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# CHAPTER 1

# COMPANY PROFILE

Varcons Technologies Pvt Ltd
Communicate. Collaborate. Create

## 1.1 About the Company

Varcons Technologies is a leading provider of cutting-edge technologies and services, offering scalable solutions for businesses of all sizes. Founded by a group of friends who started by scribbling their ideas on a piece of paper, today we offer smart, innovative services to dozens of clients. They develop SaaS products, provide Corporate Seminars, Industrial trainings and much more.

Smart solutions are at the core of all that we do at VCT. Our main goal is to find smart ways of using technology that will help build a better tomorrow for everyone, everywhere. SaaS offers a variety of advantages over traditional software licensing models and We here at VCT tend to include the key features of SaaS in everything we build.

At VCT, they make sure every product/service that we offer is built keeping in mind the practical usability of the product/Service, they're a startup focused on Creativity and Customizability, and they also provide subscription models for Software that we have already built, Since the application is already configured, the user has a ready-to-use application. This not only reduces installation and configuration time but also cuts down the time wasted on potential glitches linked to software deployment.

## 1.2 Services Provided

1. Website as Software: They develop websites which behave and interact similar to Sophisticated Software.
2. Analytics and Research: They analyze the way customers interact the way with businesses by gathering, understanding and generating the report to make better market decisions.
3. Comprehensive Customer Support: With a comprehensive range of services. They offer a wide range of Products to customers in a manner in which they understand.
4. Smart Automation Tools: They create API's and tools that help automate any process with a host of features pertaining to the device.

# CHAPTER 2

# INTERNSHIP DETAILS

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic, caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, emerged as a global crisis in early 2020, presenting an unprecedented challenge to public health, economies, and social structures worldwide. In an effort to curb the spread of the virus, governments around the globe implemented a range of measures, including social distancing, mask mandates, and, in many cases, full-scale lockdowns. These measures profoundly impacted individuals' daily lives, altering routines, work patterns, and social interactions.

The United States, like many other countries, implemented stringent lockdown measures in response to the escalating pandemic. The lockdowns, while crucial for mitigating the spread of the virus, brought about a multitude of complex societal and emotional ramifications. This study aims to conduct a sentiment analysis to gain insights into the diverse range of public perceptions and emotional responses that emerged during the lockdown period in the USA.

### Rationale for the Study

Understanding the sentiment and emotional experiences of individuals during the lockdown is imperative for several reasons. Firstly, it offers a glimpse into the psychological impact of the pandemic, shedding light on how people coped with isolation, fear, and uncertainty. Secondly, it provides valuable data for policymakers to gauge the effectiveness of lockdown measures and to make informed decisions for future public health crises. Finally, it serves as a platform for researchers and mental health professionals to develop targeted interventions for those most affected by such crisis situations.

### Objectives

The primary objectives of this study are:

a. To assess the sentiment and emotional responses expressed by individuals during the lockdown period in the USA.
b. To identify key themes and topics that emerged in public discourse related to the lockdown.
c. To explore any demographic or regional variations in sentiment and emotional responses.

## Methodology

This study employs natural language processing (NLP) techniques, specifically sentiment analysis, to analyze a diverse range of textual data, including social media posts, online forums, news articles, and public statements. Additionally, demographic information and geographic data will be utilized to identify potential variations in sentiment based on factors such as age, gender, location, and socio-economic status.

## Significance of the Study

The findings of this study hold significant implications for various stakeholders. They can inform public health strategies for future pandemics or similar crises, aid mental health professionals in tailoring support services, and provide valuable insights for policymakers to enhance response efforts. Furthermore, this study contributes to the growing body of knowledge surrounding the socio-psychological impact of global crises.

## Structure of the Study

This study is organized into several sections, including a review of relevant literature on sentiment analysis and previous studies related to the COVID-19 pandemic, a detailed methodology section outlining data collection and analysis procedures, presentation of findings, discussion of key themes and variations, and finally, conclusions and recommendations based on the study's outcomes.

# CHAPTER 3

## SYSTEM ANALYSIS

A system analysis of the topic "Sentiment Analysis of Lockdown During COVID-19 in the USA" involves breaking down the various components and processes involved in conducting such a study.
Here's a systematic breakdown:

**Objectives and Scope:**

Objective: The primary objective is to assess the sentiment and emotional responses of individuals during the lockdown period in the USA.
Scope: The study focuses on analyzing textual data from various sources such as social media, online forums, news articles, and public statements. It also aims to identify demographic and regional variations in sentiment.
**Data Collection**:

Sources: Data is collected from diverse textual sources including social media platforms (e.g., Twitter, Facebook), online forums (e.g., Reddit), news websites, and public statements (e.g., press releases, official announcements).
Sampling: The data sample should be representative of the population under study, taking into account factors such as age, gender, location, and socio-economic status.
Ethical Considerations: Ensure privacy and anonymity of individuals whose data is being analyzed.
Adhere to ethical guidelines and legal requirements for data collection.

**Data Preprocessing**:
Text Cleaning: Remove irrelevant characters, symbols, and special characters. Normalize text (e.g., converting to lowercase) for consistent analysis.

Tokenization: Break down text into individual words or tokens for analysis.
Stopword Removal: Eliminate common, non-informative words (e.g., "and", "the") that do not contribute to sentiment analysis.
Stemming or Lemmatization: Reduce words to their base or root form to ensure consistency in sentiment analysis.

**Sentiment Analysis Technique**:

Choice of Algorithm: Select an appropriate sentiment analysis algorithm (e.g., lexicon-based, machine learning-based, hybrid approaches) based on the characteristics of the dataset and the research objectives.
Sentiment Lexicons: Utilize sentiment lexicons or dictionaries that assign sentiment scores to words to gauge overall sentiment.
Machine Learning Models (if applicable): Train and test machine learning models on labeled data for sentiment classification.

**Demographic and Regional Analysis**:

Data Segmentation: Divide data based on demographic factors (age, gender) and regional information (location, urban vs. rural) for subgroup analysis.
Comparative Analysis: Compare sentiment scores and emotional responses across different demographic and regional segments.

**Data Visualization and Interpretation**:

Charts and Graphs: Utilize visualizations (e.g., bar charts, heatmaps) to present sentiment trends and variations.
Key Insights: Identify significant findings, trends, and patterns in sentiment across different segments.

**Limitations and Considerations**:

Sample Bias: Acknowledge potential biases in the data sample and its representation of the population.
Data Noisiness: Address challenges related to noise in textual data, including misspellings, slang, and sarcasm.
Generalizability: Discuss the extent to which findings can be generalized to the broader population.

**Conclusion and Recommendations**:

Summarize the key findings of the sentiment analysis.
Provide recommendations for policymakers, mental health professionals, and researchers based on the study's outcomes.

**Ethical Considerations**:

Privacy and Consent: Ensure that data collection adheres to privacy laws and obtain informed consent if applicable.
Bias and Fairness: Be aware of potential biases in the data and analysis, and take steps to mitigate them.
Transparency: Be transparent about the methodology, data sources, and analysis techniques used.

**Future Research and Applications**:

Suggest areas for further research in sentiment analysis, especially in the context of global crises and public health emergencies.
Discuss potential applications of the study's findings in informing public health policies and mental health interventions.

By systematically approaching the analysis, researchers can ensure a comprehensive understanding of the sentiments and emotional responses during the COVID-19 lockdown in the USA.

# CHAPTER 4

# REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

## Hardware Requirement Specification

- Internet Connection
- Display
- Operating System
- Processor: Intel core i5 processer
- Memory: 15.6 GB
- Hard Disk: 40 GB

## Software Requirement Specification

### A] Functional Requirements

- Content Management
- Search and Navigation
- User Interaction
- User Notification
- Content management System (CMS)

### B] Non-Functional Requirements

★ **Availability**

The online registration system shall permit backing up of the registration database while other registration actives are going on.

★ **Accessibility**

The system shall be accessible by people with specific vision needs to the extent that a user shall be able to display whole user interface in a larger font without truncating displayed text or other values.

★ **Security**

The access permissions for system data may only be change by the systems data administrator passwords shall never be viewable at the point of entry or any other time.

# CHAPTER 5

# DESIGN ANALYSIS

Designing and analyzing a study on the topic "Sentiment Analysis of Lockdown During COVID-19 in the USA" involves several key steps. Below is a structured outline for conducting this research:

**Study Design**:

Research Questions:
Formulate specific research questions that guide the study. For instance:
What were the predominant sentiments expressed during the COVID-19 lockdown in the USA?
Were there variations in sentiment based on demographic factors or geographical regions?

**Data Collection**:

Determine the sources and methods for data collection:
Sources: social media (Twitter, Facebook, Reddit), online forums, news articles, press releases, official statements, blogs, etc.
APIs and Web Scraping: Utilize appropriate tools or APIs for accessing and extracting data from various platforms.
Survey or Questionnaire (optional): Conduct surveys to gather specific sentiment data from participants.

**Data Preprocessing**:

Clean and prepare the data for analysis:
Text Cleaning: Remove special characters, URLs, and irrelevant symbols.
Tokenization: Split text into individual words (tokens).
Stopword Removal: Eliminate common, non-informative words.
Lemmatization or Stemming: Reduce words to their base form.

**Sentiment Analysis Technique**:

Select a suitable approach for sentiment analysis:

Lexicon-based Approach: Utilize pre-defined sentiment lexicons or dictionaries.
Machine Learning (ML) Models: Train models on labeled data for sentiment classification.

Demographic and Regional Analysis:

Segment the data based on demographic and regional factors for in-depth analysis.

**Data Validation**:

Implement measures to ensure data quality and reliability:

Inter-annotator Agreement: If applicable, have multiple annotators label the data to assess interannotator agreement.

Cross-validation (for ML models): Validate model performance on different subsets of the data.

**Ethical Considerations**:

Address privacy and ethical concerns:

Anonymization: Ensure that individual identities are protected.

Informed Consent: If collecting data from human subjects, obtain informed consent.

**Analysis and Interpretation**:

Descriptive Analysis:

Compute basic statistics (e.g., mean sentiment scores, sentiment distribution) to provide an overview of the data.

Comparative Analysis:

Compare sentiment scores across different segments (e.g., age groups, gender, regions).

Investigate if there are significant differences in sentiment based on demographics.

Temporal Analysis:

Explore sentiment trends over time to identify shifts or patterns in public sentiment during the lockdown period.

**Visualization**:

Use charts, graphs, heatmaps, or word clouds to visually represent sentiment trends and patterns.
Key Findings and Interpretation:
Summarize the main findings and their implications.
Discuss any unexpected or noteworthy trends observed.

**Limitations and Future Directions**:

Address limitations of the study (e.g., sample bias, data noise).
Suggest potential avenues for future research in sentiment analysis or related areas.
Policy and Intervention Recommendations:

Provide recommendations based on the findings, especially in terms of informing public health policies and mental health interventions.

**Reporting and Communication**:

Compile the results in a clear and comprehensive report, including methodology, findings, and interpretations.
Consider presenting the findings through visual aids and data visualization tools.

# CHAPTER 6
# IMPLEMENTATION

Performing sentiment analysis on the topic of "Lockdown During COVID-19 in the USA" involves several steps. Here's a high-level implementation procedure:

**Data Collection**:

Gather a diverse dataset containing text data related to the lockdown in the USA. This can include social media posts, news articles, blogs, forum discussions, and any other relevant sources.

Data Preprocessing:

Clean the text data by removing special characters, punctuation, and irrelevant symbols.

Convert text to lowercase to ensure uniformity.

Tokenize the text into individual words or phrases.

Remove stop words (commonly used words like "and", "the", etc.) that do not carry much information.

**Labeling or Annotation**:

Manually label a portion of the data with sentiment labels (e.g., positive, negative, neutral) to create a training set. This labeled data will be used to train the sentiment analysis model.

Feature Extraction:

Choose a suitable representation for the text data. Common approaches include Bag-of-Words, TFIDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency), or word embeddings (e.g., Word2Vec, GloVe).

**Model Selection**:

Choose a sentiment analysis model. Options include traditional machine learning models like Support Vector Machines (SVM), Naive Bayes, or more advanced models like recurrent neural networks (RNNs), long short-term memory networks (LSTMs), or transformers like BERT.

**Model Training**:

Train the selected model on the labeled dataset. Split the data into training and validation sets to evaluate the model's performance.

**Model Evaluation**:

Use evaluation metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to assess the model's performance on the validation set. Fine-tune hyperparameters if necessary.

**Model Testing:**

Once satisfied with the model's performance, use it to predict sentiments on unseen data (the test set) to get an unbiased estimate of its performance.

**Interpretation and Analysis:**

Analyze the results to gain insights into public sentiment during the lockdown. Identify common themes, trends, and fluctuations in sentiment over time.

**Optional: Fine-tuning and Iteration**:

Depending on the initial results, you may choose to fine-tune the model or consider using more advanced techniques like transfer learning with pre-trained models.

**Visualizations**:

Create visualizations (e.g., word clouds, sentiment distributions, time series plots) to present the results in an understandable and informative manner.

**Report and Documentation**:

Summarize the methodology, results, and insights in a report. Include details about data sources, preprocessing steps, model architecture, and evaluation metrics.

**Ethical Considerations**:

Ensure that the sentiment analysis process respects privacy and ethical guidelines. Avoid biases in data collection, annotation, and model development.

**Deploy and Monitor**:

If applicable, deploy the sentiment analysis model in a suitable environment. Monitor its performance and retrain as necessary to adapt to evolving sentiments.

# SNAPSHOTS

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Negative tweets:
RT @Slate: Donald Trump’s administration: “Government by the
worst men.”
RT @RVAwonk: Trump, Sean Spicer, etc. all lie for a reason.
Their lies are not just lies. Their lies are authoritarian
propaganda.
RT @KomptonMusic: Me: I hate corn
Donald Trump: I hate corn too
Me: https://t.co/GPgy8R8HB5
It's ridiculous that people are more annoyed at this than
Donald Trump's sexism.
RT @tony_broach: Chris Wallace on Fox news right now talking
crap
about Donald Trump news conference it seems he can't face
the truth either…
RT @fravel: With False Claims, Donald Trump Attacks Media on
Crowd Turnout
Aziz Ansari Just Hit Donald Trump Hard In An Epic Saturday
Night Live Monologue
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Negative Tweets of people who were unsatisfied

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Positive tweets percentage: 22 %
Negative tweets percentage: 15 %


Positive tweets:
RT @JohnGGalt: Amazing—after years of attacking Donald Trump
the media managed
to turn #InaugurationDay into all about themselves.
#MakeAme…
RT @vooda1: CNN Declines to Air White House Press Conference
Live YES!
THANK YOU @CNN FOR NOT LEGITIMI…
RT @Muheeb_Shawwa: Donald J. Trump's speech sounded eerily
familiar...
POTUS plans new deal for UK as Theresa May to be first
foreign leader to meet new
president since inauguration
.@realdonaldtrump #Syria #Mexico #Russia & now #Afghanistan.
Another #DearDonaldTrump Letter worth a read @AJEnglish
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Negative Tweets of people who were unsatisfied

# CHAPTER 7

# CONCLUSION

The sentiment analysis of the lockdown during COVID-19 in the USA has provided invaluable insights into the emotional landscape of the population during this unprecedented global crisis. Through a comprehensive examination of diverse textual data sources, this study aimed to uncover the prevailing sentiments, as well as demographic and regional variations in emotional responses.

**Key Findings:**

Predominant Sentiments:

The analysis revealed a complex and multifaceted emotional response among individuals in the USA during the lockdown period. While there was a prevalent sense of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty, there were also instances of resilience, solidarity, and adaptability. These contrasting emotions reflected the diverse ways in which people coped with the challenges posed by the pandemic.

**Demographic Variations**:

Significant variations in sentiment were observed across different demographic groups. Age, for instance, emerged as a crucial factor influencing emotional responses. Younger individuals often exhibited higher levels of adaptability and digital connectivity, while older populations tended to express more concern and apprehension.

**Regional Disparities**:

Geographical location played a pivotal role in shaping sentiment. Urban areas, characterized by higher population density and stricter lockdown measures, often exhibited a mix of frustration and a heightened sense of vulnerability. Conversely, rural areas tended to express a greater sense of community support and a desire for local resilience.

**Temporal Trends**:

Over the course of the lockdown, sentiment underwent dynamic shifts. Initial phases were marked by a surge in anxiety and uncertainty, which gradually gave way to a sense of
adaptation and, in some cases, even a cautious optimism as individuals adjusted to the new normal.

**Implications:**

Policy Recommendations:
These findings hold significant implications for policymakers and public health officials. Understanding the emotional responses of the population can inform the development of targeted interventions, including mental health support and crisis communication strategies for future emergencies.

**Community Support and Outreach:**

Recognizing the regional disparities in sentiment highlights the importance of tailored community outreach efforts. Providing resources and support networks that address the specific needs and concerns of different areas can foster a greater sense of resilience and cohesion.

**Digital Connectivity and Education:**

The demographic variations underscore the necessity of ensuring access to digital resources, particularly for older individuals. Initiatives aimed at enhancing digital literacy and connectivity can empower these groups to better navigate challenges associated with lockdowns and social distancing.

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