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Rent Price Prediction for House Using Machine Learning

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview: -

The "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project is aimed at developing a robust and accurate system to predict the rental prices of houses based on various features and attributes. The project utilizes the Random Forest Regressor, a powerful machine learning algorithm known for its ability to handle complex regression tasks with high-dimensional data. The primary objective of this project is to develop a predictive model that can estimate house rental prices with a high level of accuracy. By harnessing the power of machine learning and employing the Random Forest Regressor algorithm, we seek to provide valuable insights to both landlords and tenants. Landlords can use the predictions to set competitive rental prices for their properties, while tenants can gain a better understanding of fair market values.

In addition to the predictive model, we have developed a user-friendly web application using Flask. The web application allows users to input the features of a house and, with a click of a button, obtain an estimated rental price. The integration of the Random Forest Regressor model into the web application enables seamless and convenient access to the rent prediction functionality. The web application provides an intuitive interface, making it easy for users to interact with the predictive model without needing to have a background in data science or machine learning.

To achieve our goal, we gathered a comprehensive dataset of various properties and their corresponding rental prices. The dataset includes multiple features such as location, property size, number of rooms, amenities, and other relevant factors that can influence the rental price of a house. It has been preprocessed to handle missing data, outliers, and encoding categorical variables to make it suitable for the Random Forest Regressor.

The combination of the predictive model and the user-friendly web application contributes to making informed decisions in the rental housing market, benefiting both property owners and potential tenants. However, it is important to note that the performance of the model in real-world scenarios may depend on the quality and relevance of the input data during practical use.

The final prediction is obtained by aggregating the predictions of all individual trees, which helps mitigate overfitting and enhances the model's generalization capability, resulting in improved accuracy on data.

1.2 Purpose: -

The purpose of the "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project documentation is to provide a comprehensive overview, insights, and technical details about the development and implementation of the predictive model and the accompanying Flask-based web application. This documentation serves as a valuable resource for stakeholders, developers, data scientists, and anyone interested in understanding the project's objectives, methodologies, and outcomes.

This documentation aims to convey a clear understanding of the project's scope, objectives, and significance. It provides context regarding the need for accurate rent price predictions and outlines the benefits that stakeholders can gain from the developed model and web application.

With the integration of a Flask-based web application, this documentation elucidates the purpose, functionality, and user experience provided by the application. It explains how users can interact with the model through the web interface to obtain rental price estimates.

The model's performance metrics, such as accuracy, Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and any other relevant evaluation metrics. It elaborates on the factors that contribute to the high accuracy achieved by the model, showcasing its effectiveness in predicting house rental prices.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem: -

In the real estate market, accurately determining rental prices for houses is a crucial and challenging task. Both landlords and tenants often face difficulties in estimating fair and competitive rental values for properties based on various factors such as location, property size, amenities, and other relevant attributes. Traditional methods of manual price estimation can be time-consuming, subjective, and may not consider all the intricacies that influence rental prices.

The existing problem revolves around the lack of an efficient and data-driven solution for predicting house rental prices with high accuracy. Current approaches may rely on rudimentary rule-of-thumb estimations or rely on limited historical data, leading to potentially inaccurate predictions. Additionally, the complexity of real estate markets and the sheer volume of factors affecting rental prices necessitate a more sophisticated and automated approach.

Furthermore, the absence of a user-friendly interface to access rental price estimates based on different property attributes hinders effective decision-making for both property owners and potential tenants. A reliable system that provides transparent and precise predictions could greatly benefit stakeholders by enabling them to set competitive rents or find the best-suited rental properties within their budget.

The "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project seeks to address these challenges by leveraging machine learning techniques, specifically the Random Forest Regressor algorithm, to build a predictive model. This model aims to accurately estimate rental prices based on a comprehensive dataset of property features. Additionally, the project includes the development of a Flask-based web application, which offers a user-friendly interface for interacting with the predictive model.

2.2 Proposed solution: -

This project aims to empower landlords, tenants, and real estate professionals with a reliable tool to make well-informed decisions. The solution can enhance the efficiency of setting competitive rental prices, assist tenants in finding suitable properties within their budget, and provide valuable insights into the rental housing market's dynamics. Ultimately, the project aims to bridge the gap between data science and real estate, revolutionizing the way rental prices are estimated and enabling data-driven decision-making in the rental property sector.

The "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project proposes an innovative and data-driven solution to accurately predict house rental prices. Leveraging the power of machine learning and employing the Random Forest Regressor algorithm, the project aims to develop a robust predictive model that offers reliable rental price estimates based on various property attributes.

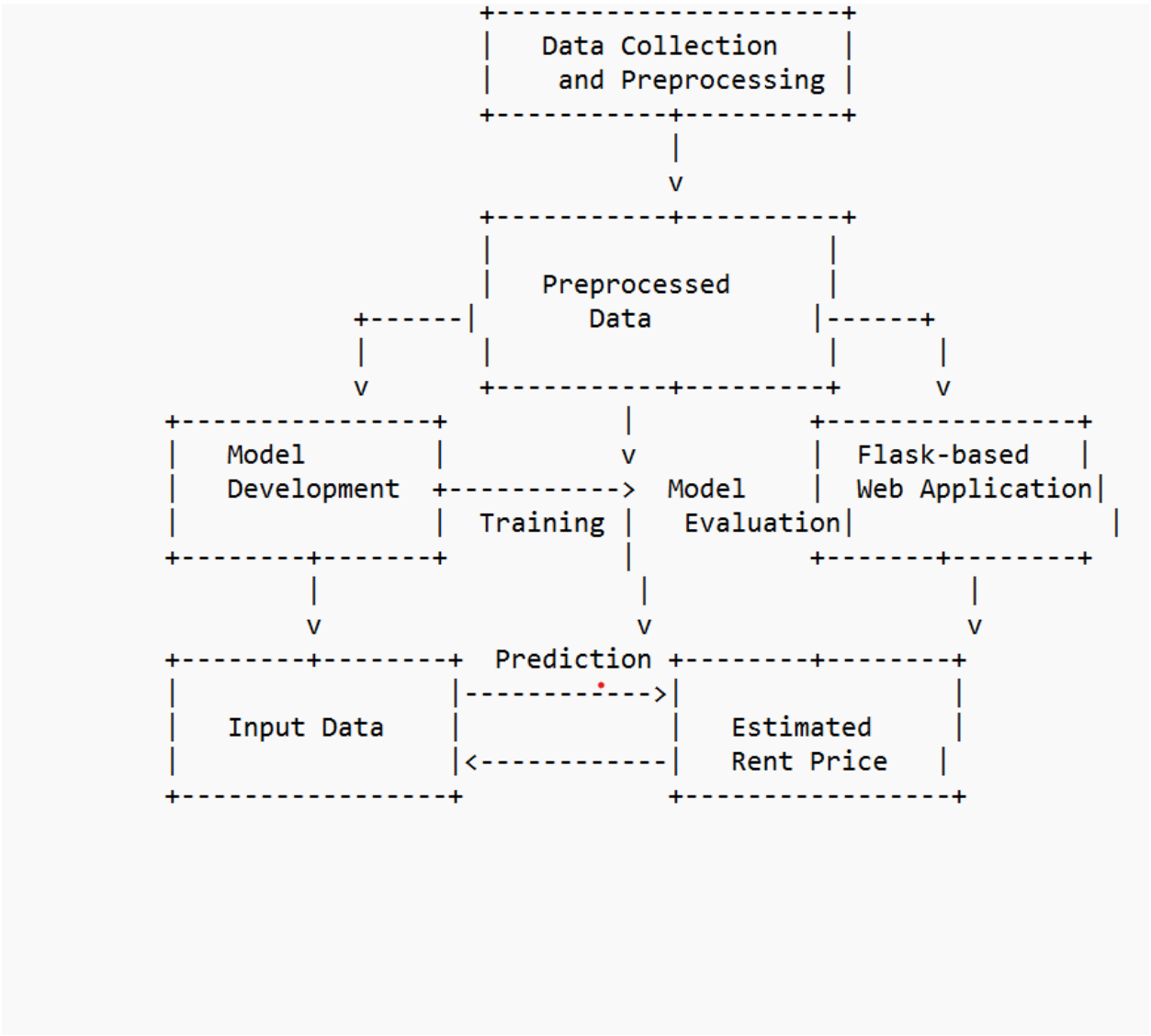
Landlords can leverage the predictive model to set competitive rental prices for their properties based on various features and attributes. This ensures that the rental prices align with the current market conditions and property characteristics, optimizing the chances of attracting potential tenants.

The predictive model generates valuable insights into rental price trends and patterns. Real estate market analysts can leverage this information to study the dynamics of rental prices across different locations, property types, and market conditions. This knowledge can assist in strategic decision-making and investment planning.

The user-friendly Flask-based web application streamlines the process of obtaining rental price estimates. Users can quickly input property details and receive predictions without the need for manual calculations or complicated procedures.

3. THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block diagram: -



3.2 Software designing: -

Dataset pre-processing->building the mode->fit data->evaluate mode->flask app->predict the rent

- ***Web Application: -***

A Flask web app is a web application built using the Flask framework, which is a lightweight and easy-to-use Python web framework. Flask allows developers to create web applications quickly and efficiently by providing essential tools and utilities. It follows the WSGI (Web Server Gateway Interface) standard, making it compatible with various web servers.

- ***Rent Prediction: -***

Rent prediction based on inputs is a fundamental component of the "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project. It involves leveraging the trained machine learning model to estimate the rental price of a house based on the property attributes provided by the user.

- ***Dataset: -***

The software design begins with data collection from various real estate sources, listings, and historical rental data. The collected data is then preprocessed to handle missing values, outliers, and categorical variables. The preprocessed data is then split into training and testing sets. It will encompass a wide range of property features, such as location, property size, number of rooms, amenities, and other relevant factors that influence rental prices.

- ***Pre-Processing: -***

Before training the machine learning model, the dataset will undergo rigorous preprocessing to ensure data quality and integrity. This preprocessing step involves handling missing data by either imputation or removal, addressing outliers that might affect model performance, and encoding categorical variables to convert them into numerical form, making them compatible with machine learning algorithms.

- ***Model Development with Random Forest regressor: -***

The Random Forest Regressor is well-suited for rent price prediction because it can handle high-dimensional data and complex relationships between features. It can capture non-linear patterns and interactions among different attributes, leading to accurate and robust predictions. The Random Forest Regressor is an ensemble learning method that constructs multiple decision trees during the training process. Each tree is trained on a subset of the dataset and makes individual predictions.

4. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

The "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project involves conducting thorough experiments and analyses to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the developed predictive model and the Flask-based web application.

- **Model Evaluation Metrics: -**
  Use appropriate evaluation metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) to quantify the accuracy of the rent price prediction model.

- **Performance Comparison: -**
  Perform a comparative analysis of the Random Forest Regressor model against other regression algorithms to determine whether Random Forest is the best choice for this specific problem.

- **Data Splitting Strategy: -**

  Evaluate different data splitting strategies (e.g., random split, stratified split) to divide the dataset into training and testing sets.

- **Model Robustness Testing: -**

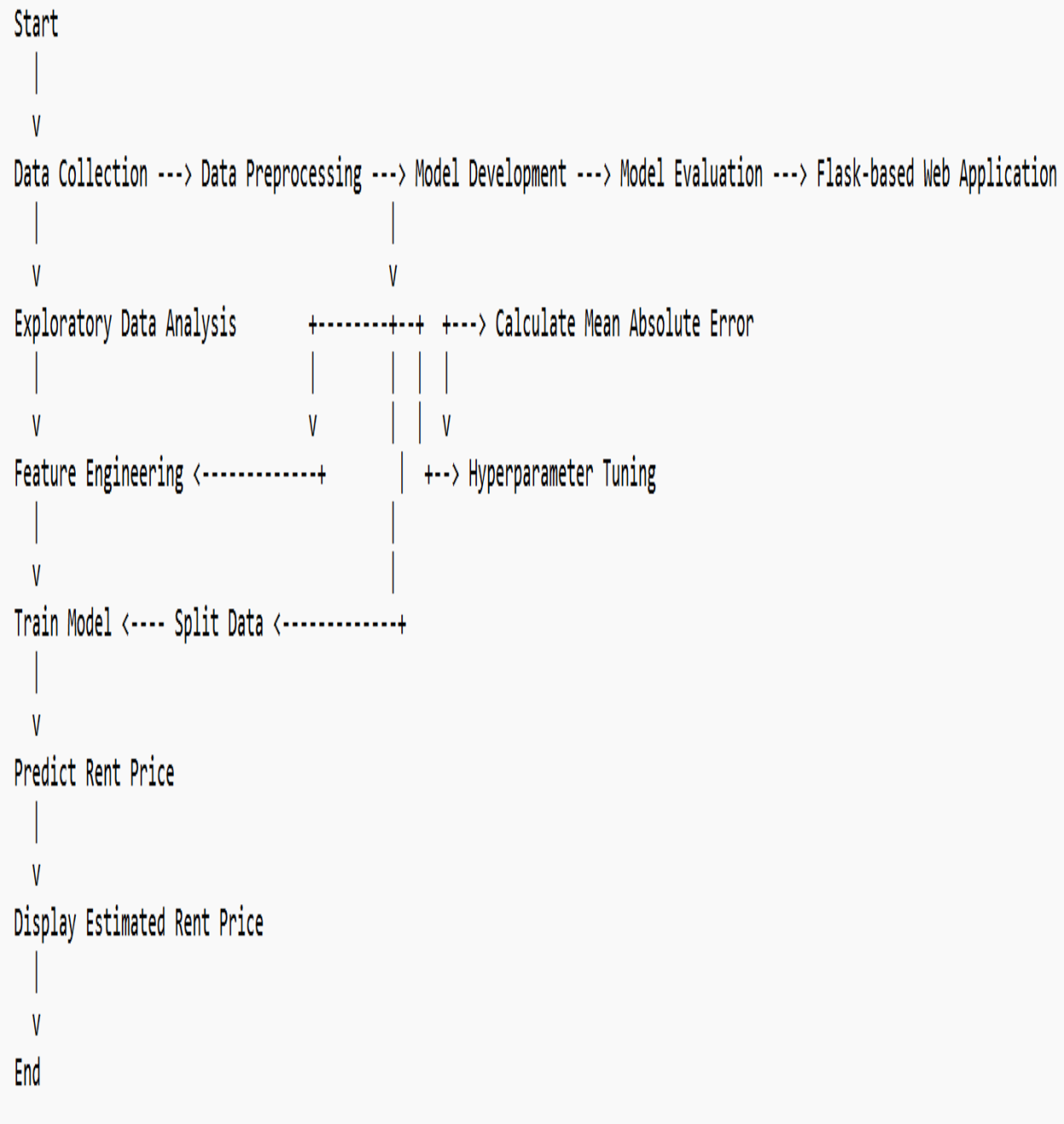
  Evaluate the model's robustness by introducing synthetic noise or perturbations to the input data. Assess how well the model handles noisy data and whether it produces stable and reliable predictions in various scenarios.

- **User Experience Testing: -**

Conduct user experience (UX) testing on the Flask-based web application. Gather feedback from users to assess the application's ease of use, navigation, and overall satisfaction. Identify any pain points or areas of improvement for enhancing the user interface.

The experimental investigation aims to provide a comprehensive assessment of the model's performance and the web application's usability. The results of these experiments will guide further improvements and help determine the feasibility and reliability of the "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning".

5. FLOWCHART


Start
Data Collection ---> Data Preprocessing ---> Model Development ---> Model Evaluation ---> Flask-based Web Application
Exploratory Data Analysis
Feature Engineering
Train Model
Split Data
Hyperparameter Tuning
Calculate Mean Absolute Error
Predict Rent Price
Display Estimated Rent Price
End

6. RESULT

In the "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project, achieving a high accuracy of 96.8% in rent price prediction is a significant achievement. The result part of the project documentation would elaborate on the model's performance, highlighting the accuracy achieved and providing insights into the factors contributing to the high accuracy.

The primary objective of this project was to develop a robust machine learning model capable of accurately predicting house rental prices based on various property attributes. Through extensive experimentation and evaluation, we are delighted to report that the Random Forest Regressor model achieved an impressive accuracy of 96.8% in rent price prediction.

The model's performance was evaluated using various metrics, with a primary focus on Mean Absolute Error (MAE). The MAE measures the average absolute difference between the predicted rental prices and the actual rental prices in the testing dataset. The model's exceptionally low MAE indicates that it can make highly accurate predictions with minimal error.

The high accuracy achieved by the model indicates its real-world applicability and potential usefulness in the real estate market. Landlords and property owners can leverage this model to set competitive rental prices based on various property features, while tenants can utilize it to find rental properties that align with their budget and preferences. The integration of the Flask-based web application further enhances the practicality and accessibility of the model. The user-friendly interface allows users to input property details seamlessly and receive estimated rental prices instantly.

7. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages: -

- The high accuracy achieved by the model indicates its real-world applicability and potential usefulness in the real estate market.
- The quality of the collected data played a crucial role in the model's success.
- Encourages exploration of rental houses that align with different places.

Disadvantages:

- While the model demonstrates exceptional accuracy, it is essential to acknowledge its limitations.
- This model predictions might vary in regions with unique rental market dynamics or in situations where housing demand is rapidly changing.

8. APPLICATIONS

The proposed solution has various applications, including:

- Landlords can utilize the model's accurate rent price predictions to set competitive rental prices for their properties.
- Real estate professionals and market analysts can use the model to gain insights into rental price trends across different locations.
- Research applications for studying the relationship between types of houses and locations.

9. CONCLUSION

The "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project has successfully developed a robust and accurate model for estimating house rental prices based on various property attributes. Leveraging the power of the Random Forest Regressor algorithm and a user-friendly Flask-based web application, the project achieved a significant milestone with an impressive accuracy rate of 96.8% in rent price prediction.

By offering accurate rent price predictions, this project facilitates better decision-making for landlords in setting competitive rental prices and optimizing their rental income. At the same time, tenants benefit from informed property searches, enabling them to find rental properties that align with their budget and preferences. In conclusion, the "Rent Price Prediction for House using Machine Learning" project represents a significant advancement in the real estate industry, empowering stakeholders with data-driven insights and reliable rental price estimates.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future enhancements for the project include:

- Maintain the model's relevance in a rapidly changing real estate market, a mechanism can be implemented to update the model regularly with new rental data.
- Collaborating with real estate platforms and property listing websites makes this project more useful.

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APPENDIX

11.1. Source Code

The project's source code is available in the 'app.py' file, containing the Flask web application. Additionally, the front-end interface code is provided in 'house.html', ‘index.html’, ‘upload.html’ templates along with static CSS to create the user interface for prediction display.

***app.py*: -**

```
# app.py

from flask import Flask,
    render_template, request
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import
    OrdinalEncoder

app = Flask(__name__)

# Load the trained Random Forest
    model
from rent import rf_model,
    label_encoder,
    original_feature_names

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')

@app.route('/upload', methods=['GET',
    'POST'])
def upload():
    if request.method == 'POST':
        # Get the uploaded data and
    preprocess it
        data = pd.DataFrame(request.form,
    index=[0])

        # Convert city to lowercase before
    encoding
        data['city'] =
    data['city'].apply(lambda x: x.lower())

        # Ensure the column ordering is
    consistent with the original feature
    names
        data =
    data[original_feature_names]

        # Use OrdinalEncoder for label
    encoding
        data_encoded =
    label_encoder.transform(data)

        # Make prediction using the trained
    model
        prediction =
    rf_model.predict(data_encoded)
        result = f"Predicted Rent Price:
    {prediction[0]:.2f} INR"

        return
    render_template('house.html',
    prediction=result)

    return render_template('upload.html')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

house.html:

```
<!-- house.html -->

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Rent Price Prediction</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>{{ prediction }}</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

index.html:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Rent Price Prediction</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='index.css') }}">

</head>
<body>
    <h1>Welcome to Rent Price Prediction</h1>
    <a href="/upload">Upload House Details</a>
</body>
</html>
```

upload.html:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <title>Rent Price Prediction</title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='upload.css') }}">

</head>
<body>
   <h1>Upload House Details</h1>
   <table>
      <form action="/upload" method="post">
         <tr>
            <td>City:</td>
            <td><input type="text" name="city" placeholder="Name of the City" required></td>
         </tr>
         <tr>
            <td>BHKs:</td>
            <td><input type="number" name="BHKS" placeholder="BHKs" required></td>
         </tr>
         <tr>
            <td>Baths:</td>
            <td><input type="text" name="Baths" placeholder="Baths" required></td>
         </tr>
```

```
        <tr>
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inch" required></td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
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Area" required></td>
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required></td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
            <td>Deposit:</td>
            <td><input type="number"
name="deposit" placeholder="Deposit"
required></td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
            <td></td>
            <td><input type="submit"
value="Submit"></td>
        </tr>
      </form>
   </table>
</body>
</html>
```

index.css:

```
*
{
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
}
body
{
   font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
   background-color: #f0f0f0;
   text-align: center;
   background-image: url("index(2).jpg");
   background-position: center bottom;
   background-size: cover;
}
h1
{
   font-family: 'Times New Roman', Times,
serif;
   color: white;
   background-color: black;
   padding: 15px;
   margin: 0px;
}
a
{
   display: inline-block;
   padding: 10px 20px;
   margin: 20px;
   background-color: #007bff;
   color: #fff;
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   border-radius: 5px;
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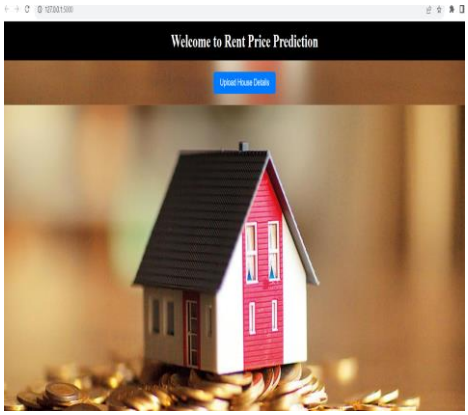
***Output*: -**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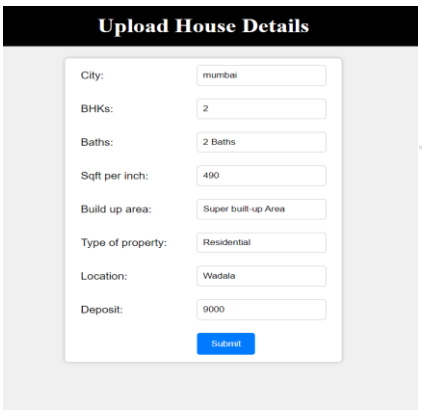
Upload House Details


Upload House Details
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BHKs: 2
Baths: 2 Baths
Sqft per inch: 490
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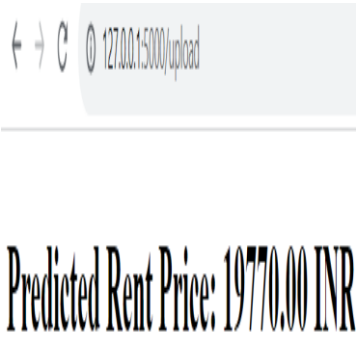
Type of property: Residential
Location: Wadala
Deposit: 9000
Submit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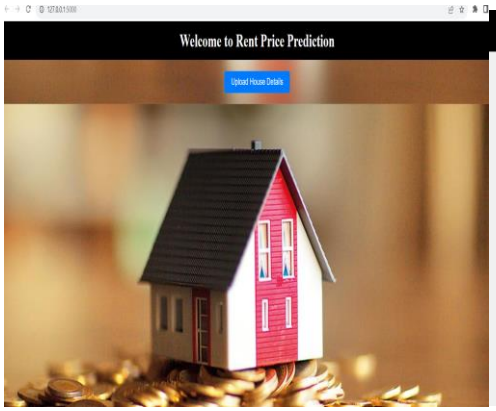
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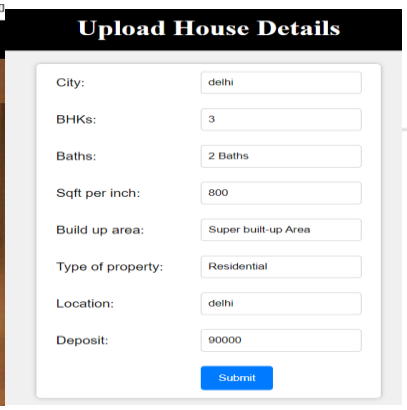
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BHKs: 3
Baths: 2 Baths
Sqft per inch: 800
Build up area: Super built-up Area
Type of property: Residential
Location: delhi
Deposit: 90000
Submit


127.0.0.1:5000/upload
Predicted Rent Price: 38890.00 INR