

**MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH TO DETECT &  
ANNOTATE DISEASES USING RETINAL IMAGGES**

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# 1. Project progress

## 1.1. Dataset

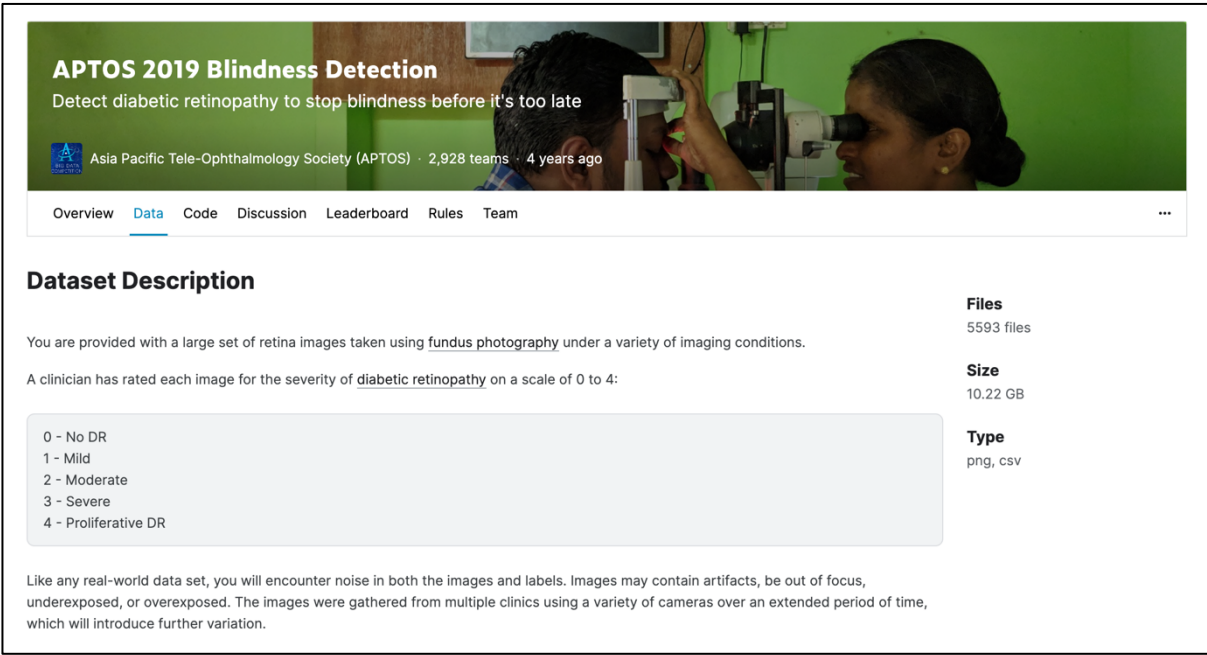


Figure 2: Kaggle APTOS dataset

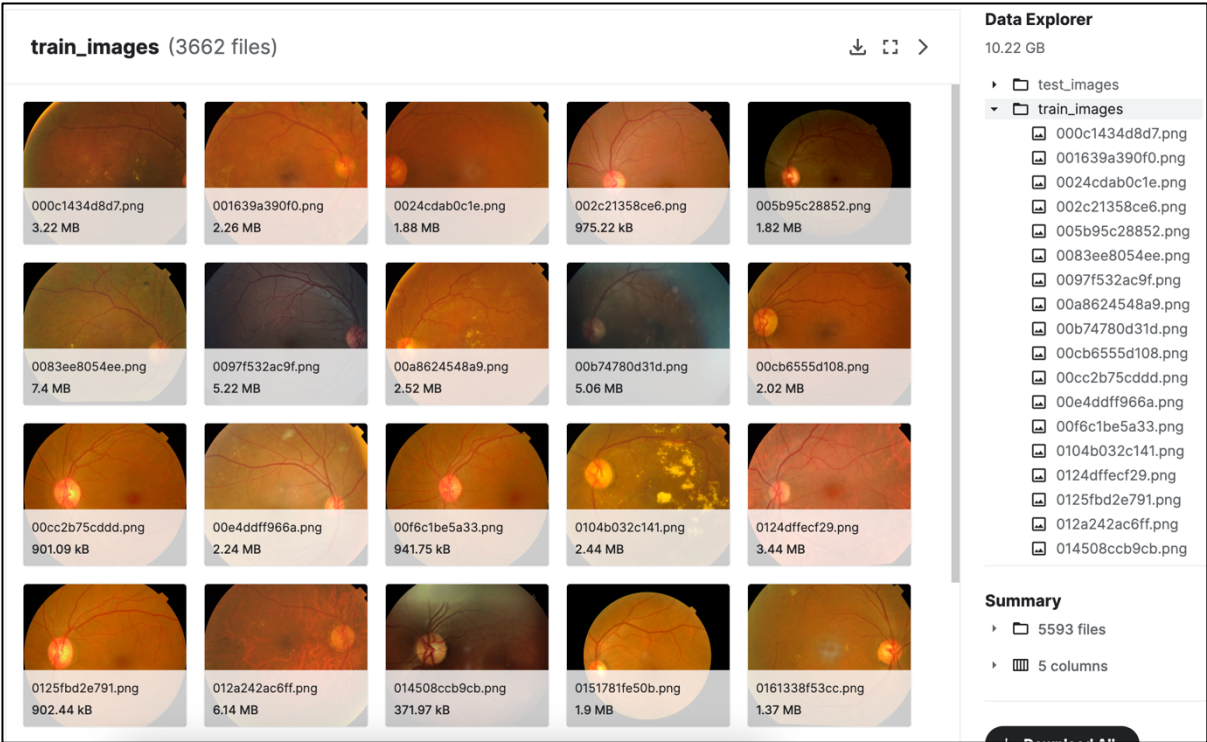


Figure 1: Sample train images

## 1.2. Diabetic retinopathy severity classification model

This research centers around the development of a mobile application, with the intent to keep the model lightweight. Initially, I developed a model using DenseNet121. However, it soon became apparent that this model was too expansive, thereby increasing training time and demanding more resources. Moreover, it was discovered over time that the model tended to overfit due to the lack of widely distributed features in the dataset.

As a result, I proposed implementing my own lightweight linear model as a solution. Even prior to that, I noticed that the three-channel images in the dataset were leading to extended training times. Moreover, for the purposes of classification, there's no necessity for three-channel images. Thus, during preprocessing, I converted these images to grayscale before feeding them into the model. This deep learning model is comprised of two Convolutional 2D layers, two Max Pooling 2D layers, a Dropout layer, a Flatten layer, and Dense layers.

```
# Split the dataset into training and validation set
x_train, x_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(x_train, y_train, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Load DenseNet121 with pre-trained ImageNet weights
base_model = DenseNet121(weights='imagenet', include_top=False)

# Add a new top layer
x = base_model.output
x = layers.GlobalAveragePooling2D()(x)
predictions = layers.Dense(5, activation='softmax')(x)

# This is the model we will train
model = Model(inputs=base_model.input, outputs=predictions)

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer=Adam(lr=0.0001), loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Specify the callbacks
checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint('model.h5', monitor='val_loss', verbose=1,
                             save_best_only=True, mode='min', save_weights_only = True)
reduceLROnPlat = ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor='val_loss', factor=0.5,
                                     patience=3,
                                     verbose=1, mode='min', epsilon=0.0001)
early = EarlyStopping(monitor="val_loss",
                      mode="min",
                      patience=10)

# Train the model
history = model.fit(x_train, y_train, validation_data=(x_val, y_val),
                    epochs=10, verbose=1,
                    callbacks=[checkpoint, reduceLROnPlat, early])
```

Figure 3: DenseNet121 Model

```
# model
model = keras.Sequential()

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(64, (3,3) , input_shape = (48,48,1) , padding="same"))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(64, (3,3), padding="same"))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.Flatten())
model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(5 , activation = 'softmax'))

model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 48, 48, 64)	640
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 24, 24, 64)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 24, 24, 64)	36928
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 12, 12, 64)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 12, 12, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 9216)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 5)	46085

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Total params: 83,653  
Trainable params: 83,653

Figure 4: My own solution

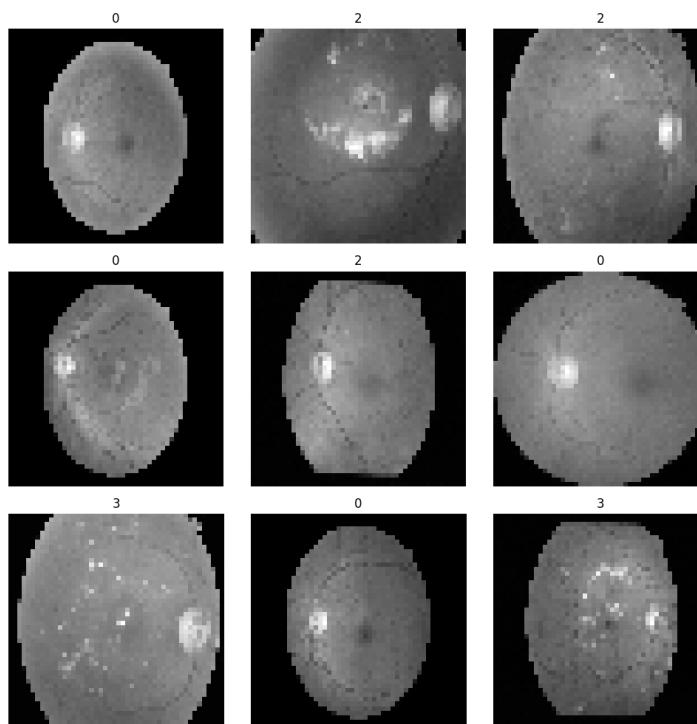


Figure 5: Preprocessed images

## 2. Project view

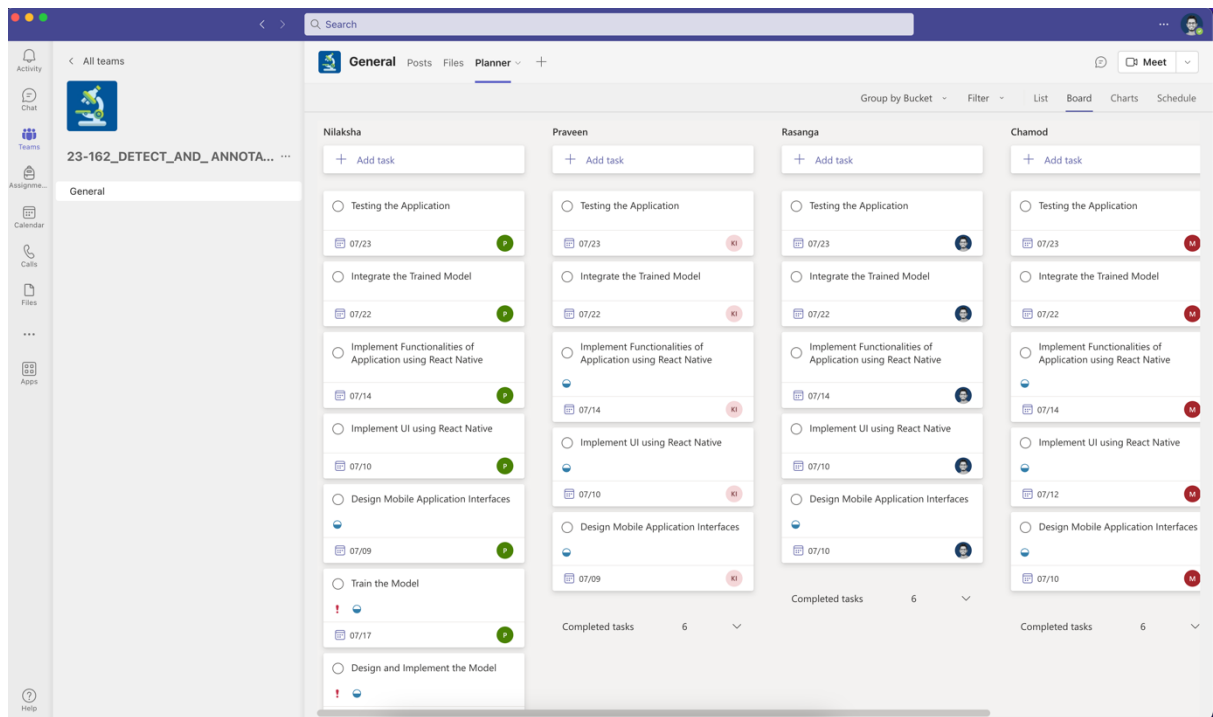


Figure 6: Planner - board view

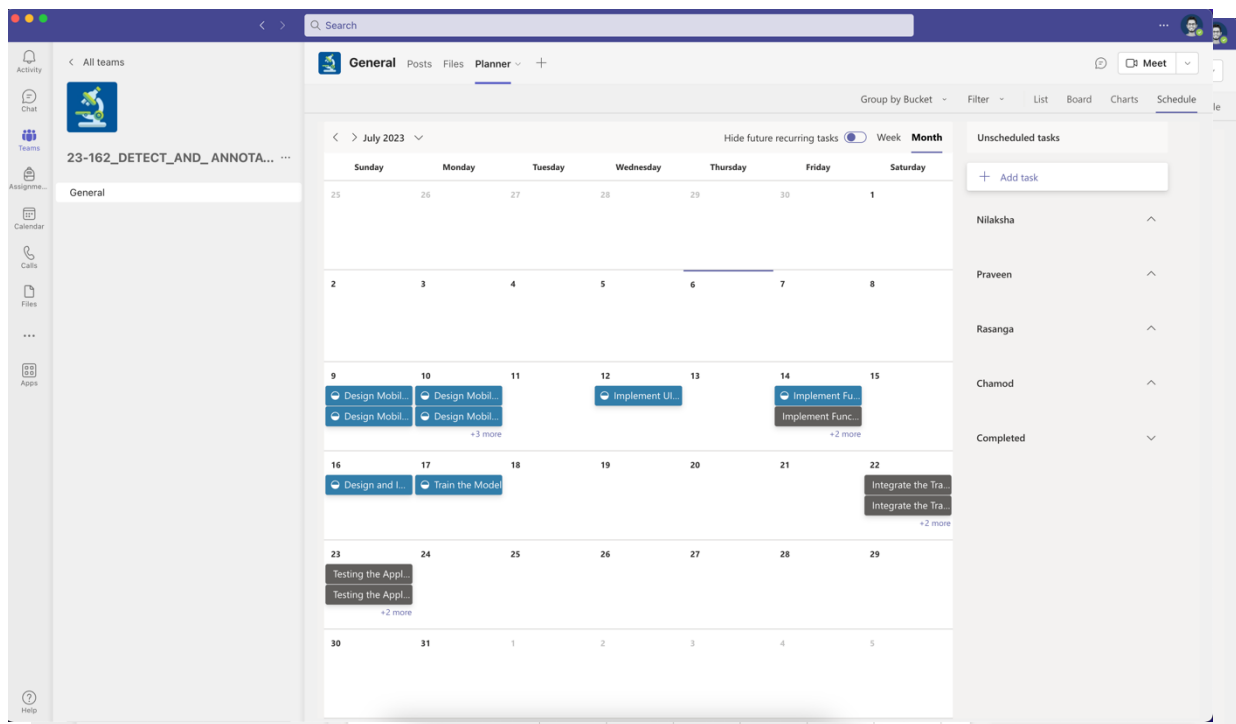


Figure 8: Planner - schedule view

### 3. Gantt chart

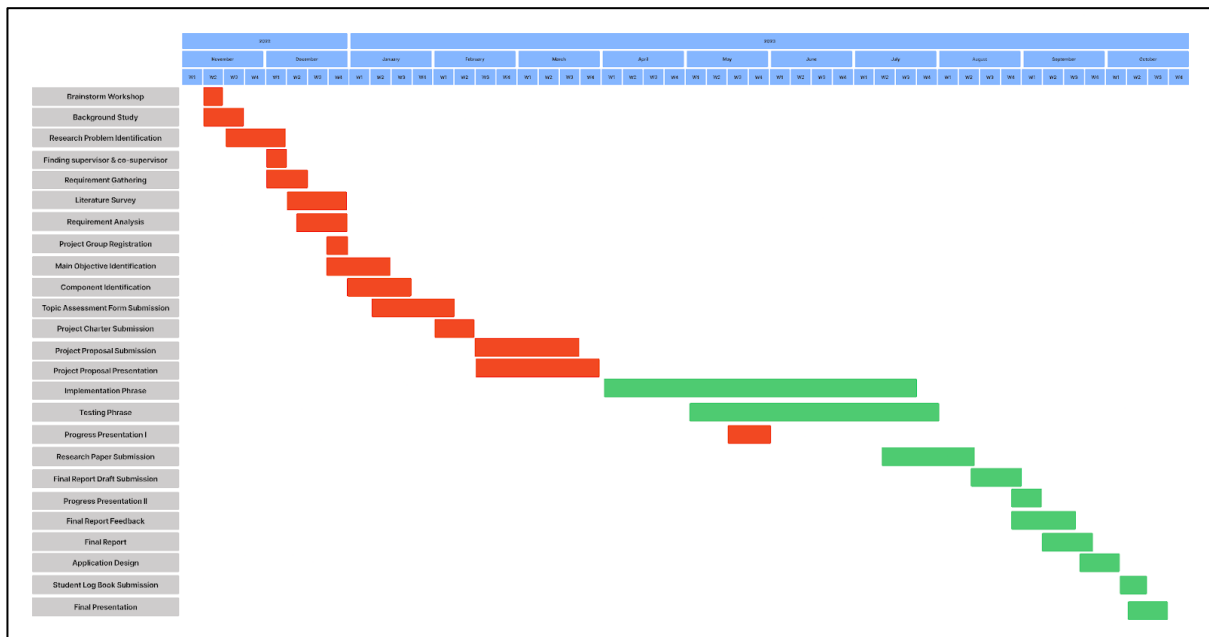


Figure 9: Gantt chart

### 4. Screenshots of conversations and calls – MS Teams

