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VISION OF THE INSTITUTION

To serve the society by offering top-notch technical education on par with globalstandards.

MISSION OF THE INSTITUTION

- Be a center of excellence for technical education in emerging technologies byexceeding the needs of industry and society.
- Be an institute with world class research facilities.
- Be an institute nurturing talent and enhancing competency of students to transform them as all- round personalities respecting moral and ethical values.

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To become a renowned hub for AIML technologies to producing highly talented globally recognizable technocrats to meet industrial needs and societal expectation.

Mission 1: To impart advanced education in AI and Machine Learning, built upon afoundation in Computer Science and Engineering.

Mission 2: To foster experiential learning equips students with engineering skills to tacklereal-world problems.

Mission 3: To promote collaborative innovation in AI, machine learning, and related researchand development with industries.

Mission 4: To provide an enjoyable environment for pursuing excellence while upholdingstrong personal and professional values and ethics.

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEOS)

PEO 1: Excel in technical abilities to build intelligent systems in the fields of AI

&ML in order to find new opportunities.

PEO 2: Embrace new technology to solve real-world problems, whether alone or as a team, while prioritizing ethics and societal benefits.

PEO 3: Accept lifelong learning to expand future opportunities in research and product development.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES :

Engineering students will be able to:

1. **Engineering knowledge:** Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineeringfundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.
2. **Problem analysis:** Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences.
3. **Design/development of solutions:** Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
4. **Conduct investigations of complex problems:** Use research-based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data,and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions.
5. **Modern tool usage:** Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, andmodern engineering and IT tools including prediction and modeling to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations.

6. **The engineer and society:** Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
7. **Environment and sustainability:** Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
8. **Ethics:** Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.

9. **Individual and team work:** Function effectively as an individual, and as a memberor leader in diverse teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.

10. **Communication:** Communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.

11. **Project management and finance:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principles and apply these to one's own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects and in multidisciplinary environments.

12. **Life-long learning:** Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technologicalchange.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES (PSOs)

PSO 1: Expertise in tailoring ML algorithms and models to excel in designated applicationsand fields.

PSO 2: Ability to conduct research, contributing to machine learning advancements andinnovations that tackle emerging societal challenges.

ABSTRACT

Weather forecasting is a critical scientific discipline that predicts atmospheric conditions at a given location and time. By utilizing data collected from satellites, weather stations, radars, and other sensors, modern forecasting combines empirical observations with numerical modeling techniques to provide insights into temperature, precipitation, wind patterns, and other meteorological variables. Advances in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and computational power have further refined the accuracy and timeliness of forecasts, enabling applications ranging from daily planning to disaster preparedness. This abstract explores the principles, methods, and challenges of weather forecasting, emphasizing its societal importance and the potential for future innovations to address uncertainties and extreme weather events. Weather forecasting is an essential tool for decision-making across various sectors, including agriculture, transportation, energy, and disaster management. By leveraging observational data and sophisticated models, it predicts short-term and long-term atmospheric conditions with increasing precision. The integration of machine learning and high-resolution climate models has enhanced the ability to forecast extreme weather events, offering critical lead time for preparedness and mitigation. Despite significant progress, challenges such as data gaps, computational constraints, and the chaotic nature of weather systems remain. This abstract highlights the evolution of forecasting technologies and their impact on society, underscoring the need for continuous innovation and global collaboration.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Weather forecasting plays a vital role in modern society, providing essential information about atmospheric conditions to support daily activities and safeguard lives and property. It involves the prediction of weather elements such as temperature, precipitation, wind speed, and pressure using a combination of observational data, statistical techniques, and numerical models. The field has evolved significantly over the decades, driven by advancements in satellite technology, computational power, and meteorological understanding. Meteorologists use this data along with sophisticated computer models and statistical methods to predict weather patterns, including temperature, precipitation, wind speeds, and storm developments. Accurate weather forecasting is crucial for a wide range of activities, from daily planning and agriculture to disaster preparedness and aviation.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The accuracy and reliability of weather forecasting continue to pose significant challenges despite advancements in technology. While modern forecasting techniques have greatly improved prediction capabilities, unpredictable atmospheric variables, incomplete data, and computational limitations still result in errors, particularly for longer-term forecasts or in regions with limited observation infrastructure. Inaccurate weather predictions can lead to adverse consequences, including economic losses in agriculture, infrastructure damage from severe weather events, and even loss of life during natural disasters. Addressing these issues requires improving data collection, refining predictive models, and enhancing the integration of new technologies to provide more accurate and timely forecasts.

1.3 OBJECTIVE

The objective of weather forecasting is to provide accurate and timely predictions of atmospheric conditions to support a wide range of human activities and mitigate the impacts of severe weather. This includes improving the precision of short-term and long-term forecasts by enhancing data collection methods, developing advanced computational models, and integrating cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Another key goal is to increase the accessibility and reliability of weather information, ensuring it reaches individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies who rely on it for decision-making and disaster preparedness. Ultimately, the objective is to reduce the risks associated with weather-related events, protect lives and property, and support sustainable development across various sectors.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM

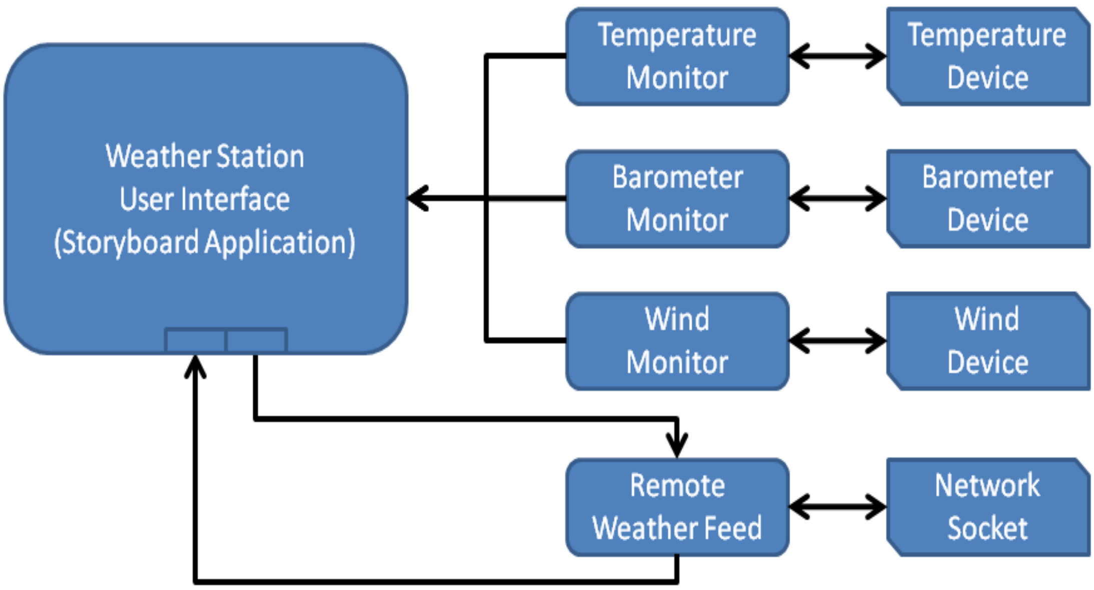

Fig 3.1 Block Diagram

CHAPTER 3

KEY PHASES OF DESIGN THINKING

Design thinking is a human-centered approach to innovation and problem-solving that involves several key phases. These phases are:

3.1 Empathize: This is the first step, where designers seek to understand the needs, experiences, and challenges of the people they are designing for. It involves conducting user research, interviews, observations, and immersing oneself in the user's environment to gain deep insights.

3.2 Define: In this phase, the insights gathered during the empathize phase are synthesized to define a clear problem statement. This step aims to articulate the core issue that needs solving, ensuring that the design process is focused on addressing the right challenge.

3.3 Ideate: With a clear problem definition, the next step is to generate a wide range of possible solutions. This phase encourages creativity and brainstorming, exploring different ideas without judgment to identify innovative approaches to solving the problem.

3.4 Prototype: In this phase, designers create tangible representations of the solutions, often in the form of models or prototypes. These prototypes are used to explore how the ideas work in practice, enabling designers to test and refine their concepts before further development.

3.5 Test: The final phase involves testing the prototypes with real users to gather feedback and identify areas for improvement. Testing allows designers to validate their solutions, iterate on their designs, and make adjustments to better meet user needs.

CHAPTER 4

MODULE DESCRIPTION

4.1 Brainstorming

Brainstorming for weather forecasting involves exploring innovative ways to enhance the accuracy, accessibility, and efficiency of predicting atmospheric conditions. One idea is to improve data collection by deploying a larger network of low-cost, real-time sensors, including drones or autonomous weather stations in remote or underserved areas. Additionally, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning could be leveraged to analyze complex weather data more quickly and accurately, identifying patterns that traditional models might miss. Another approach could be integrating more high-resolution satellite imagery and utilizing crowdsourced weather reports to enhance localized forecasting, especially in areas prone to microclimates. Collaboration between meteorologists and climate scientists could help refine long-term forecasting models by incorporating climate change projections and improving prediction capabilities for extreme weather events. Moreover, user-centric tools such as personalized weather apps or platforms could provide more tailored and actionable forecasts to different sectors, including agriculture, transportation, and disaster management. Finally, fostering international cooperation and data sharing could improve global weather forecasting, ensuring that critical data from different regions is accessible for more accurate, worldwide predictions.

4.2 Mind Mapping

Mind mapping for weather forecasting involves visually organizing key concepts and their relationships to understand the various components that contribute to accurate predictions. At the center of the map is "Weather

Forecasting," branching out into several major categories such as "Data Collection," "Meteorological Tools," "Data Analysis," "Weather Models," and "Forecasting Challenges." Under "Data Collection," sub-branches include sources like weather stations, satellites, radars, and weather balloons, each playing a vital role in gathering real-time atmospheric information. The "Meteorological Tools" branch expands to include instruments like barometers, thermometers, and anemometers that measure pressure, temperature, and wind speed. "Data Analysis" involves processing the collected data using computational techniques, statistical methods, and machine learning algorithms to extract useful patterns.

4.3 5Ws+1H Analysis

Who: Weather forecasting involves meteorologists, climate scientists, and technicians who analyze weather data. It also includes organizations like national meteorological agencies, private weather companies, and institutions that develop predictive models.

What: Weather forecasting refers to the process of predicting atmospheric conditions such as temperature, precipitation, wind speed, and pressure. This process is based on the collection of data from various sources like satellites, weather stations, radar systems, and weather balloons.

When: Weather forecasts are created regularly, ranging from short-term forecasts (hours to days) to long-term predictions (weeks or months). They are continuously updated as new data becomes available.

Where: Weather forecasting is applied globally, with specialized services tailored to specific regions, from urban areas to remote locations. Forecasts are made for local, national, and international levels.

Why: The purpose of weather forecasting is to provide accurate and timely predictions to help individuals and organizations prepare for weather events. This is essential for various sectors such as agriculture, transportation, disaster management, and daily life.

How: Weather forecasting is carried out through the collection of vast amounts of atmospheric data using technology such as satellites, radar, and weather stations. This data is then analyzed using sophisticated models and computational algorithms to predict future weather patterns. The process is continually refined to improve the accuracy and reliability of the forecasts.

4.4 User Participant Mapping

User Participant Mapping for weather forecasting involves identifying and categorizing the various groups of people who interact with weather data and services. These participants can be broadly classified into primary, secondary, and tertiary users, each with distinct needs and roles. Primary users include meteorologists and climate scientists, who analyze weather data and develop forecasts using advanced models and tools. Secondary users encompass individuals and organizations who directly rely on weather forecasts for decision-making, such as farmers, pilots, transportation services, and emergency management agencies. These users depend on accurate and timely weather information to plan and take necessary actions. Tertiary users include the general public, who access weather information through mobile apps, news outlets, and online platforms to inform their daily activities. Understanding the needs, preferences, and challenges of these diverse participants is crucial in designing weather forecasting systems that are user-friendly, efficient, and capable of providing relevant and actionable insights to each group.

4.5 Contextual Inquiry and Analysis

Contextual inquiry and analysis for weather forecasting involves gathering in-depth insights about how users interact with weather data and how forecasting systems are utilized in real-world scenarios. By observing and engaging with meteorologists, emergency responders, agricultural workers, and other stakeholders, researchers can identify the specific needs, challenges, and decision-making processes involved in weather-related activities. Contextual inquiry typically involves interviews, observations, and field studies to understand the context in which weather forecasts are used, including the environments, tools, and workflows. This data is then analyzed to uncover pain points, gaps in existing forecasting systems, and opportunities for improvement. The goal is to create more effective, user-friendly forecasting systems that address the unique needs of each user group, ensuring that weather information is accessible, actionable, and relevant. The insights gained from this process can lead to more accurate forecasts, better communication, and more informed decision-making, ultimately improving responses to weather-related events and enhancing preparedness.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

Weather forecasting has evolved into a sophisticated discipline that combines meteorological understanding, advanced computational models, and vast datasets to predict atmospheric conditions with increasing accuracy. Modern forecasting relies heavily on numerical weather prediction (NWP) models, which integrate physical principles, atmospheric dynamics, and real-time data assimilation. These advancements, supported by the rapid growth in computational power and satellite technology, have significantly improved short- to medium-range forecast reliability. However, challenges remain, particularly in long-range forecasting, where chaotic atmospheric behavior and uncertainties in initial conditions can lead to reduced precision. Probabilistic approaches and ensemble methods have been instrumental in addressing these limitations by providing a range of possible outcomes and their likelihoods, enabling better decision-making under uncertainty. Moreover, the integration of machine learning and artificial intelligence holds promise for further enhancing predictive capabilities by identifying patterns and anomalies in large datasets. As weather forecasting continues to advance, its applications—ranging from disaster management and agriculture to energy and transportation—underscore its critical role in safeguarding lives, optimizing resources, and mitigating the impacts of climate variability. Ultimately, while perfect prediction may remain elusive due to the inherently chaotic nature of the atmosphere, the continuous refinement of tools and techniques promises a future of even more accurate and actionable forecasts.

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APPENDIX A – SCREENSHOTS

Fig A-1 Detailed Description

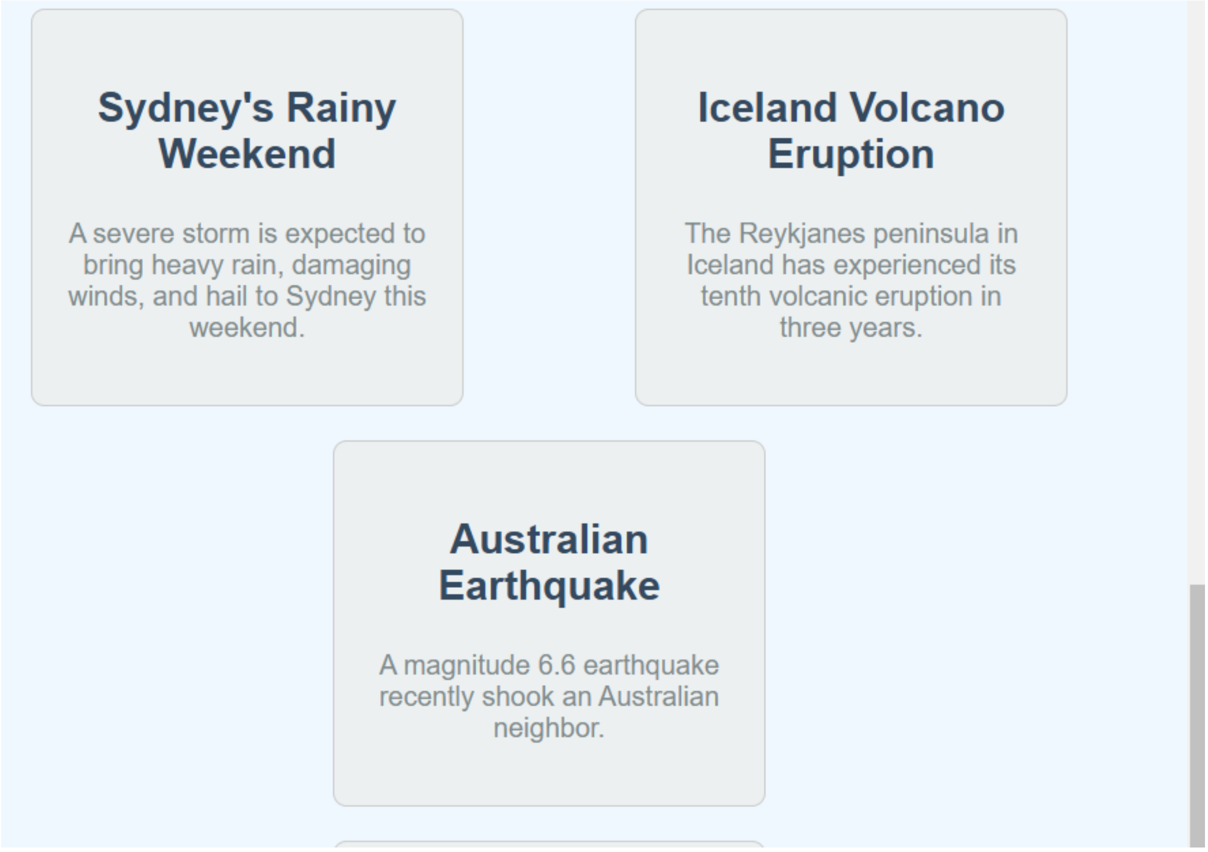

Fig A-2 Detailed Description