

# Artificial Intelligence (AI) Final Project Presentation

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# AGENDA

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- Project Objective & Topic
- Project Planning & Milestones
- Enterprise Design Thinking

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- AI Essentials Framework
- Model Overview

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- Chatbot Design

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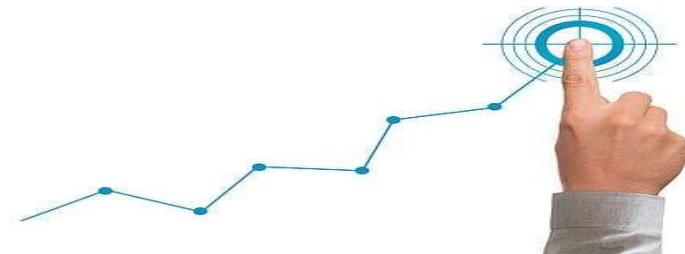
- Implementation Overview
- Live Demo

Kim Keong

- Integration & Deployment
- Project Learning

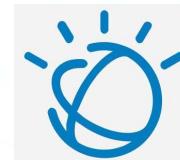


# PROJECT OBJECTIVE



Demonstrate an AI solution addressing a specific business challenge

**Watson Assistant**  
(Chatbot)



**Mural**  
(collaboration and Enterprise Design Thinking and AI Design Essentials)

**Flask**  
(Integration)



**HEROKU**



**Heroku**  
Web deployment

**TOOLS**

**GitHub**  
Repository purpose



**Kaggle**  
(Jupyter Notebooks environment)

**Brackets**  
(Code editor)



**Brackets**  
open-source code editor  
built with the web for the web

# PROJECT TOPIC: AI in Early Age Education

Preparing our future generation for the Web 3.0 while building a strong foundation in their fundamentals arithmetic literacy

Introducing AI to children at a young age helps them become open-minded curious adults who are always on the brink of innovation. Their inventions might just change the world someday.

Allow children to develop problem-solving skills and logical analysis & aptitude at a very young age which helps them reach their full potential earlier

AI can positively impact on young children's learning and development

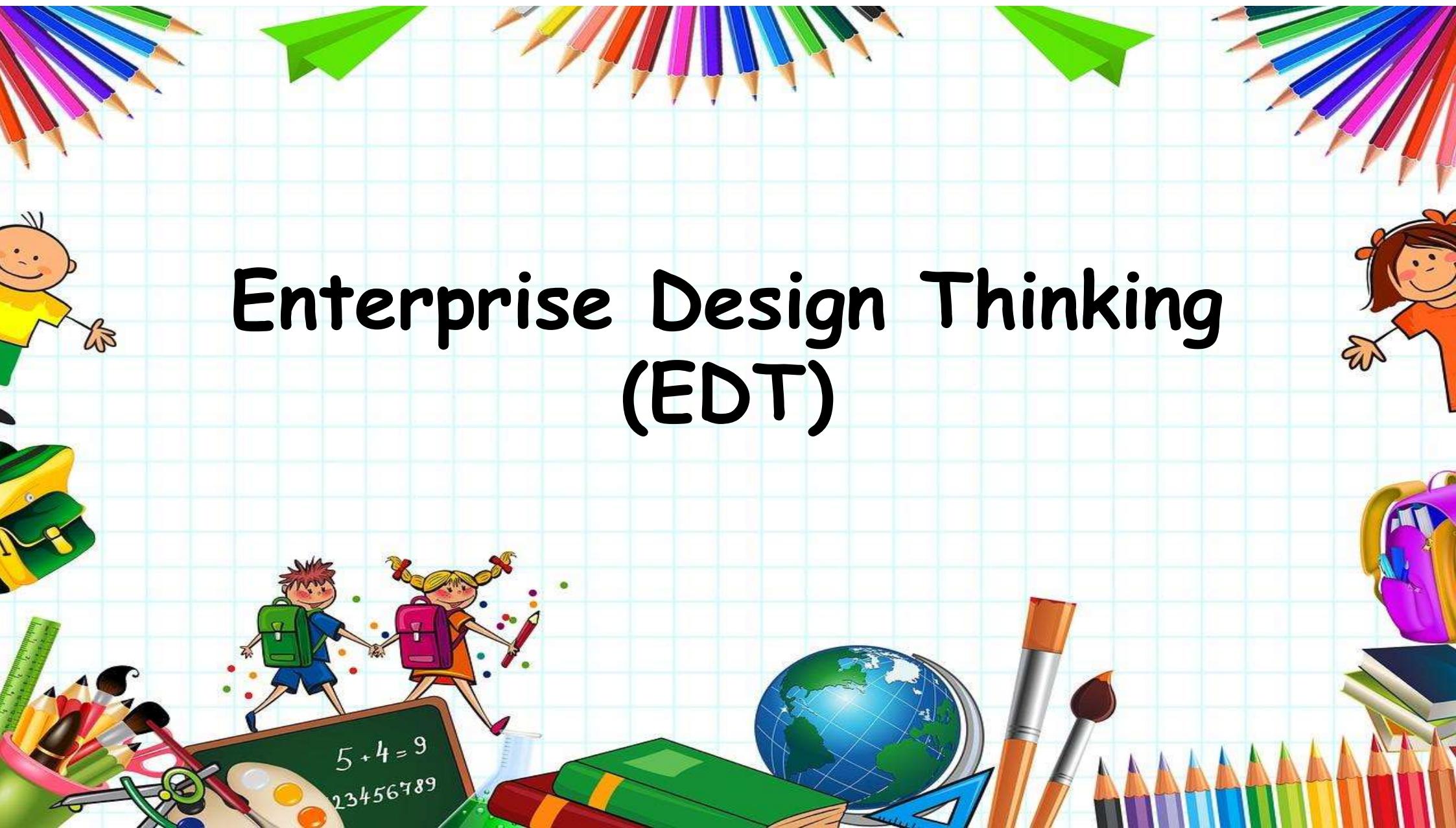
# Project Planning & Milestones



# PROJECT TIMELINE

# GANTT CHART

# Enterprise Design Thinking (EDT)





## PROBLEM STATEMENT

HOW MIGHT WE

use AI to guess the number handwriting of toddler

FOR parents

SO THAT

toddlers can develop legible penmanship in a fun way





# PERSONA

Parents of Toddlers:

## Goals

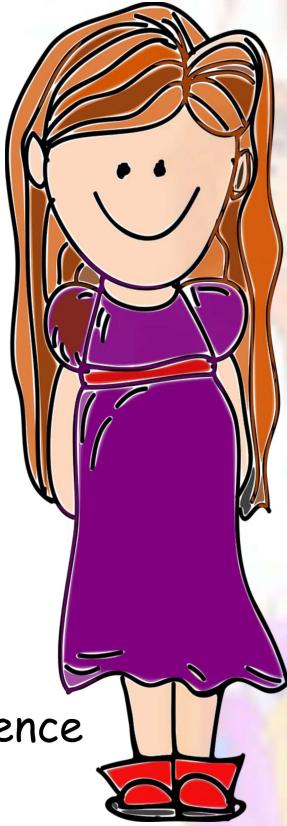
- Ensure toddlers can write numbers legibly before primary school

## Motivations

- To have early start in the numeracy education
- To avoid conflicts with toddler in the learning process
- To develop competence in number handwriting thus encouraging child self confidence

## Needs

- An interactive tool to teach and guide numeric handwriting



*Elizabeth, 30 years' old*

Mother of a 2 year old toddler  
Working Full Time, Tech Savvy



## PAIN POINTS

### 1. Challenging to create happy learning environment for children

- Not to be the bad guy when correcting child's handwriting
- Remove subjectivity when correcting child's handwriting
- A lot of patience required when teaching kids
- Screaming sessions when correcting child's handwriting



### 2. Lack of cost effective and accessible tools better coach penmanship to toddlers





# EDT - BIG IDEAS



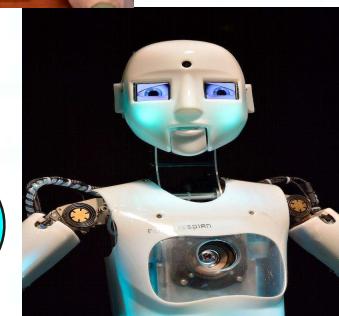
Use metaverse  
avatar (chatbot)  
to teach

Game app  
(writing on  
screen)



Create an interactive  
website where number  
writings are scanned for AI  
to recognise the image, and  
guess the input

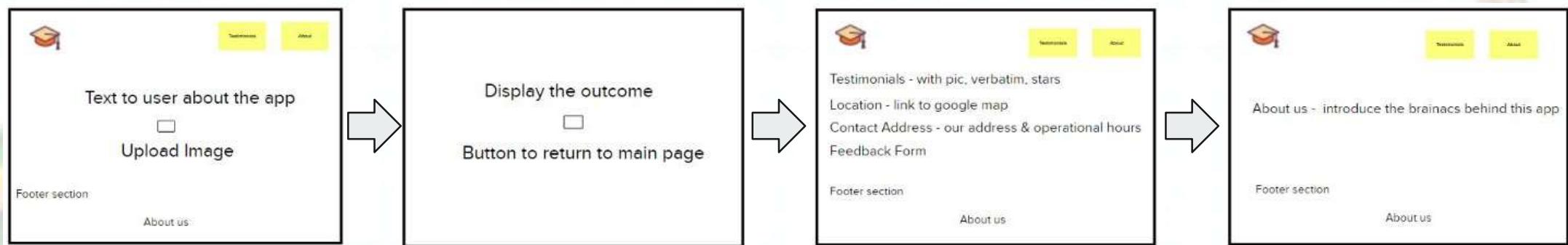
Virtual  
lessons



Use robot to  
teach children  
how to write

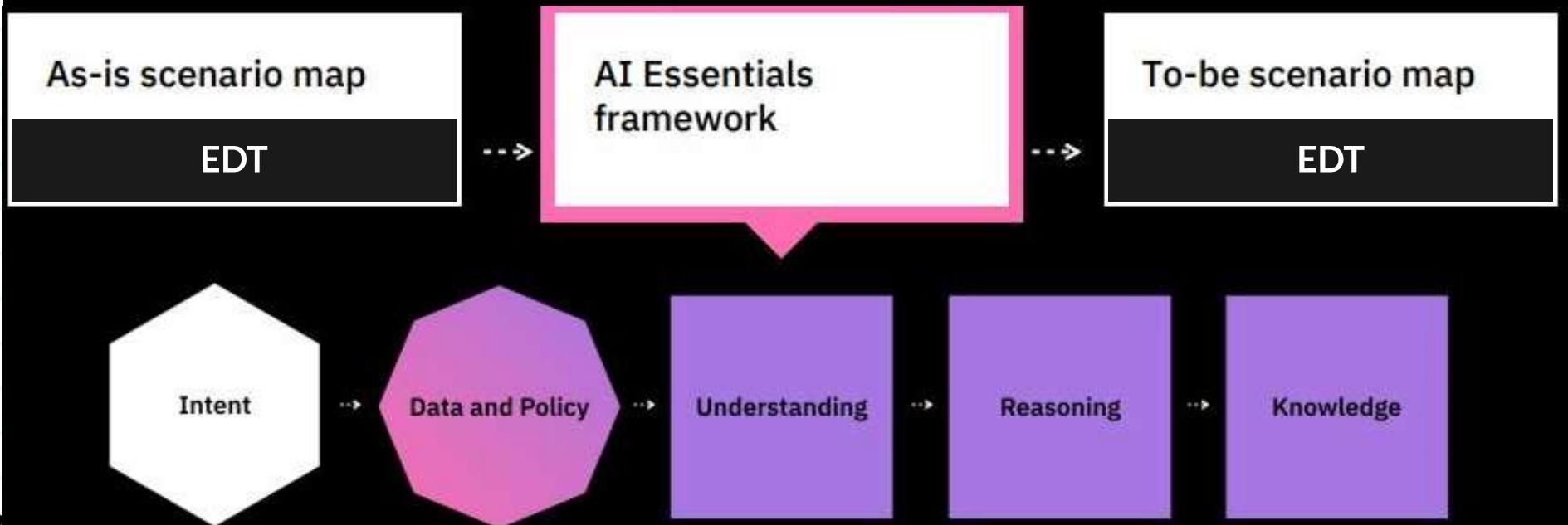


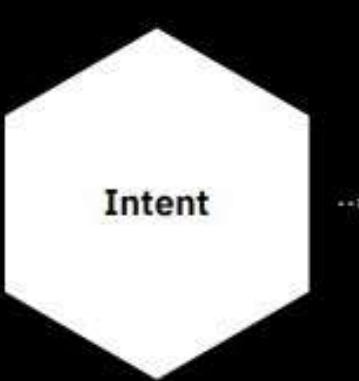
**MVP:** Create an interactive website where number writings are scanned for AI to recognise the image, and guess the input.



The first screen is the landing page and it is also houses the main function of this app.

# AI ESSENTIALS FRAMEWORK





Intent

Why are we doing  
this and what are  
the big ideas that  
support the effort?

## AI INTENT

### Core AI Intent

- ❑ **Recommend with confidence**
  - ❑ Make confident guess by using machine learning and image recognition techniques to evaluate if a kid's handwriting is conforming to school teaching.
  
- ❑ **Enrich users' interactions**
  - ❑ Chatbot is able to respond to parents' queries with tailored dialogue and personalized experiences.



Data and Policy

What data do you have to bring these ideas to life?

## DETERMINE DATA (1/2)

PUBLIC DATA	USER DATA
<b>HAVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MNIST (60k images)</li><li>- EMNIST Digits (240k images)</li><li>- Street View House Numbers (SVHN) Dataset (600k images)</li></ul>	<b>HAVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- N.A.</li></ul>
<b>WANT / NEED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Images of handwritten digit 0 - 9</li></ul>	<b>WANT / NEED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Handwritten digit 0 - 9 by kids on plain paper</li></ul>
<b>NICE TO HAVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Handwritten Chinese characters from 0 - 9</li></ul>	<b>NICE TO HAVE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- N.A.</li></ul>



Data and Policy

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## DETERMINE DATA (2/2)

- **EMNIST** is an extension of MNIST (Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology) to handwritten letters.

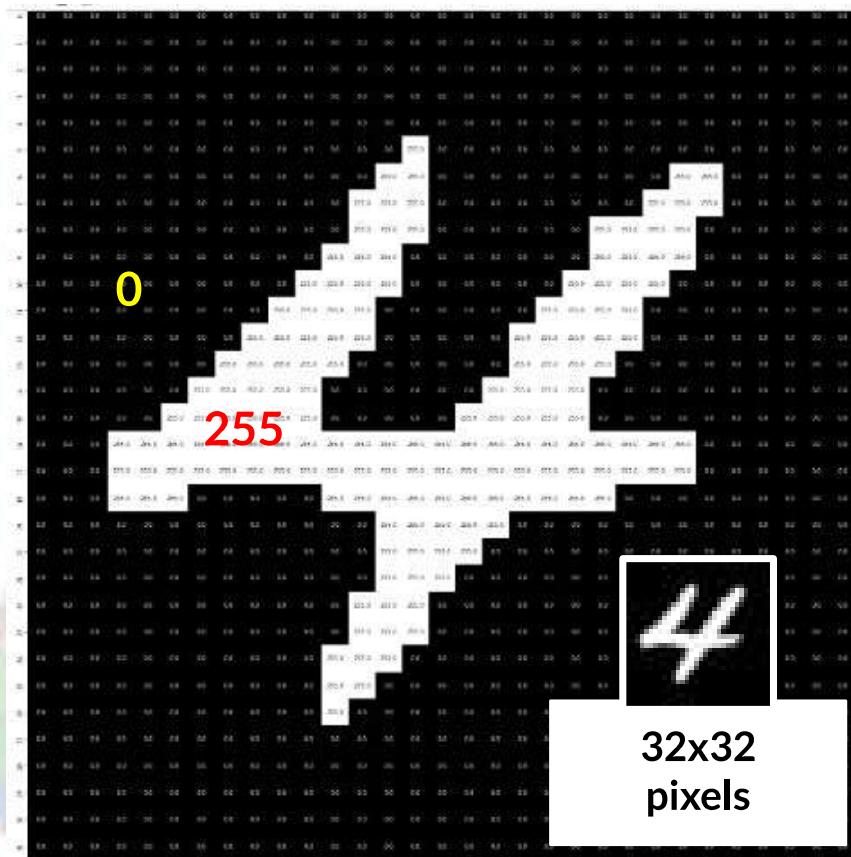
Source: Cohen, G., Afshar, S., Tapson, J., & van Schaik, A. (2017). EMNIST: an extension of MNIST to handwritten letters. Retrieved from <http://arxiv.org/abs/1702.05373>

- Our dataset is downloaded from **Kaggle**:  
<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/vaibhao/handwritten-characters>

## Understanding

What will a machine need to understand from this data so it can reason?

# UNDERSTANDING DATA (1/2)



- An image is stored in a computer by representing it as an array of numbers.
- Each number indicates the brightness of a given pixel - 0 (black), 255 (white)

## Understanding

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# UNDERSTANDING DATA (2/2)

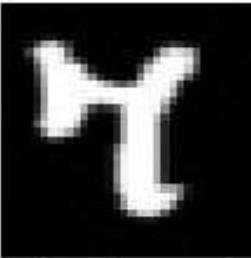
Predicted: 9, Truth: 5



Predicted: 4, Truth: 9



Predicted: 4, Truth: 7



Predicted: 0, Truth: 9



Predicted: 9, Truth: 4



Predicted: 3, Truth: 5



Predicted: 9, Truth: 4



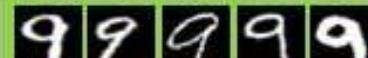
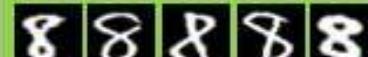
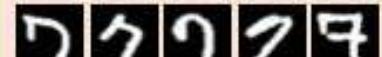
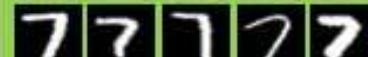
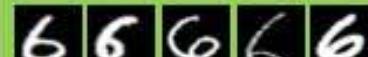
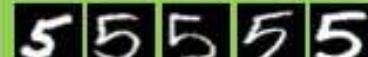
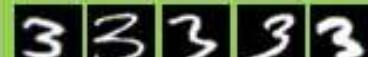
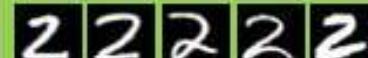
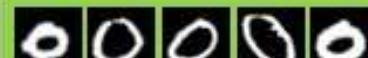
Predicted: 6, Truth: 2



Predicted: 1, Truth: 7



## Acceptable Training Images



## Discarded Training Images

## Reasoning

How will a machine apply logic to what it knows?

# REASONING

Pattern

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
6	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
8	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

- **Image recognition** is about **finding pattern** in the given image and making **prediction** with reference to a **matrix** table.
- An example of simplified "machine learning" for handwritten digit.



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Shapes

Prediction

0	2
1	2
2	2
3	2
/	1
\	1

8 (8 / 10)

9 (6 / 10)

## Reasoning

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# REASONING STATEMENT

- ❑ Our App, '**I can write**' can guess toddlers' handwritten digits by adopting power of **AI** to learn from **30K images** of handwritten digit 0 - 9 so that less subjective criteria for legibility of handwriting is being applied for all time.
  
- ❑ This App also helps to avoid kids throwing tantrum when parents try to correct their handwriting, hence create a happy learning atmosphere.

## Knowledge

If you succeed,  
what are the  
implications of  
what your AI  
will know?

# KNOWLEDGE

## Primary effects

- Kids get to develop handwriting legibility
- Good bonding between parents and kids

## Secondary effects

- The child gets an early exposure to AI technology
- Head start in numeracy skill

## Tertiary effects

- Unintentionally cultivate "AI is always right" mindset in the child
- The child might not understand that AI model is about prediction and probability.

# Design & Implementation

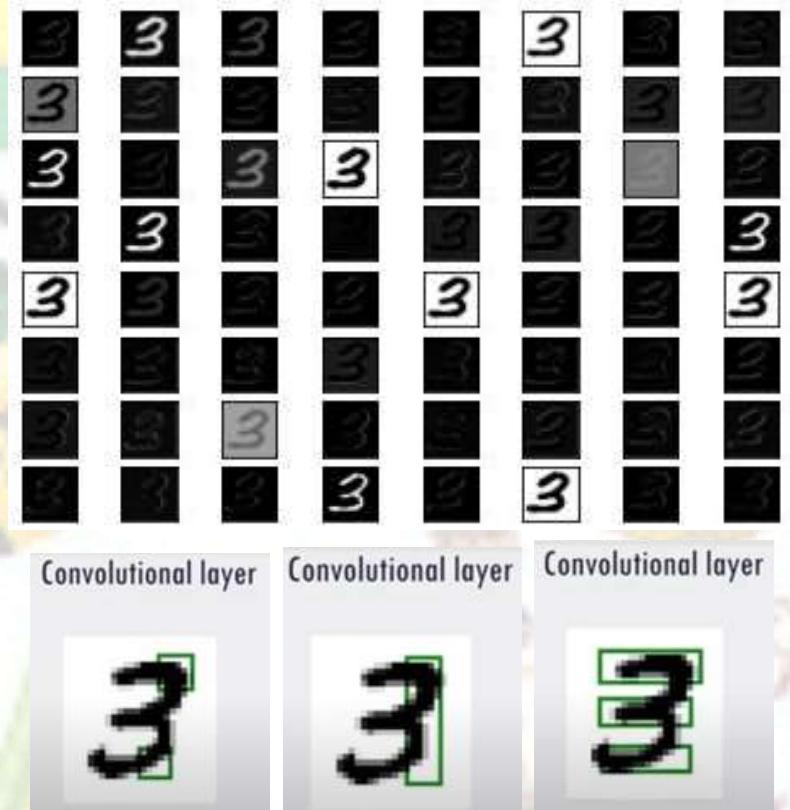
- AI Model
- Chatbot
- Web Application



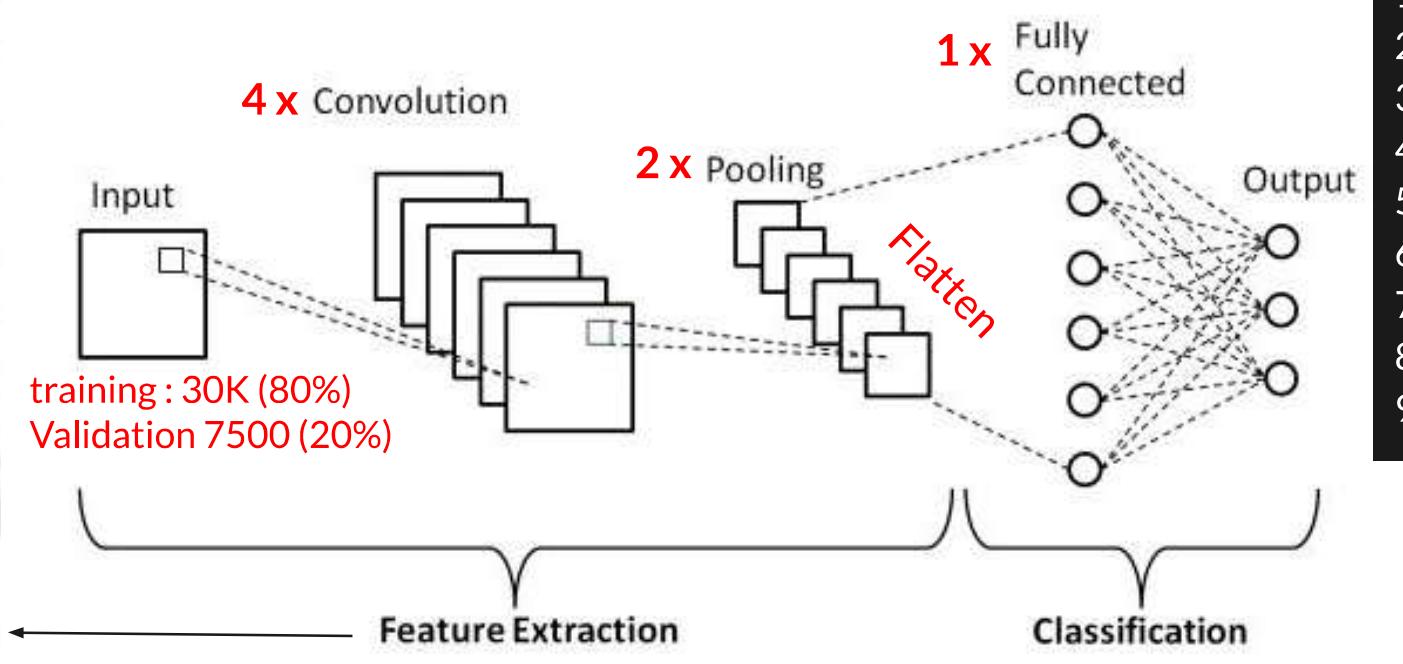
# AI MODEL BUILDING using KERAS

K Keras

An example of Feature Map:



- Our AI solution is implemented with **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)** architecture.

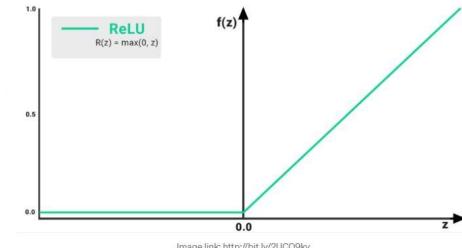




# AI MODEL OPTIMISATION

K Keras

Graph for ReLU function

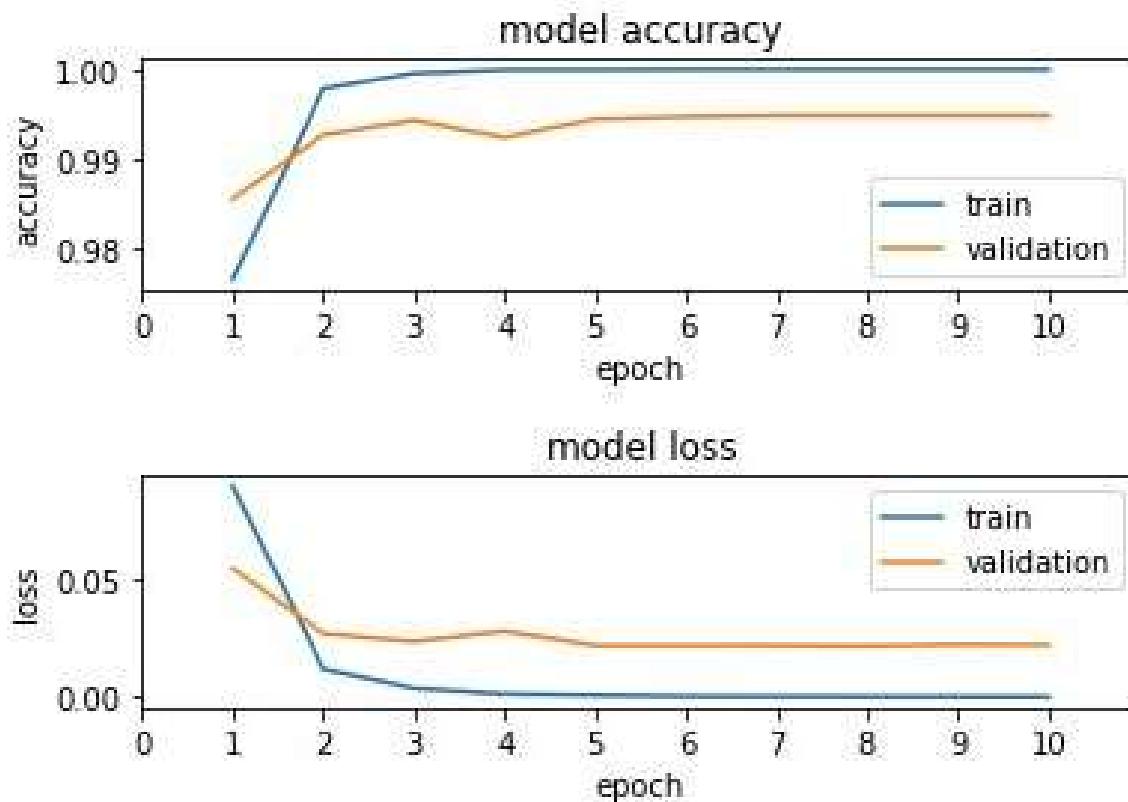


Consideration	Final Implementation	Rationale
Background color of training dataset	Keep background of training & validation <b>black</b> as it is while invert the <b>white</b> background of user data.	This is no longer a concern after we decided to convert all images from grayscale to binary image.
Choice of Keras Built-in optimizer	Adaptive optimizer: Adaptive Moment Estimation ( <b>Adam</b> )	No need to focus on the learning rate value.
Neural network activation function	Rule of thumb: <b>Parametric ReLU (PReLU)</b> is another variant of ReLU and ReLU activation function goes well with <b>He-initialization</b> of weights.	PReLU aims to solve the problem of gradient's becoming zero for the left half of the axis.

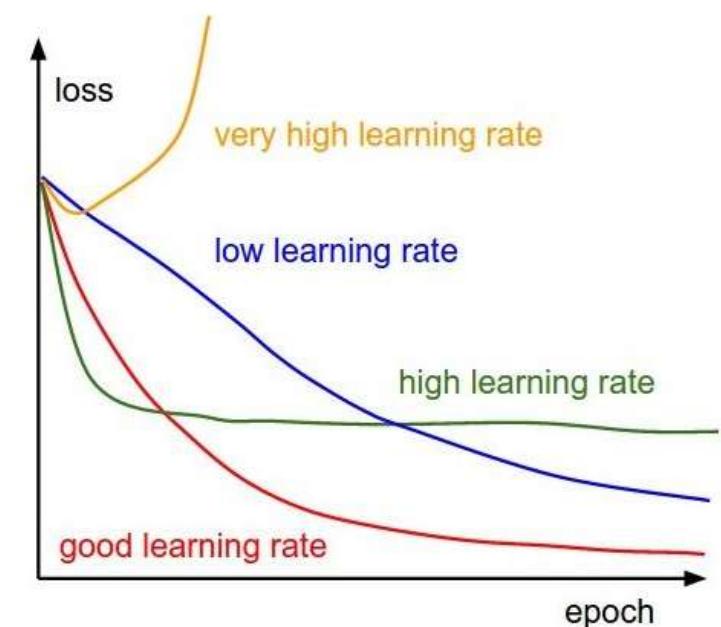


# AI MODEL VALIDATION

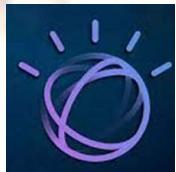
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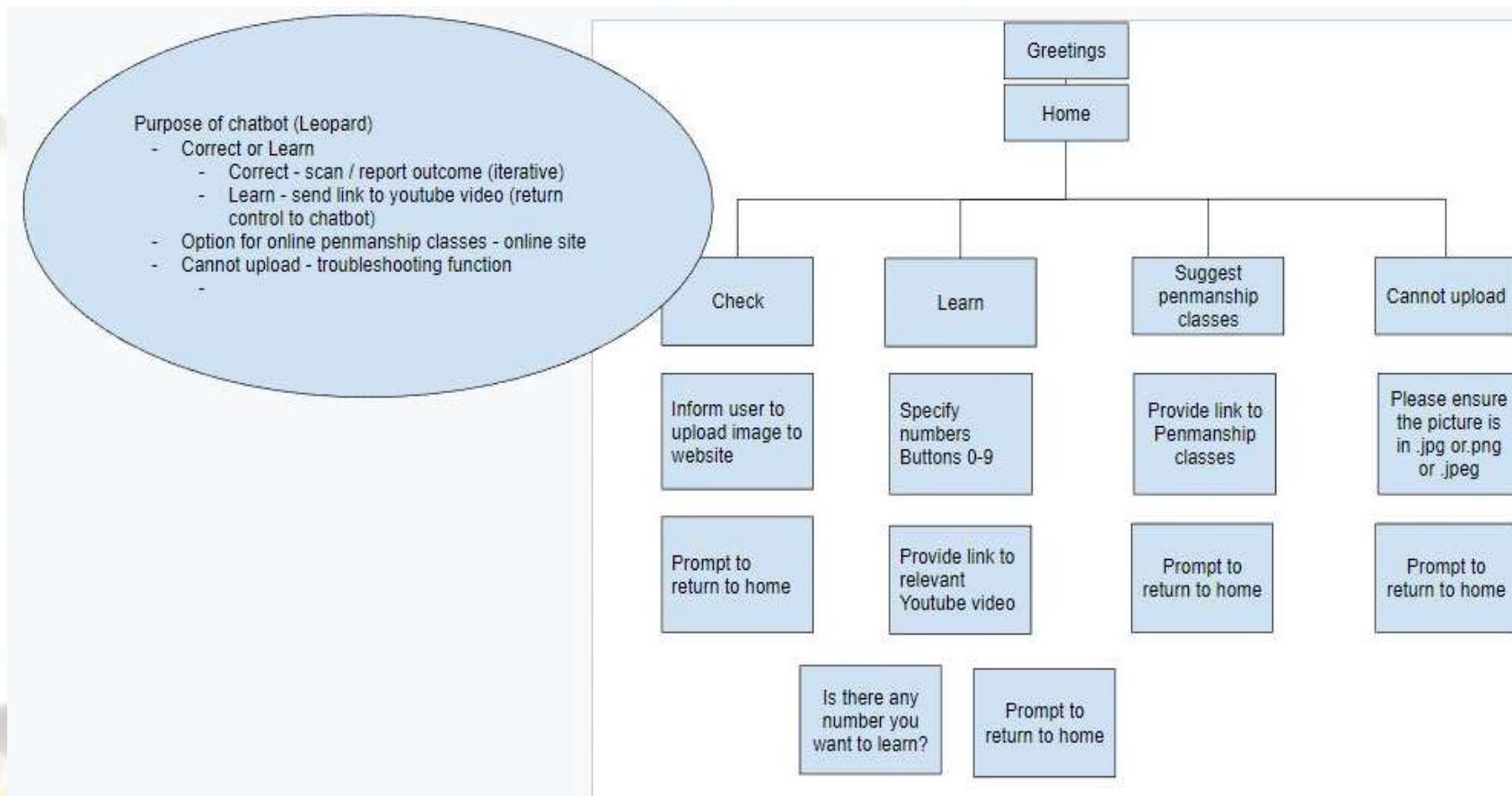
- Based on the **training loss over epoch curve**, we can tell that Adam optimizer is displaying good **learning rate**.
- It also shows that this model is not underfitting or overfitting.

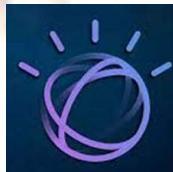


Effect of various learning rates on convergence (Img Credit: [cs231n](#))



# CHATBOT - Initial Dialog Creation





# CHATBOT - Defined Intent, Entity and Dialog Flow

## Intents

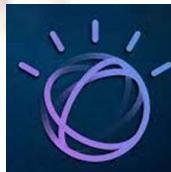
1. #Guess the Number
2. #Learn how to write number
3. #Suggestion on Other Classes
4. #Help
5. #Home
6. #Greeting

## Entities

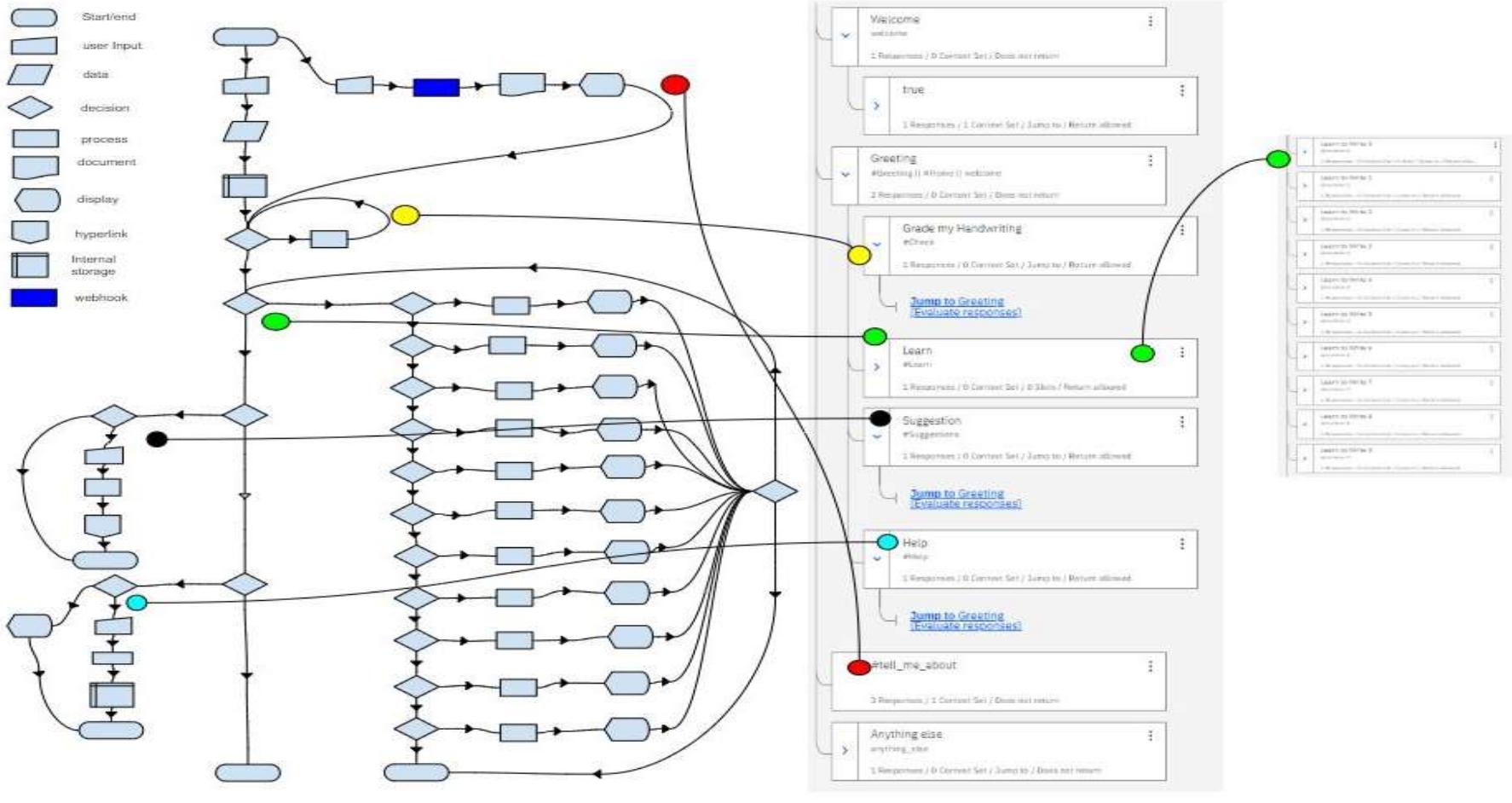
1. @Number
2. @No
3. @object\_of\_interest

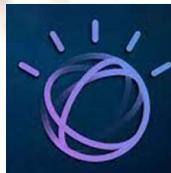
## Dialogue

1. Welcome
2. Greeting
  - a. Guess the Number
  - b. Learn
    - i. Learn to write 0
    - ii. Learn to write 1
    - iii. Learn to write 2
    - iv. Learn to write 3
    - v. Learn to write 4
    - vi. Learn to write 5
    - vii. Learn to write 6
    - viii. Learn to write 7
    - ix. Learn to write 8
    - x. Learn to write 9
  - c. Suggestion
  - d. Help
3. Tell-me-about
4. Anything else

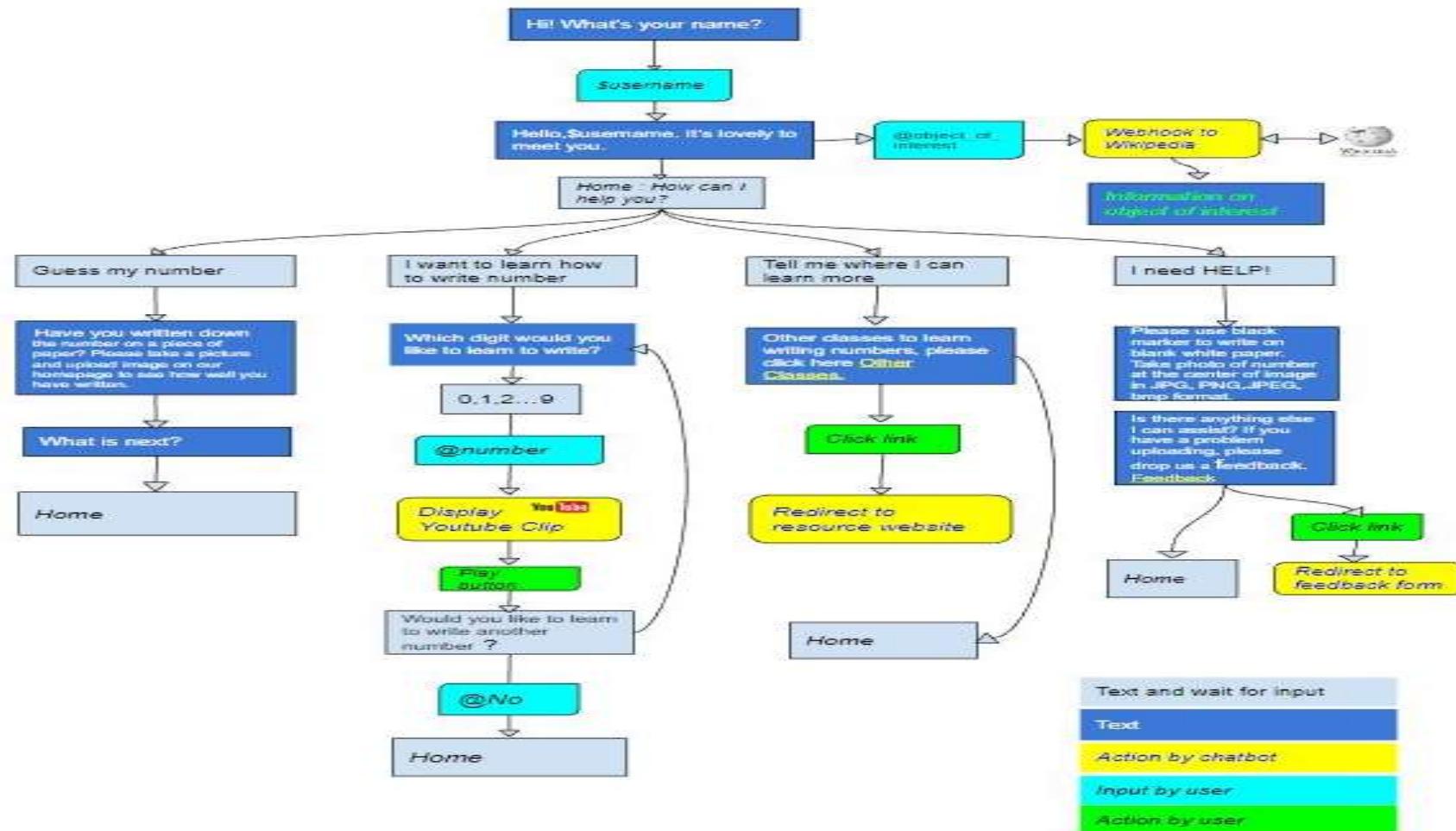


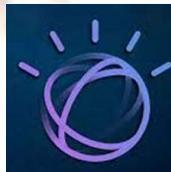
# CHATBOT - Translating Flow Conversation → Dialog Nodes



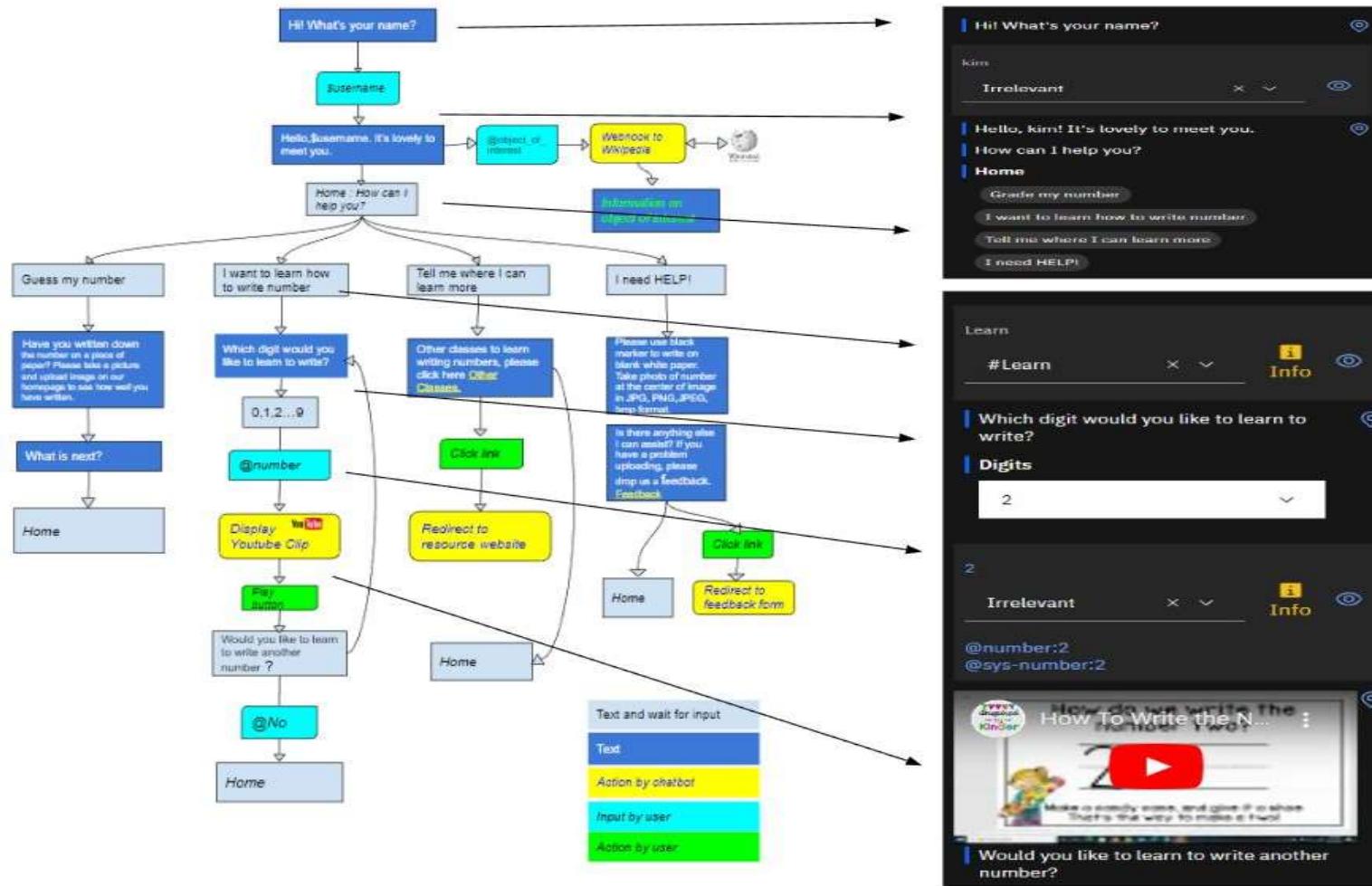


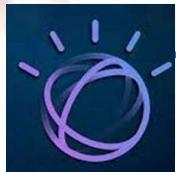
# CHATBOT - Conversation Flow



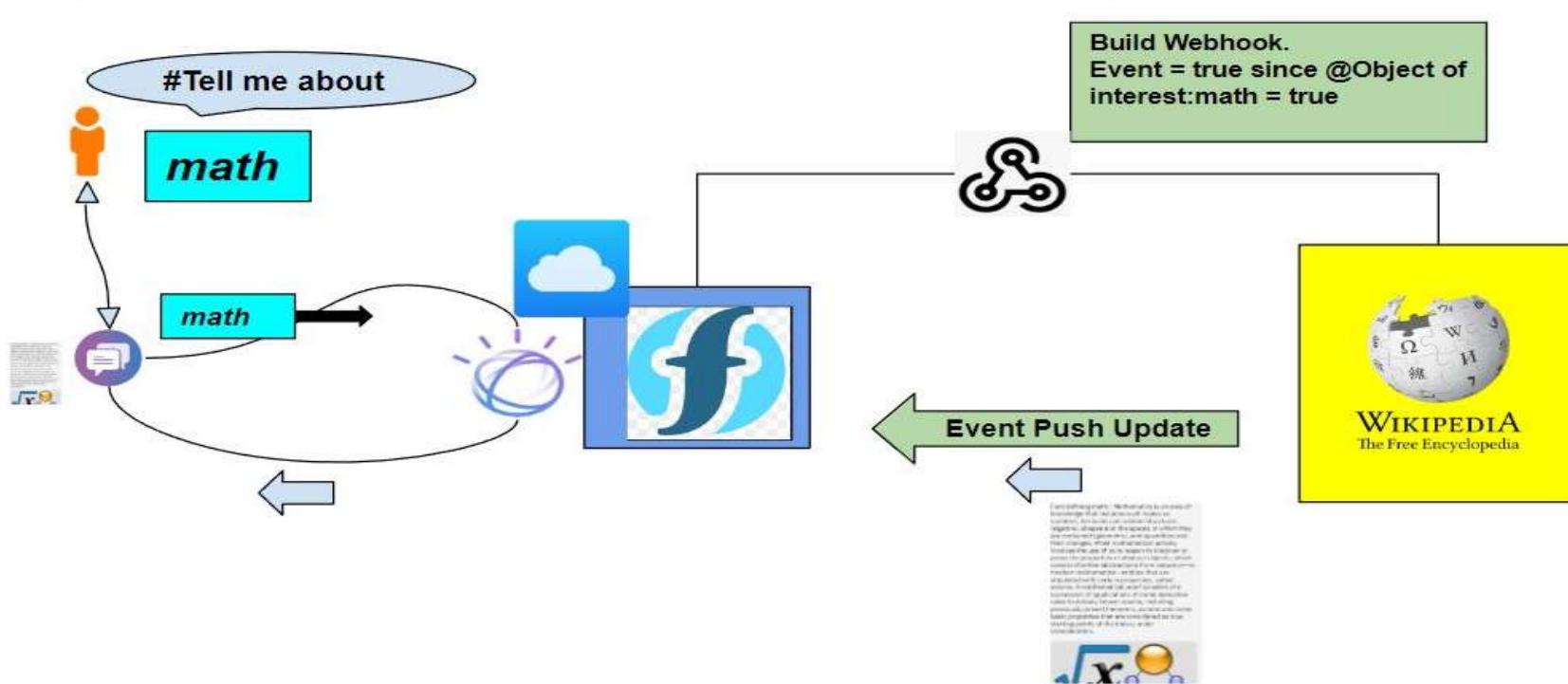


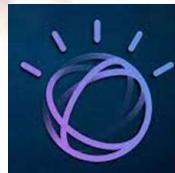
# CHATBOT - Dialog Flow for Video Learning, UI/UX



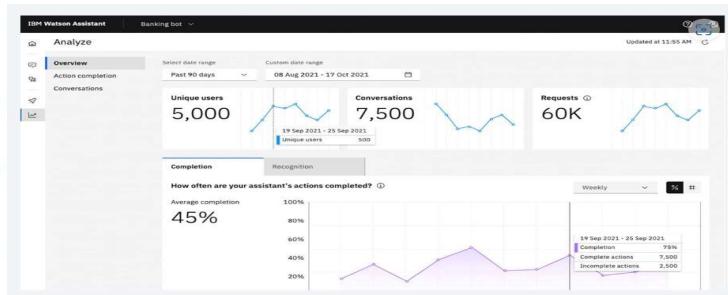


# CHATBOT - Webhook Call → WIKIPEDIA

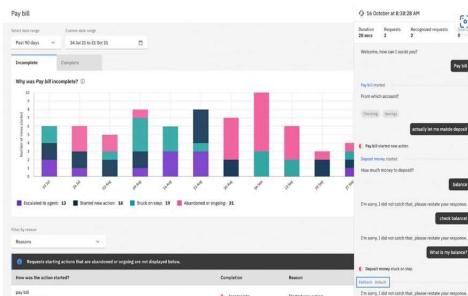




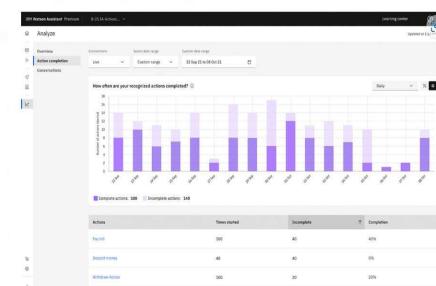
# CHATBOT - Performance & Fine-Tuning



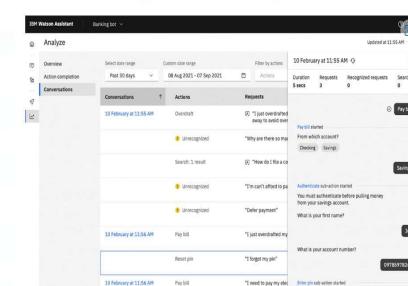
## Dashboard (sample)



## Goal Completion Rate (sample)



## Blockers (Sample)



## Conversation Logs (sample)

# INTEGRATION & IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Exit criteria
  - a. Application tested
  - b. Residual defects acceptable for implementation
  - c. Signoff upon the completion of the presentation from our course instructor
2. Deployment Strategy
  - Development Environment
    1. Kaggle - Model development
    2. Watson Assistant - Chatbot development
    3. Brackets - HTML CSS JS development
  - Github (Software development and version control)  
Flask Framework - Project Folder structure
    1. Static folder - CSS & Images
    2. Templates folder - HTML with Watson Chatbot scripts incorporated
    3. uploads folder
    4. Procfile
    5. Python code
    6. Model (.h5 file)
    7. requirement.txt
  - Heroku (Web Hosting)
3. Presentation for the project (MVP) and approval
4. Live - via Heroku Addon (Application Portfolio Manager) to deploy to public site, granting access to public



# FLASK

*... developed by Armin Ronacher based on Python*

Flask is a Microweb Framework written in Python, it is a small and lightweight Python web framework

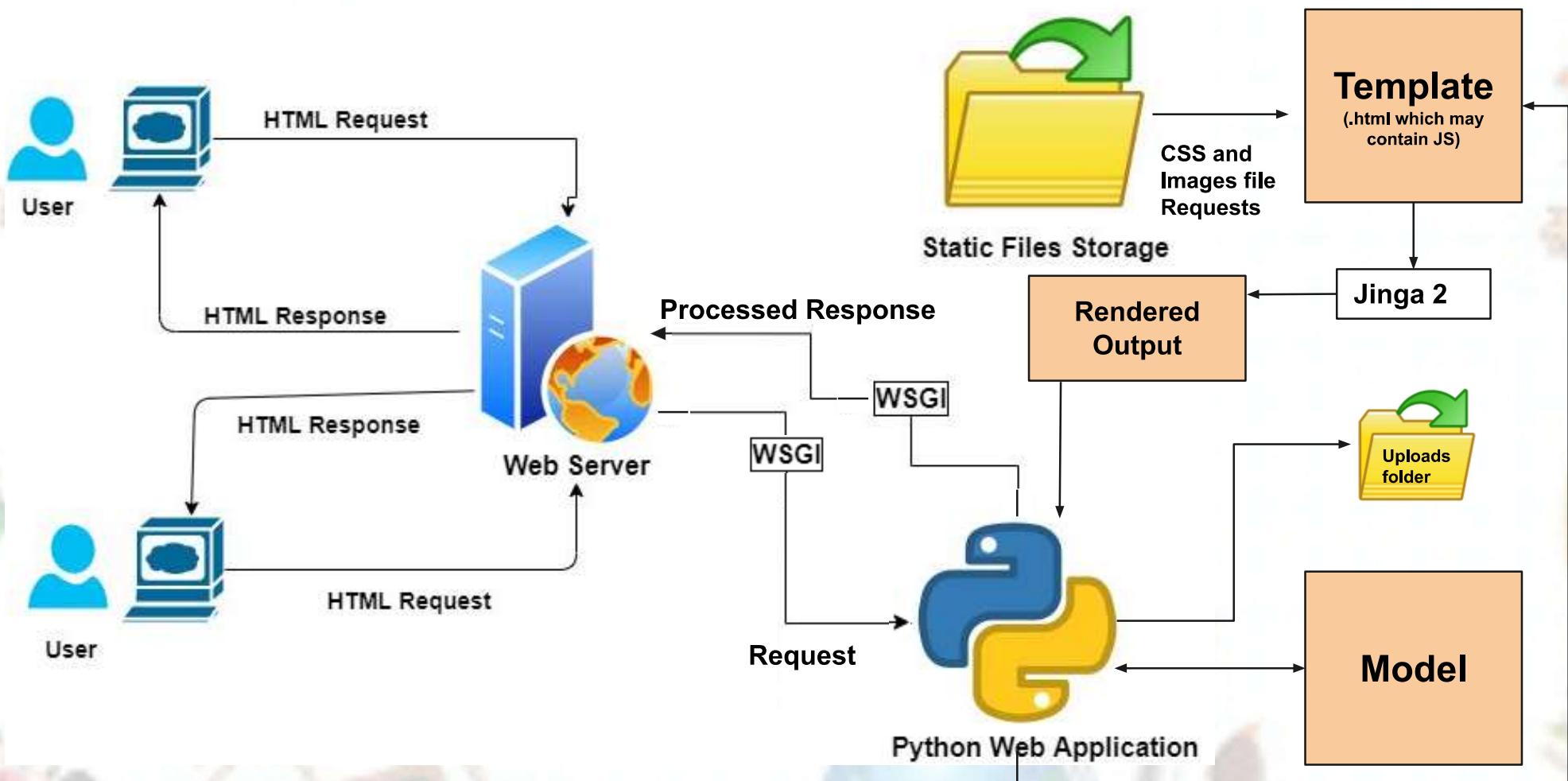
Advantages:

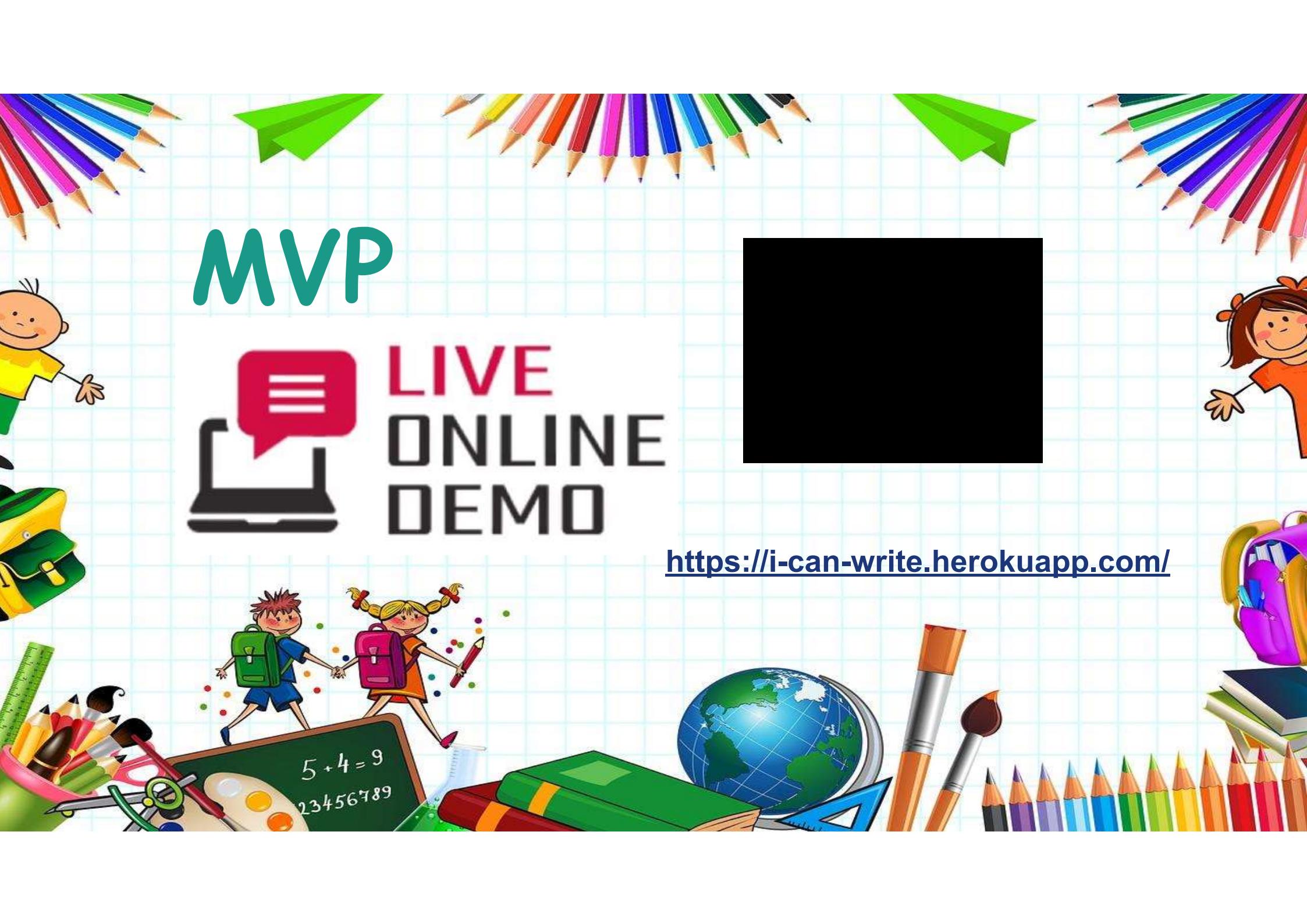
1. Not require a particular tool/library
2. Third party libraries can be added
3. Ease of setup and use
4. Freedom to build the structure of the web application

Components (Flask is a wrapper around these):

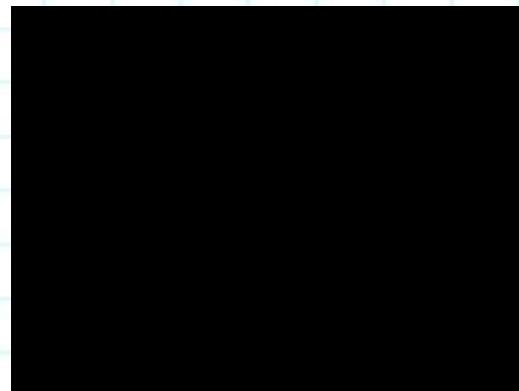
1. ItsDangerous - a safe data serialization library for Python
2. Jinja 2 - a template rendering engine
3. MarkupSafe - a string handling library for Python
4. Werkzeug - a utility library for Python for Web Server Gateway Interface (WSGI) which is a standard between web server & web apps

# Application Request/Response Flow (End to End)



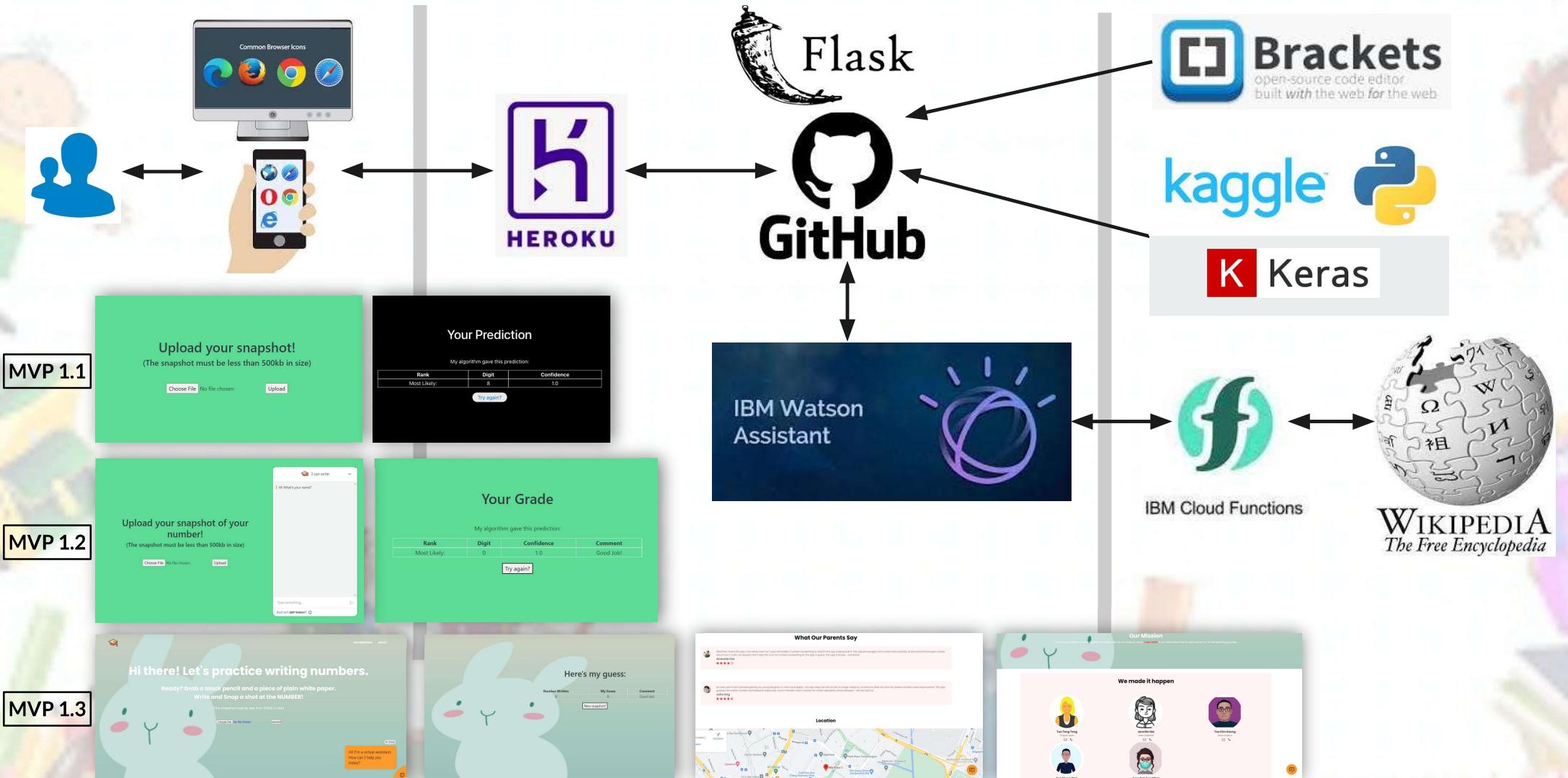


# MVP

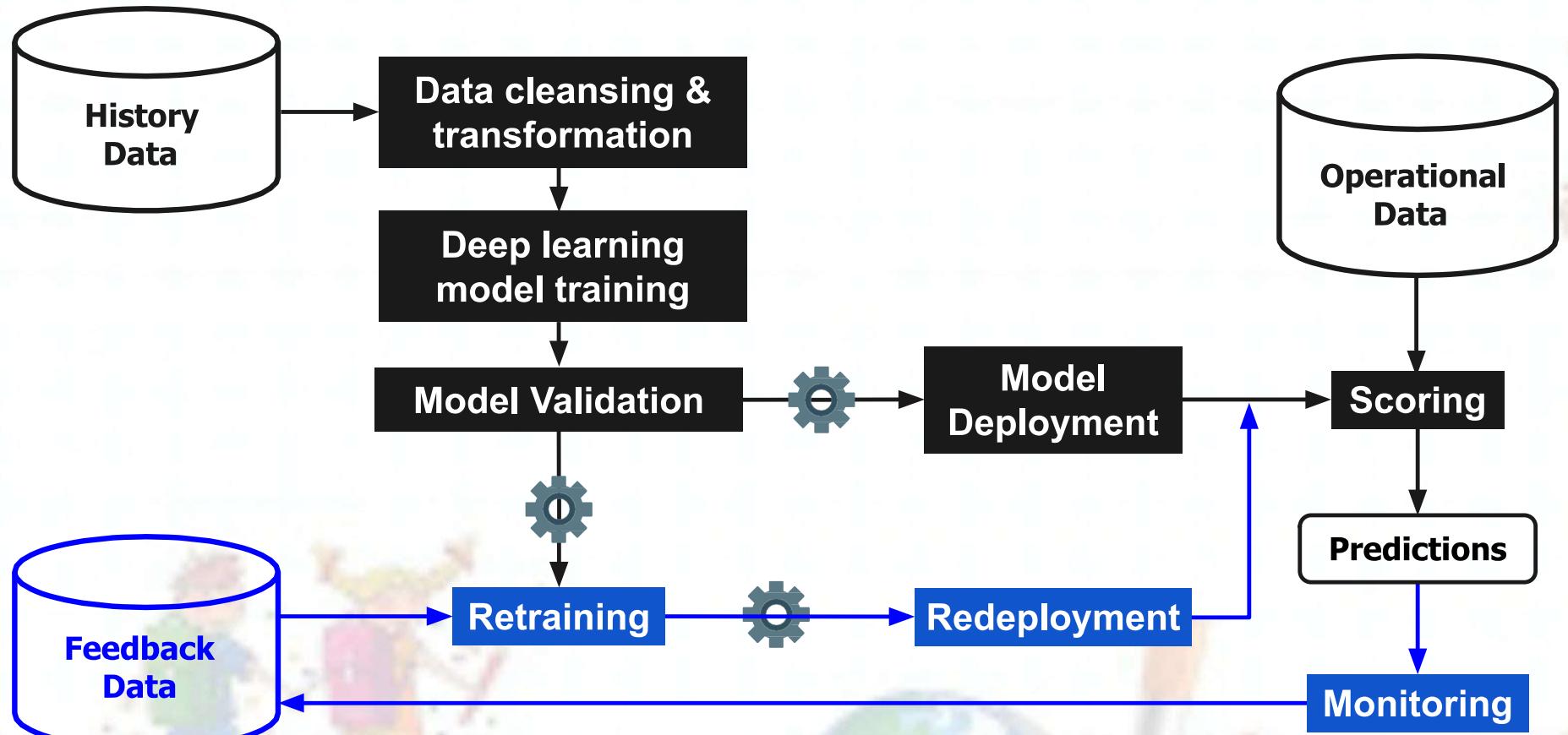


<https://i-can-write.herokuapp.com/>

# INTEGRATION & DEPLOYMENT



# CONTINUOUS LEARNING



# Project Learnings



# CONSTRAINTS and CHALLENGES

## Constraints

- ❑ Though fast & easy to develop & implement, the adoption of IBM cloud Watson Studio & AutoAI are not realised in view of limited CUH quotas.
- ❑ Github maximum upload-via- browser file size of 25MB limits model capability development.
- ❑ Heroku hard limit for compressed file size of 500MB limits web functionality development.
- ❑ App crashes when there are 5 HTML linkages. 4 HTML linkages are optimal.

## Challenges

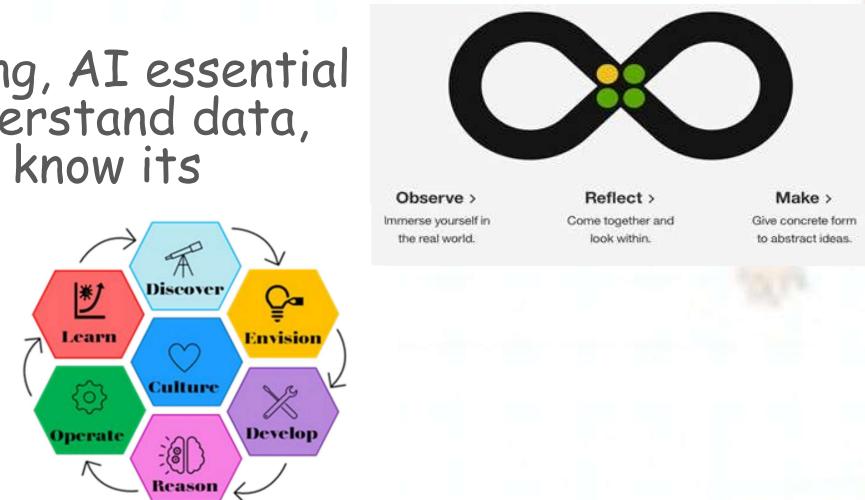
- ❑ Cumbersome manual integration updates among open-sourced services.
- ❑ Available digit datasets do not differentiate legible and illegible handwriting.
- ❑ Lack of expertise in html and python coding

## FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- Enhancement to model training & testing with colored (RGB) image dataset
  - Enhancement to model training & testing with negative examples
  - Expand problem statement to include alphabet and mother tongue character handwriting
  - Chatbot and Model integration
  - Chatbot and user feedback form enablement by setting up an email ID for [TigerMDsAssociation.com](http://TigerMDsAssociation.com)
- ..... given larger repository file upload size limit

# TAKEAWAYS

- ❑ As an extension to Enterprise design thinking, AI essential framework is applied to examine intent, understand data, reason application of AI to the problem and know its implications.
- ❑ Start small and fast deployment with MVP.
- ❑ Learnt integration within IBM Cloud environment, as well as IBM Cloud services with non-IBM (open-sourced) services.
- ❑ Nice-to-have differentiated legibility dataset.



# TAKEAWAYS



The image shows a screenshot of a digital application designed for children. At the top, the text "I can write" is displayed in blue. Below it, there's a cartoon pencil character wearing a graduation cap. The main interface features a large green background with a white cartoon face and the text "Hi there! Let's practice writing numbers." It includes instructions: "Ready? Grab a black pencil and a piece of plain white paper. Write and Snap a shot at the NUMBER!" There are buttons for "Choose File" and "Upload". A small orange box at the bottom right contains the text "Hello I'm a virtual student. How can I help you today?" with a close button.



- Demonstrated benefits of AI computer vision (image recognition) in relieving parent's pain points and development of child's pre-school number penmanship.

# Thank You !



# REFERENCE

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# BACKUP SLIDES



# DATASET: MNIST

- ❑ The MNIST (Mixed National Institute of Standards and Technology) database was introduced by LeCun et al. [2] in 1998.
- ❑ Since then, this dataset has been widely used as a testbed for different machine learning and pattern recognition proposals.
- ❑ The MNIST database contains a total of 70,000 instances, from which 60,000 are for training and the remainder are for testing.
- ❑ The database comprises two different sources: NIST's Special Database 1 (collected among high-school students) and NIST's Special Database 3 (retrieved from Census Bureau employees).
- ❑ The training and test set were chosen so that a same writer would not be involved in both sets.
- ❑ The training set contains samples from more than 250 writers.

# DATASET: EMNIST

- ❑ The source for building EMNIST database was NIST Special Database 19 (NIST SD 19), containing NIST's (National Institute of Standards and Technology of the US) entire corpus of training materials for handprinted document and character recognition, including over 800,000 manually checked and labelled characters from almost 3700 writers who filled a form.
- ❑ There are six different splits provided in this dataset. A short summary of the dataset is provided below:
  - ❑ EMNIST ByClass: 814,255 characters. 62 unbalanced classes.
  - ❑ EMNIST ByMerge: 814,255 characters. 47 unbalanced classes.
  - ❑ EMNIST Balanced: 131,600 characters. 47 balanced classes.
  - ❑ EMNIST Letters: 145,600 characters. 26 balanced classes.
  - ❑ **EMNIST Digits**: 280,000 characters. 10 balanced classes.
  - ❑ EMNIST MNIST: 70,000 characters. 10 balanced classes.

## DATASET: Street View House Numbers (SVHN)

- ❑ SVHN is a real-world image dataset for developing machine learning and object recognition algorithms with minimal requirement on data preprocessing and formatting.
- ❑ It can be seen as similar in flavor to MNIST (e.g., the images are of small cropped digits), but incorporates an order of magnitude more labeled data (over 600,000 digit images) and comes from a significantly harder, unsolved, real world problem (recognizing digits and numbers in natural scene images).
- ❑ SVHN is obtained from house numbers in Google Street View images.

# AI MODEL BUILDING: Our Reference

## Case Study: AlexNet

[Krizhevsky et al. 2012]

Full (simplified) AlexNet architecture:

[227x227x3] INPUT

[55x55x96] CONV1: 96 11x11 filters at stride 4, pad 0

[27x27x96] MAX POOL1: 3x3 filters at stride 2

[27x27x96] NORM1: Normalization layer

[27x27x256] CONV2: 256 5x5 filters at stride 1, pad 2

[13x13x256] MAX POOL2: 3x3 filters at stride 2

[13x13x256] NORM2: Normalization layer

[13x13x384] CONV3: 384 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1

[13x13x384] CONV4: 384 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1

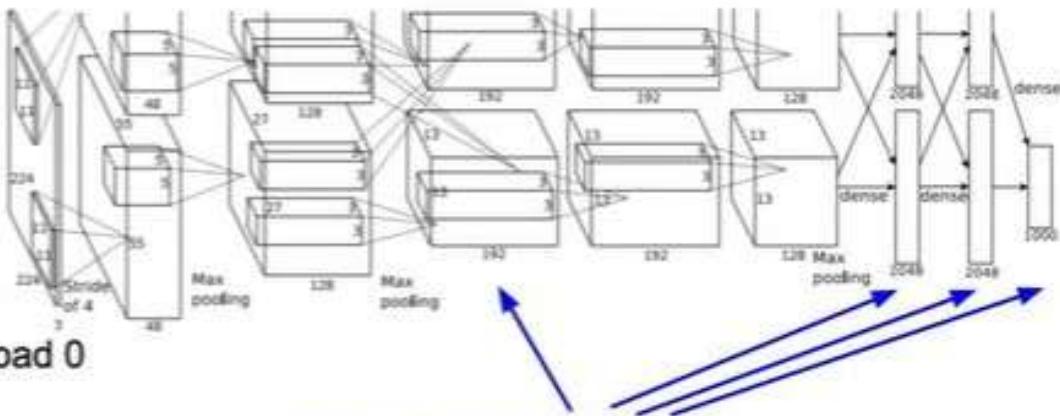
[13x13x256] CONV5: 256 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1

[6x6x256] MAX POOL3: 3x3 filters at stride 2

[4096] FC6: 4096 neurons

[4096] FC7: 4096 neurons

[1000] FC8: 1000 neurons (class scores)



CONV3, FC6, FC7, FC8:

Connections with all feature maps in preceding layer, communication across GPUs

# AI MODEL BUILDING: Feature Extraction

- [https://miro.medium.com/max/526/0\\*Asw1tDuRs3wTjwi7.gif](https://miro.medium.com/max/526/0*Asw1tDuRs3wTjwi7.gif)

1 <small>x1</small>	1 <small>x0</small>	1 <small>x1</small>	0	0
0 <small>x0</small>	1 <small>x1</small>	1 <small>x0</small>	1	0
0 <small>x1</small>	0 <small>x0</small>	1 <small>x1</small>	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image

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Convolved  
Feature

# AI MODEL BUILDING: Model Summary

```
model = Sequential()

model.add(Conv2D(32,(5,5), kernel_initializer='he_uniform', input_shape=(32,32,1)))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.PReLU())
model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(BatchNormalization())

model.add(Conv2D(32,(3,3), kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.PReLU())
model.add(Conv2D(64,(3,3), kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.PReLU())
model.add(Conv2D(64,(3,3), kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.PReLU())
model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))

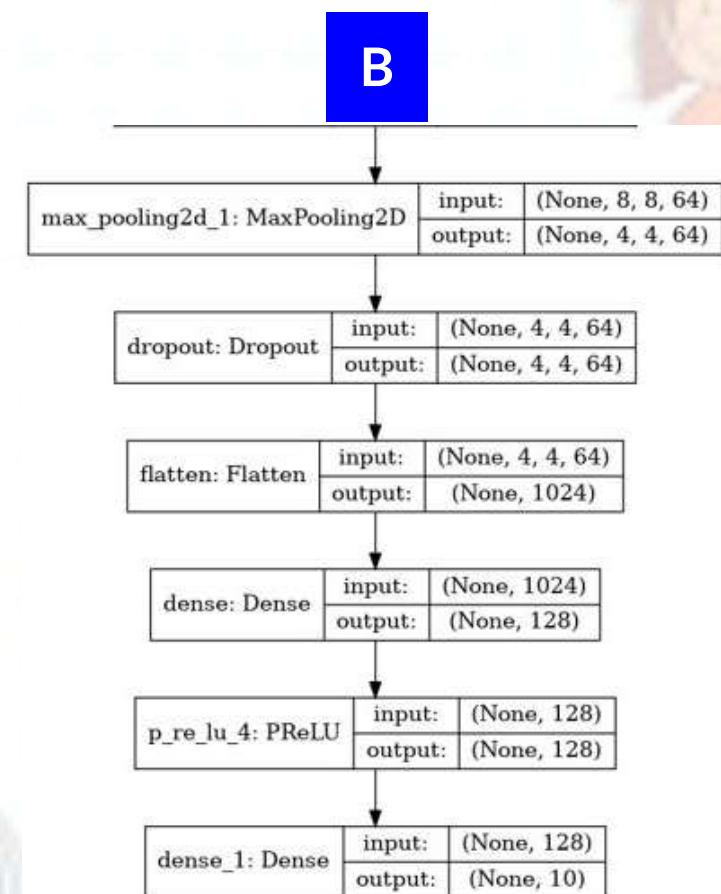
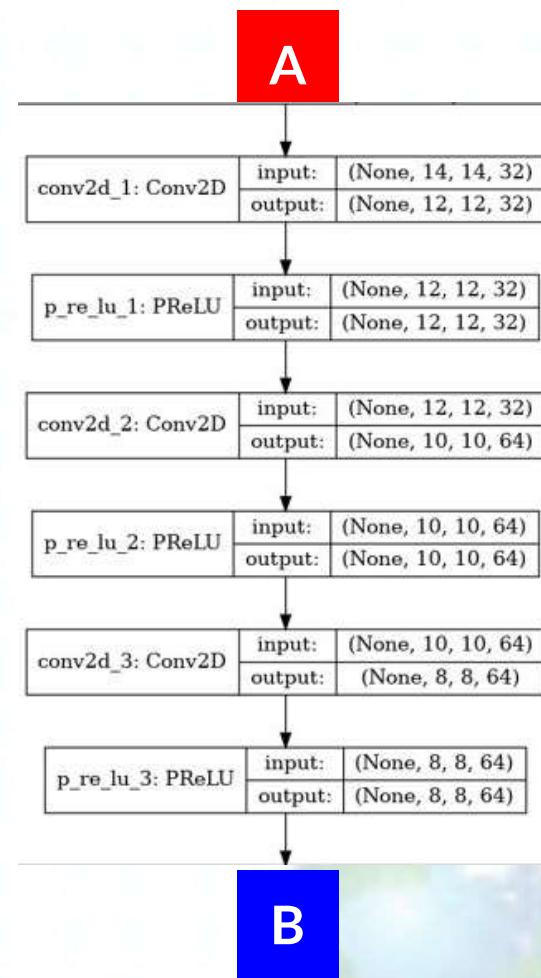
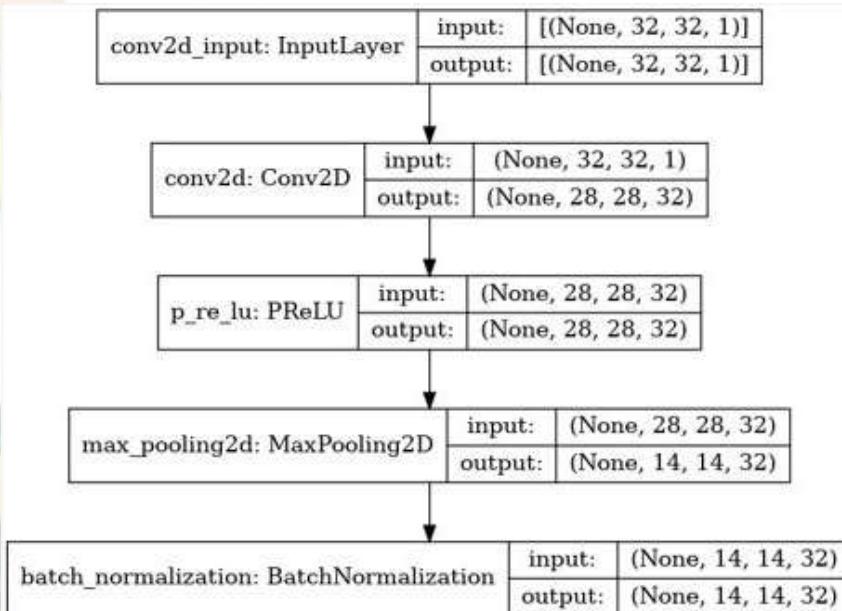
model.add(Flatten())

model.add(Dense(128, kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.PReLU())

model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	832
p_re_lu (PReLU)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	25088
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
batch_normalization (BatchNo	(None, 14, 14, 32)	128
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 12, 12, 32)	9248
p_re_lu_1 (PReLU)	(None, 12, 12, 32)	4608
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 10, 10, 64)	18496
p_re_lu_2 (PReLU)	(None, 10, 10, 64)	6400
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 64)	36928
p_re_lu_3 (PReLU)	(None, 8, 8, 64)	4896
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2	(None, 4, 4, 64)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 4, 4, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 1024)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	131200
p_re_lu_4 (PReLU)	(None, 128)	128
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 10)	1290
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Total params: 238,442		
Trainable params: 238,378		
Non-trainable params: 64		

# AI MODEL BUILDING: plot\_model



# AI MODEL OPTIMIZATION: Activation Function

