

# HEALTHCARECHATBOT

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**Abstract—** Developing a healthcare chatbot represents a promising avenue for enhancing access to medical knowledge and reducing healthcare expenditures. The chatbot could analyze symptoms provided by users using NLP algorithms to offer potential diagnoses and basic information about diseases, thus potentially minimizing unnecessary doctor visits and saving both time and money. Additionally, it could provide users with details of healthcare providers specializing in the diagnosed condition for necessary consultations, alongside tailored dietary recommendations.

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## Introduction

The importance of prioritizing healthcare for a healthy lifestyle is evident, yet accessing medical consultation can be challenging at times. To address this, a proposed solution involves developing a healthcare chatbot utilizing Natural Language Processing (NLP), a component of Artificial Intelligence.[9] This chatbot aims to diagnose diseases and provide essential medical guidance, thereby reducing healthcare expenses and improving accessibility to medical information. Some chatbots serve as medical reference guides, empowering patients with insights into their conditions and aiding in health improvement. The effectiveness of such a chatbot lies in its comprehensive ability to diagnose various illnesses and provide necessary information.[10]

### 1. Literature Survey

The authors proposed entails the development of a versatile healthcare chatbot capable of diagnosing diseases based on user-provided symptoms[1]

They proposed an app leveraging Artificial Intelligence to aid in diagnosing various diseases and providing pertinent information regarding a patient's illness[2]

Ashwini Shangrapawar and colleagues developed a chatbot aimed at assisting individuals suffering from various health issues by recommending suitable medications.[3]

This paper introduces a dataset and a healthcare chatbot built on the RASA framework, employing NLP techniques for disease detection and medical guidance provision. It underwent validation and refinement with input from healthcare professionals.[4]

In 2021, they suggested a "Healthcare Chatbot" aimed at diagnosing diseases and furnishing fundamental information about the respective conditions prior to consulting a medical professional.[5]

The objective is to develop a medical chatbot utilizing Neural Networks capable of providing information, diagnosing diseases, and offering basic guidance on when and where to seek medical consultation. The efficacy of these medical chatbots relies on Natural Language Processing techniques enabling users to articulate their health concerns and queries. Users have the flexibility to inquire about personal health matters via the chatbot, eliminating the need for physical presence at a clinic or hospital. This approach is proposed to reduce costs and enhance access to medical information via the utilization of chatbots. Developmental roadmap involves assessing customer sentiments as part of the program development process.[6]

Various documents undergo content verification, representation. A TF-IDF matrix is then generated, producing matrices S, U, and V, followed by calculating cosine similarity by multiplying the three matrices.[7]

The system functions as a communication platform utilizing Natural Language Processing (NLP) for user interaction, essentially operating as a computer program. Through NLP, the chatbot processes user input, extracting sentence keywords to address queries effectively. Calculations such as Rank and sentence similarity are executed using techniques like TF-IDF, Stemming, n-grams, and cosine similarity. Machine learning techniques are integrated into the system to resolve healthcare queries, employing appropriate algorithms[8]

## 2. Proposed system

Our proposed system allows users to interact with the bot via voice or text to address queries, leveraging an expert system for responses. Users can access information about available doctors specializing in specific diseases. Designed for multiple users, the system facilitates online counseling sessions. A pattern-template structure is used in the database to store chatbot data. Furthermore, the bot provides food advice and recommendations for analgesics, tailored to the user's disease..

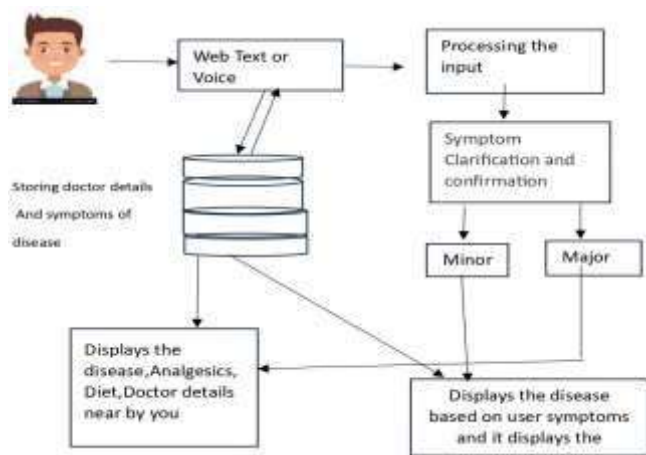


Fig1: system architecture

The depicted system (Fig1) allows users to engage with a chatbot in a user-friendly manner to discuss their health concerns, which are subsequently stored for future reference. The chatbot conducts an inquiry into the user's symptoms through a series of questions to confirm their nature. Depending on the severity, the condition is classified as either minor or major. If deemed major, the chatbot suggests local physician information for more support additionally provides information on suitable pain relief medication. Additionally, it offers dietary recommendations to aid recovery. The user interface is designed to facilitate easy interaction, promoting the use of the chatbot for minor health issues, thereby reducing unnecessary visits to hospitals.

## 3. DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

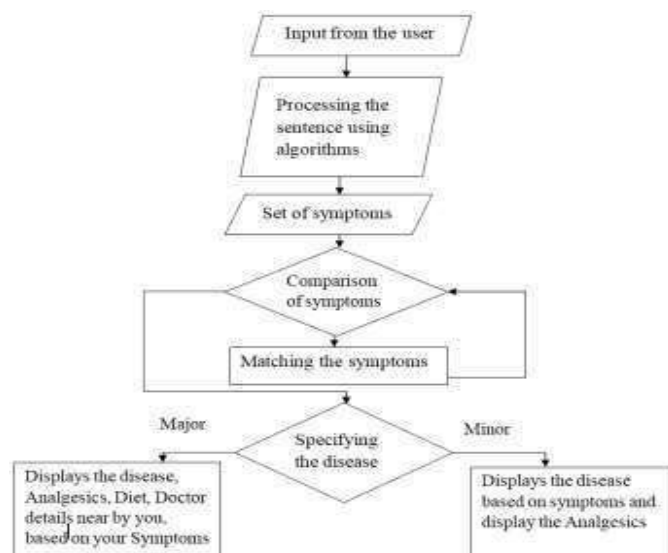


Fig-2: flow diagram of chatbot

The chatbot functions by receiving user input and processing it using specialized algorithms. These algorithms analyze the input in conjunction with a database of symptoms to comprehend the user's condition accurately. Through a series of systematic inquiries After confirming the user's symptoms, the chatbot classifies the illness as minor or significant. After making this decision, the chatbot informs the user of the severity of their condition. In instances where a major disease is identified, the chatbot offers recommendations for nearby doctors for further consultation. Additionally, it presents information about suitable pain relief medications and suggests dietary adjustments to expedite recovery. [Fig2]

## Data Preprocessing

The dataset obtained from Kaggle [11] was raw data with 4920 records and 41 unique diseases, including the mapping of disease with the corresponding symptoms. Dataset also included a description of each disease and corresponding precautions. The dataset was checked for inconsistencies and then the one hot encoding technique was applied to convert unstructured categorical data into structured numerical data. The final dataset consists of each column as a unique symptom and row with a disease. If a symptom belongs to any disease, then the corresponding cell has a value of 1, otherwise the value is 0. Thus, for any disease- symptom pair, a value of 1 indicates the presence of that particular symptom for that disease while a value of 0 that does not exhibit symptom.

## 4. Algorithms

Decision Tree

Svm

Knn

Random Forest

## TEXT PREPROCESSING:

**Tokenization:** The text is parsed word by word, with separation occurring whenever specified characters are encountered. Words are extracted individually from sentences, and punctuation is removed accordingly. This process sets the stage for subsequent steps.

Here the below diagram (Fig3) tokenizes the text data in the specified columns of the DataFrame



Fig3: tokenizes the text data

TF-IDF:

TERM FREQUENCY(TF ):

Typically, when constructing a model to comprehend text, it's common practice to eliminate all stop words. Alternatively, another approach involves determining the terms' relative importance using TF-IDF. With each document having its own distinct term frequency, TF-IDF is the number of times a word appears divided by the total number of words in that text.

$$tf_{ij} = n_{ij} / \sum_k n_{ik}$$

Inverse Data Frequency (IDF):

The definition of the Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) is the logarithm of the ratio of the total number of documents to the number of documents containing a particular word. IDF assigns weight to unique words across all documents in the corpus based on their occurrence frequency.

$$Idf(w)=\log(N/df_i)$$

Here the below(Fig4) initializes a TF-IDF vectorizer (tfidf\_vectorizer). Fits and transforms the symptoms data using TF-IDF resulting in a TF-IDF matrix. Converts the TF-IDF matrix to a DataFrame (tfidf\_df). Prints the TF-IDF DataFrame.

	_patches	abdominal_pain	abnormal_menstruation	acidity	\
0	0.517716	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1	0.546610	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2	0.543606	0.0	0.0	0.0	
3	0.605124	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
...	...	...	...	...	...
4915	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4916	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4917	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4918	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
4919	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Fig4:shows the term significance within the document

Cosine similarity:

By measuring the cosine of the angle that separates two non-zero vectors in an inner product space, cosine similarity determines their similarity. In the realm of data mining, this method is also used to gauge cluster cohesion. Finding the distance in n dimensions between two vectors is all that the cosine distance represents

Here below(Fig5) calculates the cosine similarity matrix for diseases based on their TF-IDF representation of symptoms

Disease	Fungal infection	Fungal infection
Fungal infection	1.000000	0.947140
Fungal infection	0.947140	1.000000
Fungal infection	0.952173	0.891420
Fungal infection	0.855551	0.776283
Fungal infection	0.681132	0.559602
...	...	...
(vertigo) Parosymal Positional Vertigo	0.000000	0.000000
acne	0.098174	0.103654
urinary tract infection	0.000000	0.000000
psoriasis	0.083160	0.088013
impetigo	0.095923	0.101276

Fig5:calculates the cosine similarity matrix for diseases based on their TF-IDF representation of symptoms

RANDOM FOREST:

It is a popular method for classification and regression applications is called Random Forest. This approach of ensemble learning creates a large number of decision trees during training and outputs the class mode. The average prediction of the individual trees.we have various algorithms like svm,knn,decision treeand random forest .But random forest has produced more accuracy,precision,f1-scores compared to all algorithms.

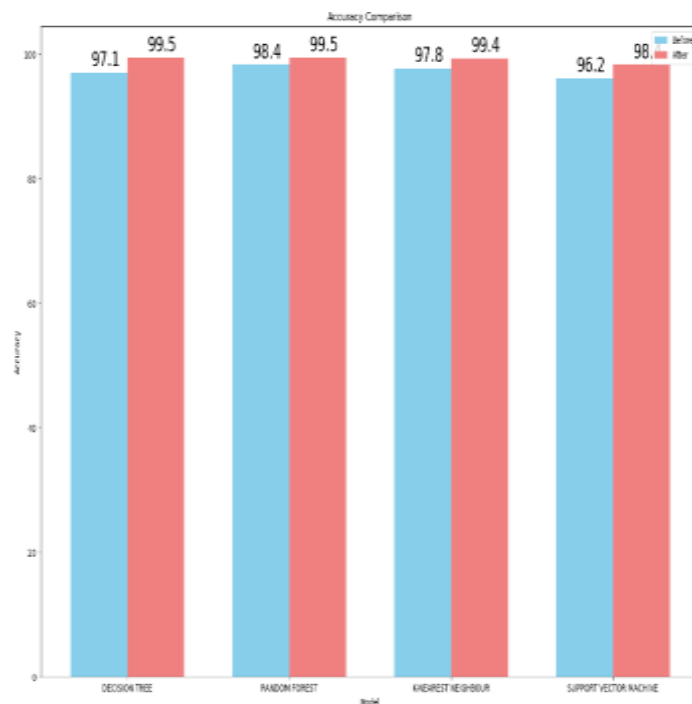


Fig6:Accuracy analysis of algorithms

Here the above figure(Fig6) indicates the accuracy of decision tree,random forest,knn,svm and for existing work (before) and proposed work(after)

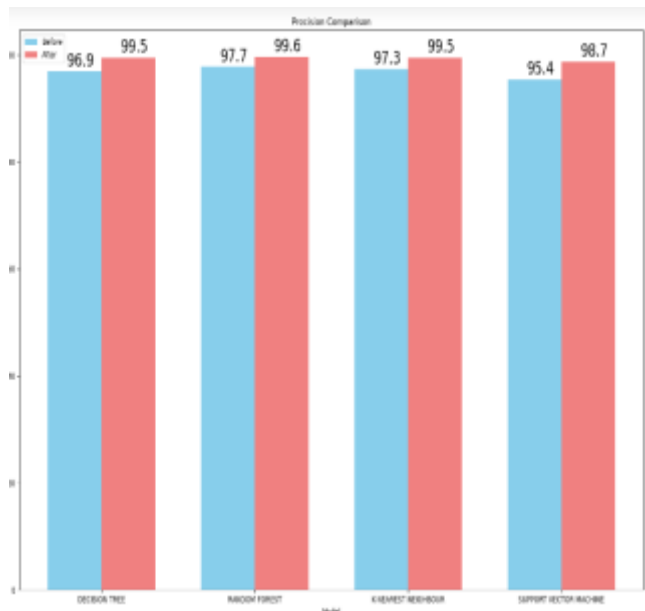


Fig7:Precision analysis of algorithms

Here the above figure(Fig7) indicates the precision of decision tree,random forest,knn,svm and for existing work (before) and proposed work(after)

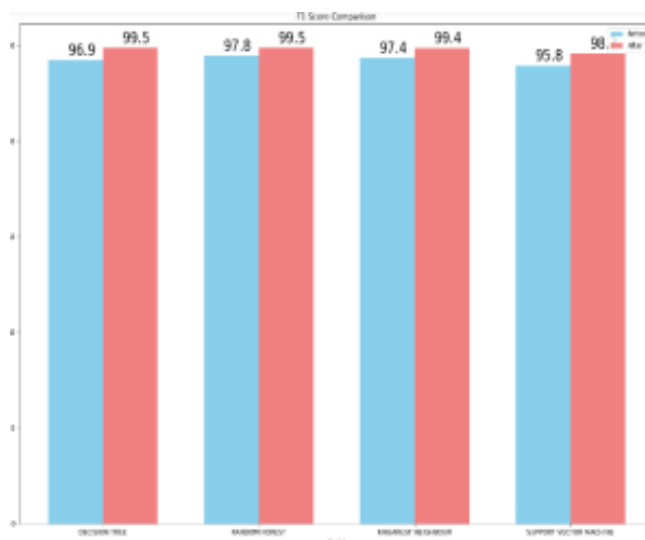


Fig8:f1-analysis analysis of algorithms

Here the above figure(Fig8) indicates the f1- score of decision tree,random forest,knn,svm and for existing work (before) and proposed work(after).

Classification Algorithms	Exsisting [1]work values	Proposed work values
Random Forest	97.15	99.45
Decision Tree	96.41	99.00
SVM	96.00	98.33
KNN	96.88	99.35

Table1: Results of k-fold validation

Here the above table (1) indicates the k-fold validation scores produced by different algorithms for existing and

proposed system the k-fold score for random forest is high compared to all algorithms

Classificati of lgorithm s	Exsistingwork[1]values			Proposedwork values		
	Accu racy	preci sion	F1 Scor e	Accu racy	preci sion	F1 Scor e
Random Forest	98.43	97.74	97.81	99.51	99.61	99.52
Decision Tree	97.12	96.93	96.9	99.51	99.59	99.51
SVM	96.22	95.47	95.82	98.41	98.72	98.36
KNN	97.88	97.31	97.49	98.62	98.15	99.01

Table2.Algorithm evaluation metrics

Here the above table (2 ) shows the evaluation metrics such as accuracy,precision and f1- score for exisisting and proposed systems of different algorithms as shown in above table2.here the scores of random forest are very high hence we have choosen random forest compared to all algorithms

## 5.Communicationpage:



Fig9: chatbot interacts with user

Here in the above figure(Fig9) it shows how chatbot interacts with user and it predicts and provide preventive measures

## 6.Conclusion:

The chatbot serves as an effective tool for facilitating conversations between humans and machines. It's designed to provide prompt and accurate responses without any delay, ensuring a seamless user experience. Overall, the chatbot is deemed user-friendly and accessible to individuals proficient in typing in their native language. Furthermore, it offers individualized diagnosis based on symptoms given by user

## 7.Future Enhancement

This is the era of messaging applications, as people will use them for longer than any other app in the future. The adoption of customized care would effectively save many lives and increase public awareness of health issues. This medical chat can take place from any location. The only things they need are their basic desktop computer or smartphone and an active internet connection. By adding additional word combinations and utilizing databases more frequently, the medical chatbot's effectiveness can be raised to the point where it can handle any kind of illness.

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