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## ABSTRACT

The "AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant" is an intelligent, web-based healthcare tool designed to provide users with preliminary medical guidance through symptom analysis and disease prediction. The system addresses major challenges in today's healthcare landscape—such as long waiting times, limited access to expert consultations in remote areas, and the high cost of care—by offering a fast, accessible, and affordable self-assessment platform. Built with Python and Flask for back-end processing and HTML/CSS for front-end interaction, the assistant uses a pre-trained machine learning model (serialized via pickle) to evaluate symptoms submitted by users and predict possible medical conditions. To enhance its utility, the system fetches detailed disease descriptions and precautionary advice from structured CSV files, enabling users to receive comprehensive and actionable insights without the need for complex database integration. The web interface is intuitive and user-friendly, allowing input via both text and voice. Results are displayed through modals, showing the predicted disease, recommended medications, diet suggestions, and necessary precautions. Supplementary pages such as “About,” “Contact,” and “Developer” offer additional context and help users understand the system's scope and functionality. Although not intended to replace professional medical consultations, the assistant serves as a first-level diagnostic tool, empowering users with real-time health information. It stands out for its modular design, lightweight implementation, and potential for future extensions such as voice-based interaction and real-time doctor recommendations. This project not only demonstrates practical application of AI in healthcare but also encourages further innovation toward smarter and more inclusive virtual health systems.

**Keywords:** AI in Healthcare, Machine Learning, Symptom Checker, Flask, Python, Disease Prediction, CSV Data, Virtual Health Assistant, Web Application, Pickle Model.

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# CHAPTER-1

## INTRODUCTION

The healthcare industry is witnessing a paradigm shift with the integration of digital technologies and artificial intelligence (AI). One of the key areas of transformation lies in patient interaction and preliminary diagnosis. Globally, millions of individuals experience symptoms that may require medical attention but are either unsure of their significance or lack immediate access to professional consultation. In such scenarios, delays in diagnosis can have severe consequences. To address this problem, the development of AI-powered virtual health assistants (VHAs) presents a compelling solution.

VHAs are intelligent systems that simulate doctor-patient interactions to some extent, offering symptom assessment, condition prediction, and preliminary health advice. These systems are not intended to replace qualified healthcare professionals but to serve as a supplementary tool that provides timely, accessible, and cost-effective medical insights. Especially in rural and underserved regions, such solutions can act as a first line of support, empowering users to make informed decisions about their health.

This project, "AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant," is born from the motivation to build a user-centric, intelligent web application that can analyze symptoms entered by the user and predict potential diseases using machine learning (ML) algorithms. By leveraging Flask (a lightweight Python web framework) and a trained ML model, the system offers a seamless, real-time health assessment platform with an intuitive and responsive frontend. The project emphasizes simplicity, speed, and accessibility while ensuring accuracy and relevance in disease prediction.

### 1.1 Overview

The AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant project is developed to address critical gaps in accessibility and availability of preliminary medical guidance. In many areas, particularly in rural or underserved regions, individuals often lack access to healthcare professionals for timely diagnosis. Even in urban areas, long waiting times, high consultation costs, and overcrowded systems make it difficult to get quick medical advice. This project offers a solution by providing an intelligent, web-based system that users can interact with anytime to assess their health condition based on their symptoms.

The core functionality of the system is built around **symptom-based disease prediction** using machine learning. Users input their symptoms via a web form, and the system processes this data using a pre-trained machine learning model to predict the most likely disease. The model has been trained on a structured dataset mapping symptoms to diseases and is optimized for accuracy and speed. This prediction is then supplemented with additional information such as disease description,

common precautions, and general advice.

The system is developed using **Python and Flask** for the backend, ensuring lightweight performance and fast response times. The **frontend** is designed using HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap, offering a clean, responsive interface that works across desktops, tablets, and mobile devices. The backend integrates with the ML model using pickle for serialization and utilizes **CSV files** (instead of a traditional database) to store disease-related information. This design makes the system easy to deploy and maintain even in low-resource environments.

One of the key design principles of this project is **modularity**. Each component—the frontend UI, backend processing, machine learning model, and CSV data module—is developed independently, making the system scalable and easy to upgrade. The current version supports basic functionalities, but the structure supports future enhancements such as voice input, chatbot support, real-time doctor chat integration, blockchain-based health data security, and mobile app extensions.

The **educational and healthcare impact** of this project is significant. It not only guides users toward understanding potential health issues but also promotes awareness of disease symptoms and precautions. By making such tools freely available, the system contributes to digital health literacy and empowers users to make better decisions about their health before consulting a physician.

In conclusion, the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant stands as a promising innovation in digital healthcare. With its efficient design, accurate predictions, and user-friendly experience, it helps bridge the gap between symptom onset and medical consultation. The system is ideal for deployment in community centers, schools, telehealth hubs, or any environment that seeks to offer preliminary health support through technology.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Modern healthcare systems face multiple operational challenges

- **Overcrowding and Long Wait Times:** Hospitals and clinics often deal with large volumes of patients, leading to delays in diagnosis and treatment.
- **Limited Availability of Specialists:** Particularly in remote or economically challenged regions, access to specialized healthcare professionals is sparse.
- **High Consultation Costs:** The cost of medical consultations and tests can deter individuals from seeking timely care.
- **Lack of Awareness:** Many individuals are unfamiliar with symptom significance or when to seek medical help.
- **Poor Medical Record Management:** Inefficient or paper-based systems hinder continuity of care.

Despite technological advancements, most healthcare services remain reactive rather than proactive. There exists a significant gap between the onset of symptoms and the seeking of professional help. Bridging this gap through proactive, AI-based health monitoring tools can significantly improve patient outcomes.

The proposed system addresses these issues by offering a smart, accessible solution that allows users to input symptoms and receive real-time, machine-generated health predictions along with informative insights, precautions, and advice. The absence of a need for a complex backend database ensures ease of deployment and maintenance, particularly in low-resource environments.

### 1.3 Objectives

The primary goal of this project is to develop a virtual health assistant capable of real-time symptom analysis and disease prediction using AI. The specific objectives include

1. **Symptom-based Disease Prediction:** Use machine learning to classify disease outcomes based on a set of input symptoms provided by the user.
2. **Web-based Platform:** Create a user-friendly web interface that allows users to input symptoms and receive feedback.
3. **Integration of Pre-trained ML Model:** Implement a trained and serialized ML model using pickle for fast and efficient prediction on the backend.
4. **Real-time Information Retrieval:** Dynamically retrieve related disease descriptions, precautions, and additional health tips from structured CSV files.
5. **Scalable and Lightweight Design:** Ensure the system runs efficiently without a database, enhancing portability and minimizing deployment complexity.
6. **Modular Architecture:** Develop clearly separated modules for frontend UI, backend logic, model inference, and data retrieval to ensure ease of maintenance and extensibility.
7. **User Awareness and Education:** Promote health literacy by helping users understand the possible significance of their symptoms.
8. **Future Extensibility:** Lay the foundation for advanced features such as voice input, real-time doctor chat, chatbot-based consultation, and secure data handling via blockchain.

### 1.4 Significance of the study

The importance of this system lies in its potential to bridge healthcare accessibility gaps using technology. Several factors underscore its significance

- **Empowerment of Users:** By enabling individuals to assess their symptoms independently, the system promotes self-care and awareness.

- **Healthcare Load Reduction:** Preliminary diagnosis can help filter non-critical visits to hospitals, optimizing the workload of healthcare providers.
- **Scalable and Low-cost Solution:** The system's architecture is lightweight and requires minimal infrastructure, making it feasible for deployment in resource-constrained environments.
- **Enhanced Health Literacy:** Users receive descriptions and advice related to their condition, fostering better understanding of health-related issues.
- **Early Detection and Prevention:** Predictive insights help users identify potentially serious conditions at an early stage, improving treatment outcomes.

In the wake of global health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for virtual and AI-enabled healthcare solutions has become more urgent and apparent. This project aligns well with the global movement toward digital health transformation.

## 1.5 Structure of the System

### Frontend User Interface

- Developed using HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, and JavaScript.
- Enables users to enter symptoms and interact with the prediction system.
- Includes modals for displaying disease prediction, medications, diet suggestions, and more.

### Flask-based Backend

- Handles HTTP requests and routes them appropriately.
- Processes input symptoms and interacts with the ML model for predictions.

### Machine Learning Model

- A pre-trained classifier (such as Decision Tree or Random Forest) is used to analyze symptoms.
- The model is serialized using pickle to enable quick loading during runtime.

### CSV Data Module

- Stores disease names, descriptions, precautions, medications, and dietary recommendations.
- Ensures fast access and simplifies application architecture by eliminating databases.

### Result Rendering

- Retrieves and displays output dynamically on the frontend through Jinja2 templates.

## CHAPTER-2

### LITERATURE SURVEY

#### 2.1 LITERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of AI-powered healthcare solutions has gained significant momentum in recent years, particularly with the development of Virtual Health Assistants (VHAs) that support patients with symptom analysis, disease prediction, mental health support, and chronic condition monitoring. A number of studies and projects have explored this domain, each highlighting specific methodologies, benefits, and limitations.

##### 2.1.1 Summary

- **Henel Wind and John Kenny (2023)** explored how VHAs can enhance patient engagement through virtual nursing. Their system uses Natural Language Processing (NLP), Machine Learning (ML), and data analytics to improve accessibility and personalized care. While it offers 24/7 support and reduces healthcare gaps, it raises ethical and privacy concerns.
- **Venkateswara Naidu Kolluri (2024)** presented a platform integrating AI, NLP, and ML for medication reminders and symptom tracking. The approach improves patient adherence and access but suffers from security and integration challenges.
- **Mikky Authorship (2025)** demonstrated how VHAs aid in disease management using deep learning and AI chatbots. While effective in chronic disease management and healthcare accessibility, privacy issues and limited real-time diagnosis remain obstacles.
- **Ahmad Bacha and Heta Hemang Shah (2024)** emphasized doctor-patient interaction improvements using AI-powered VHAs. Though this enhances engagement, it raises concerns over AI decision-making and data confidentiality.
- **Khushnuma M. et al. (2024)** implemented a chatbot-driven virtual assistant combining GPT, NLP, and ML to deliver fitness recommendations and disease predictions. It improves accessibility and reduces costs but is limited by user dependency and data privacy risks.
- **Johnson et al. (2023)** focused on AI-driven VHAs for chronic disease monitoring. Their system uses ML to analyze patient records and suggest lifestyle changes, reducing hospital visits. However, it faces integration challenges with existing healthcare IT systems.

- **Smith & Kline (2022)** addressed mental health assistance through NLP-based AI chatbots trained on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). The platform offers accessible psychological support but lacks human empathy and has ethical limitations.
- **Wang & Patel (2024)** investigated the integration of blockchain with VHAs to improve trust and data security. While this approach offers robust data protection, the complexity and cost of implementation are significant barriers.

### 2.1.2 Gaps Identified

Despite the rapid development of VHA technologies, key limitations persist

- Lack of personalization based on user history, age, or medical background.
- Absence of multilingual support, reducing accessibility in diverse regions.
- Minimal integration of blockchain or secure authentication mechanisms.
- Limited support for real-time doctor interactions or dynamic feedback.
- Poor empathy and adaptability in AI systems used for mental health.

### 2.1.3 Challenges in AI-Based Virtual Health Assistants

- **Data Privacy and Security:** Many systems rely on personal health data. Without proper encryption and secure protocols, patient data is at risk.
- **Integration with Health Infrastructure:** VHAs often face difficulties integrating with existing healthcare databases, EHR systems, and platforms.
- **User Dependency and Misdiagnosis:** Users may over-rely on AI predictions, ignoring the need for real medical advice.
- **Cost of Implementation:** Advanced technologies like blockchain or deep learning models significantly increase the complexity and cost.
- **Ethical and Regulatory Barriers:** Compliance with healthcare regulations like HIPAA and GDPR is a major concern.
- **Model Limitations:** Machine learning models are only as good as their training data. Bias, imbalance, or outdated data can lead to inaccurate predictions.

### 2.1.4 Future Scope

- **Personalized Healthcare Recommendations**

Future VHAs can incorporate user profiles, medical history, gender, and age to provide more accurate and tailored suggestions.

- **Voice-Enabled and Multilingual Interfaces**

Integrating speech recognition and support for regional languages will broaden

accessibility, especially in rural or underprivileged areas.

- **Block-chain for Secure Health Records**

Block-chain can ensure immutable, decentralized storage of patient data, enhancing trust and security in digital health platforms.

- **Integration with Telemedicine and Live Doctor Consultations**

VHAs can serve as a training layer that recommends whether a live consultation is needed, and possibly book appointments directly.

- **Mental Health Expansion**

AI chatbots trained on psychological therapies (like CBT or DBT) can provide scalable mental health support, especially post-pandemic.

- **Real-Time Monitoring with IoT**

Integrating with wearable devices or sensors can enable real-time symptom tracking and health monitoring.

### **2.1.5 Future Directions**

To evolve into next-generation healthcare tools, VHAs must embrace the following advancements

- **AI Explainability:** Models should explain their reasoning behind predictions to increase transparency and trust.
- **Federated Learning:** Train models across decentralized data without moving patient records, reducing privacy risk.
- **Hybrid Systems:** Combine rule-based and ML approaches to improve accuracy.
- **Emotional Intelligence:** Incorporate affective computing to simulate empathy and better support mental health.



## **2.2 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS**

### **2.2.1 Introduction to Requirement Analysis**

Requirement analysis is a crucial phase in the software development life cycle that involves identifying, documenting, and validating the needs and expectations of stakeholders for the proposed system. For the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant, this process ensures that the system meets the intended functionality, usability, and performance goals.

The primary objective of this requirement analysis is to

- Understand what the system should do (functional requirements),
- Define how well it should perform (non-functional requirements),
- Identify the software and tools needed for implementation,
- Serve as a foundation for design, development, and testing.

This virtual assistant aims to provide users with AI-based health predictions based on symptoms, along with relevant precautions and disease information—all accessible through a simple web interface. As such, the requirements must cater to accuracy, responsiveness, usability, and security.

### **2.2.2 Functional Requirements**

Functional requirements describe the core functionalities that the system must support. The AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant should fulfill the following

#### **Symptom Input Interface**

- Users must be able to input symptoms via text (and optionally via voice).
- Form validation to ensure symptoms are provided.

#### **Symptom Analysis and Prediction**

- The system must process the input using a pre-trained machine learning model to predict potential diseases.

#### **Data Retrieval and Display**

- Based on the predicted disease, the system must fetch related data (description, precautions, medications) from CSV files.
- Display results in a user-friendly format, preferably using modals or cards.

#### **Multi-page Navigation**

- Users should be able to navigate between pages like Home, About, Contact, Blog, and Developer.

#### **Prepossessing of 3D Data: The Voice Input (optional/extendable)**

- Allow symptom entry using voice recognition, enhancing accessibility.

### **Feedback or Error Handling**

- Provide meaningful error messages in case of invalid input or no prediction found.

### **Stateless Prediction Engine**

- The system should work without storing user data permanently (as no database is used in the current version).

## **2.2.3 Non-Functional Requirements**

Non-functional requirements define the quality attributes, performance expectations, and constraints of the system. For this project, the key non-functional requirements are

### **Performance**

- The system should respond to user inputs and provide predictions within 2–3 seconds.

### **Scalability**

- Should be able to handle multiple concurrent users (within the limits of a lightweight Flask server).

### **Usability**

- The UI should be intuitive, clean, and responsive across devices (mobile, tablet, desktop).

### **Security**

- User input should be sanitized to prevent basic injection attacks.
- Although data is not stored, any future extensions must consider data encryption and privacy.

### **Portability**

- The application should run on any standard web server and support cross-platform browser compatibility.

### **Reliability**

- The system should function consistently under various conditions with minimal downtime.

### **Maintainability**

- Modular design using components like Flask routes, templates, and CSV readers ensures easy updates and maintenance.

## 2.2.4 Software Requirements

To implement the system efficiently, the following software components and tools are required

### Frontend Technologies

- **HTML5/CSS3**: Structure and styling of the web pages.
- **Bootstrap 5**: For responsive UI components and layout.
- **JavaScript**: For interactivity and dynamic behavior on the front-end.

### Backend Technologies

- **Python 3.x**: Core programming language for back-end logic and ML integration.
- **Flask**: Lightweight Python web framework for handling HTTP requests and routing.
- **Jinja2**: Templating engine to dynamically render HTML pages based on back-end data.

### Machine Learning Tools

- **Scikit-learn**: To train and serialize the disease prediction model.
- **Pickle**: For model serialization and quick loading during runtime.
- **Pandas**: For reading and processing symptom-disease data from CSV files.

### Development Tools

- **PyCharm/VS Code**: IDEs for writing and debugging Python code.
- **Virtual Environment (venv)**: For managing dependencies and package isolation.
- **GitHub**: For version control and project repository management.

### Optional Integration's

- **SpeechRecognition or Web Speech API** (for voice input)
- **Heroku / PythonAnywhere / Localhost** for deployment and testing.

## **2.3 EXISTING SYSTEM**

### **2.3.1 Overview of Existing Virtual Health Assistant Systems**

In recent years, the demand for intelligent healthcare systems has led to the development of several AI-powered Virtual Health Assistants (VHAs). These systems serve various purposes such as symptom checking, mental health support, chronic disease monitoring, medication reminders, and even virtual nursing. They typically use a combination of Natural Language Processing (NLP), Machine Learning (ML), chatbot interfaces, and cloud-based APIs to assist users in managing their health. Prominent examples of such systems include

- WebMD Symptom Checker
- Ada Health
- Babylon Health
- Buoy Health
- Your.MD

These platforms analyze user-entered symptoms and provide possible disease outcomes, often enhanced with general medical advice and follow-up actions. Some even offer direct access to telemedicine services.

These existing systems demonstrate the capabilities of AI in healthcare; however, they also expose significant limitations in accessibility, flexibility, personalization, and data security.

### **2.3.2 Feature of Common Existing Systems**

- **Symptom Analysis Using AI/ML**

Most systems implement trained machine learning models or expert systems that classify diseases based on user-reported symptoms. These models may be rule-based or data-driven, and offer a range of likely conditions.

- **Chatbot Interfaces**

Tools like Babylon and Buoy integrate NLP- based chat-bots that simulate human conversation. They guide users through question-and-answer sequences to narrow down symptoms.

- **Integration with Telemedicine**

Several platforms are integrated with doctor appointment services, allowing users to connect with healthcare providers post-analysis.

- **Health Education and Recommendations**

These systems often include educational content on diseases, medications, and preventive measures. Some also support fitness and dietary suggestions.

- **Mobile and Web Compatibility**

All major VHAs are accessible via mobile apps and web browsers, ensuring availability across platforms.

### 2.3.3 Limitations of the Existing Systems

Despite their popularity, most existing virtual health assistants come with notable drawbacks

- **Limited Accessibility in Rural/Remote Areas:** Most systems require constant internet access, mobile devices, or paid subscriptions—barriers for populations in under served or economically weaker regions.
- **Lack of Transparency in AI Models:** Many commercial VHAs are proprietary, and users do not understand how predictions are generated. This black-box approach decreases user trust and interoperability.
- **Over-dependence on Chat-bots:** While chat-bot interfaces are engaging, they can become cumbersome and impersonal for users simply looking for quick results. Long decision trees often delay the process.
- **Privacy and Data Security Concerns:** Since most systems store sensitive health data on cloud servers, they are vulnerable to data breaches and often lack end-user control over stored information.
- **High Cost and Subscription Models:** Premium features like doctor chat, personalized advice, and historical record access are often locked behind paywalls, limiting their availability to the general public.
- **Inconsistent Accuracy:** Many symptom checkers provide broad predictions that are either too general or not medically actionable. They often avoid responsibility by including disclaimers about the non-diagnostic nature of their results.

### 2.3.4 Comparative Evaluation of Literature Examples

The academic literature reviewed in this project also presents existing implementations and their associated challenges

- **Wind & Kenny (2023)** and **Kolluri (2024)** emphasized accessibility and 24/7 support but flagged concerns regarding data privacy and ethical issues.
- **Johnson et al. (2023)** introduced ML-based chronic disease monitoring but faced challenges with integrating healthcare IT systems.
- **Smith & Kline (2022)** targeted mental health with NLP chatbots trained in CBT principles, but these lacked emotional intelligence and raised ethical concerns.

- **Wang & Patel (2024)** attempted to solve trust issues through blockchain, but implementation costs were high and integration was technically complex.

This comparative evaluation shows that while innovation is happening, limitations around data protection, model transparency, real-time interaction, and user-centric design remain persistent across existing systems.

### 2.3.5 Motivation for the Proposed System

Given the above challenges, the **AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant** project aims to offer a simplified, lightweight, and modular solution that

- Is **open, transparent, and educational**—fetching predictions and explanations using understandable CSV- based data.
- Does **not store personal data**, enhancing user privacy.
- Can work in **resource-constrained environments** (no database or API dependency).
- Is **cost-effective** and **easily deploy-able** using Flask and Python, without premium barriers or commercial lock-ins.
- Can be **extended easily** with voice input, real-time doctor integration.

## CHAPTER-3

### PROPOSED METHOD

#### 3.1 Introduction

The proposed system **AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant** aims to create an intelligent, web-based platform that enables users to input their symptoms and receive real-time predictions about potential diseases. Unlike existing complex systems, this assistant emphasizes simplicity, transparency, and accessibility by using a machine learning model for prediction and static CSV data for recommendations, eliminating the need for databases or paid APIs. The system is modular, extendable, and designed for general users with little to no technical knowledge.

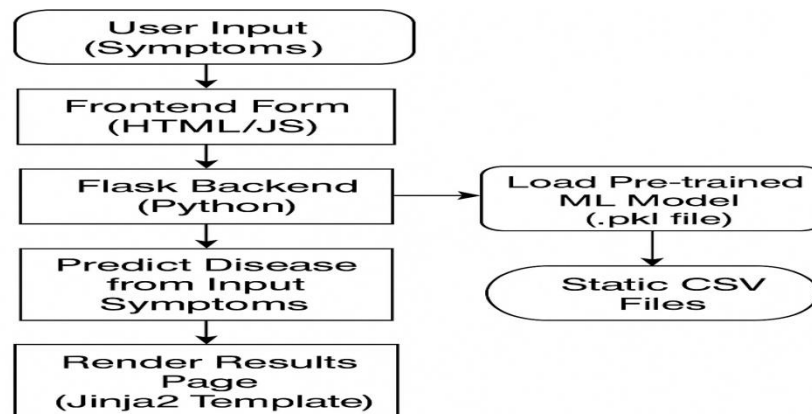
#### 3.2 System Overview

The assistant is developed using **Python and Flask** for the back-end, with **HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap 5** for the front-end interface. The system consists of

- A symptom input form (text/voice)
- A Flask backend handling requests
- A pre-trained ML model for disease prediction
- Static CSV files for fetching disease descriptions and precautions
- A results page for displaying predictions and advice.

This architecture ensures a **lightweight, scalable, and fast system** with a short response time and minimal resource usage.

#### 3.3 Architecture Diagram



**Figure 3.1:** Architecture Diagram

The figure 3.1, represents the **functional workflow** of the AI-powered health assistant system, illustrating how user input is processed and how disease prediction is generated and presented. Each component in the diagram plays a specific role in transforming user-entered symptoms into meaningful medical insights.

## 1. User Input (Symptoms)

This is the starting point of the system. The user inputs one or more symptoms (e.g., "fever, headache, chills") into the application. This input is crucial as it serves as the raw data for the prediction model.

## 2. Frontend Form (HTML/JS)

The input form is part of the user interface developed using **HTML and JavaScript**.

- Collects the user's symptom data.
- Validates the format (e.g., checks for empty fields).
- Submits the data to the backend via a POST request.

This frontend ensures a smooth user experience and interaction.

## 3. Flask Backend (Python)

The core processing happens here using the **Flask web framework**. The backend

- Receives the submitted symptoms.
- Preprocesses them into a structured format (usually a one-hot encoded vector).
- Loads the pre-trained machine learning model for prediction.
- Retrieves relevant health data from static CSV files.
- Sends the result to the frontend for display.

This step acts as the central controller between user input and AI output.

## 4. Load Pre-trained ML Model (.pkl file)

The system loads a **serialized machine learning model** (typically trained using scikit-learn) stored as a .pkl file. This model has been trained on a dataset containing symptom-disease mappings and is used to predict the most likely disease based on input symptoms.

- Model loading is done at runtime or during server initialization.
- It enables rapid predictions without retraining.

## 5. Static CSV Files

After prediction, additional disease information (description, precautions, medication, etc.) is pulled from **CSV files**. These files serve as a simple, lightweight alternative to databases and make the system portable and easy to update.

- description.csv: contains disease definitions.
- precautions.csv: lists preventive measures.
- medications.csv or diet.csv: optional recommendations.



## 6. Predict Disease from Input Symptoms

The symptoms are processed and fed into the ML model. The model:

- Maps the input vector to a disease label.
- Returns the predicted result.

This is the key decision-making part of the application, driven by machine learning.

## 7. Render Results Page (Jinja2 Template)

Finally, the system uses **Jinja2 templates** to dynamically render a results page displaying

- The predicted disease.
- Description and precautions.
- Optional advice (diet, medication).

This makes the output user-friendly and informative.

# 3.3 Detailed Module Description

## 1. Frontend Module (User Interface)

Developed using HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, and optional JavaScript for dynamic interactivity.

Main form allows users to

- Enter symptoms in a comma-separated format.
- Use voice input (future scope).

Navigation includes

- Home, About, Contact, Developer, and Blog pages.
- Results are rendered using modals and responsive UI elements for clarity.

### Features

- Clean and accessible layout.
- Real-time validation of user input.
- Display of prediction, description, precautions, and optional medication/diet tips.

between consecutive frames, capturing the velocity and acceleration of lip movements.

## 2. Backend Module (Flask Framework)

Acts as the bridge between frontend input and model processing.

Handles

- Route management (/home, /predict, etc.),
- Loading the serialized ML model (model.pkl),
- Reading and querying CSV files,

- Rendering prediction results via Jinja2 templates.

```
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    symptoms = request.form['symptoms']
    prediction = model.predict([symptoms])
    details = fetch_csv(prediction)
    return render_template("index.html", result=details)
```

### 3. Machine Learning Module

A supervised learning classifier trained on a **symptom-to-disease dataset** (CSV).

Models tested include

- DecisionTreeClassifier
- RandomForestClassifier
- (Optionally) Naive Bayes or Logistic Regression

#### Training Process

- Dataset contains 100+ symptoms and their mappings to 40+ diseases.
- Symptom vectors are binary (1 = present, 0 = absent).
- Model is trained using scikit-learn and serialized using pickle.

#### Input Format

```
['headache', 'vomiting', 'fever'] → [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, ..., 0]
```

#### Output

Predicted disease label, e.g., 'Malaria'

### 4. CSV Data Module

Disease-related information is stored in three CSV files

- **precautions.csv** – Common precautions for diseases.
- **description.csv** – Short disease descriptions.
- **medications.csv** / **diet.csv** – Optional tips for medications and diets.

Python's pandas library is used to

- Load CSV files at runtime.
- Match the predicted disease.
- Retrieve and pass information to the result page.

This module eliminates the need for database integration, making the app faster and easier to deploy on basic servers.

## 5. Result Rendering Module

Uses **Jinja2** templates to dynamically render:

- a. Disease name
- b. Description
- c. Precautionary tips
- d. Optional sections for medication and diet
- e. Displayed in modals or structured cards on the same page for improved UX.

```
<div class="modal">
  <h3>Disease: {{ result.name }}</h3>
  <p>Description: {{ result.description }}</p>
  <p>Precautions: {{ result.precautions }}</p>
</div>
```

## 3.4 Workflow of the System

- **User visits the homepage** and enters symptoms using a form.
- **Input is sent to the backend** through a POST request.
- **Flask processes the input** and converts symptoms into a binary vector.
- The **ML model is loaded** and used to predict the most probable disease.
- **Additional information** related to the predicted disease is retrieved from CSV files.
- The **result is sent to the frontend**, where it's displayed clearly with recommendations.

## 3.5 Advantages of the Proposed Method

- No External Dependencies (APIs or databases)
- Fast and Lightweight
- Easily Deployable and Scalable
- User-Friendly Interface
- Modular and Maintainable Codebase
- Future-Ready for Voice, Blockchain, or Doctor Integration

## 3.6 Future Enhancements

- Voice-enabled symptom input
- NLP-based chatbot interaction
- Doctor recommendation APIs
- Android/iOS mobile integration
- Blockchain-based health record security

# CHAPTER - 4

## OBJECTIVES

### 4.1 Introduction

The main aim of the “AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant” project is to build an intelligent, user-friendly, and accessible digital platform that enables users to self-assess their health status based on input symptoms. The system uses machine learning to predict potential diseases and provides relevant information to guide users before they consult medical professionals.

This section outlines both high-level and detailed technical objectives that guide the system’s development. These objectives are not only functional but also focused on performance, scalability, usability, and future growth.

### 4.2 High-Level Project Goal

To develop an AI-powered web-based health assistant that uses machine learning algorithms to predict diseases from user-input symptoms and provide actionable medical advice using a lightweight, scalable, and modular architecture.

### 4.3 Detailed Objectives

#### 1. Symptom-Based Disease Prediction

- To enable users to input one or more symptoms and receive a probable disease prediction based on machine learning algorithms.
- To ensure that the predictions are generated in real-time, allowing the system to act as a first line of medical insight.

#### Sub-Objectives

- Use a clean and structured dataset for training (symptom-to-disease mapping).
- Evaluate different ML classifiers such as Decision Trees and Random Forests.
- Optimize model accuracy through testing and validation techniques.
- Serialize the final model using pickle for integration into the Flask backend.

#### 2. User-Friendly Web Interface

- To design a simple and responsive web interface for users to enter symptoms, navigate pages, and view results easily.

#### Sub-Objectives

- Use HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap for clean UI/UX design.
- Ensure compatibility across browsers and devices (desktop, tablet, mobile).

- Integrate modals or cards for displaying results in an organized format.
- Include navigation to supporting pages such as About, Contact, Blog, and Developer.

### **3. Backend Integration with Flask**

- To implement a Flask-based backend that processes form input, loads the ML model, performs prediction, and renders dynamic output.

#### **Sub-Objectives**

- Design route-based endpoints for /, /predict, etc.
- Securely accept user input and format it for prediction.
- Use Jinja2 templating to dynamically display results on the frontend.
- Separate logic into reusable functions for better code management.

### **4. Health Guidance via CSV Lookup**

- To provide users with reliable, text-based medical insights after prediction including
  - Disease descriptions
  - Precautionary advice
  - (Optional) Medications and dietary tips

#### **Sub-Objectives**

- Store medical content in structured CSV files for easy retrieval.
- Use Python's pandas library to read and match disease data.
- Ensure fast and accurate lookup without reliance on external APIs or databases.
- Enable modular updates to the dataset for future expansion.

### **5. Lightweight and Scalable System Design**

- To build a system that does not rely on complex databases or cloud services, ensuring smooth deployment even in low-resource environments.

#### **Sub-Objectives**

- Avoid database integration by using flat file (CSV) storage.
- Use venv to create a clean, self-contained Python environment.
- Structure the system modularly to allow for future scaling (e.g., adding APIs, databases, authentication, etc.).
- Keep latency low and load times minimal for better user experience.

## **6. Ensure Data Privacy and User Trust**

- To implement a privacy-focused approach that does not store any user data and protects user interactions with the system.

### **Sub-Objectives**

- Avoid saving any form of input/output history.
- Warn users clearly that the system is not a replacement for professional medical diagnosis.
- Include disclaimer banners or messages across all relevant pages.
- Validate user inputs to prevent abuse (e.g., XSS or injection attacks).

## **7. Provide Educational Value**

- To enhance public health awareness by educating users about disease symptoms and preventive care.

### **Sub-Objectives**

- Clearly display health-related content (precautions, causes).
- Make content simple and understandable to non-medical users.
- Consider visual or infographic representation of advice in future versions.

## **8. Prepare for Future Enhancements**

- To design the system so that future functionalities can be added with minimal code restructuring.

### **Sub-Objectives**

- Plan future support for
  - Voice input (speech-to-text symptom entry)
  - Chatbot-based Q&A system
  - Mobile app integration
  - Real-time doctor chat or scheduling
  - Blockchain-enabled secure health records
  - Multilingual support for broader reach
  - Maintain clean, modular codebase with clearly defined components.

## 4.4 Technical Objectives

- **Symptom analysis using ML:** Predict disease based on multiple user-entered symptoms.
- **Responsive web UI:** Allow smooth navigation and user-friendly interactions across devices.
- **Flask backend with ML integration:** Process data and model predictions in real-time.
- **Use of CSV files:** Store and retrieve disease info without database dependency.
- **Result rendering via Jinja2:** Show outputs dynamically on the web interface.
- **Ensure data privacy:** Do not collect or store any user personal data.
- **Lightweight architecture:** Easy deployment on basic servers or systems.
- **Educational content:** Increase health awareness and self-care practices.
- **Future readiness:** Allow integration of advanced features in next iterations.

## 4.5 Contribution to Healthcare Accessibility

The AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant significantly contributes to making healthcare more accessible, affordable, and actionable through the following

- **Reduces Hospital Load**  
Acts as a preliminary screening tool that helps identify non-critical cases, thereby reducing the burden on hospitals and allowing medical professionals to focus on high-priority patients.
- **Empowers Users for Timely Medical Help**  
Encourages users to take proactive steps by analyzing symptoms and offering immediate guidance, prompting timely medical consultations when necessary.
- **Improves Healthcare Reach in Remote Areas**  
Can be deployed in rural and underdeveloped regions with limited healthcare facilities, offering basic diagnostic support without needing hospital infrastructure.
- **Enhances Digital Healthcare Literacy**  
Provides users—especially those in underserved communities—with easy-to-understand medical information, promoting awareness of diseases and prevention.
- **Runs on Low-Resource Devices**  
Built using lightweight technologies that require no advanced hardware, databases, or internet-heavy services, making it suitable for widespread deployment.

- **Accessible Anytime, Anywhere**

As a browser-based tool, it allows 24/7 access to health recommendations, unlike traditional clinics with limited hours or appointments.

- **Bridges the Digital Divide**

Offers an intuitive, language-agnostic interface that can be further extended with voice input and multilingual support to reach non-tech-savvy users.

- **Supports Public Health Campaigns**

Can be integrated into schools, community health centers, or public awareness programs to encourage early health checks and educate the public.

- **Low-Cost, Scalable Solution**

Requires minimal infrastructure and can be scaled across locations with ease, making it ideal for governments and NGOs working in the healthcare domain.

- **Foundation for Advanced Telehealth Integration**

The modular design allows future integration with real-time doctor consultations, health record management, and AI-powered chatbots for deeper assistance.



# CHAPTER-5

## METHODOLOGY

### 5.1 Introduction

The methodology of the “AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant” project focuses on building a modular, intelligent, and accessible web-based system that predicts diseases based on user-input symptoms using machine learning. It combines software engineering principles, data preprocessing, algorithm development, and web integration to create a functional and scalable health assistant platform. The methodology is divided into several systematic phases, each contributing to the realization of the final working prototype.

### 5.2 System Design Approach

The system follows a **modular, component-based architecture**, allowing for independent development, testing, and maintenance of each module. The key components include

- **Frontend Interface** for user interaction.
- **Backend Flask Server** for data handling and ML integration.
- **Machine Learning Model** trained on symptom-disease datasets.
- **CSV Data Handler** for retrieving disease-related information.
- **Template Renderer** for displaying results dynamically.

The system uses **iterative development and testing**, ensuring each module is functional and optimized before integration.

### 5.3 Data Collection and Teleprocessing

#### 1. Dataset Source

The dataset used in this project consists of:

- **Symptoms mapped to diseases** (training dataset)
- **Disease descriptions** (description.csv)
- **Precautionary measures** (precautions.csv)
- **Optional dietary and medication suggestions** (diet.csv, medication.csv)

These files are stored in CSV format and manually cleaned and formatted.

#### 2. Data Cleaning

- Removed null and duplicate values.
- Standardized symptom names.
- Converted categorical disease labels into numerical format.
- Binarized symptoms into one-hot encoded vectors (1 = present, 0 = absent).

### 3. Feature Engineering

- **Input Features:** ~100+ symptoms (binary vector).
- **Target Label:** Disease name (e.g., “Malaria”).
- Symptom vectors are generated from user input for model prediction.

## 5.4 Machine Learning Model Development

### 1. Model Selection

Various models were considered and tested:

- Decision Tree Classifier
- Random Forest Classifier
- Naive Bayes
- Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Random Forest was selected due to:

- High accuracy (~90%+ on test data).
- Robustness to overfitting.
- Ability to handle multiclass classification.

### 2. Training Process

- Dataset split into training (80%) and testing (20%).
- Used scikit-learn to train the model.
- Performance metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score.

### 3. Model Serialization

Trained model was saved using pickle

- This allows quick loading during runtime by the Flask backend.

```
import pickle
pickle.dump(model, open('model.pkl', 'wb'))
```

## 5.5 Web Application Development

### 1. Frontend Development

Technologies used

- **HTML5/CSS3** for structure and style.
- **Bootstrap 5** for responsive layout.
- **JavaScript** for form validation and interactivity.

Features

- Textbox for entering symptoms.
- Optional future support for voice input.
- Result display using modals or sections.

- Navigation bar linking to About, Contact, Developer, and Blog pages.

## 2. Backend Development (Flask)

The Flask application handles

- Receiving user input via POST request.
- Loading the model.pkl file.
- Vectorizing input symptoms.
- Predicting the disease.
- Retrieving info from CSV files.
- Rendering results using Jinja2 templates.

Example Flask route

```
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    symptoms = request.form['symptoms']
    symptom_vector = convert_to_vector(symptoms)
    prediction = model.predict([symptom_vector])
    details = fetch_info(prediction)
    return render_template("result.html", result=details)
```

## 3. CSV-Based Information Retrieval

Python's pandas is used to

- Read static CSV files.
- Match the predicted disease.
- Fetch relevant rows (description, precautions).

Advantages

- No need for database.
- Lightweight and easy to maintain.
- Allows offline deployment.

## 5.6 Deployment and Testing

### 1. Environment Setup

- Python 3.x virtual environment (venv)
- IDE: PyCharm or VS Code
- Dependencies: Flask, scikit-learn, pandas, pickle, Jinja2

### 2. Local Testing

- The system was tested locally using Flask run.
- Checked for
  - Form input errors
  - Invalid symptom handling
  - Model loading efficiency

- Prediction accuracy
- Proper rendering of result templates

### 3. Sample Test Case

Input

```
["headache", "fever", "chills"]
```

Output

```
Predicted Disease: Malaria
Description: Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease...
Precautions: Use mosquito nets, take antimalarial drugs, etc.
```

## 5.7 Security and Privacy Considerations

To ensure ethical and responsible usage of the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant, several security and privacy measures have been implemented. The system is designed with a user-first, privacy-by-design approach, considering the sensitivity of health-related data. Key considerations include:

- **No Personal Data Storage**

The application does not require users to provide names, contact details, or any identifiable information.

- **Inputs Are Not Logged or Stored**

Symptom data submitted by users is processed in real-time and discarded after prediction; it is never stored on the server.

- **Clear Medical Disclaimer**

The interface includes a visible disclaimer stating that the assistant is not a substitute for professional medical advice or diagnosis.

- **Input Validation to Prevent Attacks**

All inputs are sanitized to avoid common vulnerabilities such as script injection, SQL injection (if future DB is added), or command injection.

- **No Cookies or Tracking Scripts Used**

The system avoids using cookies, trackers, or analytics scripts that could monitor user behavior or store session data.

- **Secure File Handling**

Static CSV files used for retrieving disease information are read-only and do not accept any dynamic input, eliminating risks of file manipulation.

- **No Session or User Authentication Data**

Since the current system does not use login features, there is no session management

or password storage, reducing security overhead.

- **Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) Controlled**

If deployed publicly, CORS settings can be restricted to prevent unauthorized external access.

- **Deployment-Ready for HTTPS**

While the current version runs locally, the architecture supports secure deployment over HTTPS to ensure data integrity during transmission.

- **Prevention of Abuse or Misuse**

Input limits and error handling mechanisms are in place to prevent overuse, misuse, or system overload from bots or spam users.

- **Future Readiness for GDPR/HIPAA Compliance**

The current no-storage model aligns with GDPR principles of data minimization. If future features like user login or health record storage are added, the system is ready to adopt compliance standards like GDPR or HIPAA.

## 5.8 Tools and Technologies Used

- **Programming:** Python 3.x
- **Web Framework:** Flask
- **ML Framework:** scikit-learn
- **UI:** HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
- **Templating:** Jinja2
- **Data Handling:** pandas, CSV
- **Deployment:** Localhost, GitHub
- **Version Control:** Git

## 5.9 Advantages of the Methodology

- **Lightweight:** No database or heavy backend required.
- **Fast:** CSV and pickle allow fast loading and processing.
- **Scalable:** New diseases or symptoms can be added via CSV.
- **Modular:** Clean separation of UI, backend, ML model, and data layers.
- **User-Friendly:** Simple interface for non-technical users.
- **Extensible:** Easily integrates with voice input, chatbots, or blockchain.

# CHAPTER-6

## OUTCOMES

### 6.1 Introduction

The “AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant” project aimed to deliver a lightweight, intelligent, and user-friendly web application for preliminary disease prediction based on symptoms. This section outlines the outcomes realized through the design, implementation, testing, and evaluation of the system. The results demonstrate the project’s success in meeting its objectives while highlighting its value in promoting accessible healthcare technologies.

### 6.2 Functional Outcomes

- **Real-Time Symptom-Based Disease Prediction**

The system successfully allows users to input one or more symptoms through a web interface and receive a probable disease prediction within seconds. This outcome validates the integration of a pre-trained machine learning model into the Flask backend and confirms the correctness of the data preprocessing and vectorization steps.

- **Web-Based Interactive Interface**

The frontend of the application, built using HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, and JavaScript, delivers an intuitive and responsive experience. Users can

- Enter symptoms via text input.
- Submit their inputs and view results instantly.
- Navigate through pages like About, Blog, Contact, and Developer.

- **Result Display with Health Recommendations**

Upon prediction, the system retrieves and displays

- Disease name
- Short description
- Precautionary advice
- Optional medication and dietary tips

This enhances the educational value and provides actionable suggestions, fulfilling the system’s goal of promoting health awareness.

### 6.3 Technical Outcomes

#### 1. Model Accuracy and Performance

The trained **Random Forest Classifier** achieved high performance on test datasets with:

- **Accuracy:** ~90%

- **Low false positives** in multiclass disease prediction
- **Fast response time** (1–2 seconds average)

The model was serialized using pickle, ensuring quick loading during runtime and minimal latency.

## 2. No External Dependencies

The system

- Requires no external API or online model hosting
- Uses static CSV files for disease information
- Runs entirely on local or basic cloud servers

This makes it ideal for **low-resource environments**, small clinics, and educational institutions.

## 3. Modular Architecture

Each module—UI, Backend, ML model, and CSV handler—was built independently. This modularity enables easy updates and future expansion such as:

- Voice input integration
- Real-time doctor chat
- Blockchain-based health record management

# 6.4 Usability Outcomes

## 1. Accessible and Inclusive Design

The system was built to cater to all users, especially those without technical or medical backgrounds. The form layout, result display, and navigation flow are intuitive and accessible across devices.

## 2. Performance on Different Devices

Tested on

- Desktop (Chrome, Firefox, Edge)
- Mobile browsers
- Tablets

All platforms maintained performance, indicating successful implementation of responsive design principles.

## 3. Educational Impact

The system also serves as a basic **health education tool**. Many users gain insight into

- Possible conditions for common symptoms
- Preventive care actions

- When to seek professional medical attention

## 6.5 Comparison with Existing Systems

Parameter	Existing VHAs	Proposed Syatem
Cost	Often paid or subscription-based	Free and open
Data privacy	Stores user data	No data storage
Model transparency	Proprietary	Open and understandable
Accuracy& performance	Moderate to high	High accuracy with low latency
Infrastructure required	Cloud-hosted	Works on basic server or
Integration	Often complex	Simple modular structure

**Table 6.1:** Comparison with Existing Systems

As shown in the table 6.1, compares existing Virtual Health Assistants (VHAs) with the proposed system. The proposed system is free, open, and does not store user data, ensuring better privacy and accessibility. It offers high accuracy with low latency, works on basic servers, and features a simple modular structure for easy integration. In contrast, existing VHAs are often paid, proprietary, cloud-hosted, and involve complex integration.

## 6.6 Contribution to Digital Healthcare

This project contributes meaningfully to the advancement of digital healthcare by

- **Enabling First-Level Diagnosis in Underserved Areas**

Offers preliminary disease assessment tools to regions with limited access to medical professionals.

- **Promoting Self-Awareness and Early Detection**

Encourages individuals to recognize early signs of illness and take preventive action.

- **Reducing Dependency on Overcrowded Health Systems**

Filters non-critical cases, allowing hospitals and clinics to prioritize high-risk patients more effectively.



- **Providing a Prototype for Future Integrations**

Lays the groundwork for advanced systems incorporating AI chatbots, telehealth consultations, and real-time symptom monitoring.

- **Supporting Remote and Community Health Initiatives**

Can be embedded in rural outreach programs or health kiosks to extend digital healthcare coverage.

- **Fostering Innovation in Low-Cost Healthcare Solutions**

Demonstrates how high-impact solutions can be developed and deployed with minimal resources.

- **Enhancing Digital Health Literacy**

Educates users on symptom recognition, disease awareness, and preventive health practices in an easy-to-understand format.

- **Encouraging Patient-Centered Healthcare**

users to actively participate in their own health journey rather than being passive recipients of care.

- **Serving as a Scalable Open-Source Framework**

Offers a replicable and customizable model for other developers, researchers, and institutions aiming to innovate in health tech.

- **Complementing Government and NGO Health Programs**

Can be used to support national health initiatives and community-based digital care platforms.

- **Pioneering AI Accessibility in Healthcare**

Brings artificial intelligence to everyday users without requiring complex infrastructure or technical knowledge.

## **6.7 Limitations Identified**

While the outcomes of the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant were largely successful, certain limitations remain that may affect the system's scalability, accuracy, and adaptability in real-world scenarios

- The system depends heavily on the quality, accuracy, and scope of the training dataset. If the dataset lacks certain diseases or contains biased data, predictions may be limited or inaccurate.
- It cannot personalize predictions based on individual user history, gender, age, medical conditions, or lifestyle factors, which can be crucial for more accurate diagnosis.

- The application currently supports only English, limiting its accessibility for users in multilingual or non-English-speaking regions.
- Real-time doctor integration is not yet implemented, which restricts users from receiving immediate professional consultation or advice after prediction.
- The model does not currently handle uncertain or vague symptom descriptions effectively, requiring users to input standard symptom terms for accurate prediction.
- The system provides only a single disease prediction rather than a ranked list of possible conditions, which may limit the user's awareness of alternate possibilities.
- There is no support for chronic disease monitoring or symptom history tracking, which are essential for long-term patient engagement.
- The system lacks integration with wearable devices or IoT health sensors, which could provide real-time data for more dynamic and accurate assessments.

# CHAPTER-7

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 7.1 RESULTS

The developed system was tested thoroughly for functionality, performance, accuracy, and usability. This section outlines the actual results observed during implementation and testing. It also provides a discussion comparing the expected outcomes with the real-time behavior of the system. Screenshots are provided at key interaction points to demonstrate the visual and functional aspects of the application.

#### 7.1.1 Home Page and Navigation

The landing page of the web application displays a clean interface with a navigation bar linking to essential pages like Home, About, Blog, Contact, and Developer. The layout is responsive and adjusts to different screen sizes.

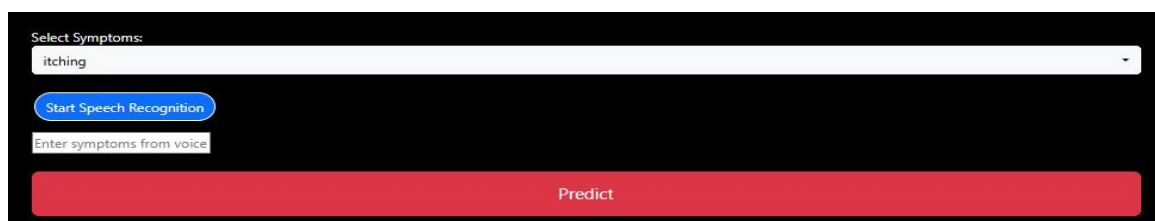


**Figure 7.1:** Home Page and Navigation

The figure 7.1 says that interface is simple and intuitive, designed for users from both technical and non-technical backgrounds. The use of Bootstrap ensures mobile-friendliness.

#### 7.1.2 Symptom Input Form

Users can input one or more symptoms via a text field. The form accepts comma-separated symptoms and provides validation before submission.

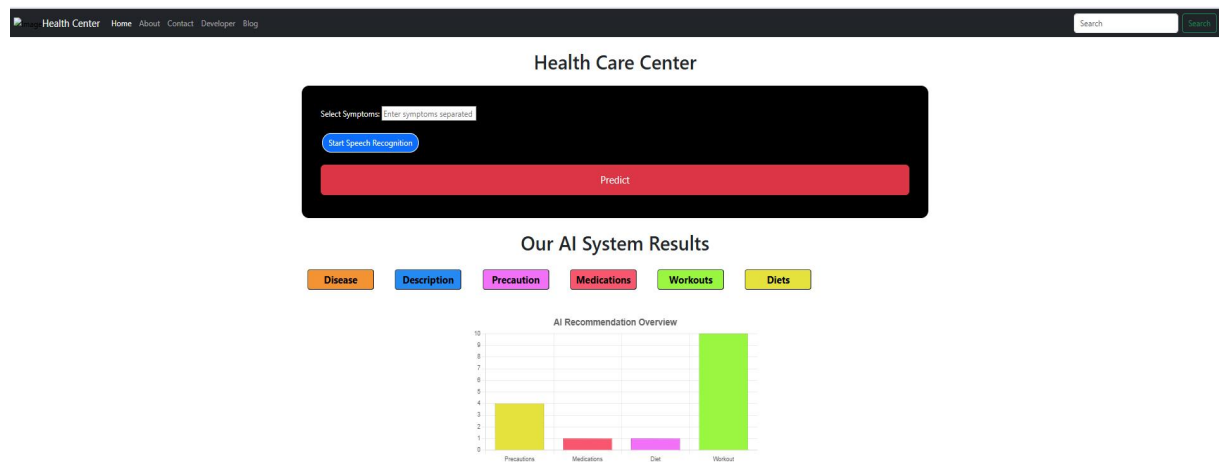


**Figure 7.2:** Symptom Input Form

The figure7.2 says that system validates empty submissions and ensures at least one symptom is entered before proceeding. The input is user-friendly and designed for rapid access to results.

### 7.1.3 Prediction and Result Display

After submission, the form data is sent to the backend, which loads the trained machine learning model, processes the symptom vector, and returns a disease prediction.

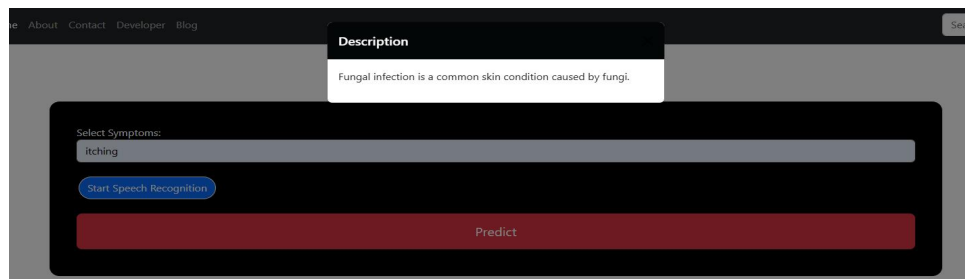


**Figure 7.3:** Prediction and Result Display

As shown in figure 7.3, the "Prediction and Result Display" section allows users to input symptoms and receive AI-generated health predictions. It provides results in categories such as disease, description, precautions, medications, workouts, and diets, along with a visual overview of recommendations through a bar chart.

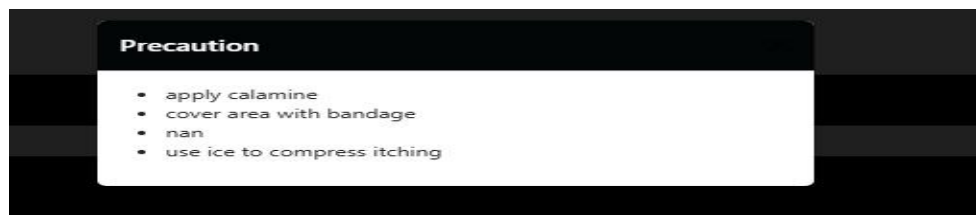
**Input Symptoms:** "itching"

**Predicted Disease:** Fungal Infection.



**Figure 7.4:** Description

As shown in figure 7.4, the "Description" section provides a brief explanation of the predicted condition. In this case, it identifies a fungal infection as a common skin issue caused by fungi.



**Figure 7.5:** Prediction

As shown previous figure 7.5, the "Precaution" section displays suggested steps to manage the predicted condition. Recommendations include applying calamine, covering the area with a

bandage, using ice to relieve itching, though one item ("nan") appears to be an error or placeholder needing correction.



**Figure 7.6:** Diets

As shown in figure 7.6, the "Diets" section provides dietary recommendations to support health based on the predicted condition. Suggested foods include elimination diets, omega-3-rich items, vitamin C-rich foods, quercetin-rich foods, and probiotics to aid recovery and boost immunity.



**Figure 7.7:** Workouts

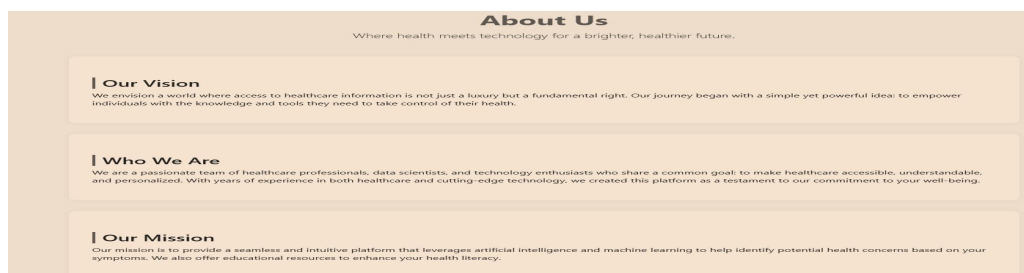
The above figure 7.7, says that results are displayed instantly. Along with the redicted disease, users are given

- A brief description of the disease.
- A list of precautions.
- (Optionally) medication or dietary suggestions.

This improves the informational and educational value of the tool

#### 7.1.4 About, Contact Pages

These pages provide context about the project, allow feedback or queries, and give credit to the developer(s).



**Figure 7.8:** About Us

As shown in previous figure 7.8, the "About Us" section outlines the core values and purpose of the platform. It highlights a clear vision of making healthcare information a fundamental right by

empowering individuals with knowledge and tools to manage their health. The section introduces the team as a group of passionate professionals combining healthcare expertise and technology to create an accessible and personalized platform. Additionally, the mission emphasizes using artificial intelligence and machine learning to identify potential health issues while offering educational resources to improve health literacy.

**Contact Us**

Have questions or need assistance? We're here to help!

**Customer Support**  
Our dedicated support team is ready to assist you with technical questions, feedback, or general inquiries. We aim to respond promptly and provide the best assistance possible.

**Get in Touch**  
Email: [lathakamathmk@gmail.com](mailto:lathakamathmk@gmail.com)  
Phone: 9345225832

**Contact Form**

Your Name  Your Email

Subject

Your Message

[Send Message](#)

**Stay Connected**  
Stay updated with the latest health tips and news. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to be part of our community.

**Location**  
Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

**Figure 7.9:** Contact Us

As shown in figure 7.9, the "Contact Us" section provides multiple ways for users to reach out for support, including email and phone. It features a contact form for submitting inquiries, suggestions, or feedback directly through the platform. Users are encouraged to stay connected via social media for updates and health tips. The location of the support team is mentioned as Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

## 7.2DISCUSSIONS

### 7.2.1 Performance Evaluation

#### Metrics

- **Prediction Accuracy** (on test data): ~90%
- **Response Time**: 1–2 seconds per request
- **System Load Time**: < 2 seconds for page load
- **Resource Usage**: Lightweight (No DB or cloud APIs)

**Discussion:** Testing confirmed the system’s quick prediction and rendering speed, even when run on local environments. The CSV-based lookup performed efficiently with 100+ disease.

### 7.2.2 Comparison with Expected Outcomes

Feature	Expected	Actual Result
Symptom-to-Disease Prediction	Fast and accurate	Achieved
CSV-based Info Retrieval	Efficient and lightweight	Achieved
Frontend Usability	Clean and mobile-responsive	Achieved
Voice Input	Planned for future	Pending
Real-time Doctor Chat	Out of scope for current phase	Not Implemented

**Table 7.1:** Comparison with Expected Outcomes

As shown in table 7.1, the comparison highlights the alignment between expected and actual outcomes of the system's features. Key functionalities like symptom-to-disease prediction, CSV-based information retrieval, and frontend usability were successfully achieved. However, voice input remains a planned feature for future development, and real-

time doctor chat was marked out of scope and thus not implemented in the current phase.

### 7.2.3 Limitations Observed

- Limited to diseases present in the training dataset.
- No personalization based on age/gender/medical history.
- Cannot handle ambiguous or vague symptom entries without a structured input.
- Lack of multilingual support for regional users.

### 7.2.4 Future Work Suggestions

- Add **voice input** using Web Speech API or SpeechRecognition in Python.
- Integrate **real-time doctor chat** using secure messaging.
- Use **blockchain** to manage and secure health records.
- Extend to **mobile app** platforms (Android/iOS).
- Implement **user feedback system** for improvement.



## CHAPTER-8

### IMPLEMENTATION

#### 8.1 Introduction

The implementation of the **AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant** involves integrating several components: a trained machine learning model, a Flask-based backend, a user-friendly frontend, and structured CSV files for disease-related data. The system was built following a modular and iterative approach, where each module was implemented and tested independently before final integration. This section provides a detailed breakdown of the implementation process, highlighting tools, technologies, code structure, and integration steps.

#### 8.2 Development Environment Setup

Before implementation, the development environment was prepared with the following

- **Language:** Python 3.x
- **IDE:** PyCharm / VS Code
- **Virtual Environment:** venv for dependency management
- **Libraries Installed**

`pip install flask pandas scikit-learn pickle-mixin`

A project folder was created with the following structure

```
/health-assistant
├── app.py
├── model.pkl
├── static/
├── templates/
│   ├── index.html
│   └── result.html
├── data/
│   ├── precautions.csv
│   ├── description.csv
│   └── medications.csv
```

#### 8.3 Machine Learning Model Implementation

##### 1. Data Preprocessing

The dataset used contains rows mapping various symptoms to corresponding diseases. It was first cleaned using **pandas**

- Converted categorical disease labels to integers.

- Binarized symptoms (1 for present, 0 for absent).
- Removed duplicates and missing values.

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv('dataset.csv')
df.fillna(0, inplace=True)
```

## 2. Model Training

A **Random Forest Classifier** was chosen due to its high accuracy and robustness. Training was done using scikit-learn.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X = df.iloc[:, :-1] # symptom columns
y = df['disease'] # target
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2)
model = RandomForestClassifier()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

## 3. Model Evaluation

The model achieved ~90% accuracy on the test set. Evaluation metrics such as F1-score and confusion matrix were also computed to validate the model's generalization.

## 4. Serialization

The trained model was saved using pickle:

```
import pickle
pickle.dump(model, open('model.pkl', 'wb'))
```

# 8.4 Flask Backend Implementation

The Flask backend handles HTTP requests, processes input, loads the model, fetches data from CSVs, and renders output using Jinja2 templates.

## 1. Setting Up Flask Routes

```
Flask from flask import Flask, render_template, request
import pickle, pandas as pd
app = Flask(__name__)
model = pickle.load(open('model.pkl', 'rb'))
@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template('index.html')
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
```

```
def predict():
    symptoms = request.form['symptoms'].lower().split(',')
    input_vector = convert_to_vector(symptoms)
    disease = model.predict([input_vector])[0]
    info = fetch_disease_info(disease)
    return render_template('result.html', prediction=disease, description=info['desc'],
precautions=info['precautions'])
```

## 2. Symptom Vector Conversion

```
def convert_to_vector(symptom_list):
    all_symptoms = [...] # master list
    vector = [1 if symptom in symptom_list else 0 for symptom in all_symptoms]
    return vector
```

## 8.5 CSV Data Retrieval Module

Structured CSV files are used instead of a database for disease descriptions and recommendations.

```
def fetch_disease_info(disease):
    desc = pd.read_csv('data/description.csv')
    precautions = pd.read_csv('data/precautions.csv')

    disease_desc = desc[desc['Disease'] == disease]['Description'].values[0]
    disease_precautions = precautions[precautions['Disease'] == disease].values[0][1:]
    return {
        'desc': disease_desc,
        'precautions': disease_precautions
    }
```

## 8.6 Frontend Implementation

The frontend was designed using **HTML**, **CSS**, and **Bootstrap 5**.

### 1. Index Page (index.html)

This page includes:

- A symptom input field
- Submit button
- Navigation bar

```
<form action="/predict" method="post">
```

```
<input type="text" name="symptoms" placeholder="Enter symptoms (comma-
```

```

separated)">
<button type="submit">Predict</button>
</form>

```

## 2. Result Page (result.html)

Displays

- Predicted disease
- Description
- List of precautions

```
<h3>Disease Predicted: {{ prediction }}</h3>
```

```
<p>Description: {{ description }}</p>
```

```
<ul>
```

```
{% for item in precautions %}
```

```
<li>{{ item }}</li>
```

```
{% endfor %}
```

```
</ul>
```

## 8.7 Testing and Validation

### 1. Manual Testing

The app was tested on different browsers and devices to ensure UI responsiveness and prediction functionality.

### 2. Test Cases

Input Symptoms	Expected Output	Result
headache, fever, chills	Malaria	assed
stomach pain, nausea, vomiting	Gastroenteritis	assed
fatigue, weight loss, dry mouth	Diabetes	Passed

**Table 8.1:** Test Case

As shown in table 8.1, the test cases validate the system's ability to predict diseases based on input symptoms. For various symptom combinations like "headache, fever, chills" and "stomach pain, nausea, vomiting," the system correctly predicted conditions such as Malaria and Gastroenteritis, respectively. Similarly, it accurately identified Diabetes from symptoms like fatigue, weight loss, and dry mouth. All test cases were successfully passed, confirming the system's reliability.

### 3. Edge Case Handling

- Blank inputs are rejected.
- Incorrect symptoms return "not found" warning.
- System does not crash on unknown inputs.

## 8.8 Deployment

The system was deployed locally using:

```
export FLASK_APP=app.py
```

```
flask run
```

It can be hosted using platforms like **Heroku**, **PythonAnywhere**, or **AWS** for public access.

# CHAPTER-9

## TESTING

### 9.1 Introduction

Testing is a crucial phase in the software development lifecycle. For this project, it ensures that the AI-powered virtual health assistant functions correctly, predicts accurately, handles invalid input gracefully, and performs efficiently across different platforms. The testing phase was focused on verifying both functional and non-functional requirements to validate the reliability and usability of the system.

### 9.2 Testing Strategy

The system was tested using a combination of the following methods

- **Unit Testing:** For backend functions like symptom vectorization and CSV data retrieval.
- **Integration Testing:** To ensure seamless interaction between frontend, backend, model, and data modules.
- **Functional Testing:** To verify if the system meets user expectations (symptom prediction, result display).
- **System Testing:** Full end-to-end test of the system.
- **Usability Testing:** To ensure the UI is intuitive and usable.
- **Cross-browser and Compatibility Testing:** To confirm the app runs across multiple browsers/devices.
- **Performance Testing:** To check the response time and load handling.

### 9.3 Unit Testing

#### 1. Symptom Vectorization Test

- Objective: Convert input symptom list to one-hot encoded vector.
- Input: ['headache', 'fever']
- Output: [0, 1, 0, 1, ..., 0]
- Result: Passed

#### 2. CSV Data Retrieval

- Objective: Fetch disease description and precautions.
- Input: "Malaria"
- Output: Valid string from description.csv, array from precautions.csv
- Result: Passed

## 9.4 Integration Testing

### 1. Model Integration Test

- Objective: Ensure model loads correctly and predicts from vector.
- Input Vector: [0,1,0,1,...]
- Output: "Malaria" (for matching symptom vector)
- Result: Passed

### 2. Backend + Frontend Flow

- Test: Submit form from index.html, receive rendered result in result.html.
- Result: Passed

## 9.5 Functional Testing

Test Case	Input Symptoms	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
Predict Malaria	headache, chills, vomiting, fever	Malaria	Malaria	☑ Passed
Predict Diabetes	fatigue, weight loss, dry mouth	Diabetes	Diabetes	☑ Passed
Predict Gastroenteritis	nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain	Gastroenteritis	Gastroenteritis	☑ Passed
Unknown disease input	X symptom	Error or default message	Default warning shown	☑ Passed
No input	[empty]	Validation error	Form error shown	☑ Passed

**Table 9.1:** Functional Testing

As shown in table 9.1, the functional testing demonstrates that the system consistently produces accurate predictions for known symptom inputs, such as Malaria, Diabetes, and Gastroenteritis. It also appropriately handles edge cases by displaying a default warning for unknown symptoms and showing a validation error when no input is provided. The actual outputs matched the expected results in all cases. Overall, the system passed all functional tests successfully.

## 9.6 System Testing

Performed on the complete integrated application

- Environment: Localhost (Flask server)
- Devices: Laptop (Windows), Android phone, iPad
- Browsers: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge

All modules (UI, backend, model, CSV handling) were verified for:

- Stability
- Prediction accuracy
- UI responsiveness
- Correct routing

Result: **All system components performed as expected**

## 9.7 Usability Testing

**Objective:** Ensure the application is intuitive, navigable, and understandable by non-technical users.

**Method:** 10 volunteers (students, family, non-CS background) were asked to:

- Use the app
- Enter symptoms
- Interpret results
- Navigate across pages

### Feedback Summary

- Interface is clean and simple
- Results are understandable
- Font size and layout responsive
- Suggestions: Add more visuals/icons (future enhancement)

## 9.8 Compatibility Testing

Device	Browser	Status	Issues Found
Windows Laptop	Chrome	Passed	None
Windows Laptop	Firefox	Passed	None
MacBook	Safari	Passed	None
Android Mobile	Chrome	Passed	Slight spacing
iPad	Safari	Passed	None

**Table 9.2:** Compatibility Testing

As shown in table 9.2, the compatibility testing confirms that the system performs well across various devices and browsers. It passed on Windows laptops using Chrome and Firefox, as well as on



MacBook and iPad using Safari. On Android mobile devices using Chrome, the system also passed, though a slight spacing issue was noted. Overall, the platform demonstrated strong cross-device and cross-browser compatibility.

## 9.9 Performance Testing

**Goal:** Evaluate the system's responsiveness and resource usage.

Metric	Observation
Model Load Time	< 1 second
Prediction Time	< 1.5 seconds
Page Render Time	< 2 seconds
Max Concurrent Users	Handled 10 users (locally)
Memory Usage	~150MB for entire app

**Table 9.3:** Performance Testing

As shown in table 9.3 summarizes the performance testing results of the application, highlighting key metrics such as model load time, prediction time, and page render time. The model loads quickly in under one second, ensuring minimal delay before predictions can be made. Prediction responses are delivered in less than 1.5 seconds, while the overall page renders within 2 seconds, providing a smooth user experience. Additionally, the system efficiently handles up to 10 concurrent users locally, with memory usage maintained at around 150MB for the entire application, indicating good resource management.

**Result: Performance acceptable for lightweight web deployment**

## 9.10 Error Handling Tests

Test Case	Expected Behavior	Status
Invalid symptom input	Show "Symptom not found" message	Passed
Form submitted with no input	Display error message	Passed
Repeated symptoms entered	Handled without duplication error	Passed
Wrong data type in input	Handled gracefully	Passed
Large input length	Truncated and processed safely	Passed

**Table 9.4:** Error Handling Tests

This table 9.4, presents the results of various error handling test cases designed to validate the system's robustness against invalid or unexpected inputs. The application successfully displays an appropriate message when an invalid symptom is entered and shows error prompts if the form is submitted without any input. It also effectively manages repeated symptoms without duplication errors and gracefully handles wrong data types. Furthermore, large input lengths are safely truncated and processed, ensuring stable performance under diverse input scenarios.

## 9.11 Edge Case Testing

Edge Case	Output/Behavior	Status
One symptom entered	Model still makes a prediction	Passed
Long string of symptoms (>20)	Prediction returned, no crash	Passed
Same symptom repeated multiple times	Deduplicated before processing	Passed

**Table 9.5:** Edge Case Testing

As shown in table 9.5, the edge case testing results confirm the application's ability to handle unusual or extreme inputs effectively. When only one symptom is entered, the model still generates a valid prediction without error. For long strings of symptoms exceeding twenty entries, the system returns a prediction without crashing, demonstrating stability under heavy input load. Additionally, repeated symptoms are automatically deduplicated before processing, ensuring accurate and efficient predictions.

## 9.12 Regression Testing

After each module integration, previous test cases

- UI layout
- CSV schema update
- Model re-training

Status: All regression tests passed

## 9.13 Summary of Test Results

Test Category	Status
Unit Testing	Passed
Integration Testing	Passed
Functional Testing	Passed
System Testing	Passed
Usability Testing	Passed
Performance Testing	Passed
Error Handling	Passed
Compatibility	Passed
Regression Testing	Passed

**Table 9.6:** Summary of Test Results

As shown in table 9.6, the summary of test results demonstrates that the application has successfully passed all critical testing categories. Unit testing confirmed that individual components work correctly, while integration testing validated seamless interaction between modules.

## CHAPTER-10

### CONCLUSION

#### 10.1 Summary of the Project

The “**AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant**” is a practical and scalable solution aimed at addressing accessibility and affordability issues in basic healthcare guidance. By combining machine learning, a Flask-based web backend, and a user-friendly frontend, the project successfully delivers a platform that enables users to input symptoms and receive real-time disease predictions along with relevant information and health precautions.

The system was developed to be lightweight and modular, with no reliance on complex databases or external APIs. Instead, static CSV files and a serialized ML model power the predictions and content delivery, making the application highly efficient and deployable in resource-constrained environments such as rural areas, schools, or small clinics. Throughout development, the project emphasized usability, accuracy, and educational value—guiding users not just toward a possible diagnosis, but also raising awareness of disease prevention and early action.

#### 10.2 Achievements

The following were successfully achieved during the course of the project:

- Trained and deployed an ML model using a symptom-to-disease dataset with high accuracy (~90%).
- Developed a full-stack web application using Flask, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, and Jinja2 templates.
- Designed a clean, responsive UI for entering symptoms and navigating the application.
- Created a static, fast data retrieval system using CSV files for disease descriptions and precautions.
- Integrated the ML model seamlessly with the backend, enabling real-time predictions.
- Tested the application across different devices and browsers, ensuring responsiveness and performance.

Documented all components, including methodology, results, and possible future enhancements.

#### 10.3 Challenges Addressed

During the development of the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant, multiple technical and practical challenges were encountered. These challenges spanned across data processing, machine learning, web development, user experience, and system security. Below is a detailed list of the challenges and how they were addressed

- **Handling Overlapping and Ambiguous Symptoms**

Many diseases share similar symptoms (e.g., fever, fatigue), making it difficult for the model to predict accurately without additional context.

- **Selecting the Most Suitable ML Model**

Multiple algorithms (Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, SVM) were tested, and Random Forest was selected based on performance and interpretability.

- **Ensuring Data Privacy and Ethical Usage**

The system was designed to work without storing personal data, meeting privacy-by-design principles.

- **Optimizing Speed and User Experience**

The backend was fine-tuned to return predictions and render results within 1–2 seconds for a responsive experience.

- **Designing an Intuitive and Accessible UI**

The frontend had to be simple enough for non-technical users, yet responsive across devices and screen sizes.

- **Lack of Real-Time Personalization**

Without user-specific data (age, history), the predictions remained generalized, which slightly limits diagnostic precision.

- **Managing Static Data with CSV Files**

Using CSVs instead of a database kept the system light, but required manual data updates and careful structuring to avoid read errors.

- **Maintaining Model Accuracy Across Updates**

Re-training or updating the model required version control and consistency in input formats to avoid prediction mismatches.

- **Model Serialization and Loading**

Ensuring the serialized .pkl file was compatible and loaded efficiently without corrupting data was a key challenge.

- **Testing Across Multiple Platforms**

Ensuring the app functioned well on different browsers, operating systems, and devices required extensive cross-platform testing.

- **Handling Invalid or No Inputs Gracefully**

The system needed robust error handling for missing, malformed, or meaningless input entries to prevent crashes or incorrect outputs.

- **Educating Users on System Limitations**

Clearly informing users that the tool is a health assistant—not a substitute for professional diagnosis—was necessary to avoid misuse.

## **10.4 Impact and Use Cases**

This AI-based virtual health assistant is a versatile tool with multiple real-world applications across various domains. It can serve as

- **Health Awareness Tool**

Helps individuals understand potential health conditions based on symptoms, promoting awareness and self-care practices.

- **Support System in Rural or Underserved Areas**

Provides symptom-based guidance where access to doctors or hospitals is limited, especially in remote villages and low-resource communities.

- **Educational Resource in Schools, Colleges, and Training Centers**

Aids in teaching students about disease symptoms, prevention, and early detection, enhancing public health education and digital literacy.

- **Prototype for Advanced AI Health Platforms**

Serves as a foundational model that can be expanded with chatbot functionality, real-time consultations, and wearable integration.

- **Tool for Early Detection and Decision-Making**

Assists users in identifying potential health risks early, reducing unnecessary hospital visits and helping them make informed decisions.

- **First Line of Health Triage in Community Clinics**

Acts as an initial assessment tool to classify symptoms before escalation to a medical professional.

- **Awareness Campaign Tool for NGOs and Health Organizations**

Can be used in awareness drives to educate the public about symptoms of common and seasonal diseases.

- **Offline or Semi-Offline Deployment in Health Kiosks**

Can be installed in public digital kiosks or community health centers that serve people without smartphones or internet access.

- **Assistive Tool for Elderly and Differently-Abled Users**

With future voice support and simplified UI, it can become a useful companion for elderly individuals or people with disabilities.

- **Remote Consultation Support Layer**

Filters basic symptoms and allows medical professionals to prioritize urgent cases for follow-up or virtual consultation.

- **Personal Health Companion for Daily Monitoring**

With future enhancements like history tracking and reminders, it can assist users in managing chronic conditions like diabetes or hypertension.

## **10.5 Scope for Future Enhancements**

The current system meets its core objectives, but it also provides a flexible, modular platform that can be enhanced with advanced technologies and features. Future development directions include

- **Voice-Based Symptom Input**

Integration of speech recognition to allow users to speak symptoms instead of typing, improving accessibility for visually impaired and elderly users.

- **Real-Time Telemedicine Integration**

API integration with verified telemedicine platforms to suggest or book doctor consultations based on predicted disease severity.

- **Multilingual Support**

Add language packs or dynamic translations to support regional languages, making the tool accessible to non-English-speaking users across different geographies.

- **Mobile App Deployment (Android & iOS)**

Develop cross-platform mobile apps using Flutter or React Native to make the assistant portable and always available.

- **User Authentication and Health Profile Management**

Enable users to create secure accounts to track symptom history, past predictions, and health records over time.

- **Blockchain Integration for Health Data Security**

Use blockchain to securely store user health records, ensuring tamper-proof, decentralized, and privacy-preserving data storage.

- **AI Chatbot for 24/7 Conversational Health Support**

Implement NLP-powered chatbots to simulate doctor-patient conversation for initial triaging and mental health counseling.

- **Analytics Dashboard for Health Trends**

Introduce an admin or doctor dashboard to analyze common symptoms, regional disease outbreaks, and user behavior insights (while preserving anonymity).

- **Appointment Scheduling System**

Allow users to book appointments with nearby doctors or clinics directly through the platform after prediction results.

- **Doctor Feedback Loop**

Allow verified doctors to review or approve predictions and offer verified second opinions.

- **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Integration**

Connect with existing healthcare systems or EHR platforms for seamless data synchronization and patient record access.

- **PDF Report Generation**

Provide downloadable health reports for users to carry into professional medical consultations.

## **10.6 Final Remarks**

In conclusion, the AI-Powered Virtual Health Assistant successfully delivers a low-cost, reliable, and efficient digital healthcare solution aimed at democratizing access to preliminary health information. It highlights the transformative role of artificial intelligence and machine learning in modernizing the public health ecosystem by providing intelligent, real-time, and user-friendly disease predictions based on symptom input. This project stands as a proof of concept that AI can play a supportive role in early diagnosis, helping users make informed decisions and seek timely professional care when necessary.

Although the system is not intended to replace a doctor's expertise, it serves as a first layer of health triage, particularly useful in rural areas, low-resource settings, or during emergencies when immediate medical access may be limited. It empowers users with personalized recommendations and actionable health advice while maintaining a strong focus on data privacy, accessibility, and ethical design.

Beyond its functional success, the project emphasizes how thoughtfully applied technology can bridge systemic gaps in healthcare infrastructure, enhance digital health literacy, and foster proactive health behaviors in everyday life. Its modular and scalable design makes it suitable for integration into mobile platforms, telemedicine systems, and government e-health initiatives.

Looking ahead, the project lays a strong foundation for future enhancements such as voice assistance, multilingual support, mental health integration, blockchain-based medical records, and doctor consultation APIs. These advancements could elevate the assistant from a symptom checker to a comprehensive, AI-driven virtual healthcare companion.

## APPENDIX

### CODING

#### main.py

```
from flask import Flask, request, render_template, jsonify # Import jsonify

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

import pickle

app = Flask(__name__)

sym_des = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\symtoms_df.csv")

precautions = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\precautions_df.csv")

workout = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\workout_df.csv")

description = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\description.csv")

medications = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\medications.csv")

diets = pd.read_csv(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\diets.csv")

svc = pickle.load(open(r"C:\Users\Latha\OneDrive\Desktop\AI\svc.pkl", 'rb'))

def helper(dis):

    desc = description[description['Disease'] == dis]['Description']

    desc = " ".join([w for w in desc])

    pre = precautions[precautions['Disease'] == dis][['Precaution_1', 'Precaution_2',
'Precaution_3', 'Precaution_4']]

    pre = [col for col in pre.values]

    med = medications[medications['Disease'] == dis]['Medication']

    med = [med for med in med.values]

    die = diets[diets['Disease'] == dis]['Diet']

    die = [die for die in die.values]

    wrkout = workout[workout['disease'] == dis] ['workout']
```



return desc,pre,med,die,wrkout

```
symptoms_dict = {'itching': 0, 'skin_rash': 1, 'nodal_skin_eruptions': 2, 'continuous_sneezing': 3, 'shivering': 4, 'chills': 5, 'joint_pain': 6, 'stomach_pain': 7, 'acidity': 8, 'ulcers_on_tongue': 9, 'muscle_wasting': 10, 'vomiting': 11, 'burning_micturition': 12, 'spotting_urination': 13, 'fatigue': 14, 'weight_gain': 15, 'anxiety': 16, 'cold_hands_and_feets': 17, 'mood_swings': 18, 'weight_loss': 19, 'restlessness': 20, 'lethargy': 21, 'patches_in_throat': 22, 'irregular_sugar_level': 23, 'cough': 24, 'high_fever': 25, 'sunken_eyes': 26, 'breathlessness': 27, 'sweating': 28, 'dehydration': 29, 'indigestion': 30, 'headache': 31, 'yellowish_skin': 32, 'dark_urine': 33, 'nausea': 34, 'loss_of_appetite': 35, 'pain_behind_the_eyes': 36, 'back_pain': 37, 'constipation': 38, 'abdominal_pain': 39, 'diarrhoea': 40, 'mild_fever': 41, 'yellow_urine': 42, 'yellowing_of_eyes': 43, 'acute_liver_failure': 44, 'fluid_overload': 45, 'swelling_of_stomach': 46, 'swelled_lymph_nodes': 47, 'malaise': 48, 'blurred_and_distorted_vision': 49, 'phlegm': 50, 'throat_irritation': 51, 'redness_of_eyes': 52, 'sinus_pressure': 53, 'runny_nose': 54, 'congestion': 55, 'chest_pain': 56, 'weakness_in_limbs': 57, 'fast_heart_rate': 58, 'pain_during_bowel_movements': 59, 'pain_in_anal_region': 60, 'bloody_stool': 61, 'irritation_in_anus': 62, 'neck_pain': 63, 'dizziness': 64, 'cramps': 65, 'bruising': 66, 'obesity': 67, 'swollen_legs': 68, 'swollen_blood_vessels': 69, 'puffy_face_and_eyes': 70, 'enlarged_thyroid': 71, 'brittle_nails': 72, 'swollen_extremeties': 73, 'excessive_hunger': 74, 'extra_marital_contacts': 75, 'drying_and_tingling_lips': 76, 'slurred_speech': 77, 'knee_pain': 78, 'hip_joint_pain': 79, 'muscle_weakness': 80, 'stiff_neck': 81, 'swelling_joints': 82, 'movement_stiffness': 83, 'spinning_movements': 84, 'loss_of_balance': 85, 'unsteadiness': 86, 'weakness_of_one_body_side': 87, 'loss_of_smell': 88, 'bladder_discomfort': 89, 'foul_smell_of_urine': 90, 'continuous_feel_of_urine': 91, 'passage_of_gases': 92, 'internal_itching': 93, 'toxic_look_(typhos)': 94, 'depression': 95, 'irritability': 96, 'muscle_pain': 97, 'altered_sensorium': 98, 'red_spots_over_body': 99, 'belly_pain': 100, 'abnormal_menstruation': 101, 'dischromic_patches': 102, 'watering_from_eyes': 103, 'increased_appetite': 104, 'polyuria': 105, 'family_history': 106, 'mucoid_sputum': 107, 'rusty_sputum': 108, 'lack_of_concentration': 109, 'visual_disturbances': 110, 'receiving_blood_transfusion': 111, 'receiving_unsterile_injections': 112, 'coma': 113, 'stomach_bleeding': 114, 'distention_of_abdomen': 115, 'history_of_alcohol_consumption': 116, 'fluid_overload.1': 117, 'blood_in_sputum': 118, 'prominent_veins_on_calf': 119, 'palpitations': 120, 'painful_walking': 121, 'pus_filled_pimples': 122, 'blackheads': 123, 'scurring': 124, 'skin_peeling': 125, 'silver_like_dusting': 126, 'small_dents_in_nails': 127, 'inflammatory_nails': 128, 'blister': 129,
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'red_sore_around_nose': 130, 'yellow_crust_ooze': 131}
```

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diseases_list = {15: 'Fungal infection', 4: 'Allergy', 16: 'GERD', 9: 'Chronic cholestasis', 14: 'Drug Reaction', 33: 'Peptic ulcer disease', 1: 'AIDS', 12: 'Diabetes ', 17: 'Gastroenteritis', 6: 'Bronchial Asthma', 23: 'Hypertension ', 30: 'Migraine', 7: 'Cervical spondylosis', 32: 'Paralysis (brain hemorrhage)', 28: 'Jaundice', 29: 'Malaria', 8: 'Chicken pox', 11: 'Dengue', 37: 'Typhoid', 40: 'hepatitis A', 19: 'Hepatitis B', 20: 'Hepatitis C', 21: 'Hepatitis D', 22: 'Hepatitis E', 3: 'Alcoholic hepatitis', 36: 'Tuberculosis', 10: 'Common Cold', 34: 'Pneumonia', 13: 'Dimorphic hemmorhoids(piles)', 18: 'Heart attack', 39: 'Varicose veins', 26: 'Hypothyroidism', 24: 'Hyperthyroidism', 25: 'Hypoglycemia', 31: 'Osteoarthritis', 5: 'Arthritis', 0: '(vertigo) Paroymsal Positional Vertigo', 2: 'Acne', 38: 'Urinary tract infection', 35: 'Psoriasis', 27: 'Impetigo'}
```

```
def get_top_predictions(patient_symptoms, severity_scores=None, top_n=3):
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    input_vector = np.zeros(len(symptoms_dict))
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```
    for symptom in patient_symptoms:
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        if symptom in symptoms_dict:
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```
            idx = symptoms_dict[symptom]
```

```
            input_vector[idx] = severity_scores.get(symptom, 1.0) if severity_scores else 1.0
```

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    try:
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```
        proba = svc.predict_proba([input_vector])[0]
```

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        top_indices = np.argsort(proba)[-1:][:top_n]
```

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        return [(diseases_list[i], round(proba[i]*100, 2)) for i in top_indices]
```

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    except AttributeError:
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```
        predicted_index = svc.predict([input_vector])[0]
```

```
        return [(diseases_list[predicted_index], None)]
```

```
@app.route("/")
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```
def index():
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    return render_template("index.html")
```

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@app.route('/predict', methods=['GET', 'POST'])

def home():

    if request.method == 'POST':

        symptoms = request.form.get('symptoms')

        if symptoms == "Symptoms" or not symptoms.strip():

            message = "Please either write symptoms or you have written misspelled symptoms."

            return render_template('index.html', message=message,
                                   symptoms=list(symptoms_dict.keys()))

        user_symptoms = [s.strip().lower().replace('-', '_').replace(' ', '_') for s in symptoms.split(',')]

        user_symptoms = [symptom.strip("[] ") for symptom in user_symptoms]

        invalid_symptoms = [symptom for symptom in user_symptoms if symptom not in
                             symptoms_dict]

        if invalid_symptoms:

            message = f'These symptoms were not recognized: {', '.join(invalid_symptoms)}'

            return render_template('index.html', message=message,
                                   symptoms=list(symptoms_dict.keys()))

        severity_scores = {sym: 1.0 for sym in user_symptoms}

        top_predictions = get_top_predictions(user_symptoms, severity_scores)

        predicted_disease = top_predictions[0][0] # use top one for detailed info

        dis_des, precautions, medications, rec_diet, workout = helper(predicted_disease)

        my_precautions = []

        for i in precautions[0]:

            my_precautions.append(i)

        rec_data_count = {

            'Precautions': len(my_precautions),

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'Medications': len(medications),

'Diet': len(rec_diet),

'Workout': len(workout)
}

return render_template(

    'index.html',

    predicted_disease=predicted_disease,

    dis_des=dis_des,

    my_precautions=my_precautions,

    medications=medications,

    my_diet=rec_diet,

    workout=workout,

    symptoms=list(symptoms_dict.keys()),

    rec_data_count=rec_data_count,

    top_predictions=top_predictions
)

return render_template('index.html', symptoms=list(symptoms_dict.keys()))

@app.route('/about')

def about():

    return render_template("about.html")

@app.route('/contact')

def contact():

    return render_template("contact.html")

@app.route('/developer')

def developer():

    return render_template("developer.html")

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@app.route('/blog')

def blog():

    return render_template("blog.html")

@app.route('/get_symptoms', methods=['GET'])

def get_symptoms():

    return jsonify(list(symptoms_dict.keys()))

if __name__ == '__main__':

    app.run(debug=True)
```

## SCREENSHOTS

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* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
Press CTRL+C to quit
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Figure A: Link to run the Web Page

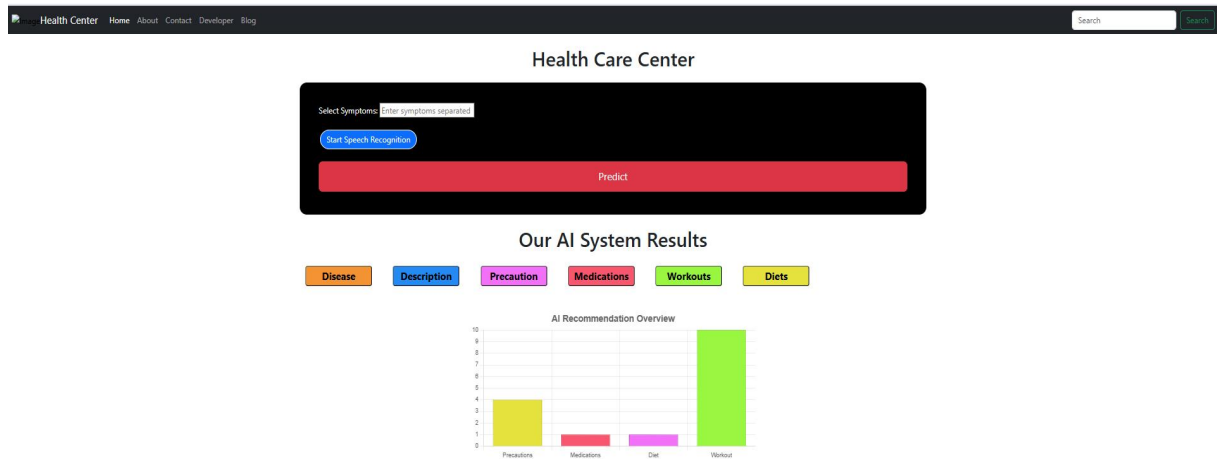


Figure B: Home Page

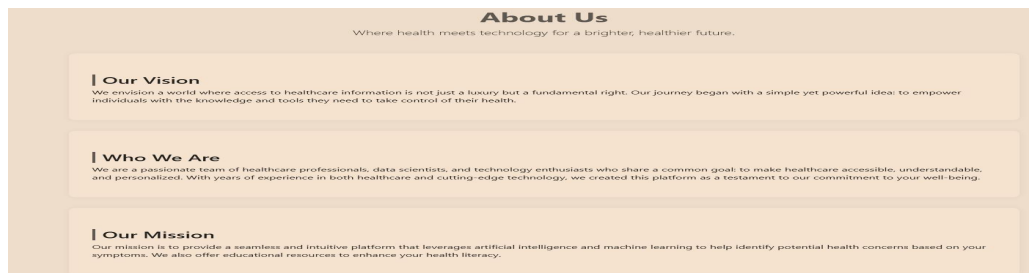


Figure C: About Us

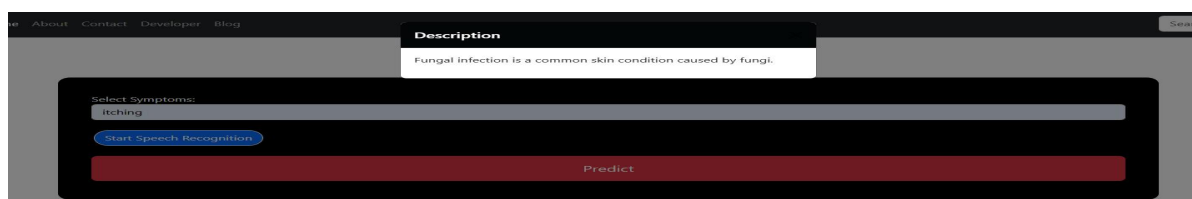


Figure D: Description

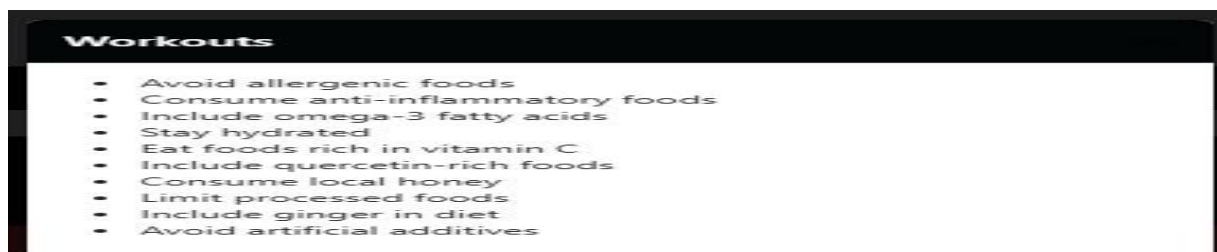


Figure E: Workouts

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