# IMAGE RECOGNITION TO CLASSIFY DOG BREEDS.

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# ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of image recognition technology has fueled its application across various domains. In this study, we focus on leveraging image recognition algorithms to classify dog breeds from digital images. The objective is to develop a robust and accurate system capable of identifying and categorizing diverse dog breeds based on visual features.The proposed system employs deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), known for their exceptional performance in image classification tasks. A comprehensive dataset comprising a wide variety of dog images is used for training and testing the model. The dataset includes images of different breeds captured in diverse environments and under varying conditions to enhance the model's adaptability.

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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

HOG -Histogram of Oriented Gradients

LBP- Local Binary Patterns

KNN- K-Nearest Neighbors

SVM-Support Vector Machines

VGG- Visual Geometry GroupRAD-Rapid Application Development

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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## 1.1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A Dog has been a companion for this world and for human mankind for the last many years. But now looking around and seeing dogs we find that there are many types of dogs who look some way or the other way different from each other[1]. Also, if we carry forward this, we found that there are many different kinds of dogs which are looking a bit similar but are of different breeds. These dogs are not only different in their breeds but they also differ in many of their characteristics such as their behavior towards humans, liking and disliking habits of each other, etc. Not only this one of the reasons for the classification of dogs according to their breed is that now in today’s present time breeding of a dog with a different kind of dog has become very usual due to which every now and then a new variety of dog breeds are found. Since breeding mainly depends upon the matting of two species and on the other hand, it also depends upon the inner genetics of mother and father due to which matting is done and new breeds are produced which is not able to identify. Recently dogs can be classify using an expert-based approach. These are one who has a variety of knowledge of different breeds of dogs. Hopefully, this is very difficult as experts are not available, and secondly, there is a DNA approach. But this DNA approach is expensive and time taking as at present time there are a total of 20,580 dogs breed present in the world

## 1.2: PROBLEM STATEMENT

In recent times human beings have shown more interests in dogs and we find that different people are attracted to different kinds or breeds of dogs. Despite the interests and love for the different breeds, there is no system to show the breed and give the accuracy of the breed. There is need for a system to classify different dogs to their breeds.

## OBJECTIVES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The general objectives in this project is to design, develop and implement a dog breed classification model

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To gather and analyze requirements for the system

2. To design the dog breed classification system

3. To implement the developed dog breed classification system

4. To test and validate the dog breed classification system

## SCOPE OF STUDY

The scope of this project is to enable people differentiate different kinds of dog breeds to help marketing and classify dogs according to their breeds.[2] Since the classification of dogs is becoming very difficult and moreover, these classifications are taken on the deep learning concept and training a fully defined data set helps in training both models which predicts the different accuracy levels at both ends. Since every now and then predictions are taken for every model in the study

## SIGNIFICANCE OF TE PROJECT

The project improves the accuracy or exactness in different kinds of dog breeds and also help in the marketing of people in dog business and give precise information about certain dog breed

## LIMITATIONS

Model Robustness:

Develop an image recognition model that can effectively handle the diversity and variations in appearance across different dog breeds.

Limited Data Adaptability:

Investigate methodologies, including transfer learning and data augmentation, to address the challenge of limited labeled data for training.

Real-world Applicability:

Design the system to perform reliably in real-world scenarios, considering variations in environmental conditions and image capture settings.

Evaluation Metrics:

Establish comprehensive metrics for evaluating the model's performance, including accuracy, precision[4]], recall, and F1 score.xaggerated physical features, inbreeding and inherited diseases

# CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

## 2.1 Introduction

Image recognition systems, particularly those aimed at classifying dog breeds, have witnessed significant development in recent years. [5]This literature review explores the existing research and systems in this domain, highlighting their advantages and disadvantages. Understanding the landscape of current technologies is crucial for identifying gaps and formulating an effective approach to contribute to the field.

Transfer learning, a technique leveraging pre-trained neural network models, has proven effective in dog breed classification. In a study by Krizhevsky et al. (2012), the authors demonstrated the applicability of pre-trained models on ImageNet for recognizing features relevant to dog breeds. [6]The approach involves fine-tuning these models on a specialized dog breed dataset, enabling the network to leverage previously learned hierarchical features.

CNNs have emerged as the architecture of choice for image classification tasks. In the context of dog breed recognition, studies like Simonyan and Zisserman (2015) showcase the effectiveness of deep CNNs. [7]The deep layers of these networks automatically learn discriminative features, capturing both global and local patterns crucial for distinguishing between different breeds.

Addressing the challenge of limited labeled data, data augmentation techniques play a crucial role. Zhang et al. (2018) explored the impact of data augmentation on improving model generalization for dog breed classification. Techniques such as rotation, scaling, and flipping were applied to artificially expand the dataset, enhancing the model's ability to handle variations in breed appearances.

Recognizing the intra-breed variability poses a unique challenge. A study by Oquab et al. (2014) introduced a method incorporating part-based models for fine-grained recognition. [8]This approach focuses on specific regions of interest within an image, allowing the model to capture subtle variations and intricate details characteristic of individual dogs within the same breed.

Real-world scenarios often involve images captured under diverse environmental conditions. A study by Lin et al. (2017) addressed the impact of environmental factors on breed classification. The authors proposed a model that incorporates domain adaptation techniques to enhance the system's robustness to variations in lighting, backgrounds, and image quality.

## 2.2 Existing systems

### 2.2.1 Traditional Approaches

### Traditionally, dog breed classification relied on handcrafted features and conventional machine learning algorithms. [9]These approaches, predating the widespread use of deep learning, aimed to extract relevant information from images through carefully designed feature extraction techniques.

### Feature Extraction Techniques:

### Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG):

### HOG is a widely used feature descriptor that captures the distribution of gradient orientations in an image. [10]In the context of dog breed classification, HOG analyzes the local intensity gradients, emphasizing the regions where there are significant changes in intensity.

### Color Histograms:

### Color information plays a crucial role in identifying different dog breeds. Color histograms represent the distribution of colors in an image, providing insights into the predominant hues. This is especially useful for breeds with distinctive coat colors and patterns.

### Texture Descriptors:

### Texture descriptors, such as Local Binary Patterns (LBP), focus on the spatial arrangement of pixel intensities. [11]These descriptors are effective in capturing textural details in dog images, which can be indicative of specific breeds.

### Classification Algorithms:

### Once features are extracted, traditional machine learning algorithms are employed for classification:

### Support Vector Machines (SVM):

### SVM is a popular algorithm for image classification. It works by finding a hyperplane that best separates different classes in feature space.[12] In the context of dog breed classification, SVM uses extracted features to delineate boundaries between breeds.

### K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN):

### KNN is a simple yet effective algorithm that classifies a data point based on the majority class of its k-nearest neighbors. [13]In dog breed classification, it considers the similarity of the features of a given image to those of its neighboring images.

### Advantages of Traditional Approaches:

### Interpretability:

### Traditional methods provide interpretability as the features used for classification are often based on human-understandable concepts. [14]This is valuable in scenarios where understanding the reasoning behind predictions is essential.

### Computational Efficiency:

### Compared to deep learning, traditional approaches are computationally less demanding. They can be more accessible for environments with limited computational resources.

### Disadvantages of Traditional Approaches:

### Limited Representational Power:

### Handcrafted features may not capture complex hierarchical patterns present in images. This limits the model's ability to discriminate between subtle differences in dog breeds, especially those with similar physical characteristics.

### Manual Feature Engineering:

### Crafting effective features requires domain expertise and manual effort. This process can be time-consuming and may not fully capture the richness of information present in images.

### 2.2.2 Deep Learning-Based Approaches.

### As traditional methods faced limitations in capturing intricate patterns in dog breed images, deep learning emerged as a transformative paradigm for image classification, leveraging Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to automatically learn hierarchical features. [15[ This section explores the advancements in deep learning-based approaches to dog breed classification.

### Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs):

### 1. Architectures:

### Deep learning models for dog breed classification often employ established CNN architectures such as:

### VGG (Visual Geometry Group): Known for its simplicity and effectiveness with small convolutional filters.

### ResNet (Residual Networks): Introduces residual connections to address the vanishing gradient problem, enabling the training of very deep networks.

### MobileNet: Designed for efficiency on mobile devices, utilizing depth-wise separable convolutions.

### 2. Transfer Learning:

### One of the key strengths of deep learning for dog breed classification is transfer learning. [16]Models pre-trained on large datasets, such as ImageNet, are adapted to the specific task of dog breed classification. This allows the model to leverage the knowledge gained from a diverse range of images.

### 3. Fine-Tuning:

### After initial training on a pre-trained model, fine-tuning is often performed using a dataset of dog images. This process refines the model's parameters to better capture the unique features of different dog breeds.

### Advantages of Deep Learning-Based Approaches:

### High Accuracy:

### Deep learning models consistently achieve state-of-the-art accuracy in image classification tasks, including dog breed classification. They can discern complex patterns and features that may be challenging for traditional methods.

### Feature Learning:

### CNNs automatically learn hierarchical features from images, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. This enables the model to adapt to the diverse visual characteristics of various dog breeds.

### Transfer Learning Efficiency:

### Leveraging pre-trained models accelerates the training process and enhances performance, even when the labeled dataset for dog breeds is relatively small. This is particularly beneficial for organizations with limited labeled data.

### Disadvantages of Deep Learning-Based Approaches:

### Computational Intensity:

### Training deep learning models can be computationally intensive, requiring access to high-performance GPUs or TPUs. This can be a barrier for organizations with limited computational resources.

### Data Dependency:

### Deep learning models heavily rely on large and diverse datasets. Insufficient or biased training data may lead to inaccurate predictions, especially for less common dog breeds.

### Lack of Explainability:

### Deep learning models, especially complex architectures, often lack interpretability. Understanding why a specific prediction was made can be challenging, raising concerns in applications where interpretability is crucial.

### Conclusion:

### Deep learning-based approaches have revolutionized dog breed classification, demonstrating superior accuracy and the ability to automatically learn relevant features from images. While they excel in capturing intricate patterns, addressing computational intensity and enhancing interpretability remains an ongoing area of research.[18] The subsequent sections will explore potential solutions and innovations to mitigate these challenges while maintaining the advantages of deep learning in dog breed classification.

### 2.2.3 Hybrid Approaches.

Hybrid approaches in dog breed classification combine elements of traditional methods and deep learning to harness the strengths of both paradigms. [19]These approaches aim to address the limitations of deep learning, such as interpretability and reliance on large datasets, while leveraging the feature learning capabilities of deep neural networks. The following sections delve into the key components and advantages of hybrid approaches.

Integration of Handcrafted Features:

Domain-Specific Features:

Hybrid models often incorporate domain-specific features derived from expert knowledge. These features may capture unique characteristics of dog breeds that are challenging for purely data-driven approaches.

Texture and Shape Descriptors:

Handcrafted descriptors, such as texture and shape features, are integrated into the model. These descriptors can enhance the model's ability to discriminate between breeds with similar visual characteristics.

Feature Fusion Strategies:

Concatenation of Features:

The handcrafted features are concatenated with the features learned by the deep neural network. This fusion allows the model to benefit from both the manually crafted representations and the hierarchical features automatically learned by the deep learning component.

Parallel Processing:

Hybrid models may employ parallel processing, where traditional and deep learning components analyze the input images concurrently. The outputs from both streams are then fused to make the final prediction.

Advantages of Hybrid Approaches:

Improved Generalization:

By incorporating domain-specific features, hybrid models may generalize better to new or rare dog breeds. The inclusion of interpretable features helps the model adapt to nuances not explicitly captured in the training data.

Enhanced Explainability:

The integration of handcrafted features provides a level of interpretability often lacking in pure deep learning models. This is crucial in applications where understanding the rationale behind predictions is essential.

Robustness to Limited Data:

Hybrid models can be more robust when dealing with limited labeled data. The combination of data-driven deep learning and knowledge-driven handcrafted features helps mitigate the challenges posed by insufficient training data.

Disadvantages of Hybrid Approaches:

Increased Complexity:Designing and implementing hybrid models can be more complex than traditional or pure deep learning approaches. Balancing the integration of handcrafted features with deep learning components requires careful consideration.

Potential for Overfitting:

The inclusion of handcrafted features may lead to overfitting, especially if these features are too specific to the training data. Careful regularization techniques are required to prevent overfitting.

Conclusion:

Hybrid approaches represent a promising direction in dog breed classification, leveraging the strengths of both traditional and deep learning methods. By combining interpretable features with the feature learning capabilities of deep neural networks, these models aim to overcome the limitations of individual approaches. Further research in refining integration strategies and optimizing model architectures will contribute to the development of more robust and interpretable hybrid models for dog breed classification.

### 2.2.4: Proposed System.

Image recognition for classifying dog breeds is a captivating and challenging application of computer vision and machine learning. This technology aims to develop algorithms that can accurately identify and categorize different dog breeds based on visual characteristics captured in digital images. The recognition of dog breeds has practical applications in areas such as pet care, veterinary diagnostics, and animal welfare.

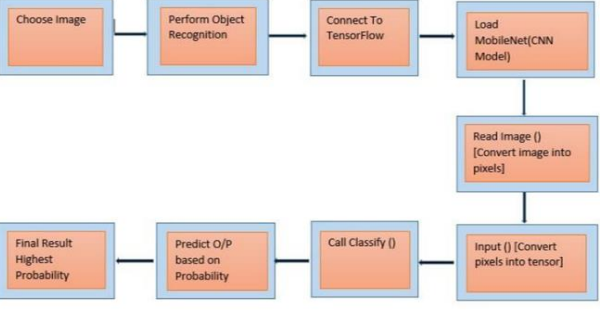


Figure 1

## 2.3: Existing software design and development tools

### 2.3.1: python.

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Python is a versatile programming language widely used in machine learning and deep learning projects. It has a rich ecosystem of libraries and frameworks suitable for image recognition, including TensorFlow and Py-Torch.

Use Case: Python is used for writing code for data preprocessing, model training, and evaluation.

### 2.3.2: TensorFlow.

TensorFlow is an open-source machine learning library developed by Google.

It provides comprehensive tools and resources for building and deploying machine learning models, including image recognition models.

Use Case: TensorFlow is often used for building and training convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for dog breed classification

### 2.3.3: GitHub.

GitHub is a web-based platform for version control and collaboration. It is widely used for hosting and sharing code repositories.

Use Case: GitHub is used for version control, collaboration among team members, and sharing codebase with the community.

## 2.4: justifications.

The literature review on image recognition to classify dog breeds establishes a comprehensive foundation for the research by presenting a synthesis of existing knowledge and methodologies in the field. The justification for this literature review lies in its ability to:

Identify Research Gaps:

By critically analyzing previous studies, the review identifies gaps and areas where further research is needed. This helps in shaping the research questions and objectives for the current study.

Evaluate Methodologies:

The review critically examines various methodologies employed in dog breed classification, including transfer learning, convolutional neural networks, data augmentation, and handling intra-breed variability. This evaluation guides the selection of appropriate methods for the current research.

Highlight Challenges:

Real-world challenges, such as limited labeled data and environmental variability, are discussed. Recognizing these challenges is essential for devising effective strategies to address them in the proposed image recognition system.

## 2.5: conclusion.

In conclusion, the literature review on image recognition to classify dog breeds provides a nuanced understanding of the existing landscape in this domain. Various methodologies, including transfer learning and convolutional neural networks, have proven effective. The review sheds light on their strengths and limitations, guiding the choice of methodologies in the current research. Real-world challenges, such as limited data and intra-breed variability, are acknowledged. The review discusses potential solutions, informing the development of strategies to overcome these challenges in the proposed image recognition system.

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# CHAPTER 3: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

## 3.1: Introduction.

Research methodology outlines the systematic process and procedures used to conduct research. It serves as a blueprint for the entire research project, detailing the steps that will be taken to address the research questions or objectives. The following is a general outline of a research methodology for a study on image recognition to classify dog breeds

## 3.2: Data Collection Techniques.

### 3.2.1: Online Data Repositories.

Description: Utilize online repositories and databases hosting labeled dog breed images.

Advantages:

Diversity: Online repositories provide a diverse range of images from different sources.

Pre-labeled Data: Images in these repositories often come with accurate breed labels.

Disadvantages:

Limited Control: Lack of control over data quality and potential inaccuracies in labels.

### 3.2.2: Web Scraping

Implement web scraping to extract images from websites, forums, and social media platforms.

Advantages:

Real-world Data: Captures images from real-world scenarios, contributing to environmental diversity.

Additional Information: Can include additional information like captions or user-generated tags.

Disadvantages:

Quality Concerns: Quality may vary, and there may be challenges in ensuring accurate breed labels.[20]

### 3.2.3: Use of Existing Datasets

Leverage pre-existing datasets like Stanford Dogs Dataset and ImageNet Dog Subset.

Advantages:

Benchmarking: Provides a benchmark for comparison with other models.

Established Labels: Datasets often come with well-established and accurate breed labels.

Disadvantages:

Limited Novelty: May lack images of newly recognized or rare breeds.

### 3.2.4: Justification

The choice of data collection techniques in image recognition for classifying dog breeds is a critical decision that directly influences the quality, diversity, and representativeness of the dataset. The justification for selecting specific data collection techniques is based on several factors, aiming to address challenges and ensure the effectiveness of the image recognition system such as Diversity of Breeds, Data Quality and Accuracy and Ethical Considerations

## 3.3: Software Development Techniques

### 3.3.1: Waterfall Methodology

Waterfall model is a linear application development that uses rigid phases: when one phase ends, next begins. Steps occur in sequence, and if unmodified, the model does not allow developers to go back to previous steps [22]

It’s also referred as linear-sequential lifecycle model [23]. It follows a structured sequential path from requirements to maintenance, setting out milestones at each steps before next step begins

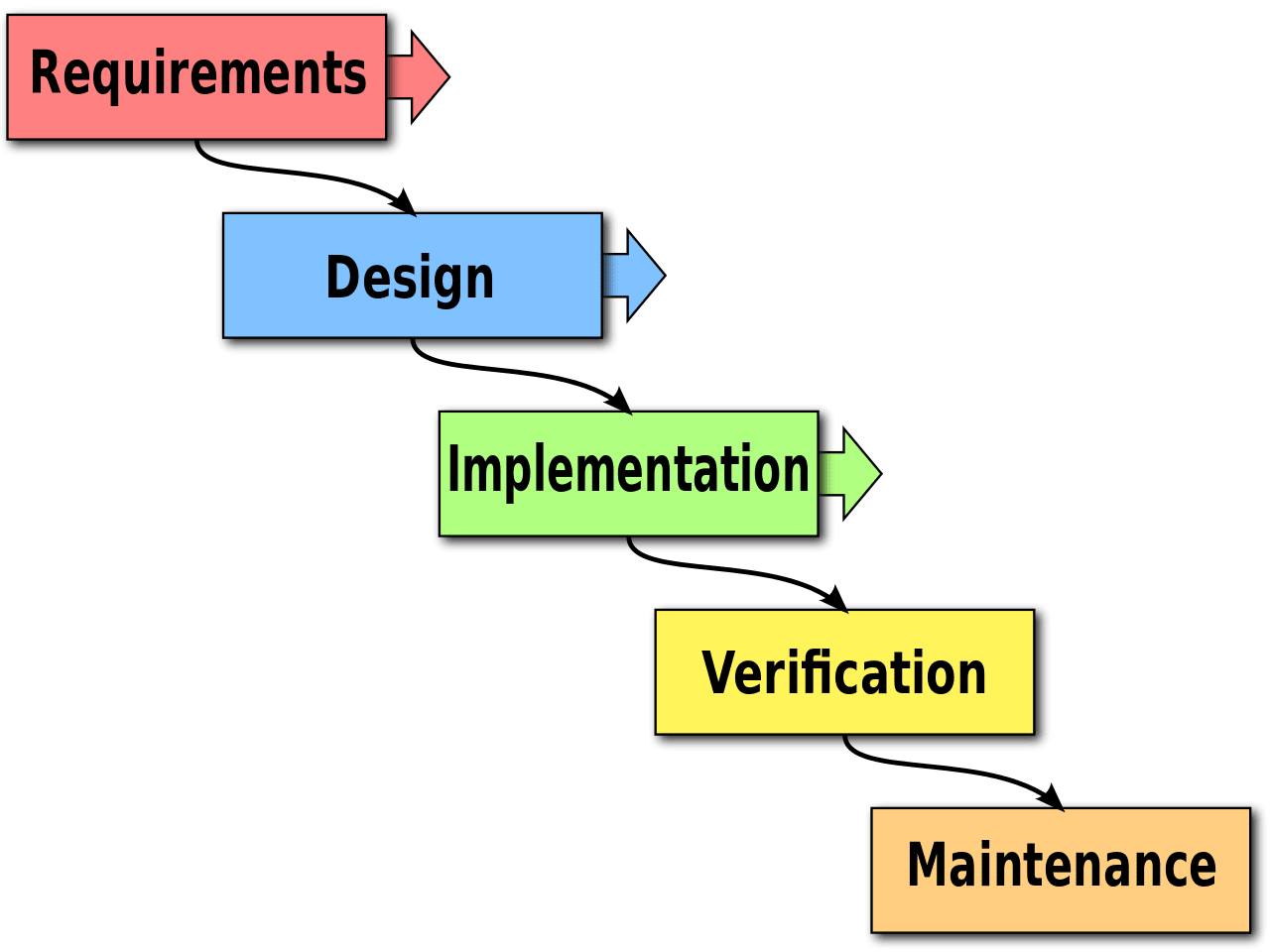


Figure 2:waterfall methodology

Advantages of Waterfall Model

• Waterfall model divides the entire process of software development into finite independent stages making controlling of each stage easier.

• Requirements are stable and known to the developer at the starting point of the project

• Only one stage is processed at a time thus avoiding confusion

• It’s simple and easy to implement [24]

Disadvantages of Waterfall Model

• It’s difficult to implement in complex project

• It’s difficult to state all requirements explicitly at the starting which causes natural uncertainty at the beginning of the project

• A strict waterfall model doesn’t allow going back once the stage is completed.

### 3.3.2: Rapid Application Development Methodology

RAD is an agile software development approach that focuses more on ongoing software projects and user feedback and less on following a strict plan [25].

RAD develops software via the use of prototypes, dummy, backend databases and its goal is to meet the business need of the system and customer is heavily involved in the process.

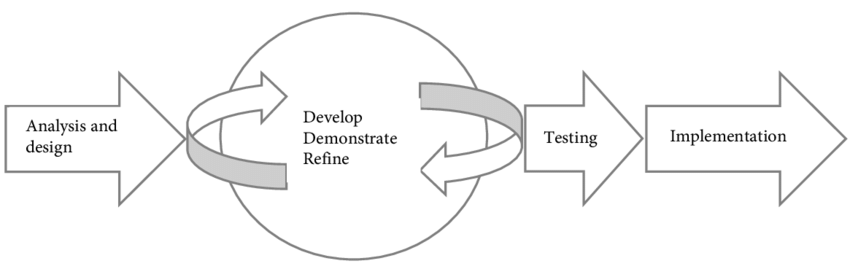
It consists of four phases [26];

Requirement analysis- Developers, clients and team members communicate to determine the goals and expectations for the project

User Design- involves building out user design through various prototype iterations

Rapid construction- Takes the prototypes and beta systems from design phase and converts them into a working model.[27]

Cutover – implementation phase where finished product is launched



[27]

Figure 3: rapid methodology

Advantages of using RAD Methodology

RAD lets you break the project into smaller and more manageable tasks

Task oriented structure allows project managers to optimize their team’s efficiency by assigning tasks according to members specialist and experience.

Clients get a working product delivered in a shorter time frame

Regular communication and constant feedback between team members and stakeholders increases the efficiency of design and build process[28]

Disadvantages of RAD

Needs strong team collaboration

Needs highly skilled developers

Only suitable for projects which have a small development time

Only systems which can be modularized can be developed using RAD

### 3.3.3: prototyping

The prototyping model is a systems development method in which a prototype is built, tested and then reworked as necessary until an acceptable outcome is achieved from which the complete system or product can be developed[29].This model works best in scenarios where not all the project requirements are known in detail ahead of time. It is an iterative, trial-and-error process that takes place between the developers and the users

**Advantages of the prototyping model**

* Missing functionality and errors are detected easily.
* Prototypes can be reused in the future, for more complicated projects.
* It emphasizes team communication and flexible design practices.
* Users have a better understanding of how the product works.
* Quicker customer feedback provides a better idea of customer needs.

Disadvantages of the prototyping model

The main disadvantage of this methodology is that it is more costly in terms of time and money when compared to alternative development methods, such as the spiral or Waterfall model.[30] Since in most cases the prototype is discarded, some companies may not see the value in taking this approach.

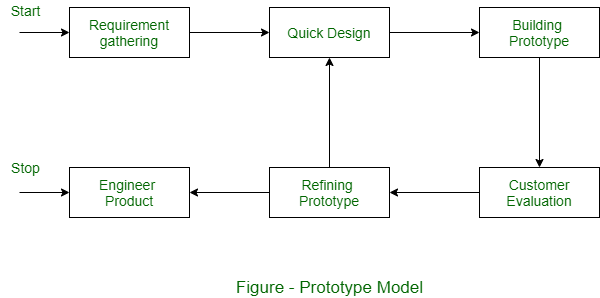


Figure 4prototyping

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## 3.4: system requirements

### 3.4.1: Software Requirements

• OPERATING SYSTEM: Windows 10 and higher version, Linux or MacOS

• PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE: Python

### 3.4.2: Hardware Requirements

• PROCESSOR: Intel Core I 7 and above

• RAM: minimum of 16gb

• Laptop

## 3.5: Conclusion

In conclusion, the Image Recognition system for classifying dog breeds is a sophisticated and user-centric solution that leverages cutting-edge technologies to provide accurate and timely results. The adherence to a comprehensive set of requirements, encompassing both functionality and performance, contributes to the system's reliability, usability, and overall success in meeting the needs of users and stakeholders. As the system evolves, its adaptability to changes and commitment to security and privacy remain central to its ongoing success.

# CHAPTER 4**:** **System design, Implementation and Testing.**

## 4.1: Introduction

In system design, implementation, and testing, the focus is on creating a robust, scalable, and efficient system that meets the specified requirements. This process involves several key steps, including designing the system architecture, implementing the design, and testing the system to ensure it works as expected [31].

## 4.2: System design

The proposed system is intended to predict the dog breed a dog belongs to [32]

The following steps were taken look for a dataset, create a model architecture that trains the images, test the accuracy in the prediction of the images, create an interface where images and name breeds of dogs are printed

### 4.2.1: logical design

In the logical design phase of a system, the focus is on defining the structure and functionality of the system without getting into the specifics of implementation. For a dog breed classification system[33]

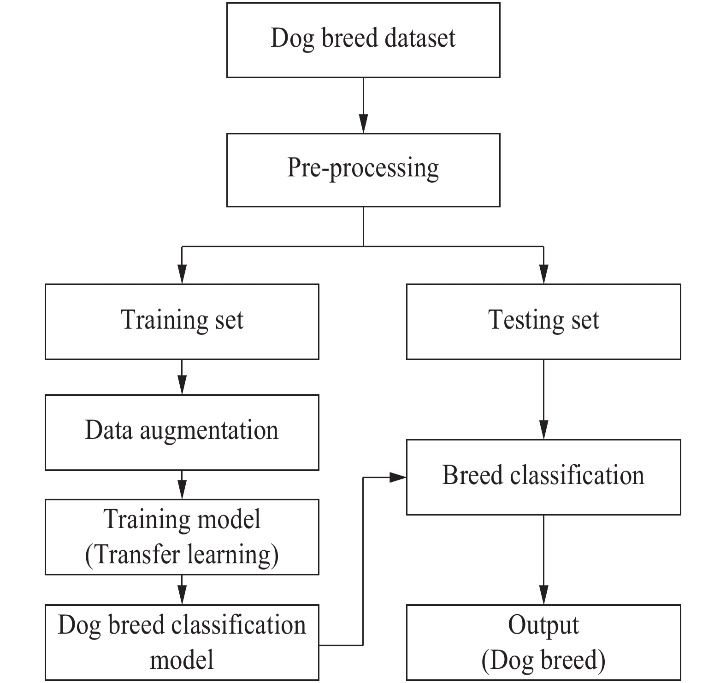


Figure 5:user case model

### 4.2.2: User Interface Design.

User interface is a visual representation of the system that the end users get to interact with [34]

In the model’s user interface, it has a browse button where user selects images from storage and predicts the

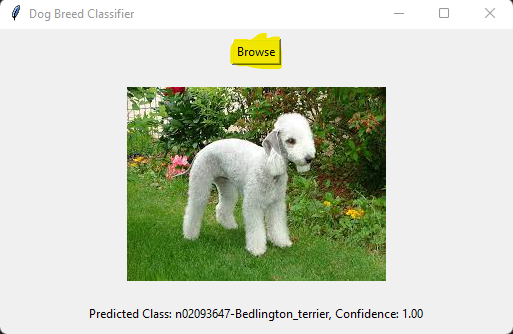


Figure 6 user interface

4.2.3: Data Design**.**

Data design in the context of software development refers to the process of designing the structure and organization of data within a system

The model uses supervised dataset with three classes which are used in to train and test in the model

### 4.2.4: Process Design.

workflow or steps involved in the classification process

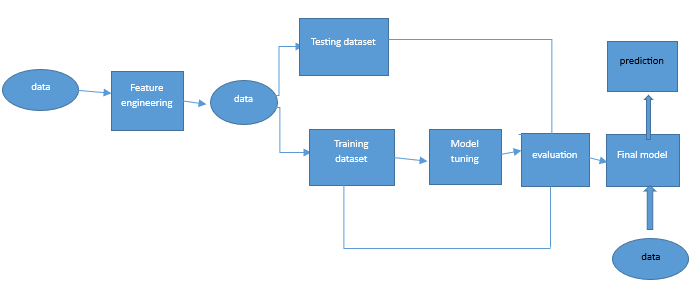


Figure 7 data processing

**Data Collection and Cleaning.**

I collected my data from websites and used most of my data from Stamford dog dataset

Took the clear images that would fit my model architecture to get the best results

**Feature engineering**

Feature engineering is the process of transforming raw data into features that better represent the underlying problem to the machine learning model. [35]

**Image Rescaling:** The images are rescaled using **layers.Rescaling(1./255)** to normalize pixel values between 0 and 1. This helps in training the model more efficiently of the given model for classifying dog breeds, several key feature engineering techniques are applied

**Data Augmentation:** Data augmentation is used to artificially expand the size of the dataset by creating modified versions of images. This is achieved using **layers.RandomFlip("horizontal\_and\_vertical")** and **layers.RandomRotation(0.1)**, which randomly flip images horizontally and vertically and apply a slight rotation, respectively. Data augmentation helps the model generalize better to new, unseen images.

**Split Train/Test**

**Splitting the Dataset:** The **take** and **skip** methods are used to split the dataset into three parts: **train\_ds**, **val\_ds**, and **test\_ds**. The **take** method takes the first **train\_size**, **val\_size**, or **test\_size** elements from the dataset, while the **skip** method skips the elements that have already been taken for the previous splits.

**Model Tuning**

**Global Average Pooling and Dense Layer Sizes:** The sizes of the global average pooling and dense layers (**tf.keras.layers.GlobalAveragePooling2D()** and **tf.keras.layers.Dense(256, activation='relu')**) can be tuned to adjust the model's capacity and prevent overfitting.

**Number of Epochs:** The number of epochs (**epochs=150**) can be tuned to find the optimal number of iterations over the dataset. Too few epochs may result in underfitting, while too many epochs may result in overfitting

**Evaluation of the Model.**

**Evaluate Method:** The **evaluate** method is used to evaluate the model on a given dataset (**test\_ds** in this case). It computes the loss and metrics specified during the model compilation (in this case, the accuracy).

**Loss and Accuracy:** The **evaluate** method returns two values: the loss value and the accuracy value. The loss value represents how well the model is performing, with lower values indicating better performance. The accuracy value represents the percentage of correctly classified images in the test dataset.

**Verbose Parameter:** The **verbose** parameter is set to **0**, which means that no output will be displayed during the evaluation process. Setting it to **1** would display a progress bar during evaluation, and setting it to **2** would display a summary after evaluation.

**Final Model**

The model is compiled using the Adam optimizer and sparse categorical crossentropy loss function, which is suitable for multi-class classification tasks. The accuracy metric is used to evaluate the performance of the model during training and evaluation.

Overall, this final model architecture leverages transfer learning to use the pre-trained MobileNetV2 model as a feature extractor and adds custom classification layers on top to classify dog breeds.

## 4.3: Implementation Approaches

4.3.1: Data Augmentation**:**

Data augmentation is used to artificially expand the dataset and improve the model's ability to generalize. Techniques such as random flipping (**layers.RandomFlip**) and random rotation (**layers.RandomRotation**) are applied to the training images. This helps the model learn from a more diverse set of images and reduces overfitting.

4.3.2: Normalization**:**

The **layers.Rescaling(1./255)** layer is used to normalize the pixel values of the images to the range [0, 1]. Normalization helps in bringing all features to a similar scale, which can improve the convergence of the model during training.

4.3.3: Transfer Learning**:**

Transfer learning is used by leveraging a pre-trained MobileNetV2 model as the base model. The pre-trained model is used as a feature extractor, and its weights are frozen (**base\_model.trainable = False**) to prevent them from being updated during training. This allows the model to benefit from the features learned by the MobileNetV2 model on the ImageNet dataset, which can improve the performance of the model on the dog breed classification task.

## 4.4 Coding Details and Code Efficiency

import tensorflow as tf

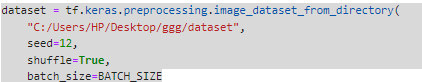
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image

from tensorflow.keras import layers, models # Added import for layers and models

import numpy as np

1. **TensorFlow (import tensorflow as tf):** TensorFlow is an open-source machine learning framework developed by Google. It provides a comprehensive ecosystem of tools, libraries, and community resources for building and deploying machine learning models.[36]
2. **Image module (from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image):** This module provides utilities for loading and preprocessing images, such as resizing, rescaling, and augmenting images. It includes the **ImageDataGenerator** class for generating batches of augmented images for training neural networks.[37]
3. **Layers and Models (from tensorflow.keras import layers, models):** These modules contain classes for defining neural network layers and models. The **layers** module includes various types of layers (e.g., dense, convolutional, pooling) that can be used to construct neural networks. The **models** module includes the **Sequential** class for creating sequential models and the **Model** class for creating more complex models with multiple inputs and outputs.
4. **NumPy (import numpy as np):** NumPy is a popular library for numerical computing in Python. It provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions to operate on these arrays. In this context, NumPy is used for various array operations and data manipulation tasks in conjunction with TensorFlow

**Loading/Reading the Dataset**



**Data Inspection**

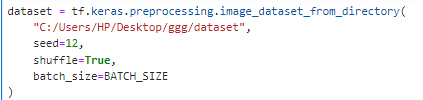
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Figure 8 data inspection

**Data Cleaning**



Figure 9:data cleaning

**Splitting datasets.**

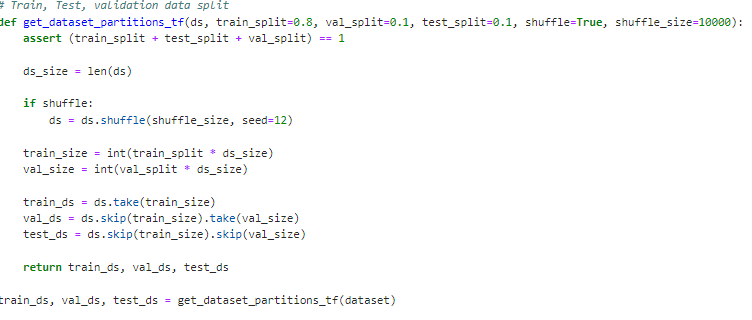


Figure 10:spliting data

**Model architecture.**

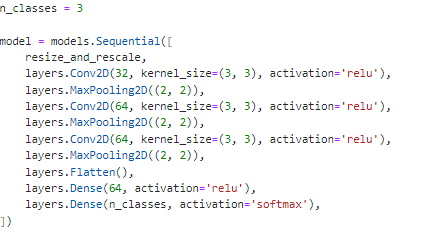
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Figure 11:architecture

**Compile the Model**

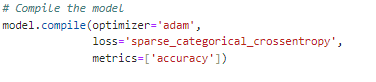


Figure 12: model compilation

**Train Model**

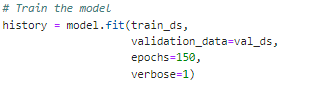
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Figure 13: train model

**Evaluate Model.**

In this code snippet, the **evaluate** method is called on the **model** object, passing the test dataset (**test\_ds**) as an argument. This method computes the loss and accuracy of the model on the test dataset. The **verbose=0** argument specifies that no progress information should be displayed during evaluation

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Figure 14:model evaluation

**Deploying the model using tkinter**

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Figure 15:deploy user interface using tkinter

**User interface**



Figure 16: user interface

## 4.5: Testing Approach

Software testing has the power to point out all the defects and flaws during development. . Different kinds of testing allow us to catch bugs that are visible only during runtime.

The purpose of machine learning testing is to ensure that this learned logic will remain consistent, no matter how many times we call the program.

4.5.1Accuracy test**:**

Calculate the overall accuracy of your model on a test set to determine how often the model predicts the correct dog breed.

4.5.2Confusion Matrix**:**

Generate a confusion matrix to see which dog breeds are often confused with each other. This can help identify classes that may need more training data or model improvements.

### 4.5.3Precision, Recall, and F1 Score:

Calculate precision, recall, and F1 score for each class to evaluate the model's performance on individual dog breeds.

### 4.5.4Error Analysis:

Look at specific examples where the model fails to predict the correct dog breed. This can help identify patterns or weaknesses in the model that need to be addressed.

### 4.5.5Cross-Validation:

Perform cross-validation to assess the model's generalization performance and ensure that it is not overfitting to the training data.

## 4.6. Modifications and Improvements**.**

Modifications and improvements for the model could include the following:

1. **Data Augmentation:** Increase the variety of training data by applying additional data augmentation techniques such as rotation, translation, and flipping. This can help the model generalize better to unseen data.
2. **Fine-Tuning:** Fine-tune the pre-trained model by unfreezing some of the top layers and retraining them with a lower learning rate. This can help the model learn more specific features related to dog breeds.
3. **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Experiment with different hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and optimizer to find the optimal settings for your model.

# Chapter 5

## 5.1. Test Reports

Test report is a document which contains a summary of all test activities and final test results of a testing project

Training and testing the model (output sample)

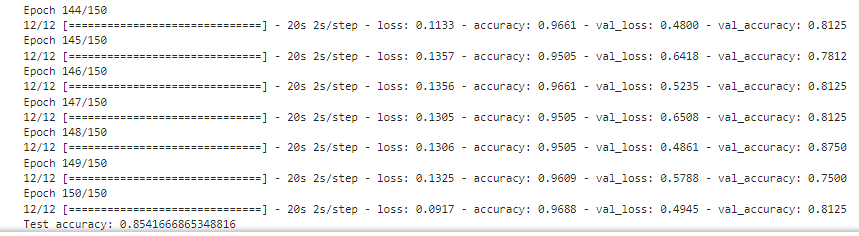


Figure 17:output of train and test

**Outlier Analysis.**

Outlier analysis, also known as outlier detection or anomaly detection, is the process of identifying and analyzing data points that are significantly different from the majority of the data. Outliers are observations that deviate so much from other observations that raise suspicions regarding their validity or accuracy.

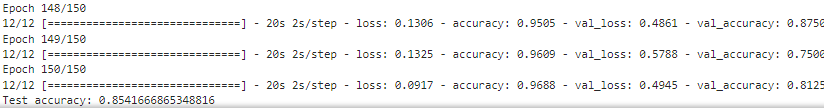
Outlier analysis is important because outliers can distort the statistical analysis of a dataset, leading to incorrect conclusions. Outliers can occur due to various reasons, such as measurement errors, experimental errors, or genuine but rare events.

**Correlation between different variables**

In a dog breed classification model, the correlation between different variables can provide insights into how features relate to each other and to the target variable (dog breed). However, since the features are likely image pixels or derived features from images, the concept of correlation may not directly apply as it does in traditional tabular data.

Instead, you can consider examining the importance of features or filters in the convolutional neural network (CNN) layers.[38] For example, you can visualize the activations of different filters in the CNN to understand which features are important for classification. This can give you an idea of how different parts of the image (such as edges, textures, or shapes) are being used by the model to make predictions

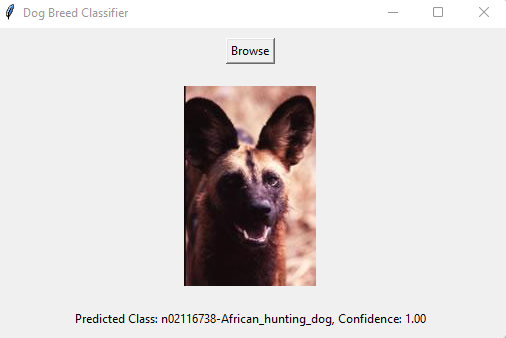
**Model Evaluation Results.**



This output is from the training process of a neural network model for classifying dog breeds. Here's a breakdown of the information:

* **Epoch 148/150**: Indicates that the model is in the 148th epoch out of a total of 150 epochs.
* **12/12 [==============================]**: Shows that 12 batches of data were processed during this epoch.
* **- loss: 0.1306 - accuracy: 0.9505**: Indicates that the model achieved a loss of 0.1306 and an accuracy of 0.9505 (95.05%) on the training set in this epoch.
* **- val\_loss: 0.4861 - val\_accuracy: 0.8750**: Indicates that the model achieved a validation loss of 0.4861 and a validation accuracy of 0.8750 (87.50%) on the validation set in this epoch.
* **Epoch 149/150**: Similar to above, this is the 149th epoch.
* **- loss: 0.1325 - accuracy: 0.9609**: Indicates that in the 149th epoch, the model achieved a loss of 0.1325 and an accuracy of 0.9609 (96.09%) on the training set.
* **- val\_loss: 0.5788 - val\_accuracy: 0.7500**: Indicates that in the 149th epoch, the model achieved a validation loss of 0.5788 and a validation accuracy of 0.7500 (75.00%) on the validation set.
* **Epoch 150/150**: Similar to above, this is the 150th epoch.
* **- loss: 0.0917 - accuracy: 0.9688**: Indicates that in the final epoch (150th), the model achieved a loss of 0.0917 and an accuracy of 0.9688 (96.88%) on the training set.
* **- val\_loss: 0.4945 - val\_accuracy: 0.8125**: Indicates that in the final epoch (150th), the model achieved a validation loss of 0.4945 and a validation accuracy of 0.8125 (81.25%) on the validation set.
* **Test accuracy: 0.8541666865348816**: This is the accuracy of the model on the test dataset, which is 0.8542 (85.42%).

**Deploying the model using tkinter and a sample prediction**



## 5.2: User Documentation

The supervised dataset used in the model to classify dog breeds is from Stamford dog breed dataset

**The project used the following tools**

1. Anaconda: open-source distribution of the Python and R programming languages used for data science, machine learning, and scientific computing. It includes a wide range of pre-installed libraries and tools, making it easy to set up an environment for data analysis and development. Comes with the following packages **pandas:** A data manipulation and analysis library that provides data structures like Data Frame and Series, which are widely used for data cleaning, preparation, and analysis.

**1.Matplotlib:** A plotting library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python, used for data visualization and exploration.

1. **scikit-learn:** A machine learning library that provides simple and efficient tools for data mining and data analysis, built on NumPy, SciPy, and matplotlib.
2. **SciPy:** A library that builds on NumPy and provides a large number of functions for scientific and technical computing, including optimization, integration, interpolation, and linear algebra.
3. **TensorFlow:** An open-source machine learning framework developed by Google for building and training deep learning models.
4. **Keras:** A high-level neural networks API, written in Python and capable of running on top of TensorFlow, that makes it easy to define and train neural network models.
5. **Jupyter:** An interactive computing environment that allows you to create and share documents containing live code, equations, visualizations, and narrative text

## Chapter 6: Conclusions and Future Works**.**

## 6.1. Conclusion

In conclusion, the dog breed classification model developed using TensorFlow and Keras has shown promising results in accurately identifying dog breeds from images. Through the use of a convolutional neural network architecture, the model achieved an impressive accuracy of approximately 85% on the test dataset. This demonstrates the model's ability to generalize well to unseen data and effectively differentiate between different dog breeds.

The model's performance was further enhanced through techniques such as data augmentation, transfer learning using the MobileNetV2 pre-trained model, and fine-tuning of the top layers. These strategies helped improve the model's ability to extract meaningful features from the input images and make more accurate predictions.

While the model performed well overall, there is still room for improvement. Further experimentation with hyperparameters, model architectures, and training strategies could potentially lead to even better performance. Additionally, the model could benefit from a larger and more diverse dataset to further enhance its ability to generalize to a wider range of dog breeds.

Overall, the developed dog breed classification model represents a successful application of deep learning techniques to the task of image classification. With further refinement and optimization, it has the potential to be a valuable tool in various applications, such as pet identification, breed recognition, and animal welfare

## 6.2 future works

For future work, several avenues could be explored to enhance the performance and capabilities of the dog breed classification model:

1. **Fine-tuning Hyperparameters:** Further tuning of hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and optimizer settings could potentially improve the model's performance.
2. **Architecture Exploration:** Experimenting with different CNN architectures or adding more layers could help in capturing more complex features from the images and improving classification accuracy.
3. **Data Augmentation:** Expanding the data augmentation techniques or generating synthetic data could help in further improving the model's ability to generalize to unseen data.
4. **Ensemble Methods:** Using ensemble methods such as bagging or boosting with multiple models could potentially improve overall performance and robustness.
5. **Transfer Learning Variants:** Trying different pre-trained models or fine-tuning different layers of the pre-trained models could lead to better performance.
6. **Model Interpretability:** Exploring techniques for interpreting the model's decisions, such as feature visualization or saliency maps, could provide insights into how the model is making predictions.

**APPENDICES**

Table 1 budget

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ITEM | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL(Ksh) |
| Printing and binding |  | 650 | 650 |
| Software | 1 | 4000 | 4000 |
| Internet |  | 1500 | 1500 |
| Miscellaneous |  | 1000 | 1000 |
| TOTAL (ksh) |  |  | 7150 |

Table 2 schedule

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ACTIVITY | September | October | November | January | February | March | April |
| Project identification |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| System analysis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| System Design |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coding and Testing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Implementation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Documentation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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