## Credit Card Fraud Detection

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## 1 Credit Card Fraud Detection Project

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#### 1.1 Project Overview

This project demonstrates a Credit Card Fraud Detection system using a Random Forest Classifier.

The app allows users to:

- 1. Select a **sample transaction** from the dataset.
- 2. Enter all 30 features manually.
- 3. Lookup any transaction by its Index.

The model was trained on ~284,000 transactions with 30 features (Time, V1-V28, Amount) and predicts whether a transaction is **fraudulent or not**.

#### 2 Load Dataset

- pd.read\_csv loads the CSV file into a DataFrame.
- data.head() shows the first 5 rows to check how your data looks.

```
[1]:
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       Time
                    V1
                              V2
                                        V3
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                                                            V5
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         0.0 -1.359807 -0.072781
                                  2.536347
                                            1.378155 -0.338321
                                                               0.462388
                                                                          0.239599
                                  0.166480
                                            0.448154 0.060018 -0.082361 -0.078803
     1
         0.0 1.191857 0.266151
         1.0 -1.358354 -1.340163
                                 1.773209
                                           0.379780 -0.503198 1.800499 0.791461
```

```
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   1.0 -0.966272 -0.185226 1.792993 -0.863291 -0.010309 1.247203 0.237609
   2.0 -1.158233   0.877737   1.548718   0.403034 -0.407193
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                           V21
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0 0.098698 0.363787 ... -0.018307
                               0.277838 -0.110474 0.066928
                                                          0.128539
1 0.085102 -0.255425 ... -0.225775 -0.638672 0.101288 -0.339846
                                                          0.167170
2 0.247676 -1.514654 ... 0.247998 0.771679 0.909412 -0.689281 -0.327642
3 0.377436 -1.387024 ... -0.108300 0.005274 -0.190321 -1.175575 0.647376
V26
               V27
                         V28
                             Amount
                                   Class
0 -0.189115  0.133558 -0.021053
                             149.62
                                        0
1 0.125895 -0.008983 0.014724
                               2.69
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2 -0.139097 -0.055353 -0.059752
                            378.66
                                        0
3 -0.221929 0.062723 0.061458
                            123.50
                                        0
4 0.502292 0.219422 0.215153
                              69.99
                                        0
```

## 3 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

#### 3.1 Check basic info:

[5 rows x 31 columns]

- data.shape  $\rightarrow$  shows rows and columns.
- data.info() → shows data types and missing values.
- data.describe() → shows mean, min, max, etc. for numeric features.

```
[2]: # Shape of dataset print(data.shape)
```

(284807, 31)

[3]: # Column info
print(data.info())

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 284807 entries, 0 to 284806
Data columns (total 31 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Time	284807 non-null	float64
1	V1	284807 non-null	float64
2	V2	284807 non-null	float64
3	V3	284807 non-null	float64
4	V4	284807 non-null	float64
5	<b>V</b> 5	284807 non-null	float64
6	V6	284807 non-null	float64
7	V7	284807 non-null	float64

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     V27
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     V28
             284807 non-null
                               float64
 29
             284807 non-null float64
     Amount
     Class
             284807 non-null
dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)
```

memory usage: 67.4 MB

None

## [4]: # Summary statistics print(data.describe())

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V1
                                              V2
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                                    2.848070e+05 2.848070e+05
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50%
        84692.000000
                     1.810880e-02 6.548556e-02 1.798463e-01 -1.984653e-02
75%
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                     1.315642e+00 8.037239e-01 1.027196e+00 7.433413e-01
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                                                1.213481e-16 -2.406331e-15
       1.380247e+00
                    1.332271e+00 1.237094e+00
                                                 1.194353e+00 1.098632e+00
std
      -1.137433e+02 -2.616051e+01 -4.355724e+01 -7.321672e+01 -1.343407e+01
min
      -6.915971e-01 -7.682956e-01 -5.540759e-01 -2.086297e-01 -6.430976e-01
25%
50%
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75%
      6.119264e-01 3.985649e-01 5.704361e-01 3.273459e-01 5.971390e-01
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75%
          1.863772e-01 5.285536e-01 1.476421e-01 4.395266e-01
          2.720284e+01 1.050309e+01 2.252841e+01 4.584549e+00
max
                V25
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                                                                       Amount
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count
mean
       5.340915e-16
                     1.683437e-15 -3.660091e-16 -1.227390e-16
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                                                                    77.165000
max
       7.519589e+00 3.517346e+00 3.161220e+01 3.384781e+01
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               Class
       284807.000000
count
            0.001727
mean
            0.041527
std
            0.000000
min
25%
            0.000000
50%
            0.000000
75%
            0.000000
            1.000000
max
[8 rows x 31 columns]
     Check for missing values:
```

- isnull().sum() counts missing values per column.
- This dataset has **no missing values**, so we're good.

# [5]: print(data.isnull().sum()) Time 0 V1 0

V2 0 V3 0 V4 0 V5 0 V6 0

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           0
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V26
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V27
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V28
           0
Amount
           0
Class
dtype: int64
```

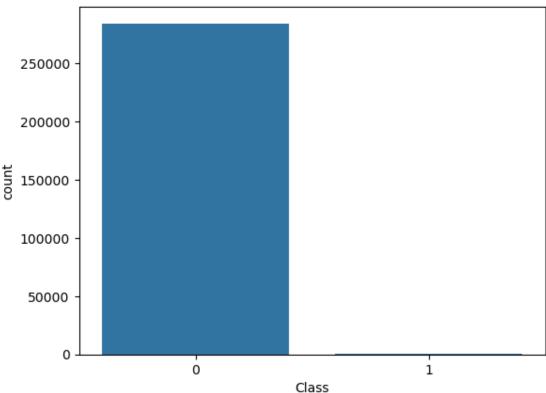
#### 3.3 Visualize class distribution:

- Shows how many transactions are fraudulent (1) vs non-fraudulent (0).
- The dataset is **highly imbalanced**  $\rightarrow$  very few frauds.

```
[6]: import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

sns.countplot(x='Class', data=data)
plt.title('Fraudulent vs Non-Fraudulent Transactions')
plt.show()
```

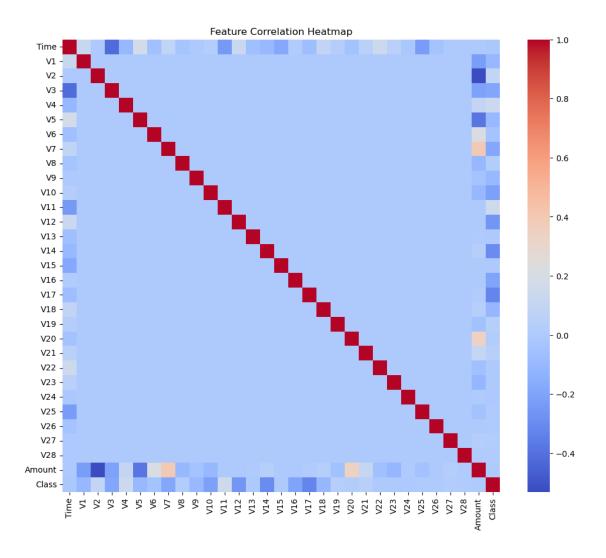




### 3.4 Check correlations

- Helps see which features are strongly correlated with Class (fraud).
- Useful for feature selection later.

```
[7]: plt.figure(figsize=(12,10))
sns.heatmap(data.corr(), cmap='coolwarm', annot=False)
plt.title('Feature Correlation Heatmap')
plt.show()
```



## 4 Prepare Data for Machine Learning

## 4.1 Split features and target

```
[8]: X = data.drop('Class', axis=1) # All columns except 'Class'
y = data['Class'] # Target
```

### 4.2 Split into train/test

• stratify=y ensures the same ratio of fraud/non-fraud in train & test sets.

```
[9]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y
```

)

#### 4.3 Scale features

- Scaling helps models like Logistic Regression perform better.
- Random Forest doesn't need it, but scaling is good practice.

```
[10]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

    scaler = StandardScaler()
    X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
    X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

## 5 Train a Machine Learning Model

We'll use Random Forest Classifier:

- Random Forest  $\rightarrow$  robust and handles imbalance better than simple models.
- classification\_report  $\rightarrow$  shows precision, recall, F1-score for each class.
- Accuracy is not enough  $\rightarrow$  focus on -precision/recall for fraud class.

[11]: RandomForestClassifier(random\_state=42)

```
[13]: y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
```

```
[14]: # Evaluate
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

Accuracy: 0.9995962220427653

	precision	recall	il-score	support
	0 1.00	1.00	1.00	56864
	1 0.94	0.82	0.87	98
accurac	у		1.00	56962
macro av	g 0.97	0.91	0.94	56962
weighted av	g 1.00	1.00	1.00	56962

#### 5.1 Accuracy: 0.9996

- This looks extremely high, but remember your dataset is highly imbalanced:
  - $-0 \rightarrow \text{non-fraud (majority class)}$
  - $-1 \rightarrow \text{fraud (minority class)}$
- Accuracy mostly reflects correctly predicting non-fraud transactions.
- High accuracy doesn't mean the model is perfect for fraud detection focus on **precision**, recall, F1-score for the fraud class.

#### 5.2 Precision, Recall, F1-Score

- **Precision (fraud)** =  $0.94 \rightarrow \text{Out of all transactions predicted as fraud, 94% were actually fraud.$
- Recall (fraud) =  $0.82 \rightarrow \text{Out of all actual fraud transactions}$ , 82% were correctly detected.
- **F1-score** =  $0.87 \rightarrow$  Harmonic mean of precision and recall  $\rightarrow$  good balance.

In real fraud detection, **recall is very important** because missing a fraud (false negative) can be costly.

#### 5.3 Next Steps to Improve Optional (model is already strong)

#### 1. Handle Imbalance:

• Use class\_weight='balanced' in RandomForest:

model = RandomForestClassifier(n\_estimators=100, random\_state=42, class\_weight='balanced', n\_j

- Or use SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique) to oversample fraud cases.
- 2. Tune Hyperparameters:
- Increase n estimators, adjust max depth, min samples split to improve recall.
- 3. Try Other Models:
- XGBoost, LightGBM  $\rightarrow$  often give better recall for imbalanced datasets.

## 6 Save Model for App

• Saves the model so we can load it in Streamlit app without retraining every time.

```
[15]: import pickle

# Save trained model
pickle.dump(model, open("model.pkl", "wb"))
```

## 7 Create Streamlit App

- Takes user input for features  $\rightarrow$  predicts fraud.
- model.pkl is loaded and used for prediction.
- You can expand inputs to all important features.

```
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import pickle
# Load Model and Dataset
# -----
model = pickle.load(open("model.pkl", "rb"))
data = pd.read_csv("data/creditcard.csv")
st.set_page_config(page_title="Credit Card Fraud Detection", layout="wide")
st.title(" Credit Card Fraud Detection")
st.write("This app predicts whether a credit card transaction is fraudulent or not.")
# -----
# Sidebar for User Input
st.sidebar.header("Choose Input Method")
input_method = st.sidebar.radio("Select input type:", ["Sample Transaction", "Manual Input", "
# -----
# Option 1: Sample Transaction
# -----
if input_method == "Sample Transaction":
   st.subheader("Select a Sample Transaction")
   # Select 1 random fraud
   fraud_sample = data[data['Class']==1].sample(1)
   # Select 4 random non-fraud
   nonfraud_sample = data[data['Class']==0].sample(4)
   # Combine and shuffle
   sample_rows = pd.concat([fraud_sample, nonfraud_sample]).sample(frac=1)
   # Create friendly labels (show Fraud / Not Fraud)
   row_labels = [f"Index {i} - {'Fraud' if row['Class'] == 1 else 'Not Fraud'}" for i, row in sa
   selected_label = st.selectbox("Choose a sample row:", row_labels)
   selected_index = int(selected_label.split()[1])
   selected_row = data.loc[selected_index]
   features = selected_row.drop("Class").values.reshape(1, -1)
# -----
# Option 2: Manual Input
# -----
elif input_method == "Manual Input":
```

```
st.subheader("Enter Transaction Details Manually")
   input_dict = {}
   input_dict["Time"] = st.number_input("Time", value=float(data["Time"].mean()))
   for col in [f"V{i}" for i in range(1,29)]:
       input_dict[col] = st.number_input(col, value=float(data[col].mean()))
   input_dict["Amount"] = st.number_input("Amount", value=float(data["Amount"].mean()))
   features = np.array([list(input dict.values())])
# Option 3: Index Lookup
# -----
else:
   st.subheader("Check any transaction by Index")
   idx = st.number_input("Enter Index (0 to {})".format(len(data)-1), min_value=0, max_value=1
   selected_row = data.loc[int(idx)]
   features = selected_row.drop("Class").values.reshape(1, -1)
   st.write(f"Actual Class: {'Fraud' if selected_row['Class']==1 else 'Not Fraud'}")
# -----
# Prediction
if st.button("Predict"):
   prediction = model.predict(features)
   prediction_proba = model.predict_proba(features)[0][1]
   st.write("## Prediction Result:")
   if prediction[0] == 1:
       st.error(f" Fraudulent Transaction detected! Probability: {prediction_proba:.2f}")
       st.success(f" Not Fraudulent. Probability of fraud: {prediction_proba:.2f}")
# Detailed Explanation at Bottom
# -----
st.markdown("---")
st.markdown("""
**About this App:**
1 **Index**
- This is the row number in dataset ('data.csv').
- Example: `Index 43428` means this transaction is at row 43428.
- Helps identify the transaction being tested.
2 **Class**
- Class is the actual label in the dataset:
 - 0 → Not Fraudulent
  - 1 → Fraudulent
- Example: `Class 1.0` means the transaction is actually a fraud.
```

- 3 \*\*Why show Index and Class?\*\*
- The dropdown shows 5 sample transactions from the dataset.
- Displaying `Index ... Class ...` makes it clear which transaction is fraud or non-fraud be
- Helps you test if the model prediction matches the actual label.

\*\*In short:\*\*

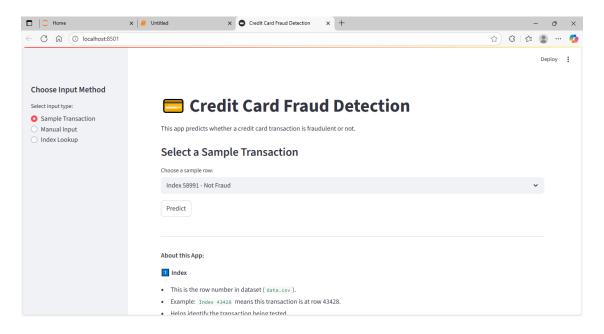
- `Index 43428 Class 1.0`  $\rightarrow$  Transaction at row 43428 is actually fraud in the dataset.
- You can either select \*\*sample transactions\*\*, enter \*\*all 30 features manually\*\*, or \*\*look
- Designed for portfolio showcase: interactive, professional, and easy to test.

Run app: >

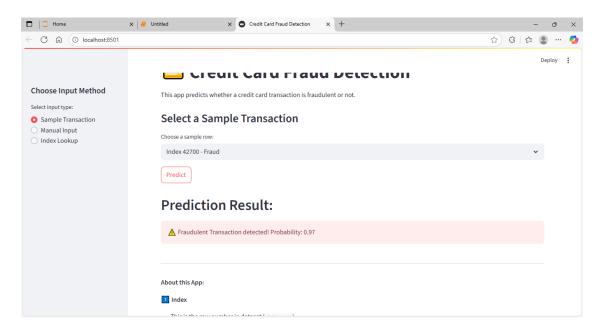
streamlit run app.py

**App Preview: Credit Card Fraud Detection** Here are some screenshots showing how the app looks and works:

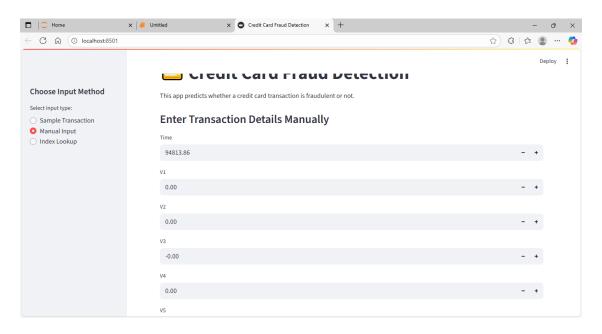
## 8 App Overview



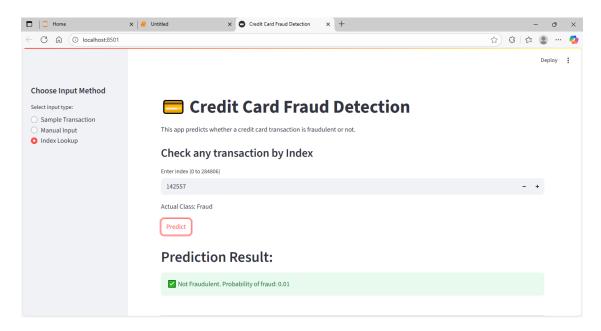
## 9 Sample Transaction



## 10 Manual Input



## 11 Index Lookup



## 12 Conclusion

- The Random Forest Classifier can detect fraudulent transactions with high accuracy.
- The interactive Streamlit app allows users to test the model using:
  - Sample transactions
  - Manual input
  - Index lookup

#### 12.1 Notes / Next Steps

- Future improvements:
  - Add feature importance visualization
  - Deploy app online using Streamlit Cloud or Heroku
  - Extend to **other machine learning models** for comparison