Transfer-Learning-Based Classification of Poultry Diseases for Enhanced Health Management

Introduction:

Project Overview:

This project uses deep learning to classify four poultry disease conditions (Coccidiosis, Newcastle, Salmonella, Healthy) from images.

Objective:

To assist poultry farmers by providing an affordable, efficient tool for disease detection, reducing reliance on expensive veterinary consultations.

Purpose:

- Enable early, accurate diagnosis of poultry diseases.
- Reduce mortality and financial losses in poultry farming.
- Provide a fast, easy-to-use web-based tool accessible to farmers.

Ideation Phase – Problem Statement:

- Poultry diseases cause significant economic losses worldwide.
- Diagnosis traditionally requires veterinary expertise, which can be costly and unavailable in rural areas.
- There is a clear need for an automated system that can classify diseases instantly from images of affected poultry.

Ideation Phase – Empathy Map:

Farmers feel: Worried about disease outbreaks and potential flock losses.

Farmers think: Diagnosing diseases is too difficult or expensive.

Farmers do: Delay treatment due to uncertainty about the disease.

Farmers say: "How can I know what disease my chickens have without a vet?"

Ideation Phase – Brainstorming:

- Explored transfer learning with lightweight CNNs like MobileNetV2.
- Considered practical app features: image upload, clear predictions, and treatment recommendations

Requirement Analysis – Customer Journey Map:

- 1. User visits the web application.
- 2. Uploads an image of the sick chicken.
- 3. System processes the image and predicts the disease.
- 4. Application displays the result with suggested treatments.

Requirement Analysis – Solution Requirements:

- Image-based classification of four poultry diseases + healthy class.
- User-friendly web interface accessible via mobile or desktop browsers.
- Use of MobileNetV2 for fast and accurate predictions.

Requirement Analysis - Data Flow Diagram:

User Image Upload → Preprocessing → MobileNetV2 Model → Disease Prediction → Treatment Suggestion → Display Results

Requirement Analysis – Technology Stack:

Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Backend: Flask (Python)

Model: MobileNetV2 (TensorFlow/Keras)

Database: SQLite (optional, e.g., for storing logs of predictions)

Project Design – Problem Solution Fit:

- Ensures high accuracy in classifying poultry diseases from images captured in real farm environments.
- Designed with a simple, intuitive UI for farmers with minimal technical knowledge.

Project Design – Proposed Solution:

- A Flask-based web app where farmers upload chicken images.
- Displays relevant treatment suggestions based on the detected disease.

Project Design – Solution Architecture:

Farmer's Device (Mobile/PC)

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Web Application (Flask)

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MobileNetV2-Based Classifier

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Disease Prediction + Treatment Advice

(Consider adding a diagram in your document for visual clarity.)

Project Planning & Scheduling:

Week 1: Collect and pre-process poultry disease images.

Week 2-3: Train MobileNetV2 with transfer learning.

Week 4: Develop the Flask-based web interface.

Week 5: Integrate the trained model with the web app.

Week 6: Perform end-to-end testing and deploy the application online.

Functional and Performance Testing:

- Test accuracy of the trained model on unseen images (target: >90% accuracy).
- Measure prediction speed per image (goal: <1 second).
- Conduct user testing with poultry farmers to ensure usability.

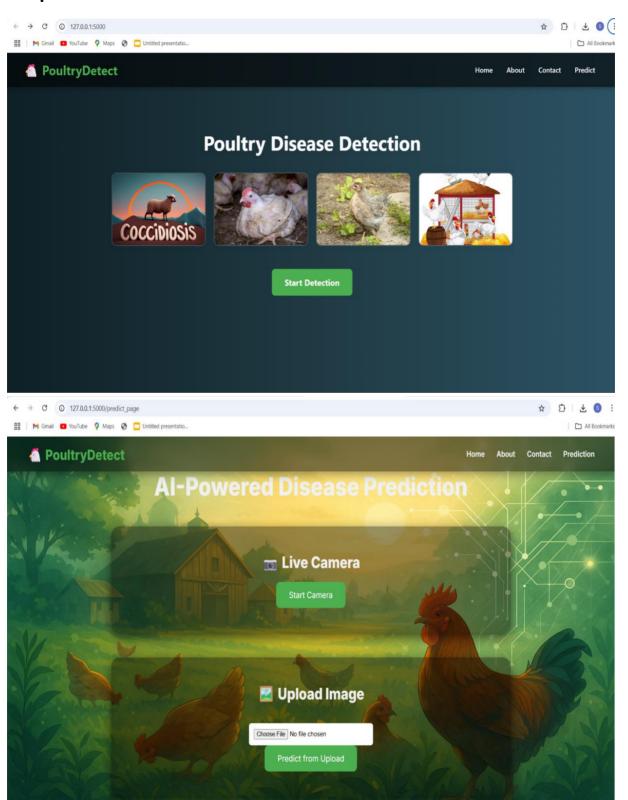
Results & Achievements:

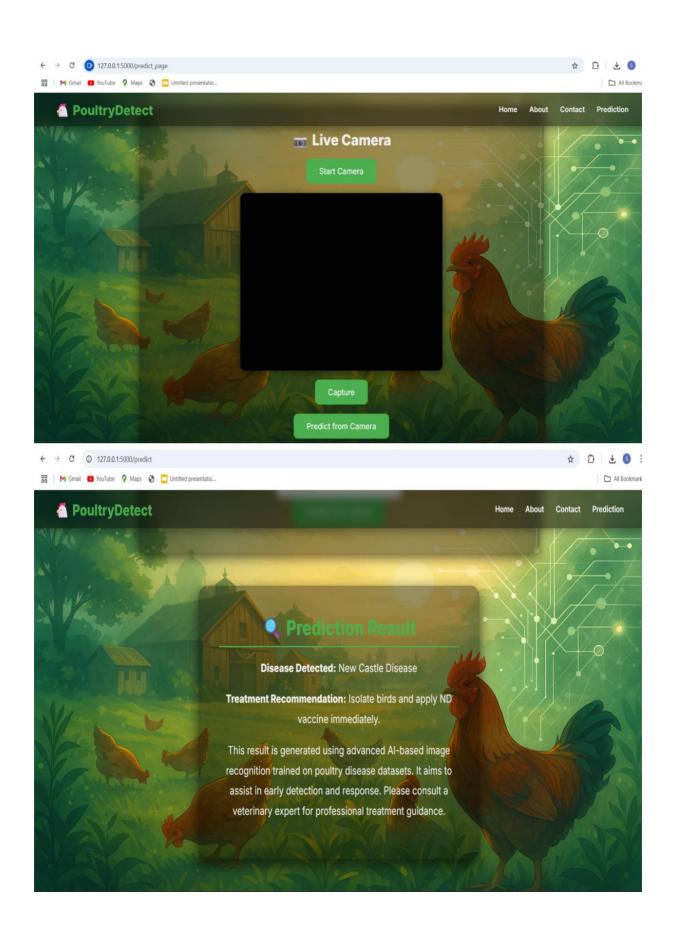
- Achieved classification accuracy of [insert your final accuracy, e.g., 92%].
- Fast prediction times suitable for real-time diagnosis.
- User-friendly interface validated through feedback from farmers or testers.

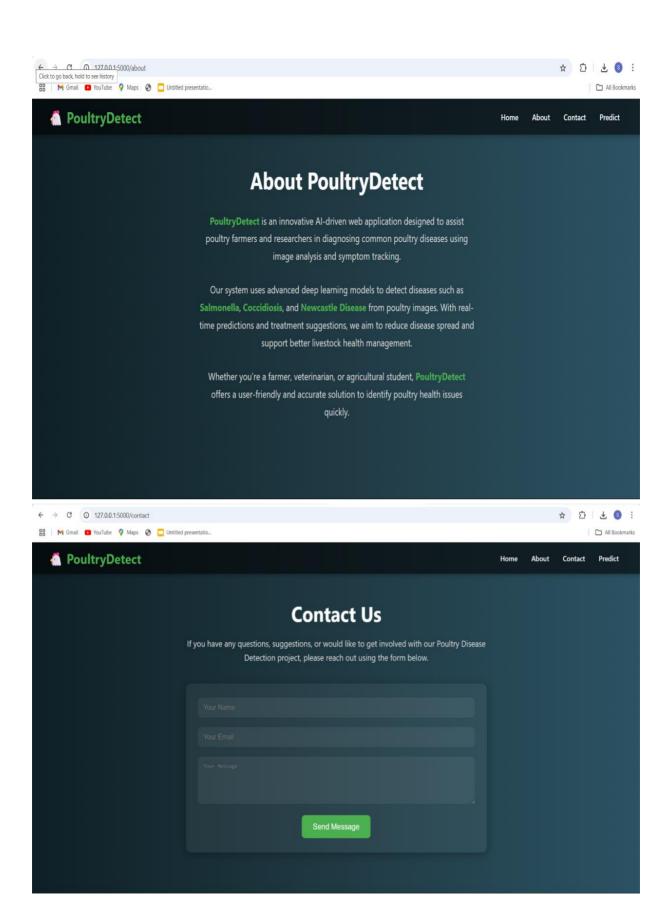
Future Work:

- Expand the model to cover more poultry diseases.
- Improve dataset diversity with images from different regions and breeds.
- Develop a mobile app version with offline capability for remote farm locations.

Output:







Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrates the potential of transfer learning to accurately and efficiently classify common poultry diseases using images, providing farmers with a practical and affordable tool for early disease detection. By enabling timely diagnosis, the solution can help reduce poultry mortality, lower financial losses, and improve overall flock health management.

The user-friendly web application makes the technology accessible even to farmers with limited technical skills, bridging the gap between advanced AI models and practical, real-world needs in the poultry industry.

APPENDIX

- GitHub Repository:

https://github.com/MIDDEHARSHAVARDHAN/Transfer-Learning-Based-Classification-of-Poultry-Diseases-for-Enhanced-Health-Management.git

DEMO Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EGqYUsZs15poNJfR5RKzw9ftoPQO0nJU/view?usp=d rivesdk