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Practice of Efficient Data Collection via Crowdsourcing: Aggregation, Incremental Relabelling, and Pricing

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WSDM 2020 hands-on tutorial



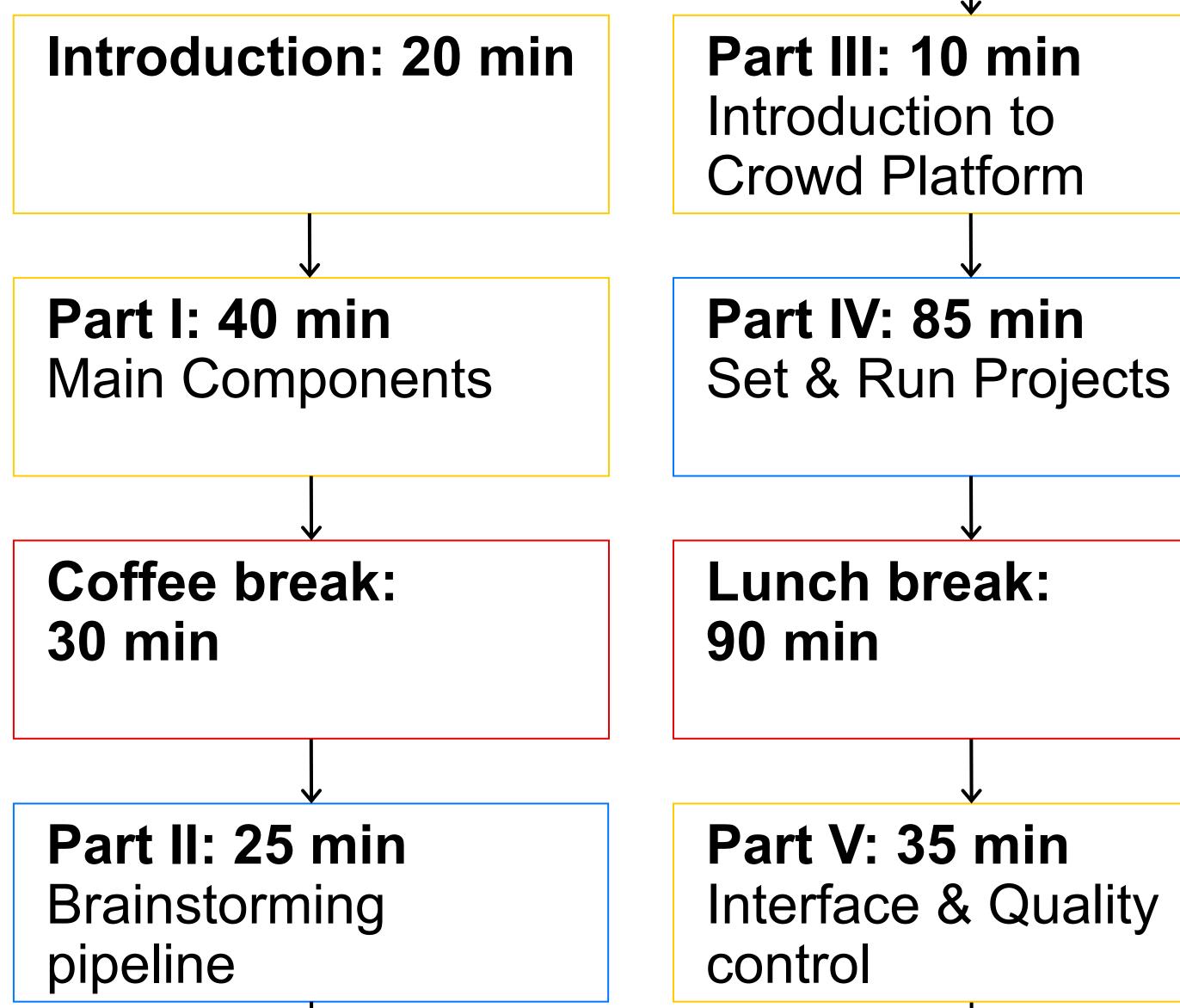
Discussion of the projects' results

Conclusion

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Yandex.Toloka is a service of Swiss company Yandex Services AG

Tutorial outline



Part VI: 25 min Theory on Aggregation

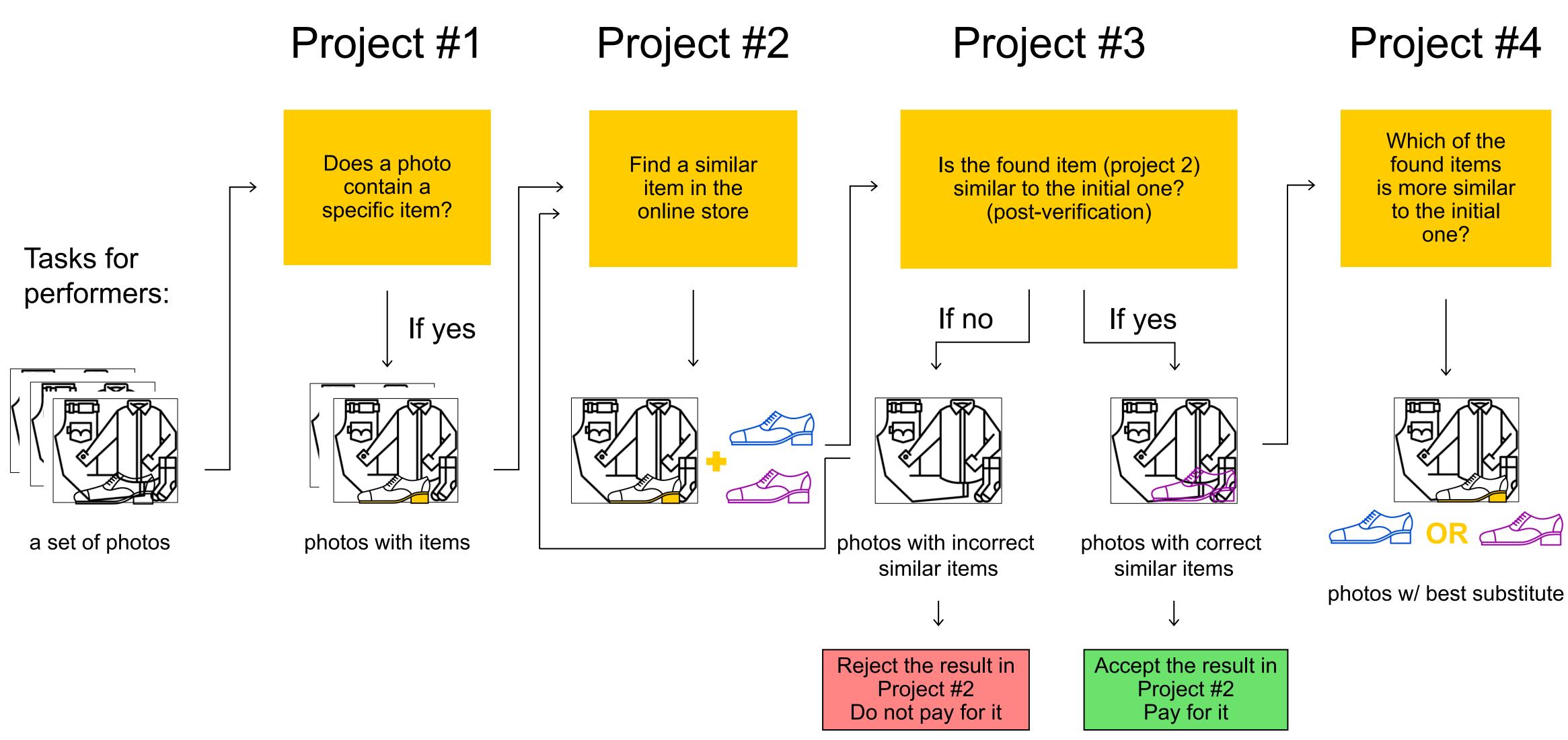
Coffee break: 30 min

Part VI: 60 min Set & Run Projects cont.

Part VII: 20 min Incremental relabeling and pricing

Part VIII: 10 min **Results &** Conclusions

Reminder: we implemented this pipeline





Project #1: Filter out photos without objects

Task

> Does a photo contain an item of desired type?

Our results

- > Amount: 30 photos
- > Overlap: 3
- > Time: 5 min
- > Cost: \$0.09 + Toloka fee



Are there **shoes** in the picture?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Picture not found



Project #2: Searching for similar items on the online store

Task

> Find a similar item on the internet

Our results

- > Amount: 25 photos
- > Overlap: 3
- > Time: 25 min
- > Cost: \$1.74 + Toloka fee



Find the same **shoes** on ASOS

ASOS

Shoes must be the same color and the same style.

Paste the link here

Upload the image here. The image should show the shoes you found.





Project #3: Accept correctness of items found

Task

Is the found item (project 2) similar to the initial one?

Our results

- Amount: 75 photos
- Overlap: 3
- > Time: 3 min
- Cost: \$0.20 + Toloka fee



Check that the uploaded image matches the product in the store.

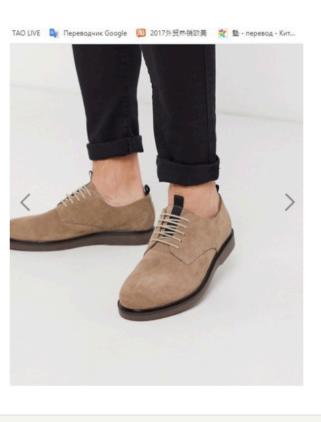
Check the item

Are these shoes similar to each other

Shoes must be the same color and the same style.

Yes





Check that the uploaded image matches the product in the store.

Check the item

Are these **shoes** similar to each other?

Shoes must be the same color and the same style.



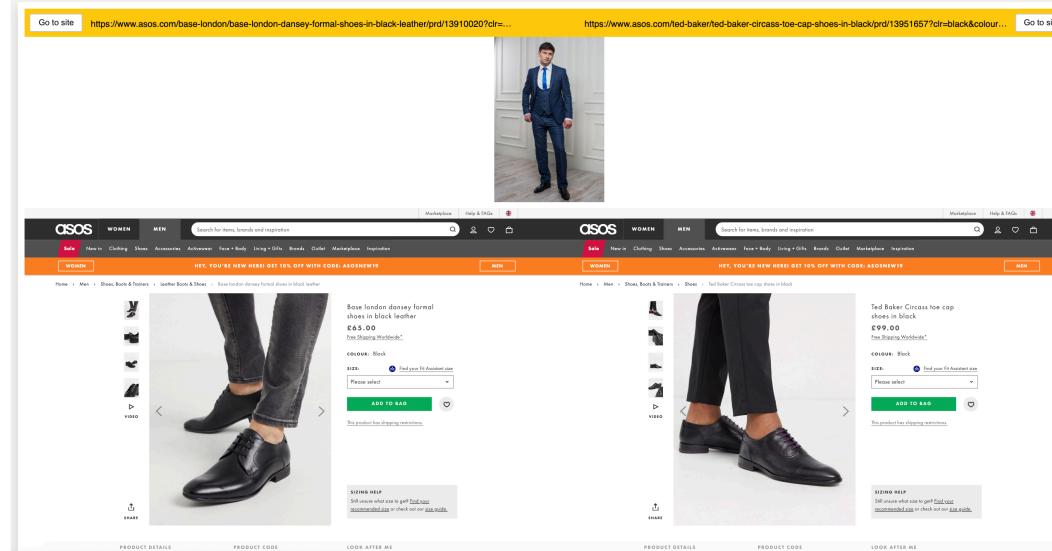
Project #4: Decide which substitute works best

Task

Which of the items is similar to the initial one?

Our results

- > Amount: 62 photos
- > Overlap: 3
- > Time: 10 min
- > Cost: \$0.10 + Toloka fee



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Statistics over the whole pipeline

similarity

within 45 min on real performers

total cost: \$2.15 + Toloka fee

30 photos processed to find the substitute items and evaluate their

Afterparty: upgrade your pipeline

- To obtain more comprehensive data
- Use more item types at the same time
 - To reduce costs
- Use incremental relabeling aka Dynamic overlap

To improve quality

- Use dynamic pricing
- Add more Golden Sets and hints
- Experiment with aggregation methods
- Add training for performers

API of Yandex.Toloka

Allows you to automate all steps of our pipeline

Discover at: https://yandex.ru/dev/toloka/



Crowdsource all types of data

Search Relevance

Generation of content

Speech Technologies



Moderation

Computer vision



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Thank you! Questions?

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