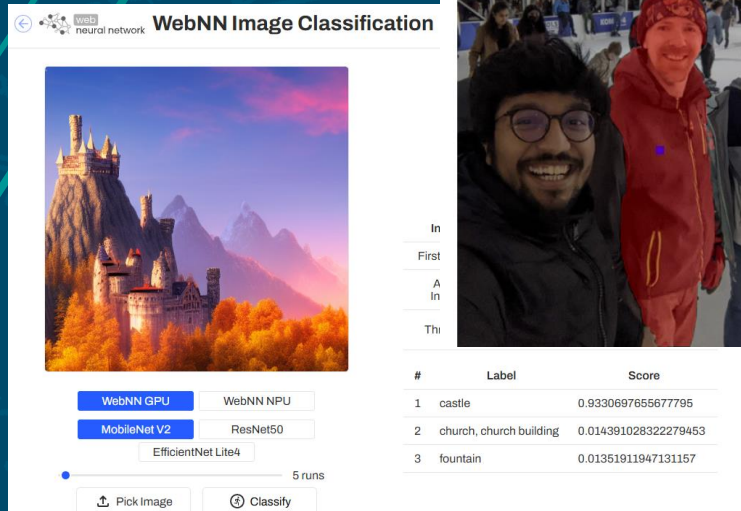
- MobileNet, ResNet (image object classification)
- Face Landmark (facial recognition)
- Tiny YOLO (image object detection)
- MNIST (number classification)
- Fast Style Transfer
- NSNet2 (noise suppression)



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- Segment Anything (image segmentation)
- Stable Diffusion 1.5, SD Turbo (image generation)
- Whisper base (audio to text)

WebNN Image Classification

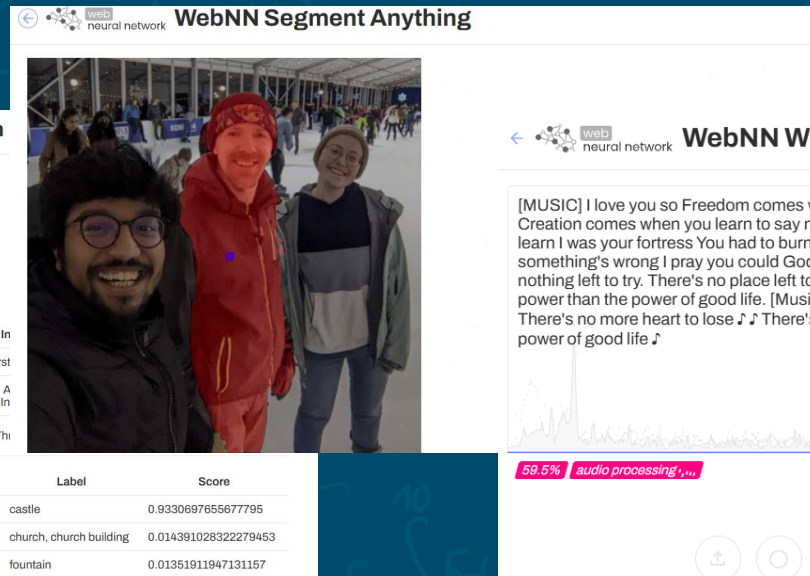


WebNN GPU WebNN NPU
MobileNet V2 ResNet50
EfficientNet Lite4

5 runs

Pick Image Classify

WebNN Segment Anything



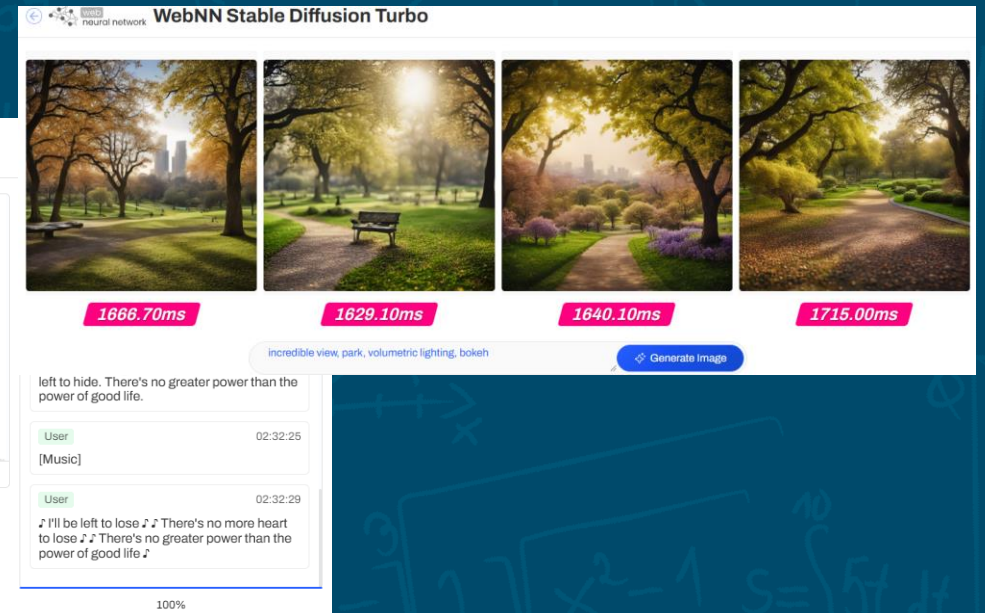
#	Label	Score
1	castle	0.9330697855677795
2	church, church building	0.01439102832279453
3	fountain	0.01351911947131157

WebNN Whisper Base

[MUSIC] I love you so Freedom comes when you learn to let go Creation comes when you learn to say no You were my lesson I had to learn I was your fortress You had to burn Pain is a warning that something's wrong I pray you could God that it won't be long. There's nothing left to try. There's no place left to hide. There's no greater power than the power of good life. [Music] ♪ I'll be left to lose ♪ ♪ There's no more heart to lose ♪ ♪ There's no greater power than the power of good life ♪

59.5% audio processing

WebNN Stable Diffusion Turbo



1666.70ms 1629.10ms 1640.10ms 1715.00ms

incredible view, park, volumetric lighting, bokeh

Generate Image

left to hide. There's no greater power than the power of good life.

User 02:32:25
[Music]
User 02:32:29
♪ I'll be left to lose ♪ There's no more heart to lose ♪ There's no greater power than the power of good life ♪

100%

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- +21 ops
- argMax / argMin – find value in tensor, return index
- cast – change data type (essential gap)
- equal / greater / lesser / .. – compare elementwise
- logicalNot – invert boolean elementwise
- erf – Gauss error function
- expand – broadcast up to new size (used by ConstantOfShape)
- ~~unsqueeze – missing corollary to Squeeze (just resolve to reshape)~~
- ~~flattenTo2d – kin to squeeze/unsqueeze (just resolve to reshape)~~
- gather – collect values from indices
- identity – placeholder and direct mapping for callers
- ~~fillSequence – fill numeric sequence from/to/step~~
- triangular – fill upper or lower triangular part of matrix
- where – elementwise source selection (select)
- ~~meanVarianceNormalization – encompasses instance/norm/layer/groupedChannel...~~ (added batchNormalization, layerNormalization, InstanceNormalization)
- shape getter – essential for sanity debugging and printing results
- reciprocal – dedicated to op (avoid 1/div work-around)
- sqrt – dedicated op (avoid 0.5 extra tensor)
- gelu – notable perf win for Whisper model, vs $x * 0.5 * (1.0 + \text{erf}(x / \sqrt{2}))$

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- Also added:
 - 0D scalars
 - shape() and dataType() getters
 - int64 data type, used very frequently in ONNX models for all things indexish (avoiding lots of casts and copies by caller)

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- Backend maturity:
 - CoreML – 65/78
 - DirectML – 78/78
 - TFLite – 65/78

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- Popular Hugging Face models, including top 20 downloaded

Model	Category	Link
Tiny-Llama	Small Language Model	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/TinyLlama-v0 https://huggingface.co/Xenova/TinyLlama-1.1B-Chat-v1.0
Phi 3 mini	Small Language Model	https://huggingface.co/microsoft/Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct-onnx-web
Yolov8	Object detection	https://github.com/ultralytics/ultralytics
DETR	Object detection	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/detr-resnet-50 , https://huggingface.co/Xenova/detr-resnet-101
Llama3	Large Language Model	https://huggingface.co/aless2212/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct-onnx-fp16
nomic-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1.5	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/nomic-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1.5
Supabase/gte-small	Feature Extraction	https://huggingface.co/Supabase/gte-small
mixedbread-ai/mxbai-embed-large-v1	Feature Extraction	https://huggingface.co/mixedbread-ai/mxbai-embed-large-v1
nomic-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/nomic-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1
WhereIsAI/UAE-Large-V1	Feature Extraction	https://huggingface.co/WhereIsAI/UAE-Large-V1
distil-whisper/distil-medium.en	Speech Recognition	https://huggingface.co/distil-whisper/distil-medium.en
Alibaba-NLP/gte-base-en-v1.5	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/Alibaba-NLP/gte-base-en-v1.5
jonathandinu/face-parsing	Image segmentation	https://huggingface.co/jonathandinu/face-parsing
jinaai/jina-clip-v1	Feature extraction	https://huggingface.co/jinaai/jina-clip-v1
mixedbread-ai/mxbai-rerank-base-v1	Text classification	https://huggingface.co/mixedbread-ai/mxbai-rerank-base-v1
Snowflake/snowflake-arctic-embed-m	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/Snowflake/snowflake-arctic-embed-m
jinaai/jina-embeddings-v2-base-code	Feature extraction	https://huggingface.co/jinaai/jina-embeddings-v2-base-code
Xenova/llama2.c-stories15M	Text generation	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/llama2.c-stories15M
corto-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/corto-ai/nomic-embed-text-v1
jinaai/jina-reranker-v1-turbo-en	Text classification	https://huggingface.co/jinaai/jina-reranker-v1-turbo-en
Xenova/bge-reranker-base	Text classification	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/bge-reranker-base
Xenova/bge-large-en-v1.5	Feature extraction	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/bge-large-en-v1.5
Xenova/distiluse-base-multilingual-cased-v2	Feature extraction	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/distiluse-base-multilingual-cased-v2
Xenova/paraphrase-multilingual-mpnet-base-v2	Feature extraction	https://huggingface.co/Xenova/paraphrase-multilingual-mpnet-base-v2
CAiRE/UniVaR-lambda-1	Sentence similarity	https://huggingface.co/CAiRE/UniVaR-lambda-1

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- +12 ops (smaller delta)

Data reorganization:

- gatherElements (gatherAlongAxis) – gather inputs from indices
- scatterElements (scatterAlongAxis) – scatter updates to indices
- gatherND – gather inputs from coordinates
- scatterND – scatter inputs from coordinates
- tile – repeat a tensor the given times along each dimension

Elementwise unary



- sign – return -1,0,1 depending on <0,==0,>0.

Elementwise binary



- logicalAnd – a & b
- logicalOr – a | b
- logicalXor – a ^ b
- notEqual – a != b. Concise not(equal(a, b)) to complete eq/lr/gt/ge/le set

Elementwise trinary



- dequantizeLinear - (input - zeroPoint) * scale
- quantizeLinear - clamp(roundToNearestEvens(input / scale) + zeroPoint, 0, 255)

Excluded

- dropout – just map to identity for inference.
- einSum – decompose in caller. Maps to existing operators – avoid string parsing at runtime for WebNN low-level layer.
- localResponseNormalization – decompose in caller {averagePool, add, mul, div, pow} because of various implementation inconsistencies (odd size support, edge treatment, which axes).

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partial interface MLGraphBuilder

```
{  
  ...  
  MLOperand cumulativeSum(MLOperand input, unsigned long axis, optional MLCumulativeSumOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand sign(MLOperand input, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand tile(MLOperand input, sequence<unsigned long> repetitions, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  
  MLOperand gatherElements(MLOperand input, MLOperand indices, optional MLGatherOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand scatterElements(MLOperand input, MLOperand indices, MLOperand updates, optional MLScatterOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand gatherND(MLOperand input, MLOperand indices, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand scatterND(MLOperand input, MLOperand indices, MLOperand updates, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  
  MLOperand dequantizeLinear(MLOperand input, MLOperand scale, MLOperand zeroPoint, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand quantizeLinear(MLOperand input, MLOperand scale, MLOperand zeroPoint, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  
  MLOperand logicalAnd(MLOperand a, MLOperand b, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand logicalOr(MLOperand a, MLOperand b, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand logicalXor(MLOperand a, MLOperand b, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
  MLOperand notEqual(MLOperand a, MLOperand b, optional MLOperatorOptions options = {});  
}
```

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- Smaller data types
 - Models growing very large, even with uint8
 - 32-bit WebAssembly 4GB address space limits (WASM64 pending...)
 - uint4/int4 not computable type, just for expansion (DQ, Q)

```
enum MLOperandDataType {  
    "float32",  
    "float16",  
    "int32",  
    "uint32",  
    "int64",  
    "uint64",  
    "int8",  
    "uint8",  
    "uint4",  
    "int4",  
};
```

What's next?

- Fill in primitive breadth  
 - Being model based is good to show viability and demos, but for breadth...
 - Adding increasingly more operators untenable / hard to validate
 - Useful for composition of custom operators    
 - Bitwise operators (and, or, xor, left shift, right shift)
 - Modulus/remainder, flooring divide
 - Rounding (nearest even, toward zero, toward infinity)
 - Random number generation
 - sumPool/minPool
 - ...
- Some more specialized ops: FFT, MHA 
- Polish/relax some awkward aspects (e.g. dimension limitations)
- Decide minimal data type set in opSupportLimits and const input issues
- Backend [parity maturity](#), finishing lingering [WPT's](#), prototyping results
- Origin trial 