

# A Machine Learning Approach to Detect Spam Messages

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# What is spam?

# Why is spam detection important?

# How spam affects users?

- Unwanted or irrelevant messages sent in bulk over the internet. Includes junk emails, fake ads, phishing messages, and harmful links
- Why is spam detection important?
  - Protects users from **fraud and phishing attacks**.
  - Saves **time and storage space**.
  - Prevents **malware or virus infections**.
  - Keeps your **inbox clean and organized**.
- How spam affects users
  - Leads to **financial losses** through scams.
  - Steals **personal or sensitive data**.
  - Can **infect computers** with viruses or ransomware.

# Objective of the Project:

develop an efficient “Spam Detection System “that can automatically identify and classify emails or messages as spam or not ham using Machine Learning techniques

- To classify messages as Spam or Not Spam using Machine Learning.
- To automate the process of spam detection with high accuracy.
- To deploy the trained model using a simple Gradio web app.

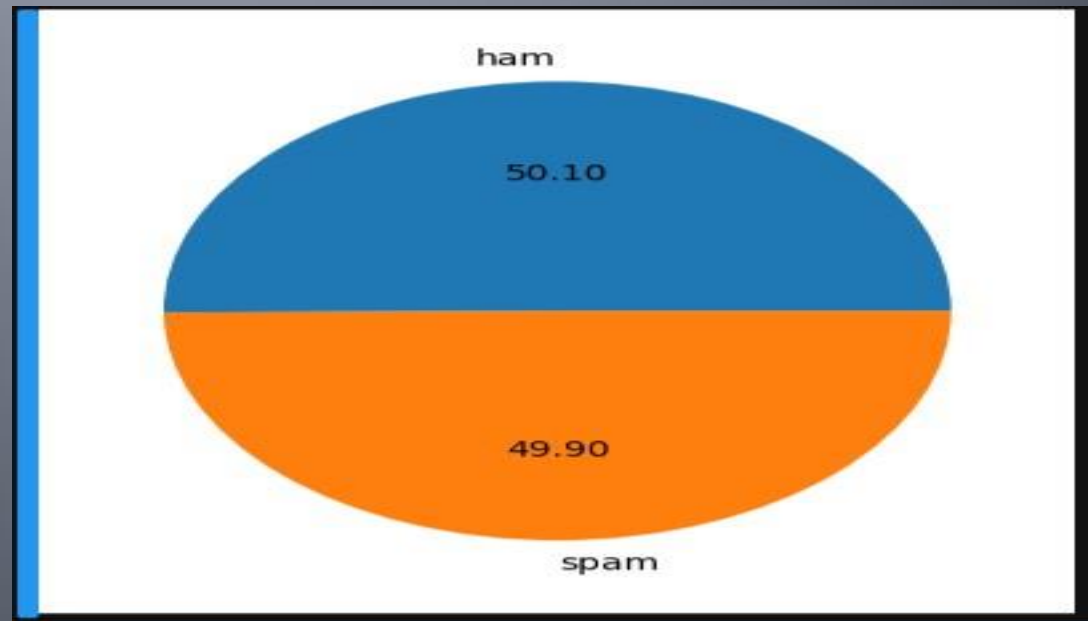
Name of dataset : "small\_spam\_dataset.csv"

Total messages: 500

Two columns: Label (Spam/Ham) and Message (Text).

Around 49% of messages are spam.

pie chart showing % of Spam vs Ham:



# Data Preprocessing

- Lowercasing the text.
- Removing punctuation and special characters.
- Tokenization and stopwords removal.
- Applying stemming using PorterStemmer.
- Converting text to numerical form using TF-IDF.

# Model Building

Algorithm used: Naive Bayes.

- TF-IDF Vectorizer used to convert text into feature vectors.
- Dataset split into training and testing sets (50:49).
- SMOTE used to balance spam and ham samples.
- Model trained to achieve 92% accuracy.

# Implementation:

**by Gradio App** : A Gradio app is created for real-time spam detection. The user inputs a message, and the model predicts Spam or Not Spam

**Spam Message Classifier**

Detect whether a message is Spam or Not Spam.

text

"Let's go for lunch."

output

✓ Not Spam

Flag

Clear Submit

Use via API • Built with Gradio • Settings

**Spam Message Classifier**

Detect whether a message is Spam or Not Spam.

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"Win a free iPhone!"

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Clear Submit

text

"Your OTP is 235421. Don't share it with anyone."

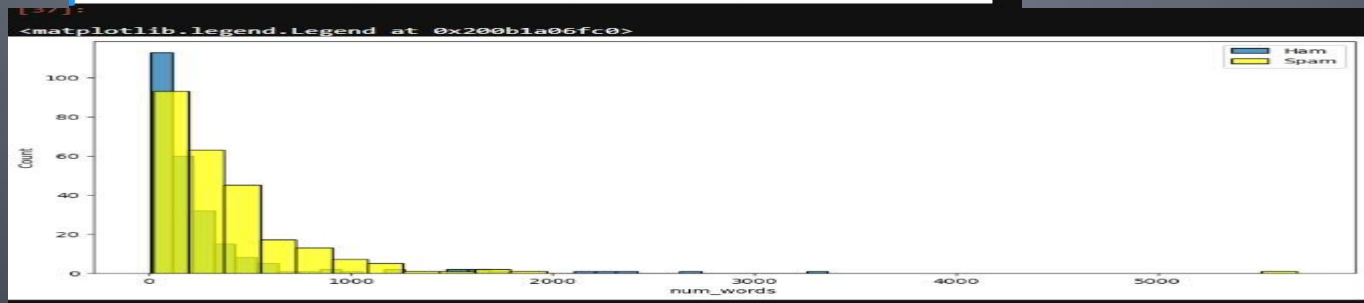
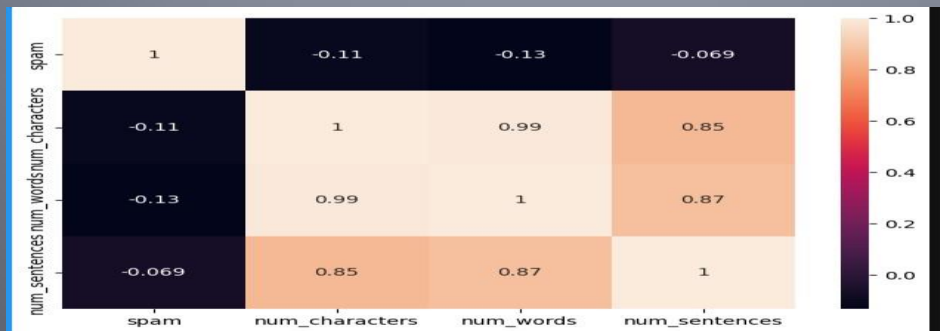
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# Results & Accuracy

- Accuracy achieved 92%
- Confusion matrix or classification report:





# References

- Dataset source: kaggle
- Tools used : Python, Scikit-learn, NLTK, Gradio,etc
- Open source
- IDE: Jupyter Notebook.