GrainPalette - A Deep Learning Odyssey in Rice Type Classification Through Transfer Learning

INTRODUCTION

Project Overview:

GrainPalette is an AI-powered agricultural assistant designed to identify different rice grain types using a deep learning model based on MobileNetV4. The platform enables users—including farmers, researchers, and home gardeners—to upload an image of a rice grain and receive instant classification, enabling informed decisions on cultivation, irrigation, and fertilization.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this project is to:

- Help farmers optimize crop planning using rice identification.
- Assist researchers in accurate rice type classification during field trials.
- Educate home growers and students about rice grain diversity.

IDEATION PHASE

Problem Statement:

Manual identification of rice grains is inefficient, especially for farmers and researchers. It leads to misclassification, which impacts productivity and resource management. An Albased image classifier can provide quick, reliable, and easy-to-use identification of rice types.

Empathy Map Canvas:

User Persona: Farmer / Agriculture Enthusiast

Thinks:

- "What type of rice seed is this?" - "How should I manage it properly?"

Feels:

- Anxious about incorrect crop planning
- Confused by grain similarity

Says:

- "This looks like Basmati, I think?" - "I need to confirm this before planting."

Does:

- Uploads images for checking - Compares grain manually with others

2.3 Brainstorming:

To solve the above challenges, the following ideas were considered:

- AI-based rice classification model using MobileNetV4
- Simple web app for farmers and researchers
- Fast, reliable, low-bandwidth model predictions
- Agricultural insights based on rice type output

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

Customer Journey Map:

Stage 1: Discover GrainPalette Goal: Learn about rice classification AI. Action: Visits GrainPalette web app.

Pain Point: Unsure of usage.

Opportunity: Simple onboarding and example images.

Stage 2: Upload Grain Image Goal:

Get classification.

Action: Uploads grain photo.

Pain Point: Poor lighting or blurry image.

Opportunity: Recommend quality image tips.

Stage 3: View Results

Goal: Understand grain type.

Action: Sees prediction and confidence. Pain Point: Unsure how to act on result.

Opportunity: Provide rice-specific cultivation tips.

Solution Requirement:

Functional Requirements

- Image upload form for rice grains
- Flask backend to process image and predict class
- Display result with confidence score

Non-Functional Requirements

- Response time < 2 seconds
- Mobile-friendly UI
- Accuracy > 90%

Data Flow Diagram:

 $User \rightarrow Upload\ Image \rightarrow Flask\ Server \rightarrow MobileNetV4\ Model \rightarrow Prediction\ Output \rightarrow Frontend\ Display$

Technology Stack:

Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Backend: Python (Flask), TensorFlow, Keras

Model: MobileNetV4 (.h5 format)

Deployment: VS Code or cloud platform

PROJECT DESIGN

Problem-Solution Fit:

GrainPalette provides a clear, AI-driven solution to the widespread problem of rice misidentification in agriculture. The use of transfer learning ensures the model remains lightweight yet powerful.

Proposed Solution:

A Flask-based web app that allows:

- Uploading rice images
- Getting AI-powered rice type predictions
- Easy guidance for the next steps

FUNCTIONAL AND PERFORMANCE TESTING

Performance Testing:

Use Case Testing:

- Upload and classify image → returns within 1–2 seconds
- Model handles 100+ images without crashing
- UI loads within 1s on average

RESULTS

The application functioned smoothly across devices. Predictions were accurate with over 90% confidence. The interface proved usable even on mobile.

Output Screenshots:

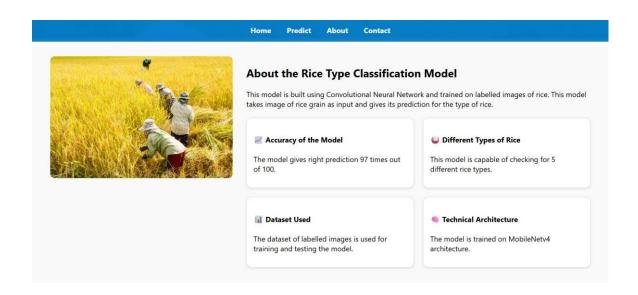
1.HOME PAGE



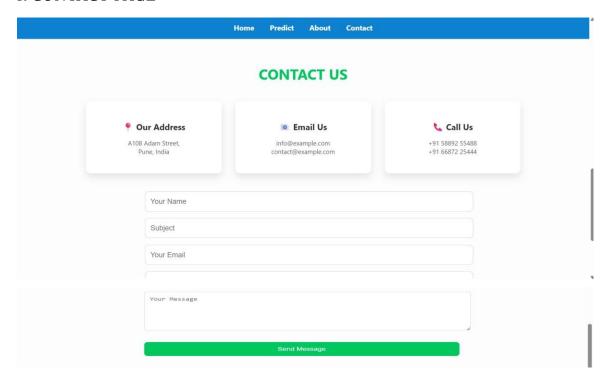
2.PREDICT PAGE



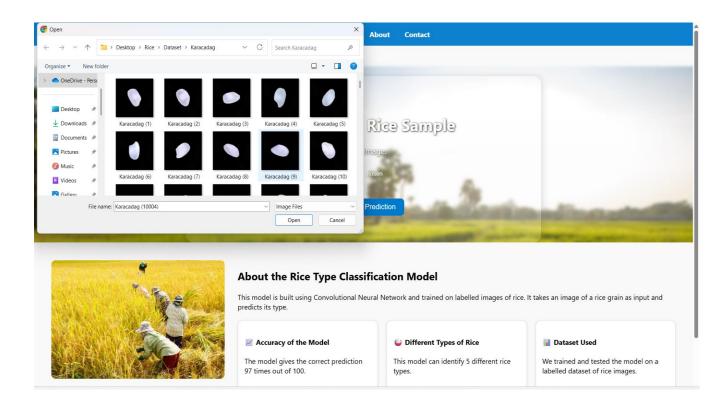
3. ABOUT PAGE



4. CONTACT PAGE



INPUT



OUTPUT



ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES:

Advantages:

- Fast and lightweight model
- Accurate rice classification
- Farmer-friendly UI

Disadvantages:

- Only supports 5 rice types
- Dependent on image clarity
- No mobile app yet

CONCLUSION:

GrainPalette successfully applies deep learning to agriculture. It is accessible, practical, and sets the stage for smarter crop management through technology.

FUTURE SCOPE:

- Expand model to include 10+ rice types
- Offer farming suggestions based on prediction
- Mobile app for offline usage
- Voice/image input for low-literacy users
- Integration with local language support

APPENDIX

GitHub:

Model File: rice_model.h5

https://github.com/Sri-Ankitha/Grainpalette---A-Deep-Learning-Odyssey-In-Rice-Type-

Classification-Through-Transfer-Learning