

Deccan AI Machine Learning Engineer Project (California Housing Dataset)

1. Project Overview

This project involves predictive modeling using Kaggle datasets and consists of two notebooks:

- **Final_Projects_Kaggle.ipynb:** Handles data preprocessing, feature engineering, model selection, optimization, and validation.
- **HandleTestData.ipynb:** Applies the preprocessing steps from training to the test dataset and generates final predictions for submission.

2. Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering

- **Data Cleaning:** Addressed missing values by imputation and handled outliers to enhance data quality.
- **Feature Engineering:** Generated additional meaningful features using transformations and encoding of categorical variables.
- **Data Splitting:** Created training and validation datasets to reliably evaluate model performance.

3. Model Selection & Optimization

- **Algorithms Evaluated:** Tested multiple models including Random Forest, XGBoost, and Gradient Boosting.
- **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Optimized model parameters using Grid Search for improved accuracy.
- **Validation Method:** Performed cross-validation to ensure robustness and consistent model performance.

4. Model Deployment Strategy

- **Deployment Method:** Recommended deployment as a REST API using Flask or FastAPI frameworks.
- **Containerization:** Suggested Docker container usage for consistent, reproducible deployments.

5. API Usage Guide

- **Endpoint:** /predict
- **HTTP Method:** POST (JSON format)
- **Input:** Feature data in JSON
- **Output:** Predicted outcomes in JSON format

6. Installation & Usage

1. **Clone Repository:** git clone https://github.com/ashish21jan/DeccanAI_Assignment_MLEngineer

Environment Setup:

2. `python -m venv venv`
3. `source venv/bin/activate` # Linux/Mac
`.\venv\Scripts\activate` # Windows
4. **Install Dependencies:** `pip install -r requirements.txt`
5. **Run Notebooks:** Execute `Final_Projects_Kaggle.ipynb` followed by `HandleTestData.ipynb`.

7. Repository Structure

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project/  
├── Final_Projects_Kaggle.ipynb  
├── HandleTestData.ipynb  
├── requirements.txt  
└── README.md
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8. Contact

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