# AI Solution (5 marks)

MediCareAI, is an AI-powered disease prediction system that uses patient symptoms as input to predict possible illnesses through a machine learning classification model. This solution is relevant to the theme “AI Solutions for Industries” because it demonstrates how Artificial Intelligence can transform the healthcare industry, one of the most vital sectors of society. By automating early disease prediction, MediCareAI enhances medical decision-making, improves patient outcomes, and aligns with the Forth Industrial Revolution (4IR) vision of using AI to solve real-world industry challenges.

# Business objectives (25 marks)

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The main objective of MediCareAI is to design and implement a machine learning classification model that predicts possible diseases from patient symptoms, thereby enabling early detection, assisting healthcare professionals, and improving patient outcomes.

* Develop a reliable AI system that predicts possible diseases based on symptoms.
* Support healthcare professionals in early screening and prioritizing critical cases.
* Reduce the time and cost of diagnosis by giving quick preliminary results.
* Increase accessibility of healthcare by enabling digital pre-diagnosis tools.
* Improve patient engagement and awareness of their health status.

## Business success criteria

* Achieves at least **90% accuracy** on test data.
* Demonstrates reduced diagnostic delays compared to traditional processes.
* Gains acceptance and positive feedback from healthcare professionals.
* Demonstrates scalability to clinics, hospitals, and telehealth platforms.

## Business background

Healthcare practitioners are faced with delayed diagnosis of illnesses because patients take too long to seek medical attention. This is typically followed by complications from advanced disease, higher treatment costs, and increased mortality. To alleviate the problem, the healthcare industry needs AI-driven software that makes early diagnosis simpler, faster, and more precise. MediCareAI fills this gap by analyzing symptom patterns and making predictive recommendations, allowing doctors and patients to respond before conditions reach a critical level.

## Requirements

• Kaggle dataset: “Disease Prediction Using Machine Learning”

• Python 3 with Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

• Labeled dataset of symptoms and prognosis (target diseases)

• Evaluation using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score

## Constraints

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## Risks

* False negative risk: Serious illnesses may go undetected.
* Bias in data: Rare diseases may be underrepresented, affecting predictions.
* Misuse of predictions without medical consultation poses an ethical and legal risk.

## Tools and techniques

* **Programming Language**: Python 3
* **Libraries**: Pandas & NumPy for data handling, Scikit-learn for machine learning, Matplotlib/Seaborn for visualization, Joblib for model storage
* **Environment**: Visual Studio Code
* **Machine Learning Technique**: Random Forest Classifier for multi-class disease prediction
* **Evaluation**: Accuracy score, confusion matrix, precision/recall, F1-score
* **Visualization**: Feature importance to show which symptoms most influence predictions

# Problem definition (10 marks)

## What is the problem?

A major challenge in healthcare is the delay in disease detection caused by patients postponing medical consultations when symptoms first appear. Many individuals ignore early signs of illness, either due to lack of awareness, cost concerns, or underestimating their condition. This often results in late diagnosis, when diseases have already progressed, requiring more complex and expensive treatments. Late detection contributes to high mortality rates in conditions that could have been managed effectively if identified earlier.

## How relevant is it to the theme and how beneficial it will be in solving the problem?

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