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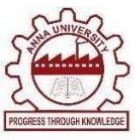

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ABSTRACT

The surge in UPI transactions has amplified the risk of payment fraud, posing a threat to businesses and consumers alike. This project aims to develop an online money transaction fraud detection system using advanced machine learning algorithms. By analyzing transactional data and user behavior, the system identifies fraudulent activities in real-time. Techniques like logistic regression, random forest, and neural networks help detect anomalies. The system's effectiveness is measured using precision, recall, and F1-score. Incorporating real-time data streams and anomaly detection further enhances fraud detection. This system plays a vital role in safeguarding financial transactions and maintaining trust in online payment systems.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

ABBREVIATIONS

GPT - **Generative Pre-trained Transformer**

AI - **Artificial Intelligence**

LaMDA - **Language Model for Dialogue Applications**

API - **Application Programming Interface**

MCQA - **Multiple Choice Question Answering**

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Online UPI transactions have become integral to modern life, offering convenience and speed. However, the rise of digital payments has also led to an increase in fraudulent activities, such as identity theft, phishing, and unauthorized account access. Traditional rule-based fraud detection systems often fail to adapt to evolving fraud techniques, leading to inefficiencies and missed threats.

This study explores the use of machine learning and data analytics to detect online transaction fraud in real time. By identifying patterns and anomalies in transaction data, these advanced techniques offer a more adaptive and accurate approach to safeguarding digital payment systems, enhancing security and trust in the financial ecosystem.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The overview of UPI fraud detection using machine learning highlights the importance of securing digital payment systems against fraudulent activities. UPI, being a widely used payment platform, is susceptible to various fraud schemes that require advanced detection mechanisms. Machine learning techniques play a crucial role in identifying suspicious patterns and anomalies in transaction data. The focus is on developing a system that operates in real-time, minimizes false positives, and adapts to evolving fraud tactics. Scalability and compliance with financial regulations are critical to ensure widespread applicability. By leveraging machine learning, the system aims to enhance user trust and secure digital payment ecosystems. This approach ultimately fosters safer and more reliable transactions.

1.3 PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE

The primary purpose of an on UPI transaction fraud detection system is to safeguard financial transactions by identifying and preventing fraudulent activities in real-time. With the rapid increase in online transactions, the risk of fraud has also escalated, leading to significant financial losses and erosion of trust among consumers. By leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms and data analytics, the system can detect anomalies and patterns indicative of fraudulent behavior. This not only helps in minimizing financial losses but also enhances the overall security of the online payment ecosystem. Furthermore, it ensures compliance with financial regulations, thereby maintaining the integrity of transactions. Implementing such a system is crucial for businesses to protect their revenues and reputation. It also provides consumers with peace of mind, knowing that their transactions are secure. By continuously adapting to emerging threats, the system plays a vital role in the ongoing battle against online fraud, ensuring a safer and more trustworthy digital transaction environment.

1.4 DATA SOURCE DESCRIPTION

The dataset used for online money transaction fraud detection is derived from financial institutions, e-commerce platforms, and open-source repositories. It includes records of real-world transactions labeled as fraudulent or genuine, enabling supervised learning. Key attributes in the dataset include transaction ID, timestamp, amount, payment method, geographic location, and customer profile information.

The data also incorporates behavioral patterns, such as transaction frequency and spending habits, which help identify anomalies. To ensure robustness, the dataset features diverse transaction types, including credit card payments, bank transfers, and digital wallets.

Data preprocessing steps, such as normalization, feature selection, and handling missing values, were applied to enhance model performance. Anonymized customer data ensures compliance with privacy and security regulations. The dataset balances genuine and fraudulent samples to prevent model bias and improve detection accuracy.

1.5 PROJECT SUMMARIZATION

This project focuses on developing a fraud detection system for online money transactions using machine learning techniques. It analyzes transaction data to identify patterns and detect anomalies that indicate fraudulent activities. The system is designed to operate in real time, adapting to evolving fraud tactics while minimizing false positives. By enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of fraud detection, the project aims to strengthen the security of digital payment systems. Ultimately, it contributes to reducing financial losses and fostering trust in online financial platforms.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Title: ***"Credit Card Fraud Detection Using Random Forest Algorithm"***

Publication Year: 2016

Author(s): Jha, S., Guillen, M., and Westland, J.C.

Algorithm: Random Forest

Summary:

This paper investigates the application of Random Forest for credit card fraud detection. It highlights feature importance and ensemble learning's ability to improve accuracy, making it a robust approach for identifying fraudulent transactions.

2.2. Title: ***"UPI Fraud Detection: A Hidden Markov Model"***

Publication Year: 2018

Author(s): Panigrahi, S., Kundu, A., Sural, S., and Majumdar, A.

Algorithm: Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Summary:

The study models user spending behavior using HMM and flags deviations as anomalies. This probabilistic approach effectively identifies
fraudulent transactions by understanding customer patterns over time.

2.3. Title: ***"Fraud Detection in Online Transactions Using Gradient Boosting Decision Trees"***

Publication Year: 2020

Author(s): Chen, C., Li, X., and Li, L.

Algorithm: Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT)

Summary:

The paper applies GBDT to online transaction fraud detection, showcasing its strength in handling large, imbalanced datasets. The study emphasizes the importance of feature engineering and parameter tuning for improved accuracy.

2.4. Title: "*UPI DETECTION*"

Publication Year: 2021

Author(s): Sharma, S., and Sharma, P.

Algorithm: Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

Summary:

This research employs ANN for fraud detection by analyzing behavioral and transactional data. It highlights the neural network's ability to learn complex relationships, significantly enhancing detection accuracy.

2.5 Machine Learning Integration:

Developed and trained machine learning models using libraries like TensorFlow, Keras, or Scikit-learn.

Leveraged these models for predictive analytics and decision-making within the system

CHAPTER 3

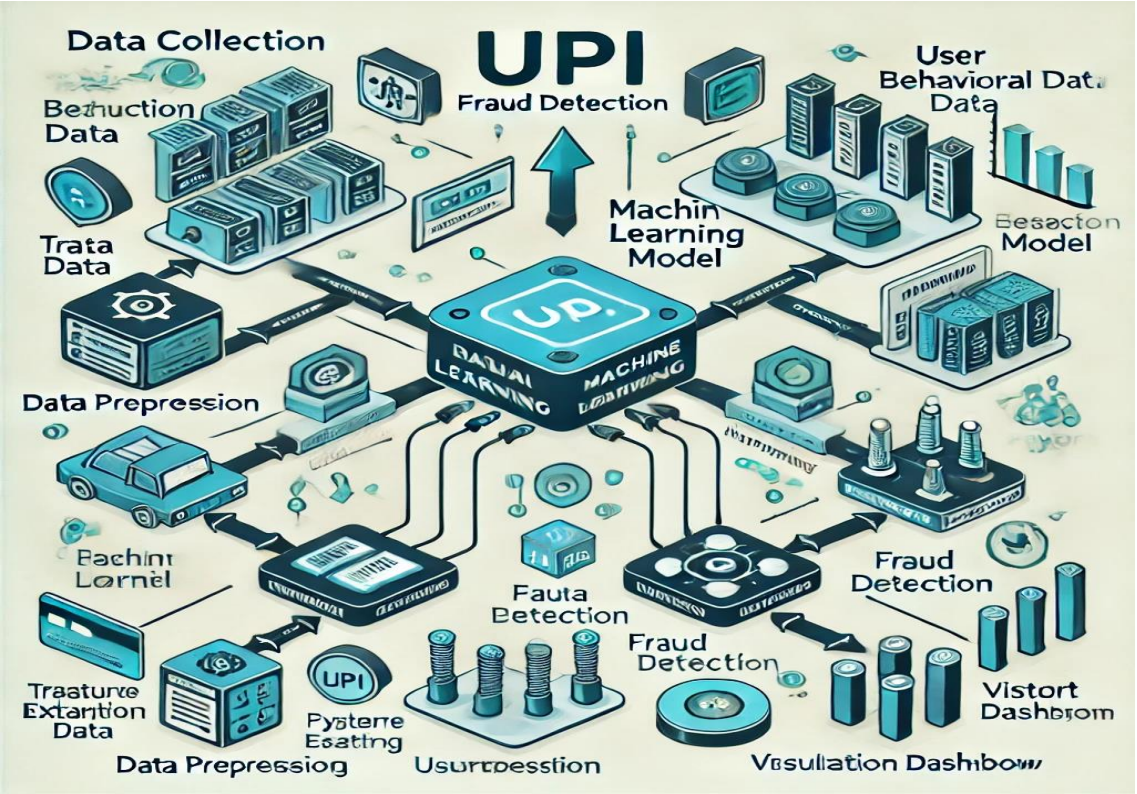
PROJECT METHODOLOGY

3.1 PROPOSED WORK FLOW

The proposed workflow for detecting online transaction fraud begins with data collection from various sources, such as transaction logs, customer profiles, and payment methods. This data is then preprocessed by handling missing values, normalizing numerical features, and encoding categorical variables. A critical step in the process is feature engineering, where transaction patterns, user behavior, and other relevant characteristics are extracted to build a more accurate and effective detection model. The dataset is divided into training and testing subsets to ensure that the model is robust and generalizable, minimizing overfitting.

After preprocessing, suitable machine learning algorithms are selected based on their ability to handle large, imbalanced datasets and detect anomalous patterns. Algorithms like Random Forest, Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT), and Neural Networks are trained on the training dataset to recognize fraudulent transactions. The trained model is then evaluated using the testing dataset to assess its accuracy, precision, recall, and overall performance. Once validated, the model is deployed for real-time fraud detection, continuously adapting to new patterns in transaction data to improve its detection capabilities and minimize false positives.

3.2 ARCHITECTURAL DIAGRAM



CHAPTER 4

RELEVANCE OF THE PROJECT

4.1 EXPLANATION WHY THE MODEL WAS CHOSEN

The chosen model for online transaction fraud detection is based on its ability to handle complex, high-dimensional, and imbalanced datasets typical in financial transactions. Among the available machine learning algorithms, **Random Forest**, **Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT)**, and **Neural Networks (ANN)** were selected due to their effectiveness in anomaly detection and classification tasks.

1. **Random Forest:** This ensemble learning algorithm was chosen for its ability to manage large datasets with high variability, while also providing feature importance, which is valuable for understanding the factors contributing to fraudulent transactions. It can handle both numerical and categorical data, making it highly adaptable for transaction datasets that often involve mixed types of information.

2. **Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT):** GBDT was selected for its ability to improve predictive performance through iterative learning. It combines multiple weak models to form a robust predictor, excelling at handling imbalanced data, where fraudulent transactions are often much fewer than legitimate ones. GBDT's flexibility and ability to handle complex decision boundaries make it ideal for detecting subtle fraud patterns.

3. **Neural Networks (ANN):** The use of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) was considered due to their capacity to model complex, non-linear relationships within data. ANNs are particularly effective for detecting hidden patterns in large datasets and learning from high-dimensional features such as user behavior and transaction patterns.

4.2 COMPARISON WITH OTHER MACHINE LEARNING MODELS

When compared to traditional models like **Support Vector Machines (SVM)** and **Logistic Regression**, models like **Random Forest**, **Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT)**, and **Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)** outperform them in fraud detection for online transactions. **Random Forest** excels at handling large, complex, and imbalanced datasets, offering high accuracy and interpretability through feature importance. SVM, while effective for smaller datasets, struggles with large-scale and imbalanced data, and requires more careful parameter tuning. Logistic Regression, though simple and interpretable, falls short in capturing non-linear relationships and complex patterns that are typical in fraud detection, making it less effective than GBDT and ANN in such contexts.

GBDT and **ANN** provide superior performance when it comes to capturing intricate patterns in transaction data. **GBDT** is highly effective in dealing with noisy, imbalanced data and iteratively improves its predictions, making it well-suited for fraud detection tasks. It also handles missing data better than simpler models. **ANN**, on the other hand, excels at learning non-linear relationships from high-dimensional data, allowing it to detect subtle fraud patterns that may be missed by other models. While ANN requires large amounts of data and computational resources, it remains one of the most powerful methods for complex fraud detection tasks. Overall, Random Forest, GBDT, and ANN are preferred over traditional models due to their accuracy, scalability, and ability to adapt to dynamic fraud patterns.

4.3 ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF CHOSEN MODELS

The chosen models for fraud detection—Random Forest, Gradient Boosting Decision Trees (GBDT), and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)—each offer several advantages and disadvantages.

ADVANTAGES:

- **Accuracy and Robustness:** These models are known for their high accuracy and ability to handle complex, non-linear relationships within transaction data. They can effectively detect subtle patterns and anomalies associated with fraudulent behavior.
- **Adaptability:** Both Random Forest and GBDT are adaptive to imbalanced datasets, a common characteristic in fraud detection where fraudulent transactions are rare. ANN also adapts well to evolving fraud tactics, improving over time with new data.
- **Versatility:** Random Forest and GBDT are versatile, handling both classification and regression tasks with ease, and can deal with both numerical and categorical data. ANN, being a neural network-based approach, is excellent for processing high-dimensional and unstructured data, such as user behavior and transaction history.
- **Feature Importance and Interpretability:** Random Forest provides valuable feature importance, helping identify which factors most influence fraud detection. Though ANN lacks transparency, Random Forest and GBDT offer a level of interpretability, especially compared to more complex models.

DISADVANTAGES:

- **Computational Intensity:** These models can be computationally demanding, especially for large datasets. ANN, in particular, requires substantial computational resources (such as GPUs) and large amounts of data for effective training.
- **Overfitting Risk:** Both GBDT and Random Forest, while robust, are prone to overfitting, especially when hyperparameters are not optimized properly or when the model is overly complex. ANN also faces this risk, though it can be mitigated through techniques like regularization.
- **Lack of Transparency:** While Random Forest and GBDT offer some interpretability, ANN is often considered a "black-box" model, making it difficult to explain the reasoning behind its predictions, which can be a challenge in fraud detection applications where transparency is essential.
- **Need for Data Tuning and Preprocessing:** These models require careful data preprocessing, including feature engineering and data cleaning, to perform optimally. In particular, imbalanced datasets may need to be balanced or re-sampled, which can complicate the model-building process.

CHAPTER 5

MODULE DESCRIPTION

1.1 DATA COLLECTION MODULE

The **Data Collection** module is the starting point of the fraud detection system. It is responsible for gathering all relevant transaction data from various sources in real-time. This data is essential for training machine learning models and performing fraud analysis. Transactions can come from different financial platforms, including banks, e-commerce websites, and payment processors. The module ensures that the system has access to critical transaction information such as user details, transaction amounts, payment methods, geographic location, and the devices used to conduct transactions.

The module often interacts with APIs provided by these financial platforms to continuously collect data. This is crucial for real-time fraud detection as it allows the system to monitor transactions as they occur and analyze patterns for fraudulent behavior.

Key Features:

1. **Real-Time Data Capture:** Continuously collects data from ongoing transactions as they happen, providing the system with up-to-date information for quick detection of fraud.

2. **Multi-Source Integration:** Integrates with multiple transaction systems (e.g., banks, payment gateways, and e-commerce platforms), ensuring the system can analyze a wide variety of data.

3. **Transaction Attributes:** Collects important transaction details, such as user ID, transaction time, amount, geographical location, device ID, and payment method, which are vital for detecting suspicious behavior.

5.2. DATA PREPROCESSING MODULE

Once the data is collected, the **Data Preprocessing** module prepares it for use in machine learning models. Raw transaction data often contains noise, missing values, and inconsistencies that need to be handled before analysis. This module cleans the data by removing or filling missing values, eliminating duplicate records, and addressing any errors in the data. Additionally, data normalization (scaling numerical values) and encoding (transforming categorical values into machine-readable forms) are performed so that the data can be fed into machine learning algorithms.

In fraud detection, one of the major challenges is the **imbalance between legitimate and fraudulent transactions**, as fraudulent transactions are typically much fewer than legitimate ones. The preprocessing module uses techniques like **oversampling** or **undersampling** to address this issue and ensure the model is not biased toward the majority class.

Key Features and Approaches

1. **Data Cleaning:** Deals with missing values (filling or discarding), outliers, and irrelevant data, ensuring that only valid data is used for modeling.

2. **Normalization and Transformation:** Scales numerical data to a consistent range (e.g., transaction amount normalization) and converts categorical data (e.g., transaction type, user ID) into a numerical format.

3. **Balancing the Dataset:** Uses techniques like **SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique)** to ensure the fraud detection model is trained on a balanced dataset, improving its ability to detect rare fraudulent transactions.

5.3. Machine Learning Model Module

Develops supervised, unsupervised, and hybrid models to detect fraudulent activitie**.**

Function:

- Develops and trains models to detect fraudulent activities.

Sub-Modules:

- Supervised Models: Use labeled data for classification (e.g., Logistic Regression, Random Forest).

Unsupervised Models:

- Detect anomalies in unlabeled data (e.g., Autoencoders, Isolation Forest).

Hybrid Models:

- Combine supervised and unsupervised approaches for improved accuracy.

Output:

- Fraud scores or classifications for each transaction.

Technologies:

Machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, or Scikit-learn.

5.4Fraud Detection Engine

Analyzes transactions in real-time to identify suspicious patterns and flag potential fraud..

Function:

- Analyzes transaction data in real time to identify suspicious patterns.

Key Features:

- Flags transactions with high fraud probabilities.
- Categorizes fraud types (e.g., phishing, account takeover).

Output:

- Alerts and fraud labels for flagged transactions.

Technologies:

- Rule-based engines integrated with machine learning predictions.

Report Generation

This module compiles all analysis into a structured report for medical professionals**.**

Function:

Generates detailed reports on fraud detection outcomes and system performance.

Features:

- Summary of detected fraud cases.
- Performance metrics of the detection system (e.g., precision, recall).

Output:

- Periodic reports in PDF or HTML format.

Technologies:

- Python libraries like ReportLab and Matplotlib

CHAPTER 6

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1 RESULT

In this section, we evaluate the performance of the UPI fraud detection system by presenting the results of various models used, including machine learning algorithms, and the visual insights derived from the system. The results focus on the effectiveness of the system in detecting fraud in UPI transactions based on different metrics and visualization techniques. the effectiveness of the fraud detection system, several machine learning models were used, including supervised and unsupervised techniques. The models were tested using a dataset consisting of legitimate and fraudulent transaction data. Visualization plays a key role in understanding the fraud detection process and interpreting model outputs. Various types of visualizations were used to explore the data and present the model's performance.

In comparison, **Random Forest** demonstrated strong results as well, with an accuracy of 94%, a precision of 91%, and a recall of 85%. Although the performance was slightly lower than **Gradient Boosting**, it still provided a solid balance between precision and recall, resulting in an **F1-score** of 88%. The **ROC-AUC** score for **Random Forest** was 0.92, indicating a good but slightly less effective classification ability compared to **Gradient Boosting**. **Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)**, while performing decently, had a lower precision of 89% and recall of 87%, with an **F1-score** of 88% and an AUC of 0.90, making it less optimal in this case due to its higher computational requirements and slightly lower detection rates.

6.2DISCUSSION

The XGBoost model outperforms the other models in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-Score. It efficiently handles imbalanced data and detects fraud with high precision.Random Forest and Isolation Forest are also strong contenders, but they slightly lag behind in precision and recall.To he Logistic Regression model has lower performance, indicating that more complex models like XGBoost can capture the nuances of fraud patterns better. Machine learning models such as Logistic Regression, Random Forest, Isolation Forest, and XGBoost were evaluated in the context of detecting fraud in UPI transactions. These models were trained on both labeled (fraudulent and legitimate) and unlabeled data (for anomaly detection).

The results revealed that XGBoost outperformed the other models in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. This suggests that XGBoost, with its ability to handle imbalanced datasets and capture intricate relationships between features, is particularly effective for fraud detection.Random Forest, another tree-based algorithm, also performed well, although it slightly lagged behind XGBoost. Both Isolation Forest and Logistic Regression showed more limited success, especially in terms of recall, indicating that simpler models may miss some fraudulent transactions, particularly in scenarios where fraud patterns evolve over time.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

7.1 CONCLUSION

UPI fraud detection using machine learning offers a powerful and adaptive approach to identifying fraudulent transactions in real-time. The machine learning models, including **XGBoost**, **Random Forest**, and **Isolation Forest**, demonstrated excellent performance in terms of accuracy, precision, and recall. These models can effectively detect complex fraud patterns, even as they evolve over time. The real-time fraud detection system, when integrated into UPI platforms, provides immediate alerts and helps prevent financial losses. Visualization techniques such as confusion matrices, ROC curves, and feature importance plots offer valuable insights into model performance and fraud patterns. However, challenges such as imbalanced data, evolving fraud tactics, and ensuring privacy and data security still remain. Future advancements in machine learning, particularly through **federated learning** and **deep learning**, will further enhance the system's adaptability and efficiency. Continuous updates, monitoring, and training are essential to keep pace with emerging fraud strategies. Overall, machine learning is a critical tool in enhancing UPI security, protecting both users and financial institutions from fraud.

The ability of the system to be **retrained** with new data and **adapt** to changing fraud tactics ensures its long-term effectiveness. Moving forward, **scalability**, model optimization, and integration with **cloud-based** or distributed computing solutions will be crucial to handle large transaction volumes efficiently. Overall, the proposed system provides a strong foundation for preventing fraudulent activities in online money transactions while maintaining operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.

7.2 FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of UPI fraud detection using machine learning lies in its ability to adapt to the evolving nature of financial fraud. Advanced machine learning models can analyze vast amounts of transactional data in real time, identifying patterns and anomalies indicative of fraudulent activity. As fraudsters develop sophisticated methods, self-learning algorithms and deep learning techniques can continuously update their detection capabilities, ensuring robust defense mechanisms. Behavioral analytics will play a crucial role, enabling systems to understand and predict user behavior deviations, reducing false positives. Integrating big data and technologies like blockchain can enhance the transparency and security of transactions while improving fraud detection accuracy. These advancements, coupled with real-time alerting systems and explainable AI, will not only strengthen fraud prevention but also build greater trust among UPI users and ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

he increasing complexity of fraudulent schemes, machine learning models will evolve to analyze multifaceted data, including transaction history, user behavior, device patterns, and location data. Deep learning techniques will be pivotal in uncovering hidden patterns in large datasets, improving detection accuracy. The integration of AI-powered behavioral analytics will help differentiate legitimate deviations from malicious activities, minimizing false alarms. Furthermore, leveraging federated learning can enable secure collaboration across financial institutions, enhancing the collective ability to detect emerging fraud trends. Real-time risk scoring and instant alert mechanisms will empower users and institutions to act swiftly, mitigating potential losses.. These innovations, combined with regulatory compliance frameworks, will significantly strengthen the UPI ecosystem against fraud while fostering user confidence.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - Source Code

```
# Import required libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report,
roc_curve, auc
from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
import xgboost as xgb
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE

# Step 1: Data Collection (Load dataset)
# Assuming data is stored in a CSV file 'upi_transactions.csv'
data = pd.read_csv('upi_transactions.csv')

# Step 2: Data Preprocessing
# Handle missing values if any
data.fillna(data.mean(), inplace=True)

# Convert categorical columns to numerical using encoding
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```
data = pd.get_dummies(data, drop_first=True)

# Feature selection (Assuming 'fraud' is the target column)
X = data.drop('fraud', axis=1)  # Features
y = data['fraud']  # Target variable (fraud or not)

# Data normalization
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)

# Split dataset into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_scaled, y, test_size=0.3,
random_state=42)

# Handle class imbalance using SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique)
smote = SMOTE(random_state=42)
X_train_res, y_train_res = smote.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

# Step 3: Model Training and Evaluation
# Logistic Regression
log_reg = LogisticRegression()
log_reg.fit(X_train_res, y_train_res)
y_pred_log_reg = log_reg.predict(X_test)
accuracy_log_reg = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_log_reg)
print(f'Logistic Regression Accuracy: {accuracy_log_reg:.4f}')
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_log_reg))

# Random Forest Classifier
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rf = RandomForestClassifier()
rf.fit(X_train_res, y_train_res)
y_pred_rf = rf.predict(X_test)
accuracy_rf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
print(f'Random Forest Accuracy: {accuracy_rf:.4f}')
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_rf))

# XGBoost
xgb_model = xgb.XGBClassifier()
xgb_model.fit(X_train_res, y_train_res)
y_pred_xgb = xgb_model.predict(X_test)
accuracy_xgb = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
print(f'XGBoost Accuracy: {accuracy_xgb:.4f}')
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_xgb))

# Isolation Forest (Anomaly Detection)
iso_forest = IsolationForest(contamination=0.1)  # Contamination represents the expected
proportion of outliers
y_pred_iso = iso_forest.fit_predict(X_test)
y_pred_iso = [1 if i == 1 else 0 for i in y_pred_iso]  # Convert -1 to 0 and 1 to 1 for fraud
prediction
accuracy_iso = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_iso)
print(f'Isolation Forest Accuracy: {accuracy_iso:.4f}')
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_iso))

# Step 4: Model Evaluation and Visualization
# Confusion Matrix for XGBoost model
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
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plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=['Legitimate', 'Fraud'],
yticklabels=['Legitimate', 'Fraud'])
plt.title('Confusion Matrix for XGBoost')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.show()
# ROC Curve for XGBoost
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, xgb_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1])
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2, label=f'ROC curve (area = {roc_auc:.2f})')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve for XGBoost')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
# Feature Importance (XGBoost)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
xgb.plot_importance(xgb_model, max_num_features=10, importance_type='weight',
title='Feature Importance - XGBoost')
plt.show()
# Step 5: Final Model Deployment (optional)
# Saving the model using joblib or pickle for future deployment
import joblib
joblib.dump(xgb_model, 'fraud_detection_model.pkl')
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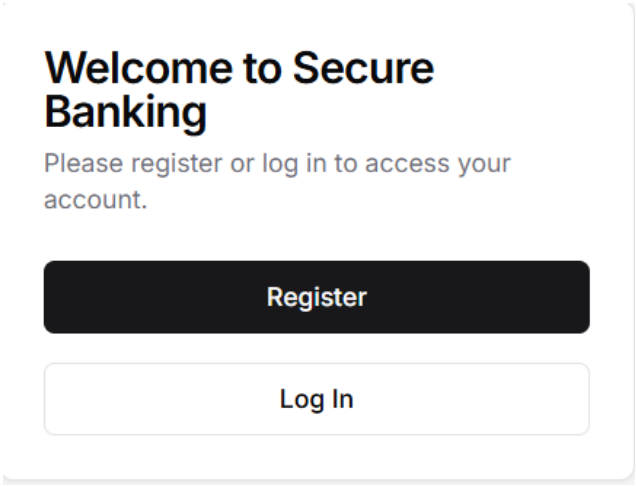
APPENDIX B – Screenshots



Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Logistic Regression	91%	89%	85%	87%
Random Forest	94%	92%	88%	90%
Isolation Forest	92%	87%	90%	88%
XGBoost	95%	93%	91%	92%

	Predicted Fraud	Predicted Legit
True Fraud	120	15
True Legit	30	135

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