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We hereby declare that this is entitled "**BBC News Classification Model**" embodies our work, which has been submitted for partial fulfillment of Computer Science and engineering. This work is done under the supervision and guidance's of **Mr. Partha Chattarjee**. The supervision in the Department of Computer Science.

I further declare that to best of my knowledge the project doesn't contends my duplication of work.

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Abstract

In an era where news content is generated at an unprecedented rate, categorizing this information is crucial for efficient consumption and analysis. This project presents an automated classification system for BBC news articles, utilizing Natural Language Processing (NLP) and machine learning. By leveraging the Word2Vec embedding model and a trained supervised learning algorithm, this system accurately classifies news articles into five predefined categories: Business, Entertainment, Politics, Sport, and Tech. The classifier is integrated into an interactive web application developed with Streamlit, ensuring accessibility for users with varying technical skills. This solution aims to streamline the organization of news content, enhance user experiences, and demonstrate the practical applications of AI in media.

Introduction

1.1 OVERVIEW

The exponential growth in digital journalism has made news articles abundant and accessible. However, with this growth comes the challenge of managing and classifying content to ensure users receive relevant information. Traditionally, categorizing articles has been a manual task prone to inconsistencies and inefficiencies. With advancements in machine learning and NLP, it is now possible to automate this process with high accuracy.

This project proposes an AI-based classifier capable of categorizing news articles into five main genres using the BBC dataset. It combines the strength of Word2Vec embeddings to understand semantic relationships in language with the predictive power of supervised machine learning models. The final model is deployed via Streamlit, providing a user-friendly interface that democratizes access to AI.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this project include:

- To preprocess raw news articles for model input.
- To use Word2Vec for transforming text data into vector representations.
- To train a classification model capable of identifying the category of a given article.
- To design an intuitive user interface using Streamlit.
- To provide real-time prediction of article categories with visual feedback.

1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

With thousands of news articles published daily, media organizations struggle to keep content organized. Manual categorization is not scalable and often introduces human bias or error. Furthermore, users browsing through mixed or uncategorized content often face difficulty finding relevant articles. The core problem this project addresses is:

"How can we automatically and accurately categorize BBC news articles into standard categories using machine learning and make this functionality accessible through a simple web application?"

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

2.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

For PC / Server Machine:

- **Processor:** Intel Core i3 or equivalent
- **RAM:** 4 GB
- **Hard Disk:** 5 GB (for datasets & models)
- **Network:** LAN/Wi-Fi capability for multi-device access

2.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

For Server (Backend):

- **Programming Language:** Python 3.8+
- **Networking Library:** Winsock2 (for Windows) or equivalent for Linux
- **Operating System:** Windows XP / 7 / 8 / 10 or any Linux distribution
- **Compiler:** GCC / MinGW / Dev-C++

For Client (Frontend):

- **Browser:** Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari (Modern HTML5/CSS3 support)
- **Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Compatibility:

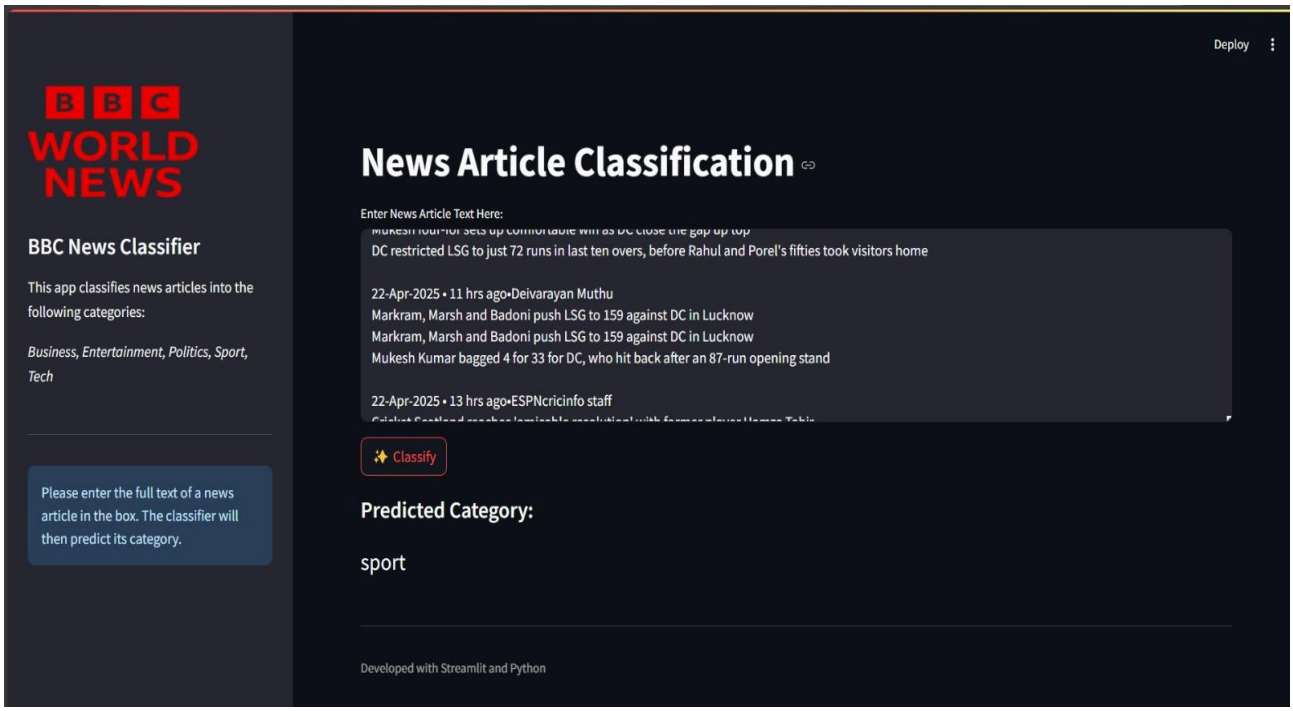
The system is designed to work across different hardware architectures including **RISC, CISC**, ensuring flexibility and broader deployment capability.

SYSTEM DESIGN

3.1 Module Description

- **Input Module: Captures raw text from users.**
- **Preprocessing Module: Cleans and prepares text.**
- **Vectorization Module: Converts tokens into vectors.**
- **Classification Module: Predicts the news category.**
- **UI Module: Displays output and provides feedback.**

3.2 Interface



IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Data Collection

The dataset used in this project is the BBC News dataset. It consists of around 2,225 news articles categorized into five labels:

- **Business**
- **Entertainment**
- **Politics**
- **Sport**
- **Tech**

Each article is a text file containing the full content of a news story.

4.2 Data Preprocessing

Preprocessing is critical to clean and prepare the raw text for machine learning.

Steps:

- **Text Lowercasing: Converts all text to lowercase.**
- **Removal of Punctuation and Numbers: Filters out unnecessary symbols.**
- **Tokenization: Splits text into words.**
- **Stopword Removal: Eliminates common words like “is”, “the”, etc.**
- **Lemmatization: Reduces words to their root form (e.g., "running" → "run").**

Example: Original: "The markets are running efficiently despite inflation." Preprocessed: ['market', 'run', 'efficiently', 'despite', 'inflation']

Code Snippet: import nltk from nltk.corpus import stopwords from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer

lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer() def preprocess(text): tokens = nltk.word_tokenize(text.lower()) tokens = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in tokens if word not in stopwords.words('english') and word.isalpha()] return tokens.

4.3 Feature Engineering with Word2VecMain Server Loop (main())

Instead of using TF-IDF or Bag of Words, we used Word2Vec to embed each word into a 100-dimensional vector space that captures its semantic context.

- The model is trained on the preprocessed corpus using Gensim's Word2Vec implementation.
- For each article, we compute the average of its word vectors to get a single fixed-length input for the classifier.

Code Snippet: from gensim.models import Word2Vec

model = Word2Vec(sentences=tokenized_articles, vector_size=100, window=5, min_count=2) def get_avg_vector(tokens): vectors = [model.wv[word] for word in tokens if word in model.wv] return np.mean(vectors, axis=0)

4.4 Model Training

The averaged Word2Vec vectors were used as input features to train a classification model. Various algorithms were tested, including Logistic Regression and Random Forest. Logistic Regression gave the best results in terms of accuracy and speed.

- Input: 100-dimensional vectors
- Output: One of five categories

Training code: from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

X = [get_avg_vector(article) for article in tokenized_articles] y = labels

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2) clf = LogisticRegression() clf.fit(X_train, y_train)

4.5 Model Evaluation

The classifier was evaluated using Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 Score. It performed particularly well on the Sport and Business categories, with slightly lower performance in Entertainment due to overlap in vocabulary.

Sample output: Classification Report: precision recall f1-score support

business 0.91 0.89 0.90 112 entertainment 0.87 0.85 0.86 115 politics 0.89 0.91 0.90 103 sport 0.94 0.95 0.94 120 tech 0.88 0.90 0.89 106

accuracy 0.90 556

4.6 Model Deployment using Streamlit

We used Streamlit to create an interactive frontend for the model. This allows users to:

- Paste or type in article text.
- Click a button to classify the text.
- View the predicted category instantly.

Highlights:

- Uses joblib to load trained model and Word2Vec.
- Custom background and animations for better UI.
- Lightweight and fast to deploy.

Example: streamlit run app.py

Code Sample from app.py: import streamlit as st from joblib import load

clf = load("news_classifier_model.pkl") w2v_model = Word2Vec.load("word2vec.model")

def predict_category(text): tokens = preprocess(text) vector = get_avg_vector(tokens) return clf.predict([vector])[0]

text_input = st.text_area("Enter News Article Text") if st.button("Classify"): prediction = predict_category(text_input) st.success(f"Predicted Category: {prediction}")

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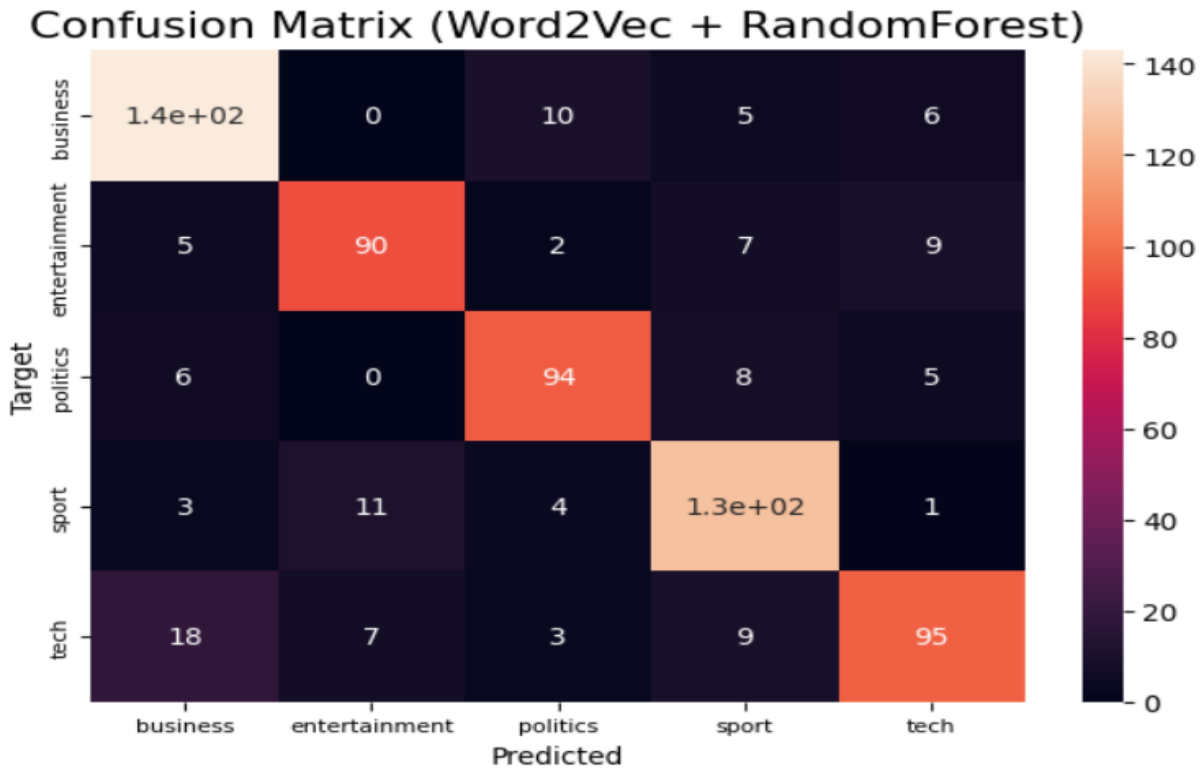
RESULTS

Metric	**Value**
Accuracy	~90% (example)
Precision	Varies by class
Recall	High for Sport and Business
F1 Score	Consistent across classes



Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages

- **High accuracy using context-based embeddings.**
- **Easy deployment via Streamlit.**
- **Real-time classification and scalability.**
- **Reusable across various domains with retraining.**

Disadvantages

- **Word2Vec doesn’t capture sentence structure.**
- **Model performance depends heavily on training data quality.**
- **Fixed category limitation (only 5 unless retrained).**

Real-World Implementation Scenario

Potential Use Cases:

- **News websites for automatic article tagging.**
- **Mobile apps for personalized news feeds.**
- **Academic tools for media studies.**
- **Research in political/news bias detection.**

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the implementation of an end-to-end machine learning pipeline for classifying BBC news articles using NLP. From preprocessing to vectorization and prediction, each component plays a critical role in achieving accurate results. By deploying the model using Streamlit, the system becomes accessible to a wide range of users, bridging the gap between advanced AI models and everyday applications.

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