

Describing UI Screenshots in Natural Language

Supplementary Materials

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This document provides supplementary information about the different design, development, and implementation choices of the different components of XUI’s processing pipeline. In our research paper, several UI input formats and models have been tested, together with their combinations. The following document provides more details about those models and their architectures.

Figure 1 shows a few examples of the evaluated UI screenshots, their corresponding semantic wireframes, and the reconstructions of the semantic wireframes using a deep convolutional autoencoder trained on the Enrico dataset [3], which is a curated version of the Rico dataset [4]. The encoder part, shown in Figure 2, takes as input a 256x128x3 dimensional UI wireframe (RGB-based image) and generates a 32x16x32 dimensional UI embedding as output. This embedding is later used along with other UI inputs (RGB screenshots and semantic wireframes) to try out how different model configurations perform in the Topic classification task.

Figures 3 to 6 show the different combinations of UI inputs and their respective model architectures that we tested, aimed at finding the best possible combination for the topic classification task. The individual models (not show in this report, for brevity’s sake) can be noticed in each of the individual branches of the combined models.

To find the visual saliency of the UI screenshot, we use a gradient-based localization technique [5] to compute the salient regions that our ConvNet looks at during topic classification. The backbone architecture used for this purpose is based on the popular VGG16 architecture [6]. We compared this saliency model against other comparable approaches, namely GBVS [1] and the feature maps produced by ResNet50 [2]. GBVS is a classical model that requires no training for prediction of saliency regions in an image and achieves reasonable performance. It works in two stages, first forming activation maps on certain feature channels, and then normalizing them in a way which highlights conspicuity and admits combination with other maps [1]. On the other hand, ResNet is a deep learning model used in image classification tasks, very popular because of its generalization capabilities (thanks to transfer learning). Figure 7 shows its architecture. There are 5 blocks, each with an identity and a convolutional block. Each block consists of 3 convolutional layers.

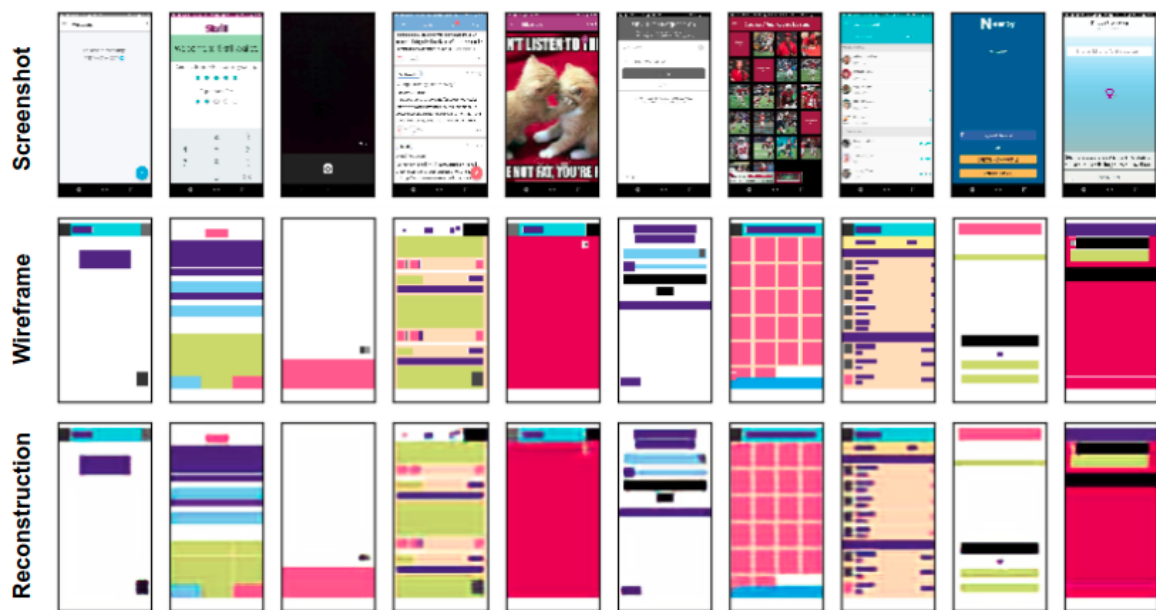


Figure 1: Reconstructions of semantic wireframes using the model depicted in Figure 2. The dataset provides semantic wireframes for their corresponding original screenshot, which inform about the structure of the UI.

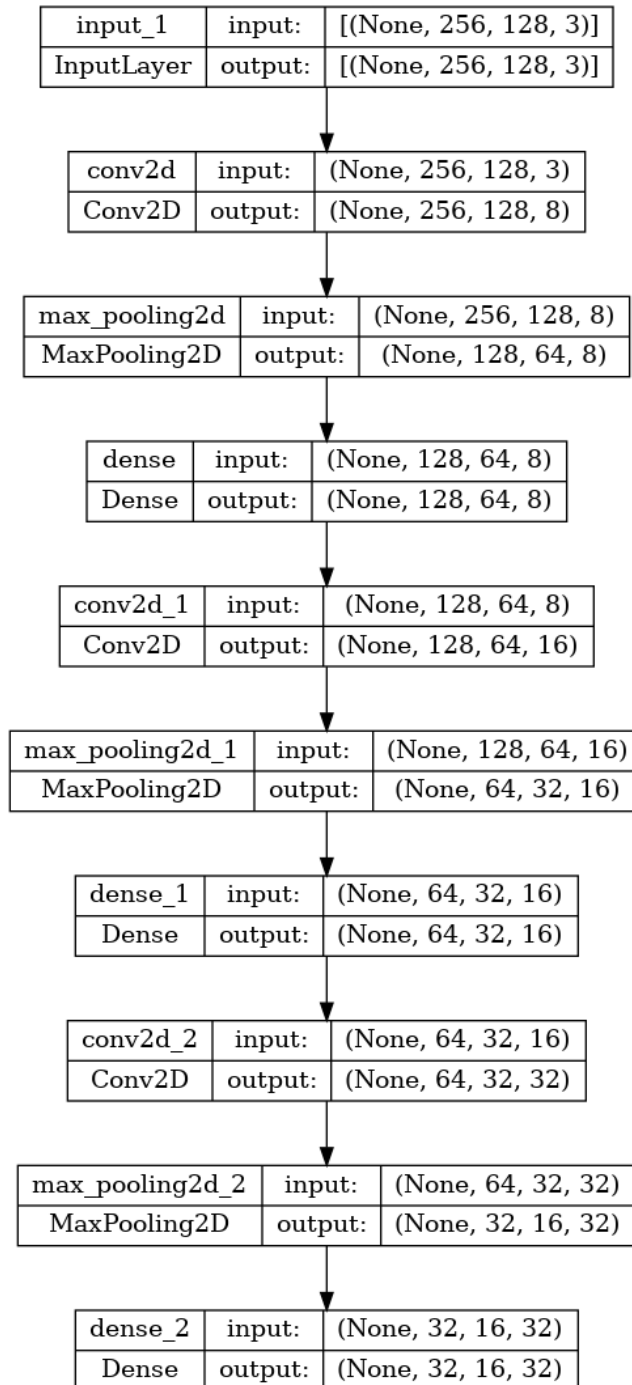


Figure 2: Encoder architecture to generate semantic embeddings from UI wireframes.

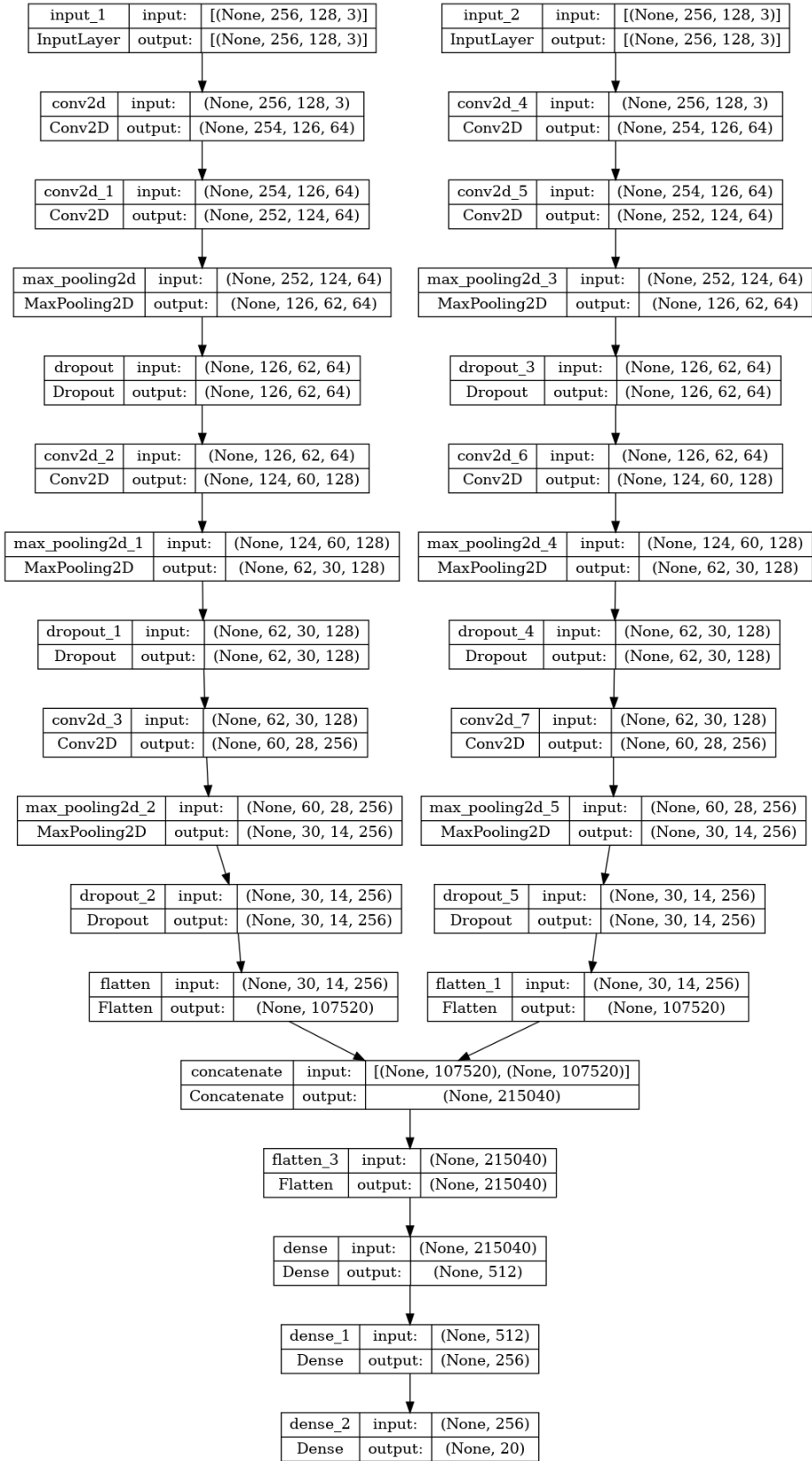


Figure 3: Model architecture for the combined input of Screenshot and Wireframe (denoted as $\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{W}$ in our paper).

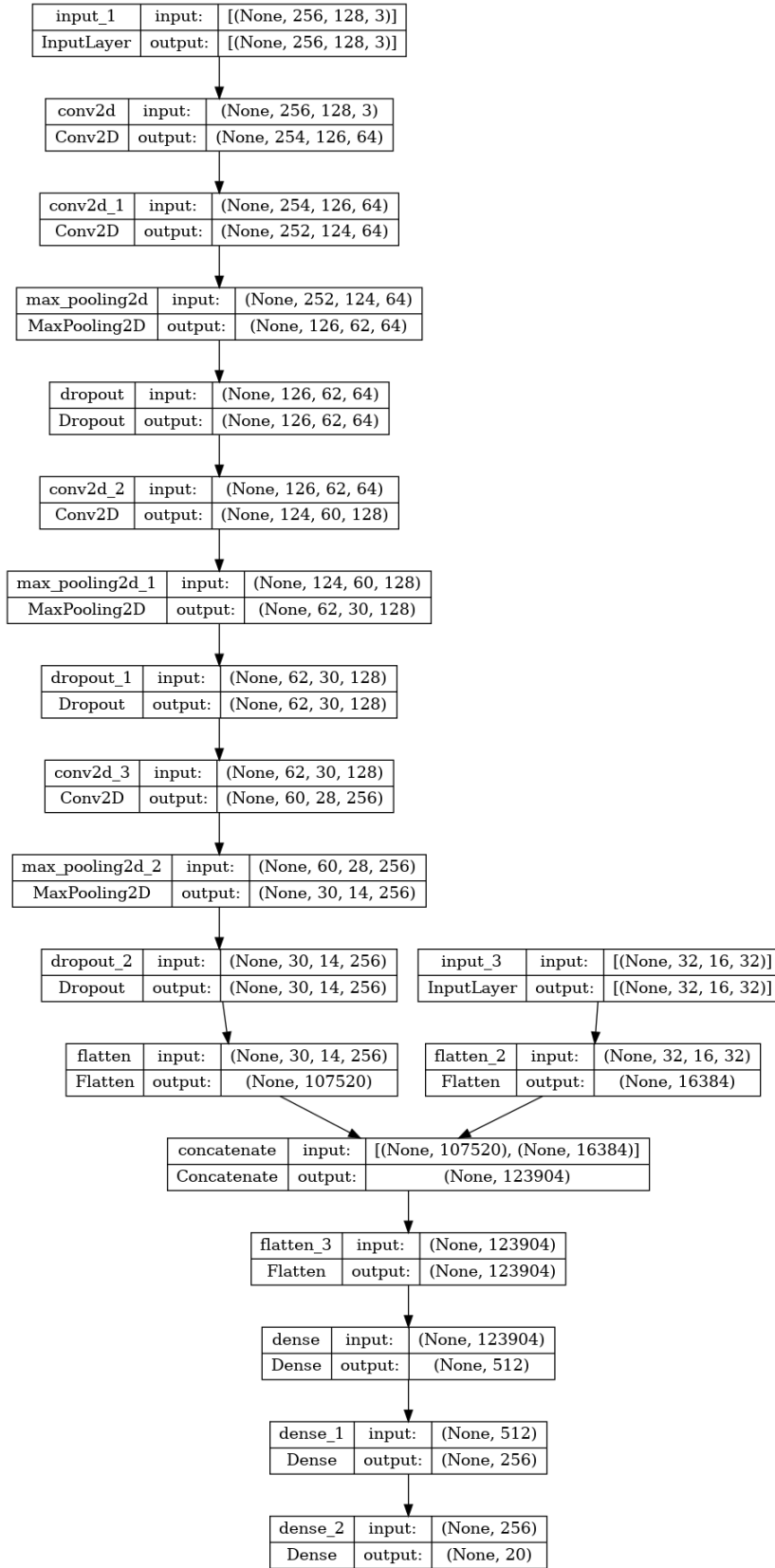


Figure 4: Model architecture for the combined input of Screenshot and Embedding (denoted as $\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{E}$ in our paper).

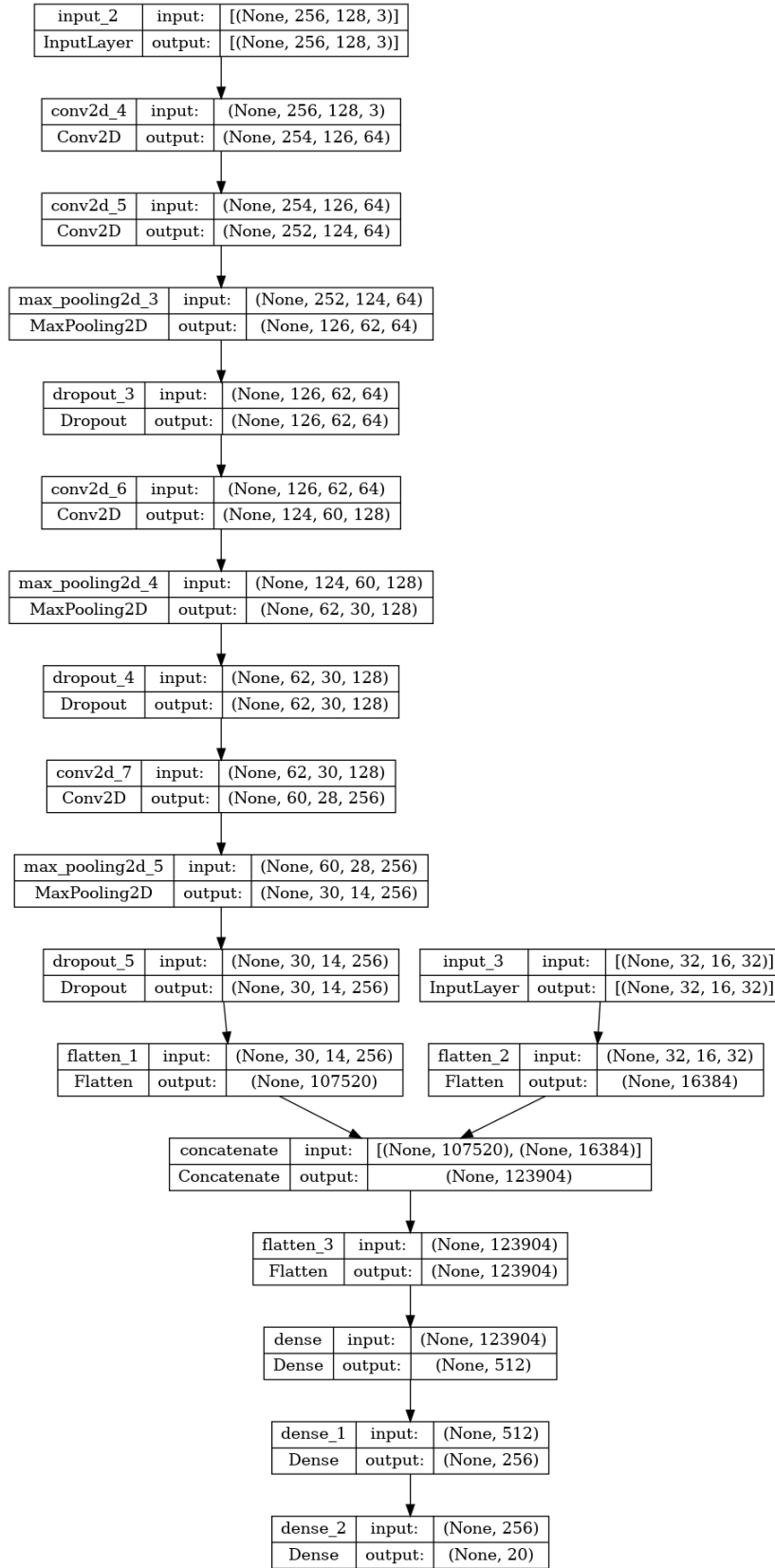


Figure 5: Model architecture for the combined input of Wireframe and Embedding (denoted as $\mathcal{W} + \mathcal{E}$ in our paper).

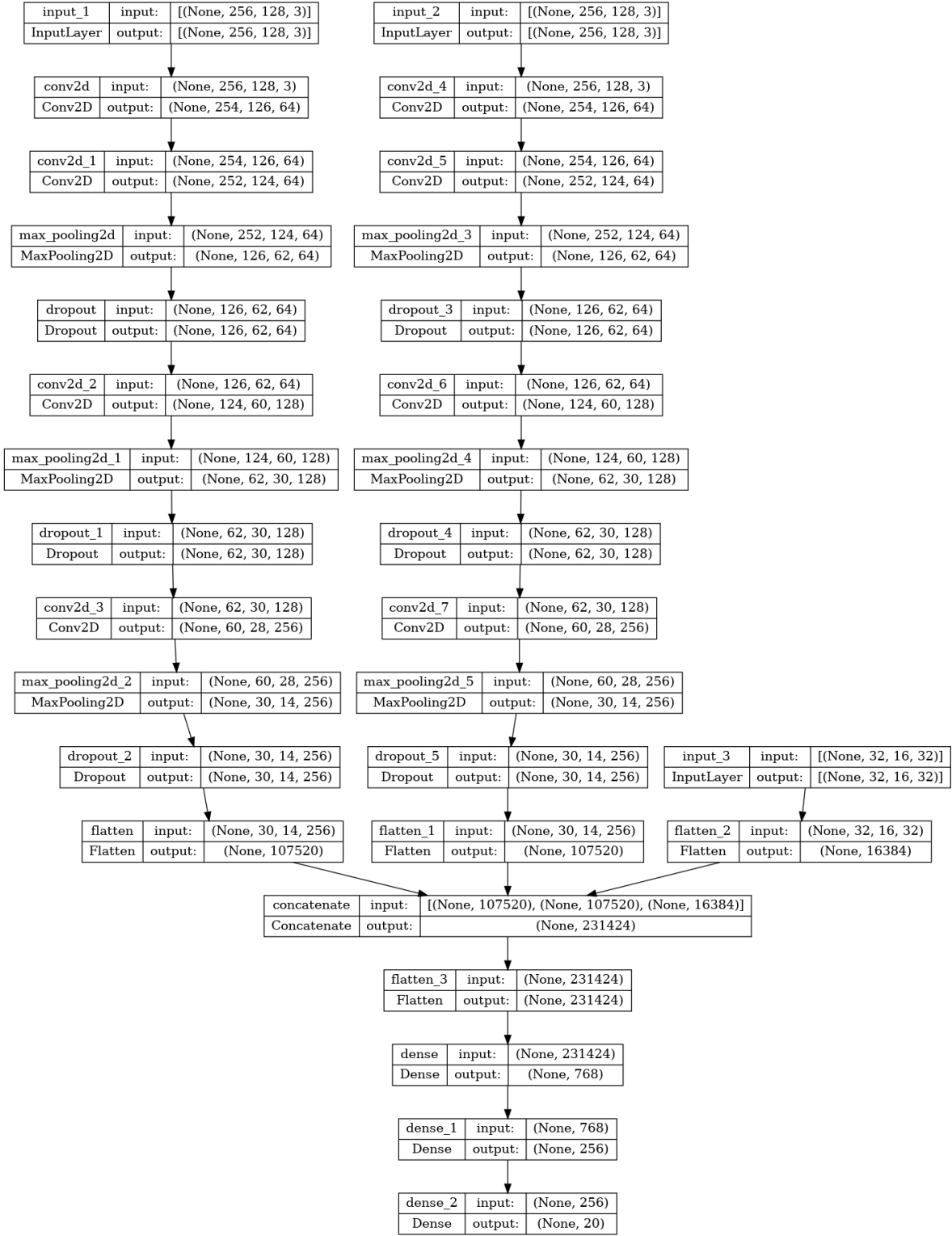


Figure 6: Model architecture for the combined input of Screenshot, Wireframe, and Embedding (denoted as $\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{W} + \mathcal{E}$ in our paper).

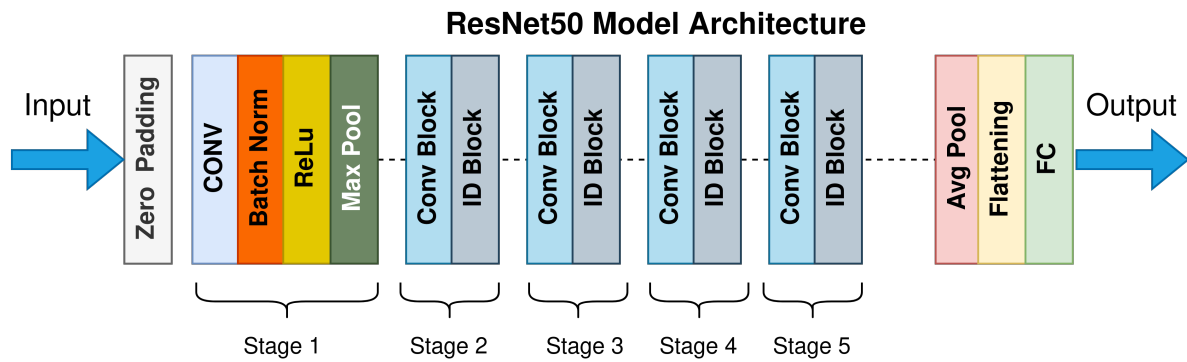


Figure 7: Model architecture of ResNet50. Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ResNet50.png>.

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