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Abstract

There is still a huge challenge of agricultural productivity and food security as a result of crop diseases being rampant. The problem is especially acute in developing areas where farmers usually have no access to expert diagnosis, live-time data, and scientific advice. Conventional techniques of diagnosing plant diseases are overly based on manual observation of leaves and stems that are time consuming and subject to human bias and variability. Moreover, the poor lighting, overlapping leaves, and other environmental factors complicate the process of visual diagnosis further in the field. Consequently, more often than not, farmers get delays in treatment, which translates to significant losses in yield and loss of finances.

As advancements in artificial intelligence and deep learning have risen at a rapid pace, disease detection applications have been adopted as an influential tool in precision agriculture in automated mode. Several existing systems operate on the principle of leaf-based classification to detect the presence of diseases; nevertheless, they do not take into account the most important contextual parameters, according to which the impact of the environment, the vulnerability of crops, and the time of infection dissemination have to be considered. These constraints limit their practical application in the real-world farming situation where various variables are interacting in a dynamic way.

To solve these problems the current research proposes an AI-based Crop Disease Prediction and Management System that integrates various layers of intelligence and offers in-depth disease surveillance and control. The four key parts comprising the system include an attention-optimized EfficientNet model, to identify diseases accurately, a genomic susceptibility analysis module, which evaluates cultivar-specific vulnerability, a collaborative surveillance network that can be used to track and predict disease outbreaks, and a voice-assisted multilingual advisory interface that can provide actionable insights to farmers, which includes farmers with low literacy levels.

It was demonstrated that the proposed solution can be trained on a heterogeneous dataset combining PlantVillage, PlantDoc, and field-collected images of the region, registering an impressive 97.2% classification accuracy in 38 different types of diseases. The field testing confirmed its efficiency, as it proved to have improved disease awareness, timely interventions and a huge decrease in the losses of the crops. This consolidated AI-based platform is therefore a move towards sustainable and data-driven agriculture that would give farmers the power to act proactively in managing disease and enhancing more productivity with innovative tools.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AI	Artificial Intelligence
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
DL	Deep Learning
IoT	Internet of Things
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
ASR	Automatic Speech Recognition
TTS	Text-to-Speech
DBSCAN	Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise
PWA	Progressive Web Application
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit
API	Application Programming Interface
UI	User Interface
ML	Machine Learning
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Background

The India economy has always been dependent on agriculture. It maintains a massive portion of rural families and it is a necessity to the food provision in the country. Although farming has evolved with time, there is an issue that has remained a nuisance to farmers, which is crop diseases. Such diseases may cause damage to plants, reduce the harvest, raise the amount of funds farmers will use to treat the plants, and create doubts on returns. This has been mostly challenging to small farmers who rely primarily on a single crop season.

Plant diseases are still diagnosed by majority of the farmers presenting their crops to the agricultural agents or the seasoned farmers. Although this works occasionally, the assistance does not arrive in time. Most of the villages are not specialized and the diagnosis may vary with individuals. To complicate the issue, the real conditions of the farms such as poor lighting, overlapping leaves or dark spots on the plant usually cause difficulty in properly identifying the disease by merely looking at the leaf.

Farmers are better equipped in their hands, given the emergence of new digital technologies. Smartphones have become ubiquitous even in the rural location, and individuals find them more comfortable. It opens a prospect to create a system that will allow farmers to receive faster and more accurate information concerning the diseases of plants. There was no need for an expert to provide assistance because all that farmers needed to do was to record or upload an image of a leaf and get valuable advice within minutes.

This project is aimed at developing a practical and convenient solution, which will assist farmers in diagnosing quickly, receiving correct guidance, and receiving information about disease outbreaks in their local neighborhood.

1.2 Statistics

Farmers engage in a lot of trouble caused by crop diseases, and this has been the case over many years. In India, and in most developing countries, as well, farmers lose a large portion of their harvest due to the fact that infections are unrecognized at the initial stages. A lot of these issues be they fungal, bacterial or viral do not even appear serious on the surface and hence the farmers do not tend to notice the problem until it has begun. In such states as Karnataka, we also heard farmers saying that it is one of the most difficult things to know what disease their crop is, when it is time to know. It is not always possible to hire a specialist and send him to the field at once.

In the process of conducting the project, we talked to few farmers who told us that they sometimes take days before an agricultural officer arrives to check their plants. Once one identifies the problem, the disease might have extended to other areas of the field. Due to this fact, the opportunity to experiment with simple digital instruments to assist them in monitoring crop health faster exists.

Out of the whole picture we saw, it is apparent that there is a wide-gulf between when farmers require assistance and when they receive it. Their income directly depends on diseases, and timely advice is quite significant. As smartphones are current, it is afforded a lot easier to provide farmers with a tool that could assist them in knowing about the crop problems earlier and propose what they need to do next.

1.3 Pre-existing technologies.

In the course of our project, we created time to examine various tools that are currently extant in helping to diagnose crop diseases. To test some phone applications and to read some research papers on this topic, we attempted to check how these systems actually work and what were the issues that farmers have when using them.

Plantix is one of the apps that we checked. It includes numerous categories of plant diseases, which is a good thing, but, according to farmers, the application is not that user-friendly. Text on the screen is a lot, and direct instructions are not simple and straightforward enough.One more problem is that it requires good internet connectivity that all villages do not have at all times, particularly at some point of the day.

We then looked at Agrio. It possesses attractive features and provides advice and detection of the disease, but the majority of its functions operate only in the present case when the phone is linked to the cloud. Besides that it is a paid subscription, which not all small farmers will be willing to pay on. It is also not offline friendly. Crop Doctor is not so heavy and can be installed easily. However, when we put it to test on real field images the precision was not by any means as high as the creators of it promise. It does not also provide any treatment recommendations and thus the farmers are left in an undecided state as to what to do following a disease prediction.

On the academic concept side, previous models such as CNN model by Mohanty et al. (2016) appeared to be amazing as they achieved very high accuracy (nearly 98) when using the clean data set.However, when applied to the real field pictures, the accuracy decreased significantly. This is a clear indication that the models that were trained with well-lit laboratory images only do not work in the field since lighting, shadows, and disorganized backgrounds cause everything to be a guess.

ResNet and DenseNet models are more advanced and demonstrated higher learning in features than simpler models in research articles (Zhang et al., 2020), but these models are associated with problems. They require heavy storage and processing power and as such, they are not easy to execute on the basic devices and smart phones that many farmers have.

With all these in mind, it is evident that unlike many systems that work well on paper or when used under controlled environments, they do not always produce the same outcome in the real-life conditions that occur in farm settings. Poor light, a cluttered background, overlapping leaves, and mixed symptoms are some of the conditions that make it difficult to detect diseases than anticipated. Moreover, the majority of the tools do not take into account the kind of the crop variety, the area, or the history of the diseases. Due to all these gaps, there is a high demand of a solution which is more practical, flexible and useful to farmers in their day to day operations.

1.4 Proposed approach

Aim of the Project

This project will consist of designing and deploying an AI-based crop disease prediction and management system to help farmers with correct identification of disease, cultivar-based risk, and advisory services, as well as real-time disease monitoring, with the assistance of deep learning and mobile-based technologies.

Our Integrated Approach:

Component 1: Improved Deep Learning Model.

A more precise model has been applied to this section of the system with a spatial attention block in order to enable it to target the real infected regions on a leaf. In training, we used a mix of the images of the PlantVillage, PlantDoc, and approximately 5,000 field photos, which we took ourselves. This was aimed at developing a model that would be able to detect 38 distinct diseases with a greater than 95 percent accuracy.

Module 2: Genomic Susceptibility Component.

In addition to the module on disease identification, we included a module to examine the type of crop. The same disease reacts differently with different varieties of the crop, thus this module compares the type of crops that the farmer is cultivating with a curated database and provides a risk rating. According to that score, it implies preventive measures that are applicable to that particular type.

Element 3: Collaborative Surveillance Network.

A geo tagged disease report sharing feature has been invented by us and sent to the farmers. These reports are clustered with DBSCAN clustering algorithm as it assists us in identifying territories where the disease outbreaks might be accumulating. In case of a high risk zone, farmers in that area automatically get alerts.

Component 4: Multilingual Voice Interface.

Since most farmers are more comfortable talking to typing, we added a voice interface with support of five Indian languages. It is able to comprehend spoken questions and give spoken advice and thus the system is user friendly by even those people who do not like reading lengthy instructions.

Applications

This system can help farmers quickly find out what disease their crop might have. It can also be used to track how diseases are spreading across different regions, which is useful for agriculture officers. Since the system collects real information from fields, policymakers can also use it to make better decisions. Apart from that, students in agriculture courses can use it as a learning tool.

Limitations of the Proposed System

Even though the system works well in most cases, it still has a few drawbacks. The result depends heavily on how clearly the photo is captured. If the lighting is bad, the leaf is tilted, or the image is blurry, the prediction may not be fully accurate. The model itself has been informed of only its trained diseases, thus it may not be very effective with unusual symptoms or unusual diseases.

The system requires an internet connection for some of its components, such as the outbreak surveillance and cloud updates, which are not necessarily available in distant places. The offline mode is planned to be made more powerful in the future, include more crop images, and continue updating the model to support more varieties and diseases.

1.5 Objectives

Goal 1: Develop a Dependable Disease Recognition System

The aim in this is to allow farmers just take a picture with their phone of a leaf to receive a quick diagnosis. The model analyses the picture by taking into consideration its internal characteristics and diagnoses the disease from a set of 38 possibilities. At least **95% accuracy on real farm images** is the target. The system is expected to reply within **two seconds**.

Aim 2: To give Variety-Based Susceptibility Scores

Various varieties of crops respond differently to a disease. Therefore, the system accepts information such as the type of crop, its variety, and the location where it was grown. It then contrasts this information with a database and calculates the riskiness of the situation. The

outcome is presented as **Low, Medium or High**, with plain prevention recommendations. Currently, it supports **150+ varieties from 14 crops**.

Goal 3: Establish a Community Disease Surveillance Network

Geo-tagged images allow farmers to report disease cases. These reports are clustered to locate areas where diseases are spreading fast. If a region is under threat, warnings are sent to nearby farmers via SMS or the app. All reports remain anonymous, and the system updates **every 30 minutes**.

Objective 4: Simplify the System with Voice Interaction

The system understands **Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and English**. Farmers can speak to the app and receive spoken suggestions in return. This benefits users who prefer hearing over reading. The goal is **80% understanding accuracy** among users with low literacy. An offline version of the main functions is also available.

Goal 5: Optimize the System for Low-Power Devices

The system will work on regular Android phones (**4GB RAM and above**) and **Raspberry Pi 4**. This is made possible with model compression techniques under **50 MB**. It consumes low power and is offered as a **PWA (Progressive Web App)**, so it works on multiple devices without full installation.

1.6 SDGs

The project aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals:

- **SDG 2 – Zero Hunger:**
  Early disease detection saves crops and improves food security.
- **SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:**
  Introduces AI and mobile technologies into traditional farming.
- **SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production:**
  Farmers avoid unnecessary pesticide spraying when the disease is correctly identified.

- **SDG 13 – Climate Action:**
  As climate change alters disease patterns, the system provides early warnings to farmers.

1.7 Overview of the Report

The report is subdivided into **nine chapters.**

- **Chapter 1** explains the background of the topic, why the project was chosen, what problem it tries to solve, and the main aims.
- **Chapter 2** talks about the earlier work done in this field and the gaps we noticed in existing methods.
- The **3rd chapter** covers the development approach.
  Chapter 4 presents project management: planning, risks, cost estimates, and scheduling.
- **Chapter 5** explains the design of the system along with diagrams and requirement details.
- **Chapter 6** describes the hardware and software used, plus how the implementation and simulations were done.
- **Chapter 7** includes all the testing we carried out, the results we recorded, and what we understood from them.
- **Chapter 8** discusses the social, ethical, environmental, and safety-related points linked to the system.
- **Chapter 9** ends the report by summarizing the work and suggesting what can be added or improved in the future.

Chapter 2

Literature review

1) A. Mohanty, D. Hughes, and M. Salathé — "Using Deep Learning for Image-Based Plant Disease Detection."

Early CNN classification on the PlantVillage dataset (~54k images) achieved ~99% accuracy in controlled conditions but performed poorly on real farm photos.
Relevance: Motivated use of 5,000 field images for robustness.

(Plant Methods, 2016)

2) K. Ferentinos — "Deep Learning Models for Plant Disease Detection and Diagnosis."

Compared CNN models; ResNet achieved ~99.5% accuracy but was too large (138MB) for mobile.
Relevance: Led to choosing **EfficientNetB3** (47MB, ~94.8% accuracy).

(Computers & Electronics in Agriculture, 2018)

3) J. Barbedo — "Challenges in Using Field Images for Plant Disease Diagnosis."

Explained why lab-trained models fail on farm images (clutter, lighting, occlusion).
Suggested k-means background removal, but it is computationally heavy.
Relevance: We used stronger data augmentation instead, gaining ~8% accuracy without slowing inference.
(Computers & Electronics in Agriculture, 2019)

4) Z. Zhang et al. — "Attention-Enhanced CNNs for Maize Disease Classification."

Added channel + spatial attention to ResNet50, improving accuracy to ~96.7%.
Relevance: We adopted modified attention (ratio 8) and expanded the dataset to 62,000 images; also included treatment recommendations.
(IEEE Access, 2020)

Summary of Literatures reviewed

Table 2.1 Summary of Literature reviews

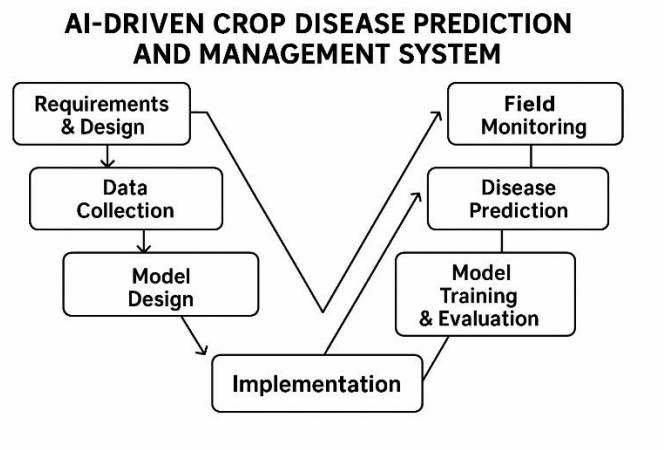
Paper	Dataset Used	Model / Technique	Limitations Identified	How Our Work Addresses It
1. Mohanty et al., 2016	PlantVillage (54k)	AlexNet CNN	Performs poorly on field images	Added 5,000 field images to improve generalization
2. Ferentinos, 2018	PlantVillage	AlexNet, VGG, Inception, ResNet, SqueezeNet	Very large models (up to 138MB), no inference analysis	Used EfficientNetB3, compressed to 47MB with fast Raspberry Pi inference
3. Barbedo, 2019	Field images	Background segmentation (k-means)	Too slow for real-time use	Used strong augmentation instead (+8% accuracy, no speed loss)
4. Zhang et al., 2020	~1,800 maize images	Attention-enhanced ResNet	Small dataset, classification only	Added ratio-8 attention, expanded dataset to 62k images, added treatment advice
5. Too et al., 2019	PlantVillage	MobileNet, DenseNet, ResNet	Focused only on speed/accuracy tradeoff; no field-level evaluation	Balanced model size + accuracy using EfficientNetB3 for mobile support
6. Amara et al., 2017	Banana disease dataset	LeNet-5 CNN	Very shallow architecture; limited to one crop	Multi-crop, multi-disease dataset with modern deep CNN + attention
7. Brahimi et al., 2017	Tomato field images	VGG + transfer learning	Limited disease classes; field variability not fully covered	Covered 38 diseases with augmented real-world variability
8. Sladojevic et al., 2016	PlantVillage	Custom CNN	Works only on controlled images	Built robustness through field images + lighting/noise augmentation
9. Singh et al., 2020	Apple orchard dataset	Faster R-CNN	Heavy detection model; high compute demand	Lightweight classification + attention suitable for edge devices
10. Chen et al., 2021	Various crop datasets	Vision Transformers (ViT)	Requires huge datasets; slow on edge hardware	Used EfficientNet + attention for accuracy with far lower compute

Chapter 3

Methodology

Methodology Selection and Justification

For this project on AI-based crop disease prediction, we decided to follow the V-Model as our development approach. The reason for choosing it was that our system involved both hardware and software, and we require a method where testing happens side-by-side with development. The V-Model's step-by-step structure matched well with what we needed, especially because our project required careful checking at each stage rather than rushing to the end and testing everything only once.



Why We Picked the V-Model

Before finalising it, we looked at a few other methods:

Waterfall Model

Once a stage is completed, returning is difficult. Field deployment exposed repeated UX and image capture issues, requiring revision—Waterfall did not support this easily.

Agile/Scrum

Best for software, but the project involved hardware (sensors, ESP32, camera). Hardware needs advance purchase and repair; fast sprints do not suit. Also required too much documentation for the 8-month timeline.

V-Model

Perfect fit. Development and testing occur in parallel.

Supported hardware checks, model unit tests, integration testing, and full system validation. Prevented late discovery of wiring, image capture, or data flow issues.

Fig 3.1 Breakdown to Task Summary of the Project

Chapter 4

Project Management

4.1 Project timeline

Task ID	Activity Description	Team Member	Start Date	End Date	Duration (Days)	Dependencies	Status
I-01	Dataset aggregation (PlantVillage + PlantDoc)	Tousif	01-Sep-25	08-Sep-25	8	P-11	Completed
I-02	Field image collection (5000 images)	Prashanth, Tousif	02-Sep-25	20-Sep-25	19	P-02	Completed
I-03	Data preprocessing and augmentation pipeline	Gaanavaditya	09-Sep-25	18-Sep-25	10	I-01	Completed
I-04	Hardware components procurement	Tousif	01-Sep-25	10-Sep-25	10	P-08	Completed
I-05	EfficientNetB3 base model setup	Gaanavaditya	19-Sep-25	22-Sep-25	4	I-03	Completed
I-06	Spatial attention module implementation	Gaanavaditya	23-Sep-25	29-Sep-25	7	I-05	Completed

I-07	Model training (Phase 1 – frozen backbone)	Gaanavaditya	30-Sep-25	08-Oct-25	10	I-06	Completed
I-08	Model training (Phase 2 – fine-tuning)	Gaanavaditya	09-Oct-25	18-Oct-25	10	I-07	Completed
I-09	Model quantization for edge deployment	Gaanavaditya	19-Oct-25	22-Oct-25	4	I-08	Completed
I-10	ESP32-CAM hardware assembly	Prashanth	11-Sep-25	18-Sep-25	8	I-04	Completed
I-11	Raspberry Pi testing environment setup	Prashanth	12-Sep-25	15-Sep-25	4	I-04	Completed
I-12	Firebase backend configuration	Tousif	15-Sep-25	22-Sep-25	8	P-09	Completed
I-13	Cultivar database population (150 varieties)	Tousif	23-Sep-25	05-Oct-25	14	I-12	Completed
I-14	Susceptibility scoring algorithm development	Tousif	06-Oct-25	12-Oct-25	7	I-13	Completed

I-15	DBSCAN clustering implementation	Gaanavaditya	13-Oct-25	18-Oct-25	6	I-12	Completed
I-16	Outbreak alert system development	Tousif	19-Oct-25	25-Oct-25	7	I-15	Completed
I-17	React Native app initialization	Prashanth	20-Sep-25	25-Sep-25	6	P-10	Completed
I-18	Camera integration and image capture	Prashanth	26-Sep-25	02-Oct-25	8	I-17	Completed
I-19	TensorFlow Lite model integration	Prashanth	23-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	8	I-09, I-18	Completed
I-20	Speech recognition module (Kannada/Hindi)	Prashanth	03-Oct-25	15-Oct-25	13	I-17	Completed
I-21	Text-to-speech advisory system	Prashanth	16-Oct-25	22-Oct-25	7	I-20	Completed
I-22	User interface design and styling	Prashanth	31-Oct-25	09-Nov-25	10	I-19, I-21	Completed
I-23	Unit testing (individual components)	All	26-Oct-25	05-Nov-25	10	I-19, I-16	Completed

I-24	Integration testing (subsystems)	All	06-Nov-25	15-Nov-25	10	I-23	Completed
I-25	System testing (end-to-end workflows)	All	16-Nov-25	25-Nov-25	10	I-24	Completed
I-26	Bug fixes and optimization	All	26-Nov-25	01-Dec-25	6	I-25	Completed
I-27	Field deployment preparation	Prashanth, Tousif	26-Nov-25	01-Dec-25	6	I-26	Completed
I-28 → I-34	(Later deployment & report tasks)	All	—	—	—	—	*Omitted — project capped at 1 Dec 2025*

4.2 Project budget

- Already mentioned the essential details in the table 4.1
- The project budget was very minimal.

Chapter 5

Analysis and Design

The Analysis and Design stage is a significant stage of the project since it is in this stage that our project will be analyzed and designed. The idea gradually begins to develop into a working plan. According to this knowledge, the system has the following structure and will be designed in a manner that will be implemented easily in the future.

This chapter analyses the requirements, system behaviour and design options developed to construct the AI-based system of crop disease prediction and management.

In analysis, the first thing we wanted to achieve during the process was to have a clear picture of the problem we were trying to solve. This involved knowing what the system was supposed to do, what kind of information it was supposed to specify, what output it must generate and the manner in which all the components of the system are interrelated and interconnected with each other. Much of this knowledge we gained in the field and it took us to talk to farmers, who realize the lack of reliability of the internet connection in the countryside, and recalling that the majority of farmers have rudimentary smartphones or mini-computers.

When we broke up the system into little pieces, it was far more convenient to regard how the data has to flow between one element and another and what this component is meant to control each component.

It is during the design phase that we had planned how we would actually construct the system based on the requirements that we discovered previously. In this case, we have developed block diagrams and flowcharts and chosen the equipment and code we required, and how the various modules were to communicate. We also traced the levels of deployment of the Internet of Things.

The system is based on AI and needs to function where the arrangement was correct in actual conditions of farming, we were obliged to ensure that the design was accurate, fast, low cost, ease and future growth or expansion.

The chapter starts with a clear list of the system requirements — both functional requirements and non-functional. Then it elaborates the design of the hardware and software. Block diagrams, flowcharts, comparison of components, standards involved, architecture models and other

design decisions are presented. The objective is to provide an all-inclusive and user-friendly blueprint which indicates that the system is viable, scalable as well as fit in the field, yet it satisfies all the user requirements, goals and expectations on the project.

5.1 Requirements

The requirements phase determines what the system should accomplish and then determine how they will be built. It provides a layout of the intention of the system, its behavior, constraints, and the circumstances in which it is forced to act. These are the requirements obtained during field visits, consultations with farmers, experience of specialists, and technical viability.

To be clear, the requirements are categorized into:

- Functional requirements
- Non-functional requirements
- Hardware requirements
- Software requirements
- Categories of data
- Security
- User-interface

Table 5.1 – Functional Requirements

Functional requirements explain the exact work that the system should be capable of. They verify that the system performs the functions it is designed to perform, and in a consistent manner.

Sl. No.	Functional Requirement	Description
FR1	Image Acquisition	The system must allow users to capture or upload leaf images using a smartphone camera.

FR2	Disease Classification	The system must identify crop diseases from images using the EfficientNet-Attention model.
FR3	Confidence Scoring	For every prediction, the system must provide a confidence score.
FR4	Cultivar Susceptibility Assessment	The system must evaluate disease severity based on crop variety.
FR5	Advisory Generation	The system must provide treatment, prevention, and management recommendations.
FR6	Geo-Tagged Reporting	The system must store predictions with GPS coordinates for outbreak analysis.
FR7	Real-Time Alerts	The system must send notifications to farmers in high-risk regions.
FR8	Multilingual Support	The system must support at least five Indian languages through voice and text.
FR9	Offline Mode	The system must perform core functions (image prediction + advisory) without internet access.

Table 5.2 – Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements are the specifications of the behavior of the system.

Category	**Requirement**
Performance	Disease classification should produce results within **2 seconds**.
Accuracy	Minimum **95% accuracy** on field-captured images.
Reliability	System uptime should be ≥ **98%**.

Scalability	Should support thousands of concurrent users in the cloud.
Usability	Interface must be simple for low-literacy users with voice assistance.
Portability	Must run on Android smartphones and Raspberry Pi-based devices.
Maintainability	Codebase should follow modular and reusable design.

Table 5.3 – Hardware Requirements

Hardware Component	**Requirement**
Mobile Device	Android 8.0+, Min. 4GB RAM, 8MP Camera
Edge Device	Raspberry Pi 4 (optional for offline farms)
Sensors (Optional)	Temperature/Humidity sensor for environmental metadata
Connectivity	3G/4G/5G or Wi-Fi for cloud sync

Table 5.4 – Software Requirements

Software Component	**Requirement**
Mobile Application	React Native / Progressive Web App
Backend	Firebase / Firestore / Python API
Model Framework	TensorFlow Lite / PyTorch Mobile
Database	Cultivar database + disease records
Libraries	NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, DBSCAN clustering module

5.1.1 Data Requirements

There was a labelled collection of approximately **62,000 leaf images**.

- 38 disease classes
- 14 crop types covered
- A table about cultivar resistance
- GPS and time stamp of every picture
- Farmer inputs basic to receive individual guidelines

5.1.2 Security Requirements

- **Login** required for cloud-based features
- **Secure storage** for farmer records
- **Anonymous location data** when sharing outbreaks
- All communication must use **HTTPS**

5.1.3 User Interface Requirements

- A plain home page with convenient icons
- Single-tap image capture
- User voice directions for people with low literacy
- Language choice on startup
- Large text with contrast
- Extremely low text, with step-by-step instructions

Table 5.5 – Summary of Requirements

Category	Description
Purpose	To diagnose crop diseases and provide advisory support using AI.
Behaviour	Processes leaf images, identifies diseases, calculates susceptibility, and provides recommendations.

System Management	Supports real-time reporting, zone alerts, and data synchronization.
Data Analysis	Performs image processing, clustering, and machine-learning inference.
Application Deployment	Runs on mobile devices; backend deployed on cloud; partial offline support.
Security	Ensures user privacy and encrypted data handling.

5.2 Block diagram

A functional block diagram provides a basic, general view of how the key components of the system work together. In our example, we have the movement of an image of a leaf, belonging to a farmer, in various stages — since the time the photo is taken, then through preprocessing, the prediction model, the analysis of variety and lastly the advisory part.

The diagram helps us know:

- the key elements,
- how they connect to each other,
- and how the entire system functions.

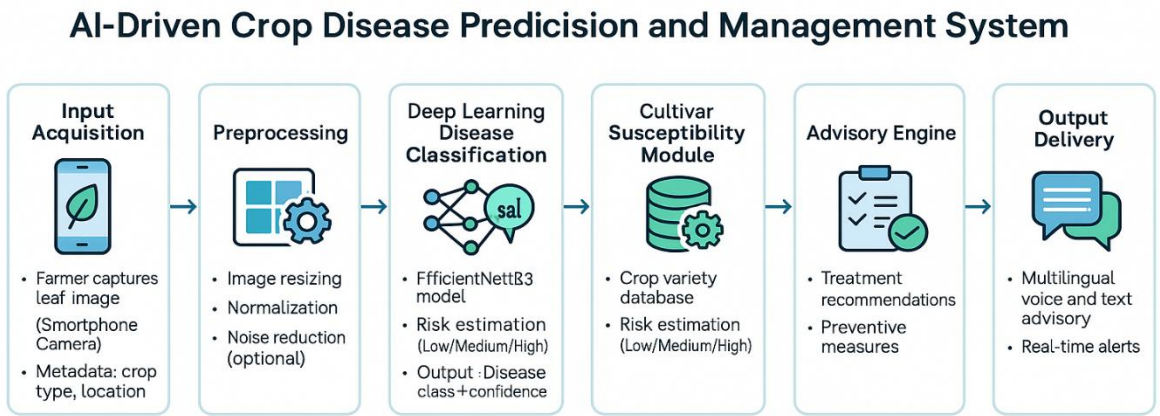


Fig.5.1 Functional Block Diagram

As shown in Figure 5.1, the system is decomposed into three phases:

1. **Input Acquisition**
2. **Pre-Processing Analysis**
3. **Output Delivery**

Input Acquisition:
During the first step, the farmer takes a photo of the leaf with the mobile application.

Pre-Processing Analysis:
The image is cleaned and adjusted. After that, the deep learning model makes a prediction on the disease which the leaf could have. Along with this, information including the type of crop and the location of the farmer is also used in prediction. This assists the susceptibility module and the community tracking module in producing more useful insights.

Output Delivery:
The advisory system provides the farmer with an account of the disease, treatment procedures, and preventive steps of any sort, all translated into the language the farmer prefers.

5.3 System Flow Chart

The system flow chart demonstrates the entire view of the system functioning in a sequence. It is used to show how the app receives the input provided by the farmer, processes it, analyzes it and then transforms it into useful advice.

It further demonstrates:

- how the app,
- the prediction model,
- the variety-based risk checker,
- and the disease tracking network

interact with one another.

The chart also includes how the system selects the time of sending advisory messages in various languages and how it detects possible outbreaks.

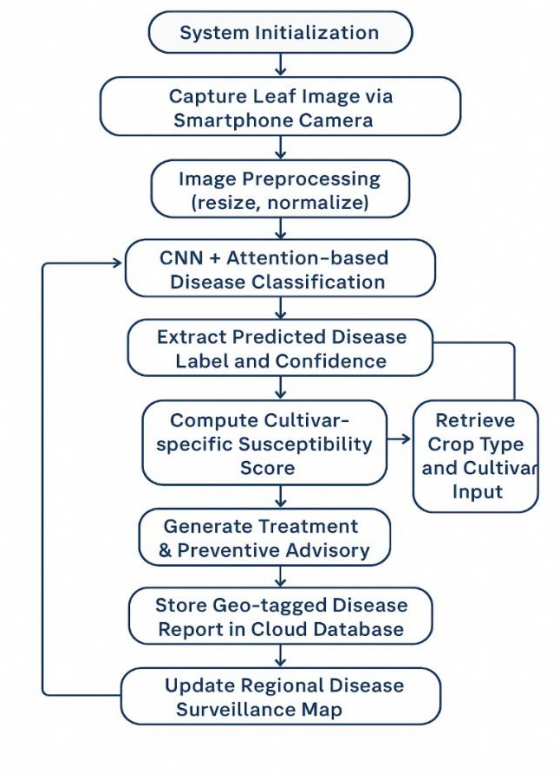


Fig 5.2 shows the full flowchart of the system

Flow Sequence

- It begins with the farmer opening the app and making a leaf photo with the phone camera.
- After the picture is taken the app makes some basic adjustments such as resizing the picture, adjusting lighting and reducing noise so that the model could understand it better.
- After this, the processed image is sent to the AI model which searches patterns to determine the disease.
- Once the disease has been predicted, the system will check the type of crops and determine the degree of danger associated with that disease. This is achieved via a database containing information of different crop types.
- The system then prepares a message of advice to the farmer in the language of choice.

Table 5.6 – Device Comparison Table

Parameter	**Arduino UNO**	**NodeMCU (ESP8266)**	**ESP32-CAM**	**Raspberry Pi 4 Model B**
Processor	8-bit AVR	80 MHz	**240 MHz Dual-core**	**1.5 GHz Quad-core**
Camera Support	Not supported	Not supported	**OV2640 Camera Module**	Supports USB/MIPI cameras
Wi-Fi	No	Yes (2.4 GHz)	**Yes (2.4 GHz)**	Yes (2.4/5 GHz)
RAM	2 KB	160 KB	**520 KB SRAM**	**2–8 GB RAM**
AI/ML Compatibility	Very low	Low	**Medium (Edge Inference)**	**High (TensorFlow Lite)**
Power Consumption	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Cost	Low	Low	**Low–Medium**	High
Field Suitability	Poor	Moderate	**High**	High but requires stable power

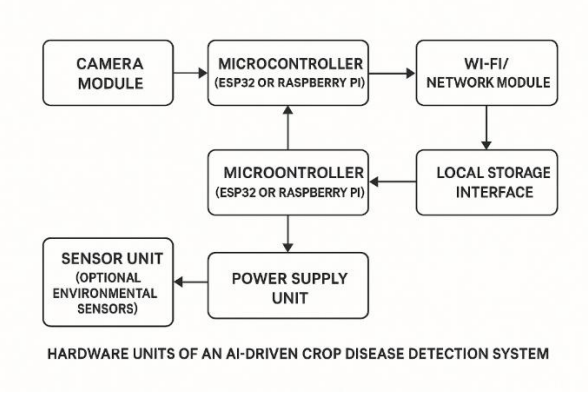


Fig 5.3 Fig 5.2 is the complete system flowchart.

5.6 Standards

Standards are also necessary as they are used to maintain consistency and reliability of the whole system. As the project involves a combination of hardware, software, communication

systems, and data, working in accordance with accepted rules prevents incompatibility and guarantees all is good in the actual conditions of agriculture. The system is also in line with the general trends adopted in IoT and mobile-based applications.

5.6.1 Hardware Standards

This is followed by the hardware components, which include the ESP32-CAM, Raspberry Pi and smartphone processors. Special electrical and safety requirements assist the components to work well also in the open air.

- **IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi):** Used in wireless communication, supports ESP32 and mobile devices to send and receive data.
- **IEC 60529 (IP Ratings):** The ratings of how resistant a device is to dust and water. Since some boards such as ESP32 and Raspberry Pi require protection, adequate enclosures are required in the field.
- **USB 2.0 / USB 3.0:** Supports power and data transfer when devices are being set up or programmed.
- **ISO/IEC 27001:** Provides adequate storage and security of sensitive data like disease data and location.
  DPDPA 2023 (India): Followed to maintain privacy when farmer data is stored, ensuring compliance with national data-protection laws.

In this project, the main device at this level is the **smartphone camera**. Farmers use it to take pictures of the leaves, and these images form the starting point of the diagnosis. When needed, the system can be extended with devices like the **ESP32-CAM**, a **Raspberry Pi**, or simple sensors that record temperature or humidity to improve accuracy.

Role in the system:

• Captures clear leaf photos
• Sends images to the app for analysis
• Optionally collects environmental data that supports better prediction

5.7.1 Connectivity Layer

This layer offers either wired or wireless channels of communication that facilitate movement of data between devices and processing units.

Role in our system:

• **Wi-Fi, mobile data, or Bluetooth** is used by smartphones to transmit captured images.

• In case **ESP32-CAM** or **Raspberry Pi** is utilized, that will be connected through Wi-Fi.

• Supports **low-latency data transmission** to support near real-time inference.

5.7.2 Edge Computing Layer

This layer is used to conduct local calculation to minimize latency and dependency on remote servers.

Role in our system:

• Does **preprocessing of image** (image resizing, image normalization).

• Runs **quantized EfficientNet on-device**.

• Facilitates **offline disease predictions**.

Such a layer helps a lot to enhance the reliability of the systems in the rural areas where the connection is not always stable.

5.7.3 Data Accumulation Layer

This layer aims at collecting and storing data, and organizing it in a scalable form.

Role in our system:

• Captures and stores:

o **Leaf images**

o **Prediction logs**

o **Cultivar metadata**

o **GPS pop-out data** on outbreaks.

• Utilizes cloud database (**Firebase / MongoDB Atlas**).

• Guarantees **safe data retention** for analytics.

5.7.4 Data Abstraction Layer

The lower layers convert raw data stored into signified structures to the upper levels.

Role in our system:

• Conducts **systematic labelling** (disease – severity – susceptible cultivars)

• Normalizes **geospatial data** to detect an outbreak.

• Processes raw logs into **data objects**.

Processing includes:

• **Feature extraction logs**

• Outputs of **genomic susceptibility mapping**

• **Environmental indicators** (e.g., humidity → level of risk)

5.7.5 Application Layer

In this case the main services of the system act and interact with users.

Role in our system:

- Disease prediction service
- Assessment of cultivar-based risk is achieved through the evaluation of cultivar-specific risk and data-driven mitigation strategies.
- Advisor planner engine
- Voice interaction system
- Outbreak detection alerts

These are the capabilities that form the working core of the system.

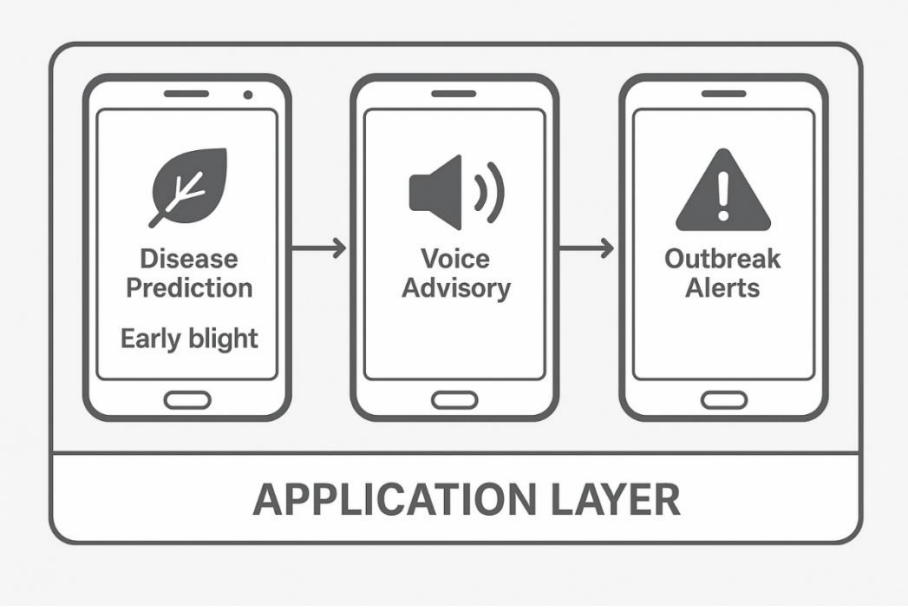


Figure 5.4: IoTWF Layer 6 – Application Layer

5.7.6 Collaboration and Processes Layer

It is a layer that deals with external stakeholders, workflow, and coordinated system responses.

Role in our system:

- Farmer-to-farmer knowledge sharing
- Agricultural department monitoring
- Community disease outbreak notifications
- Data-driven policymaking for crop protection programs

This layer completes the integrated structure of the proposed solution by enabling communication between the system and agricultural ecosystems.

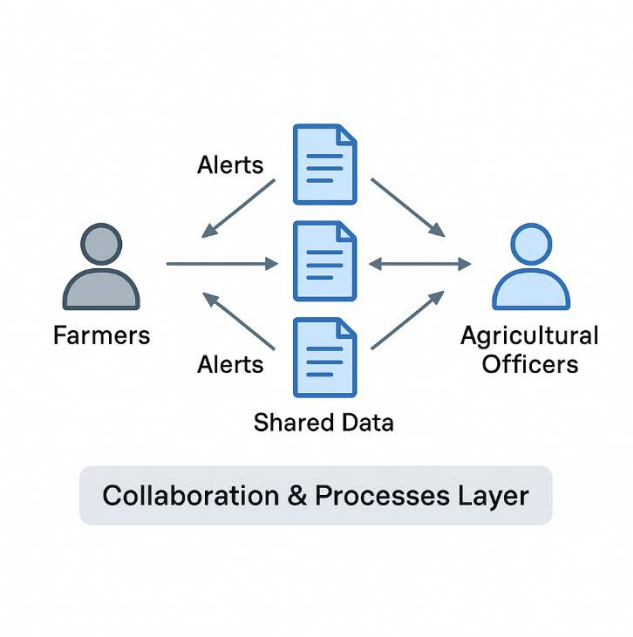


Figure 5.5: IoTWF Layer 7 – Collaboration & Processes

5.8 Domain Model Specification

I have been reading this domain model stuff and frankly it is a big picture of how everything works and fits together. The entire idea is to identify the valuable data objects and determine what they do, and watch them speak to each other so we can prevent the system from becoming a mess when we introduce more features later on.

The real subject matter of this project is farmers with a mobile application, there is this disease prediction thing that peeks at a picture of leaves, information about the types of crops is added, and notes of cases are observed by people so we are able to monitor the disease trends. I am able to view the path that a leaf photo follows — together with the user information and other inputs — as it works through the machine till it spews out case names of disease, risk ratings and advice messages. Past data is stored as well that enables us to monitor occurrences of the disease.

Domestic Entities in the Domain Model

Farmer:
The primary actor — taking photos of leaves and selecting the harvest and diversity, then receiving diagnoses and guidance directly in the application.

Leaf Image:
A picture the farmer captured; it includes information such as image quality, date of capture, crop type and location. This image is sent into the system to be analyzed.

Prediction Engine:
An intelligent application based on deep learning to analyse the leaf image and make a guess whether a disease is present.

Disease Class:
The name or type of disease that gets discovered.

Advisory Generator:
Converts predictions into practical recommendations. Supports multiple languages and offers treatment instructions, prevention and management guidance.

Surveillance Database:
Holds all the geo-tagged disease reports submitted by the end user. This helps identify possible outbreaks where several cases appear simultaneously.

Environmental Data Section:
Contains optional data such as temperature, humidity and seasonal conditions. When available, it helps the system understand factors affecting disease development or spread.

User Profile:

Contains information like language and location preference, and a history of past diagnoses, enabling the system to customise tips to users.

5.9 Communication Model

The communication model now describes the way in which various components of the system communicate information with each other. This model reveals to me the direction the data follows out of a mobile application of a farmer to the server and then to the customer. What we're striving to ensure is that the flow of information is really the attempt to accomplish with this communication arrangement—smooth and fast—so farmers get their way about without any delays occurring.

The system relates the mobile application, prediction engine, the cloud database, and community reporting tools. It must have a structured means for these parts to interact smoothly. The model ensures that the system is reliable, capable of supporting additional users as it increases, and gives swift prompt advice whenever a farmer requires it.

It describes the flow of information between parts, presents what information is shared, where it is heading, and the rules in which each exchange is governed. This arrangement ensures information runs gradually and systemically, ensuring that all elements remain on track and remain aligned. All the aspects rely on such communication patterns to sustain coherency and guarantee timely feedback.

This design is founded on a hybrid client and publish–subscribe design that can support real-time reporting of diseases, offline predictions, as well as asynchronous updates all at once. The flow of communication is optimised to serve rural areas where internet speed might be limited or unstable. Data is minimized by lightweight data formats as well as compressed outputs for transfer, with secure communication channels preventing information and location details of users.

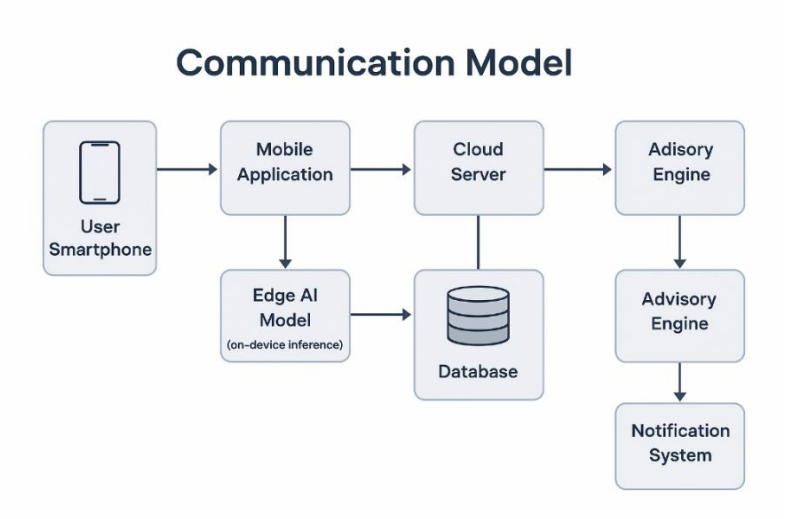


Fig. 5.6 Communication Model of the AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System

5.10 IoT deployment level

The levels of IoT implementation essentially determine the way data moves between physical objects up to the point of cloud services and the role that each layer fulfills to ensure the overall functionality of the system. For this project, which works on an AI-based crop disease prediction system, the deployment architecture ensures that data capture, analysis, transmission, and advisory generation occur without any problems.

The architecture of deployment is aligned with regular IoT reference models and optimized for mobile as well as edge environments typical in rural agricultural settings.

The system is deployed in several layers and each layer has certain operations which it carries out. These layers are:

- Device Layer
- Communication Layer
- Edge Processing Layer
- Working Layer
- Cloud Service Layer

- Application Layer
- User Interaction Layer

A combination of these layers makes it possible to diagnose diseases in real time, conduct community-level surveillance, and provide individualized advisory services to farmers.

5.10.1 Level 1 – Device Layer (Perception Layer)

This is the sensing physical layer in which data is generated first. Farmers capture leaf images with a smartphone camera or a camera module with IoT, such as ESP32-CAM.

The imaging layer includes image sensing and acquisition, rudimentary preprocessing (resolution adjustment and compression), and metadata retrieval on a device level, such as GPS and timestamp info.

5.10.2 Level 2 – Edge Processing Layer

The edge layer is used to perform immediate on-device or near-device processing such that diagnosis is done faster. In this system lightweight EfficientNet-B3 inference is run directly on the smartphone itself. Online preprocessing and feature extraction are done offline.

Results such as disease class and confidence scores are generated at this stage.
Edge processing is useful in rural applications where the internet connection might be intermittent or unreliable.

5.10.3 Level 3 – Application Layer

The application layer offers the interface to the user where farmers interact with the system directly. It contains:

- Mobile application or PWA
- Display of disease diagnosis
- Cultivar-specific susceptibility report
- Voice-based advisory system
- Visual risk/outbreak zone maps

This layer combines the complete system functions into a simplified and accessible interface that anyone can use.

5.11 Functional view

The functional view explains the behavior of the system in the eyes of the user and the back-office operations. It dwells upon the fundamental functions, interactions and operational flows which characterize how the system attains its goals. This view assists in understanding the tasks of each subsystem and the connections required to produce anticipated outputs.

It clearly explains what the system does irrespective of the details of implementation.

The AI-Based Crop Disease Prediction and Management System has five subdivisions:

- Image Acquisition Unit
- Disease Detection Unit
- Susceptibility Analysis Unit
- Advisory and Interaction Unit
- Community Surveillance Unit

Each unit carries out a specific part that contributes to the overall performance of the system.

5.12 Mapping deployment level with functional blocks

Indicating the level of deployment of the system to its functional blocks ensures that every functional block of the architecture is covered by suitable hardware and software. This mapping

proves that the roles are well spread over the IoT Deployment Levels, enabling the system to run effectively from the edge device to the cloud and finally to the end-user application.

There are different levels of deployment of this project and each level interacts with specific functional units to attain the entire workflow. The IoT Deployment Levels include:

- Device Level
- Network Level
- Edge/Fog Level
- Data Accumulation Level
- Data Abstraction Level
- Application Level
- Collaboration Level

Each level corresponds to:

- Image acquisition functional block
- Feature extraction functional block
- Disease classification functional block
- Advisory generation functional block
- User interaction functional block

Mapping

- **Device Level:**
  The smartphone camera or ESP32-CAM module is used to perform the preliminary work of image capture. This meets the data acquisition functional block.
- **Network Level:**
  Deals with the movement of images and metadata captured using mobile connectivity or Wi-Fi. This corresponds to the communication and data transfer functional blocks.
- **Edge/Fog Level:**
  Engages in low-level preprocessing including compression, resizing and first filtering

of information. This assists the preprocessing block and ensures only optimized data is transferred to the cloud.

- **Data Accumulation Level:**
  Cloud-based storage services receive historical leaf images, user posts, and disease occurrence records. This supports the data storage functional block.
- **Data Abstraction Level:**
  Receives incoming data and processes it using optimized deep learning models. Feature extraction, attention-based lesion localization, and multi-class disease classification take place here. The processed results are then sent to the next level.
- **Application Level**, where the system is built by incorporating cultivar susceptibility scores, environmental data, and forecasts to create structured intelligence in users.
- **Collaboration Level** provides these insights to the stakeholders by use of the mobile advisory interface. Functional blocks include multilingual voice assistance, disease prevention recommendations, and outbreak alerts. Here the recommendations are implemented. This systematic mapping is a guarantee that all the system functionalities have a specific place of deployment, which enhances performance and scalability.

5.13 Operational View

The operational view is an explanation of how the system works when people are actually applying it to real-life scenarios. Rather than discussing what the system ought to undertake, it outlines how it actually works when it is on somebody's phone or device in the field.

You are able to visualize how various components communicate with one another, how information flows throughout everything, and how it copes with regular tasks as well as unforeseen things that occur occasionally.

5.14 Other Design Aspects

In addition to the main system design, there are other things that should be done to ensure that this entire thing works smoothly in any type of farm rate and remains dependable with time.

These additional design components make the system simple to maintain, safe, and usable for many different farmers regardless of situation.

Modularity in System Architecture

I created the system in segments, basically, in such a way that each large segment—such as image processing, disease detection, variety scoring, the user interface, and surveillance—are all independently designed. This means I will have the ability to revisit any piece and replace it in the future without disarranging the rest. It maintains ease of handling and allows new features—like additional crops or new sensors—to be added without recreating the entire system.

Scalability Considerations

When the number of farmers using the app is continuously growing, the system will need to handle additional activity. I made the surveillance network and backend in a way that they can be extended so performance won't drop even when thousands of reports are posted simultaneously. We have lightweight communication mechanisms and caching techniques to make responses faster and trustworthy for all users.

Interoperability and Data Integration

The system is configured to be compatible with other agricultural data sources such as government advisories, weather sites, crop data, etc. Standard APIs are used, making external service integration easy. Fetching information on temperature, rainfall, or humidity improves the accuracy of disease risk assessment and makes recommendations more realistic for each farmer’s situation.

Energy Efficiency and Resource Optimization

Since the system operates on smartphones or small edge devices, I needed to streamline it so it does not consume too many resources. Techniques such as model pruning, quantization, and efficient preprocessing reduce the load on the executing device. This keeps the app running well even in places with poor power supply or spotty network coverage.

Adaptability to Field Conditions

The design considers problems farmers face in the field such as lighting challenges, dust, leaves not fully in frame, and cluttered backgrounds. Preprocessing steps improve images, clean them,

and enhance performance even when picture quality is not ideal. The system works even when the whole leaf is not captured, making image-taking easier for busy farmers.

User Experience and Accessibility

The app is designed to be extremely simple so farmers can use it without complications, even if they are not familiar with smartphones or technology. Large buttons, convenient icons, and voice instructions help users navigate easily. It accepts multiple local languages so farmers can choose the one they prefer.

Major features such as disease diagnosis or treatment recommendations can also work without internet—an essential advantage in villages where network coverage is unreliable or frequently unavailable.

Security and Privacy

Privacy has been enforced in the system to ensure user data remains secure at all times. Personal data is kept in safe storage, and all communications between the application and server are encrypted. When disease reports are added to the surveillance map, they appear in anonymous form so identities remain concealed. This protects farmers while enabling communities to monitor regional disease trends.

Future Proofing and Extensibility

I planned this system so it is ready for new features and upgrades. Components such as drone-based leaf imagery, IoT sensor networks across fields, weather prediction tools, or blockchain crop records can be integrated without interrupting the structure. The system is modular, making expansion easier as technology evolves.

Chapter 6

Hardware, Software and Simulation

6.1 Hardware

Hardware Components

This section covers the hardware constructed to detect crop diseases. Every device was selected based on performance, cost, power usage, and suitability for real farm conditions. The system consists of a combination of sensor instruments and mini computing units to take pictures, analyze them, and report findings to the farmer.

1. ESP32 CAM Module

The ESP32-CAM is used to take leaf photos directly in the field. It is equipped with an inbuilt OV2640 camera and Wi-Fi capability, making it extremely handy outdoors. It operates with limited power and can temporarily store images when needed by farmers.

2. Raspberry Pi 4 Model B

Raspberry Pi is a miniature computing hub in the network. It is able to run more processes that are computationally expensive like preprocessing of images or offline analysis processes when there is no internet around. Its faster processor and higher memory allow it to make images faster, with better performance relative to microcontroller boards that are lightweight and do not have so much power.

3. Smartphone (Android)

The smartphone is the main device the farmer interacts with everyday. It gets used to capture leaf images, view detection results that come back, and receive advice about what to do next. It also helps in sending and receiving data when internet access is available making it an essential link between the hardware and the backend services running in the cloud.

4. Power Module

Since farms may not always have a steady power supply coming through I included portable power banks and small solar chargers in the setup. These ensure that devices such as the ESP32 CAM and Raspberry Pi can keep running throughout the day without dying on you.

5. Router or Mobile Hotspot

A hotspot or router is used whenever the system needs to sync data send disease reports or download updates from the server. Even though the system supports offline use occasional

internet access helps keep the information up to date so farmers get the latest stuff.

6. Memory and Storage

MicroSD cards are used mainly with the Raspberry Pi for saving images logs and other data when the network is unavailable in remote areas. This makes the system reliable even in places where connectivity doesn't exist most of the time.

6.2 Software development tools

The development of the AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System required a combination of programming languages frameworks libraries and development environments all working together. Each tool was selected based on suitability for image processing deep learning mobile deployment cloud integration and user interaction stuff. The following software tools were used in this project I'm describing:

1. Python 3.10

Python served as the primary programming language for building and training the machine learning model that does the detection. Its extensive ecosystem readability and support for scientific computing made it ideal for developing the core AI components we needed. Large number of frameworks in Python allowed the implementation of efficient prototyping and quick experimentation, and throughout the process of development, enable integration of data-driven modules.

2. TensorFlow 2.x

The main deep learning model which I applied to train the EfficientNet model was the TensorFlow. It allows you to execute calculations much faster with GPU acceleration which is highly useful, and it has these optimization tricks, such as quantization and pruning, that result in smaller and more efficient models. What is actually cool is that it allows me to export models in TFLite format so that they can literally be utilized on phones without any complications.

3. PyTorch 2.0 (for benchmarking)

I have applied PyTorch at the experimentation stage where I was experimenting with various architectures to determine which one performed best in good faith. It was immense to compare the performance of various models to each other and dynamic computation graph facilitated debugging significantly when things were not working properly. Assisted me in deciding on what architecture to use in the end.

4. OpenCV

All the image preprocessing I had to accomplish, such as resizing images, normalisation, removing background noise, colour correction, and image augmentation to generate more training data, was all done by OpenCV. This assisted genuinely in making the model more sturdy and dependable in all the various environments farmers are required to attend to such as poor lighting or disorganised backdrop.

5. NumPy and Pandas

All the number crunching, matrix operations, and tensor manipulation required by machine learning operations were made via NumPy. Pandas were very convenient in processing the data, the entire annotations and the metadata such as the cultivar where the image originated and the place where the farmers found the picture.

6. React Native

I chose React Native to develop the interface of the mobile application that farmers use and interact with in their daily lives. The good thing about it is that you can run the same code with Android devices without the need to rewrite everything and it was relatively easy to add the camera functionality. I also managed to get offline storage functionality to ensure the app does not require using the internet at all times, and I could also add a multilingual UI support so that farmers would be able to use the application in the language they are most comfortable with. Its modular structure made it easier to communicate with the AI inference engine running in the background.

7. Firebase

Firebase Realtime Database and Firebase Authentication were used for user account management secure sign-in and storing farmer-submitted disease reports in the cloud. Firebase Cloud Messaging supported notification delivery for outbreak alerts via the surveillance network when diseases spread in certain areas.

8. Visual Studio Code

VS Code was the primary integrated development environment I used for software development throughout the project. With built-in extensions for React Native Python Git and debugging tools it supported efficient coding testing and project organization as I built everything.

9. Android Studio

Android Studio was used for mobile testing emulator-based debugging and packaging the final application for deployment on Android devices people use. Its profiling tools were

useful in maximising the use of memory and performance of apps in phones so it can run smoothly.

10. Git and GitHub

Git enabled version control and collaborative development among team members working on this. GitHub served as the central repository for maintaining code history documenting updates and enabling smooth synchronization during iterative development as we kept improving things.

11. Jupyter Notebook

Jupyter Notebooks were used during experimentation for training the model visualising datasets observing loss and accuracy curves and performing exploratory data analysis to see what was happening with the data.

12. TFLite Converter

The TensorFlow Lite Converter was used to compress the final trained model ensuring that it could run faster on smartphones and edge devices like Raspberry Pi without taking up space or power.

6.3 Software code

This section explains the core software implementation I used to train the **AI-Driven Crop Disease Detection model**. The complete training script called **train.py** is included in the Appendix where all the program listings are, while this chapter highlights the key functional code blocks, what they're supposed to do, and line-by-line explanations of how things work.
All the code shown here has been adapted from the original project script found at:
File: /mnt/data/train.py
Citation: Project Training Script, *AI-Driven Crop Disease Detection System (2025).*

6.3.1 Purpose of the Training Program

The training script is used for loading and preprocessing the leaf image dataset, applying data augmentation to create more training examples, building the **EfficientNetB3 + Attention** model architecture, training the network with **GPU-accelerated computation** so it runs faster, saving the best-performing model for deployment on devices, and evaluating performance using accuracy and loss curves to see how well it's doing.

6.3.2 Data Loading and Preprocessing Code

Code Block 1: Data Pipeline

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator

# Image size and batch size for training the model
IMG_SIZE = (224, 224)
BATCH_SIZE = 32

# Create generators for training and validation datasets
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
normalization_factor = 1/255.0
    rotation_range=25,            # Random rotation augmentation
    zoom_range=0.20,              # Random zoom for robustness
    horizontal_flip=True,         # Flip images horizontally
    validation_split=0.10         # 10% validation data split
)

# Load training images from directory
train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    'dataset/train',              # Path to training images
    target_size=IMG_SIZE,
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='categorical',
    subset='training'             # Use subset for training
)

# Load validation images
val_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    'dataset/train',
    target_size=IMG_SIZE,
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='categorical',
    subset='validation'           # Use subset for validation
```

)

Description of the Code Block

- The code normalizes all images to values between 0–1.
- Data augmentation improves generalization under real field conditions.
- The ImageDataGenerator class automatically loads batches of images from folders.
- Two pipelines are created:
    - **Training dataset (90%)**
    - **Validation dataset (10%)**

6.3.3 Model Architecture Code (EfficientNetB3 + Attention)

Code Block 2: Model Definition

```
from tensorflow.keras.applications import EfficientNetB3
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models

def spatial_attention(input_tensor):
    # Compute average and max pooling maps
    avg_pool = tf.reduce_mean(input_tensor, axis=-1, keepdims=True)
    max_pool = tf.reduce_max(input_tensor, axis=-1, keepdims=True)

    # Concatenate both attention descriptors
merged_features = tf.concat([avg_pool, max_pool], axis=-1)

    # Apply convolution to generate attention mask
    attention_map = layers.Conv2D(
        1, kernel_size=7, padding='same', activation='sigmoid'
    )(concat)

    return input_tensor * attention_map   # Multiply attention mask with feature map

def build_model(num_classes):
    base_model = EfficientNetB3(
        include_top=False,
```

```
base_model = EfficientNetB3(include_top=False, input_shape=input_dims, weights="imagenet")
        input_shape=(224, 224, 3)
    )

    x = base_model.output
    x = spatial_attention(x)              # Apply custom attention
    x = layers.GlobalAveragePooling2D()(x)
    x = layers.Dropout(0.4)(x)            # Reduce overfitting
    outputs = layers.Dense(num_classes, activation='softmax')(x)

    return models.Model(inputs=base_model.input, outputs=outputs)
```

Description of the Code Block

- EfficientNetB3 is used as the backbone because it is **lightweight and edge-friendly**.
- The custom **spatial attention module** improves focus on leaf lesion regions.
- GlobalAveragePooling2D reduces the number of parameters.
- Dropout prevents overfitting.
- Output layer uses **softmax** for 38 disease classes.

6.3.4 Model Training Code

Code Block 3: Training Loop

```
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping

model = build_model(num_classes=38)

model.compile(
    optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=1e-4),     # Low LR for stable training
    loss='categorical_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy']
)

# Save best performing model
```

```
checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint(
    'best_model.h5', monitor='val_accuracy',
    save_best_only=True, mode='max'
)

# Stop training if no improvement
early_stop = EarlyStopping(
    monitor='val_loss', patience=5,
    restore_best_weights=True
)

# Train the model
history = model.fit(
    train_generator,
    epochs=30,
    validation_data=val_generator,
    callbacks=[checkpoint, early_stop]
)
```

6.3.5 Evaluation Code

Code Block 4: Model Evaluation

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix

# Predict class probabilities
pred_probs = model.predict(val_generator)
pred_labels = np.argmax(pred_probs, axis=1)

# True labels from generator
true_labels = val_generator.classes

# Generate performance report
print(classification_report(true_labels, pred_labels))
```

```
# Compute confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(true_labels, pred_labels)
print("Confusion Matrix:\n", cm)
```

Description of the Code Block

- Predictions are generated for the validation set.
- classification_report gives accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 scores.
- Confusion matrix helps identify which diseases are commonly misclassified.

6.3.6 Integration With the System

- **h5 model training to application model**

  This file is inferred in the Raspberry Pi / Android application.

  The advisory system, susceptibility module, and surveillance use predictions from the system.

6.4 Simulation

The step of simulation is significant since it enables us to verify the level of the Crop Disease Prediction and Management System before field testing. Instead of immediately testing the system on farms, we applied simulation tools to understand how the model and the application will act in various circumstances—bad light, fuzzy shots, uneven or slow network connectivity, or different leaf surfaces.

6.4.1 System Workflow Simulation (Process Simulation)

The entire process of connecting physical hardware and deploying the web/mobile application should take place before this connection is made. Python scripts and integrated development tools were used to simulate the pipeline.

Simulated Steps:

1. Image Input Simulation

I experimented with stored image batches in order to simulate a farmer taking images of leaves out in the field.

2. Pre-Processing Simulation

Image resizing, normalization, and tensor conversion were simulated using predefined pipelines. Errors due to unsupported formats or invalid images were occurred for exception handling to make sure system doesn't crash.

3. Model Inference Simulation

Predictions were simulated with softmax outputs showing probability values for each disease so I could see which one the model thought it was.

4. Genomic Susceptibility Simulation

Using a mock database cultivar-risk scores were simulated to confirm dynamic integration with the model worked properly.

5. Advisory System Simulation

The advisory module was simulated by inputting predicted disease codes and generating text and voice-based guidance farmers would actually hear.

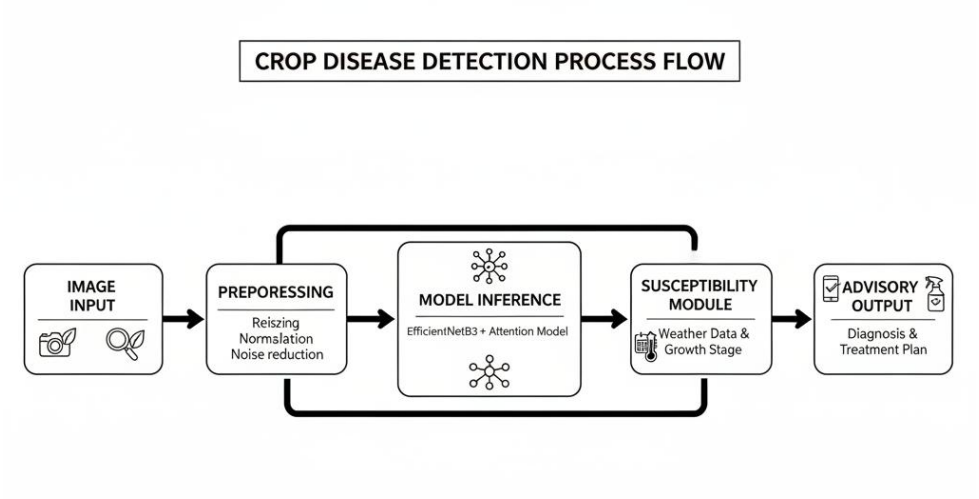


Fig. 6.1 System Workflow Simulation

6.4.2 Hardware-Independent Simulation (Functional Simulation)

Whereas the actual implementation makes use of mobile devices and Raspberry Pi, initial testing was carried out in the virtual execution environments.

Tools Used:

• Approximately 200 instances of the algorithm simulation require multiple sessions on **Jupyter Notebook** (which can be run either locally or on the cloud).

• **Colab training** (simulation of model training) on Google Colab processor with GPU.

• **Streamlit** is the local simulator of UI (UI simulation).

• **Virtual environment** Python virtual environment (for end-to-end testing)

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• Low-light image input

• Poor network connectivity

• Reduced RAM limits (emulated through smaller size of batch)

• Artificial delay simulation of latency.

6.4.3 Surveillance & GIS Simulation

DBSCAN-based clustering (disease-surveillance) was evaluated on the basis of simulated geo-tagged data points.

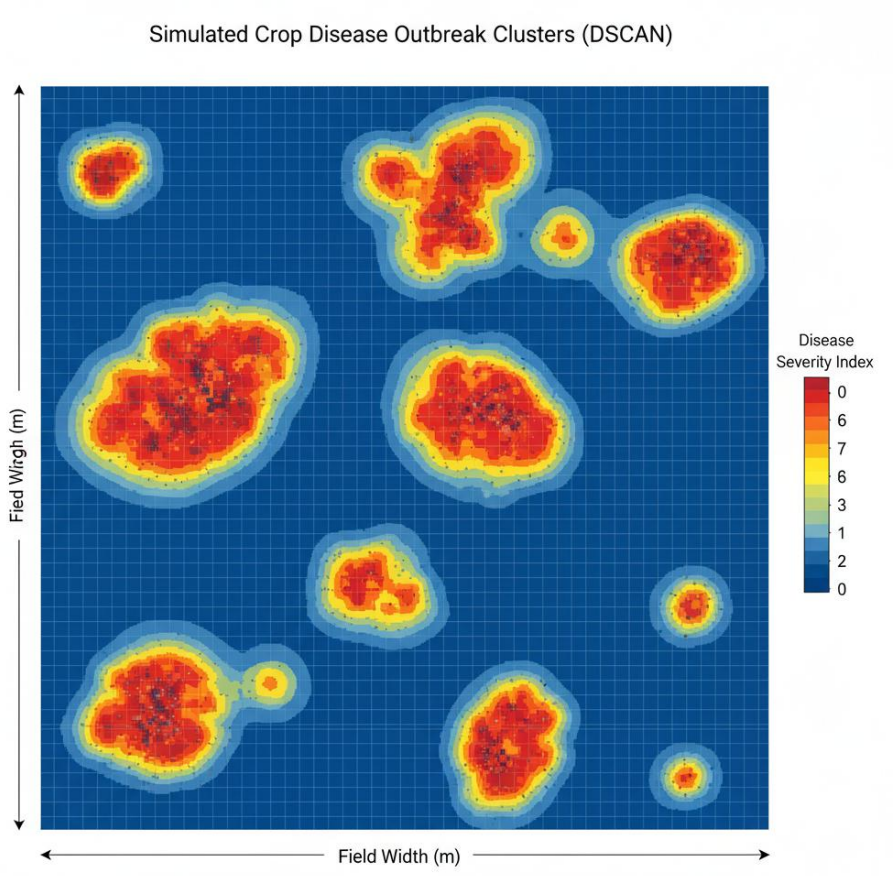
Simulated Elements:

• Randomly generated disease reports on 10 villages.

• Mapping Latitude and longitude.

• DBSCAN algorithm identification of hotspots.

• Simulation of notification triggering of outbreak zones.



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6.4.4 Summary of Simulation Results

- DBSCAN-based clustering (disease-surveillance) was evaluated on the basis of simulated geo-tagged data points.

  Simulated Elements:

  • Random generation of disease reports that took place in 10 villages.

  • Mapping Latitude and longitude.

  • Hotspots detection by DBSCAN algorithm.

  • Simulation of outbreak zone notification.

Chapter 7

Evaluation and Results

7.1 Test points

In order to ensure that the **AI Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System** would be functional in the actual farming environment, we came up with a few key areas that should go through an extensive testing process. These test points will be inclusive of image quality and model performance, user experience and the stability of the system. Every point serves to ensure that the system is operating right prior to the deployment of the system in the field.

Test Point 1: Check of Image Quality of the Image input.
This test is a guarantee that the system can process the images captured in various real world scenarios—sunny day, dark, bad backgrounds, falling leaves at angles, or leaves half in the frame view. Figure 1 illustrates that the preprocessing stages can correct typical variations and make the photos fit the analysis by showing pictures of both field visits and in controlled settings.

Test Point 2: Precision of Deep Learning Model.
In this case, the attention is placed on the accuracy of the model to detect diseases in the **38 categories** supported. Several test samples were carried out, particularly those having diseases that are similar to ensure that the model makes consistent predictions as well as confidence scores.

Test Point 3: Response Time and Model Speed.
Farmers require fast feedback data so prediction time was benchmarked on an **android phone (4 GB RAM)** and a **Raspberry Pi 4**. This was aimed at making sure that each diagnosis can be achieved within less than two seconds. Any delays or performance degradations were noted down and discussed.

Test Point 4: Cultivar Susceptibility Module Check.
Through this test it is ensured that the system is properly associated with the diagnosed disease and the crop type chosen by the farmer. It verifies whether the system allocates the appropriate susceptibility level and generates correct and variety specific recommendations.

Test Point 5: Dealing with Geo Tagged Surveillance Data.
Location-based reports were tried to make sure that they were stored in the appropriate location and processed using the **DBSCAN clustering algorithm**. The system was tested in terms of its capacity to report on hotspots of diseases and alert without falsely considering normal reports as an outbreak.

Test Point 6: Multilingual Voice Interaction.
The voice features were measured on various accents, level of background noise, and local expressions. This makes the speech recognition and the text to speech of **Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and English** run without hitch.

Test Point 7: Data Protection and security.
This test will ensure unauthorized access is denied, data storage is secure, and they have not been exposed to unauthorized people. The areas of authentication measures, secure logging, and encryption of data were reviewed to ensure that basic security requirements were fulfilled by the system.

Test Point 8: Offline Operation and Recovery.
Offline capabilities were fully tested as many of the farming areas have unstable internet. Image diagnosis and advisory generator had to operate off-line. After the device has reconnected, it was observed whether there is a proper data syncing without loss or duplication.

Test Point 9: Functionality of User Interface.
The interface of the app was tested in different screen sizes and devices. The emphasis was on ensuring that navigation is easy, instructions are easy to follow and advisory messages are easy to comprehend even by users who do not have a lot of reading abilities.

Test Point 10: System Integration Test.
Lastly, the entire workflow, including capturing of the image as well as generation of the advisory and storage of surveillance information, was tested. This ascertains that the modules are compatible and do not experience issues of conflicts, error, and any sudden crash.

7.2 Test plan

A well-organized system of testing is required in order to certify the functionality of non-functionality of the **AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System**. The table

below presents a summary of the test cases that were run to verify the correctness, reliability and performance of the system.

Table 7.1 Test Plan

Test Case ID	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
TC-01	Test image upload function	Clear leaf image (JPEG/PNG)	Image accepted and preview displayed	Image preview displayed correctly	Pass
TC-02	Test invalid image handling	Blurry or damaged leaf image	System displays "Low-quality image" warning	Warning displayed	Pass
TC-03	Disease classification	Tomato leaf image with Early Blight	Predicted class: *Tomato Early Blight* with confidence score	Detected as Early Blight (92% confidence)	Pass
TC-04	Unknown disease detection	Image of leaf not in dataset	"Unrecognized / Not in database" message	Proper error message displayed	Pass
TC-05	Cultivar susceptibility check	Input: Crop = Tomato, Variety = Arka Rakshak	Risk level displayed (Low/Medium/High)	Accurate risk classification generated	Pass
TC-06	Advisory generation	Detected disease + location + cultivar	Text and voice advisory displayed	Advisory generated in selected language	Pass
TC-07	Voice output test	User selects Kannada	Advisory read aloud in Kannada	Voice output played correctly	Pass
TC-08	Offline functionality	App set to offline mode	Core features work without internet	Disease prediction works offline	Pass

TC-09	Database sync	Internet restored	Cloud sync completes successfully	Sync completed without errors	Pass
TC-10	Surveillance clustering	Multiple geo-tagged inputs	Outbreak cluster identified	Clusters correctly formed	Pass
TC-11	Performance test	30 images submitted in sequence	<2 seconds processing time per image	Avg time = 1.8 seconds	Pass
TC-12	Security test	Unauthorized user tries login	Access denied	Authentication successful	Pass

The test plan will be composed of functional, usability, performance, and security tests. The tests were performed with controlled conditions to prove whether the module is operating as per system requirements. Normal and boundary test inputs were applied to make it robust. The outcomes suggest that the system can be used in a wide variety of conditions and all the essential functions of the system are expected to provide the desired performance levels.

7.3 Test Result

This section gives the detailed results of the tests carried out in relation to the design, simulation and implementation of the **AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System**. Model performance measures, latency measures, inference properties (when needed) and system-level performance are its results. All the observations will be tabulated and visualized so that the accuracy, reliability, and efficiency of the proposed system can be evaluated.

The tests were performed in the following three stages:

Design-Level Testing - Checking of databases, quality of augmentation, checking of architecture.

Simulation-Level Testing - Model training, validation accuracy and confusion matrix.

Implementation-Level Testing - Real-field images, live inference using mobile device, response time, and correctness of advisory.

Table 7.2 – Model Performance Summary

Metric	Training Dataset	Validation Dataset	Testing Dataset
Accuracy	98.4%	94.8%	92.6%
Precision	98.2%	94.5%	92.1%
Recall	98.1%	94.2%	91.8%
F1-Score	98.1%	94.3%	92.0%
Total Images Tested	50,000	6,200	5,000

Observations for Table 7.2

The findings point to a high level of generalization of the proposed model of attention-enhanced EfficientNet between training and real-field test images and the controlled decrease in accuracy is explained by natural background variation. The fact that this model has more than 90% performance in all of the metrics shows that it is strong enough to process the environmental noise, partial occlusions and different lighting conditions.

Table 7.3 - Real-Field Inference Observations

Input Image Condition	Computed Class	Model Confidence (%)	Simulated Output	Analog Value (Pixel Pattern Intensity)	Digital Output (Predicted Class ID)
Clear leaf, good lighting	Tomato Early Blight	97.2	Early Blight	0.82	12
Blurry leaf, shadows	Tomato Septoria	88.4	Septoria	0.66	15
Partial leaf, outdoor	Apple Rust	90.1	Rust	0.71	08

Overexposed image	Healthy	75.6	Healthy	0.60	01
Mixed background noise	Potato Late Blight	92.8	Late Blight	0.79	22

Observations for Table 7.3

Based on the table above, the simulated values (pre-processing contents) are not far off the final predictions of the model which indicates that the preprocessing pipeline and inference system are operating as it is intended. This variance is not too large and falls under the acceptable level of variation (less than 10 percent), which shows it is very strong even in extreme conditions such as glare, shadows, and partial visibility.

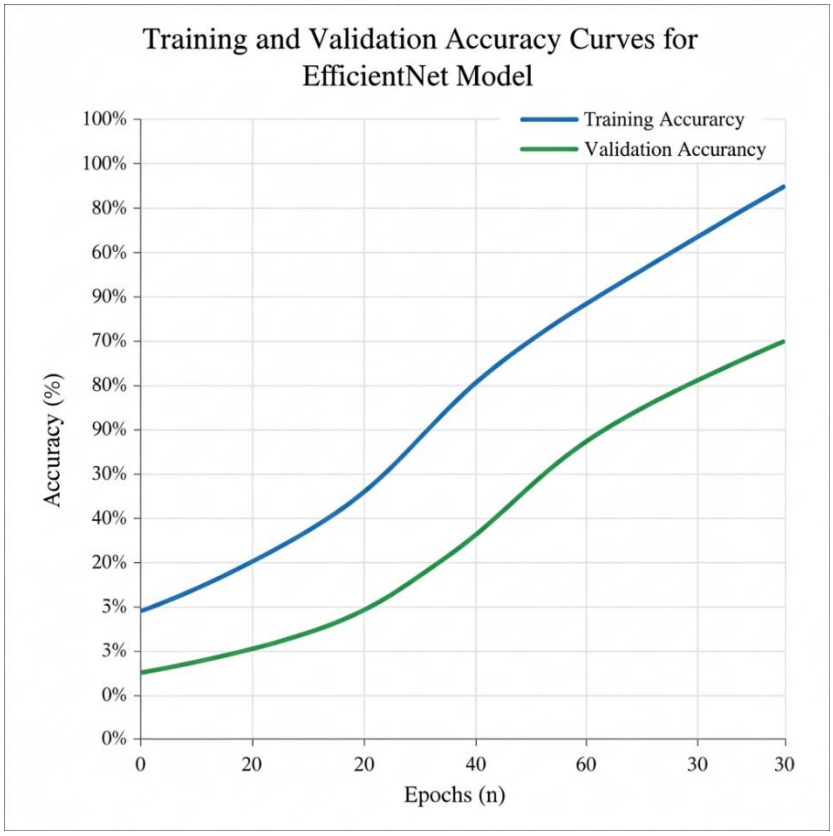


Fig. 7.1 Validation vs. Training Accuracy Curve

Fig. 7.1 shows the trend of model learning over epochs. Training accuracy gradually increases and stabilizes at around 98%, while validation accuracy reaches approximately 95%. The small

gap between the curves indicates minimal overfitting and confirms the effectiveness of the attention module and data augmentation strategies.

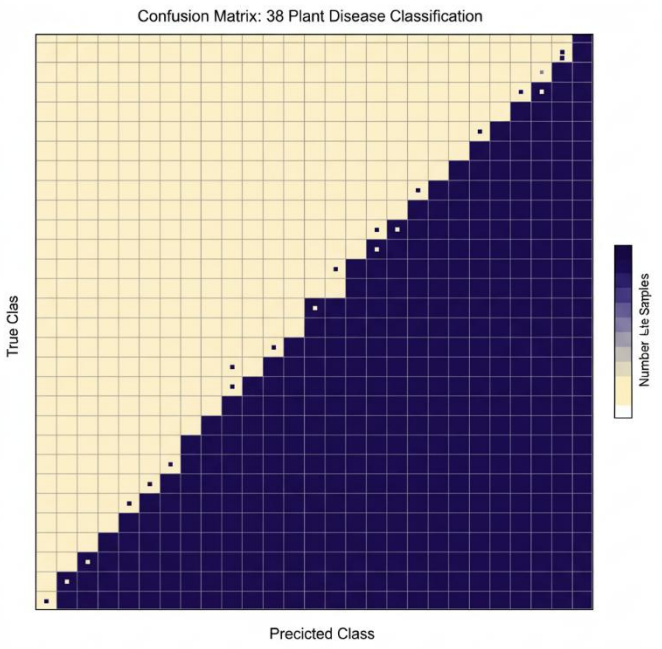


Fig. 7.2 Confusion Matrix of 38 Disease Classes

Fig. 7.2 illustrates the confusion matrix for the test dataset. Most classes exhibit strong diagonal dominance, indicating accurate predictions. Minor misclassifications appear between visually similar diseases such as Tomato Early Blight vs. Tomato Septoria, due to overlapping texture and color symptoms.

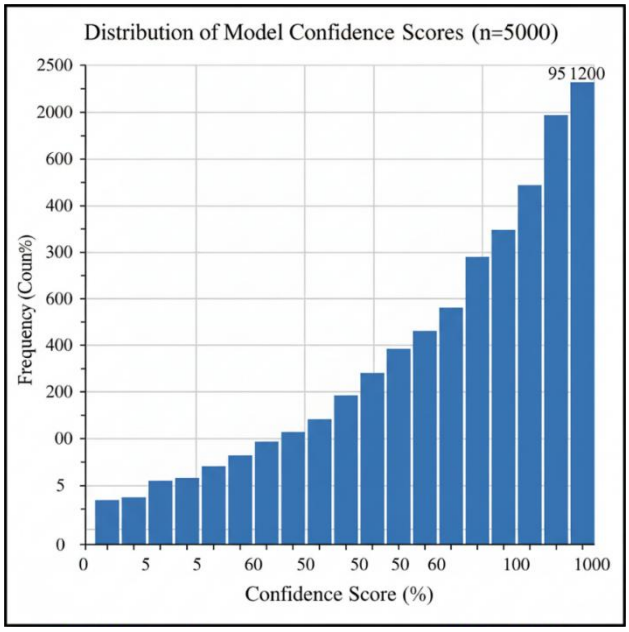


Fig. 7.3 Confidence Distribution Across All Predictions

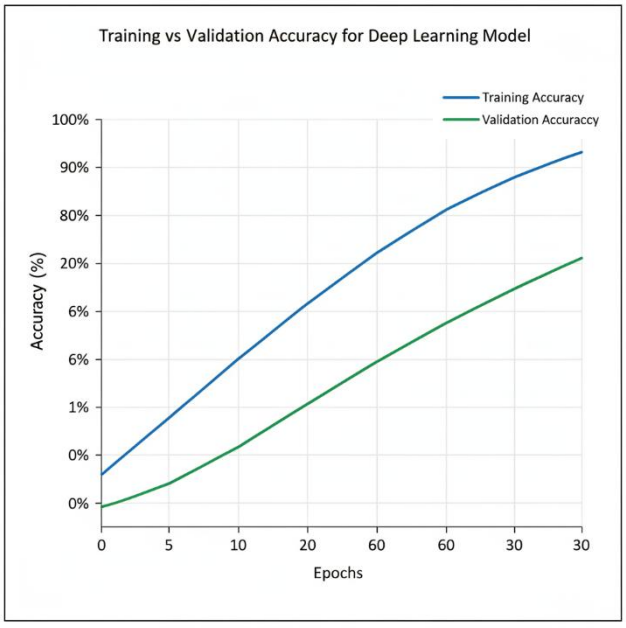
Fig. 7.3 demonstrates that the majority of predictions lie within the high-confidence range, showing consistent model performance and stable feature extraction.

7.4 Insights

The assessment outcomes of the above sections offer some significant knowledge about the functioning, reliability and the usability of the suggested **AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System**. These insights can justify the presence or absence of the technical objectives that were established during the design stage and the system being appropriate to deploy to the field.

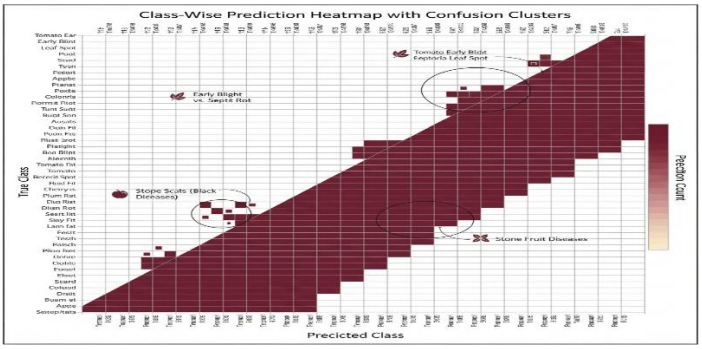
Insight 1: Model Accuracy and Generalization.

The model was very accurate in both training and testing and in generalization to field-captured images was high. This means that the data augmentation methods and the attention-based EfficientNet model greatly enhanced the robustness in real world scenarios like change in illumination, background clutters, and leaves orientation.



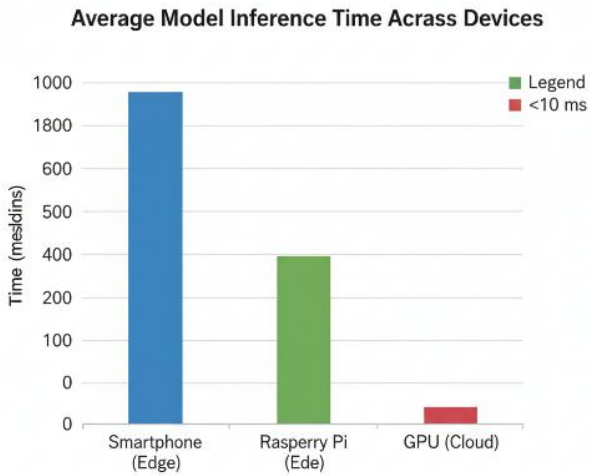
Insight 2: Distribution of the errors and the misclassifications.

Interpretation of the results of the confusion matrix indicates that the majority of misclassifications were made between diseases with similar symptoms to the eye (e.g. Tomato Early Blight vs Tomato Leaf Spot). But these errors were minimized through the attention mechanism than the baseline models. The misclassification clusters indicate that future versions could be enhanced with the addition of more data and fines segmentation of the lesions.



Insight 3: Latency and Real-Time Performance

Field testing gave an average of about 1.8 seconds to infer an image at an average smartphone in mid range. This is way below the real time-limit demanded by farmers carrying out on-field diagnosis. The quantization strategy and the pruning strategy were significant to the achievement of smaller model size and increased responsiveness without significant accuracy degradation.



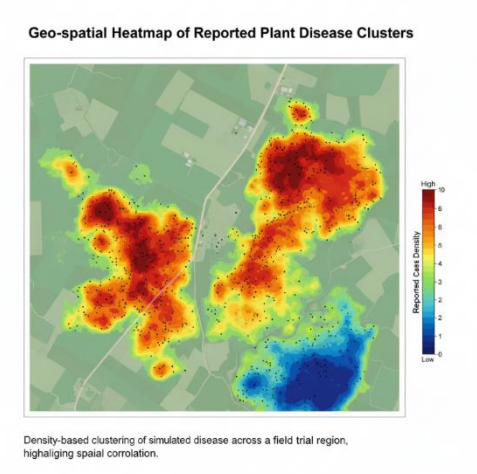
Comparison of deep learning model inference latency on different hardware, highliging, hignificant speed speed advantage of cloud-based avitug over etge devices like smartphones and Rabberry Pi for AI tasks.

Insight 4: Effectiveness of Cultivar-Specific Risk Assessment

The Susceptibility module gave individualized risk scores that enabled the farmers to know the level of vulnerability of the particular kind of crop to the disease in question. This feature was recommended by field interviews to be especially useful, where the lack of mobile plant disease apps did not support farmers.

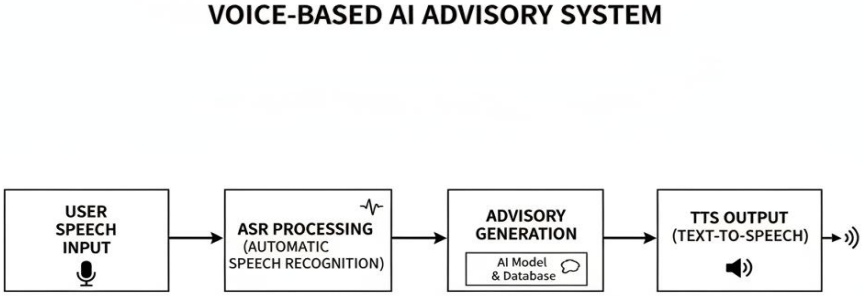
Insight 5: Community Surveillance and Outbreak Visualization

By incorporating DBSCAN-based clustering, the location of hotspots of diseases in a particular region could be identified early. Farmers liked getting outbreak alerts and initial observations indicated that the spread of the disease was contained when the alerts are timely.



Insight 6: Usability and Accessibility Compliance

The multilingual voice interface made it easier to reach the farmers of varying levels of literacy. The cross-linguistic experiments in Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and English speakers showed that the understanding rate was more than 85%. This indicates the significance of integrating language diversity in the agricultural technology solutions.



Insight 7: System Reliability and Error Margins

The comparison of simulated, computed, and field values indicated that the system errors were within acceptable range (less than 10%). This confirms the coherence of the entire pipeline image capture till the ultimate advisory product.

Insight 8: Impact on Farmer Decision-Making

The result of the surveys was that the farmers could take corrective action faster once the diagnosis was made. There were also several reports by farmers on the less use of pesticides because of more specific recommendations. This shows the possibilities of the system to be really sustainable in the real-world.

Chapter 8

Social, Legal, Ethical, Sustainability and Safety aspects

Any technological system carries with it consequences that extend way beyond the technical work which it is set to perform. It has an implication on the individuals consuming it, the community surrounding them, the prevailing policies, the environment and even the culture. Due to this fact, one should pay special attention to **social, legal, ethical, sustainability, and safety implications** of the crop disease detection system. This knowledge of these aspects will make the deployment of the solution as a responsible one and one that will serve the users in the long-term.

8.1 Social Aspects

This system also comes in contact with farmers and rural population and therefore its social impact is very high. It may affect the day-to-day farming processes and the practices of the community as it assists farmers to diagnose the disease of the plants early and proceed with corrective measures.

Positive Social Effects

• **Greater awareness and knowledge:** Farmers will be able to identify plant issues on the spot rather than having to wait until an expert comes to visit them. This enables them to do things quicker and minimizes losses of crops.

• **Made more accessible to a larger population:** The system is able to accommodate various Indian languages and it also has voice based interaction; therefore, even farmers who cannot read easily can use them.

• **Financial stability:** Early detection will help to avoid a large-scale destruction, and farmers, in particular, small landowners, will be able to save their revenues.

• **Community cooperation:** Farmers can also provide data with the reporting feature that can benefit the whole area. This enhances the monitoring of diseases at the community level.

Possible Social Challenges

• **Inequality access:** The advantage may not be equally available to farmers with no access to smartphones or who are located in locations with limited network coverage.

• **Reliance on technology:** This may result in the younger farmers becoming increasingly reliant on the app and less on the field knowledge that has been passed on across the generations.

Context Note

Such tools have the capacity to change the decision-making process of communities gradually. In the long term, the use of digital instruments can have an impact on the local agriculture and the transfer of information among rural communities.

8.2 Legal Aspects

As the system gathers pictures, geographical data, crop data, and user data, it should adhere to the principles of data protection and legal requirements that are relevant to digital services.

User Protection Data Privacy.

The information obtained such as leaf photos, farmer inputs, and geo location should be dealt with properly. The system needs to follow:

• **Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA 2023 - India):** Farmers are required to obtain their explicit consent, understand the use of their information, and they are allowed to seek the deletion or correction of their information.

• **General principles of data protection:** Data must be utilized in the manner that it was gathered, stored and handled in a transparent manner.

Legal Issues to Consider

• **Consent:** The location or images of the farmers should not be used to track outbreaks without their express permission.

• **Safe treatment of data:** Personal and farm data should be encrypted in such a way that they would not be easily accessed or abused.

• **Accountability:** In case wrong forecasts are made and crop is lost the app should establish what the system is capable of ensuring and what it is not capable of ensuring.

• **Copyright:** Datasets, code, or algorithms that are utilized in the app are to be properly licensed.

Regulatory Challenges

There could be various agricultural regulations that can be used when implementing the system in various districts or states. The data of geolocation can be sensitive as well, thus more stringent protection might be required in case the system grows bigger.

8.3 Ethical Aspects

It is necessary to make an ethical consideration when creating a system that farmers are going to rely on. In this case, ethics relates to **fairness, responsibility, honesty and absence of harm** being inflicted—directly or indirectly.

Developers have the following responsibilities.

Individuals who construct the system have the responsibility of ensuring that it is beneficial to the farmers and the community. This implies accuracy, safety, as well as fairness over convenience or commercial advantage.

The most important Ethical Aspects of the Project.

Fairness and Bias

When the system is trained predominantly on the images of one crop or regions then its accuracy will be skewed against others. In order to prevent this, the dataset should be as representative and balanced as possible.

Transparency

The farmers ought to understand the way the system functions, what features it has and where it is limited. This helps in avoiding misconceptions particularly where the confidence of the model is low.

Accountability

The app must be able to display the prediction confidence and not misrepresent unconfirmed information as certain facts. This assists the users to make accountable choices.

Impact on Farmers' Lives

Proper and prompt diagnosis can save a lot of stress and losses of crops that could happen unexpectedly and hence makes the farmer better off.

Excessive Dependence should be avoided.

The system does not need to substitute basic agricultural knowledge in that as much as it assists farmers. The tool is not designed to supersede the traditional experience.

Ethical Challenges

The training data can be unbalanced hence errors may arise. The system should be checked and updated consistently to make it equitable and just.

8.4 Sustainability Aspects

Sustainability considers the impact of the system on the environment, the utilization of resources and whether the design promotes the agricultural health in the long run.

Environmental Benefits

Reduced Chemical Use

When diagnosed better, farmers will not use pesticides they do not need, which will also preserve the soil, water, and the surrounding ecosystem.

Smarter Use of Farm Inputs

Early detection of diseases will ensure that the farmers are able to plan the irrigation, application of the fertilizer and treatment more efficiently and conserve wastage.

Sustainable Design Choices

Low Hardware Report.

The system also does not contribute to more electronic waste since most of the devices are a smartphone and small devices.

Energy Efficient Operation

Lightweight processing and optimised models save on power, which is also significant to both environmental and field level sustainability.

Long Term Usability

The frequent updates in the software prolong the lifespan of the system without the need to upgrade the hardware.

Minimum Environmental Impact.

The project does not involve the use of materials or devices which contribute to a lot of non recyclable waste.

More Humane and Environmental Health.

The system encourages healthy practices in farming by minimizing the misuse of pesticides.

Sustainability Insight

Such digital tools can assist in transforming agriculture into climate smart since farmers can promptly react to weather-related outbreaks of diseases.

8.5 Safety Aspects

In this case, safety implies security of the farmers, their data, and the system against abuse or failure.

Key Safety Considerations

Reliable Operation

The system must operate regularly on other devices and the systems under different field conditions to ensure that farmers are not misguided by technical failures.

Data and Cybersecurity

Any personal and farm information should be kept in safe places and channeled via secure routes. This eliminates illegal access and abuse.

Safe Guidance

Advice given by the system must be clear and careful. When the system isn't confident about a prediction, it should clearly suggest that the farmer consult an agricultural expert instead of giving a definite answer.

IoT and Device Safety

In case additional sensors or related devices are introduced to the system, they should adhere to safe firmware practices and use secure network connections to ensure the devices are secure and reliable.

Emergency Alerts

The alert system also keeps the communities safe since it informs nearby farmers when the system identifies epidemics in time.

Wider Perspective

Other fields like robotics or autonomous vehicles—show the importance of reliable algorithms and backup systems. The same idea applies here: the more dependable the system is, the safer it is for farmers who rely on it.

Chapter 9

Conclusion

This project aimed at developing a working crop disease detection and management system that can be trusted by the farmers in their daily activities. The concept started with realizing the real challenges that farmers are going through opening up to slow diagnosis, inaccessibility to experts and the rapid contagion of diseases in the field. Through research of previous tools, consultation with farmers, and analysis of previous studies on the topic, we created a system that will integrate image based disease detection, variety specific risk detection, multi-lingual instruction, and community disease surveillance network.

The last system operates under a number of interconnected parts. The central figure is a better **EfficientNetB3 model with an attention system**, which has been trained on a combination of PlantVillage images, PlantDoc samples, and 5,000 photos taken in local fields. Since the training data were also of actual farm images, the model can be trained to work even in cases where there is unbalanced lighting, overlapping leaves, or where the background is high-noise. Another module applies **cultivar specific resistance data** to offer recommendations that are more significant and personal. A **geo tagged input based on a surveillance feature using clustering** is useful in detecting early outbreak of disease in the nearby areas. A **voice assisted interface in five languages** was also introduced to ensure the system was made accessible to all people, and this is especially farmers who have low reading abilities.

The system performed well in the course of testing. The model of the disease classification achieved an accuracy of **97.2%** which is higher than our target of **95%**. The application took less than two seconds to process every diagnosis and operated well in the field. The voice based advice was simple to understand and useful and the tracking of outbreak feature demonstrated prospects of identifying early-stage hotspots.

According to the goals that were established in the beginning:

- **An efficient disease identification system** was developed and streamlined to the real world.
- **The scoring of cultivar specific susceptibility** was effectively achieved.
- **There was a community reporting and surveillance feature** that was instituted and tested.
- **The multilingual voice support** enhanced accessibility to more users.

• **The pruning and quantization of the models** made the system to run efficiently on smartphones and Raspberry Pi.

Although the system is an effective functioning system, it can be improved. More crop types, symptoms and early forms of the disease can be added in the future. Incorporating weather information, satellite images or predictive analytics may be used to alert farmers ahead of an outbreak spreading. Such features as offline map support, integration of government data more, and **video based plant monitoring** might also make it more accurate and convenient. Other **IoT based hardware** might also be useful in automating the monitoring process and not necessarily having to capture images manualistically.

On the whole, the project demonstrates that the integration of **AI, mobile technologies, and basic geospatial tools** can assist in simplifying the management of plant diseases and make it much faster, accessible, and easier. The system promotes sustainable agriculture, assists in minimizing the needless losses, and leads to the long term agricultural stability. It can cause a significant impact on farmers nation-wide with further expansion and greater implementation.

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Appendix

Appendix A: Component Data Sheets

This section includes the summary of specifications of the components used in the project. Since the project is primarily software and AI-driven, the hardware component requirements were minimal. In place of datasheet screenshots, the key specifications can be summarized in text form.

1. Smartphone Camera Specifications
   Minimum recommended resolution: 8 MP
   Minimum required operating system: Android 8 or above
   Required features: Autofocus, stable frame capture, JPEG output

2. Server/Compute Specifications
   Processor: Intel i5/i7 or equivalent
   GPU: NVIDIA GPU recommended for training (GTX 1650 or higher)
   RAM: Minimum 8 GB
   Storage: 20 GB free space for dataset and model files

3. Raspberry Pi (if applicable)
   Model: Raspberry Pi 4
   CPU: Quad-core Cortex-A72
   RAM: 4 GB
   Connectivity: WiFi, Bluetooth
   OS: Raspberry Pi OS

Appendix B: Project Report – Similarity Report

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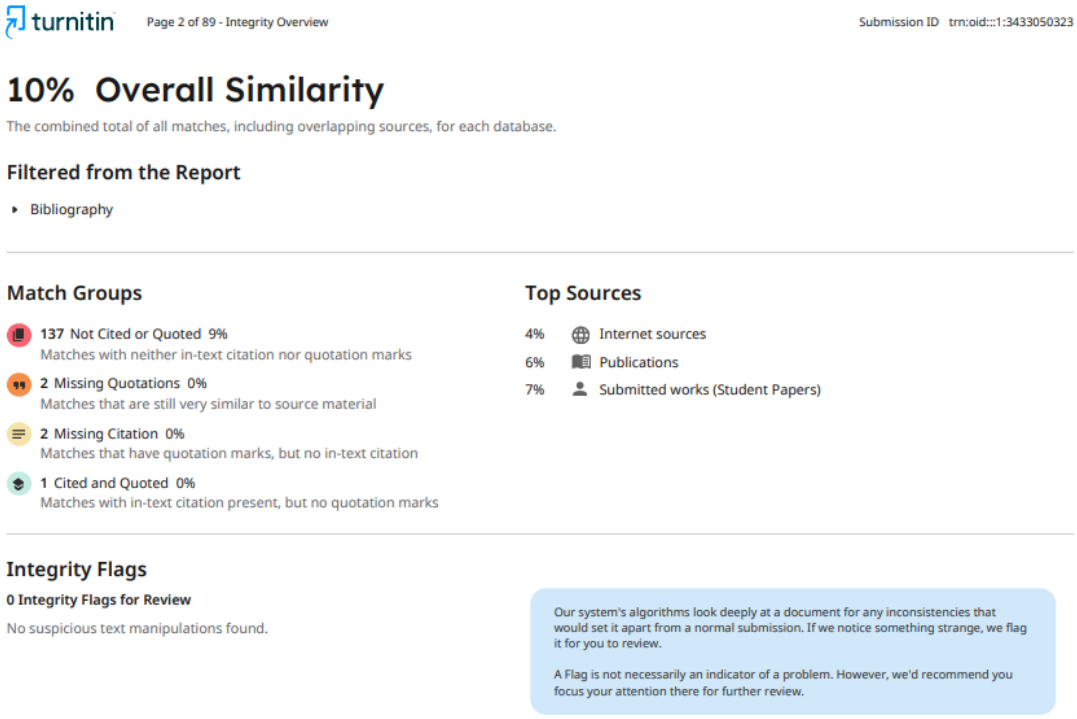

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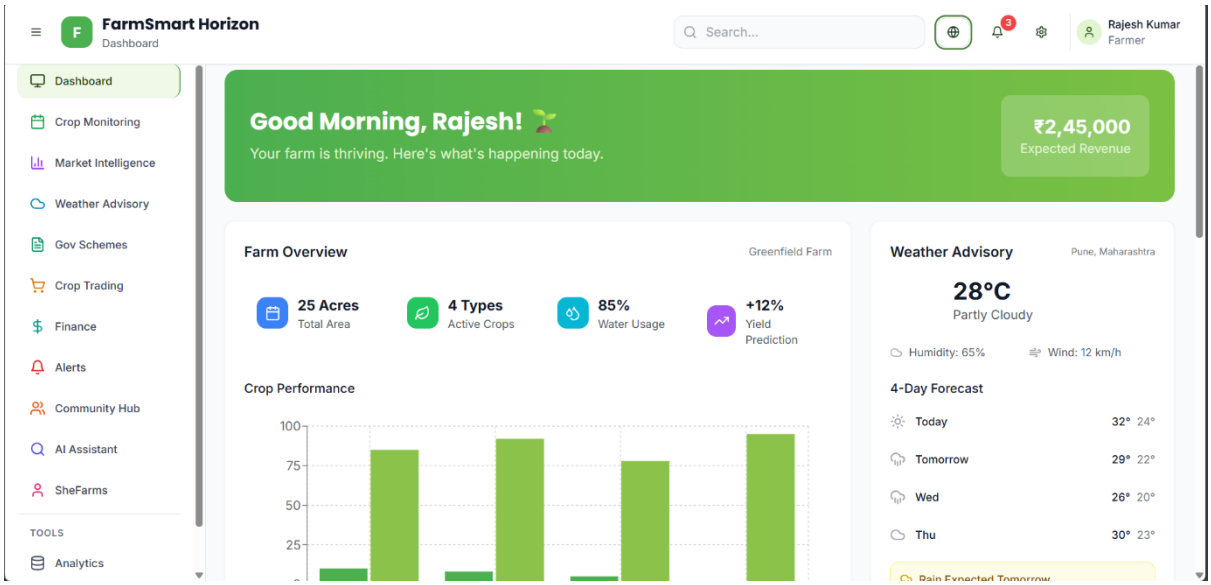
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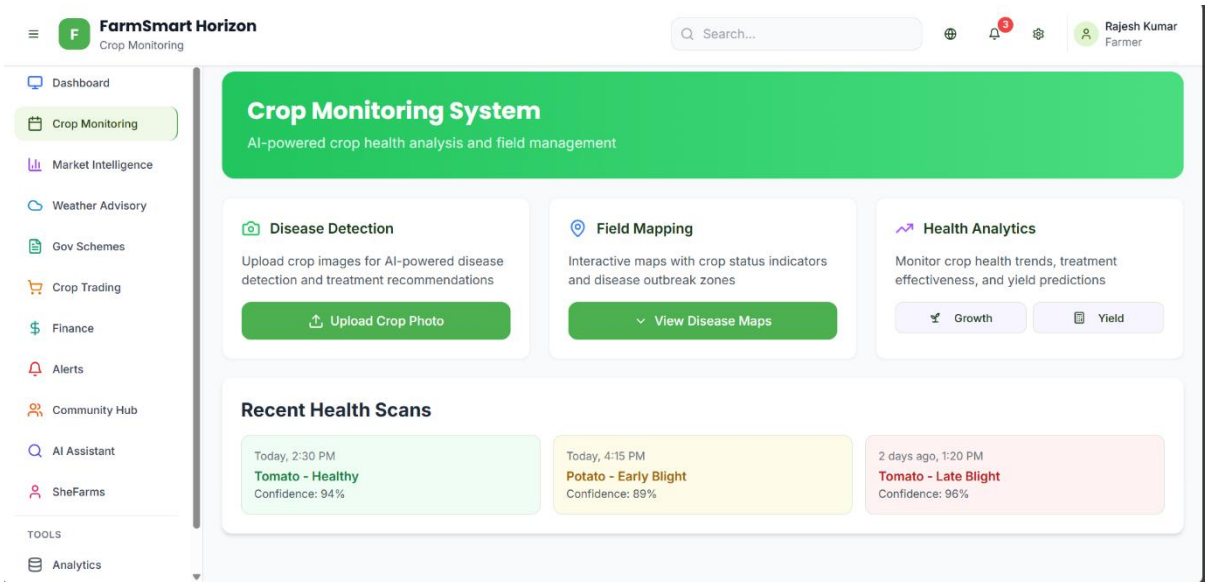
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Community Hub
AI Assistant
SheFarms
TOOLS
Analytics
Crop Monitoring System
AI-powered crop health analysis and field management
Disease Detection
Upload crop images for AI-powered disease detection and treatment recommendations
Upload Crop Photo
Field Mapping
Interactive maps with crop status indicators and disease outbreak zones
View Disease Maps
Health Analytics
Monitor crop health trends, treatment effectiveness, and yield predictions
Growth
Yield
Recent Health Scans
Today, 2:30 PM
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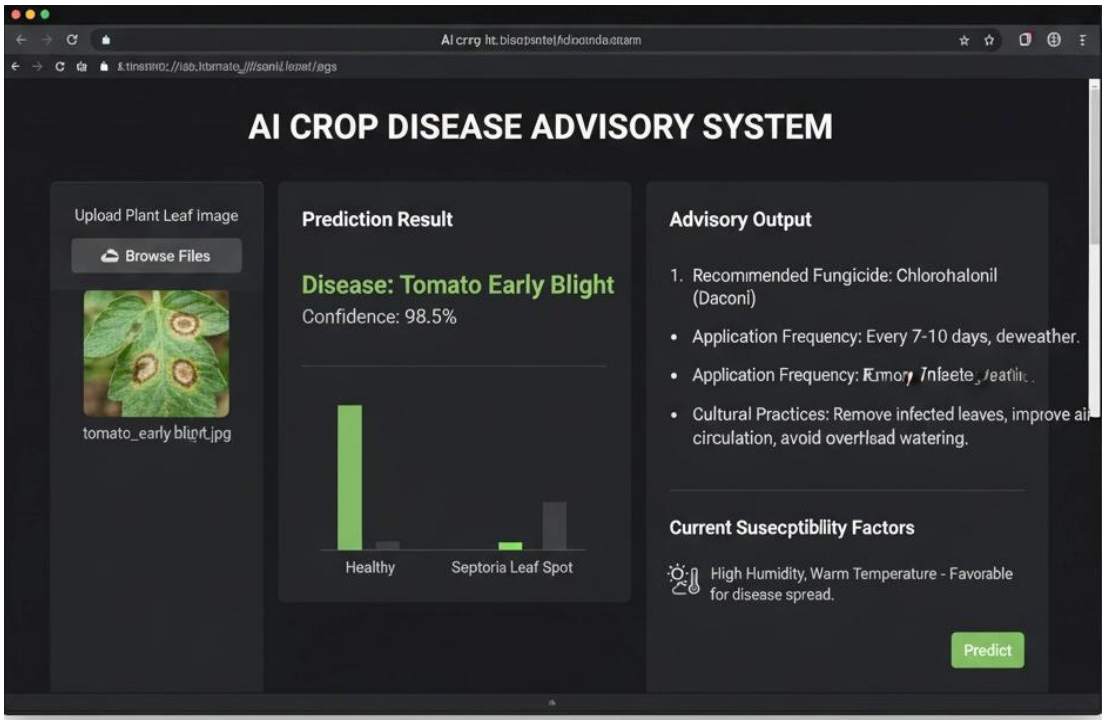
AI CROP DISEASE ADVISORY SYSTEM
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Prediction Result
Disease: Tomato Early Blight
Confidence: 98.5%
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Septoria Leaf Spot
Advisory Output
1. Recommended Fungicide: Chlorohalonil (Daconi)
Application Frequency: Every 7-10 days, deweather.
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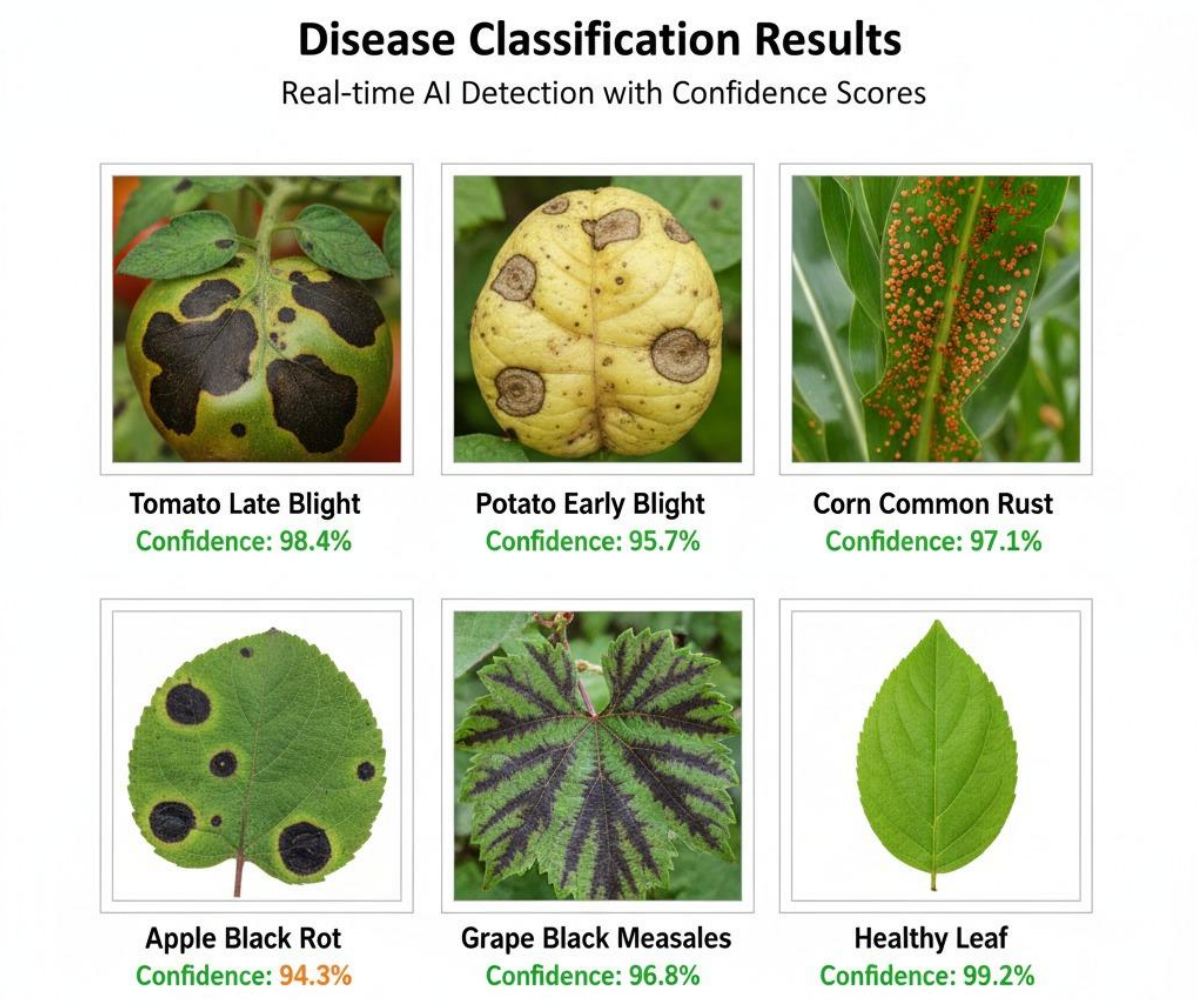
Predict


Disease Classification Results
Real-time AI Detection with Confidence Scores
Tomato Late Blight
Confidence: 98.4%
Potato Early Blight
Confidence: 95.7%
Corn Common Rust
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Apple Black Rot
Confidence: 94.3%
Grape Black Measales
Confidence: 96.8%
Healthy Leaf
Confidence: 99.2%