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1. ABSTRACT

NUTRITRACK is an innovative, AI-powered food recognition and personalized diet planning system designed to simplify and enhance dietary management for users. Leveraging the advanced capabilities of YOLOv8, a state-of-the-art object detection algorithm, the platform enables users to capture or upload images of their meals, which are then analyzed to automatically identify individual food items. Following identification, the system estimates calorie content and breaks down nutritional values—including macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, fats) and micronutrients (vitamins, minerals)—with high accuracy. What sets NUTRITRACK apart is its intelligent recommendation engine that generates customized meal plans tailored to a user's personal health goals, dietary preferences, and medical conditions such as diabetes or hypertension. The system also includes a real-time tracking feature that allows users to monitor their daily intake, set fitness or health targets, and receive continuous feedback on their progress. By integrating image processing, deep learning, and nutritional science, NUTRITRACK transforms the typically tedious process of diet tracking into a seamless, engaging, and personalized experience, promoting healthier eating habits with minimal manual input.

2. INTRODUCTION

- **Background**
With rising health concerns and the demand for better nutrition awareness, automated food tracking is becoming essential.
- **Motivation**
Manually logging meals is tedious and error-prone, discouraging people from consistent dietary tracking.
- **Objective**
To develop an intelligent, image-based food recognition system that can identify meals, estimate nutrition, and provide personalized diet plans.
- **Relevance**
The project applies cutting-edge AI to solve a growing health need, aligning with current technological and wellness trends.

3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Current diet trackers depend on manual input or barcode scanning, which doesn't work for homemade or complex meals. Existing apps also lack personalized meal planning and struggle with accurate portion estimation. These limitations reduce accuracy, convenience, and user engagement.

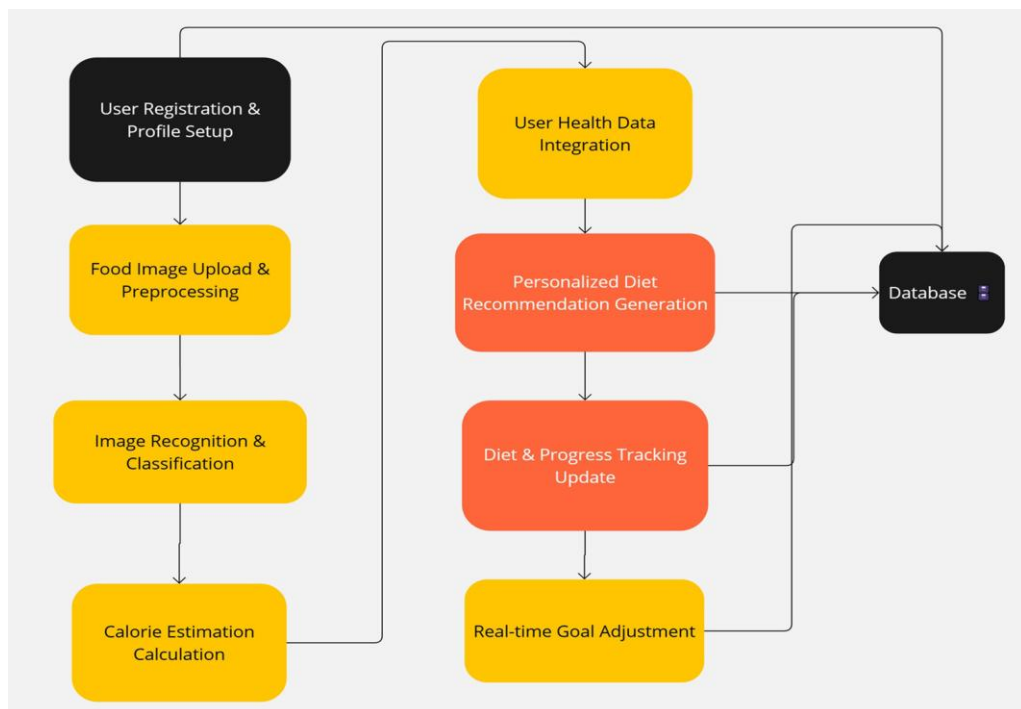
4. PROPOSED SOLUTION

NutriTrack integrates YOLOv8 for real-time food detection, a nutrition database for calorie/nutrient estimation, and AI models for personalized meal suggestions. It automates the entire process from image capture to diet tracking, reducing user effort and improving accuracy.

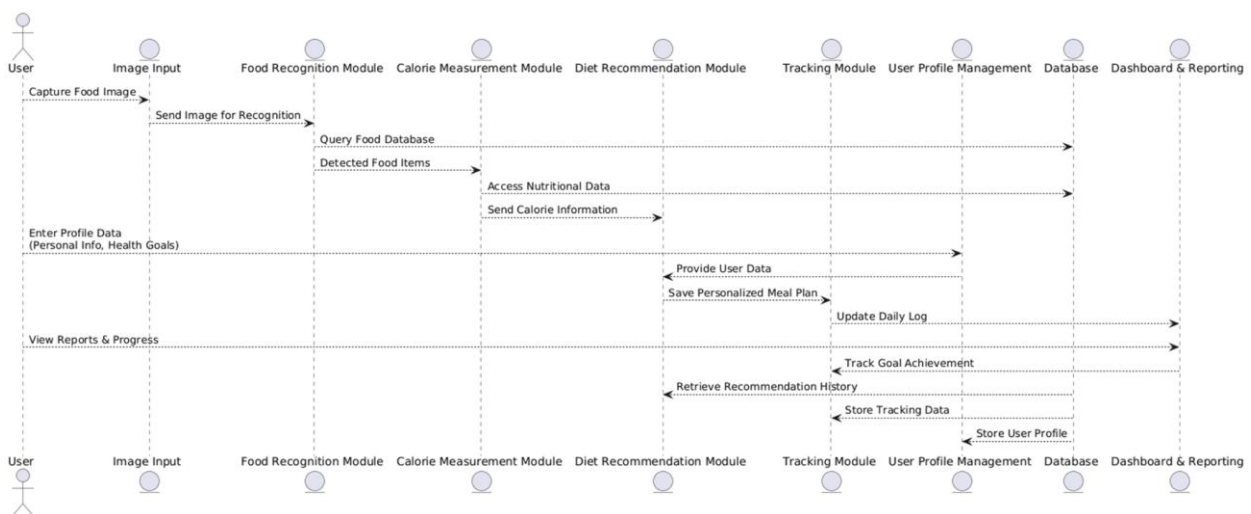
Key Features:

- Real-time image-based food recognition
- Calorie and macro/micronutrient estimation
- Personalized diet recommendations
- Progress tracking & goal customization

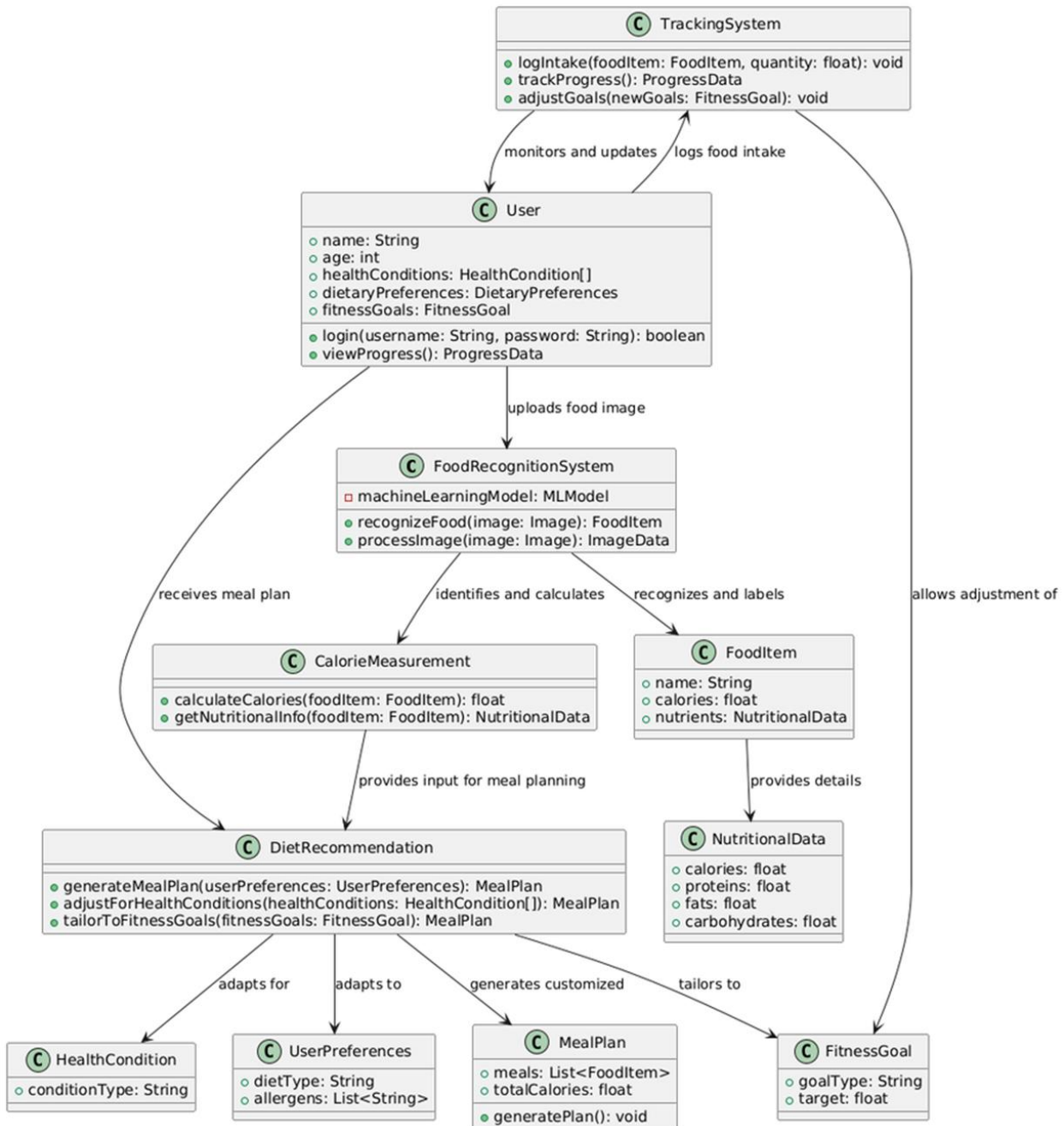
Architecture Diagram



Sequence Diagram



Class Diagram



5. TECHNOLOGY STACK

- Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Backend: Python, Flask
- Database: Nutrition API / Database

- Other Tools: YOLOv8, TensorFlow/Keras, Image Processing Libraries
- Platform: Windows 11 / Mac OS

6. DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Phases:

- Requirement Gathering
- Dataset Collection & Preprocessing
- YOLOv8 Integration for Object Detection
- Nutrient Calculation & Estimation Module
- Diet Recommendation System
- UI/UX Design & Testing

Tools Used:

- VS Code
- GitHub
- Google Colab
- Python Libraries (OpenCV)

7. FEATURES AND MODULES

- **Module 1: Image Acquisition**
Captures or uploads images of meals via camera or file input.
- **Module 2: Food Recognition**
Detects food items using YOLOv8 trained on diverse datasets.
- **Module 3: Calorie Estimation**
Estimates calorie/nutrient values and portion size based on image input.
- **Module 4: Personalized Recommendation**
Provides health-specific meal suggestions using user data and dietary goals.
- **Module 5: Tracking System**
Monitors daily/weekly intake and progress.

8. TESTING AND VALIDATION

- **Unit Testing:** Verified image input/output and accuracy of recognition.
- **Model Evaluation:** Measured food detection performance using mAP (mean Average Precision).
- **User Feedback:** Initial users confirmed ease of use and accurate recommendations.
- **Performance:** Tested on low-resource devices for mobile readiness.

9. MARKET ANALYSIS & FUTURE SCOPE

Target Users:

Health-conscious individuals, fitness enthusiasts, diabetics, and dieticians.

Competition:

Apps like MyFitnessPal and HealthifyMe offer diet tracking, but lack image-based automation and personalization.

Opportunity:

Rising mobile health (mHealth) app market and personalized nutrition trend offer growth potential.

Future Enhancements:

- Integration with wearable devices
- Voice-assisted logging
- Enhanced user analytics and reporting
- Multilingual support

10. CHALLENGES AND LEARNINGS

Challenges:

- Dataset collection and annotation for training YOLOv8
- Handling mixed dishes and portion size estimation
- Balancing accuracy with mobile performance

Learnings:

- Real-world application of deep learning models
- Importance of user-centric design

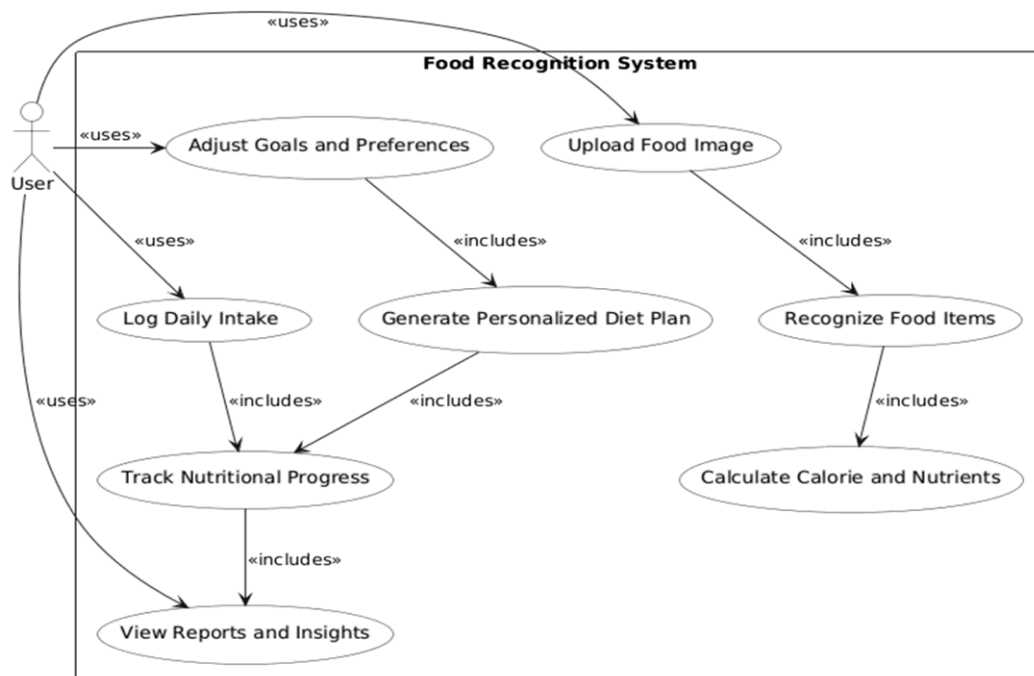
- Agile iteration and cross-functional teamwork

11. CONCLUSION

NUTRITRACK bridges the gap between diet tracking and AI by automating food recognition and nutrition planning. The system empowers users to manage their health with convenience and precision, promoting better lifestyle decisions.

12. APPENDICES

User flow diagrams



Source Code

[Nutrtrack](#)

Screenshot of the website

