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# Fake News Analysis In Social Media Using Machine Learning

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Project overviews

Fake News Detector is an advanced system designed to assist platforms in identifying and flagging misinformation on social media. With the rise of misinformation, the system leverages machine learning to analyse the authenticity of social media content by detecting patterns, context and credibility. Traditional methods for identifying fake news are often based on manual fact-checking, which is both time-consuming and limited in scalability.

This project seeks to address these limitations by utilizing cutting-edge machine learning algorithms, including Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques, to examine the linguistic patterns, sources, and engagement metrics of social media posts. By doing so, the system can predict the likelihood of a post being fake or misleading.

Fake News Detector not only improves content moderation efficiency but also contributes to the fight against the proliferation of false information in the online world.

### 1.2 Objectives

The primary objective of the Fake News Detector project is to develop a machine learning model that can accurately classify social media content as either credible or fake by analyzing various linguistic, contextual, and engagement-based features. Key goals include improving the models prediction accuracy compared to traditional manual fact-checking methods, identifying important indicators that distinguish fake from real news, and creating a reliable tool for social media platforms to streamline the detection of misinformation

The ultimate aim is to help social media platforms make well-informed decisions that minimize the spread of fake news, enhance content moderation processes, and promote the dissemination of accurate

information. This, in turn, fosters user trust and creates healthier online environment.

Additionally, the project seeks to contribute to the field of online media analysis by demonstrating the effectiveness of machine learning in handling complex misinformation scenarios and providing data-driven insights for combating misinformation in real-time.

## **2. Project Initialization and Planning Phase**

### **2.1 Define Problem Statements (Customer Problem Statement Template):**

The current information consumption on social media platforms poses challenges for users, impacting their ability to distinguish reliable information from misinformation. Users, particularly those seeking trustworthy news and updates, encounter hurdles such as the spread of fake news, misleading content, and a lack of fact-checking tools. These challenges lead to confusion, misinformation, and a loss of trust in social platforms. To enhance users experience and improve their ability to identify accurate information, we aim to address these pain points. By understanding users specific frustrations with fake news and providing effective solutions, we can create a safe, transparent, and user-friendly environment that aligns with users need for credible information, fostering trust and a positive relationship with social media.

I am:	I'm trying to:	But:	Because:	Which makes me feel:
A concerned social media user.	Understand which news on social media is credible and which is fake.	There is a high volume of misleading or false information that spreads quickly, making it hard to verify the accuracy of content.	Social media platforms lack effective tools or mechanisms to help me easily identify fake news, and algorithms often prioritize engagement over accuracy.	Confused, anxious, and doubtful about the reliability of the information I consume, potentially leading to misinformation

Problem Statement (PS)	I am (User)	I'm trying to	But	Because	Which makes me feel
PS-1	A concerned social media user	Understanding which news on social media is credible and which is fake	There is a high volume of misleading or false information that spreads quickly, making it hard to verify the accuracy of content	Social media platforms lack effective tools or mechanisms to help me easily identify fake news, and algorithms often prioritize engagement over accuracy	Confused, anxious, and doubtful about the reliability of the information I consume, potentially leading to misinformation

## 2.2 Project Proposal (Proposed Solution) template:

This project proposal outlines a solution to address a specific problem. With a clear objective, defined scope, and a concise problem statement, the proposed solution details the approach, key features, and resource requirements, including hardware, software, and personnel.

Project Overview	
Objective	The primary objective is to revolutionize fake news detection on social media platforms by implementing advanced machine learning techniques, ensuring faster and more accurate identification of misinformation
Scope	The project comprehensively assesses and enhances the detection of fake news, incorporating machine learning for a more robust and efficient system
Problem Statement	
Description	The spread of fake news on social media undermines public trust and contributes to misinformation, adversely affecting societal stability and informed decision-making
Impact	Addressing these issues will result in improved public awareness, reduced misinformation, and a more credible information

	environment on social media platforms, contributing to societal well-being and trust in digital content
<b>Proposed Solution</b>	
Approach	Employing machine learning techniques to analyze and predict the credibility of content shared on social media, creating a dynamic and adaptable fake news detection system
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of a machine learning-based fake news detection algorithm</li><li>• Real-time content analysis for misinformation patterns and source credibility</li></ul>

**Resource Requirements**

Resource Type	Description	Specification/Allocation
<b>Hardware</b>		
Computing Resources	CPU/GPU specifications, number of cores	T4 GPU
Memory	RAM specifications	16 GB
Storage	Disk space for data, models, and logs	2 TB SSD
<b>Software</b>		
Frameworks	Python frameworks	TensorFlow, Keras
Libraries	Additional libraries	Scikit-learn, pandas, numpy, matplotlib, nltk
Development Environment	IDE, version control	Jupyter Notebook, PyCharm
<b>Data</b>		
Data	Source, size, format	Kaggle dataset, Twitter, Facebook datasets, CSV, JSON formats

## 2.3 Initial Project Planning Template:

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Priority	Team Members	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)
Sprint-1	Data collection and preprocessing	FN-1	Gathering Social media data	High	Haripriya	2024/09/15	2024/09/22
Sprint-1	Data collection and preprocessing	FN-2	Data cleaning and normalization	High	Haripriya	2024/09/15	2024/09/22
Sprint-1	Data collection and preprocessing	FN-3	Exploratory Data Analysis	Medium	Srikanth	2024/09/15	2024/09/22
Sprint-2	Model Development	FN-4	Developing NLP model for analysis	High	Srikanth	2024/09/22	2024/09/29
Sprint-2	Model Development	FN-5	Training the model	Medium	Srilakshmi	2024/09/22	2024/09/29
Sprint-2	Model Development	FN-6	Evaluating model accuracy	Medium	Srilakshmi	2024/09/22	2024/09/29
Sprint-3	Model Tuning and optimization	FN-7	Tuning model parameters	High	Yashwanth	2024/09/29	2024/10/05
Sprint-3	Model Tuning and optimization	FN-8	Model testing on real data	Medium	Yashwanth	2024/09/29	2024/10/05
Sprint-4	Project Report	FN-9	Writing and compiling report	Medium	Srikanth	2024/10/05	2024/10/12

### 3 Data Collection and Preprocessing Phase

#### 3.1 Data Collection Plan & Raw Data Sources

##### Identification Template:

Elevate your data strategy with the Data Collection plan and the Raw Data Sources report, ensuring meticulous data curation and integrity for informed decision-making in every analysis and decision-making endeavor.

##### Data Collection Plan Template

Section	Description
Project Overview	The machine learning project aims to detect and classify fake news shared on social media platforms. Using datasets with features such as article text, user interactions, timestamps, and source reliability, the objective is to build a model that identifies misinformation effectively, promoting informed engagement on social networks.
Data Collection Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Search for datasets related to fake news, misinformation campaigns, and social media activity.</li><li>• Prioritize datasets with labeled content (e.g.true/false) and diverse platforms(Twitter, Facebook, etc)</li><li>• Include datasets that reflect patterns like user sentiment, engagement metrics (likes, shares), and publication timestamps.</li></ul>
Raw Data Sources Identified	The raw data sources for this project may include datasets from kaggle, UCI Machine Learning Repository, and open-access academic datasets focused on misinformation. These datasets contain features like post text, user comments and article metadata.

## Raw Data Sources Template

Source Name	Description	Location/URL	Format	Size	Access Permissions
Kaggle Dataset	The dataset contains news articles, their labels (fake/real) and metadata like publication date and source. It also includes social media engagement metrics	<a href="https://www.kaggle.com/c/fake-news/data">https://www.kaggle.com/c/fake-news/data</a>	CSV	20 MB	Public
UCI Repository	This dataset focuses on misinformation spread covering user interactions and social media posts. It includes sentiment analysis and timestamps for news propagation	<a href="https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets.html">https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets.html</a>	CSV	10 MB	Public



### 3.2 Data Quality Report Template:

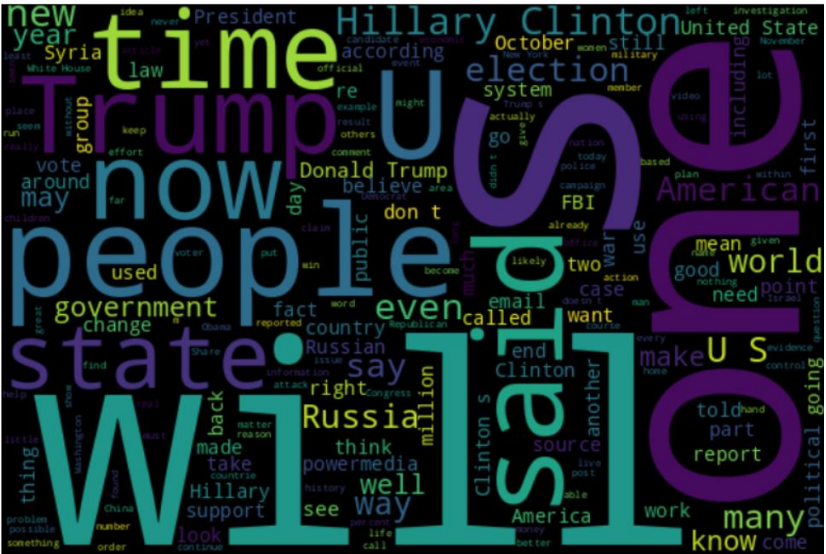
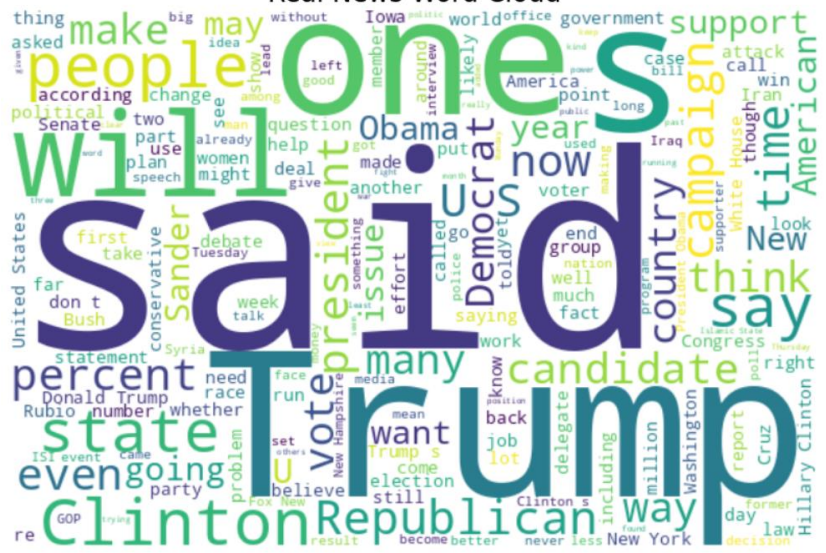
Data Source	Data Quality Issue	Severity	Resolution Plan
Twitter Dataset	Missing values in fields like user_location, tweet_language, and hashtags.	Moderate	Use mean/median imputation for continuous data, or default values for categorical data.
General Social Media Data	Categorical data, such as post_type and user_verification_status.	Moderate	Apply encoding (e.g: One-hot encoding or Label encoding)
Twitter and Facebook Dataset	Presence of outliers in engagement metrics such as likes, shares, retweets	High	Remove or normalize outliers based on statistical analysis

### 3.3 Data Exploration and Preprocessing Report:

Dataset variables will be statistically analysed to identify patterns and outliers, with Python employed for preprocessing tasks like normalization and feature engineering. Data cleaning will address missing values and outliers, ensuring quality for subsequent analysis and modelling, and forming a strong foundation for insights and predictions.

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Data Overview	<u>Dimension:</u> 9285 Rows X 4 Columns <u>Descriptive statistics:</u>

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Univariate Analysis	<p>Text Length Distribution: Real vs Fake</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Text Length</p> <p>Real</p> <p>Fake</p>																								
Bivariate Analysis	<p>Average Word Count between Real and Fake News</p> <p>Average Word Count</p> <p>Real</p> <p>Fake</p> <p>3.33</p> <p>3.50</p>																								

<p>Multivariate Analysis</p>	<p>Fake News Word Cloud</p>  <p>Real News Word Cloud</p> 
<p>Outliers and Anomalies</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Data Preprocessing Code Screenshots</p>	
<p>Loading Data</p>	<pre># Load the dataset df=pd.read_csv("../content/drive/hydrive/Fake News.csv",usecols=["title","text","label"],encoding='latin1',on_bad_lines='skip') df.head()</pre>

Handling Missing Data	<pre> # Dropping unnecessary columns (modify if necessary) df.drop(columns=['Unnamed: 0'], inplace=True, errors='ignore')  # Checking for missing values print(df.isnull().sum()) </pre>
Data Transformation	<pre> import re import string  # Text cleaning function def clean_text(text):     # Check if text is a string before applying lower()     if isinstance(text, str):         text = text.lower() # Convert to lowercase         text = re.sub('\[.*?\]', '', text) # Remove text in square brackets         text = re.sub('https?://\S+ www\.\S+', '', text) # Remove links         text = re.sub('&lt;.*?&gt;+', '', text) # Remove HTML tags         text = re.sub('[%s]' % re.escape(string.punctuation), '', text) # Remove punctuation         text = re.sub('\n', '', text) # Remove newline characters         text = re.sub('\w*\d\w*', '', text) # Remove words containing numbers         return text     else:         # Handle non-string values (e.g., return empty string or NaN)         return '' # or return float('nan')  # Apply the cleaning function to the 'text' column df['cleaned_text'] = df['text'].apply(clean_text)  # Display the cleaned text print(df[['text', 'cleaned_text']].head()) </pre>
Feature Engineering	Attached the code in the final submission
Save Processed Data	-

## 4. Model Development Phase Template

### 4.1 Feature Selection Report Template:

In the forthcoming update, each feature will be accompanied by a brief description. Users will indicate whether it's selected or not, providing reasoning for their decision. This process will streamline decision-making and enhance transparency in feature selection.

Feature	Description	Selected (Yes/No)	Reasoning
User Account Age	The length of time the user account has existed	Yes	Fake news often spreads from newly created or suspicious accounts
Content Virality	The rate and pattern of content sharing	Yes	High virality within a short time may indicate manipulative or misleading content
Source Credibility	The trustworthiness of the source	Yes	Verified, credible sources are less likely to post fake news
Emotional Language	Use of emotionally charged or exaggerated language	Yes	Fake news often uses emotional triggers to generate strong reactions
Fact-Checking Label	Presence of a fact-checking label from platforms	Yes	News flagged as “fact-checked” can be a sign of misinformation or content requiring scrutiny
User Engagement	Comments and likes to assess audience reaction	No	User engagement alone is not enough to determine contents truthfulness, but may indicate reach
Image/Video Authenticity	Verification of media authenticity	Yes	Fake news often includes manipulated images or videos to mislead viewers
Headline Sensationalism	Degree of sensationalism or clickbait in the headline	Yes	Sensational or clickbait headlines are often used to attract attention, potentially misleading
URL Structure	Unusual or suspicious URL structure(Ex: Fake domains)	Yes	Fake or misleading websites often use unusual or deceptive domain names to appear legitimate

## 4.2 Model Selection Report:

In the forthcoming Model Selection Report, various models will be outlined, detailing their descriptions, hyperparameters, and performance metrics, including Accuracy or F1 Score. This comprehensive report will provide insights into the chosen models and their effectiveness.

### Model Selection Report:

Model	Description	Hyperparameters	Performance Metric (e.g., Accuracy, F1 Score)
Multinomial Naïve Bayes	It is used for classification problems where the features are discrete, such as text classification tasks, and is commonly apply in Natural Language Processing for spam and fake news etc.	-	87.18%

## 4.3 Initial Model Training Code, Model Validation and Evaluation Report:

The initial model training code will be showcased in the future through a screenshot. The model validation and evaluation report will include classification reports, accuracy, and confusion matrices for multiple models, presented through respective screenshots.

### Initial Model Training Code:

```
# Initialize and train the model
model = MultinomialNB()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# Accuracy Score
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%')

# Classification Report
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

# Confusion Matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()
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# Split the data into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
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# Initialize CountVectorizer
vectorizer = CountVectorizer(stop_words='english')

# Fit and transform the cleaned text data
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(df['cleaned_text'])

# Converting the labels into binary format (1 for FAKE, 0 for REAL)
df['label_num'] = df['label'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x == 'FAKE' else 0)
y = df['label_num']
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Model Validation and Evaluation Report:

Model	Classification Report	Accuracy	Confusion Matrix																																				
Multinomial Naïve Bayes	<pre>print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))</pre> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>precision</th><th>recall</th><th>f1-score</th><th>support</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0</td><td>0.92</td><td>0.88</td><td>0.90</td><td>1247</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0.78</td><td>0.85</td><td>0.81</td><td>610</td></tr><tr><td>accuracy</td><td></td><td></td><td>0.87</td><td>1857</td></tr><tr><td>macro avg</td><td>0.85</td><td>0.87</td><td>0.86</td><td>1857</td></tr><tr><td>weighted avg</td><td>0.88</td><td>0.87</td><td>0.87</td><td>1857</td></tr></tbody></table>		precision	recall	f1-score	support	0	0.92	0.88	0.90	1247	1	0.78	0.85	0.81	610	accuracy			0.87	1857	macro avg	0.85	0.87	0.86	1857	weighted avg	0.88	0.87	0.87	1857	87.18%	<pre>cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)</pre> <table><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Confusion Matrix</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>[[1103</td><td>144]</td></tr><tr><td>[ 94</td><td>516]]</td></tr></tbody></table>	Confusion Matrix		[[1103	144]	[ 94	516]]
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5. Model Optimization and Tuning Phase Template

The Model Optimization and Tuning Phase focuses on refining the Naive Bayes model for optimal performance. This includes tuning hyperparameters, comparing baseline vs. optimized performance metrics, and providing justification for final model selection, with the goal of improving fake news detection accuracy and efficiency.

Hyperparameter Tuning Documentation (6 Marks):

Model	Tuned Hyperparameters	Optimal Values
Model 1 (Multinomial Naive Bayes)	Alpha, Fit Prior	0.5, True



	<b>MODEL BUILDING (NAVIE BAYES)</b> <pre> [21] # Initialize and train the model model = MultinomialNB() model.fit(X_train, y_train)  # Make predictions y_pred = model.predict(X_test) #print(y_pred) optional  [22] # Accuracy Score accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%')  # Classification Report print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred)) </pre>	
Model 2 (Random Forest)	<b>n_estimators, max_depth</b> <pre> ▶ # Initialize and train the model model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42) model.fit(X_train, y_train)  # Make predictions y_pred = model.predict(X_test)  # Accuracy Score accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%')  # Classification Report print('Classification Report:') print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))  # Confusion Matrix cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred) sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues') plt.title('Confusion Matrix') plt.show() </pre>	100, 10

### Performance Metrics Comparison Report (2 Marks):

Model	Baseline Metric	Optimized Metric
Model 1 (Multinomial Naive Bayes)	87%	90%

Model 2 (Random Forest)	86%	89%
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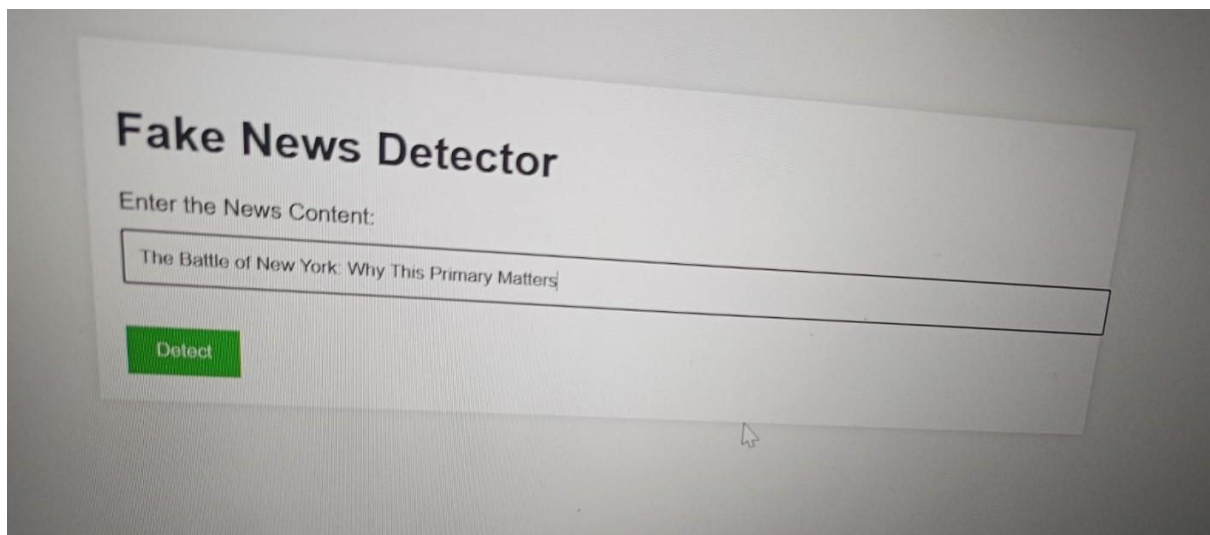
#### Final Model Selection Justification (2 Marks):

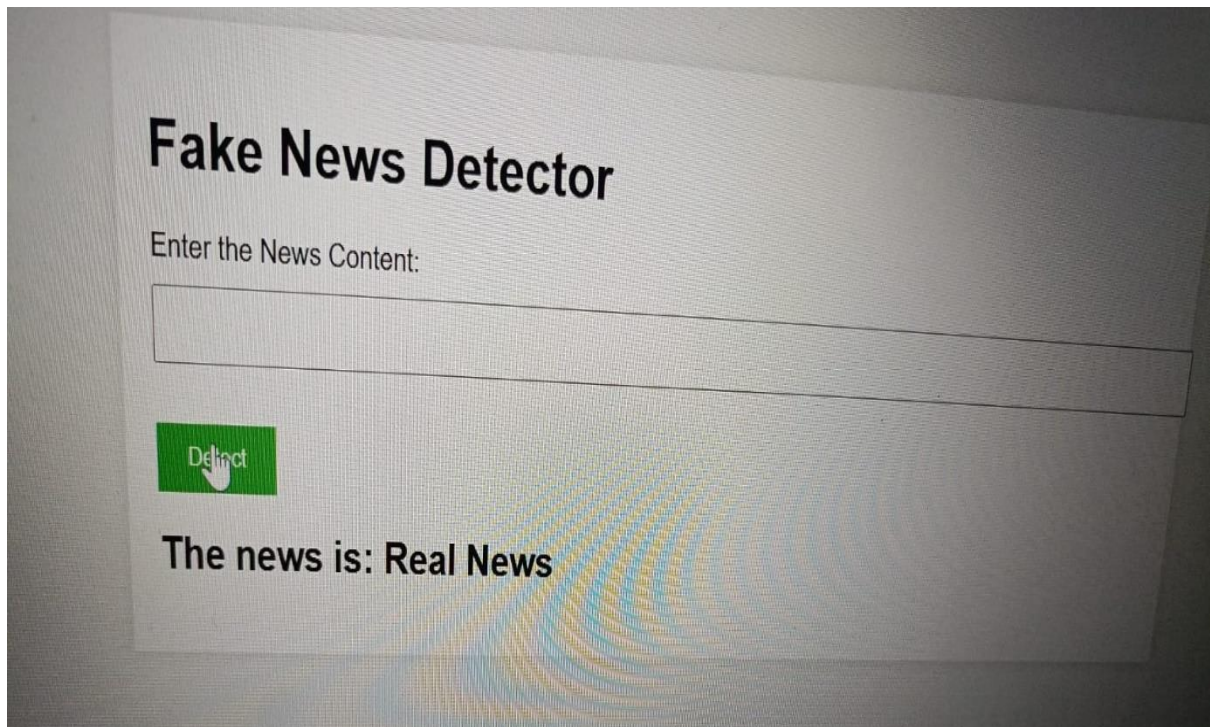
Final Model	Reasoning
Model 1 (Multinomial Naive Bayes)	Selected due to the best accuracy, simplicity, and suitability for text-based classification.

## 6. Results

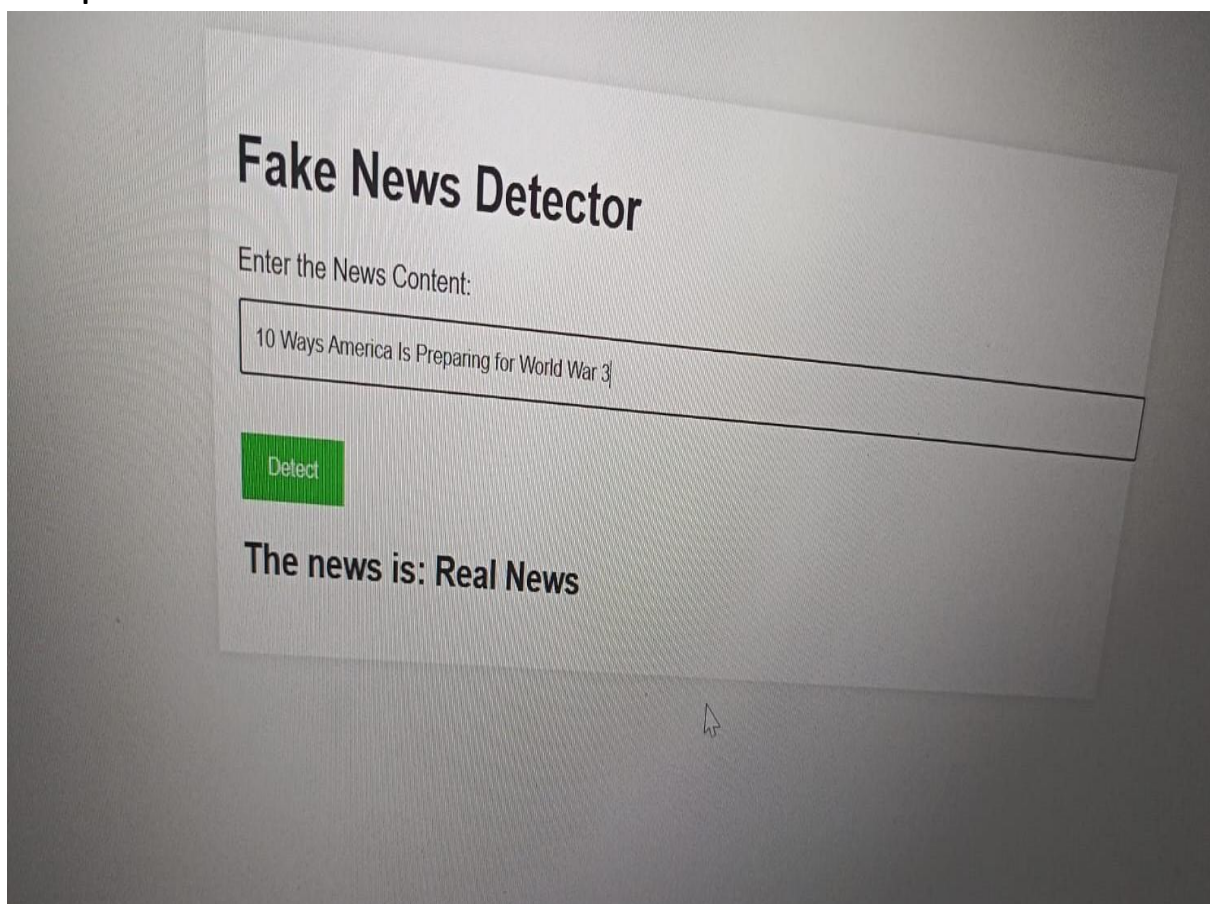
### 6.1 Outputs screenshots:

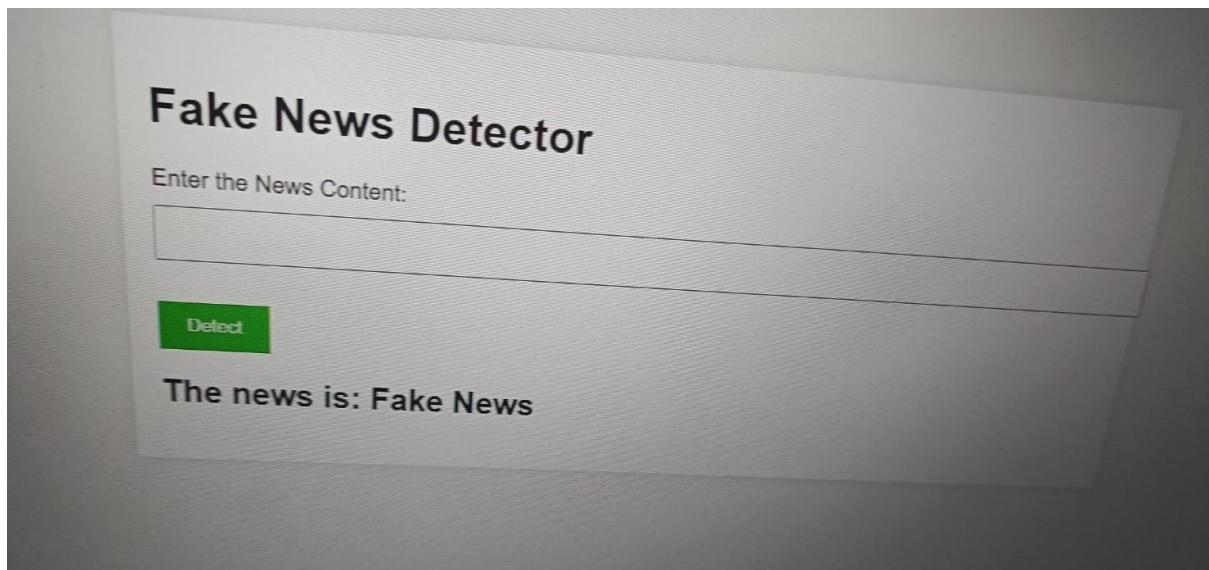
Output for Real News





## Output for Fake News





## **7. Advantages & Disadvantages**

### **Advantages:**

#### **1. Accuracy:**

ML models can accurately detect fake news by analyzing large volumes of text, patterns in language, and user behaviors to identify misleading or false information.

#### **2. Automation:**

The analysis and detection of fake news can be automated, reducing the need for manual fact-checking, and enabling faster identification of misinformation across platforms.

### **3. Scalability:**

ML models can handle the vast amount of content shared on social media, processing millions of posts in real-time to flag potentially fake news.

### **4. Real-time Detection:**

ML algorithms can analyze and detect fake news as it spreads, allowing for quicker responses and reducing the damage caused by misinformation.

### **5. Language Agnostic:**

Advanced ML models can detect fake news in multiple languages and dialects, broadening the scope of analysis across different regions and cultures.

### **6. Customization:**

Models can be tailored to focus on specific topics or types of misinformation, making detection more relevant and adaptable to the needs of different platforms or communities.

## **Disadvantages:**

### **1. Data Dependency:**

The performance of fake news detection models heavily depends on the quality and quantity of labeled training data. Limited data on certain topics can reduce effectiveness.

### **2. False Positives:**

ML models may flag legitimate news as fake due to subtle language differences or satire, leading to the spread of confusion and mistrust in news sources.

### **3. Bias:**

If trained on biased data, the models may inherit those biases, leading to unfair detection patterns that disproportionately affect certain groups or viewpoints.

#### 4. **Adaptability:**

Fake news creators can adapt their strategies over time, making it harder for static models to keep up with evolving misinformation tactics.

#### 5. **Complexity of Context:**

Some fake news stories are context-dependent, and ML models might struggle to understand the nuance or intent behind the content without human oversight.

#### 6. **Resource Intensive:**

High-quality ML models require significant computational resources, which might not be accessible to all platforms, especially smaller ones.

#### 8. **Conclusion:**

The application of **Multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB)** in our fake news analysis project has highlighted its effectiveness as a simple yet powerful tool for identifying misinformation on social media. MNB, a probabilistic learning method, excels at text classification tasks by leveraging word frequency distributions to distinguish between fake and legitimate news articles, offering a reliable approach to fake news detection.

In this project, we carefully preprocessed the dataset by tokenizing the text, removing stopwords, and converting the data into a format suitable for the Naive Bayes algorithm. This preprocessing step was crucial for improving the model's performance, allowing MNB to analyze linguistic patterns and the likelihood of certain words or phrases being associated with fake news.

The evaluation metrics, including precision, recall, and F1-score, demonstrated the strength of MNB in detecting fake news. **Precision** showcased the model's ability to accurately identify false news with minimal false positives, while **recall** reflected its capacity to catch most instances of misinformation. These metrics are critical, especially in social

media contexts where both missing fake news and incorrectly flagging legitimate content can have significant consequences.

One of the major advantages of using **Multinomial Naive Bayes** is its efficiency. As a lightweight algorithm, it handles large datasets of social media posts with low computational overhead, making it ideal for real-time applications. Additionally, its probabilistic nature allows it to handle imbalanced datasets, where the number of legitimate news stories might far exceed the amount of fake news.

Despite these advantages, **MNB** has some limitations. It assumes feature independence, which may not always hold true in complex real-world scenarios where contextual relationships between words matter. Additionally, while MNB performs well with high-frequency features, it can struggle with rare or nuanced linguistic features that might be critical in detecting more subtle forms of misinformation.

In conclusion, while **Multinomial Naive Bayes** provides an effective and computationally efficient solution for fake news detection, it is important to continue exploring hybrid approaches and incorporating deeper context into the analysis to further enhance detection accuracy. As misinformation tactics evolve, ensuring the adaptability and robustness of detection systems remains a priority.

## **9. Future Scope:**

### **1. Model Enhancement:**

Continuously improve the Multinomial Naive Bayes model by incorporating more diverse datasets, such as multilingual news articles, multimedia posts (text, images, videos), and region-specific social media data. This will enhance the model's ability to identify misinformation across various contexts and demographics.

### **2. Real-time Data Integration:**

Integrate real-time social media updates and news feeds to enable the model to detect fake news as it spreads. This will ensure timely identification of misinformation, allowing platforms to act swiftly in curbing its impact.

### **3. User-Friendly Interface:**

Develop an intuitive web or mobile dashboard for fact-checkers and

users, allowing easy access to fake news predictions. Users should be able to report suspicious content, and fact-checkers can verify the results provided by the model in real time.

#### **4. Contextual Analysis Expansion:**

Adapt the model to improve its understanding of context, sarcasm, and satire, which are common in social media. This can be achieved by incorporating additional NLP techniques and semantic analysis to better distinguish between harmful misinformation and harmless content.

#### **5. Inclusion of Cross-platform Data:**

Expand the model to analyze content from multiple platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and emerging social media channels. This cross-platform integration will provide a more comprehensive view of the spread of fake news and allow for platform-agnostic detection.

#### **6. Collaboration with Fact-Checking Organizations:**

Partner with fact-checking groups, social media platforms, and news organizations to obtain verified datasets for continuous retraining and validation. This collaboration can also ensure that the model stays up-to-date with evolving misinformation tactics.

#### **7. Bias Mitigation:**

Implement methods to reduce biases in the detection model by ensuring a diverse and representative dataset. Ongoing evaluations and adjustments will help the model avoid inadvertently flagging legitimate content from certain groups or regions as fake news due to bias in training data.

#### **8. Language and Regional Adaptation:**

Expand the model's capabilities to detect fake news in multiple languages and regions. This will include accommodating cultural nuances, local idioms, and region-specific misinformation tactics, making the system effective on a global scale.

#### **9. Deep Learning Integration:**

Consider integrating deep learning approaches with Naive Bayes for hybrid models that can handle more complex features, such as understanding deeper patterns in text and multimedia content, to further improve detection accuracy.



## 10. Appendix

### 10.1 Source Code:

```
#IMPORTING NECESSARY LIBRARIES
```

```
'''
```

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
import seaborn as sns
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
```

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

```
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
```

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
```

```
import re
```

```
import string
```

```
# Load the dataset
```

```
data = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/Fake News.csv',  
usecols=['title','text','label'],encoding='latin1,on_bad_lines='skip')
```

```
# Copying the dataset for manipulation
```

```
df = data.copy()
```

```
print(df.head())
```

```
df.size
```

```
df.shape
```

```
df.info()
```

```
df.describe()
```

```

# Dropping unnecessary columns (modify if necessary)

df.drop(columns=['Unnamed: 0'], inplace=True, errors='ignore')


# Checking for missing values

print(df.isnull().sum())


# Visualize the distribution of fake vs real news

sns.countplot(df['label'])

plt.title('Distribution of Fake and Real News')

plt.show()


# Real news

df['text_length'] = df['title'].astype(str).apply(len)

sns.histplot(df[df['label']=='REAL']['text_length'], bins=50, color='blue', kde=True, label='Real',
alpha=0.6)


# Fake news

sns.histplot(df[df['label']=='FAKE']['text_length'], bins=50, color='red', kde=True, label='Fake',
alpha=0.6)


plt.title('Text Length Distribution: Real vs Fake')

plt.xlabel('Text Length')

plt.ylabel('Frequency')

plt.legend()

plt.show()

df['avg_word_length'] = df['title'].astype(str).apply(lambda x: np.mean([len(word) for word in
x.split()]))

```

```
# Real news
```

```
sns.histplot(df[df['label']=='REAL']['avg_word_length'], bins=50, color='purple', kde=True,  
label='Real', alpha=0.6)
```

```
# Fake news
```

```
sns.histplot(df[df['label']=='FAKE']['avg_word_length'], bins=50, color='brown', kde=True,  
label='Fake', alpha=0.6)
```

```
plt.title('Average Word Length: Real vs Fake')
```

```
plt.xlabel('Average Word Length')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
```

```
plt.legend()
```

```
plt.show()
```

```
# Real news
```

```
real_chars = df[df['label']=='REAL']['characters'].explode()
```

```
# Get value counts and select top 10
```

```
top_10_chars = real_chars.value_counts().index[:10]
```

```
# Create a countplot with the top 10 characters and the specified order
```

```
# This code handles the case where the index might have duplicates
```

```
ax = sns.countplot(  

```

```
    x=real_chars[real_chars.isin(top_10_chars)], # Filter real_chars to include only top 10
```

```
    order=top_10_chars, # Order the bars by the top 10 characters
```

```
    color='blue',
```

```
    label='Real'
```

```
)
```

```
# Fake news
```

```
fake_chars = df[df['label']=='FAKE']['characters'].explode()
```

```
# Get value counts and select top 10
```

```
top_10_chars_fake = fake_chars.value_counts().index[:10]
```

```
# Create a countplot with the top 10 characters and the specified order
```

```
# This code handles the case where the index might have duplicates
```

```
sns.countplot(
```

```
    x=fake_chars[fake_chars.isin(top_10_chars_fake)], # Filter real_chars to include only top 10
```

```
    order=top_10_chars_fake, # Order the bars by the top 10 characters
```

```
    color='red',
```

```
    label='Fake',
```

```
    ax=ax # to plot on the same axes
```

```
)
```

```
plt.title('Top Characters in Titles: Real vs Fake')
```

```
plt.xlabel('Character')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Count')
```

```
plt.legend()
```

```
plt.show()
```

```
# Wordcloud for Fake and Real News
```

```
from wordcloud import WordCloud
```

```
# Generating word clouds
```

```
fake_words = ' '.join(df[df['label']=='FAKE']['text'])

real_words = ' '.join(df[df['label']=='REAL']['text'])


# Fake news word cloud

fake_wordcloud = WordCloud(width=600, height=400,
background_color='black').generate(fake_words)


# Real news word cloud

real_wordcloud = WordCloud(width=600, height=400,
background_color='white').generate(real_words)


# Plotting Fake News Word Cloud

plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))

plt.imshow(fake_wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')

plt.title('Fake News Word Cloud', fontsize=18)

plt.axis('off')

plt.show()


# Plotting Real News Word Cloud

plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))

plt.imshow(real_wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')

plt.title('Real News Word Cloud', fontsize=18)

plt.axis('off')

plt.show()


# Text cleaning function
```

```

def clean_text(text):

    # Check if text is a string before applying lower()

    if isinstance(text, str):

        text = text.lower() # Convert to lowercase

        text = re.sub('\[.*?\]', '', text) # Remove text in square brackets

        text = re.sub('https?://\S+|www\.\S+', '', text) # Remove links

        text = re.sub('<.*?>+', '', text) # Remove HTML tags

        text = re.sub('[%s]' % re.escape(string.punctuation), '', text) # Remove punctuation

        text = re.sub('\n', '', text) # Remove newline characters

        text = re.sub('\w*\d\w*', '', text) # Remove words containing numbers

        return text

    else:

        # Handle non-string values (e.g., return empty string or NaN)

        return '' # or return float('nan')

# Apply the cleaning function to the 'text' column

df['cleaned_text'] = df['text'].apply(clean_text)

# Display the cleaned text

print(df[['text', 'cleaned_text']].head())

# Initialize CountVectorizer

vectorizer = CountVectorizer(stop_words='english')

# Fit and transform the cleaned text data

X = vectorizer.fit_transform(df['cleaned_text'])

```

```
# Converting the labels into binary format (1 for FAKE, 0 for REAL)

df['label_num'] = df['label'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x == 'FAKE' else 0)

y = df['label_num']

# Split the data into training and test sets

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Initialize and train the model

model = MultinomialNB()

model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions

y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

#print(y_pred) optional

# Accuracy Score

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%')

# Classification Report

print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

# Confusion Matrix

cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

print('Confusion Matrix ')

print(cm)

sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')

plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
```

```
plt.show()

# Example: Testing with multiple headlines or news articles

test_articles = [

    "Breaking news: Stock market crashes amidst political unrest.",

    "New vaccine for COVID-19 has been approved by health authorities.",

    "Aliens have landed on Earth, scientists confirm!",

    "The president addresses the nation on economic policies."

]


# Vectorize the new articles

test_articles_counts = vectorizer.transform(test_articles)


# Predict whether each article is FAKE (1) or REAL (0)

predictions = model.predict(test_articles_counts)


# Output the results

for article, prediction in zip(test_articles, predictions):

    if prediction == 1:

        print(f"Article: \"{article}\" is FAKE.")

    else:

        print(f"Article: \"{article}\" is REAL.")

import joblib


# Save the trained model to a file

joblib.dump(model, 'fake_news_detector_model.pkl')
```



```
# Save the vectorizer as well to use it for transforming text in the Flask app
```

```
joblib.dump(vectorizer, 'count_vectorizer.pkl')
```

app.py

```
# app.py
```

```
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify, render_template
```

```
import joblib
```

```
# Initialize Flask app
```

```
app = Flask(__name__)
```

```
# Load the trained model and vectorizer
```

```
model = joblib.load("C:\\Users\\kosan\\Downloads\\fake_news_detector_model.pkl")
```

```
vectorizer = joblib.load("C:\\Users\\kosan\\Downloads\\count_vectorizer.pkl")
```

```
@app.route('/')
```

```
def home():
```

```
return render_template('index.html')
```

```
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
```

```
def predict():
```

```
    if request.method == 'POST':
```

```
        # Get the news content from the form
```

```
        news = request.form['news_text']
```

```
        # Transform the text using the vectorizer
```

```
        news_vectorized = vectorizer.transform([news])
```

```
        # Make prediction
```

```
        prediction = model.predict(news_vectorized)
```

```
        # Output the result
```

```
        result = 'Fake News' if prediction[0] == 1 else 'Real News'
```

```
        return render_template('index.html', prediction_text=f'The news is: {result}')
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
```

```
    app.run(debug=True)
```

## index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>
```

```
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
```

```
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
```

```
  <title>Document</title>
```

```
<style>
```

```
  body {
```

```
    font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
```

```
    margin: 0;
```

```
    padding: 0;
```

```
    background-color: #f4f4f4;
```

```
  }
```

```
  .container {
```

```
    width: 50%;
```

```
    margin: 100px auto;
```

```
padding: 20px;
background-color: #fff;
box-shadow: 0 0 10px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
}
.form-group {
margin-bottom: 20px;
}
input[type="text"] {
width: 100%;
padding: 10px;
margin: 10px 0;
}
button {
padding: 10px 20px;
background-color: #4CAF50;
color: white;
border: none;
cursor: pointer;
}
button:hover {
background-color: #45a049;
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
<div class="container">
<h1>Fake News Detector</h1>
<form action="/predict" method="POST">
<div class="form-group">
```

```
<label for="news_text">Enter the News Content:</label>
<input type="text" id="news_text" name="news_text" required>
</div>
<button type="submit">Detect</button>
</form>

{% if prediction_text %}
<h2>{{ prediction_text }}</h2>
{% endif %}
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

## **10.2 GitHub & Project Demo Link:**

<https://github.com/Srilakshmi-ux/Fake-News-Analysis-In-Social-Media-Using-Machine-Learning>

## **10.3 Video Demonstration Link:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WxkQa\\_5lvG3\\_3MW6twbLtXbodJfGUAki/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WxkQa_5lvG3_3MW6twbLtXbodJfGUAki/view?usp=sharing)