Credit Card Fraud Detection

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Credit Card Fraud Detection Project

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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**.

1 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]:
       Time
                    V1
                              V2
                                        VЗ
                                                  ۷4
                                                            ۷5
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         0.0 -1.359807 -0.072781
                                 2.536347
                                            1.378155 -0.338321
                                                                0.462388
                                                                          0.239599
         0.0 1.191857 0.266151
                                 0.166480
                                            0.448154
                                                     0.060018 -0.082361 -0.078803
        1.0 -1.358354 -1.340163 1.773209
                                           0.379780 -0.503198
                                                               1.800499
         1.0 - 0.966272 - 0.185226 \ 1.792993 - 0.863291 - 0.010309 \ 1.247203
```

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V8
                ۷9
                          V21
                                   V22
                                           V23
                                                    V24
                                                            V25
0 0.098698 0.363787
                   0.128539
1 \quad 0.085102 \quad -0.255425 \quad ... \quad -0.225775 \quad -0.638672 \quad 0.101288 \quad -0.339846 \quad 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
4 -0.270533 0.817739 ... -0.009431
                              V26
               V27
                        V28
                            Amount
                                  Class
0 -0.189115 0.133558 -0.021053
                            149.62
1 0.125895 -0.008983 0.014724
                             2.69
                                      0
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
[5 rows x 31 columns]
   Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
2.1 Check basic info:
```

- data.shape \rightarrow shows rows and columns.
- data.info() → shows data types and missing values.
- data.describe() \rightarrow 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	V 5	284807 non-null	float64
6	V6	284807 non-null	float64
7	V7	284807 non-null	float64
8	V8	284807 non-null	float64

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27
    V27
            284807 non-null
                              float64
28
    V28
            284807 non-null float64
29
    Amount
            284807 non-null
                              float64
   Class
            284807 non-null int64
30
```

dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)

memory usage: 67.4 MB

None

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

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Time
                                V1
                                              V2
                                                             V3
                                                                           V4
       284807.000000
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                                    2.848070e+05 2.848070e+05
                                                                2.848070e+05
count.
        94813.859575
                      1.168375e-15
                                    3.416908e-16 -1.379537e-15
                                                                2.074095e-15
mean
        47488.145955
std
                     1.958696e+00 1.651309e+00 1.516255e+00
                                                                1.415869e+00
            0.000000 -5.640751e + 01 -7.271573e + 01 -4.832559e + 01 -5.683171e + 00
min
25%
        54201.500000 -9.203734e-01 -5.985499e-01 -8.903648e-01 -8.486401e-01
50%
        84692.000000
                     1.810880e-02 6.548556e-02 1.798463e-01 -1.984653e-02
75%
       139320.500000
                     1.315642e+00
                                   8.037239e-01
                                                 1.027196e+00
                                                                7.433413e-01
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                                                                1.687534e+01
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                     1.487313e-15 -5.556467e-16
                                                 1.213481e-16 -2.406331e-15
mean
std
       1.380247e+00
                    1.332271e+00 1.237094e+00
                                                1.194353e+00 1.098632e+00
      -1.137433e+02 -2.616051e+01 -4.355724e+01 -7.321672e+01 -1.343407e+01
min
25%
      -6.915971e-01 -7.682956e-01 -5.540759e-01 -2.086297e-01 -6.430976e-01
50%
      -5.433583e-02 -2.741871e-01 4.010308e-02 2.235804e-02 -5.142873e-02
75%
      6.119264e-01 3.985649e-01 5.704361e-01 3.273459e-01 5.971390e-01
       3.480167e+01 7.330163e+01 1.205895e+02 2.000721e+01 1.559499e+01
max
```

```
V21
                                 V22
                                                V23
                                                              V24
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                                      2.848070e+05
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count
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                                      2.578648e-16
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mean
                                      6.244603e-01
std
          7.345240e-01
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                                                     6.056471e-01
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       ... -2.283949e-01 -5.423504e-01 -1.618463e-01 -3.545861e-01
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75%
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                                                     4.395266e-01
                        1.050309e+01
max
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                V25
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                                                                       Amount
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mean
       5.340915e-16
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                    3.517346e+00 3.161220e+01 3.384781e+01
                                                                 25691.160000
max
               Class
count
       284807.000000
            0.001727
mean
            0.041527
std
            0.000000
min
25%
            0.00000
50%
            0.000000
75%
            0.000000
            1.000000
max
```

[8 rows x 31 columns]

2.2 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())

```
0
Time
۷1
             0
V2
             0
VЗ
             0
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             0
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V23
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V24
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V25
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V26
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V27
           0
V28
           0
Amount
           0
Class
           0
dtype: int64
```

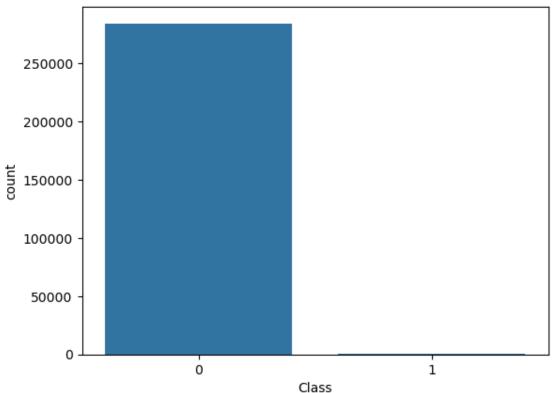
2.3 Visualize class distribution:

- 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()
```

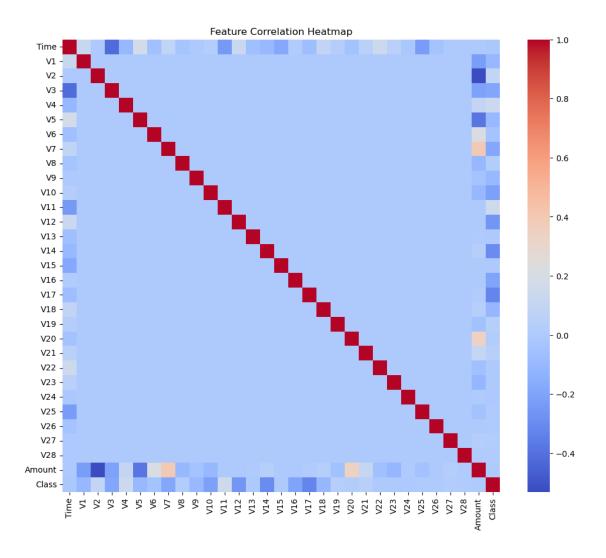




2.4 Check correlations

- 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()
```



3 Prepare Data for Machine Learning

3.1 Split features and target

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

3.2 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
```

)

3.3 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)
```

4 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	f1-score	support
	0	1.00	1.00	1.00	56864
	1	0.94	0.82	0.87	98
accuracy			1.00	56962	
macro	avg	0.97	0.91	0.94	56962
weighted	avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	56962

4.1 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.

4.2 Precision, Recall, F1-Score

- **Precision (fraud)** = 0.94 → 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.

4.3 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.

5 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"))
```

6 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:

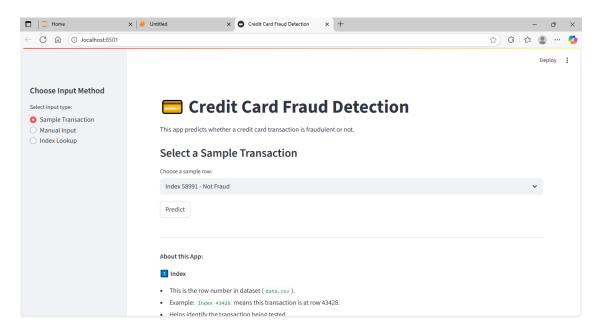
- `Index 43428 Class 1.0` \rightarrow Transaction at row 43428 is actually fraud in the dataset.
- You can either select **sample transactions**, enter **all 30 features manually**, or **look
- Designed for portfolio showcase: interactive, professional, and easy to test.

Run app: >

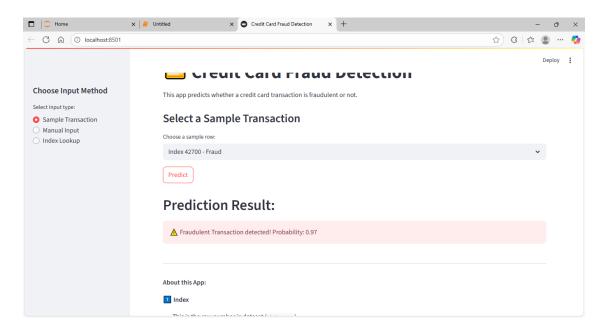
streamlit run app.py

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

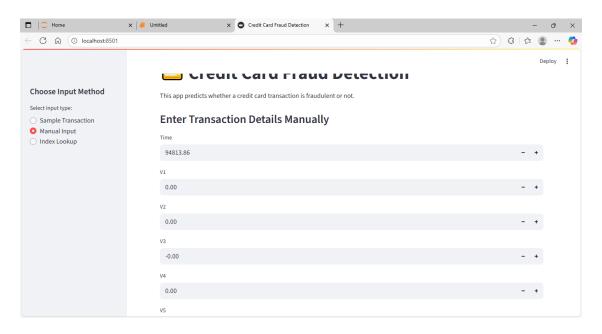
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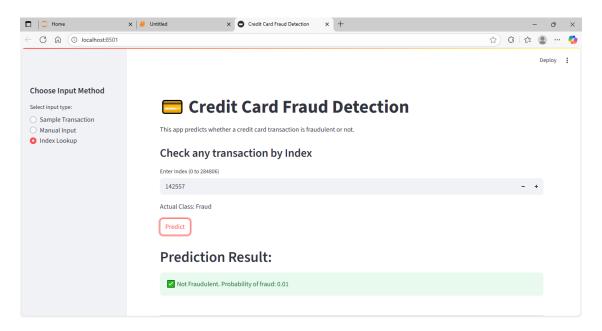
8 Sample Transaction



9 Manual Input



10 Index Lookup



11 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

11.1 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