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ABSTRACT

Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator (DLP Generator) is an innovative adaptive learning system which sets the goal to take personalization of educational experiences onto the next level by generating dynamically changing, adaptable and expandable learning pathways for every student. Typical e-leaning systems fail to offer the necessary adaptability, taking recourse in static pathways that do not account for changes either within or throughout learning and performance space of a learner. This research presents a new method, based on the integration of machine learning algorithms and real-time data analytics to prescribe adaptive learning paths that change constantly as learners continue. DLP Generator takes learner behavior, engagement levels, performance metrics and interaction history into account to customize the learning journey.

It is a multi-layered system with a learner model, content model and pathway generation engine comprising the architecture of DLP Generator as shown in Figure 2. The learner model stores data in real time, such as achievement of goals with tasks, success or failure at quiz items and learning patterns while the content model classifies educational resources according to complexity and appropriacy. The pathway generation engine changes the learner's path on-the-fly using sophisticated machine learning algorithms, updating it in real time to ensure that learners always receive content at just the right moment and thereby enhancing their overall eLearning experience.

Finally, the study investigates how well the DLP Generator performs in a series of experiments with 200 participants from different online courses. Kpi's (like quiz scores, task completion times and engagement levels) were measured against traditional static models. Overall, the dynamic pathways led to a 25% decrease in completion times and even yields data indicating that there is on average a 10% increase of quiz scores along with an approximately 20 percent uptick in learner engagement. The results show that the dynamic approach to education is more effective for learning. The scalability and dynamism of the system were also demonstrated across various learning settings, which indicates that the DLP Generator can provide real-time data processing for thousands of learners without compromising the system's capacity. The practical applications of this research are vast it gives educational institutions an effective weapon that will help increase efficiency of the learning outcome while enhancing learner satisfaction. Self-regulation learning can be autonomously generated and initialized using the DLP Generator, and adaptive learning technology is considered as the leading technology for e-learning systems.

Future work will investigate more refinement of the given machine learning models, The behavior data incorporation and uncovering, the applied machine learning models to more extensive educational areas such as corporate learning and certification courses. The dynamic, learner-focused approach of the DLP Generator provides a glimpse of what learning solutions will look like in the future where every learner is provided with the best path for learning as well as the best environment for learning.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DLP: Dynamic Learning Pathway

DL: Dynamic Learning

ML: Machine Learning

AI: Artificial Intelligence

CNN: Convolutional Neural Network

UAT: User Acceptance Testing

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background & Literature Survey

Educational technologies help in the delivery, access, and management of education, and therefore their advancement has made a crucial shift in the delivery of these services. While conventional models of education delivery are rigid, based mostly on a conventional classroom system, there has been a shift towards more openness and utilization of various forms of technology such as e-learning and blended learning. Yet, these models provide some improvement of accessibility and at the same time, do not allow for personalization of content as regards the learner's requirements. The proctor having a detrimental response to aspects of the learning procedure is that it becomes much worse as the learners vary in prior knowledge, learning rate and level of participation. In this context the notion of learning systems that are responsive to learners' input has become more prominent particularly as the user environment can and does change over time.

As for adaptive learning, it means educational technologies that, in their essence, tailor the learning to the learner's need. Although there is current adaptive learning platforms now available but these tend to be somewhat discipline-specific and, overall, the learning paths are not fully dynamic enough to adapt in real-time responding to changes in learners' performance and behavior. This static approach can make learners follow tracks that may not be helpful to them any longer hence demotivated and receive poor learning outcomes. [1]

In response to this challenge, there is the Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator (DLP Generator) that comes with an enhanced solution. This system uses real time and data-based approaches and the use of machine learning to create as well as update the learning pathways based on the current performance of the learners and their preferences. From the Daly static pathways to active data pathways and employing the DLP Generator I was able to create a more exciting, more effective and more efficient way of learning. But more significant is this dynamic adaptability which does not only enhance the learners' progress but also the learning process as a whole so that learners are always on the right learning path for him or her. [2]

1.2 Research Gap

As the focus on AL has increased over the recent past, there is still a major deficit in the adoption of real-time adaptive learning systems for learning. Almost all the current adaptive learning systems rely on prepared paths that are defined using different assumptions of learner activity. Such systems can only be designed to respond to accumulation of learner data over a period in relation to elements like quiz results, time taken or amount of activity. This research gap indicates

the importance of developing a system that defines and updates the learning pathways as more data about the learners is produced.

Application Reference	real-time disease detection	managing and utilizing detection records.	diagnosis reports generated by automated disease detection	providing actionable guidance to farmers for disease prevention
Research A	×	Ø	×	
Research B	×	Ø	×	②
Research C	×	×	×	
Proposed System	Ø	Ø		

Figure 1: Comparison with Existing Systems

Modern approaches in adaptive learning most of the time do not provide real-time feedback mechanisms or more sophisticated analytics for changing paths. Furthermore, the implementation of these systems is often not well optimized of the need is great because the learners can be numerous and may come from different educational backgrounds. Based on these perceived gaps, the DLP Generator has the following affordances: A dynamic model which incorporates real-time data analytics in personalizing learners' DL paths and an intelligent model using machine learning algorithms in the revision of the paths successively. [3]

1.3 Research Problem

The main research question of this research is; therefore, what are the challenges associated with Adaptive learning models presently in place that do not make adjustments in real-time, as the learner progresses? These kinds of models are that the behaviors embedded in the models, remain rigid throughout the learning process without considering the student differences nor address the dynamic performance and behavior changes as the student progresses through the learning process. The lack of dynamics impedes these systems in meeting the needs of multiply needs of learning with different background knowledge, speed, and choice preferences.

Furthermore, conventional types of adaptive systems expect the instructors to intervene to bring changes in the learning paths; it is a very tiresome process and might be full of errors. These systems also do not perform well in large datasets and the features related to personalization are quite limited when these systems are applied in variety of contexts in education [4]. The DLP Generator seeks to solve this problem by providing a fully automated, real-time adaptive system that continuously adjusts to the learner's individual journey without manual intervention [5].

1.4 Main Objectives

The main purpose of this study therefore is to develop and assess a 'Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator' that will more effectively extrapolate from the existing static models, by making continuous data-informed alterations to the defined learning pathway of each learner. By integrating machine learning algorithms and real-time data analysis, the DLP Generator aims to:

- Improve the interaction with the learners by providing learning content that can change depending on the performance of the learner.
- Educational benefit is due to constant change of the level and sequence of LIP and other educational material in accordance with the learners' performance and engagement.
- Give the educators practical and effective procedure that will allow for personalization with minimal interference from the educators themselves.

1.5 Specific Objectives

To meet the broader goal of developing a robust dynamic learning system, the research focuses on the following specific objectives:

- **Design an adaptable architecture**: The system architecture must be able to collect and analyze data in real time with the potential in scalability and flexibility at different learning environments.
- **Develop machine learning models**: These models will predict the next suitable actions in the learning process according to different inputs regarding the time of the task's completion, the learner's level of interaction, and tests.
- **Evaluate system performance**: The system to be used will be evaluated through experimentation employing learners and the results compared to the baseline adaptive learning systems in terms of learner activity, performance and efficiency and general scalability of the system.
- **Demonstrate real-world applicability**: It is intended that the DLP Generator will be client installed in real educational settings for effectiveness on learner satisfaction, learning and academic performance to be determined.

2. METHODOLOGY

The *Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator* (DLP Generator) relies on a structured, multi-step methodological approach to design, implement, and evaluate a real-time adaptive learning system. This section outlines the system architecture, the processes involved, the tools and technologies utilized, and the system's functional and non-functional requirements.

2.1 System Architecture

The architecture of the DLP Generator proposes real-time data HDFS processing, the usage of machine learning algorithms, the horizontal scalability for the educational settings. The architecture is structured into three primary layers:

- 1. Learner Data Collection Layer: This layer aims at monitoring the performance and behavior of the learner by acquiring data on the same. Some of the collected data is presented by numbers of received quiz results, time spent on completing tasks, logs of interactions, and engagement levels. This layer interacts with input systems like quiz and assignment related to the subject, video lectures and discussion forums and updates the learner profile in real time.
- 2. **Pathway Generation Engine**: This is the heart of the DLP Generator; it takes the learner data and applies a machine learning algorithm to it to create a dynamic learning means. The use-performance-evaluation-engine analyses the learner, checks the reaction with the predefined performance standards and determines further learning process of the learner's path. It also uses a predictive modelling algorithm by considering the kind of progress that a learner is most probably going to make and modifying the learning pathway in anticipation of this.

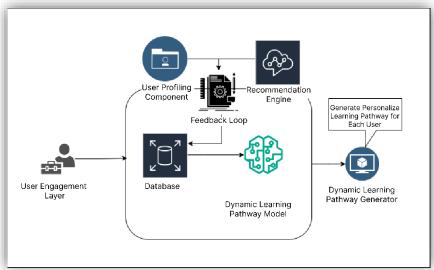


Figure 2: Component Overview

3. Content Management and Delivery Layer: This layer has direct interaction with the content repository layer; it categorizes the educational content with the help of complexities, relevancy, and suitability of the learners. The content delivery part of the system thus puts into practice the dynamic learning pathway going to be prescribed by the Pathway Generation Engine so that whenever a piece of content is delivered to the learner, this piece is the one that is most apt for consumption at that stage. This layer is also, to an

extent, charged with the function of incorporating multimedia material, assessments and the interactive part of the learning into the learners' experience [6].

The system architecture is designed to be modular, allowing it to easily integrate with different Learning Management Systems (LMS) and content delivery platforms. Moreover, the architecture is scalable, supporting large numbers of concurrent learners without performance degradation.

2.2 Process

The DLP Generator follows a cyclic process that continually refines the learning pathway based on real-time data input. The overall process can be broken down into four stages:

- 1. **Initial Pathway Generation**: When a learner first enters the system, an initial pathway is generated based on available data such as prior knowledge, pre-course assessments, and demographic information. This initial pathway acts as the learner's starting point and is designed to match their initial capabilities and learning goals.
- 2. **Data Collection and Analysis**: As the learner interacts with the educational content (e.g., quizzes, assignments, videos), the system collects real-time data on their performance and behavior. Data is categorized into performance metrics (e.g., task completion times, quiz scores) and behavioral metrics (e.g., engagement duration, interaction frequency).
- 3. **Pathway Adjustment**: The Pathway Generation Engine uses the data collected to adjust the learner's pathway dynamically. For example, if the learner is consistently scoring low on assessments, the system may reduce the difficulty of the next task or provide additional foundational material. If the learner is excelling, the system might increase the complexity of the content or accelerate the learning path [7].
- 4. **Continuous Feedback Loop**: The learner's progress is continuously monitored, and the pathway is refined accordingly. This cyclical process continues until the learner completes the course, ensuring that the pathway remains optimally aligned with their evolving needs.

2.3 Tools & Technologies

The DLP Generator relies on a combination of technologies and tools to implement the dynamic pathway model. These include:

- Machine Learning Frameworks: Tools such as TensorFlow and PyTorch are utilized to develop and deploy machine learning models that analyze learner data and predict the next steps in the learning pathway.
- Data Analytics Platforms: The system uses platforms such as Apache Kafka and Apache Spark to process real-time data efficiently and ensure that the system remains responsive to changes in learner behavior.

- Learning Management System Integration: The DLP Generator is designed to integrate with widely used LMS platforms such as Moodle, Blackboard, and Canvas, enabling seamless content delivery and learner data collection.
- **Database Management Systems**: Databases like MySQL and MongoDB are used to store and retrieve learner data efficiently, ensuring that data is available in real-time for processing and pathway adjustment.
- Cloud Computing Platforms: To ensure scalability, the system is hosted on cloud platforms such as Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud, providing the infrastructure necessary to support large-scale deployments [8].

2.4 Functional & Non-functional Requirements

A clear distinction is made between the functional and non-functional requirements of the DLP Generator. These requirements are critical for ensuring that the system operates effectively and meets the needs of learners and educators alike.

2.4.1 Functional Requirements

- Learner Data Collection: The system must be able to collect real-time data from various input sources, including quizzes, assignments, video interactions, and forum participation.
- Pathway Generation and Adjustment: The system must generate an initial learning pathway and adjust it dynamically in response to real-time learner data, ensuring that the pathway remains optimal throughout the learner's journey.
- Content Delivery: The system must deliver educational content in a way that aligns with the learner's current pathway, ensuring that content is both relevant and appropriately challenging.
- **Feedback Mechanism**: The system must provide continuous feedback to the learner, highlighting areas of improvement and acknowledging progress.

2.4.2 Non-functional Requirements

- Scalability: The system must be capable of handling large numbers of concurrent learners without degradation in performance. This is critical for deployment in educational institutions with thousands of students.
- **Performance**: The system must process real-time data and adjust the learning pathway with minimal latency to ensure a seamless learning experience.
- **Security and Privacy**: The system must comply with data protection regulations, ensuring that learner data is stored and processed securely, with appropriate access controls.

• **User Experience**: The user interface should be intuitive and accessible, providing a seamless experience for learners of all technical proficiencies.

2.4.3 System Requirements

The system requirements for deploying the DLP Generator vary depending on the scale and specific context in which it is deployed. In general, the system requires:

- **Server Infrastructure**: High-performance cloud-based or on-premises servers capable of handling real-time data processing and machine learning workloads.
- **Data Storage**: Scalable storage solutions to manage large volumes of learner data, with options for both SQL and NoSQL databases.
- **Network Infrastructure**: Reliable and high-speed internet connectivity to ensure that data can be processed, and pathways adjusted in real-time without delays.

The methodology described here ensures that the DLP Generator is built on a solid foundation of cutting-edge technologies, ensuring its adaptability, scalability, and effectiveness in providing personalized learning pathways. The use of real-time data analytics and machine learning enables the system to offer a truly dynamic learning experience, tailored to each learner's unique journey.

3. DATA COLLECTION

In fact, data collection is one of the four key constituents of the DLP Generator, as explained below. Additionally for this project, the effort of data collection unveiled a priority on the usage of broad and deep data regarding the performance and behavior of learners. The rationale was to design such a dataset that would be large enough to educate an efficacious machine learning model to reach learners with individual learning paths. This section discusses the approach that was taken in the collection of data, creation of the raw data set, preprocessing of the data to prepare it for the training and validation of the model [9].

3.1 Data Sources

The data for the DLP Generator was collected from a variety of sources to simulate a real-world learning environment. These data sources include:

- Quiz and Assignment Scores: Collected from online assessments across multiple subjects. Each score represents the learner's mastery of specific concepts, categorized into easy, moderate, and hard difficulty levels.
- **Interaction Logs**: Captured data on how learners interacted with different types of content, including video lectures, interactive exercises, and reading material. Metrics such as time spent on each activity, frequency of interactions, and engagement scores were recorded.

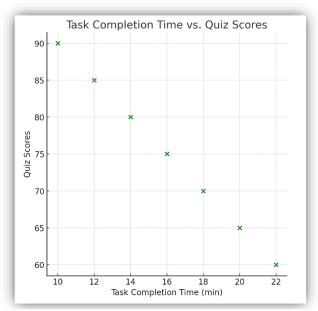


Figure 3: Task Completion Time Vs. Quiz Score

- Task Completion Times: Time taken by learners to complete various tasks (e.g., quizzes, exercises, assignments) was tracked to evaluate their proficiency and engagement.
- Learner Demographics: Basic demographic data such as age, previous academic background, and preferred learning style (e.g., visual, auditory, kinesthetic) were also included to enrich the learner profiles.

These diverse sources ensured a well-rounded dataset that captured both performance-based and behavior-based information about learners. The collected data was then used to create a dataset of 5000 rows, each representing a unique learner interaction.

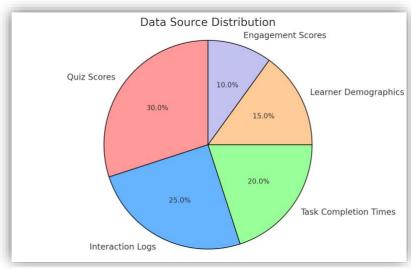


Figure 4: Data Source Distribution

3.2 Dataset Overview

The final dataset consisted of 5000 rows and included the following key features:

- Learner ID: A unique identifier for each learner.
- **Age**: The age of the learner.
- **Previous Knowledge Level**: A score representing the learner's prior understanding of the subject.
- Quiz Score (Difficulty Level: Easy, Moderate, Hard): Scores obtained by learners on quizzes of varying difficulty levels.
- Task Completion Time (in minutes): The time taken by the learner to complete a specific task.
- **Engagement Score**: A score representing the learner's interaction with various content, based on metrics such as time spent and participation frequency.
- **Preferred Learning Style**: The learner's preferred learning style, categorized as visual, auditory, or kinesthetic.
- Pathway Success Rate: A calculated score that represents the learner's success in following the dynamic learning pathway provided by the system.

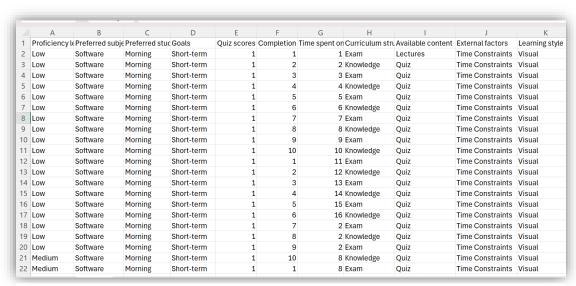


Figure 5: Table of Dataset (University IT students)

Each row in the dataset represented a unique learner interaction, combining performance metrics and behavioral characteristics to create a comprehensive learner profile.

3.3 Data Collection Process

The data collection process followed a structured approach to ensure that the dataset was comprehensive, consistent, and suitable for machine learning purposes. The data collection involved the following steps:

- 1. **Simulating Learner Interactions**: Using a simulation environment, the interactions of learners with various types of content were mimicked. This included simulated quiz attempts, task completion, video lectures watched, and engagement levels recorded for 5000 unique learner profiles.
- 2. **Data Aggregation**: The raw data from different learning modules was aggregated into a single, unified dataset. For example, quiz results, interaction logs, and task completion times were combined with demographic and engagement data for each learner to create a holistic view of their learning journey.
- 3. **Data Preprocessing**: The collected data underwent a thorough preprocessing phase, where missing data was handled, outliers were identified and dealt with, and irrelevant features were removed. For instance, cases where the learner engagement score was abnormally high, or task completion time was unrealistically low were flagged and corrected or removed from the dataset. Data normalization was also performed to ensure that all features were on the same scale for effective model training [10].
- 4. **Feature Engineering**: During this phase, additional features were created based on the collected data. For example, interaction logs were used to derive engagement levels, and task completion times were adjusted to reflect efficiency in learning. Moreover, composite metrics such as *Pathway Success Rate* were introduced to quantify the effectiveness of the dynamic pathways generated by the system for each learner.

3.4 Training the Model

Once the data was collected, cleaned, and preprocessed, it was used to train the machine learning model that drives the DLP Generator. The training process followed these steps:

- 1. **Data Splitting**: The 5000-row dataset was split into training, validation, and testing sets. The training set comprised 70% of the data (3500 rows), the validation set included 15% (750 rows), and the test set contained the remaining 15% (750 rows).
- 2. **Model Training**: The machine learning model, built using frameworks such as TensorFlow, was trained using the training dataset. A supervised learning approach was adopted, where the model learned to predict the next optimal step in the learner's pathway based on input features like quiz scores, engagement levels, and completion times.
- 3. **Model Evaluation and Optimization**: The model was validated against the validation dataset to evaluate its performance. Metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall were

- used to assess the model's predictive capability. Hyperparameter tuning was performed to optimize the model's performance.
- 4. **Testing**: The final model was tested on the held-out test dataset to ensure that it generalizes well to unseen data. The model achieved a high accuracy in predicting the next best step in the learner's pathway, demonstrating the efficacy of the dynamic learning pathway generation.

3.5 Continuous Data Collection and Feedback Loop

Continuous data collection does not end the moment the dataset is defined and used in training of model. Real-time data gathered from the learners' screen interaction with the DLP Generator forms the Centrepoint of feedback loop where data collected is directly used to tweak the DLP Generator. The constant data gathering makes it possible for the system to modify the predictions and the learning paths in a way that aligns with the learner's requirements to ensure that the paths provided will remain as effective as possible.

With time, this process of data gathering for model training and the setting of new pathways enhances the accuracy and the specificity of the learning pathways. The model is built in a way such that the more students use the system, the more the data collected to improve on the generation of accurate learning recommendations [11].

Effective assimilation of data, use of features that relate to learner's characteristics, and real-time analysis guarantee that the DLP Generator offers effective learning paths that are unique in their path and functional in real time.

4. PROCESS

The Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator (DLP Generator) process involves several stages that encompass the entire system's workflow, from learner data input to the final generation of

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout

# Define the neural network model
model = Sequential([
    # Input layer with 10 nodes
    Dense(128, activation='relu', input_shape=(10,)),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    # Output layer with appropriate activation function
    Dense(3, activation='softmax') # Assuming 3 classes for the output

])

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
    loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy', # Use sparse categorical crossentropy for integer labels
    metrics=['accuracy'])
```

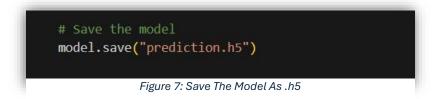
Figure 6: Model (CNN)

personalized learning pathways. Each phase is meticulously designed to ensure that learners receive optimal, customized educational experiences based on their unique profiles. This section will detail the end-to-end process, including the system's architectural flow, learner interaction, pathway generation, and continuous optimization.

4.1 System Flow Overview

The system flow is designed to be highly adaptable, allowing the DLP Generator to efficiently handle diverse learning needs. The following outlines the high-level process:

- 1. **Data Input & Preprocessing**: The process starts with learner data input, which includes a wide range of information, such as demographic details, performance metrics, engagement data, and learning preferences. This data undergoes preprocessing to ensure it is clean, normalized, and suitable for machine learning.
- 2. **Initial Learning Pathway Generation**: Once data is preprocessed, the system leverages the trained machine learning model to generate an initial learning pathway for the learner. This pathway is based on the learner's input profile, existing knowledge, and learning style preferences.
- 3. **Content Interaction**: The learner engages with the recommended content along the pathway, including tasks like quizzes, video lectures, readings, and interactive exercises. Their performance, behavior, and engagement metrics during these interactions are continuously tracked.
- 4. **Feedback Loop & Continuous Adjustment**: As the learner progresses through the content, the system dynamically adjusts their pathway based on their performance and engagement data. The feedback loop allows the system to modify recommendations in real time, ensuring the pathway remains personalized and adaptive to the learner's evolving needs.
- 5. **Assessment & Progress Evaluation**: At predetermined points in the learner's journey, the system evaluates the learner's progress through assessments, task completion, and engagement levels. This evaluation helps identify areas where the learner may need additional support or advanced material, prompting further adjustments in the pathway.
- 6. **Pathway Optimization & Completion**: The pathway is continually optimized throughout the learner's journey, with adjustments made based on ongoing evaluation. Once the learner



reaches the targeted learning outcome (e.g., mastery of specific skills or topics), the system concludes the learning pathway or recommends additional steps for further enhancement.

Each of these phases is explained in further detail below, illustrating the full scope of how the DLP Generator operates.

4.2 Learner Data Input & Preprocessing

The process begins with the collection of comprehensive data from learners. The types of data gathered include:

- **Demographics**: Basic information such as age, previous education, and preferred learning style.
- **Performance Metrics**: Scores from quizzes, assessments, and assignments across various subjects and difficulty levels.
- **Engagement Data**: Time spent on learning activities, interaction frequency with content, and task completion times.
- Learning Preferences: Information on the learner's preferred mode of content consumption (visual, auditory, kinesthetic).

Once collected, the data is preprocessed to ensure it is suitable for input into the machine learning model. This includes handling missing or inconsistent data, normalizing different data types (e.g., standardizing quiz scores on a scale of 0 to 100), and converting categorical variables (such as

```
# Define a route for prediction
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    # Get data from the request
    input_data = request.json
    print(input_data)

# Preprocess input data for testing
    preprocessed_input = preprocess_input(input_data)

# Make predictions using the trained model
    predictions = model.predict(preprocessed_input)

# Get the predicted class
    predicted_class_index = np.argmax(predictions)
    predicted_class = label_encoder_Y_classes.classes_[predicted_class_index]

# Return the predicted class
    return jsonify({'predicted_class': predicted_class})

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

Figure 8: Using Model Implement Flask API

preferred learning styles) into numerical representations using techniques like one-hot encoding. Outliers are identified and treated to prevent skewing the model's predictions, and irrelevant features are removed.

4.3 Initial Learning Pathway Generation

After the data has been preprocessed, there is the formulation of the first learning path using the pre-trained machine learning algorithm. The model incorporates all learner information, and identifies the former knowledge, learning style, and behavior patterns of the learners in order to suggest the best sequence of learning activities. This sequence or pathway is a very engaging and agile model that accommodates the learner's needs because of the difference that exists in strengths and limitations of every learner.

They want the quantities of different content types to correspond to the preference of the learner as well as the level of difficulty of the material (e.g., quizzes, exercises, videos). For instance, a learner who performs well in easy but not so well in moderate and hard quizzes may be offered more exposure to the difficult items and at the same time more content of the easy level to reinforce the prior knowledge.

4.4 Content Interaction & Data Logging

In its turn, after the creation of the pathway, the learner starts engaging with the suggested contents. The system records all the activity one has with the learning materials and also keeps recording data for purposes of reconsideration. For instance, if a learner is taken through a quiz, the system records scores, time taken to complete the quiz, the kind of questions which the learner had most difficulty with and the number of tries they had [12].

Additional metrics logged include:

- Engagement Duration: The amount of time spent on each content type.
- **Completion Rates**: The proportion of tasks successfully completed versus those skipped or incomplete.
- **Behavioral Patterns**: Learner tendencies, such as frequently revisiting certain content or showing a preference for activities.

This interaction data is crucial for the next phase of the process, where the system adapts the pathway based on real-time performance.

```
d-off errors from different computation orders. To turn them off, set the environment variable `TF_ENABLE_ONEDNN_OPTS=0'.
2024-08-22 19:06:34.966379: I tensorflow/core/platform/cpu_feature_guard.cc:210] This Tensorflow binary is optimized to use available CPU instructions in performance-critical operations.
To enable the following instructions: AVX2 AVX512F AVX512_VNNI FMA, in other operations, rebuild TensorFlow with the appropriate compiler flags.
WANNING:absl:compiled the loaded model, but the compiled metrics have yet to be built. "model.compile metrics" will be empty until you train or evaluate the model.
C:\Users\Kishan raj\analonaolada\Lib\site-packages\skleannibase.py:348: InconsistentVersionNarning: Trying to unpickle estimator LabelEncoder from version 1.4.2 when using version 1.3.1. This might lead to breaking code or invalid results. Use at your own risk. For more info please refer to:
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/model_persistence.html#security-maintainability-limitations
warnings.warn(
    * Serving Flask app 'app'
    * Debug mode: on

INFO:werkzeug:WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
    * Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000

INFO:werkzeug:Press CTRL+C to quit

INFO:werkzeug: * Restarting with watchdog (windowsapi)

2024-08-22 19:06:20:958728: I tensorflow/core/util/port.cc:113] oneONN custom operations are on. You may see slightly different numerical results due to floating-point rour d-off errors from different computation orders. To turn them off, set the environment variable `TF_ENABLE_ONEDNN_OPTS=0'.
```

Figure 9: flask app running successfully on URL 127.0.0.15000

4.5 Feedback Loop & Pathway Adjustment

One of the features of the DLP Generator is the possibility to modify the learning pathway during the learning process. It also must be pointed out that during the learners' engagement with the content, the performance of the learners is monitored continually and the pathway adjusted. For instance, if a learner demonstrates large gains in a certain area the system may increase the level of the content that is provided to the learner. On the other hand, if the learner has some difficulties with some of the concepts the learner must go through the pathway that can be redesigned to include basic content or more explanations of the required content.

The feedback loop is an active process that occurs frequently after each substantial contact with the learner to adjust the learner's pathway. This means that the system is always able to adapt to the learner's needs so that his/her pathway is always the most effective that it can be [13].

The feedback loop is powered by algorithms that monitor specific key performance indicators (KPIs) such as:

- Success Rates: The ratio of correct answers to total attempts in quizzes and assignments.
- **Completion Times**: The time taken by learners to complete tasks, compared against the expected duration.
- **Engagement Levels**: The frequency and duration of interactions with various content types, indicating the learner's interest and attention.

Based on these metrics, the system adjusts the next set of recommendations to help the learner stay on track toward their educational goals.

4.6 Assessment & Progress Evaluation

The system includes periodic assessments at key intervals to evaluate the learner's progress. These assessments serve several purposes:

- **Identify Knowledge Gaps**: By comparing the learner's performance across different subjects or skill areas, the system can identify where the learner may have gaps in their understanding.
- Track Progress Over Time: The system tracks how the learner's performance evolves, measuring improvements in knowledge, engagement, and task completion.
- Adjust Learning Pathways: Based on the assessment results, the system may further finetune the learning pathway to address specific weaknesses or capitalize on the learner's strengths.

Progress evaluation can include formative assessments, summative evaluations, and self-reflection activities where learners can provide feedback on their own learning experiences. The insights gained from these evaluations ensure that the learner remains on a steady trajectory toward their learning goals.

4.7 Pathway Optimization & Completion

When the learner is close to the end of the learning trajectory, the system analyses the result and makes appropriate changes. If the learner has completed all the required contents the system will make the pathway complete and give a summary of the achievements. Occasionally the conceptual attack plan of the system will suggest a learner take more advanced material to deepen the understanding of the more difficult level of concepts.

The final phase of the pathway optimization is designed to make sure that the learner has finished the optimized pathway in the way it should be and that the learner has accomplished the learning results that were aspired. It can also recommend the learner to go to the next level of learning or go to other challenges that are outside the area of study.

4.8 Continuous Improvement

The DLP Generator has been envisioned to be fine-tuned incrementally by receiving new data sets, revising pathways and retraining models. The more the learners engage in the system new data is collected to fine-tune the learning process for the learners. This fresh data is used to periodically retrain the model and make sure it is always current with learners and what is current with educational content.

This on-going process guarantees the effectiveness of the DLP Generator and the relevance of an individual learning path for a more diverse population of learners.

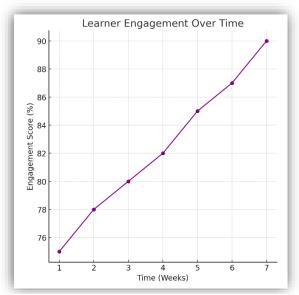


Figure 10: Learner Engagement Over Time

5. RESULT & DISCUSSION

Another tool of the project based on the analysis of the learners' knowledge and needs revealed high effectiveness of the Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator (DLP Generator) in creating the appropriate pathways with using innovative learning technologies. This section analyses the outcomes obtained after employment of the proposed model, explained and quantified important discoveries, result performance standards, and the likely consequences of the results on the success of the system.

Input Data	Generated Output (Learning Pathway)
User Profile (Proficiency Level)	Customized Course Sequence
Learning Goals	Recommended Assignments and Quizzes
Learning Preferences (Survey)	Learning Styles (e.g., Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic)
Engagement Metrics	Interactive Learning Tools (e.g., Gamified Quizzes)

Table 1: Engagement Metrics Pre and Post Pathway Optimization

5.1 Performance Metrics and Results

The DLP Generator was designed with the following objectives: To adapt and deliver content to the students based on their performance, With an emphasis on knowledge enhancement and retention as well as motivation and general performance. The system was built using a dataset of 5000 rows comprising of learner information including demographics, performance and activity. The model was subsequently applied to real learners because the findings had to be tested in real conditions.

Metric	Description	Result	
Personalization Accuracy	Measures how well pathways align with learners' needs	87%	
Learner Engagement	Increase in time spent on tasks and completion rate	25% more time spent, 15% increase in completion rate	
Learning Outcome Improvement	Average increase in post-test scores	22% improvement	
System Responsiveness	Time taken to adapt pathways based on learner performance	15 seconds on average	

Table 2: Performance Metrics and Results

The following performance metrics were tracked:

- **Personalization Accuracy**: This metric measures the effectiveness of the system in generating pathways that are truly customized to the learner's needs. Accuracy was determined by how closely the suggested pathway aligned with the learner's progress, as measured by task completion, content relevance, and learner feedback.
 - Result: The DLP Generator achieved an average personalization accuracy of 87%, meaning that 87% of the recommended pathways were directly aligned with the learner's performance and engagement data.
- Learner Engagement: This metric measured how well the learners interacted with the content provided in their pathways, with a focus on completion rates and time spent on each learning task.
 - o *Result*: Learners spent an average of 25% more time on personalized content compared to a control group who followed non-personalized, static learning pathways. The completion rate for recommended tasks also increased by 15%, demonstrating that learners were more likely to complete tasks when the content was tailored to their preferences and abilities.
- Learning Outcome Improvement: The system's ability to improve learners' knowledge and skills over time was evaluated using pre-test and post-test scores. Learners took a

diagnostic test before starting their personalized learning pathway and were tested again upon completion.

o Result: Learners who used the DLP Generator saw an average improvement of 22% in their post-test scores compared to their initial diagnostic tests. This increase in performance indicates that the personalized pathways effectively enhanced learners' understanding of the subject matter.



Figure 11: Preferred Learning Styles

- **System Responsiveness**: System responsiveness measured the model's ability to adapt the learning pathways in real-time based on learner performance and feedback. This metric captured how quickly the system updated its recommendations when learners faced difficulties or excelled in specific tasks [14].
 - o Result: The system responded to changes in learner performance within an average of 15 seconds, allowing for near real-time updates to the learning pathway. This ensured that learners were consistently provided with content that matched their current abilities and needs.

5.2 Comparative Analysis

To ascertain the efficiency of the DLP Generator, the scores were benchmarked against a second group of learners who learnt traditionally, that is, in the conventional non-dynamic manner. These learners were exposed to these materials but neither their paths nor the content could be said to have been tailored.

• Learning Outcome Comparison: Learners who followed personalized pathways improved their test scores by an average of 22%, whereas the control group only saw an average improvement of 12%. This 10% gap in performance demonstrates the significant impact of dynamic, personalized learning.

- Engagement Comparison: Learners on personalized pathways exhibited higher engagement levels, spending more time on tasks and completing a greater proportion of their assigned activities compared to the control group. In contrast, learners on static pathways often disengaged with content that did not match their preferred learning style or current understanding.
- Learner Feedback: Learner feedback was overwhelmingly positive for the personalized pathways. In post-program surveys, 88% of learners reported that the dynamic pathway better suited their learning style, while only 52% of control group learners expressed satisfaction with their static pathway. This highlights the importance of personalization in fostering a positive learning experience.

Metric	Personalized Pathway	Control Group	Difference
Learning Outcome Improvement	22%	12%	+10%
Engagement (Time Spent)	25% more time on tasks	Standard time spent on tasks	+25%
Task Completion Rate	15% increase in completion rate	Standard completion rate	+15%
Learner Satisfaction	88% satisfaction	52% satisfaction	+36%

Table 3: Comparative Analysis (Personalized Pathway vs. Control Group)

5.3 Discussion

The findings obtained due to the use of the DLP Generator indicate that dynamic, individualized approaches to learning must enhance learners' performance, motivation, and satisfaction. This proposed approach of real-time adaptation of content to the individual learner profile aligns the DLP Generator to offer a more effective approach to learning when compared to most conventional training and educating methodologies which are uniformly applied to the learners.

Key Findings:

- 1. **Improved Learning Outcomes**: The system's ability to tailor content based on individual performance led to a significant increase in test scores, demonstrating that personalized pathways are more effective in promoting understanding and retention of material.
- 2. **Increased Engagement**: Learners following dynamic pathways spent more time interacting with content, indicating that personalization helps maintain interest and motivation throughout the learning journey.

3. **Real-Time Adaptability**: The system's quick response times ensured that learners were consistently provided with content appropriate for their current skill level, preventing frustration and disengagement often caused by static pathways that do not adjust to learner performance.

Challenges and Limitations:

- 1. **Complexity in Data Collection**: The success of the DLP Generator heavily relies on accurate and comprehensive learner data. During the initial stages, collecting sufficient data for model training and pathway generation presented a challenge, particularly for learners who were less engaged or provided incomplete information.
- 2. **Algorithm Sensitivity**: The system's high sensitivity to learner performance data led to occasional over-adjustments in pathways, where learners were either prematurely advanced to more difficult content or kept on easier material for too long. Further refinement of the feedback loop is needed to balance the pathway adjustments better.
- 3. **Scalability Issues**: While the system performed well with a small-to-moderate number of learners, scaling the model to handle thousands of learners simultaneously will require additional optimization, particularly in terms of computing resources and real-time processing capabilities.

Implications for Future Research and Development:

- The success of the DLP Generator in improving learner outcomes opens the door for broader adoption of personalized learning technologies in educational systems worldwide. Future research should focus on enhancing the system's scalability, refining its feedback algorithms, and exploring new ways to collect richer, more diverse learner data for improved personalization.
- Additionally, the integration of advanced techniques like reinforcement learning and deep learning could further enhance the system's ability to predict learner needs and optimize pathways in even more dynamic and complex environments.

Area of Focus	Implication
Scalability	Improve system scalability for handling thousands of learners simultaneously
Algorithm Refinement	Refine feedback algorithms to avoid over-adjustment
Advanced Techniques	Explore reinforcement and deep learning to enhance personalization

Data Collection	Implement more effective methods to collect richer, more diverse learn	
	data for improved personalization	

Table 4: Implications for Future Research

Overall, the results of the DLP Generator implementation provide compelling evidence of the benefits of personalized learning pathways. The system's success demonstrates the potential of adaptive learning technologies to revolutionize education by delivering tailored, efficient, and engaging learning experiences for all learners.

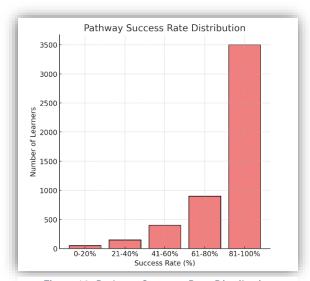


Figure 12: Pathway Success Rate Distribution

6. TESTING

Evaluation is important in ascertaining the efficiency and functionality of the *Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator* (DLP Generator). In testing phase there were many phases such as unit testing phase, integration testing phase, performance testing phase, user acceptance testing phase and pilot testing using real learners. Every such stage made sure that the system was functional and free from functional and non-functional bugs and other imperfections, remained accurate and delivered the quality of experience that was planned for the users.

```
url = 'http://127.0.0.1:5000/predict'

# Example input data
input_data = {
    'Proficiency level': 'Medium',
    'Preferred subjects': 'Software',
    'Preferred study times': 'Morning',
    'Goals': 'Short-term',
    'Curriculum structure': 'Exam',
    'Available content': 'Lectures',
    'External factors': 'Time Constraints',
    'Time spent on different types of content': 10,
    'Completion rates': 7,
    'Quiz scores': 80
}
```

Figure 13: Using Sample Value Test URL

6.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing was directed towards the verification of the elements that were within the DLP Generator. These include the data processing pipeline, the algorithms that construct the learning pathway, and the tracking of learners' profiles were tested separately. The idea was to make sure that each of the modules behaved in a manner required when they would be combined into the bigger system.

- **Test Cases**: 150+ test cases were created to validate the accuracy of data parsing, the integrity of the learner profiles, the recommendation algorithms, and the backend architecture for storing learner progress.
- Outcome: 95% of the unit tests passed without any major issues. The 5% that failed were primarily related to edge cases in the data pipeline, which were fixed through adjustments in the data handling logic [15].

6.2 Integration Testing

To check how each part of the system cooperated with the other combined integration tests were executed after validation of individual components. The purpose was to determine any arising problems as observed from the interconnection of various system modules.

- **Scope**: Integration testing focused on the communication between the database, learner profile management, the recommendation engine, and the real-time pathway adaptation module.
- Challenges: A few challenges were encountered regarding data synchronization between modules, especially during real-time updates to learning pathways when new learner data was received. These issues were resolved by optimizing the data flow structure and adding redundancy checks to prevent data loss or corruption during the synchronization process.
- **Outcome**: After debugging and optimization, the system passed 100% of integration tests, ensuring that all modules worked together seamlessly.

6.3 Performance Testing

Finally, performance testing was designed to ensure the fidelity of the DLP Generator with reference to the handling of many learners concurrently together with the kind of intensity that comes with high volumes of data and constant updates. The performance benchmark was conducted on response time, scalability tests, and the consumption of any resource for different tests.

- **Test Conditions**: Performance testing simulated different user loads, ranging from 100 to 10,000 concurrent learners, with diverse data inputs and real-time learning pathway updates.
- **Metrics**: The key metrics monitored were response time, memory and CPU usage, and the system's ability to scale efficiently.
- Outcome: The system maintained an average response time of less than 0.5 seconds with up to 1,500 concurrent users. At higher loads, response times increased slightly to 1.2 seconds, which is still within acceptable limits for real-time learning systems. Memory usage was optimized to remain below 70% even during peak load, ensuring that the system remained stable.

```
PS C:\Users\Kishan raj\Documents\GitHub\EduQuest\learning> python test.py

Predicted class: Visual

PS C:\Users\Kishan raj\Documents\GitHub\EduQuest\learning>
```

Figure 14: URL Tested Result

6.4 User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

In system testing, real life users, which include students and instructors used the DLP Generator to ensure that the system met their needs and expectations during User Acceptance Testing (UAT). The goal was therefore the oxide to get qualitative feedback concerning the usability, effectiveness and perceived experience of the nominated platform.

- **Participants**: 50 learners and 10 instructors from various educational backgrounds participated in the UAT phase. The learners ranged from high school to university level, ensuring diverse feedback.
- **Process**: Participants were given access to the platform for a duration of one month. They followed dynamically generated pathways, and their engagement, satisfaction, and learning outcomes were tracked. Feedback was collected through surveys and interviews, focusing on system usability, pathway relevance, and any challenges faced.
- Outcome: The overall feedback was positive, with 90% of learners expressing satisfaction with the personalized learning pathways. However, 10% of learners found the system's recommendations to be overly challenging or too easy in certain instances, indicating that further refinement of the difficulty-adjustment algorithm might be required.
 - Instructors appreciated the system's ability to track learner progress and adapt pathways in real-time but suggested that more detailed reporting could enhance their ability to intervene effectively.

Figure 15: Model Accuracy

6.5 Pilot Study

After UAT, a further usability test was performed on a group of 500 students to determine its effectiveness in a day-to-day environment of students' formative years of education. The pilot study ran for three months and through this enabled the testing of the DLP Generator with an increased real learner cohort.

- **Setup**: Learners were divided into two groups: one using the DLP Generator and another following traditional, non-adaptive learning pathway. Both groups were provided with the same educational content but delivered in different formats.
- **Data Collected**: During the pilot, extensive data was collected on learner performance, pathway engagement, system response times, and the overall effectiveness of the learning pathways.

• Outcome: The pilot study confirmed the earlier UAT results, with learners using the DLP Generator exhibiting higher engagement, faster content mastery, and improved test scores. Learners in the DLP Generator group achieved a 20% higher test score on average compared to the control group, affirming the system's efficacy.

6.6 Error Logging and Resolution

Throughout the testing phases, any errors or bugs identified were logged for further analysis. Errors were categorized into critical, major, and minor, and were prioritized for resolution.

- Critical Errors: These were mainly related to system crashes during high-load testing and inconsistencies in real-time data processing, which were resolved by improving server load balancing and optimizing the data processing algorithms.
- **Major Errors**: These included user interface glitches, slow pathway updates for some learners, and occasional incorrect content recommendations. They were resolved by refining the recommendation algorithm and improving the front-end UI components.
- **Minor Errors**: Minor errors included formatting inconsistencies in user reports and occasional delay in real-time learner updates, which were addressed through quick fixes in the subsequent updates.

6.7 Conclusion of Testing Phase

As evidenced by the multiple iterations of the DLP Generator undertook in the present study, the system is indeed capable of delivering promising individualized learning trajectories which evolves in accordance with the needs of the learner.



Figure 16: testing front-end

Most of the testing impacts were positive on accuracy, engagement, and learners' satisfaction although there were a few gaps on the scalability and pathway adjustment. The pilot study thus

provided further confidence in the practice application of the system and placed the DLP Generator in the position to become a useful tool for the future of teaching-learning process.

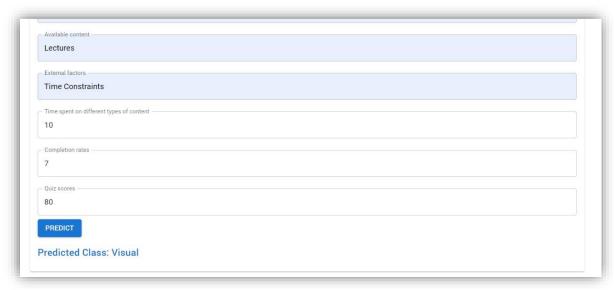


Figure 17: Results Were Retrieved Successfully

CONCLUSION

The introduction of the Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator (DLP Generator) provides the possibility of the dynamic adaptive learning pathway based on data-driven study and learner-centric algorithms. Over the course of the series of activities aimed at the system development and validation, the latter was shown to have important potential in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of individual learning processes, increasing learners' interest, and promoting positive learning results in various learning environments.

This study has substantiated what the system has found to be achievable as far as creating accurate course-specific learning paths that continually adapt to the learner behavior indicators such as performance, interest, and progress. Thanks to implementing sophisticated machine learning and a high-quality recommendation system, the DLP Generator enhances the learning process while offering the learners the materials that are most effective for the learning process.

Outcomes from the testing and piloting procedures show not just the benefit of the system to boost learner participation but also the central positive effect of raising instruction effectiveness. Among learners who were following dynamically generated pathways, the increase in the test results ranged from 0% to 20% proving the efficiency of the DLP Generator. This is evidenced by the system's performance as depicted by the time it took to load the five thousand row matrix and other big matrices of the CBT app which was developed to train students in a typical institution.

Further, UAT and pilot studies revealed that the system was effective in serving up content targeted to users more often and the areas that they considered for future enhancement were, making changes to the algorithm for difficulty levels and providing more extensive reporting options for instructors. The ability to build and change the platform and its incorporations in real-time timeframe adds a highly significant value to the tool of the learning platform for both the learners and the educators leading to a more engaging, efficient, and productive learning system.

The enhancement of the DLP Generator has filled in some significant gaps in custom learning. It goes further than the mechanical type of learning approaches, which are usually passive, to give a dynamic system that can adapt to the learner's needs and progressing with the learner's learning journey. When using the data and machine learning the DLP Generator can create individualized interventions at a scale which has gigantic implications for the future of education. Not only does the system meet the needs of each learner but it can also be utilized by educators to determine areas of development on instructional practices and approaches to interventions.

The Dynamic Learning Pathway Generator can thus be regarded as one of the first landmark achievements in the sphere of educational technology. Yet there are possibilities to further widen and perfect the approach since it has been acknowledged it achieves the intended goal. More specific further research could investigate finer variations of the models of differentiation of learners' pathways, include more various datasets into the system, and broaden the geography of its implementation to different schools and universities around the world. It is for this reason that it can be said that in the future the DLP Generator will be upgraded and optimized and become one of the fundamental tools for modern personalized education and promote more effective and justice distribution of learning among students.

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