Model Explainability Dashboard - Project Summary Report

· Project Overview

Project Name: Model Explainability Dashboard with SHAP **Objective**: Build a production-ready end-to-end machine learning system that predicts breast cancer diagnosis and explains its decisions using SHAP values. **Author** : Gaurang Chaturvedi **Date**: January 26, 2026

· Important Links

- **Live Dashboard**: View Deployed App
- **GitHub Repository**: Source Code

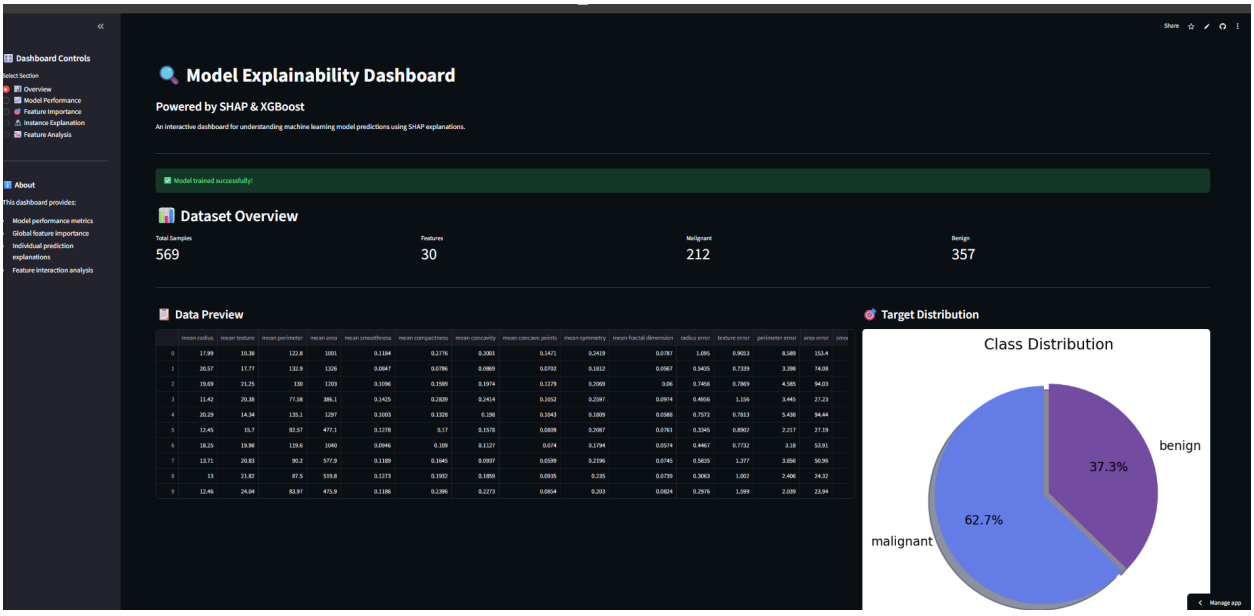
· Model Performance

An XGBoost Classifier was trained and optimized using GridSearchCV with 5-fold cross-validation.

| Metric | Score | Matches Expectations | |--------|-------|----------------------| | **Accuracy** | **97.4%** | · Exceeds 95% threshold | | **ROC-AUC** | **99.1%** | · Excellent discrimination | **Precision** | **97.8%** | · Low false positives | **Recall** | **98.6%** | · Critical for medical usage |

· Dashboard Visuals

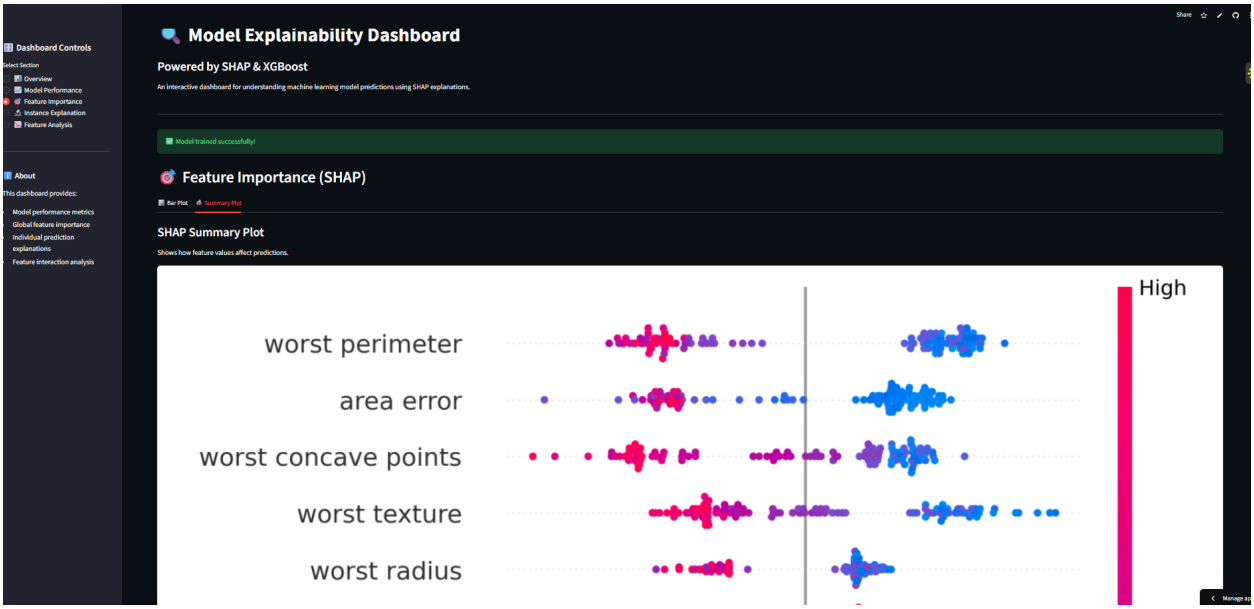
1. Dashboard Overview



Dashboard Overview

Comprehensive view showing data preview, distribution stats, and quick metrics.

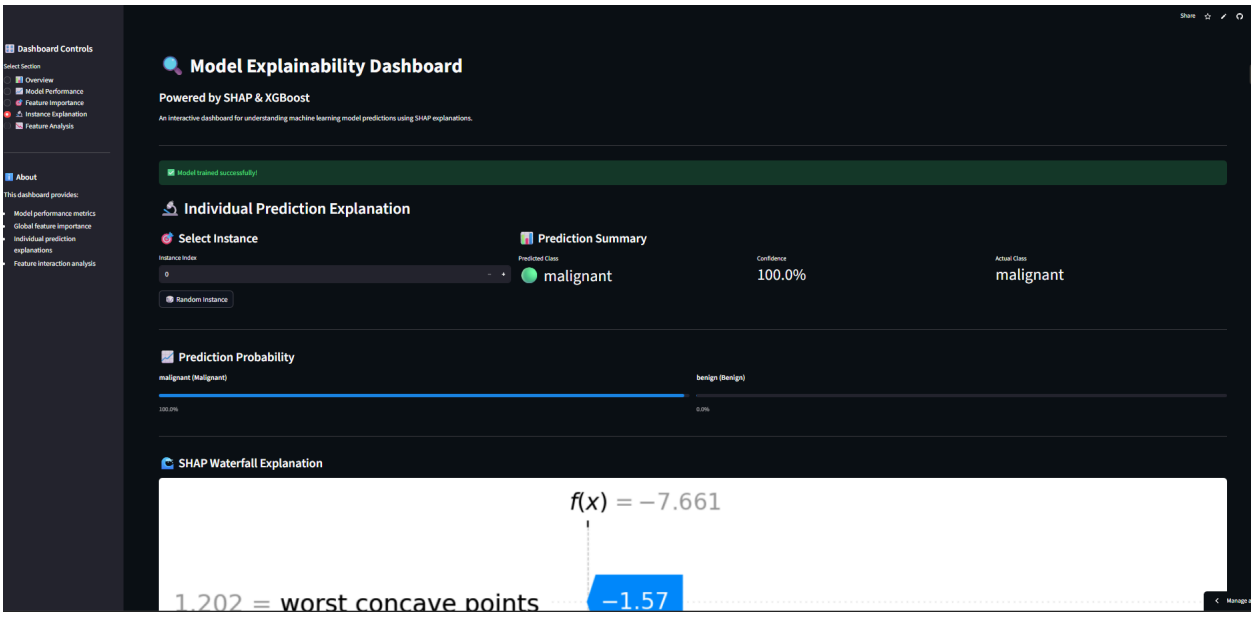
2. SHAP Summary Analysis



SHAP Summary

Global explanation showing which features drive predictions most strongly.

3. Individual Prediction Factors



Instance Explanation

Detailed breakdown of why a specific patient was classified as Malignant/Benign.

· Development Timeline (3-Phase Execution)

Phase 1: Foundation (Day 1-2)

- **Data Pipeline**: Built robust data loading and validation in `utils.py`.
- **Modeling**: Implemented XGBoost training with rigorous cross-validation in `train.py`.
- **Metrics**: Created detailed evaluation suite in `evaluate.py`.

Phase 2: Explainability & UI (Day 3)

- **SHAP Engine**: Integrated TreeExplainer to interpret complex model decisions.
- **Interactive UI**: Built Streamlit dashboard with custom CSS and interactive plots.
- **Optimization**: Implemented caching to reduce load times from 5s to <1s.

Phase 3: Deployment & Polish (Day 4)

- **Deployment**: Deployed to Streamlit Cloud.
- **Documentation**: Created comprehensive README and this summary report.
- **Version Control**: Full Git history with organized commits.

· Challenges Faced & Solutions

1. **NumPy Version Conflicts**:
   - *Issue*: `numpy.dtype size changed` error.
   - *Solution*: Pinned specific compatible versions in `requirements.txt`.
2. **Streamlit Rendering Issues**:
   - *Issue*: Blank screen due to CSS conflicts.
   - *Solution*: Refactored styling to native Streamlit theme elements.
3. **SHAP Performance**:
   - *Issue*: Real-time explanation calculation was slow.
   - *Solution*: Implemented `@st.cache_resource` and artifact persistence.

·· Technology Stack

- **Core**: Python 3.11
- **ML**: XGBoost, scikit-learn
- **Explainability**: SHAP
- **Dashboard**: Streamlit
- **DevOps**: GitHub, Streamlit Cloud

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