

Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation format

1. Introduction

- **Project Title:**CleanTech:Transforming Waste Management with Transfer Learning
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2. Project Overview

- **Purpose:** CleanTech leverages transfer learning to automate municipal waste classification through image recognition. The goal is to improve accuracy, reduce manual effort, and support sustainable waste management in urban areas.
- **Features: AI-Powered Waste Classification**
- Uses pre-trained deep learning models (e.g., ResNet, MobileNet) to classify waste images in real time.
- **Responsive Web Interface**
Clean, intuitive UI built with React and Tailwind CSS, optimized for desktop and mobile users.
- **Transfer Learning Integration**
Fine-tuned model architecture for adaptability across diverse regional waste datasets.
- **User History & Feedback Loop**
Tracks classification history and allows users to provide feedback to improve model performance.
- **Admin Dashboard**
Visual dashboard showing classification logs, category statistics, and user engagement metrics.
- **Authentication System**
Secure login system for users and admin with JWT-based token management.
- **Modular Backend Architecture**
RESTful APIs using Node.js/Express with MongoDB for seamless communication and scalability.
- **Cloud-Ready Deployment**
Containerized microservices architecture using Docker for future scalability and cloud integration.

3. Architecture

- **Frontend:** The frontend is a **single-page web application** developed using **HTML5, Tailwind CSS, and vanilla JavaScript**.
It features:
A responsive and modern UI for waste image upload and prediction using Tailwind's utility classes.

- Navigation between sections (Home, About, Predict, Contact) using JavaScript-controlled smooth scrolling and visibility toggling.
- Real-time image preview and simulated prediction UI for user feedback and classification results.
- Modal-based messaging for interaction feedback.
- **Backend:** The backend is a **lightweight Flask application** designed to serve the frontend over HTTP using `send_file()`.
It includes:
 An embedded development server running in a separate thread.
- Pyngrok integration to expose the local server to the internet securely via a public URL.
- Potential for integration with AI model inference endpoints (e.g., `/predict`) in future extensions.

Though minimal now, the backend can be extended to include:

- API routes for classification (`/predict`)
- Logging of classification results
- File uploads and secure user session handling
- **Database:** Detail the database schema and interactions with MongoDB.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

To run this project locally, ensure you have the following software installed:

- [Python 3.8+](#)
- [Flask](#)
- [Pyngrok](#)
- [Git](#) (*for cloning the repository*)

Installation: Step-by-step guide to clone, install dependencies, and set up the environment variables.

Clone the repository

Create a virtual environment

Install Python dependencies

Set your Ngrok Auth Token

Run the Flask application

Access the app

5. Folder Structure

Client: The **frontend is organized like a modular single-page application**, structured for clarity and scalability:

Features:

- Section-based layout (Home, About, Predict, Contact)
- Smooth scroll routing handled in JavaScript
- File input preview & simulated prediction logic
- Modal-based feedback system
- Easily extendable for future React migration

Server: Flask (Python) server acts as the delivery layer and future API host:
Key Components:

- Flask serves `index.html` to the root (`/`) route
- Pyngrok exposes localhost to the web for public access
- Threaded execution enables simultaneous Flask + ngrok tunnels
- Structure ready for adding REST endpoints like `/predict`, `/feedback`, or `/history`

6. Running the Application

- Provide commands to start the frontend and backend servers locally.
 - **Frontend:** No separate server required. The frontend is served directly by the Flask backend.
 - **Backend: `python app.py`**
Once running, pyngrok will generate a **public URL** (e.g., `https://xyz.ngrok-free.app`) that you can open in a browser to access the application remotely.

7. API Documentation

Endpoint	Method	Description	Request Body (JSON)	Example Response
<code>/predict</code>	POST	Predict waste type from uploaded image	<pre>{ "image": "base64-encoded image" }</pre>	<pre>{ "label": "Biodegradable", "confidence": 0.92 }</pre>
<code>/feedback</code>	POST	Receive user feedback on a prediction	<pre>{ "imageId": "123", "correctLabel": "Recyclable" }</pre>	<pre>{ "message": "Feedback received" }</pre>
<code>/history/<uid></code>	GET	Fetch classification history by user	N/A	<pre>[{"label": "...", "timestamp": "..."}]</pre>

8. Authentication

Currently, the app does not include user authentication, but here's the plan for scalable, secure integration:

Planned Authentication Flow (Optional Expansion):

- **JWT (JSON Web Tokens):**
 - Users sign in and receive a token stored in `localStorage` or cookies.
 - Token used in headers for protected endpoints (e.g., `/history`, `/admin`).

Flask Libraries to Use:

- [Flask-JWT-Extended](#) for handling token creation and verification
- Middleware to restrict access to admin-level analytics

9. Screenshots or Demo

- screenshots or a link to a demo to showcase the application

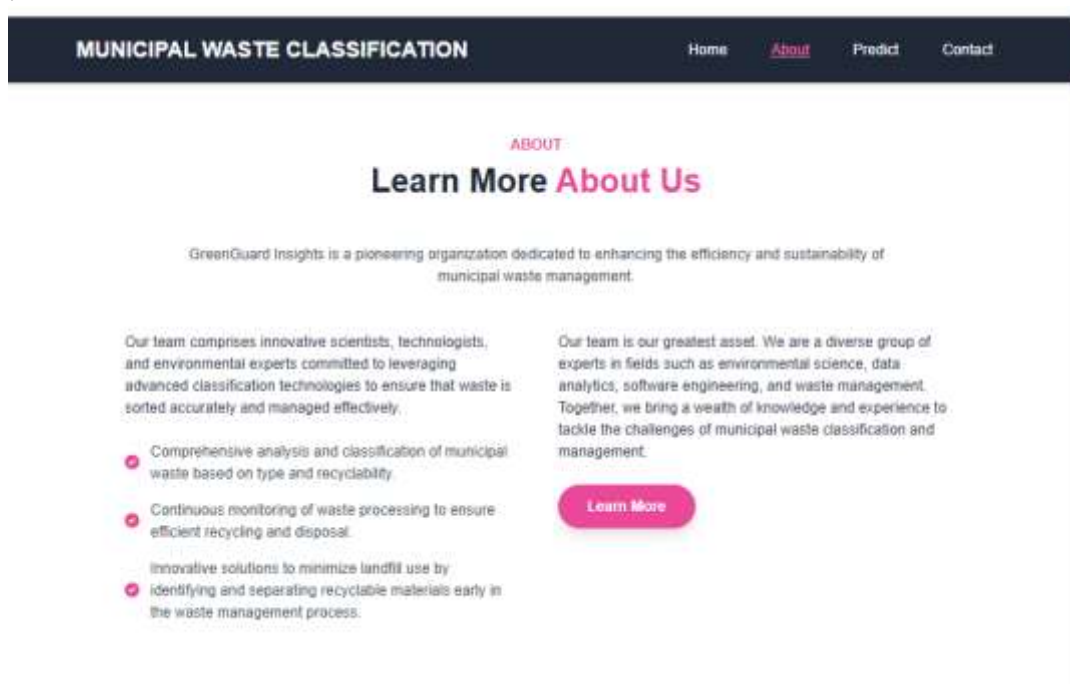


Image Classification

Upload Your Image :

Choose file

No file chosen

Predict

Image Classification

Upload Your Image :

Choose file

download.jpg

Predict



- **LINK TO LINK:** <https://github.com/alluru-lekhana/CleanTech/tree/main>

10. Known Issues

- > **Simulated Predictions Only:** The current version uses mock logic (`Math.random`) to simulate classification results. There's no live connection to a trained ML model.
- > **No File Upload to Server:** Uploaded images are only previewed on the frontend. They are not sent to the backend or stored.
- > **No Authentication Layer:** Anyone with the public ngrok link can access the app; there are no user roles or access controls.
- > **Limited Offline Support:** Requires a stable internet connection for ngrok tunneling. App won't work offline or without a valid tunnel.

11. Future Enhancements

- 🤖 **Integrate Real AI Model:** Connect the frontend to a trained CNN model using Flask for real-time image classification.
- 💾 **Database Integration:** Use MongoDB to store user sessions, classification logs, and feedback for analytics.
- 📱 **Mobile App Extension:** Develop a cross-platform app using React Native or Flutter for field use.
- 📊 **Admin Dashboard:** Add analytics for viewing most classified waste types, user activity, and model accuracy over time.
- 🔒 **User Authentication:** Implement JWT-based login system for users and admins.