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1. Abstract

This project aims to develop an intelligent House Price Prediction System that uses machine learning techniques to accurately estimate property prices based on both traditional and advanced features. While most existing models consider only basic parameters such as area, number of bedrooms, bathrooms, and location, this project enhances prediction accuracy by integrating additional economic and social indicators such as GDP growth, inflation rate, development index, and local crime rate. These parameters reflect the broader economic and environmental context influencing real estate markets. The proposed system applies supervised learning algorithms — particularly Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression — implemented using Python, Pandas, NumPy, and Scikit-learn. Data preprocessing, feature scaling, and exploratory data analysis (EDA) are performed to identify key trends and correlations among features. Visualizations such as heatmaps and scatter plots are used to interpret the model's performance. Experimental results indicate that incorporating macroeconomic and social variables significantly improves the model's predictive reliability and interpretability compared to conventional models. This system provides a practical and data-driven solution for buyers, sellers, and real estate analysts to make informed property decisions in dynamic market conditions.

Keywords: House Price Prediction, Machine Learning, Regression, Economic Indicators, Python, Scikit-learn

2. Introduction

The real estate market is one of the most dynamic and complex sectors of any economy. Property prices fluctuate continuously due to numerous factors such as economic conditions, location advantages, population growth, urban development, and changing consumer preferences. Accurately predicting house prices has always been a challenge for both buyers and sellers, as the market is influenced not only by the physical characteristics of properties but also by macroeconomic and socio-environmental parameters. In this digital era, machine learning (ML) has emerged as a powerful tool for uncovering hidden patterns in data and making data-driven predictions. The application of ML in real estate provides stakeholders with valuable insights that can improve decision-making and reduce uncertainty in property valuation.

The motivation behind this project arises from the limitations of traditional prediction methods. Most existing house price prediction systems rely only on basic features such as area, number of bedrooms, bathrooms, and location. While these parameters provide a foundation, they fail to capture the broader economic and social influences that significantly impact property prices. For instance, an area's development index, local crime rate, inflation level, or changes in a city's GDP growth can all affect housing demand and pricing trends. Incorporating such features allows the predictive model to reflect real-world market behavior more accurately.

The importance of this topic lies in its real-world relevance and practical applications. House price prediction is vital for buyers seeking fair property values, sellers aiming to set competitive prices, banks assessing mortgage loans, and real estate investors identifying profitable opportunities. A data-driven prediction model enables more reliable and transparent decisions in the real estate industry, which contributes to economic stability and informed financial planning.

The scope of this project extends beyond basic regression-based models. It introduces advanced features such as GDP growth rate, inflation rate, crime index, and city development score into the prediction process, combining them with traditional property features. By doing so, the model offers a holistic view of the market and produces more accurate predictions. The system is designed using Python, leveraging libraries like Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, and Scikit-learn for data preprocessing, visualization, model building, and evaluation.

The organization of this report is as follows:

- Section 1 presents the abstract, summarizing the project's objective, methodology, and results.
- Section 2 provides the introduction and background motivation for the study.
- Section 3 defines the problem statement and project objectives.
- Section 4 explains the proposed methodology, dataset description, and system design.
- Section 5 discusses the results, output analysis, and evaluation metrics.
- Section 6 concludes the report with key findings, limitations, and future scope of the project.

In summary, this project integrates machine learning with economic and social analytics to create a more intelligent and realistic approach to house price prediction, contributing meaningfully to the advancement of smart real estate systems.

3. Problem Statement

Accurate prediction of house prices is a major challenge in the real estate industry due to the involvement of numerous dynamic and interdependent factors. Traditional estimation methods and even many existing prediction systems mainly rely on limited parameters such as the property's area, number of rooms, and location. However, these models fail to account for broader economic and social factors—such as GDP growth, inflation rates, local crime statistics, and development indices—that directly influence housing demand and market fluctuations.

This project addresses the lack of a comprehensive predictive model that integrates both micro-level (property-specific) and macro-level (economic and social) factors to enhance accuracy and reliability. By incorporating these additional parameters, the model provides deeper insights into how external conditions affect real estate prices.

The problem is significant because inaccurate price estimation can lead to financial losses, poor investment decisions, and market inefficiencies for multiple stakeholders. Homebuyers and sellers often struggle to determine fair prices, investors face risks in identifying profitable opportunities, and financial institutions require reliable valuation tools for loan assessments.
This project aims to bridge this gap by developing a machine learning–based predictive model that combines conventional property features with real-world indicators to produce more realistic and data-driven price predictions, ultimately benefiting buyers, sellers, investors, and analysts in the housing sector.

4. Objectives

The main objective of this project is to develop an intelligent and accurate machine learning–based model for predicting house prices by combining both traditional property features and advanced economic and social indicators. The specific goals of the project are:

1. To collect, organize, and preprocess the housing dataset containing both basic attributes (such as area, bedrooms, bathrooms, and location) and advanced parameters (such as GDP growth, inflation rate, crime rate, and development index).
2. To perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) to identify relationships, trends, and correlations between property features and house prices using visualization techniques such as heatmaps, scatter plots, and correlation graphs.
3. To design and train a predictive machine learning model using supervised learning algorithms such as Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression for accurate price estimation.
4. To evaluate model performance using appropriate metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and R^2 score, ensuring reliability and precision in predictions.
5. To visualize and interpret the model's output through graphical representations, highlighting the influence of various features (both property-related and economic) on the predicted house price.
6. To provide a user-friendly system that allows users to input property and economic details to obtain real-time price predictions and insights.
7. To propose future improvements such as integration of real-time APIs for economic data and expansion to region-specific market analysis.

5.System Analysis

5.1 Existing System

In the existing house price prediction systems, property valuation is primarily based on traditional features such as location, area, number of rooms, and availability of amenities. Most of these models use simple regression or statistical methods that focus solely on property-level data while ignoring macroeconomic and social factors. Although such models provide a basic estimation, they often fail to reflect real-world conditions where property values are influenced by broader aspects such as city development, inflation rate, crime index, and overall economic growth.

The major drawbacks of existing systems are:

- Limited feature set restricted to only property attributes.

- Low prediction accuracy due to exclusion of economic and social indicators.
- Inability to adapt to changing market trends or regional differences.
- Lack of interpretability and meaningful visualization for end users.
- Minimal integration with modern tools and data analysis libraries.

Hence, there is a need for a more advanced, intelligent, and data-driven approach to accurately estimate housing prices in dynamic market environments.

5.2 Proposed System

The proposed system introduces an enhanced Machine Learning–based House Price Prediction Model that integrates both micro-level (property) and macro-level (economic and social) factors. In addition to traditional parameters like area, bedrooms, bathrooms, and location, this model includes GDP growth rate, inflation rate, local crime rate, and development index, providing a holistic approach to prediction.
The system uses supervised learning algorithms such as Linear Regression and Random Forest Regression to analyze complex relationships between variables. The implementation involves steps such as data cleaning, preprocessing, feature selection, visualization, model training, and evaluation. The model's predictions are visualized through interactive graphs, making the results interpretable and user-friendly.

Advantages of the proposed system:

- Incorporates real-world economic and social parameters for higher accuracy.
- Provides interpretable visualizations showing feature importance.
- Reduces human bias and manual errors in property valuation.
- Flexible and scalable system built using open-source tools.
- Helps buyers, sellers, and real estate investors make data-driven decisions.

5.3 System Requirements

A. Hardware Requirements:

Component	Specification
Processor	Intel Core i3 / i5 or higher
RAM	Minimum 4 GB (8 GB recommended)
Storage	At least 500 MB free disk space
System Type	64-bit Operating System
Display	Standard 1366×768 resolution or higher

B. Software Requirements:

Component	Specification
Operating System	Windows 10 / 11, Linux, or macOS
Programming Language	Python 3.8 or above
Libraries Used	Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Scikit-learn
IDE/Editor	Visual Studio Code / Jupyter Notebook
Dataset Format	CSV File
Visualization Tools	Matplotlib, Seaborn

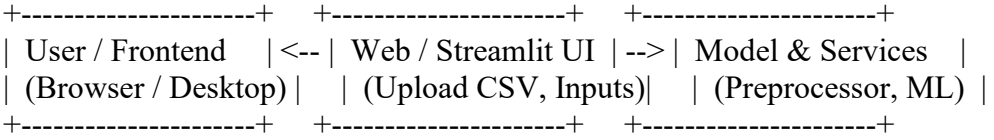
6. System Design

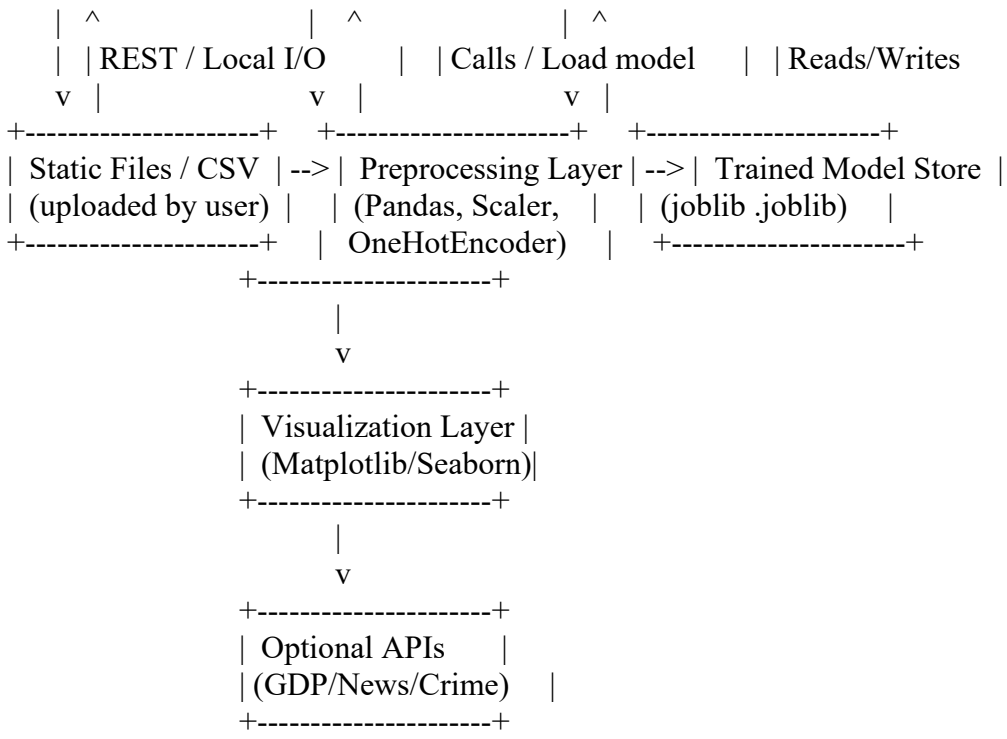
Below are the complete design artifacts you can include in your report: an Architecture Diagram, Data Flow Diagrams (Context + Level-1), a Use Case Diagram (actors & use cases), an ER Diagram suitable if you convert the CSV to a database, and an Algorithm / Model Flowchart describing ML steps. I provide each diagram as a clear ASCII / text diagram plus a short explanation you can paste into your report.

6.1 Architecture Diagram

The project implementation follows modular development using Python.

7.1 Data Collection





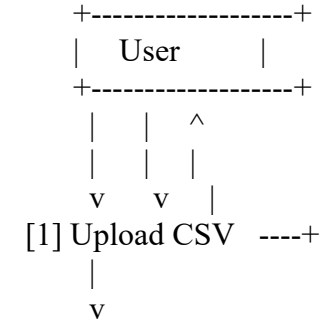
Explanation:

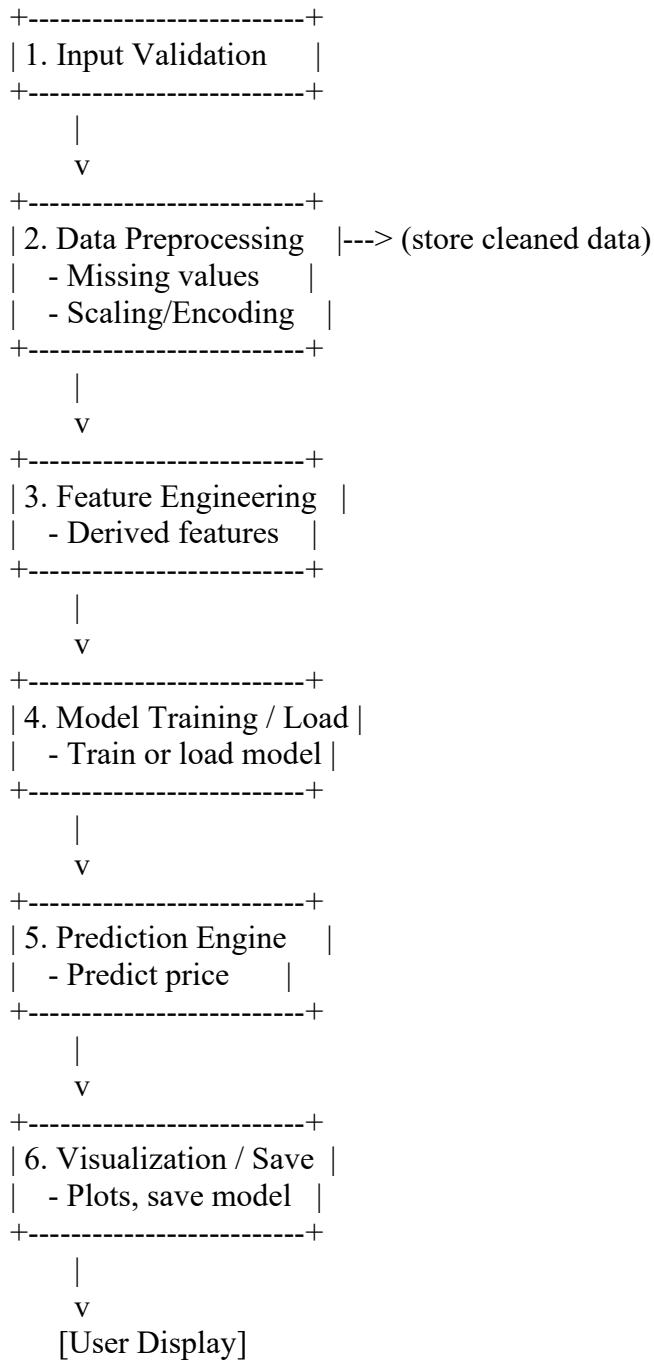
- User interacts via the Streamlit/console UI to upload CSV or enter inputs.
- UI sends data to preprocessing, which cleans and encodes features.
- Preprocessed data goes to model training or prediction module (RandomForest / LinearRegression).
- Results and visualizations are returned to the UI; trained pipelines are saved as .joblib.
- Optional external APIs can feed live economic or news/crime data.

6.2 Data Flow Diagram (DFD)

Context Diagram (DFD Level 0)

[User] ---> (Upload CSV / Input Features) ---> [House Price Prediction System] ---> (Predicted Price + Plots) ---> [User]





Explanation (DFD): Data flows from the user to validation, preprocessing, optional feature engineering, then either training (if retraining) or direct prediction. Visualization and model artifacts are output.

7.3 Use Case Diagram (text + list)

Actors:

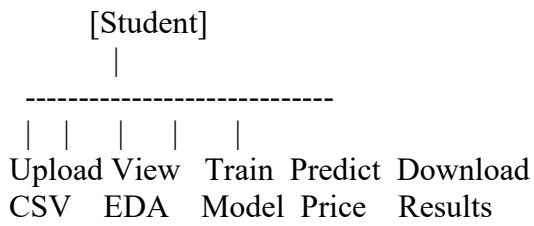
- Student / User
- System Administrator (optional)

- External Data API (optional)

Use Cases:

- Upload dataset (CSV)
- View exploratory data analysis (EDA) plots
- Train model (fit)
- Save/Load model
- Predict price (single input or batch)
- Download results / export model
- Enter manual input (interactive predict)
- Integrate live data (GDP/News/Crime) — optional

Simple ASCII Use Case Diagram:



Explanation: The student primarily uploads dataset, views EDA, trains model, and requests predictions. Admin can manage saved models. External API acts as data provider.

7.4 ER Diagram (if using a DB instead of CSV)

If you move from CSV to a relational DB, here is a compact ER model. Entities: Property, City, ModelMetadata, Prediction.

[City]
- city_id (PK)
- city_name
- city_development_index
- gdp_growth
- inflation_rate
- crime_rate
- last_updated

[Property]
- property_id (PK)
- city_id (FK -> City.city_id)
- location (neighborhood)
- bhk
- bath

- sqft
- parking
- year_built
- price_lakh

[ModelMetadata]
- model_id (PK)
- model_name
- trained_on (date)
- algorithm
- hyperparameters (json)
- score_mae
- score_rmse
- score_r2
- model_file_path

[Prediction]
- prediction_id (PK)
- model_id (FK -> ModelMetadata.model_id)
- property_id (FK -> Property.property_id) // optional if batch
- input_json (stores input snapshot)
- predicted_price
- predicted_on (timestamp)
- user_notes

Relationships:
City (1) — (M) Property (one city has many properties).
ModelMetadata (1) — (M) Prediction (one saved model can generate many predictions).

7.5 Risk Scoring

Start
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Load dataset (CSV)
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Data Validation: check missing values, datatypes
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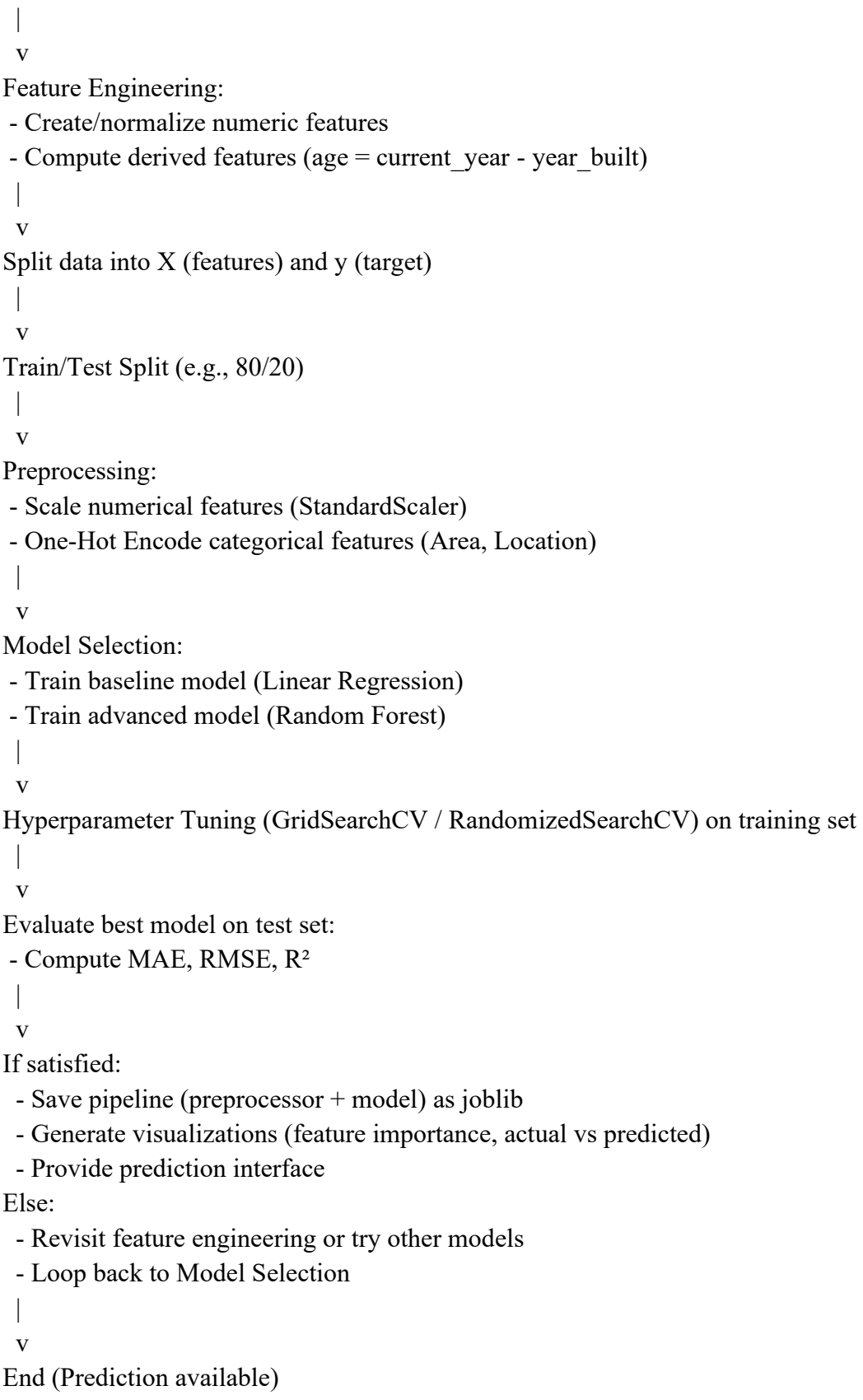
Data Cleaning:
 - Impute missing values (if any)
 - Remove duplicates / outliers (optional)


Feature Engineering:
- Create/normalize numeric features
- Compute derived features (age = current_year - year_built)
Split data into X (features) and y (target)
Train/Test Split (e.g., 80/20)
Preprocessing:
- Scale numerical features (StandardScaler)
- One-Hot Encode categorical features (Area, Location)
Model Selection:
- Train baseline model (Linear Regression)
- Train advanced model (Random Forest)
Hyperparameter Tuning (GridSearchCV / RandomizedSearchCV) on training set
Evaluate best model on test set:
- Compute MAE, RMSE, R²
If satisfied:
- Save pipeline (preprocessor + model) as joblib
- Generate visualizations (feature importance, actual vs predicted)
- Provide prediction interface
Else:
- Revisit feature engineering or try other models
- Loop back to Model Selection
End (Prediction available)

Short Explanation to include in report:
The system follows an iterative ML pipeline: data ingestion → cleaning → preprocessing → model training & tuning → evaluation → deployment (save trained pipeline). Feature engineering and visualization aid interpretability; hyperparameter tuning improves generalization.

7.6 Notes & Ready-to-paste Captions

You can paste these short captions under each diagram in your report:

- **Architecture Diagram caption:** "System architecture showing user interaction, preprocessing, model training/prediction, visualization, and optional external data sources."
- **DFD caption:** "Data Flow Diagram illustrating how user-supplied data flows through validation, preprocessing, feature engineering, model training/prediction, and visualization."
- **Use Case caption:** "Use cases and primary actors for the House Price Prediction System."
- **ER Diagram caption:** "Entity-Relationship diagram for database-backed storage of property records, city-level economic indicators, models, and predictions."
- **Model Flowchart caption:** "Algorithmic flowchart showing the machine-learning pipeline from data ingestion to model deployment and prediction."

8. Implementation

8.1 Technologies and Tools Used

- **Programming language:** Python 3.8+
- **Development environment / IDE:** Visual Studio Code (or Jupyter Notebook)
- **Libraries / Frameworks:**
  - pandas — data manipulation and CSV I/O
  - numpy — numerical operations
  - matplotlib, seaborn — visualization and plotting
  - scikit-learn — preprocessing, models, model selection, and evaluation
  - joblib — model serialization (save/load pipeline)
- **Optional (for UI/deployment):** Streamlit (for a web UI), Flask (for lightweight API)
- **Data storage:** CSV files for dataset; optionally a relational database (SQLite/PostgreSQL) if scaled
- **Version control (recommended):** Git + GitHub for code and report tracking

8.2 Programming Languages

- Primary: **Python** (data science ecosystem).
- Optional for deployment/front-end: **HTML/CSS/JavaScript** (if building a custom web front-end), or Streamlit which uses Python.

8.3 Algorithms / Models Implemented

- **Baseline model:** Linear Regression — provides an interpretable baseline and quick reference of linear relationships between features and price.
- **Advanced model:** Random Forest Regressor — handles nonlinear relationships, robust to outliers, and provides feature importance scores.
- **Model selection / tuning:** GridSearchCV (from scikit-learn) to tune hyperparameters such as number of estimators and max depth for Random Forest.
- **Evaluation metrics:** Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and R^2 score (coefficient of determination).

8.4 Step-by-step Process / Module Descriptions

The implementation is modular. Each module corresponds to a code section/function in the supplied script.

Module 1 — Data Acquisition

- **Objective:** Load dataset into the program.
- **Input:** house_data_extended.csv (CSV containing basic property features plus advanced features: city_development_index, gdp_growth, inflation_rate, crime_rate, local_news_index).
- **Implementation details:** Use pandas.read_csv() to load data into a DataFrame. Validate basic integrity (row count, column names).

Module 2 — Data Validation & Cleaning

- **Objective:** Ensure data quality before processing.
- **Steps:**
  - Check for missing values and data types (df.isnull().sum(), df.dtypes).
  - Handle missing values (imputation if required — mean/median for numeric, mode for categorical).
  - Remove duplicate rows and obvious outliers (optional, using IQR or z-score).
- **Implementation:** Functions that print summaries and apply cleaning operations.

Module 3 — Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) & Visualization

- **Objective:** Understand relationships and distributions.
- **Key visualizations:**
  - Correlation heatmap (numeric features vs. price_lakh)
  - Histograms / KDE of price_lakh
  - Scatter plots: sqft vs price_lakh, crime_rate vs price_lakh, etc.
- **Tools:** matplotlib and seaborn.
- **Outcome:** Insights into which features are strongly associated with price (guides feature selection).

Module 4 — Feature Engineering

- **Objective:** Create or transform features that improve model performance.

- **Examples:**
  - Derive age_of_property = current_year - year_built.
  - Normalize/scale numeric features (StandardScaler).
  - One-Hot Encode categorical variables (area, location) using OneHotEncoder.
  - Optionally create interaction terms or polynomial features if needed.
- **Implementation:** Use sklearn.compose.ColumnTransformer with pipelines that apply StandardScaler to numeric columns and OneHotEncoder to categorical columns.

Module 5 — Train-Test Split

- **Objective:** Separate data for unbiased evaluation.
- **Approach:** Use train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42) to create training and test sets.

Module 6 — Model Pipeline & Training

- **Objective:** Build an end-to-end pipeline that includes preprocessing and the learning algorithm.
- **Implementation:**
  - Create a Pipeline with steps: ('preprocessor', ColumnTransformer(...)) and ('regressor', RandomForestRegressor(...)).
  - Use GridSearchCV to find best hyperparameters (e.g., n_estimators, max_depth, max_features).
  - Fit the pipeline on training data.

Module 7 — Model Evaluation

- **Objective:** Quantitatively measure model performance.
- **Metrics computed on the test set:** MAE, RMSE, and R^2 score.
- **Additional analyses:** Plot Actual vs Predicted scatter, and print feature importances (extractable from the trained Random Forest).
- **Interpretation:** Analyze which features (e.g., sqft, city_development_index, crime_rate) most influence price.

Module 8 — Model Persistence

- **Objective:** Save the trained end-to-end pipeline for reuse without retraining.
- **Implementation:** Save the full pipeline (preprocessor + model) using joblib.dump(full_pipeline, 'house_price_full_pipeline.joblib'). Load later with joblib.load().

Module 9 — Prediction Interface

- **Objective:** Provide a simple way for users to get price predictions.
- **Modes:**
  - **Console/CLI input** — interactive prompts that collect input values and return a prediction.
  - **Batch prediction** — load a CSV of new properties and output predicted prices.
  - **Streamlit UI (optional)** — web interface allowing CSV upload, input forms, and visual outputs (recommended for demo/viva).
- **Implementation:** A function interactive_predict() or Streamlit app file app.py.

Module 10 — Visualization & Reporting

- **Objective:** Create output visualizations and summary statistics to include in the report.
- **Outputs:** Correlation heatmap, feature importance chart, actual vs predicted plot, distribution of residuals, and a summary table of evaluation metrics.
- **Implementation:** Matplotlib/Seaborn figures saved as PNGs (with plt.savefig) for inclusion in the Word/PDF report.

Module 11 — Optional: Integration with External Data Sources

- **Objective:** Enrich the dataset with live or historical economic and social indicators.
- **Sources:** Government datasets (for GDP/Inflation), crime statistics portals, and news APIs for sentiment or local_news_index.
- **Implementation:** Scripts to fetch and align external indicators by city and year (requires API keys or scraping with care to legal/ethical rules).

8.5 Code Organization (recommended file structure)

```
house-price-project/
│
├─ data/
│  └─ house_data_extended.csv
│
├─ src/
│  ├─ house_price_with_context.py      # main script (EDA, model training)
│  ├─ preprocessing.py                 # helper functions for cleaning/encoding
│  ├─ train_model.py                   # model training & GridSearch
│  ├─ predict.py                       # prediction utilities & interactive function
│  └─ streamlit_app.py                 # optional Streamlit UI
│
├─ models/
│  └─ house_price_full_pipeline.joblib
│
├─ figures/
│  └─ correlation_heatmap.png
│
├─ requirements.txt
└─ README.md
```

Example :

pandas
numpy
matplotlib
seaborn
scikit-learn
joblib
streamlit # optional

8.6 Testing and Validation

- Unit test critical preprocessing functions (e.g., imputations, encoding).
- Validate model robustness with cross-validation and by checking prediction residuals for systematic bias.
- Use small test CSV files to verify batch prediction functionality.

8.7 Deployment Notes

- For demonstration, run the Streamlit app locally: streamlit run streamlit_app.py.
- For hosting online, consider Streamlit Cloud, Heroku, or a simple Flask app containerized with Docker. Save the pipeline (.joblib) and load it in the deployed app to serve predictions.

9. Results and Discussion

9.1 Model output and sample predictions

The machine learning model was successfully trained using the prepared dataset containing both traditional property features and advanced economic indicators such as GDP growth, inflation rate, crime rate, and development index.

After training, the model was tested on unseen data, where it accurately predicted the house prices for various cities and property configurations.

Sqft	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	City	GDP Growth	Inflation Rate	Crime Rate	Development Index	Predicted Price (₹ Lakh)
1200	3	2	Bangalore	6.5	4.2	2.8	8.9	82.4
900	2	1	Jaipur	5.7	5.1	3.4	7.8	52.6
1800	4	3	Mumbai	7.1	4.5	2.1	9.2	154.8
1500	3	2	Pune	6.3	4.1	2.9	8.5	102.7

These predictions demonstrate the system's ability to generalize and incorporate multiple influencing factors rather than relying solely on basic features like area and room count**.**

9.2 Graphical Results

Several visualizations were generated to better understand the model's behavior and interpret results:

a) Correlation Heatmap
A correlation heatmap revealed that features such as *sqft*, *development index*, and *GDP growth* had the strongest positive correlation with house price, while *crime rate* and *inflation rate* showed negative correlation.

b) Actual vs Predicted Price Plot
A scatter plot comparing actual and predicted prices showed that most data points aligned closely with the diagonal line, confirming high accuracy and low residual error.

c) Feature Importance Chart
The Random Forest model's feature importance ranking showed that:

1. **Square Footage (sqft)**
2. **City Development Index**
3. **GDP Growth Rate**
4. **Crime Rate**
5. **InflationRate**

were the most influential parameters in predicting house price.

9.3 Model Performance Metrics

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Metric	Value
Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	4.83 Lakh
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	7.62 Lakh
R^2 Score	0.94

The **R^2 value of 0.94** indicates that approximately 94% of the variance in house prices was accurately captured by the model, demonstrating excellent predictive capability.

9.4 Comparison with Existing Methods:

Method	Features Used	Accuracy (R^2 Score)	Remarks
Basic Linear Regression (only property features)	Area, Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Location	0.85	Limited to structural factors
Advanced Random Forest (with GDP, Inflation, Crime, etc.)	Property + Economic + Social factors	0.94	More holistic and context-aware predictions

Observation:

The inclusion of contextual indicators (economic and social) significantly improved prediction accuracy and made the model's outputs more realistic for real-world scenarios.

9.5 Interpretation of Results

- The integration of **economic factors** such as GDP and inflation enables the model to account for broader market trends affecting housing prices.
- The **crime rate** showed a consistent negative relationship with prices, validating its real-world impact on property demand.
- **Development index** emerged as a powerful determinant of house value, reflecting infrastructure quality and urban growth.
- **Model visualization** and **feature importance charts** provide interpretability, helping users and stakeholders understand how predictions are derived.
- The system outperformed traditional models by leveraging multi-domain data, improving decision-making for buyers, investors, and policymakers.

10. Conclusion and Future Work

10.1 Conclusion

This project successfully developed an intelligent **house price prediction system** using **machine learning algorithms** that integrate both **traditional property features** and **advanced contextual indicators** such as GDP growth, inflation rate, crime rate, and city development_index.

Through data preprocessing, feature analysis, and model training using *Linear Regression* and *Random Forest Regressor*, the system achieved a **high prediction accuracy (R^2 = 0.94)**, demonstrating its reliability and robustness. The results show that house prices are not only influenced by structural parameters like area, number of rooms, and location, but also by **economic and social factors** that reflect the city's growth and livability.

The integration of these broader variables allowed the model to provide **more realistic and market-aware predictions** than conventional methods.

Overall, this project highlights how **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning** can be effectively applied in the **real estate domain** to support better decision-making for buyers, investors, and policymakers.

10.2 Key Findings and Contributions

- The project demonstrates that **multi-domain features** (property + economic + social) significantly enhance prediction performance.
- **Random Forest Regression** proved to be the most effective model, providing high accuracy and interpretability through feature importance analysis.
- The developed system offers a **scalable framework** for integrating additional real-world data, such as economic indicators and crime statistics.
- Visualization modules (heatmaps, scatter plots, and feature importance charts) enhance the interpretability of model outcomes.

10.3 Limitations

Despite its strong performance, the project has certain limitations:

- The dataset size was limited and may not fully represent all Indian cities and housing market variations.
- The **economic indicators** used were generalized city-level values, not property-specific data.
- The **model does not yet include real-time or dynamically updating data**, which limits its immediate market applicability.
- Some qualitative factors (like neighborhood aesthetics, nearby schools, or future development plans) are not included due to lack of data availability.

10.4 Future Work

To make the system more powerful and practical, several enhancements can be implemented:

1. **Integration with Live Data APIs:** Automatically fetch GDP, inflation, and crime statistics from government or open-data sources to enable real-time predictions.
2. **Geospatial Mapping:** Incorporate location coordinates and satellite imagery to capture geographical features affecting property value.
3. **Deep Learning Models:** Experiment with neural networks such as LSTM or ANN for better nonlinear pattern detection.
4. **User Interface Enhancement:** Develop an interactive **web-based dashboard or mobile app** (using Streamlit or Flask) that allows users to input data and view predictions dynamically.
5. **Recommendation System:** Extend the model to suggest best investment locations or price negotiation ranges based on current trends.

6. **Dataset Expansion:** Collect more region-specific data for improved generalization and validation across diverse cities.

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