**Project Title:** GrainPalette - A Deep Learning Odyssey In Rice Type Classification Through Transfer Learning

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**1. Project Overview**

**GrainPalette is an AI-powered web application designed to classify rice grains based on their visual characteristics. Users can upload an image of a rice grain, and the app will return the most probable type of rice using a deep learning model. This tool is particularly beneficial for farmers, agricultural researchers, exporters, and traders who need to identify rice varieties efficiently.**

**The core objective is to make rice type identification quick, accurate, and accessible using computer vision and transfer learning techniques.**

**2. System Architecture**

**The system follows a modular architecture with three main layers:**

**a. Frontend Layer**

* **HTML/CSS templates to enable user interaction.**
* **File input to upload rice grain images.**

**b. Backend Layer (Flask)**

* **Handles routing, image uploads, and rendering templates.**
* **Passes image data to the model for prediction.**

**c. Model Layer**

* **A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained using transfer learning (e.g., MobileNet).**
* **Outputs the predicted rice variety based on image analysis.**

**Workflow:**

1. **User uploads an image via the frontend.**
2. **Flask receives the request and saves the image.**
3. **Image is preprocessed and fed into the model.**
4. **Model returns prediction.**
5. **Flask renders the result on the web page.**

**3. Technology Stack**

* **Language: Python**
* **Framework: Flask**
* **Deep Learning: TensorFlow, Keras**
* **Frontend: HTML5, CSS3**
* **Libraries:**
  + **numpy (numerical operations)**
  + **Pillow (image processing)**
  + **tensorflow.keras (model training and inference)**

**4. Project Structure**

**rice-classifier-app/**

**├── app.py # Main Flask app**

**├── requirements.txt # Dependencies**

**├── rice\_model.h5 # Trained CNN model**

**├── static/**

**│ └── style.css # Webpage styles**

**├── templates/**

**│ ├── index.html # Upload form**

**│ └── result.html # Prediction display**

**5. Implementation Details**

* **The model is trained on a dataset of labeled rice grain images.**
* **Images are resized to 224x224 and normalized.**
* **A MobileNet-based CNN is used for better generalization and fast predictions.**
* **The model is saved as rice\_model.h5 after training.**
* **Flask loads the model at runtime and performs inference on uploaded images.**

**6. Development Workflow**

1. **Data collection and preprocessing.**
2. **Model design and training using Keras in a Jupyter notebook.**
3. **Export trained model.**
4. **Build Flask app (app.py) to serve the model.**
5. **Create HTML templates for the frontend.**
6. **Link form submission to prediction logic.**
7. **Test locally and refine the user experience.**

**7. Setup and Installation**

**Requirements:**

* **Python 3.8+**
* **pip**

**Installation Steps:**

**# Step 1: Navigate to project directory**

**cd rice-classifier-app**

**# Step 2: Install dependencies**

**pip install -r requirements.txt**

**# Step 3: Run the application**

**python app.py**

**Access:**

**Open your browser and go to: http://127.0.0.1:5000/**

**8. Features and Functionality**

* **Clean and intuitive user interface.**
* **Upload rice grain images in .jpg or .png format.**
* **Real-time predictions using a trained deep learning model.**
* **Display of predicted rice type along with uploaded image.**
* **Error handling for invalid uploads or unsupported files.**

**9. API Documentation**

**GET /**

* **Loads the homepage.**
* **Returns the upload form.**

**POST /predict**

* **Accepts an image file.**
* **Preprocesses the image and predicts rice type.**
* **Returns the result page with the prediction and image.**

**10. Screenshots and Results**

**Home Page:**

* **File input and upload button.**

**Result Page:**

* **Displays uploaded image.**
* **Shows predicted rice type (e.g., "Jasmine").**

**Model Accuracy:**

* **Validation accuracy: ~95% (can be updated based on final model).**

**11. Challenges and Solutions**

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| **Challenge** | **Solution** |
| **Similar appearance across classes** | **Used transfer learning for robust feature learning** |
| **Large model size** | **Optimized with MobileNet to reduce size** |
| **UI responsiveness** | **Applied lightweight custom CSS** |
| **Handling unsupported file formats** | **Added file validation in Flask** |

**12. Future Enhancements**

* **Deploy on cloud (Render, AWS, or Heroku).**
* **Add mobile responsiveness to UI.**
* **Use cloud storage for uploaded images.**
* **Implement top-3 prediction output.**
* **Add multilingual support.**
* **Train on larger and more diverse rice datasets.**

**13. Conclusion**

**GrainPalette successfully demonstrates how deep learning and web development can solve real-world problems in agriculture. By allowing users to identify rice types with a simple image upload, the system reduces manual effort and improves decision-making. This project sets the stage for further innovations in AI-based crop classification and can easily be extended to support more grains, seeds, or plant-based datasets in the future.**

**Git Hub Link** : [**https://github.com/karthikredd04/Rice-Classification**](https://github.com/karthikredd04/Rice-Classification)

**Project code link:https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1qBKVc7BJQ0SpZCgKNR4u4q9syof-GPfp?usp=drive\_link**