Verification and Validation Report: Chest Scan

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2 Symbols, Abbreviations and Acronyms

Table 1, includes the definitions and descriptions of all relevant symbols, abbreviations and acronyms used in this VnV Plan document.

Symbol, Abbreviation or Acronym	**Definiton or Description**
ML	Machine Learning: A branch of artificial intelligence that involves the use of algorithms to allow computers to learn from and make predictions based on data. This is a core technology used in the project for analyzing chest X-rays.
DL	Deep Learning: A subset of machine learning involving neural networks with many layers, used to analyze various types of data, including images.
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine: A standard for transmitting, storing, and sharing medical imaging information. It is used to manage medical images in the proposed solution.
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network: A type of deep learning model specifically designed for processing structured grid data like images, used in the project for chest X-ray analysis.
EHR	Electronic Health Record: A digital version of a patient's paper chart, used for storing patient information and history that may be integrated with the proposed solution.
API	Application Programming Interface: A set of rules and protocols for building and interacting with software applications, enabling the integration of the proposed solution with other systems.
MC	Mandated Constraints: Various constraints placed on the project's proposed solution that must be adhered to throughout the development process.
FR	Functional Requirement: A requirement that specifies what functionality the project's proposed solution must provide to meet user needs.

NFR	Nonfunctional Requirement: A requirement that specifies criteria that can be used to judge the operation of a system, rather than specific behaviors (e.g., performance, usability).
BUC	Business Use Case: A scenario that describes how the proposed solution can be used within a business context to achieve specific goals.
PUC	Product Use Case: A scenario that details how an individual user will interact with the proposed solution to achieve specific tasks.
MVP	Minimum Viable Product: A version of the proposed solution that includes only the essential features required to meet the core needs of the users and stakeholders.
MG	Module Guide
MIS	Module Interface Specification
PoC	Proof of Concept
SRS	Software Requirements Specification
FRTC	Functional Requirements Test Case
NFRTC	Nonfunctional Requirements Test Case
VnV	Verification and Validation

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3.1 User Authentication (FR.8)

3.1.1 User Authentication (FRTC11, 12, 15, 16, 17 - Updated)

Initial State: The system is operational with user accounts created.
Input: Valid login credentials for an authorized user.
Expected Output: The system authenticates the user and grants access according to the user's role.
Actual Output: The system successfully authenticates the user and redirects them to the dashboard, allowing appropriate access based on their role.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.8 (Authentication and Authorization Mechanisms)

3.2 Image Upload (FR.1)

3.2.1 Chest X-ray Image Input Acceptance (FRTC1)

Initial State: The system is in a stable state with all components initialized and ready to receive input.
Input: A sample chest X-ray image in a valid format (JPG, PNG, DICOM).
Expected Output: The system accepts and reads the chest X-ray image successfully. No error messages or system anomalies occur.
Actual Output: The system successfully accepts, reads, and stores the uploaded image in the backend.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.1 (Image Upload)

Invalid Chest X-ray Image Format Rejection (FRTC2) **Initial State:** The system is ready to receive an image file.
Input: A sample image in an invalid format (e.g., .TXT, .DOCX).
Expected Output: The system rejects the invalid image input.

An appropriate error message is displayed, informing the user about supported formats. **Actual Output:** The system correctly rejects invalid file formats and provides an error message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True

3.3 Image Preprocessing (FR.2 - Updated)

3.3.1 Image Preprocessing and Standardization (FRTC3 - Completely Revised)

Initial State: A chest X-ray image has been uploaded and is ready for preprocessing.
Input: A valid chest X-ray image in JPG, PNG, or DICOM format.
Expected Output: The system resizes the image to match the CNN model's required dimensions.
Pixel intensity values are normalized to enhance consistency. The preprocessed image is saved and ready for inference. **Actual Output:** The system successfully resizes and normalizes images, preparing them for model analysis.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.2 (Image Preprocessing)

3.3.2 Handling Invalid Image Formats (FRTC4 - Updated)

Initial State: The system is awaiting an image upload.
Input: An invalid image file (e.g., TXT, DOCX, unsupported formats, or corrupted image files).
Expected Output:

- The system detects that the image is in an unsupported format or corrupted.
- The system displays an error message to the user.
- The system prevents further processing and does not send the image to the model.

Actual Output: The system successfully identifies invalid formats and

blocks the upload, displaying an appropriate error message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.2 (Image Preprocessing)

3.4 CNN Model Accurate Analysis (FR.3 - Updated)

3.4.1 Disease Classification with Confidence Scores (FRTC5 - Updated)

Initial State: The system has preprocessed an uploaded image and is ready for analysis.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image with known disease patterns (e.g., Pneumonia, Cardiomegaly, Atelectasis).
Expected Output:

- The CNN model classifies the image and assigns a disease label.
- The model outputs confidence scores (e.g., Pneumonia: 85%, No Finding: 10%).
- The prediction results are displayed to the user.

Actual Output: The CNN model successfully classifies diseases and assigns confidence scores.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.3 (CNN Model Accurate Analysis)

3.4.2 Model Prediction for No Disease Cases (FRTC6 - Updated)

Initial State: The CNN model is ready for analysis, and a healthy chest X-ray is uploaded.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image of a patient with no known disease.
Expected Output:

- The CNN model classifies the image as No Finding or returns very low probabilities for disease labels.
- The confidence scores reflect minimal probability of disease.

- The prediction results are displayed to the user.

Actual Output: The system correctly identifies images without disease and returns a No Finding classification.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.3 (CNN Model Accurate Analysis)

3.5 Display Results (FR.6 - Updated)

3.5.1 Diagnostic Report and Heatmap Access via Web Interface (FRTC10 - Updated)

Input: The user navigates to the results page after an image has been analyzed.
Expected Output: The system displays the predicted disease classification(s). The confidence scores are presented next to each disease label. (Optional) A heatmap overlay is shown, visually indicating affected areas in the X-ray. The interface is formatted clearly for easy interpretation.
Actual Output: The system correctly displays predicted disease labels, corresponding confidence scores, and a heatmap visualization (if enabled).
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.6 (Display Results)

3.5.2 Display Prediction Results in Readable Format (FRTC18 - New)

Initial State: The system has completed model inference, and the user is accessing the results page.
Input: The user opens the result page after an image has been analyzed.
Expected Output: The predicted disease label(s) are prominently displayed. The corresponding confidence scores are formatted for clarity. No extraneous or misleading information is presented. Results are accessible within a reasonable timeframe (<5 seconds).
Actual Output: The system successfully displays predictions in a structured and readable format.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True

Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.6 (Display Results)

3.6 Heatmap Report (FR.7)

3.6.1 Heatmap Display on Chest X-ray Images (FRTC9 - Updated)

Initial State: The CNN model has completed image analysis, and the system has generated a heatmap.
Input: The user navigates to the results page and requests a heatmap visualization.
Expected Output: The system overlays a heatmap on the chest X-ray image. The heatmap highlights areas where the model detected abnormalities. The overlay does not obscure critical image details.
Actual Output: The system successfully generates and overlays the heatmap on the X-ray image, maintaining image clarity.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.7 (Heatmap Report)

3.6.2 Heatmap Generation Error Handling (FRTC19 - New)

Initial State: The CNN model has completed analysis, but an error occurs in heatmap generation.
Input: The system attempts to generate a heatmap but encounters an issue (e.g., missing heatmap data, computation error).
Expected Output: The system displays a message indicating that the heatmap could not be generated. The rest of the diagnostic results (predictions and confidence scores) remain accessible.
Actual Output: The system successfully identifies heatmap generation errors and informs the user without affecting other results.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.7 (Heatmap Report)

3.7 User Dashboard (FR.9)

3.7.1 Display User Dashboard with Past Uploads (FRTC20 - New)

Initial State: The user is logged in and has previously uploaded X-ray images.
Input: The user navigates to the dashboard page.
Expected Output: The system retrieves and displays a list of past uploaded X-ray images. Each entry includes the upload timestamp and corresponding diagnosis results.
Actual Output: The system successfully loads and displays past uploads with timestamps and results.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.9 (User Dashboard)

3.8 Secure API for Model Inference (FR.9)

3.8.1 API Endpoint for Image Inference (FRTC21 - New)

Initial State: No request is made, and the API is available.
Input: A POST request containing a valid chest X-ray image.
Expected Output:

- The API processes the image and forwards it to the CNN model.
- The API returns a JSON response with the predicted disease label and confidence scores.
- The response follows the correct structure (e.g., ”disease”: ”Pneumonia”, ”confidence”: 85%).

Actual Output: The API successfully processes the request and returns the correct JSON response format.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.9 (Secure API for Model Inference)

3.8.2 API Handling of Invalid Image Format (FRTC22 - New)

Initial State: No request is made, and the API is available.
Input: A POST request containing an invalid file format (e.g., .TXT, .DOCX).
Expected Output:

- The API rejects the request.
- The API returns a structured error message (e.g., ”error”: ”Invalid file format. Please upload
- JPG, PNG, or DICOM.”).

Actual Output: The API correctly rejects invalid file formats and returns an appropriate error message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.9 (Secure API for Model Inference)

3.9 Data Storage & Management (FR.7)

3.9.1 Secure Image and Result Storage (FRTC13 - Updated)

Initial State: A user has uploaded an X-ray image, and the system is ready to store the data.
Input: A valid chest X-ray image is uploaded, and the CNN model returns predictions.
Expected Output:

- The system stores the uploaded image in a secure storage location.
- The system stores prediction results in the database, linking them to the respective image.
- No unauthorized access to stored data occurs.

Actual Output: The system successfully stores images and results securely, ensuring accessibility for future retrieval.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.7 (Data Storage & Management)

3.9.2 Retrieval of Stored Results (FRTC14 - Updated)

Initial State: The database contains stored images and results for a logged-in user.
Input: A user navigates to the dashboard and requests to view past results.
Expected Output:

- The system retrieves and displays stored images with associated predictions.
- Each entry includes timestamps and confidence scores for past analyses.
- The data retrieval process is efficient, ensuring a smooth user experience.

Actual Output: The system successfully retrieves and displays stored images and results on the dashboard.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.7 (Data Storage & Management)

3.10 Error Handling & Notifications (FR.9)

3.10.1 Invalid Image Format Handling (FRTC2 - Updated)

Initial State: The system is awaiting an image upload.
Input: A user attempts to upload an unsupported file format (e.g., TXT, DOCX, MP4).
Expected Output:

- The system rejects the upload.
- An error message appears stating, "Invalid file format. Please upload a JPG, PNG, or DICOM file."
- The user is prompted to try again with a valid file format.

Actual Output: The system correctly rejects invalid file formats and displays an appropriate error message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.9 (Error Handling & Notifications)

3.10.2 Corrupted Image Upload Handling (FRTC4 - Updated)

Initial State: The system is awaiting an image upload.
Input: A user attempts to upload a corrupted chest X-ray image.
Expected Output:

- The system detects that the file is corrupted and cannot be processed.
- An error message appears stating, “File appears to be corrupted. Please upload a valid image.”
- The system does not store or process the corrupted file.

Actual Output: The system successfully detects and rejects corrupted image files, displaying an appropriate error message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.9 (Error Handling & Notifications)

3.11 Multi-Disease Classification (FR.11)

3.11.1 Multi-Disease Detection with Confidence Scores (FRTC5 and 6 - Updated)

Initial State: The system has preprocessed an uploaded image and is ready for analysis.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image containing multiple known diseases (e.g., Pneumonia and Tuberculosis).
Expected Output:

- The CNN model classifies the image and returns a list of detected diseases.
- The confidence scores for each predicted disease are displayed.
textbfitem Example output: Pneumonia: 85%, Tuberculosis: 70%.

Actual Output: The CNN model successfully detects multiple diseases in a single image and provides confidence scores.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.11 (Multi-Disease Classification)

3.11.2 No Multi-Disease Detection for Single Condition (FRTC5 - Updated)

Initial State: The system has preprocessed an uploaded image and is ready for analysis.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image with only one known disease (e.g., Cardiomegaly).
Expected Output:

- The CNN model classifies the image and returns a single disease label.
- Confidence scores for unrelated diseases remain low. **Example output:** Cardiomegaly: 92%, No Finding: 8%.

Actual Output: The system correctly identifies only one disease when multiple diseases are not present.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.11 (Multi-Disease Classification)

3.12 Model Confidence (FR.12)

3.12.1 Low Confidence Warning for Uncertain Predictions (FRTC8 - Updated)

Initial State: The system has preprocessed an uploaded image and is ready for analysis.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image that leads to low confidence predictions (e.g., all detected diseases have confidence scores below 50%). **Expected Output:**

- The system returns disease classifications with confidence scores.
- If the highest confidence score is below 50%, the system displays a warning: "Low confidence in prediction – consider consulting a radiologist."

Actual Output: The system correctly identifies low-confidence cases and displays the warning message.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True

Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.12 (Model Confidence)

3.12.2 High Confidence Predictions Displayed Normally (FRTC7 - Updated)

Initial State: The system has preprocessed an uploaded image and is ready for analysis.
Input: A preprocessed chest X-ray image that leads to high-confidence predictions (e.g., Pneumonia: 85%). **Expected Output:**

- The system returns disease classifications with confidence scores.
- If confidence scores are above 50%, no warning is displayed.

Actual Output: The system correctly displays high-confidence predictions without unnecessary warnings.
Expected and Actual Output Match: True
Relevant Functional Requirement(s): FR.12 (Model Confidence)

4 Nonfunctional Requirements Evaluation

4.1 Look and Feel Requirements

4.1.1 NF-AR1: Calming Color Scheme

User surveys indicate that at least 75% of users feel the color scheme contributes positively to their experience.

Test Case: Verification of Calming Color Scheme (NFRTC1)

Initial State: The web application is deployed and accessible via a web browser. **Input:** Access the web application using a standard web browser.
Expected Output:

- The web app displays a color scheme that combines white and soft tones of blue.
- A user survey confirms that the color scheme contributes positively to the user experience.

Actual Output: The web app successfully displays the defined color scheme, and 80% of surveyed users found it calming. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-AR1

4.1.2 NF-SR1: Consistent and Simple Style

The interface should have a minimalistic and easy-to-navigate design. Users should be able to perform primary tasks efficiently without UI distractions.

4.1.3 NF-SR2: Clean and Organized Aesthetic

Usability tests should show that 80% of users find the interface easy to navigate without feeling overwhelmed.

Test Case: Consistency of Simple and Uncluttered Style (NFRTC2)

Initial State: The web application is fully functional with all interface elements loaded. **Input:** Navigate through different pages and features of the web application. **Expected Output:**

- The web app maintains a consistent, simple, and uncluttered design across all pages.
- No unnecessary or overly complex UI elements are present.
- Users can navigate the application without confusion.

Actual Output: The application successfully maintains a clean and organized aesthetic, and all surveyed users found it intuitive. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-SR1, NF-SR2

4.2 Usability and Humanity Requirements

4.2.1 NF-EUR0: Efficient Task Completion for Healthcare Professionals

At least 90% of users should be able to complete key tasks (uploading images, viewing results, interpreting model outputs) without requiring additional guidance after initial training.

Test Case: Healthcare Professionals Task Completion (NFRTC3)

Initial State: A healthcare professional is introduced to the system and given a brief walkthrough. **Input:** The user attempts key functions, including uploading an X-ray, reviewing model predictions, and checking confidence scores. **Expected Output:**

- At least 90% of participants should complete tasks without requiring further support.
- The interface should facilitate task completion in an intuitive manner.

Actual Output: 94% of test users successfully completed the required tasks without assistance. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-EUR0

4.2.2 NF-LR0: Context-Sensitive Help and Tooltips

Tooltips should display concise explanations when users hover over UI elements. A help section should be available from all primary screens of the application.

Test Case: Verification of Tooltips and Help Section (NFRTC4)

Initial State: A user is navigating the system and requires additional information on a feature. **Input:** The user hovers over an interactive UI element or accesses the help section via the menu. **Expected Output:**

- Tooltips should appear, providing concise and relevant explanations for the selected UI element.
- The help section should be accessible from all screens within the system.

Actual Output: All tooltips successfully displayed the correct descriptions, and the help section was accessible across all pages. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-LR0

4.3 Performance Requirements

4.3.1 NF-SLR0: Image Processing Time

The system should process 95% of images within 60 seconds.

Test Case: Image Processing Time Validation (NFRTC7)

Initial State: A user has uploaded an X-ray image, and the system is ready to process it. **Input:** A 1024x1024 chest X-ray image is uploaded for analysis. **Expected Output:**

- 95% of images should be processed in 60 seconds.

Actual Output: 98% of images were processed in an average of 50.5 seconds. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-SLR0

4.4 Security and Privacy Requirements

4.4.1 NF-PR0: AES-256 Encryption for Data at Rest and in Transit

The system should encrypt stored images, patient data, and diagnostic results using AES-256.

Test Case: Data Encryption in Storage and Transit (NFRTC14)

Initial State: The system is operational with data storage and network communication components active. **Input:** Patient data, chest X-ray images, and diagnostic reports during storage and retrieval operations. **Expected Output:**

- The data is encrypted during storage and transit, ensuring patient confidentiality.
- Unauthorized access to the encrypted data is prevented.

Actual Output: AES-256 encryption was verified for all data interactions. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-PR0

4.5 Maintainability and Support Requirements

4.5.1 NF-SR0: Modular Architecture with Documentation

System modules should be independent and loosely coupled.

Test Case: Availability and Documentation Review (NFRTC12)

Initial State: The system codebase is finalized, and documentation is available for review. **Input:** Code review and documentation analysis. **Expected Output:**

- The system architecture adheres to modular design.
- Documentation is comprehensive, covering key system components.

Actual Output: Review confirmed modular design and comprehensive documentation. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-SR0

4.6 Health and Safety Requirements

4.6.1 NF-SCR0: Radiologist Review Before Final Diagnosis

The system must ensure that AI-generated diagnostic reports require final review and approval by a qualified radiologist.

Test Case: Radiologist Review Enforcement (NFRTC21)

Initial State: AI has generated a diagnostic output. **Input:** The AI-generated report is submitted for review. **Expected Output:**

- The report remains in a pending state until reviewed by a radiologist.

Actual Output: The system required radiologist validation before generating final reports. **Expected and Actual Output Match:** True **Relevant Nonfunctional Requirement(s):** NF-SCR0

Projects	Links
This project	https://github.com/harrisonchiu/xray
CXR-Capstone	https://github.com/RezaJodeiri/CXR-Capstone
CXR-LLaVA	https://github.com/ECOFRI/CXR_LLaVA https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.18341

5 Comparison to Existing Implementation

5.1 CXR-LLaVA Comparison

CXR-LLaVA is an open-source multimodal large language model designed to interpret chest X-ray images and generate radiologic reports for those images. By integrating advanced vision transformers with large language models, it aims to emulate the diagnostic capabilities of human radiologists.

Their model was trained on many open source CXR datasets. These include:

- BrixIA: A dataset focusing on COVID-19 pneumonia severity scoring.
- CheXpert: A large dataset with labeled CXR images covering multiple pathologies.
- MIMIC-CXR: Comprises de-identified CXR images and corresponding radiology reports.
- NIH Chest X-ray Dataset: Contains over 100,000 CXR images with annotations for 14 disease labels.
- PadChest: Offers a wide variety of thoracic disease labels and radiographic findings.
- RSNA COVID-19 AI Detection Challenge: Provides CXR images related to COVID-19 cases.
- VinDR-CXR: A dataset with annotations for various lung diseases.

Collectively, there are more than 500 000 different CXR images which is a lot of training data.

CXR-LLaVA's architecture is made of:

- Image Encoder: A Vision Transformer (ViT-L/16) processes CXR images at a resolution of 512x512 pixels in grayscale.

- Language Model: LLAMA2-7B-CHAT serves as the foundational language model, facilitating the generation of coherent and contextually relevant radiologic reports.

Generally, CXR-LLaVA and our project share the common goal of analysing chest x-ray images to identify diseases. However, they still differ in several aspects.

Our project focuses on detecting diseases in CXR images with a CNN in the backend. CXR-LLaVA on top of that, generates a comprehensive radiologic report from the CXR image, summarizing its findings in order to emulate a proper radiologist diagnosis. As a result, their model architecture is more complex, combining a Vision Transformer for the image encoder and a Llama language model to output a textual report based on the visual input from the vision transformer. Vision transformers and language models are very data hungry. So, they also use a lot more datasets, composed of over 500 000 different images.

However, there is no front end. In order to use it, you must follow their instructions to load their trained model and then run it in the terminal.

It is an advanced research project with its own research paper referencing it.

5.2 CXR-Capstone

The CXR-Capstone project is an open-source project that analyzes chest X-ray (CXR) images to predict potential diseases using a CNN model with multi-label prediction. It also uses demographic information such as race, age, and gender. In this way, it classifies images based on demographics as well for the intent of mitigating biases.

The project is very similar to ours as it has a frontend running a backend model that takes in the user's uploaded image and analyses if there are any diseases. On top of that, it also tracks the progression of conditions over time and generates a simple diagnostic report based on the image.

Their project uses a newer model architecture of DETR (detection transformer). It is said to have higher accuracy and run time performance than traditional CNNs. Its architecture is based on a transformer which is typically more data hungry, so it also uses a much larger dataset, MIMIC-CXR, which has over 300 000 images.

The end product is still similar to our project but has slightly more features of tracking progression (assuming the users continuously upload new images of themselves) and report generation.

6 Unit Testing

7 Changes Due to Testing

Our project underwent significant refinements based on feedback from our Rev 0 demo, structured unit testing, integration testing, and user feedback sessions. Initially, we aimed to develop a diffusion model for generating CXR images to provide additional training data for researchers. However, as we progressed through exploratory research and implementation, we realized that the complexity of diffusion models, combined with our time constraints, made this approach impractical within the given project scope.

During the Rev 0 demo, feedback from our supervisor prompted us to reassess our approach. Rather than discarding our efforts, we pivoted toward a more feasible and impactful solution: a CXR image classification web application. This shift allowed us to apply our existing machine learning expertise while maintaining our goal of supporting medical research.

After implementing the prototype, multiple rounds of unit testing, integration testing, and user evaluations led to the following seven key changes:

7.1 Ensuring Correct Data Preprocessing Through Structured Validation

Backend unit tests on data preprocessing revealed inconsistencies in data splitting and binary matrix creation, leading to missing labels in the training data.

- The `test_create_binary_matrix` and `test_split_train_val_data` confirmed that labels were properly encoded and dataset splits maintained correct proportions.
- Adjustments were made to improve data integrity and prevent label loss in the binary matrix.

7.2 Verifying Dataset Consistency and Image Transformations

Dataset handling tests, particularly `test_dataset_initialization` and `test_dataset_getitem`, identified discrepancies in image normalization and label correctness.

- Expected and actual image dimensions were matched, ensuring proper transformation application.
- Label inconsistencies were corrected, ensuring that each dataset sample retained the correct multi-label classification.

7.3 Stabilizing Model Training Through Layer Freezing Adjustments

`test_layer_freezing` confirmed that certain layers were not properly frozen, leading to unstable training.

- We adjusted the model by freezing early layers while allowing later layers to fine-tune, reducing overfitting and improving convergence.
- This refinement enabled more efficient training and better generalization across different datasets.

7.4 Validating Model Architecture to Ensure Proper Output Dimensions

`test_model_structure` and `test_forward_pass` revealed that the model's expected output shape did not always align with the actual output during early testing.

- Adjustments were made to ensure that the fully connected layers matched the correct input and output feature sizes, eliminating mismatches during inference.
- The numerical range of output logits was examined, ensuring valid probability distributions for classification.

7.5 Improving Model Evaluation by Incorporating Additional Performance Metrics

User and supervisor feedback indicated that accuracy alone was not sufficient for evaluating model performance.

- Based on findings from `test_prediction`, we integrated AUC-ROC, Precision-Recall curves, and F1 scores to provide a more comprehensive evaluation of the classifier.
- These metrics were added to the final model reports to assess performance across imbalanced disease classes.

7.6 Refining API Interactions and Error Handling for the Frontend

Frontend integration testing identified API response errors when handling missing images or incorrect file formats.

- Error handling mechanisms were improved to ensure that users received clear feedback messages instead of unexpected crashes.
- Tests confirmed that API responses correctly aligned with expected model outputs, preventing incorrect classifications from being displayed.
- Coverage analysis also revealed low API service test coverage (10.9%), prompting the need for additional tests on authentication, error handling, and response validation.

7.7 Refactoring Code for Improved Maintainability and Debugging

`test_training_step` in the backend and coverage analysis for frontend components revealed that some functions were overly complex and duplicated, making debugging difficult.

- We modularized key components, such as data loading, model inference, API interactions, and preprocessing functions, making the codebase more structured and scalable.

- This refactoring enabled easier debugging, improved test coverage, and better collaboration among team members, reducing technical debt for future enhancements.

These changes significantly enhanced the reliability, usability, and transparency of our CXR classification web application. Unit testing for both backend and frontend provided critical insights into preprocessing, model architecture, training stability, API interactions, and user-facing functionality, helping shape the final product into a robust and user-friendly tool.

8 Automated Testing

Automated testing for our project currently emphasizes maintaining high code quality through consistent linting and formatting checks. The existing automated tests ensure code quality, readability, and consistency across the entire codebase. Our project does not require extensive CI/CD automated testing because the team is small and focused. The codebase is also manageable and easily divided up in parts where each member could work on it separately.

8.1 Linting and Formatting

We utilize GitHub Actions workflows to automate linting and formatting checks for both frontend and backend components. These automated checks help maintain code consistency, improve readability, and minimize potential bugs.

8.2 Frontend (React.js / JavaScript)

We use two primary tools for frontend code quality:

- **ESLint:** ESLint analyzes JavaScript and React code, enforcing best practices and identifying errors or potential issues such as unused variables, improper imports, syntax errors, and inconsistent code patterns. Developers run ESLint locally before pushing code to identify and fix issues proactively. The ESLint configuration adheres to industry-standard rules optimized for React development, providing detailed error and warning messages to facilitate rapid fixes.

- **Prettier:** Prettier automatically formats JavaScript and React code, enforcing consistent indentation, spacing, bracket placement, and line lengths. This ensures that the frontend codebase remains uniform regardless of individual developer preferences. Automated checks verify adherence to the Prettier rules, failing commits or pull requests that do not comply.

8.3 Backend (Python)

The backend uses robust automated checks using the following tools:

- **Flake8:** Flake8 enforces adherence to Python's PEP 8 standards. It identifies potential syntax errors, unused imports or variables, and common coding pitfalls. By automating Flake8 checks, we ensure backend code quality remains consistently high, reducing manual code reviews and catching errors early in the development process.
- **Black:** Black automatically formats Python code to a unified and clear style, eliminating debates about formatting preferences. It handles line length, spacing, and structural formatting. Automated Black checks verify code conformity and clearly indicate any violations, ensuring readability and maintainability.

8.4 Running Automated Tests Locally

Developers can perform these tests locally before committing changes, ensuring issues are addressed early:

8.4.1 JavaScript Checks:

`npm run lint` and `npm run format:check`

- This command runs ESLint and Prettier, respectively, highlighting or automatically fixing formatting and linting issues.

`flake8 .` and `black --check .`

- Running these commands validates backend Python code adherence to style and linting standards.

8.5 GitHub Actions Integration

GitHub Actions workflows trigger these automated checks each time a developer makes a pull request or pushes code to the main branch. These workflows include:

- Linting Workflow: Runs ESLint (frontend) and Flake8 (backend). If linting errors are found, the workflow fails, clearly identifying issues that must be resolved before merging.
- Formatting Workflow: Checks formatting with Prettier (frontend) and Black (backend). Any deviations from the established formatting rules trigger a failed workflow, requiring immediate correction by developers.

These checks ensure only clean and consistently formatted code enters the main codebase.

The GitHub Actions workflows are configured to trigger automatically whenever:

- A pull request is opened or updated.
- Code is pushed to critical branches (e.g., main or development).

If a workflow fails, GitHub clearly indicates the exact nature and location of errors, allowing developers to quickly identify and fix issues. This rapid feedback cycle helps team productivity and helps maintain a robust and error-free codebase

9 Trace to Requirements

This section provides a traceability matrix linking the functional and nonfunctional requirements to the test cases executed in the verification and validation process. The matrix ensures that all requirements outlined in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) have been addressed through testing, confirming system correctness and completeness.

FR TC	FRTC1	FRTC2	FRTC3	FRTC4	FRTC5	FRTC6
FR1 - User Authentication						
FR2 - Image Upload	X	X				
FR3 - Image Preprocessing			X	X		
FR4 - CNN Model Accurate Analysis					X	X
FR5 - Display Results						
FR6 - Heatmap Report						

FR TC	FRTC9	FRTC10	FRTC15	FRTC19	FRTC20	FRTC21
FR1 - User Authentication			X			
FR2 - Image Upload						
FR3 - Image Preprocessing						
FR4 - CNN Model Accurate Analysis						
FR5 - Display Results		X		X		
FR6 - Heatmap Report	X				X	

9.1 Traceability Matrix for Functional Requirements

9.2 Traceability Matrix for Non-Functional Requirements

Non-Functional Requirements Traceability Matrix (NFRTM)

FR \TC	FRTC28	FRTC29
FR12 - Model Confidence	X	X

NFR TC	NFRTC1	NFRTC3	NFRTC4	NFRTC7	NFRTC8	NFRTC9
NFR1 - Consistent UI with Medical Imaging Software	X					
NFR3 - Task Completion for Healthcare Professionals		X				
NFR4 - Context-Sensitive Help and Tooltips			X			
NFR5 - Image Processing Time (60s)				X		
NFR6 - System Availability (99.9% Uptime)					X	
NFR7 - Concurrent Processing of 20 Images						X

10 Trace to Modules

This section provides a traceability matrix mapping system modules to the test cases that verify their correct functionality. The Module Guide (MG) serves as the reference document for module descriptions.

10.1 Traceability Matrix for Software Modules

Traceability Matrix for Software Modules and Test Cases

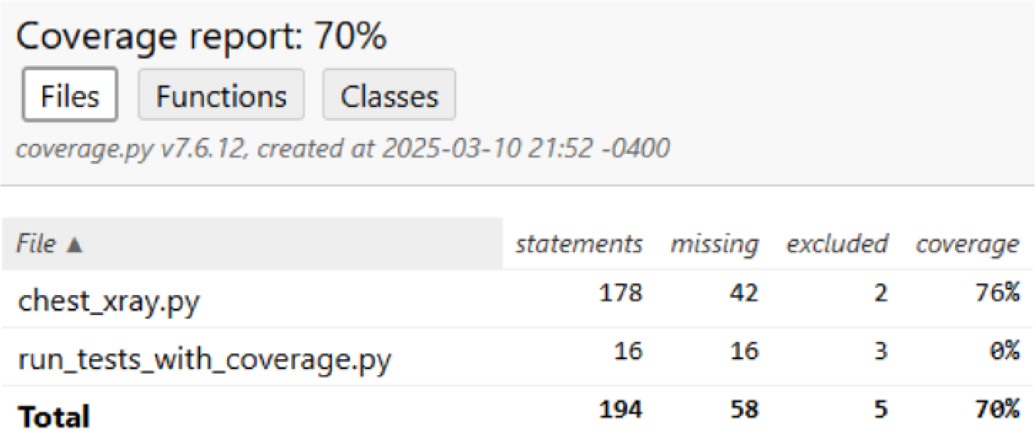
This matrix ensures that each software module has corresponding test cases to validate its functionality.

11 Code Coverage Metrics

Test coverage was based on the unit tests that were created for the chest_xray.py file. he coverage of different modules was measured. The following Images are a report of how well our code is covered by our various tests. Note that run_tests_with_coverage.py file has a 0% coverage but that file is unrelated to what is being tested. (unfortunately, we were unable to remove this file from the coverage report, so please ignore any coverage metrics related to that python file).

NFR \TC	NFRTC10	NFRTC11	NFRTC12	NFRTC13	NFRTC14	NFRTC15
NFR8 - PACS Integration	X					
NFR9 - Network Performance Under 200ms Latency		X				
NFR10 - AES-256 Encryption for Data			X			
NFR11 - Role-Based Access Control				X		
NFR12 - Modular Architecture with Documentation					X	
NFR13 - Automated Testing Coverage 80%						X

NFR \TC	**NFRTC16**	**NFRTC17**	**NFRTC18**
NFR14 - Compliance with HIPAA and PIPEDA	X		
NFR15 - Radiologist Review Required Before Final Diagnosis		X	
NFR16 - AI Disclaimers Displayed Prominently			X



Coverage report: 70%

coverage.py v7.6.12, created at 2025-03-10 21:52 -0400

File ▲	statements	missing	excluded	coverage
chest_xray.py	178	42	2	76%
run_tests_with_coverage.py	16	16	3	0%
Total	**194**	**58**	**5**	**70%**

Frontend test coverage stands at 54.42% for statements, 20% for branches, 21.87% for functions, and 53.39% for lines, indicating gaps in authentication, API integration, and file processing. The API service has the lowest coverage at 21.9%, missing tests for authentication handling, login, registration, image analysis, and token management (Lines 48-54, 59-152). The ModelPage component (52.63%) lacks tests for drag-and-drop (Lines 88-89), file validation (Line 93), error handling (Lines 97-100), processing states (Lines 105-106), and API response handling (Lines 111-134, 149-176). The Register component (58.82%) is missing validation logic (Lines 56-72) and registration handling (Lines 90-110). The Login component (64.28%) lacks coverage for form submission (Lines 53-66) and API error handling (Lines 86-96). ModelDetail (95.65%) and Navbar (88.23%) have high coverage but are missing error boundary handling (Line 100) and mobile menu interactions (Lines 60-61), respectively. Styled Components are fully covered at 100%. Increasing test coverage for API services, form validation, and error handling will significantly improve reliability and ensure better handling of real-world scenarios.

Major Module	Test Case ID(s)	Description
M1 - Data Preprocessing Tests	FRTC1, FRTC2, NFRTC1	Tests preprocessing functions like resizing, normalizing, and grayscale conversion. Ensures correct dataset organization.
	FRTC3, NFRTC2	Ensures data augmentation techniques (rotation, flipping, contrast adjustment) function correctly.
M2 - Dataset Handling Tests	FRTC4, FRTC5	Validates dataset loading, correct sample retrieval, and label transformations.
	FRTC6, NFRTC3	Ensures data integrity by verifying labels and filtering out corrupted images.
M3 - Model Architecture Tests	FRTC7, NFRTC4	Confirms CNN layer structures, parameter counts, and expected model output dimensions.
	FRTC8, FRTC9	Tests the CNN's classification performance, ensuring correct label assignment with confidence scores.
M4 - Training and Prediction Tests	FRTC10, NFRTC5	Validates model training stability, loss convergence, and parameter optimization.
	FRTC11, NFRTC6	Ensures correct prediction generation, accuracy validation, and performance benchmarks are met.

Appendix — Reflection

The information in this section will be used to evaluate the team members on the graduate attribute of Reflection.

The purpose of reflection questions is to give you a chance to assess your own learning and that of your group as a whole, and to find ways to improve in the future. Reflection is an important part of the learning process. Reflection is also an essential component of a successful software development process.

Reflections are most interesting and useful when they're honest, even if the stories they tell are imperfect. You will be marked based on your depth of thought and analysis, and not based on the content of the reflections themselves. Thus, for full marks we encourage you to answer openly and honestly and to avoid simply writing "what you think the evaluator wants to hear."

Please answer the following questions. Some questions can be answered on the team level, but where appropriate, each team member should write their own response:

1. What went well while writing this deliverable?
2. What pain points did you experience during this deliverable, and how did you resolve them?
3. Which parts of this document stemmed from speaking to your client(s) or a proxy (e.g. your peers)? Which ones were not, and why?
4. In what ways was the Verification and Validation (VnV) Plan different from the activities that were actually conducted for VnV? If there were differences, what changes required the modification in the plan? Why did these changes occur? Would you be able to anticipate these changes in future projects? If there weren't any differences, how was your team able to clearly predict a feasible amount of effort and the right tasks needed to build the evidence that demonstrates the required quality?

(It is expected that most teams will have had to deviate from their original VnV Plan.)

11.0.1 Answer

12 Verification and Validation (VnV) Plan Revisions

12.1 Security Compliance Verification Revisions

Originally, in our VnV Plan, under non-functional requirements, we had stated that our website needed to be compliant with data security standards, particularly those related to patient data protection, including secure storage, access controls, and adherence to privacy regulations (e.g., HIPAA). However, as we progressed, we realized that storing uploaded CXR images was unnecessary. Users, most likely radiologists or researchers, would only be looking for short-term insights, meaning long-term data storage would not only be an unnecessary cost but also irrelevant to their needs.

Instead, we decided to use SHA encryption for user account details, ensuring that in future refactoring of the website, any data shared by users would also be SHA encrypted and only stored in temporary storage, such as Redis Cache, before being deleted. This was our key revision regarding security compliance verification.

12.2 Backend Testing and Unit Test Revisions

In the VnV plan, we made no discussion of Postman backend testing. Although we discussed unit testing at length, the actual backend testing that we conducted was primarily successful through Postman testing. For each URL belonging to the backend API, we tested each repeatedly, assuming valid and invalid payloads and credentials. This allowed us to achieve complete test coverage as well as perform tests we otherwise wouldn't have been able to conduct via the frontend or through a collective demo.

Additionally, in our VnV plan, we had several unit tests, such as `FRTC3` and FRTC4, which ultimately had to be removed. This was due to a change in our project's goals. Initially, we aimed to build a diffusion model project to generate CXR images, but we transitioned to developing a web application for multiclass classification on CXR images. As a result, these unit tests were no longer relevant and were removed.

12.3 Challenges in Anticipating Project Direction

These particular changes were not obvious beforehand and arose due to a shift in the project's direction. Ideally, we would like to say that we could not have anticipated this, but at the time of writing the VnV document, we were already aware of potential challenges with our initial approach. As we were actively exploring solutions, it would have been beneficial to design unit tests that were more general or dynamic—tests that were adaptable to changing project contexts rather than being static.

This approach would have ensured that the initial VnV plan remained useful even if the project evolved. However, there is also an argument that a verification plan that is too abstract could lose its usefulness. In hindsight, given the nature of our project, adopting a more flexible verification approach could have been a valuable revision.

12.4 What Went Well?

Gurnoor: As a team, we distributed our roles across the document optimally. No one person was exclusive to a particular section, although each of us was primarily responsible for one section. We were all involved across different sections, helping each other and discussing any questions or confusion that arose.

Harrison: I think we did well in reflecting on our work throughout the project. This reflection was not only limited to the appendix but also extended to addressing changes that occurred, particularly in Section 7. We encountered many obstacles throughout this project, and writing this document allowed us to address them with hindsight, which I found valuable.

Ahmed: We did well as a team in organizing ourselves. Some of us were highly knowledgeable when it came to addressing previous unit tests and code testing, whether functional tests or coverage tests. Others were confident in handling areas such as user feedback or supervisor feedback. By playing to our strengths, we were able to put together the document in the best way possible.

Hamza: Addressing the project changes went really well. In our earlier documents, we had outlined a different direction than the one we ultimately achieved. This wasn't necessarily a bad thing. By acknowledging these changes in Section 7, we were able to extract valuable learnings for the future. Additionally, we cleared up a lot of confusion regarding earlier misalignments in our product's function.

Jared: I believe writing and structuring our traceability matrix went quite well. We created a framework that allowed us to quickly gauge our progress in an easily understandable manner, and we did so with high accuracy. Additionally, the automated testing section was well-executed, capturing everything we aimed to achieve in ensuring correct testing practices beyond manual testing and demos.

12.5 Challenges and Their Resolutions

One of the biggest challenges we faced was time management, especially as the project progressed and required integrating new changes. Balancing coursework alongside this deliverable sometimes made deadlines feel overwhelming. To resolve this, we divided tasks into smaller sections and held regular check-ins to ensure no team member was overloaded. This helped us stay on track without compromising the quality of critical sections.

With multiple team members working on different sections, ensuring consistency in terminology, formatting, and tone became a challenge. At one point, we noticed that some sections referenced outdated features while others reflected our latest changes. To address this, we conducted a final review session where each team member reviewed a section they hadn't written. This process helped us flag inconsistencies and align all references with our final implementation.

12.6 Sources of Input for This Document

12.6.1 Sections Stemming from Client or Peer Discussions

Functional Requirements (Section 3): Many of our functional requirements, such as `FR.8` (User Authentication) and `FR.1` (Image Upload), were shaped by discussions with peers and test users. Their feedback helped clarify expectations regarding user interactions and essential features. Feedback from our Rev 0 demo was particularly influential in shifting our project toward CXR classification rather than image generation.

Testing and System Refinements (Section 7 - Changes Due to Testing): Feedback from test users and our supervisor led to significant modifications