

Background:

DiagnoSmart is an Al-based platform developed to address the rising global challenge of mental health disorders. The common disoders include depression, anxiety, bipolar, schizophrenia, and eating disorders. Although mental health disorders are increasing across the globe, many under-resourced communities, especially in rural areas and congested healthcare environments, do not have access to sufficient tools or infrastructure to assess and to treat patients. Traditional mental health assessments are often slow, manual, subjective, and limited, thus widening the gap in care delivery.

<u>Using AI for Mental Health Assessment:</u>

With the emerging of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI), DiagnoSmart utilizes these advances to revolutionize mental health assessment practices. The DiagnoSmart AI platform uses machine-learning algorithms to evaluate structured health data gathered in clinical settings, including patient histories, symptom checklists, and past diagnoses. It also incorporates

epidemiological datasets, which is a collection of data about the patterns, causes, and effects of diseases or health conditions within a population. DiagnoSmart converts historical and present data into predictive analytics designed to aid healthcare providers in identifying patients who may be at high risk for mental illness at an early stage.

DiagnoSmart is built to be clinic-focused, meaning it places intelligent decision support directly into the hands of doctors and healthcare workers where it is needed the most. It provides real-time analyses and recommendations that help staff optimize patient assessment, efficiently prioritize care, and obtain faster and more accurate diagnoses. This real-time aspect is especially critical in busy or resource-constrained settings, where even a small delay can negatively affect patient outcomes.

Theme Relevance:

This project is closely associated with the "An AI Solution for Industries" project subject because it applies cutting-edge machine-learning technology to the healthcare business, with an emphasis on mental health assessment support, management, and planning within a healthcare system. DiagnoSmart uses AI to mine and model massive volumes of historical data on mental illnesses, as well as new patterns of uptake, to deliver robust insights about future rates of mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and eating disorders. The platform then uses predictive insights driven by AI to direct clinical and municipal health services to take focused, data-driven actions. In effect, this is designed to promote the transition from reactive usage of health systems to a more proactive approach to decision-making.



Furthermore, by converting massive volumes of raw, and sometimes fragmented, health data into concise and actionable insight, DiagnoSmart enables frontline healthcare workers to deliver efficient, accurate, and tailored care model in resource-constrained circumstances. DiagnoSmart improves clinical workflows by providing real-time decision suggestions while also elevating the model of care for health systems at the population level; for example, by assisting a region in considering changing mental health service provision in an area based on expected patterns.

Problem Definition:

Mental health challenges are often disregarded, undetected, stigmatized or left untreated; this leads to a huge impact on personal, social and economic setbacks. Many patients suffer from a variety of mental illnesses and have limited access to professional help due to financial constraints, being stigmatized or lack of proper facilities. If not treated in time, the mental fitness of a person diagnosed with or showing signs of a mental illness can lead to risk of reduced workplace productivity as well as community or family standing which factors in the increased risk of chronic physical illnesses.

Business Objectives:

Our project focuses on helping healthcare workers make better, faster decisions.

- Business Success Criteria: DiagnoSmart should make it easier for healthcare
 workers to quickly identify mental health trends in their patients or communities
 and plan resources effectively. Success will be measured by how much it helps
 reduce manual data analysis, saves time, and supports earlier detection of at-risk
 patients.
- Business Background: Mental health is often overlooked because healthcare
 workers are busy and lack real-time insights. Clinics usually depend on old
 reports or manual methods, which can delay action. DiagnoSmart helps close
 this gap by analyzing data and showing clear, easy-to-read mental health trends.
 This allows doctors and nurses to make better decisions and plan more effective
 interventions.
- Requirements, Constraints, and Risks:
 - Requirements: The system needs reliable mental health prevalence data, user-friendly dashboards, and integration into clinical workflows.
 - Constraints: It must follow patient privacy regulations, use secure data systems, and clearly state that it supports but does not replace professional judgment.
 - Risks: Wrong predictions or misinterpretation of results could cause overreaction or missed cases. To reduce this risk, DiagnoSmart will include disclaimers and remind healthcare workers that its outputs must be validated clinically.

Machine Learning Approach:

Machine Learning – A branch of Artificial Intelligence (AI) where computers learn patterns from data and make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed with fixed rules.

The AI will be employing machine learning algorithm specifically designed for detecting trends in mental health issues early. These algorithms will be trained to ensure accuracy and reliability in various cases. The system will improve its accuracy over time, by learning from new data countless time. The ML algorithm we will be using will be Linear Regression (which has 1 line of best fit to identify outlier) and Higher-Dimensional Linear Regression (which the line of best fit becomes hyperplane, instead of looking at distance from a line, we look at the distance from this hyperplane).

Data:

The data that will be used for DiagnoSmart will consist of structured, behavioural and biometric data as well as external data.

Structured data: It is drawn from the patient records such as the medical history of the patients, a symptom checklist and past diagnoses, which are routine information collected and stored in the medical facility.

Biometric data: Information like the blood pressure level, heart rate and sleeping patterns of patients provide a real time response and alerts the healthcare workers of the potential risks.

External data: Socioeconomic trends enrich the records by linking the cases of the patient to broader community factors based on the tracking of mental illness. This includes the prevalence of schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, bipolar, and eating disorders across different countries and years.

Model:

The AI model will be evaluated for accuracy using the following dimensions:

- 1. **Incidence pattern prediction accuracy:** How well the model's forecasts of mental-health incidence align with historical records and verified health datasets.
- 2. **Resource allocation accuracy:** How effectively the system predicts demand for healthcare resources, such as counselling services or medication, in specific periods or regions. Performance metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), and Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) will be used to quantify forecast precision. In addition, stakeholder feedback from healthcare providers will act as a post-deployment accuracy measure, ensuring continuous improvement of the system's recommendations.

Time Series Analysis on Data:

The AI will incorporate time-series analysis to study patterns of mental-health incidence over time.

- Trend monitoring: Detecting long-term increases or decreases in cases to inform strategic planning.
- Seasonal variation analysis: Identifying cyclical patterns, such as higher stressrelated cases during exam periods or year-end holidays.
- Intervention impact assessment: Measuring the effects of external factors, such as awareness campaigns or policy changes, on incidence levels. By applying time-series forecasting methods (e.g., SARIMAX), the system can proactively anticipate future mental-health trends, enabling healthcare providers to allocate resources in advance and offer timely interventions tailored to seasonal or situational needs.

Solution Techniques:

DiagonSmart is a Supervised Machine Learning, it uses patient symptom and prevalence data to train a Logistic Regression model that helps identify mental health risk levels. The model can handle both simple yes/no cases and more complex types of mental illness, making it easy to adapt to different clinic needs.

DiagnoSmart also uses a Random Forest model to improve prediction accuracy and handle more complex mental health classification tasks. This model works by building many decision trees and combining their results to make a final prediction.

Hybrid Recommendation System

Collaborative Filtering, Leverages patterns from similar patient profiles to recommend interventions that have shown positive outcomes in comparable cases. This hybrid approach enhances personalization by balancing individual needs with population-level insights.

Continuous Learning and Ethical Safeguards. Clinician feedback is used to retrain models periodically. All predictions are advisory final decisions rest with human professionals.

Natural Language Processing (NLP), Speech Recognition, and Speech Synthesis:

To give more precise mental health diagnosis, DiagnoSmart integrates Natural Language Processing (NLP), Speech Recognition, and Speech Synthesis as leading technologies. The features allow the system to read patient data typed in by nurses from patient records, make sense of it, and give actionable knowledge. Instead of particular depression and anxiety, DiagnoSmart can diagnose a mix of conditions like stress, burnout, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and bipolar disorder. The broader context ensures that the platform is tailored to different patient needs, hence making it a reliable support instrument in healthcare environments.

NLP plays a central role by processing clinical notes and transforming them into structured insights. It applies techniques such as tokenisation, stop-word removal, and lemmatisation to sanitise the text, while sentiment analysis enables identification of emotional tone in patient descriptions. More importantly, keyword and pattern extraction enables the system to recognise specific clinical words such as "nightmares," "fatigue," "hopeless," "panic," or "detached," which are contributed to by several mental health disorders. For example, repeated references to nightmares and avoidance may point towards PTSD, while exhaustion and motivational deficiency attributions may be signs of burnout. By combining the identification of targeted keywords with sentiment analysis, DiagnoSmart provides an end-to-end solution to identifying risk factors between different conditions.

Speech Recognition also streamlines the workflow by enabling nurses to dictate patient notes rather than writing them down manually. This raises productivity, reduces documentation error, and ensures that appropriate clinical details are captured. DiagnoSmart uses the Google Speech API with the Speech Recognition library for this feature, leveraging internet-based accuracy for correct transcription.

Speech Synthesis creates audible summaries of the AI findings. Voice feedback such as "Anxiety and PTSD symptoms were noticed in patient records. It is recommended to check further." can be received by nurses. To accomplish this, DiagnoSmart employs gTTS (Google Text-to-Speech), which provides natural cloud-based speech output as MP3. This provides a high-quality sound experience without being overly difficult to use with Python.

Python has a strong ecosystem for these features. TextBlob is used for NLP since it is easy to use and features sentiment analysis out of the box. Speech Recognition with Google Speech API is used for speech-to-text as the cloud-based solution. gTTS is used for text-to-speech to enable natural-sounding audio. Together, these libraries enable DiagnoSmart to be effective, workable, and yield high-quality feedback in clinical healthcare environments.

Deep Learning:

Deep learning techniques such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks could be implemented to analyse sequential patient data, such as medical histories and symptom progressions, enhancing the system's ability to detect early signs of mental health disorders. LSTMs also improve prediction accuracy over time by learning long-term patterns in patient behaviour and symptoms.

Other Features: Chatbot/Softbot:

The chatbot/softbot function is well designed and relevant to the solution itself. For clinicians interacting with the DiagnoSmart system, the chatbot expands both access to the system and, arguably, its utility in low resource settings. The chatbot allows users to resolve routing errors in the system, expedite data entry, and speak to the platform in real-time.

The chatbot has features, which include natural language processing (NLP), speech recognition, and speech synthesis, which allows clinicians to dictate into notes, receive confirmations by voice and respond via speech command. Careful consideration was given in the design of the chatbot; it is no longer an explicit add on feature, but one that appears to be essential in improving the workflow of the clinician, lightening the cognitive load to clinicians, and aiding in the purpose of the platform which is to provide proactive, Al-driven mental health care.