

IBM-NALAIYA THIRAN UNIVERSITY ADMIT ELIGIBILITY PREDICTOR PROJECT REPORT

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1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

This project is created using Machine Learning and Regression methods- a statistical technique to predict the outcome of event which is to verify the users' admission eligibility level, considering the universities they have chosen. This is achieved based on the algorithms implemented, when is user feed the application with the required information (GRE Score, SOP, Research, CGPA, etc.) the results that is, whether if the student is selected or not is displayed. The student is also provided with the visualized form of their degree of eligibility compliance with university requirements represented with graphs and plots. Rather having to calculate the eligibility by the students themselves, which is also an error prone process this application helps to provide them the ease of providing them the results based on algorithmic models.

1.2 Purpose

For the fresh graduates of high school who for most part is unaware of the time management techniques that causes them to make mistakes when at haste, choosing a university and doing research on its offerings to its students itself is a strenuous task to do. Though there are many application and also the official websites of the universities that provide insight about everything the universities have to offer, are is not a site that offers them perception of their own level of eligibility which will adhere to the university's criteria. In the light of it, we have created this application implementing Regression, Data mining and Machine learning to solve this issue.

2.LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

In consideration to prior research performed in this field, the Bayesian Networks Algorithm have been used to create a decision support network for evaluating the application submitted by foreign students of the university. This model was developed to forecast the progress of prospective students by comparing the score of students currently studying at university. The model thus predicted whether the aspiring student should be admitted to university on the basis of various scores of students. Since the comparisons are made only with students who got admission into the universities but not with students who got their admission rejected, this method will not be much adaptable nor does it provide help students to realize the field the lack in.

2.2 References

1) Prediction probability of getting an admission into a university using Machine Learning

Publisher: IEEE

<u>IEEE prediction of admission</u> Author-A.Sivasangari, VShivani

Date of Publication: 06 May 2021

2) Using Data Mining Techniques to Predict Student Performance to Support Decision Making in University Admission Systems

Publisher: IEEE

IEEE Decision Making in University Admission System

Author-Hanan Abdullah Mengash Date of Publication: 19 March 2020

3) College Admission Prediction using Ensemble Machine Learning Model Publisher: IRJET

IRJET College Admission Prediction

Author- Vandit Manish Jain, Rihaan Satia Date of publication:12 December 2021

2.3 Problem Statement Definition

It is no secret that the pursuit of higher education does not come cheap. Unfortunately, these expenses start well before college or high school bound students set foot on the hallowed halls of their preferred institution. This gives rise to the question about the application cost. During the 2019-2020 admission cycle, 5.6 million college applications were submitted from students across the nation (NACAC, 2021) yet, the college enrollment numbers for 2020-21 academic year decreased by 4.2% from previous year.

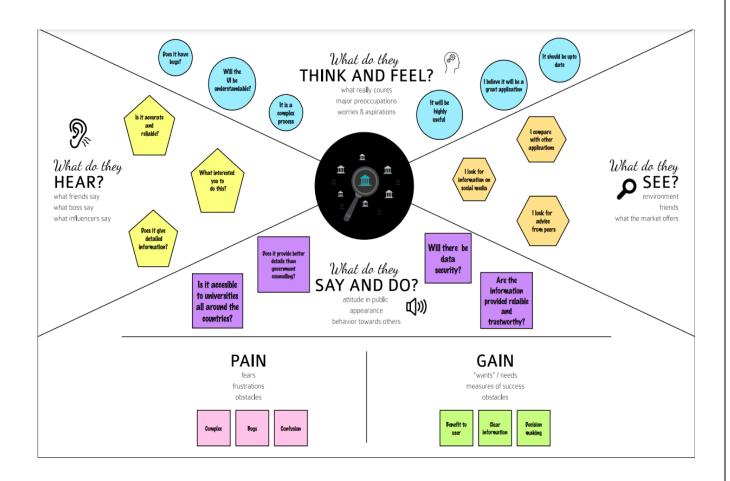
The average college application fee in the U.S. is \$50, while the elites charge higher rates. Among 62 four-year institutions with the highest application fees, the average is \$77. Most colleges also require the submission of SAT, ACT, OR AP scores. But, the cost for registration for SAT or ACT could end up higher than the cost of application, yet students are still willing to take the tests even multiple times to increase the test scores.

The aforementioned stats clearly show there are students who thirst to learn and to enroll in their dream university. All these hard work and money spent would waste away if they were to ne turned down. The aim of this project is to help students with a system that could guide students and recommend best universities list and predict their admission chance in those universities according to their profile and scores.

3.IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION

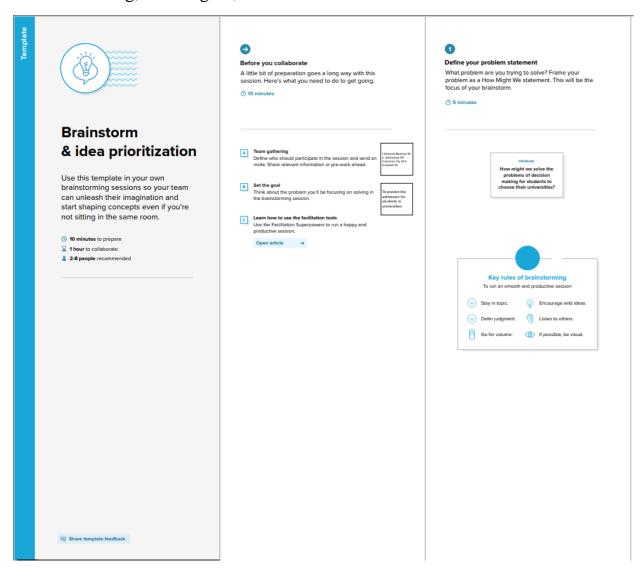
3.1 Empathy Map C

An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviors and attitudes. It is a useful tool to helps teams better understand their users. Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it. The exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.

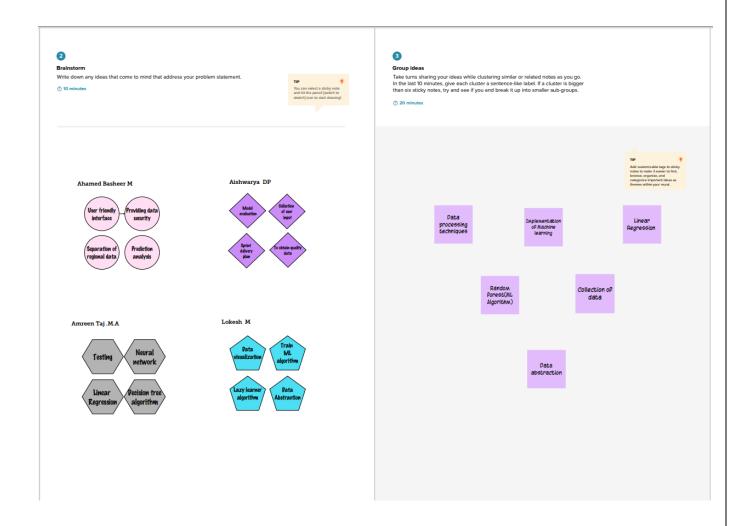


3.2 Ideation and Brainstorming

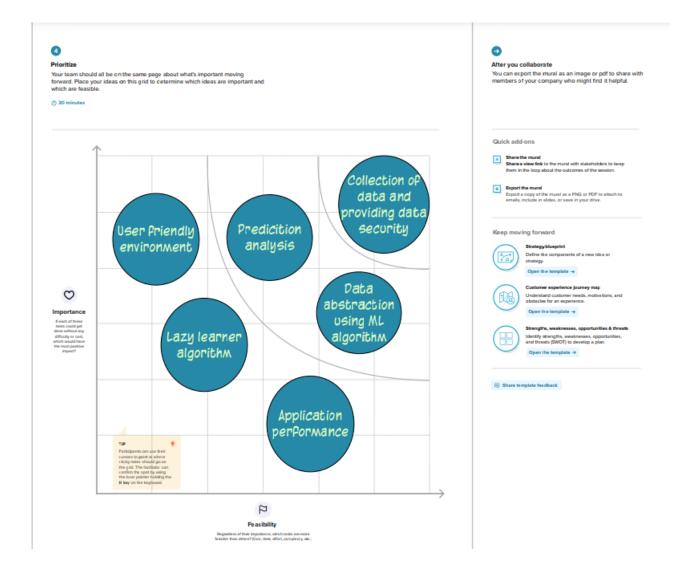
Team Gathering, Set the goal, learn to use the facilitated tools



Brain storming and clustering ideas



Idea prioritization



3.3 Proposed Solution

| S.No | Parameter | Description |
|------|--|---|
| 1. | Problem Statement (Problem to be solved) | This project deals with the problem of finding universities for students, based on their academic scores. Rather than visiting the colleges in person regarding the norms. This application provides them necessary information. This is a time and money saving process especially for students who are located in remote places. |
| 2. | Idea / Solution description | The key research objectives are as follows: The proposed application would be able to shortlist the universities for the students based on their academic excellence. The Proposed application provides the students with a vast view of options available for them to be admitted in a university. In the proposed application provides insight about the university's infrastructure and technological facilities with proof and reviews. The proposed application can also be used by students who are currently preparing to join their dream university based on the objectives of the admission system with all the students geographically afar. |

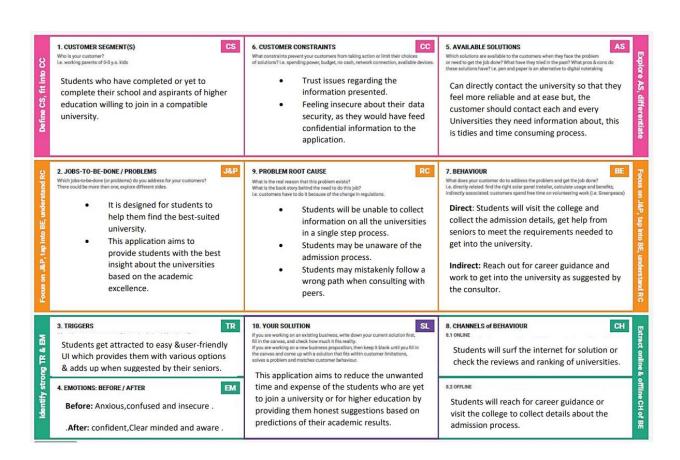
| 3. | Novelty / Uniqueness | The proposed application aims to be helpful for students and sorts where it <i>gives</i> the students chances of making it into a particular program in a university you like. It also lists various facts about the university and, opportunity to compare with various other options available. |
|----|--|---|
| 4. | Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction | This application reduces the student's investment in time and expense for application process. This project provides good future scope, especially for students who want to pursue their higher education in their dream college. |
| 5. | Business Model (Revenue Model) | Revenue can be generated by advertising for career related guidance and coaching centre. University shall fund the website in order to maintain it for data storage etc., |
| 6. | Scalability of the Solution | In this regard, a probabilistic insight into college administration for overall rating, cutoffs of the colleges, admission intake and preferences of student is provided. |

3.4 Problem Solution Fit

The Problem-Solution Fit simply means that you have found a problem with your customer and that the solution you have realized for it actually solves the customer's problem. It helps entrepreneurs, marketers and corporate innovators identify behavioral patterns and recognize what would work and why.

Purpose

- > Solve complex problems in a way that fits the state of your customers.
- > Succeed faster and increase your solution adoption by tapping into existing mediums and channels of behavior.
- ➤ Sharpen your communication and marketing strategy with the right triggers and messaging.
- ➤ Increase touch-points with your company by finding the right problembehavior fit and building trust by solving frequent annoyances, or urgent or costly problems.
- ➤ Understand the existing situation in order to improve it for your target group.



4.REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional requirement

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution

| FR | Functional Requirement | Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task) |
|------|-------------------------------|--|
| No. | (Epic) | |
| FR-1 | Home Page | Description about the application. |
| | | Guidelines to use the application. |
| FR-2 | User Registration | Registration through Gmail. |
| | | Enter the required personal details. |
| FR-3 | Log in/Log out | Users can login using their mail id and |
| | | password. They can logout as and when |
| | | required. |
| FR-4 | User Confirmation | Confirmation via Email. |
| FR-5 | User Entry | Choose location to find universities in |
| | | chosen location. |
| | | Enter academic scores. |
| FR-6 | Result | Lists the universities available by prediction |
| | | based on the details entered by the user. |
| FR-7 | Resources Page | Provides information to the universities |
| | | official page. Details of the universities |
| | | eligibility criteria and admission process. |

4.2 Non-functional Requirements

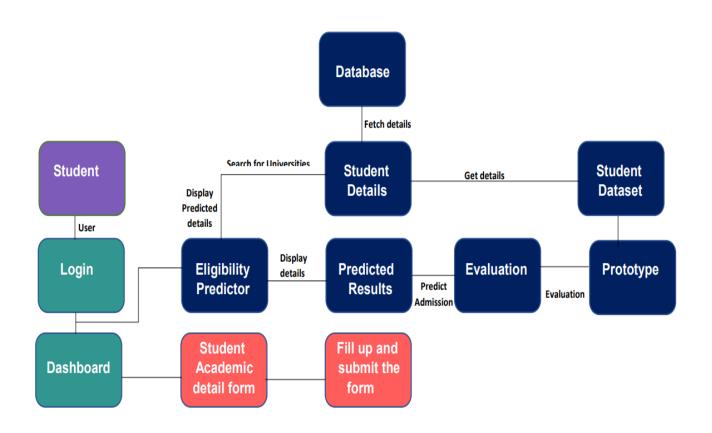
Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

| FR | Non-Functional | Description | | |
|------|----------------|---|--|--|
| No. | Requirement | _ | | |
| NFR- | Usability | The application is user friendly and the | | |
| 1 | | admission process is made easy to | | |
| | | understand that requires only minimal | | |
| | | effort of the user. | | |
| NFR- | Security | The details of the are maintained | | |
| 2 | | confidential and are authorised. | | |
| NFR- | Reliability | The information provided are predicted | | |
| 3 | | with high accuracy with preferred | | |
| | | location. | | |
| NFR- | Performance | Reduction in overall time taken to | | |
| 4 | | analyse data and prediction criteria with | | |
| | | back up hence application doesn't crash. | | |
| NFR- | Availability | Available for any user who requires | | |
| 5 | | details about Indian universities. | | |
| NFR- | Scalability | Supports many users at a time while | | |
| 6 | | maintaining optimal performance without | | |
| | | a server crash. | | |

5. PROJECT DESIGN

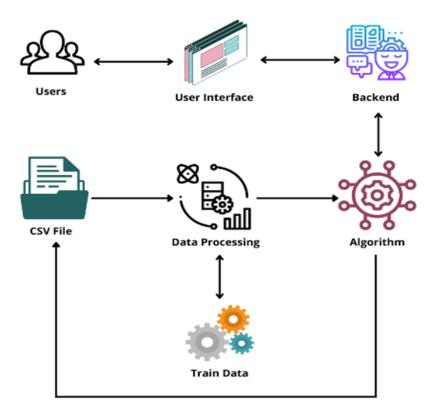
5.1 Data Flow Diagrams

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a traditional visual representation of the information flows within a system. A neat and clear DFD can depict the right amount of the system requirement graphically. It shows how data enter and leaves the system, what changes the information, and where data is stored.



5.2 Solution & Technical Architecture

Solution Architecture:



Technical Architecture:

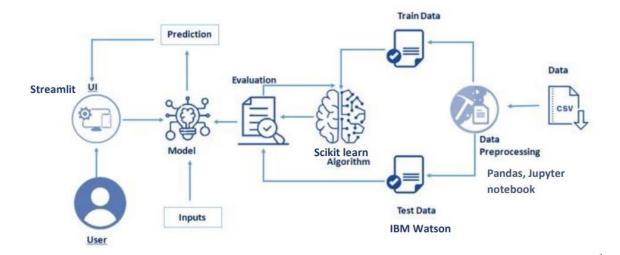


TABLE-1: COMPONENTS & TECHNOLOGIES

| S.No | Component | Technology |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | User | HTML, CSS, React Js |
| 2. | Application Logic-1 | Python |
| 3. | Application Logic-2 | IBM Watson |
| 4. | Machine Learning | Random Forest |
| | Algorithm | |

TABLE-2: APPLICATION CHARACTERISTICS

| S.No | Characteristics | Technology |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Open-Source | Flask |
| | Frameworks | |
| 2. | Performance | It handles about 100 |
| | | requests per second |

5.3 User Stories

| Sprint | Functional Requirement (Epic) | User Story Number | User Story / Task | Story Points | Priority | Team Members |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|----------|---------------------|
| Sprint-1 | itinerary | USN-1 | To understand using the detailed description provided. | 1 | Low | Ahamed Basheer M |
| Sprint-1 | Data analysis | USN-2 | To perform Performance of data visualization using matplotlib | 2 | Medium | Ahamed Basheer M |
| Sprint-1 | Login/Logout | USN-3 | As a user, I can login for the application | 3 | Medium | Ahamed Basheer M |
| Sprint-2 | Web development | USN-4 | To Develop a web page using stream-lit with pickle file. | 5 | High | Aishwarya DP |
| Sprint-2 | Model integration | USN-5 | To perform Integration modes | 8 | High | Aishwarya DP |

| | | | using regression methods | | | |
|----------|---------------------|-------|--|---|--------|------------------|
| Sprint-3 | Web App Hosting | USN-6 | Connect the Git-hub repo & branch to the stream-lit cloud platform and set up CI-CD to automatically deploy new changes that's pushed to the repo. | 8 | High | Lokesh M |
| Sprint-3 | Model deployment | USN-7 | Register in IBM cloud. Use IBM Watson ML service and IBM Watson Studio to deploy the Multiple Linear Regression Model. Test the deployment model with few examples | 5 | High | Amreen Taj MA |
| Sprint-4 | Resource Page | USN-8 | Testing the application | 8 | Medium | Amreen Taj MA |
| Sprint-4 | Results | USN-9 | As a user, I can view the results predicted by the application | 5 | High | Lokesh M |

6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Product Backlog, Sprint Schedule, and Estimation

| Sprint | Functional Requirement (Epic) | User Story Number | User Story / Task | Story Points | Priority | Team Members |
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6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule

| Sprint | Total Story Points | Duration | Sprint Start Date | Sprint End Date (Planned) | Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date) | Sprint Release Date (Actual) |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Sprint-1 | 20 | 6 Days | 24 Oct 2022 | 29 Oct 2022 | 20 | 29 Oct 2022 |
| Sprint-2 | 20 | 6 Days | 31 Nov 2022 | 05 Nov 2022 | 20 | 05 Nov 2022 |
| Sprint-3 | 20 | 6 Days | 07 Nov 2022 | 12 Nov 2022 | 20 | 12 Nov 2022 |
| Sprint-4 | 20 | 6 Days | 14 Nov 2022 | 19 Nov 2022 | 20 | 19 Nov 2022 |

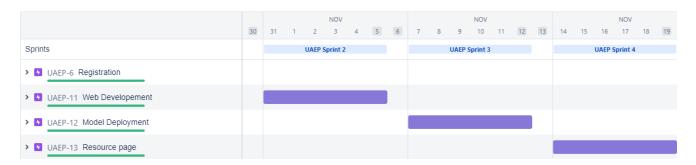
Velocity:

Imagine we have a 10-day sprint duration, and the velocity of the team is 20 (points per sprint). Let's calculate the team's average velocity (AV) per iteration unit (story points per day)

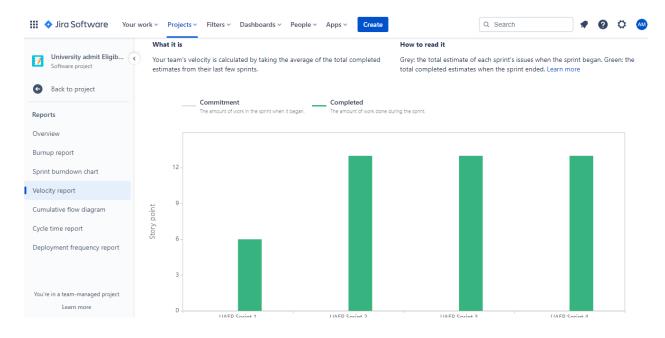
AVERAGE VELOCITY = Total Story Points/No of sprints = 80/4=20

6.3 Reports from JIRA

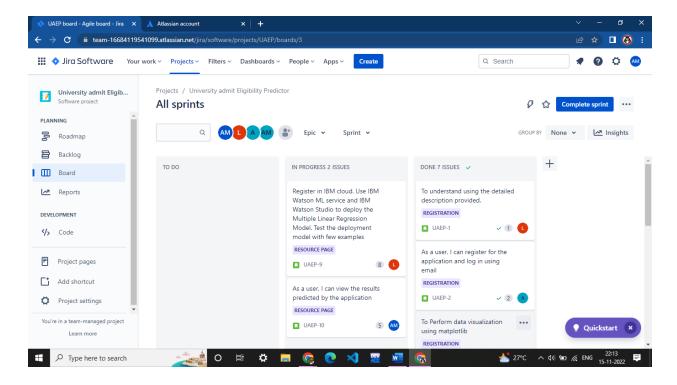
Roadmap:



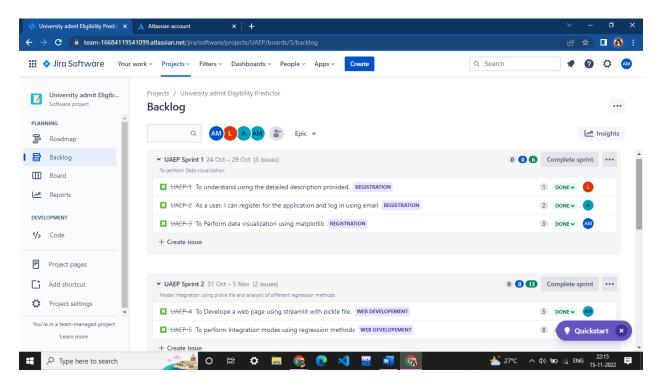
Velocity Report:

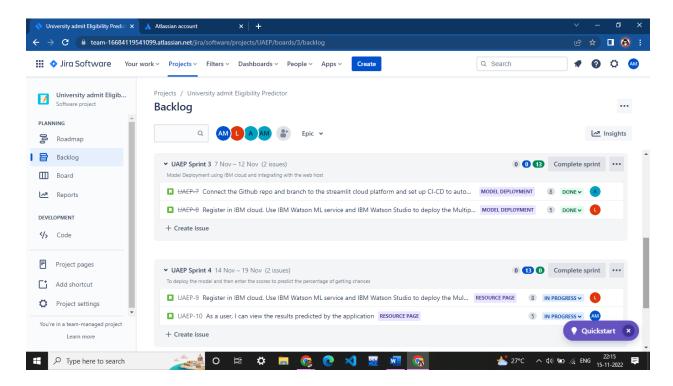


Scrum Board:



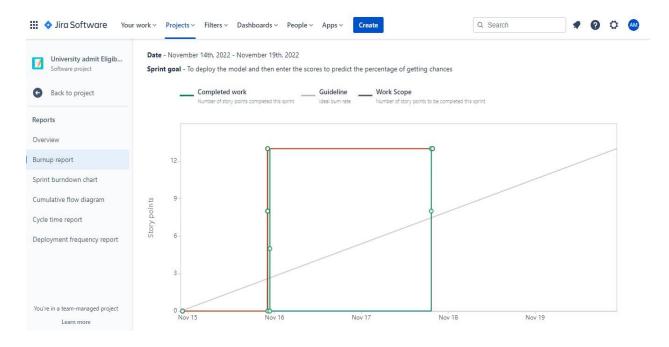
Backlogs:





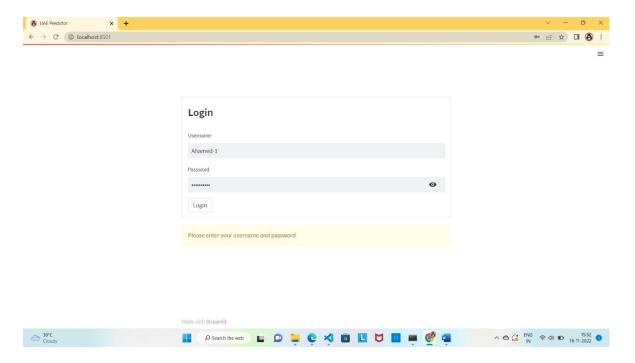
Burn down Chart:

A burn down chart is a graphical representation of work left to do versus time. It is often used in agile software development methodologies such as Scrum. However, burn down charts can be applied to any project containing measurable progress over time.

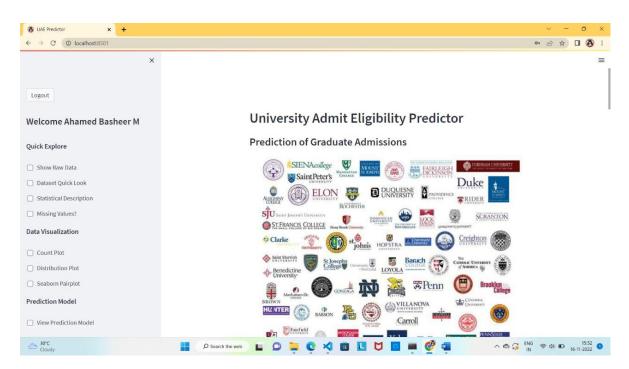


7.CODING & SOLUTIONING

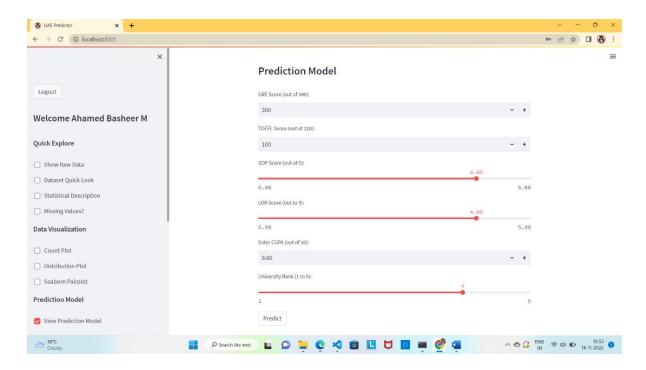
Login Page:



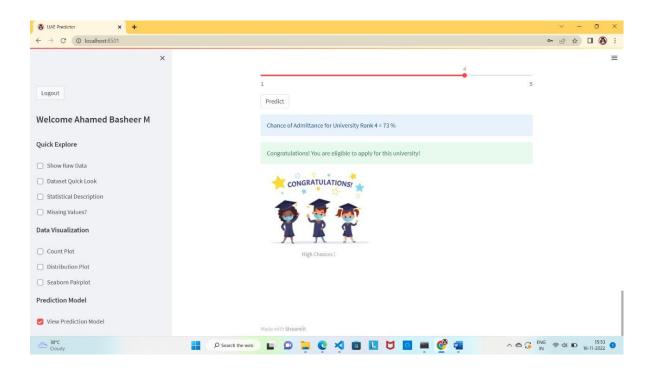
Home Page:



Entry Form:



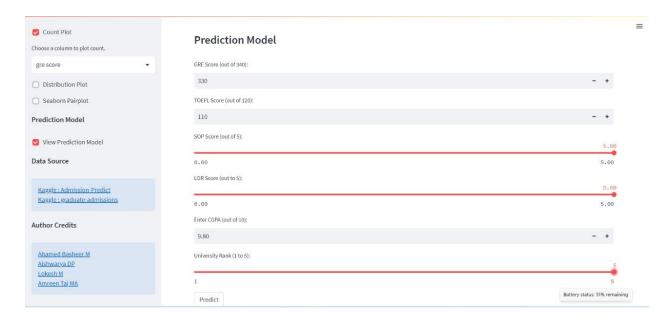
Results

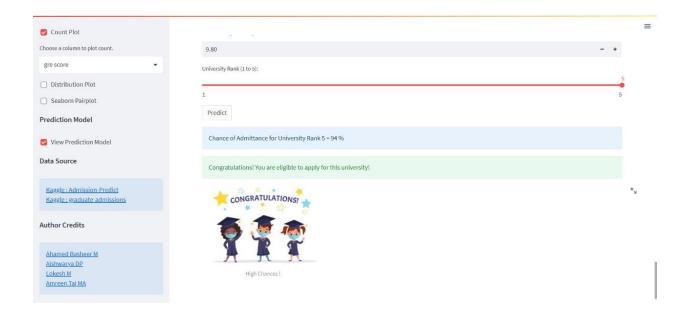


8.TESTING

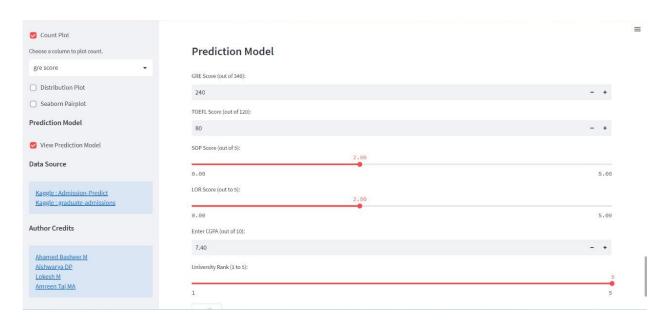
8.1 Test Cases

Case 1- For eligible students





Case 2- For not eligible students





8.2 User Acceptance Testing

| Test case ID | Feature Type | Componen | Test Scenario | Pre-Requisite | Steps To Execute | Test Data | Expected Result | Actual Result | Status |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|--|---|--|--|--|------------------------|--------|
| LoginPage_TC_O O1 | Functional | Home Page | Verify user is able to see the Login | Laptop or Smart phone with internet | 1.Enter URL and click go 2.Click on login 3.Verify login popup displayed or | https://uaepredictor.herok uapp.com/ | Login popup should display | Working as expected | Pass |
| LoginPage_TC_O O2 | UI | Home Page | Verify the UI elements in Login/Signup popup | Laptop (or) Smart phone with internet | 1.Enter URL and click go 2.Click on My Account dropdown button 3.Verify login with below UI | https://uaepredictor.herok uapp.com/ | Application should show below UI elements: a .email text box b. password text box | Working as expected | Pass |
| LoginPage_TC_O O3 | Functional | Home page | Verify user is able to log into application with Valid credentials | Laptop (or) Smart phone with internet | 1Enter UPL and click go 2. Click on My Account dropdown button 3.Enter Valid username/email in Email text box 4.Enter valid password in password text box 5. Click on login button | Username: Ahamed-1 password: Basheer@123 | User should navigate to user account homepage | Working as expected | Pass |
| LoginPage_TC_O O4 | Functional | Login page | Verify user is able to log into application with InValid oredentials | Laptop (or) Smart phone with internet | 1Enter UPL(https://lshopenzer.com/l) and cibick go 2 Cilick on My Account dropdown button 3 Enter InValid username/email in Email text box 4 Enter valid password in password text box 5 Cilick on looin button | Username: viraUS@gmail password: Testing123 | Application should show 'Incorrect email or password' validation message. | Working as expected | pass |
| AppPage_TC_001 | Functional | Login page | Verify user is able to See all the features in application | Laptop (or) Smatt phone with internet | 1 Enter URL (https://lshopenzer.com/l) and click go 2 Click on My Account dropdown button 3 Enter Valid username/email in Email text box 4 Enter Invalid password in password text box 5 Click on login button | Username: Ahamed-1 password: Basheer@ 123 | Application should show all the feaatures available | Working as expected | pass |
| appPage_TC_002 | Functional | App page | Verify user is able to Enter the Scores | Laptop (or) Smart phone with internet | 1 Enter URL and click go 2 Click on My Account dropdown button 3 Enter Valid username/email in Email text box 4 Enter valid password in password text box 5 Click on login button 6. Go to Prediction Page then enter the scores | Username: Ahamed-1 password: Basheer® 123 | Application should show the page to enter the input scores | Working as expected | pass |

9.RESULTS

9.1 Performance Metrics

Multiple Linear Regression

```
In [28]: #implying multiple linear regression and determining its score
multiple_lin_reg = LinearRegression()
multiple_lin_reg.fit(x_train,y_train)

y_pred_mlr = multiple_lin_reg.predict(x_test)

r2_score_mlr = r2_score(y_test,y_pred_mlr)
print("Mutiple Linear Regression's score is {:.3f}".format(r2_score_mlr))
Mutiple Linear Regression's score is 0.816
```

Decision Tree Regression

```
In [29]: #implying decision tree regression and determining its score

tree_reg = DecisionTreeRegressor()
tree_reg.fit(x_train,y_train)

y_pred_tree = tree_reg.predict(x_test)

r2_score_tree = r2_score(y_test,y_pred_tree)
print("Decision Tree Regression's score is {:.3f}".format(r2_score_tree))

Decision Tree Regression's score is 0.636
```

Random Forest Regression

```
In [30]: #impLying random forest regression and determining its score
    ran_for_reg = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100,random_state=42)
    ran_for_reg.fit(x_train,y_train)

y_pred_rfr = ran_for_reg.predict(x_test)

r2_score_rfr = r2_score(y_test,y_pred_rfr)
    print("Random Forest Regression's score is {:.3f}".format(r2_score_rfr))

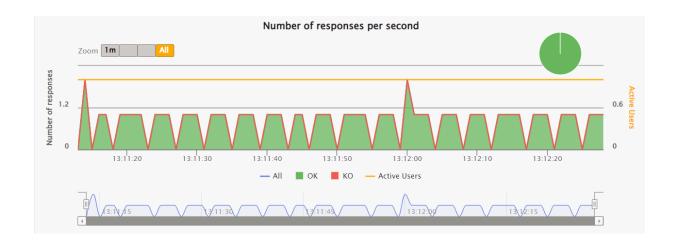
Random Forest Regression's score is 0.806
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9.2 Performance Testing

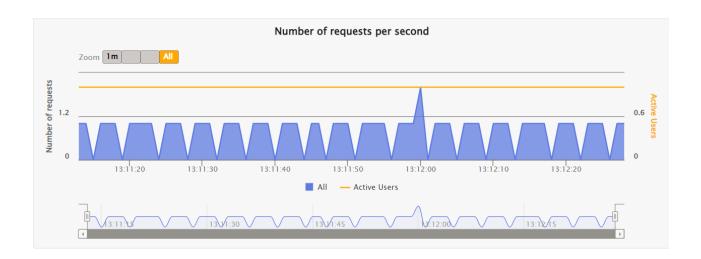
PARAMETER: Dashboard design



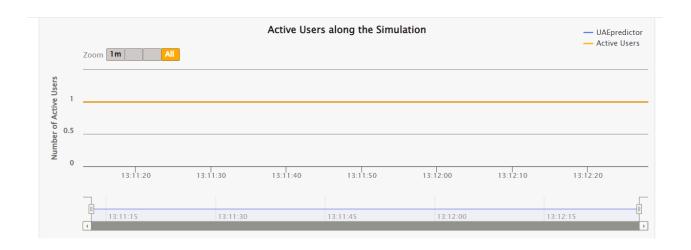
PARAMETER: Data Responsiveness



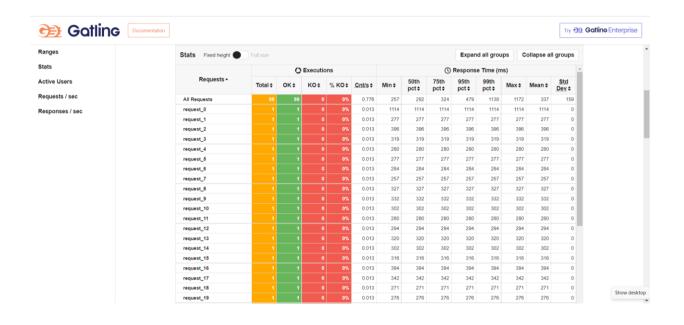
PARAMETER: Amount Data To Rendered



PARAMETER: Effective User Story



PARAMETER: Descriptive Reports







10.ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

- It helps student for making decision for choosing a right college.
- It is accessible from any location across the nation.
- It is very user friendly.
- This model avoids data redundancy and inconsistency.
- It provides the user with eligibility result instantaneously.

Disadvantages:

- Since the model is built on a limited dataset, the accuracy of the predictor can be affected as a whole.
- There are a number of non-academic factors that can determine whether the students get admitted into the university but the model doesn't take those into account.

10. CONCLUSION

It is no skeleton in the cupboard that the pursuit of higher education does not come cheap. Unfortunately, it is a complicated process which includes, screening, verifying and evaluating applications and this just adds up to the anxiety of the students, in order to straighten up this process, we have created a web application in the name of University Admit Eligibility Predictor, this application solely focuses on providing the students the result of eligibility and if the student can make it into the particular university of choice by implementing Machine Learning, Regression methods in Stream-lit platform to predict the eligibility using the data entered by the students to the criteria of the university. This user friendly UI displays the result to the users instantly without any complications.

11.FUTURE SCOPE

The project can be further developed by adding on to the features of the application, as in:

- ➤ To provide the students with best-in-class loan option.
- > Personal service from experienced counsellor.
- > To expand this application not only across the nation but across the globe.
- ➤ Implementing AI to emulate human intelligence and to provide them creative problem-solution.
- > To create even more categories for further development of the application.

APPENDIX

Github link

IBM PROJECT Github Link

Project Demo Link

 $\frac{https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OHXjW6RcFzCNDCVinIvwSA82M3kwkk6U/vie}{\underline{w}}$

Heroku Link (To use the application in your own device)

https://uaepredictor.herokuapp.com/