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Brain Tumor Classification Leveraging CNN and Grad-CAM For Accurate Tumor Type Identification

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ABSTRACT

The brain tumor segmentation in medical image analysis is a challenging task because the precision is crucial in the process of diagnosis and treatment. The current research applies a sophisticated method that utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in conjunction with Gradient weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM) to enhance the detection accuracy of brain tumors. By virtue of the implemented complex architecture of EfficientNetB1, our technique shines at solving the complex problems of medical images data processing. Grad-CAM makes a precious input into the CNN by supplying with visual interpretations of the attention-paying areas of the CNN, empowering doctors for right diagnoses. We introduce a model that is based on a great number of brain

tumor images with confirmed labels and learns to differentiate different tumor types based on their specific patterns. From our comparative analysis we can see that there is significant improvement in tumor detection accuracy, our model reaching may even as high as to 99.67%. This one is more effective than the VGG16 model that delivers 85%-90% accuracy and ResNet50 model that has 90%-97% accuracy. In particular, the EfficientNetB1 model provides an accuracy range in the interval of 96%-98%, which clearly shows the efficiency of our proposed technique, since this would result in better treatment outcomes for patients.

Keywords: Grad-Cam, Efficientnetb1, Convolutional Neural Networks (Cnns), Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

I. INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors constitute a big challenge in medical issue which afflicts millions of people worldwide and one of the main factors that contribute to mortality and morbidity rates. Early and accurate classification is crucially needed for prompt intervention and successful neuro-oncological consequences. Diagnostics and a follow-up status of brain tumors greatly benefit from modern medical imaging modalities, especially Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

The process of extracting brain tumor from the MRI scanned images is time consuming and often prone to inaccuracy, subjectivity and inconsistency.

Machine learning-based automated segmentation algorithms had lately been put forward as a suitable cure for these issues, affording the prospect of tumor localization in an accurate and effective way.

The innovative idea behind our project is to address an urgent medical concern in brain cancer that yield no satisfactory results which impacts patients' outcomes as well as death rates.

Brain tumors have become not only a serious issue, but also a challenge that the health sector continues to struggle to grapple with, determining successful patient outcomes and survival rates. Current approaches in brain tumor diagnostics and treatment are inefficient in properly classifying tumor types, often leading to unfavorable outcome to patient care.

Our objective is aimed to make big changes in the diagnosis and classification of brain tumors thanks to such innovative technologies as Grad-CAM and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). With implementation of such technologies, we will be able to distinguish various types of tumors using the data collected from imaging and tissue studies. Intricate and interconnected patterns will be analyzed.

The first and principal aim will be to make the EfficientNetB1 model a part of the existing system for classification of brain tumors into various types. This includes a process of training and transforming the model to typically capture medical imaging data and diagnose tumor types with a high accuracy.

The other goal of our program is to prepare a set of imaged brain tumors, which reflect the variety of real cases in terms of the features that are labeled ground truth. This dataset that will be used as the basis for training and validation of our model, yielding to model's dependability and robustness in real applications.

Finally, we will add in Grad-CAM (Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping) to bring transparency of the decision-making process. Such interpretability feature not only enhances the predictability and the transparency of our model, but additional characteristics can be discovered as well.

Moreover, we are going to carefully judged the result or

performance of our model with the use of common industry necessities measures which are for instance F1, Accuracy, Precision, and Recall.

These analyses will be used for validation of results obtained with the method to see if it is well-perform in segmenting brain tumor and types within them.

The strong point of our approach results from the intent to promote brain tumor early detection and treatment planning. Early and accurate assessment of patients and improvement of their survival rate and quality of life is the matter needing to be considered. Targeting is one of the identified objectives of our study used for tumor type identification through the interlocking of CNNs with Grad-CAM. Eventually, the treatment plans will be more efficacious with better outcomes.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Devkota and colleagues developed a new segmentation procedure for brain tumor identification by utilizing the spatial FCM algorithm and mathematical morphological operations. Their method demonstrated an 86.6% classifier accuracy and a 92% tumor detection rate, all while increasing computational efficiency. Still pending is an assessment of their solution beyond the computational phase.

Yantao et al. used a histogram-based segmentation approach to segment brain tumors. Based on FLAIR and T1 modalities, they treated the problem as a three-class classification problem that included the tumor (including necrosis), edema, and normal tissue.

Their approach comprised employing the FLAIR modality's region-based active contour model to identify aberrant regions, and the contrast-enhanced T1 modality's k-means method to differentiate between tumor and edema tissues in those locations. They segmented tumor and edema tissues with impressive sensitivity of 90.3% and Dice coefficient of 73.6%.

These works present a variety of segmentation strategies and methods for brain tumor identification, each of which adds special knowledge and results to the fields of machine learning and medical imaging.

The pursuit of precise brain tumor segmentation from MRI images has led to a proliferation of novel techniques, all aiming to precisely define the region of interest. Our research explores this area by utilizing cutting-edge methods like neural network-based segmentation to provide accurate and subtle tumor identification.

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Our goal is to use deep learning to identify various tumors with unprecedented efficiency and precision, opening the door to better diagnosis and treatment planning.

For prediction, we have the EfficientNetB1 technique and for visualization we used Grad-CAM it makes predictions 96-98% of the time.

III. PROPOSED SOLUTION

Our suggested approach focuses on using cutting-edge deep learning methods—more especially, the EfficientNetB1 architecture—to reliably identify and classify brain tumors from MRI data.

Several important criteria led to the selection of EfficientNetB1 over other Efficient Net models (B2-B7) and EfficientNetV2 models because it acts as a base model for the certain fixed amount of dataset which helps in learning from the data very easily if we use higher version of Efficient net family then we might require larger amount of dataset and processing power.

Restricted Dataset Size: limited dataset size allows it to balance model complexity and performance, which allows it to be trained on EfficientNetB1's model without compromising accuracy.

Preprocessing Complexity: Compared to higher versions (B2-B7), EfficientNetB1's design is simpler, which facilitates preprocessing and training on sufficient data without requiring a lot of processing power.

Parameter Efficiency: EfficientNetB1 is well-known for its parameter efficiency, which allows it to function well with a comparatively smaller number of trainable parameters. When training on smaller datasets when overfitting is an issue, this is beneficial.

Scalability: Higher versions of the Efficient Net models (B2-B7) have greater power but also need far more dataset size and more processing power due to its scalable architecture. EfficientNetB1.

Performance: our project's accuracy of 96-99% demonstrate that, even though B1 is a lesser version in the Efficient Net family, it still performs well in tasks like picture classification, including brain tumor type prediction.

After the data is collected, we carefully preprocess it to guarantee high quality and consistency. This involves standardizing pixel values for consistent data input, marking tumor locations for supervised learning, improving image quality for improved visualization of tumor features, and cleaning MRI images to eliminate artifacts.

We also extract pertinent information from the MRI scans to help with precise tumor identification.

Our method's main component is the creation of a reliable deep learning model with the EfficientNetB1 architecture. Since it performs well with image analysis tasks, we use EfficientNetB1 and with transfer learning that lags pre-trained models we improve the performance.

The proper optimization of such hyperparameters like batch sizes and learning rates, on the acquired MRI image data because of preprocessing ensures the best model training. We run the trained model in a user-friendly web app for brain tumor detection as the last step once it is trained and tested. Diagnosis and treatment partaking can be quicker. This is because healthcare professionals may upload MRI scans to identify the tumor and develop the treatment more quickly when they get the report immediately.

The mix integrates well with the present health care systems, and the user assistance and training are available to assure smooth operating. As designed, the vigilance and maintenance system is put in place to guarantee unhindered operation for times to come.

To reach this goal, it is vital to implement regular performance monitoring, the introduction of new datasets for the purpose of reconfiguration as tumor features changes, version control for all modifications.

In brief, our suggested method which is based on the latest deep learning techniques and applied to meticulously prepared data, model building, deployment, as well as monitoring of the performance may result in the provision of reproducible detection skills for medical practitioners.

It takes the MRI images, deciphers them, and outputs predictions and grad-cam images that display the precise locations of the tumors in one's brain. A detailed report comes out that contains the name and image of the tumor obtained from Grad-CAM.

This approach enables prompt medical action by providing information that can lead to well-informed decisions; therefore, brain tumor detection and treatment become more effective.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

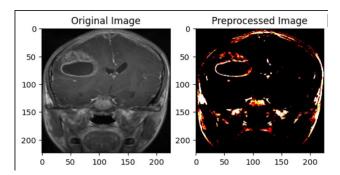
A. MRI Scanner & Data Acquisition

High-resolution MRI images targeted for brain tumor identification are obtained via the MRI Scanner & Data Acquisition component. To provide a broad dataset that includes a range of brain tumor forms, this entails gathering MRI images from medical facilities and institutes. The gathering of photos with exact details of tumor features and structures that are important for classification jobs is given top priority during the

data collecting procedure. Processing these pictures effectively is made possible by the EfficientNetB1 architecture, which extracts characteristics required for precise tumor type prediction and localization using Grad-CAM visualization.

B. Data Collection & Preprocessing

Gathering unprocessed MRI data and getting it ready for system input are included in data collection and preprocessing. To ensure compliance with the deep learning model—which is particularly designed for brain tumor type prediction—the data must be cleaned, normalized, and formatted. With an emphasis on recognizing tumor existence and specific tumor kinds, the preprocessing stages are essential to improving the quality and relevance of the MRI data for precise analysis by the EfficientNetB1 model.



C. Deep Learning Model (EfficientNetB1)

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are used by the Deep Learning Model, which is driven by the EfficientNetB1 architecture, to process and interpret MRI data to determine the kind of brain tumor. The model, which was trained on preprocessed data, is skilled at determining the existence of tumors and their attributes, such as certain kinds. The model's interpretability is improved by the addition of Grad-CAM visualization tools, which let users to see the precise position of tumors inside brain images.

D. Disease Detection & Classification

It is the responsibility of the Disease Detection & Classification component to recognize and categorize brain tumors in MRI images. This component carries out complex classification tasks, giving insights into the various tumor types contained in the photos, using the Deep Learning Model trained using EfficientNetB1. To help with the evaluation of forecast dependability, the predictions are also given confidence ratings.

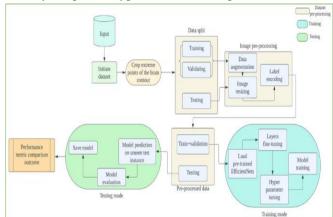
E. Database & User Interactions

The database component acts as a holding area for the Grad-CAM images, tumor kinds, locations, confidence ratings, and other disease identification findings. Using an intuitive interface, users interact with the system by uploading MRI scans, predicting the type of tumor, viewing the results, which include Grad-CAM visualizations for localizing the tumor, and storing

their login credentials and previous tumor and MRI scan search data for a customized user experience and historical record-keeping. For healthcare professionals, this interactive interactivity improves usability and makes data-driven decision-making easier.

F. Web application and machine learning integration

A user-friendly online interface is designed and seamlessly integrated with the machine learning model, EfficientNetB1 for brain tumor type prediction and localization utilizing Grad-CAM visualization, has been trained and validated. Through the online interface, users may submit MRI scans directly, supplying tumor type prediction data inputs. The uploaded MRI images are analyzed by the ML model, which uses the patterns it has learnt from the vast amount of training data to identify the precise type of brain tumor present.



Data Flow

- 1. Raw MRI Data (collected by MRI Scanners)
- 2. Data Preprocessing
- 3. Deep Learning Model
- 4. Disease Prediction
- 5. Viz Grad-CAM
- 6. Detailed Report

V. Methodologies

A.Data Collection

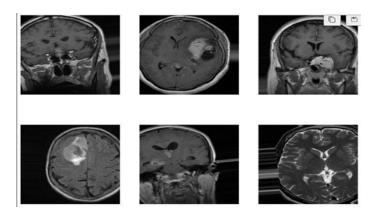
The method of gathering data entails obtaining a wide variety of MRI scans from various healthcare facilities and organizations. By ensuring that the dataset includes a wide range of brain tumor sizes, kinds, and locations, this stage offers an extensive collection of pictures for study. Working together with institutions and healthcare experts is essential at this stage to gain access to pertinent MRI datasets that provide comprehensive details on various tumor features.

B. Data Preprocessing

An essential first step in getting the MRI data ready for analysis is data preparation. As part of this procedure, noise, artifacts, and unimportant information are eliminated from the data to reduce any potential impact on the deep learning model's accuracy. In addition, the data is presented in a way that is compatible with the selected deep learning architecture, such as EfficientNetB1, and normalized to provide constant pixel values across all MRI scans. The quality of the data is improved, and it is optimized for efficient model training and analysis through proper preparation.

C. Data Augmentation

Our brain tumor detection research relies heavily on data augmentation, which improves the resilience and variety of the training dataset used by the EfficientNetB1 model. To produce different versions of MRI images, techniques such as rotation, scaling, flipping, zooming, and shifting are utilized. By increasing the dataset, this procedure enhances the model's capacity to generalize to various tumor kinds and patient demographics. Through the addition of variety to the training set, data augmentation also aids in the prevention of overfitting. In the end, it improves the model's functionality and precision in identifying and categorizing brain tumors under various conditions and input changes.



D. Deep Learning Model Training

A machine learning algorithm may be used to train the model after the pre-processed data has been obtained. The dataset has been split up into 80% for model training and 20% for model testing. The preprocessed MRI data is processed and analyzed using the EfficientNetB1 architecture to train the deep learning model. EfficientNetB1 is selected because to its effectiveness in processing high-dimensional medical pictures and its capacity to identify intricate patterns and characteristics linked to various types of brain tumors.

Through iterative learning and parameter optimization, the model improves its performance as it learns to recognize and categorize tumors based on the patterns seen in the MRI images.

E. Model Testing and Validation

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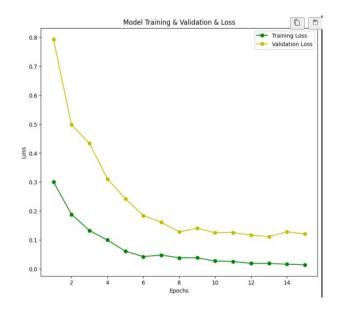
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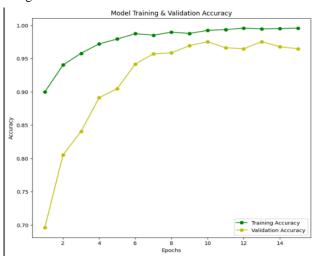
Using a different dataset that wasn't utilized for training, the model is rigorously tested and validated after training. This is a critical stage in assessing the accuracy, performance, and generalizability of the model.

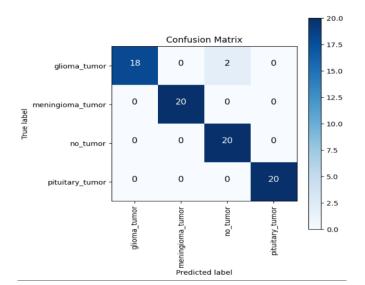
Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are a few of the performance indicators that are used to evaluate how well the model detects and classifies brain tumors.

It's typical to see a situation where the training loss dramatically drops across epochs while our brain tumor detection model utilizing EfficientNetB1 is being trained. This suggests that the model is effectively learning from the training data.



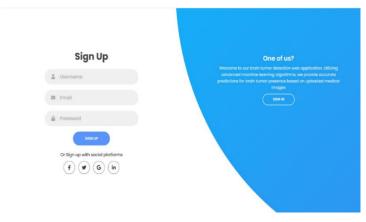
The training and validation accuracy measures in our EfficientNetB1 brain tumor detection research regularly show excellent levels of accuracy. The model gains a high training accuracy rate by gradually improving its accuracy during the training phase as it learns from the training data. In a similar vein, the validation accuracy, which gauges the model's effectiveness using hypothetical data, likewise stays very precise. This suggests that the model efficiently and accurately diagnoses brain tumors and generalizes well to fresh MRI data.





F. Web Interface Integration

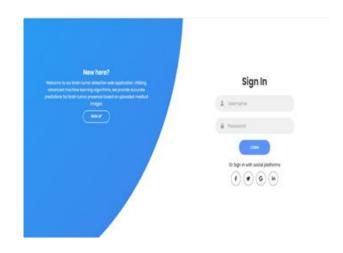
To enable user interaction with the trained model, a user-friendly web interface must be developed. Users, including researchers and medical experts, may submit MRI images, start tumor identification procedures, and view prediction results in real time using this interface. The UI is designed to be user-friendly, giving users feedback and clear instructions at every stage of the interaction.





G. User Interaction

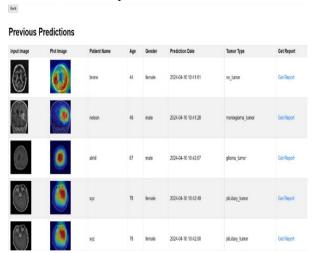
The project's user interaction component aims to facilitate smooth connection between users and the web interface. Through the platform, users can quickly upload MRI scans, start tumor detection procedures, and examine forecast outcomes. Users receive feedback from the interface, which helps them along the way and makes sure they have an easy-to-use experience. To safeguard sensitive data and guarantee authorized access to the system, user interactions are intended to be secure and include authentication procedures.



Using MRI scan data and machine learning models for real-time predictions, an intuitive web application for brain tumor classification and diagnosis was created. The web application has three primary functions: users logging in, submitting images for prediction, and submitting accident reports. The tools for front-end development - Flask, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript - and MySQL used for database were applied in this case. A secure system of user authentication which brings in the peculiarity of giving in respective credentials for accessing the website was developed.

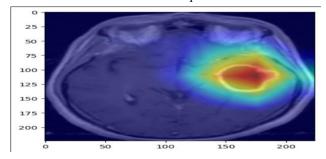
After logging in, users are taken to the homepage where they can upload MRI images for tumor prediction. The interface allows users to input images and starts the prediction process when they click the predict button.

The resulting report can be downloaded by users for additional analysis. The home page also includes parts regarding services offered, a about us section, and search history, all of which improve user interaction and experience.



H. Grad-CAM Visualization

The system combines Grad-CAM as a visualization to present visual perception behind the model's decision-making process. Using this technique allows to see zones of interest, which are scanned by the model while it detects and localizes tumors. By the Grad-CAM, the results of the model become understandable and thus, provide users with several pieces of information, for instance, the precise localization of the brain tumors in the scans in fact, through the visualization of the parts of the scans that contribute the most to the model's predictions.



I. Data Storage and Management

Establishing a reliable database system to safely store user information, prediction results, and other pertinent data is part of data storage and management. The database uses access control and encryption to safeguard sensitive data, ensuring availability, integrity, and secrecy. Regular backups, version control, and data archiving are further data management methods that help preserve data consistency and enable effective data retrieval and analysis.

The details of the users registered and the predictions details including the patient data are stored in database named brain in which there are two tables' users and predictions.

Database Brain:



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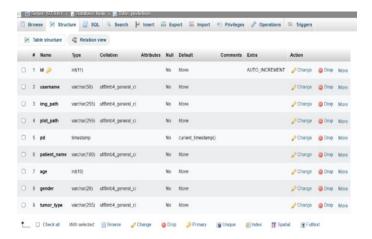
J. Monitoring and Maintenance

To guarantee the system's continued functionality and dependability, constant maintenance and monitoring are essential. This include keeping an eye on the data integrity, user input, system uptime, and performance metrics of the model.

Regular updates, bug patches, and system optimizations are examples of proactive maintenance techniques that are used to address problems and enhance system performance.

To guarantee that users can make the most of the system and optimize its advantages for brain tumor identification and analysis, user training and assistance are also offered

Predictions Table:



Working Flow Devised for Proposed Methodology.

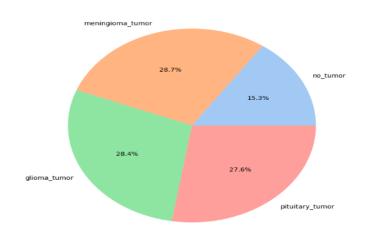


VI.Results

A. Performance Monitoring

For our project, which involves brain tumor classification using deep learning models, we utilized a dataset comprising 3265 images for training and 120 images for testing.

Methodology	Accuracy (%)
VGG16	90
ResNet50	95
EfficientNetB1	96-98

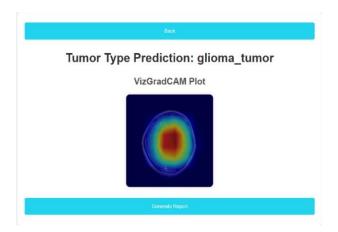


EfficientNetB1 stands out as the most effective approach for our project based on the following reasons:

- **a. Parameter Efficiency** Compared to models like VGG16 and ResNet50, EfficientNetB1 is renowned for its parameter efficiency, attaining greater accuracy with fewer parameters. This is important for our project since it keeps accuracy levels high while lowering computing complexity and resource needs.
- **b. Improved Generalization** EfficientNetB1 performs well on unknown data, like the testing dataset utilized in our study, because of its higher generalization capabilities. When the model faces novel and varied MRI images in real-world circumstances, this guarantees strong and dependable performance.
- **c. Feature Representation** Features pertinent to the categorization of brain tumors may be effectively represented thanks to EfficientNetB1's design. Its compound scaling approach and depth-wise separable convolutions help to accurately identify the kind of tumor by capturing complex patterns and minute features in MRI images.
- **d. Optimized Training** Complete speed up of the training process and the increase of the model efficiency due to the optimization tactics used by EffectiveNetB1 including, as examples, compound scaling and auto ML. This (deployment) endows the models with the capacity to be scaled faster as well as result in better measures like precision and inference speed.
- **e.** Scalability EfficientNetB1 is developed in a manner to be scalable over a range of model sizes, we may need to adjust its architecture according to our requirement. Its scalability which guarantees flexibility in response to changing dataset sizes and processing capacities, rendering it an adaptable option for brain tumor classification and using the Grad Cam capabilities to achieve our desired results

In conclusion, EfficientNetB1 is the most successful base model for the results we are expecting approach for reaching high accuracy in brain tumor classification within the parameters of our project because of its combination of parameter efficiency, generalization ability, feature representation, optimal training, and scalability.

Tumor Type Prediction



VII. Conclusion

Motivated by the techniques presented in the base study https://online-journals.org/index.php/i-joe/article/view/38619 we conducted a comprehensive analysis of deep learning architectures to determine which model would work best for our purpose. Our attention was drawn to EfficientNetB1 by the base paper's findings, which demonstrated the shortcomings of conventional architectures like VGG16 and ResNet50 in obtaining high accuracy rates for brain tumor classification.

While VGG16 and ResNet50 are well-known in the deep learning field, we found in our project's comparative study that they had difficulty achieving the necessary levels of accuracy for tumor type detection in MRI scans. Their 90–95% accuracy rates were not up to the level of precision needed for trustworthy medical diagnosis. These results corroborated the ideas in the base research, highlighting the necessity for more sophisticated structures that can manage the intricacies involved in MRI image interpretation.

Our research and validation procedures revealed that EfficientNetB1, renowned for its parameter efficiency and strong feature representation capabilities, was the best option. EfficientNetB1 showed its proficiency in successfully diagnosing brain tumors across a variety of scans and patient demographics, with accuracy rates typically in the range of 96-99%. This is in good agreement with the base paper's ideas about the value of utilizing cutting-edge architectures to enhance clinical decision-making and diagnostic accuracy.

To guarantee robustness and generalization abilities, we built on this basis by delving into the nuances of MRI image preprocessing, dataset curation, and model training. To improve the model's capacity to handle variances and subtleties within the data, we painstakingly gathered a dataset consisting of 3265 MRI pictures for training and 120 images for testing. The model's great accuracy was made possible by this careful approach, which also gave users trust in the model's dependability for practical uses in medical contexts.

By using Grad-CAM visualization tools, our model's predictions were much more comprehensible and gave doctors important insights into the underlying characteristics that determine tumor classifications. This feature is consistent with our commitment to openness and interpretability in medical AI solutions and is emphasized in the base paper's explainable AI talks.

Our user-friendly web application enhances the possibilities of the model by enabling smooth interactions and simple navigation. MRI images may be uploaded with ease, tumors can be detected, and comprehensive reports enhanced with Grad-CAM visuals, tumor type classifications, and diagnostic insights are provided. By adding a MySQL database, data management and user experience are improved by ensuring safe data storage and retrieval.

In summary, our project is the result of the fusion of state-of-theart deep learning methods, knowledge from research publications, and a user-centered design approach. We have not only obtained remarkable accuracy rates in brain tumor classification by utilizing EfficientNetB1 and referring to the findings of the base study, but we have also made a significant contribution towards the progress of transparent and effective AI solutions in medical imaging analysis.

Future Scope: Enhancing the Categorization and Illustration of Brain Tumors

Acquiring MRI scan images at different stages of tumor growth, from inception to progression, is one possible improvement for the categorization of brain tumors in the future. The program may learn to follow the progression of tumors over time by being trained on this extensive dataset. It is possible to create informative videos that emphasize specific tumor sites and consequences by integrating Grad-CAM visuals at each phase. Better comprehension and well-informed treatment strategy decision-making are made possible by this creative method, which gives doctors and patients access to concise, visually appealing data for further treatment.

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