

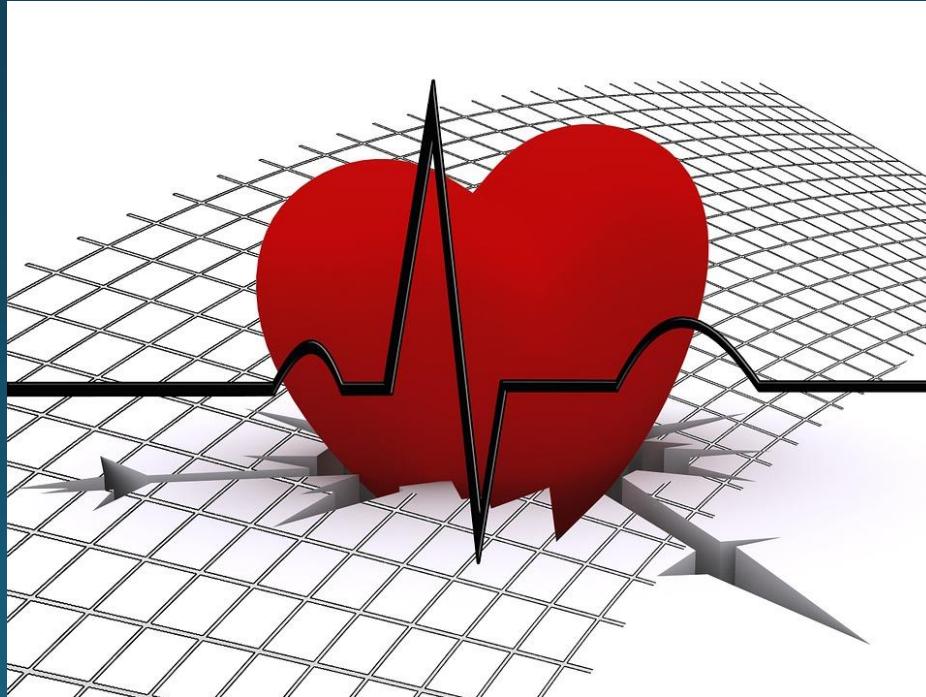
# Heart Disease Project



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# PROBLEM

Looking at given clinical data, can we predict who will develop heart disease?



# WHY IT'S IMPORTANT PREDICT HEART DISEASE

According to CDC (2022),

- ❖ Heart disease is the **leading cause of death** for men and women in the US.
- ❖ **One person dies every 36 seconds** in the US from cardiovascular disease.
- ❖ About 659,000 people in the US die from heart disease every year- that's **1 in every 4 deaths**.
- ❖ Heart disease costs the US about **\$363 billion each year** from 2016-2017.



# Data for The Project

- ❖ Original data came from the Cleveland data from the UCI Machine Learning Repository
- ❖ Data is available on Kaggle. <https://www.kaggle.com/ronitf/heart-disease-uci>

# Data Cleaning

- ❖ 14 Columns and 303 rows
- ❖ All numerical values
- ❖ No missing data
- ❖ No duplicated values
- ❖ Shuffled data to minimize variance and create a model
- ❖ Performing exploratory data analysis (EDA) was straight forward



```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 303 entries, 0 to 302
Data columns (total 14 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   age         303 non-null    int64
1   sex         303 non-null    int64
2   cp          303 non-null    int64
3   trestbps    303 non-null    int64
4   chol        303 non-null    int64
5   fbs         303 non-null    int64
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7   thalach     303 non-null    int64
8   exang       303 non-null    int64
9   oldpeak     303 non-null    float64
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11  ca          303 non-null    int64
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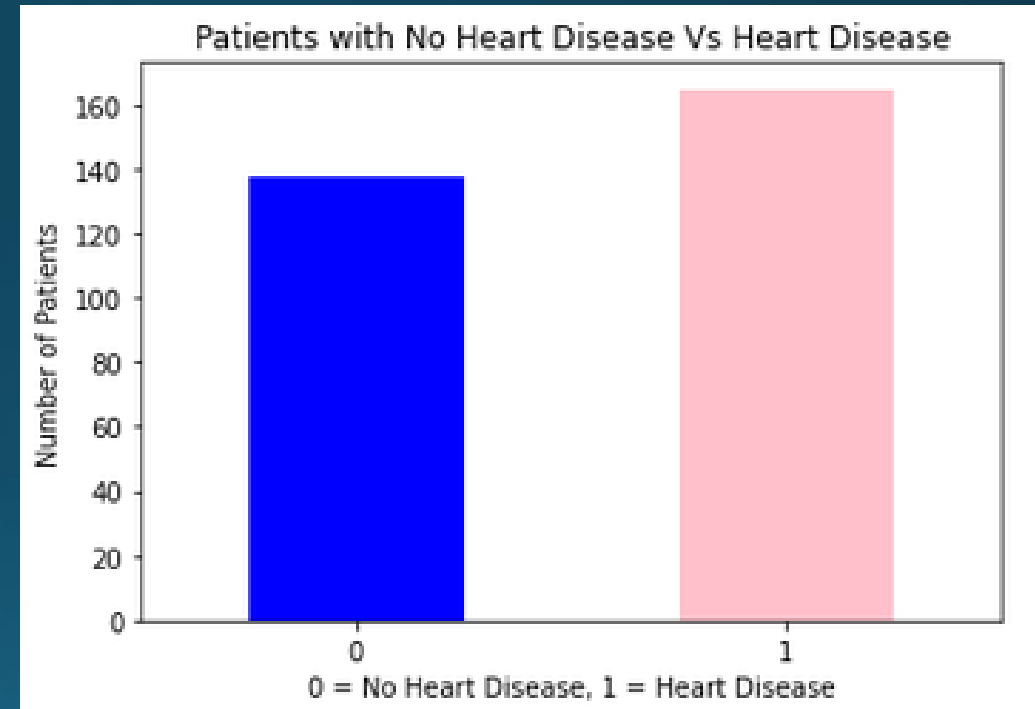
# Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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	age	sex	cp	trestbps	chol	fbs	restecg	thalach	exang	oldpeak	slope	ca	thal	target
0	63	1	3	145	233	1	0	150	0	2.3	0	0	1	1
1	37	1	2	130	250	0	1	187	0	3.5	0	0	2	1
2	41	0	1	130	204	0	0	172	0	1.4	2	0	2	1
3	56	1	1	120	236	0	1	178	0	0.8	2	0	2	1
4	57	0	0	120	354	0	1	163	1	0.6	2	0	2	1
5	57	1	0	140	192	0	1	148	0	0.4	1	0	1	1
6	56	0	1	140	294	0	0	153	0	1.3	1	0	2	1
7	44	1	1	120	263	0	1	173	0	0.0	2	0	3	1
8	52	1	2	172	199	1	1	162	0	0.5	2	0	3	1
9	57	1	2	150	168	0	1	174	0	1.6	2	0	2	1

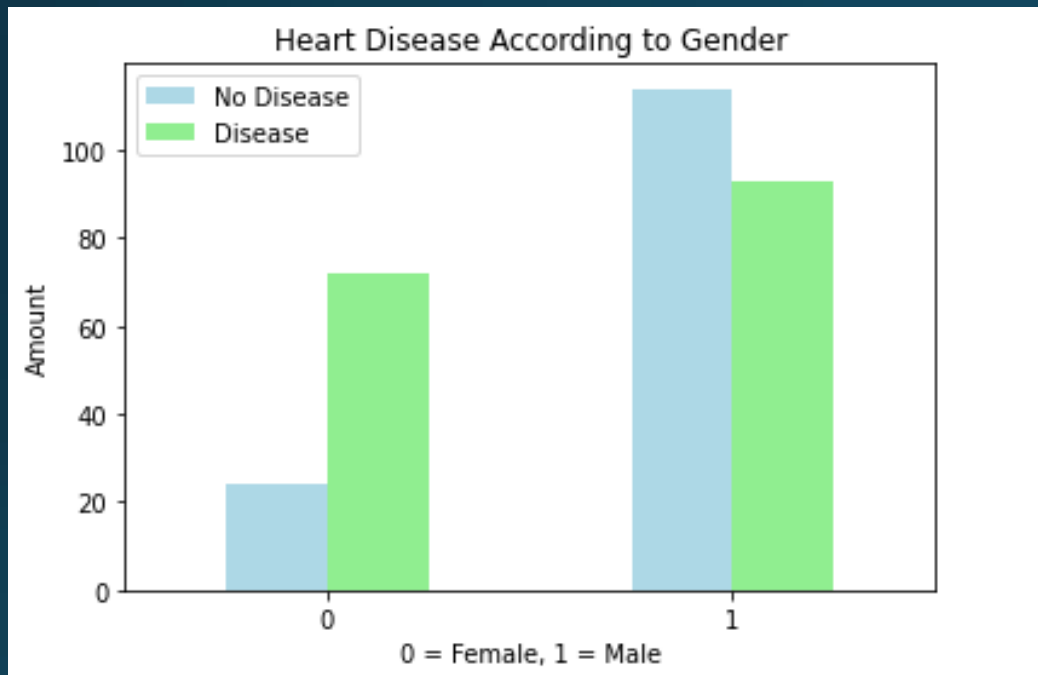
# Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- ❖ Ratio of patients,  
Heart disease: No heart disease  $\approx$  1:1
- ❖ Even distribution of data for the project.



# Gender Vs Prevalence of Heart Disease

EDA Continued...



- ❖ Significantly more Women with Heart Disease compared to men

Selection Bias?

Or

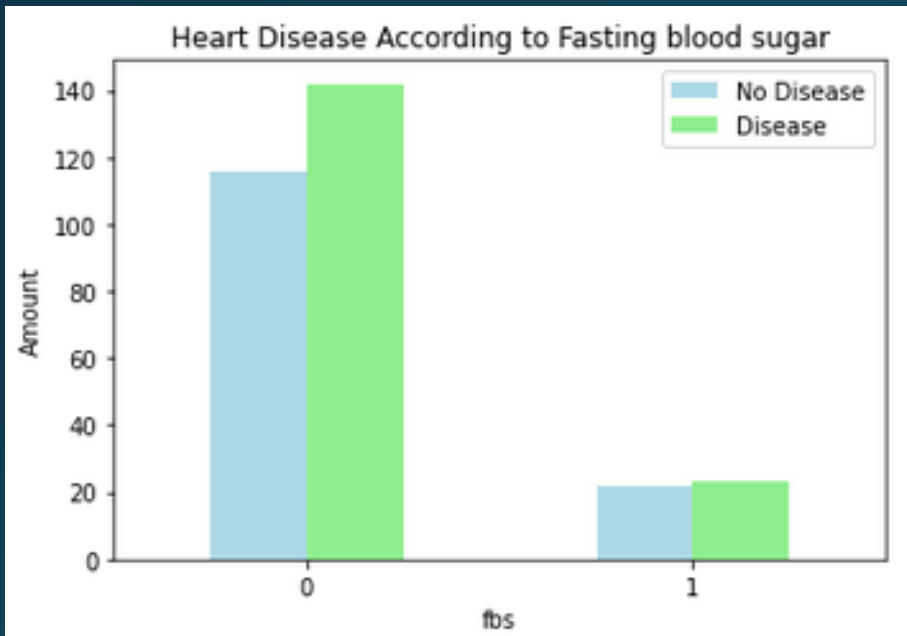
Reflection of The Real World?

- ❖ Further research is required.



# Fasting Blood Sugar vs Heart Disease

## EDA Continued...



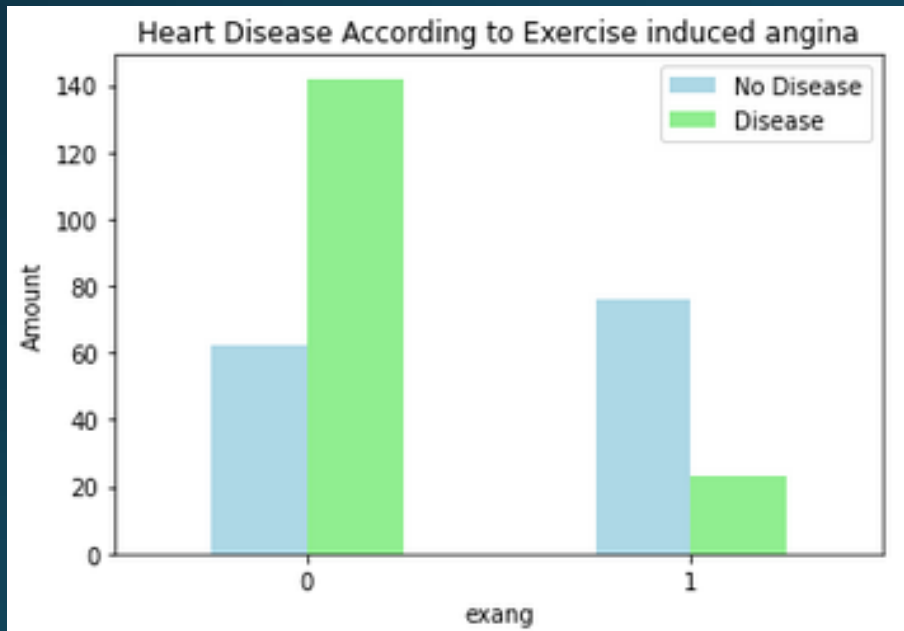
- ❖ Observation: Fasting blood sugar doesn't have a significant effect on developing heart disease.

Selection Bias?  
Or  
Reflection of The Real World?

- ❖ According to CDC, high glucose levels can damage blood vessels and nerves that control the heart.
- ❖ Findings are contradictory.
- ❖ Further research is required.

# Exercise Induced Angina vs Heart Disease

## EDA Continued...



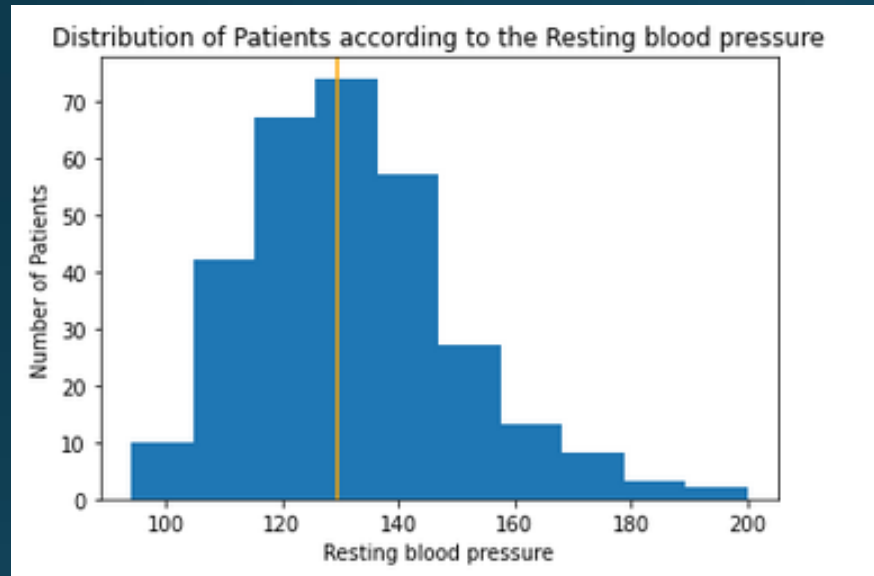
- ❖ Observation: Many people with exercise induced angina do not develop heart disease.
- ❖ According to Clevelandclinic.org, chest pain during exercise is a warning sign for heart disease.
- ❖ Contradictory results.

Selection Bias?

- ❖ More data and research is required.

# Resting Blood Pressure Vs Heart Disease

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Continued...



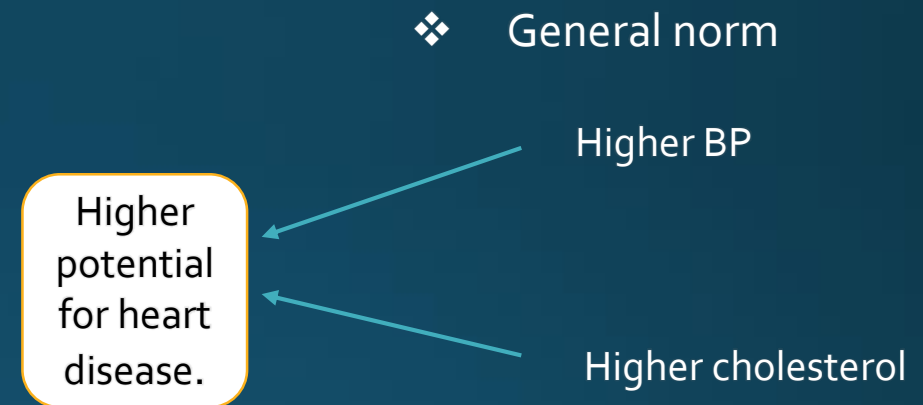
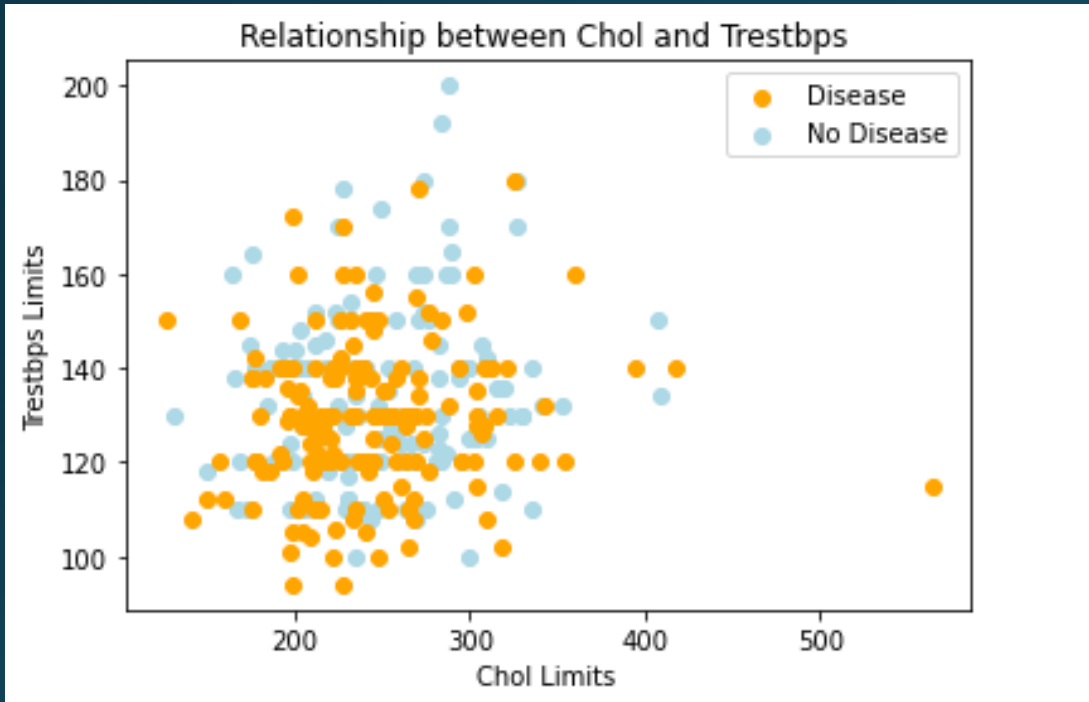
- ❖ A normal distribution.
- ❖ Outliers: 90 and 170 mmHg and 9 data records out of 303 in outliers = 3% of total data
- ❖ BP over 170, yet number of patients without heart disease > number of patients with heart disease.
- ❖ Needing more data evaluations, misdiagnosis or something else?

	With No Heart Disease	With Heart Disease
Patients with Resting BP over 170	6	3



# Cholesterol Levels vs Heart Disease

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Continued ...



❖ These results contradict the general norm.

Where is the disconnect?



# Chest Pain Vs Prevalence of Heart Disease

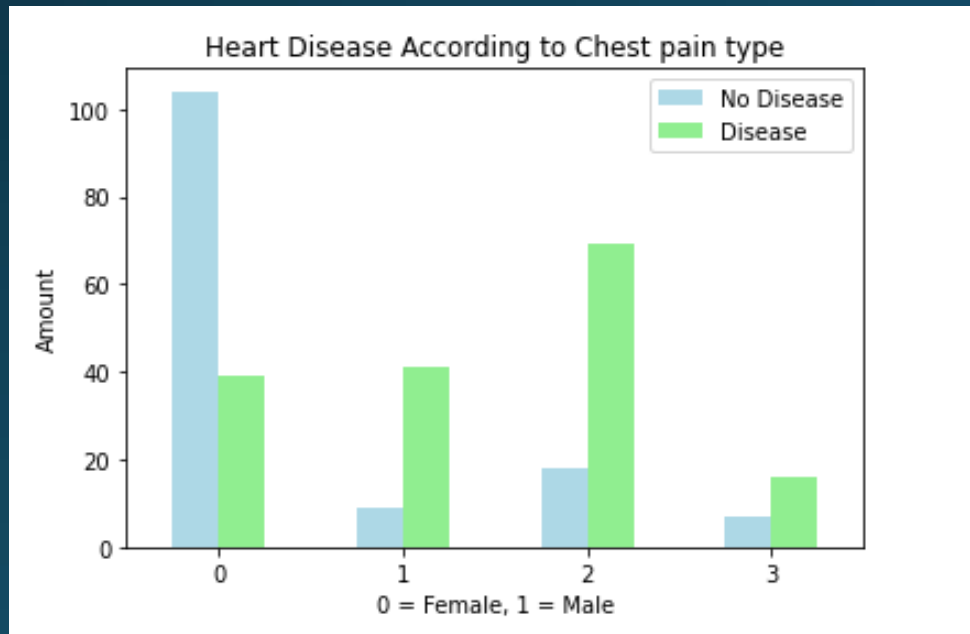
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Continued ...

	No Heart Disease	Heart Disease
cp		
0	104	39
1	9	41
2	18	69
3	7	16

cp - chest pain type

- 0 :Typical angina: chest pain related decrease blood supply to the heart
- 1. Atypical angina: chest pain not related to heart
- 2. Non-anginal pain: typical esophageal spasms
- 3. Asymptomatic: chest pain not showing signs of disease

According to the data observations,



Percentage of cp2  
patients with Heart  
Disease

Percentage of cp 0  
patients with  
Heart Disease

How is this possible???

Selection bias, error in diagnosis  
or something else?



# Feature Correlation

## Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Continued ...



+1 or -1 → strong correlation between features.

- Positive correlation:  
Feature 1 increase → feature 2 also increase
- Negative correlation:  
Feature 1 increase → feature 2 decrease
- Close to 0 → Poor correlation between features

# Data Modeling

❖ Defining success for this project: Reaching **accuracy over 95%**

❖ Baseline Models:

RandomForestClassifier

KNeighborsClassifier

LogisticRegression

XGBClassifier



# Why Choose RandomForestClassifier

- Easy to use and generates quick results
- provides high level of accuracy
- Easy to cross validate
- Robust to outliers
- Handles non balanced data
- Does not over fit
- Great for large datasets





# Why Choose KNeighborsClassifier?

- Easy to implement
- Fewer parameters to tune: k and distance metric
- No training required to make predictions
- New data can be added when predicting without impacting the outcome

# Why Choose Logistic Regression?

- Easier to implement, interpret, and efficient to train without requiring high computational power.
- The feature importance of features can be identified with negative or positive direction.
- Very fast at classifying unknown records
- Good accuracy

# Why Choose XGBClassifier?

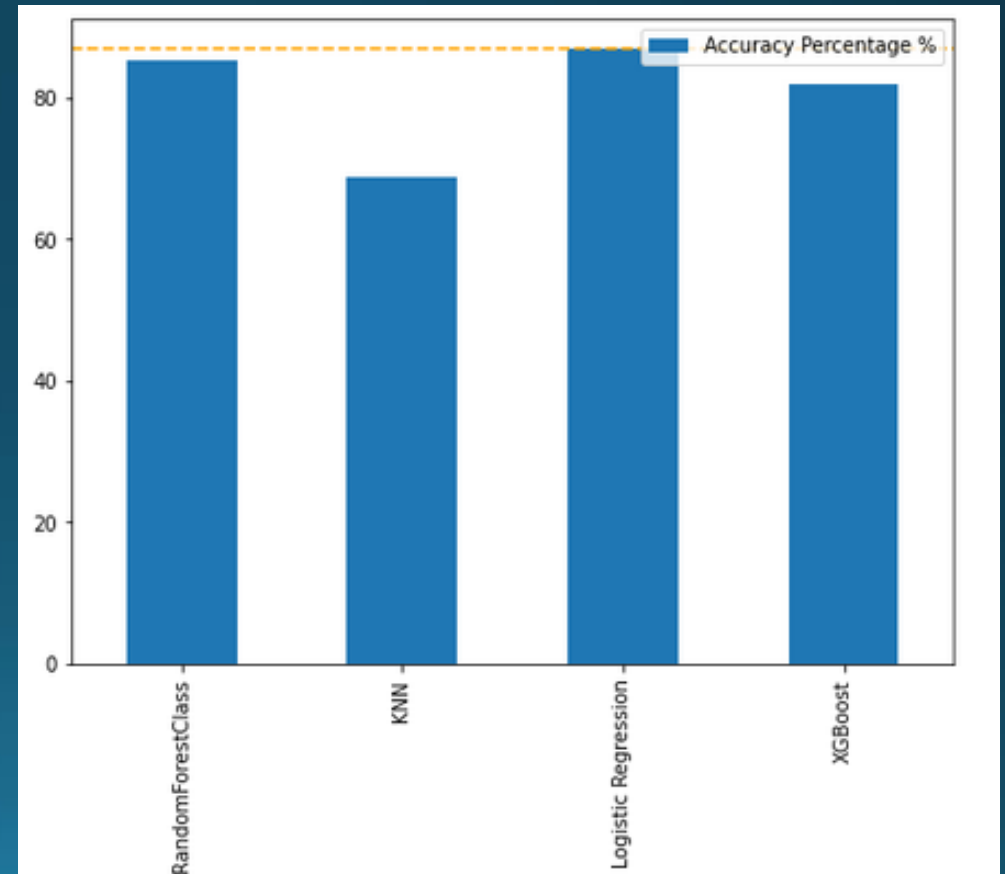
- Works well in small to medium datasets
- supports regularization to avoid overfitting
- Faster because it uses parallel processing
- Allows to run cross-validation on each iteration

# Modeling

1. **Splitting data** : Randomly chosen data, 80% for training, 20% for testing
2. **Visualize** the accuracy scores as percentages

4 models were evaluated according to their accuracy scores

```
{'RandomForestClass': 85.24590163934425,  
'KNN': 68.85245901639344,  
'Logistic Regression': 86.88524590163934,  
'XGBoost': 81.9672131147541}
```



# Modeling Continues...

## 3. Hyperparameter Tuning

a) Since RandomForestClassifier and LogisticRegression models have the highest accuracy score, grid were created to tune them

b) Best parameters were identified

RandomForestClassifier:

```
best_rfc_grid = {'n_estimators': [300],  
                 'min_samples_split': [4],  
                 'min_samples_leaf': [6],  
                 'max_features': ['sqrt'],  
                 'max_depth': [3]}
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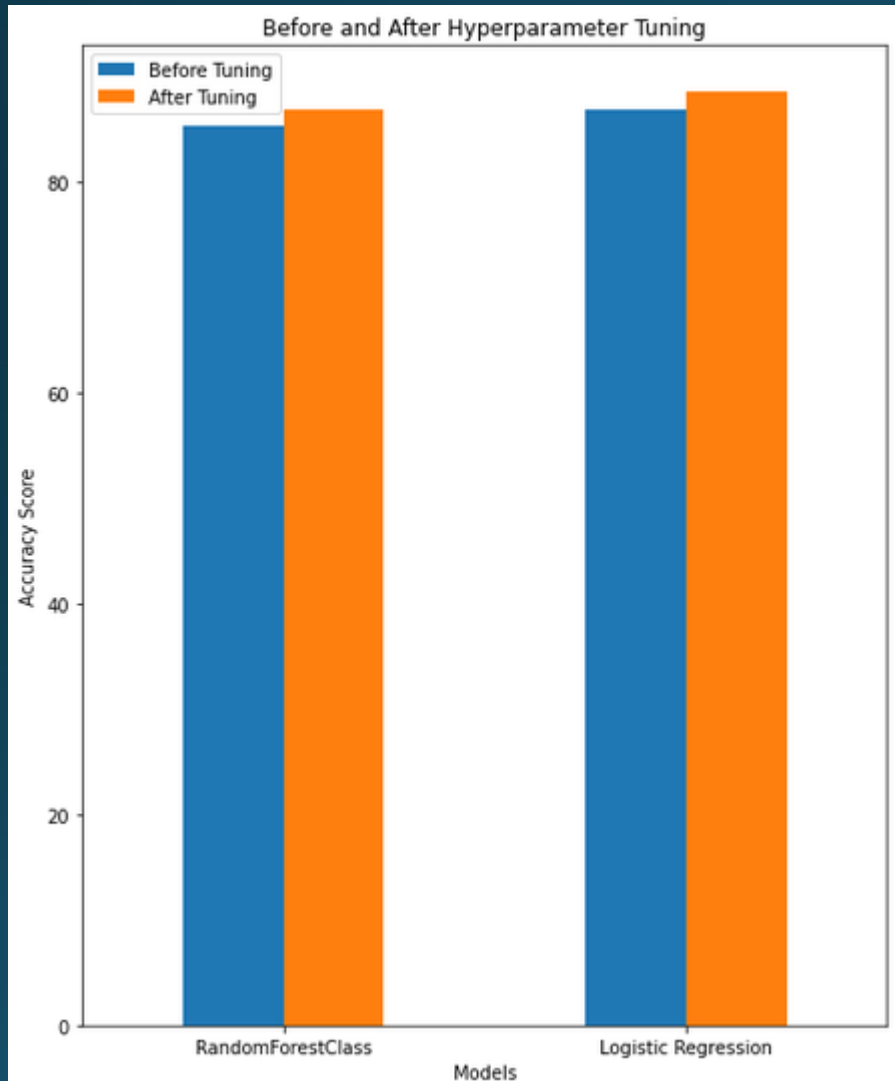
LogisticRegression:

```
best_lg_grid = {'solver': ['liblinear'],  
               'penalty': ['l2'],  
               'C': [0.20433597178569418]}
```

c) Data were retrained on tuned models with best parameters

d) Accuracy scores with best parameters were recalculated for the models.

# Modeling Continues...



4. Accuracy score before and after hyperparameter tuning.

## Observation:

- Accuracy scores have improved after parameter tuning in both models.
- LogisticRegression has achieved the highest accuracy score.

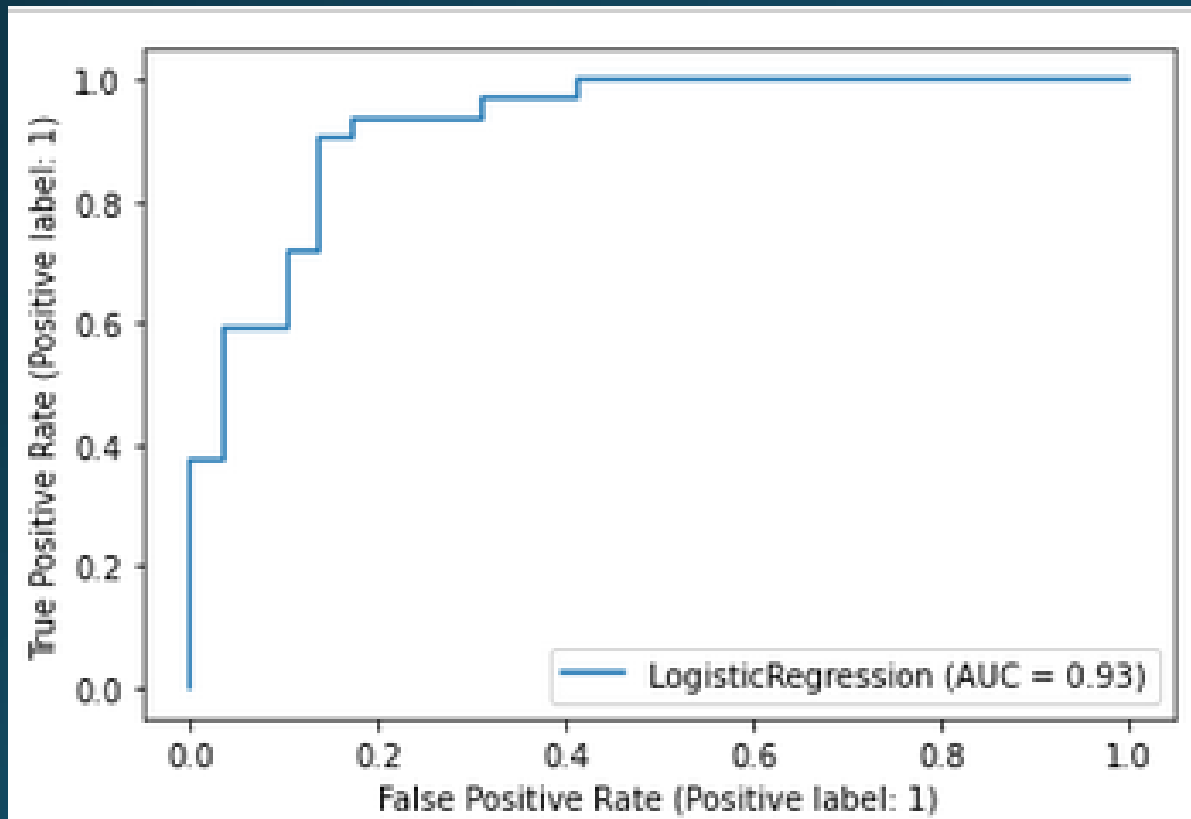
# Evaluating The Models

- ROC curve
- Confusion Matrix
- Classification Report
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-score



# Evaluating The Model Continues...

## ROC Curve

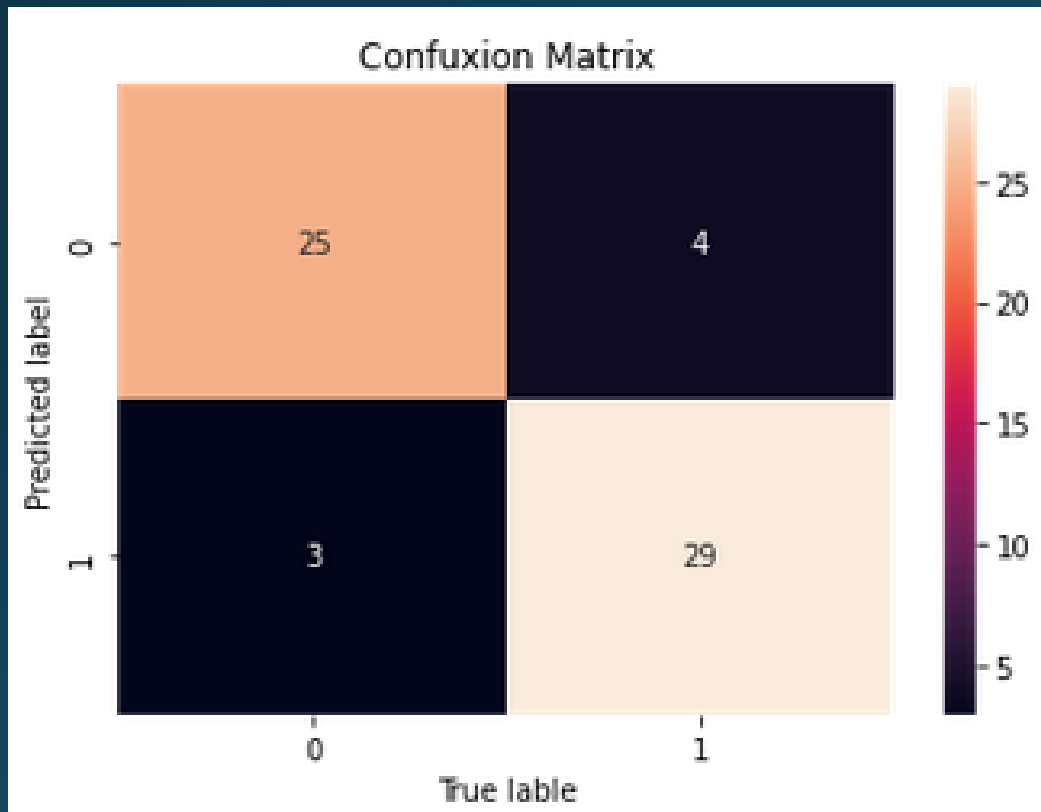


- The area under the curve (AUC) in LogisticRegression model is 0.93 which is great.
- This indicates that there's only little chance for a patient to be falsely positive.
- Certainly there's room for improvement.



# Evaluating The Model Continues...

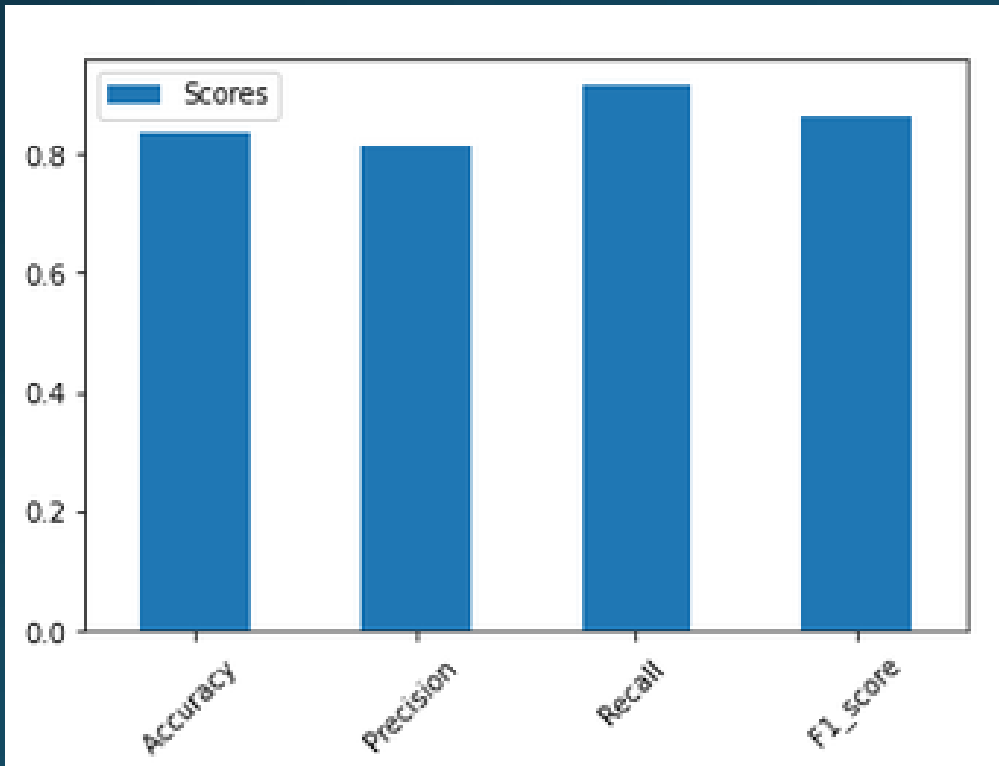
- Confusion Matrix



- The focus of this project is to identifying patients with potential for developing heart disease.
- Improving true positives and reducing false negative values (truly have a higher risk, yet predicts as not) is more important than reducing false positives (model predicts are high risk when they're not).
- Recall is a important feature to focus for this heart disease project.
- $\text{Recall} = \text{TP} / \text{TP} + \text{FN} = 29 / (29 + 4) = 0.8787$

# Evaluating The Model Continues...

- Classification Report

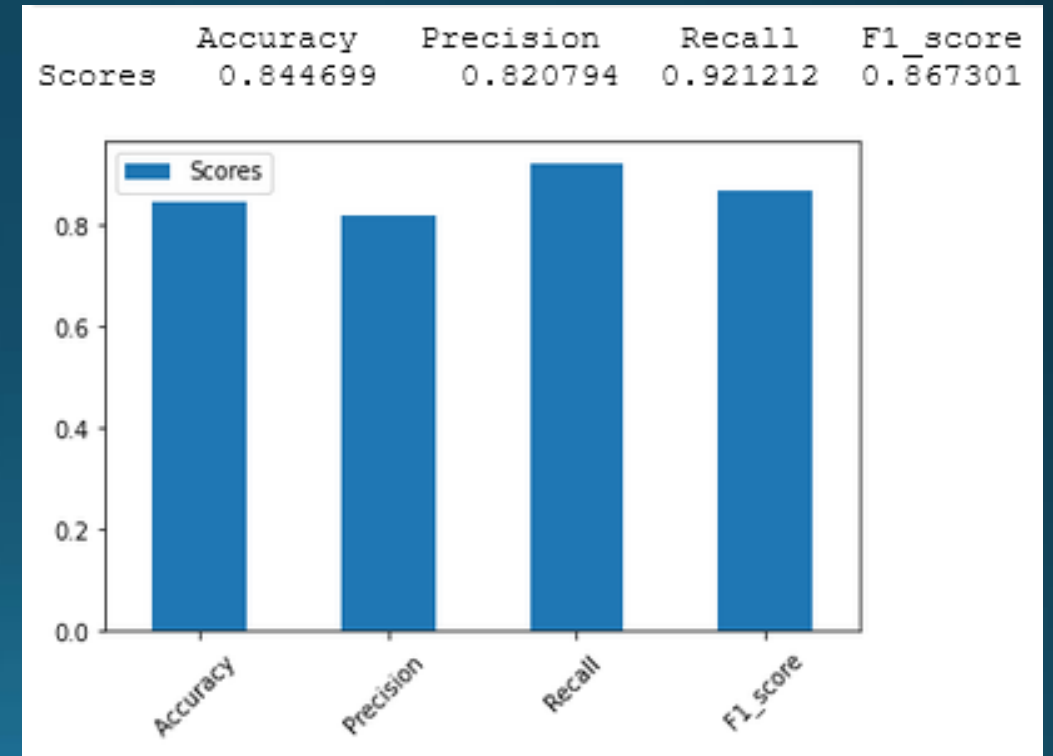


# Evaluating The Model Continues...

- Classification Report

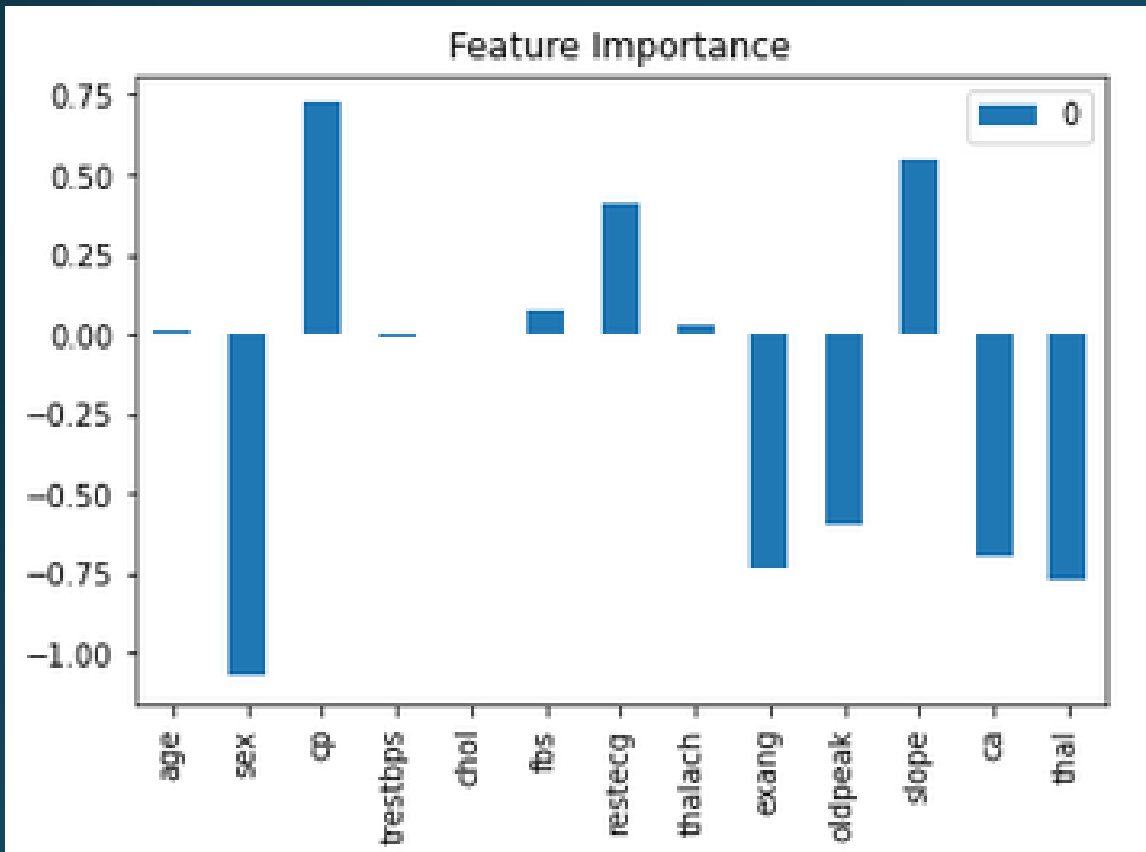
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.89	0.86	0.88	29
1	0.88	0.91	0.89	32
accuracy			0.89	61
macro avg	0.89	0.88	0.88	61
weighted avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	61

- Cross Validated Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score



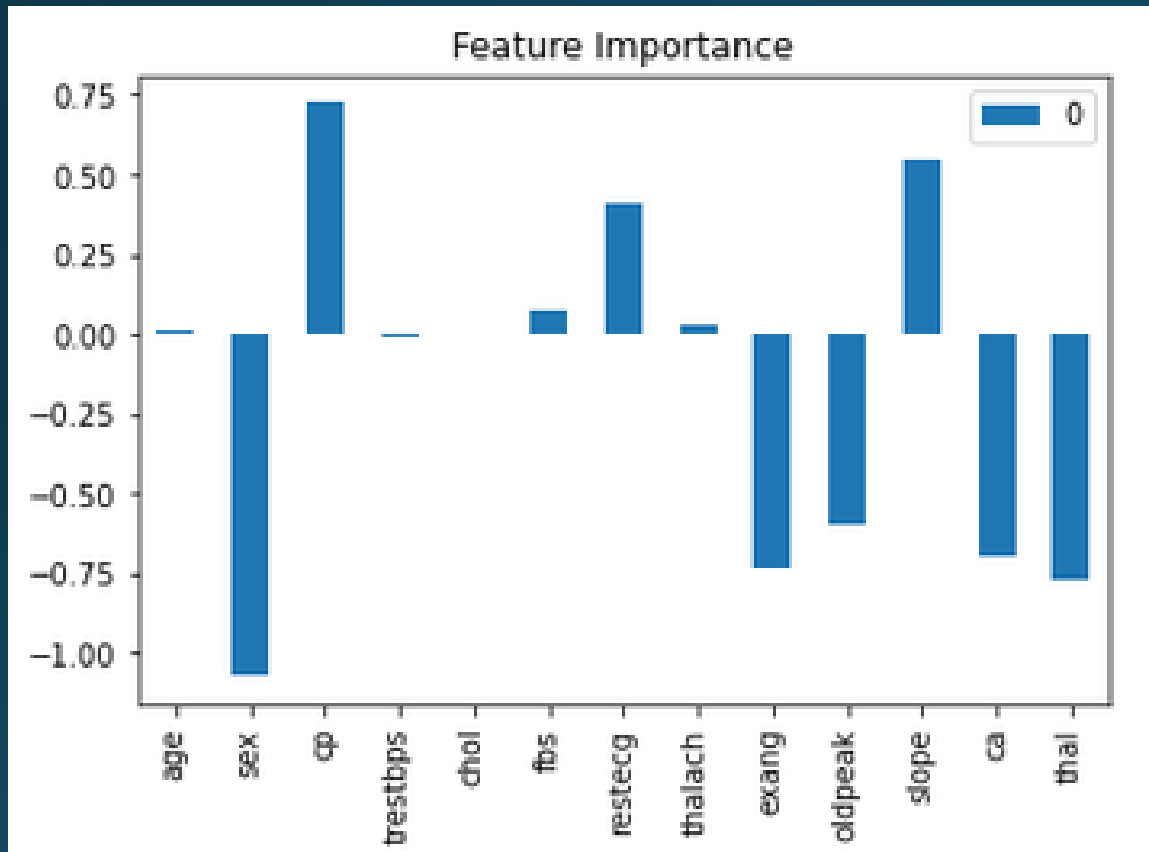
Note: Cross validation provided better scores.

# Feature Importance



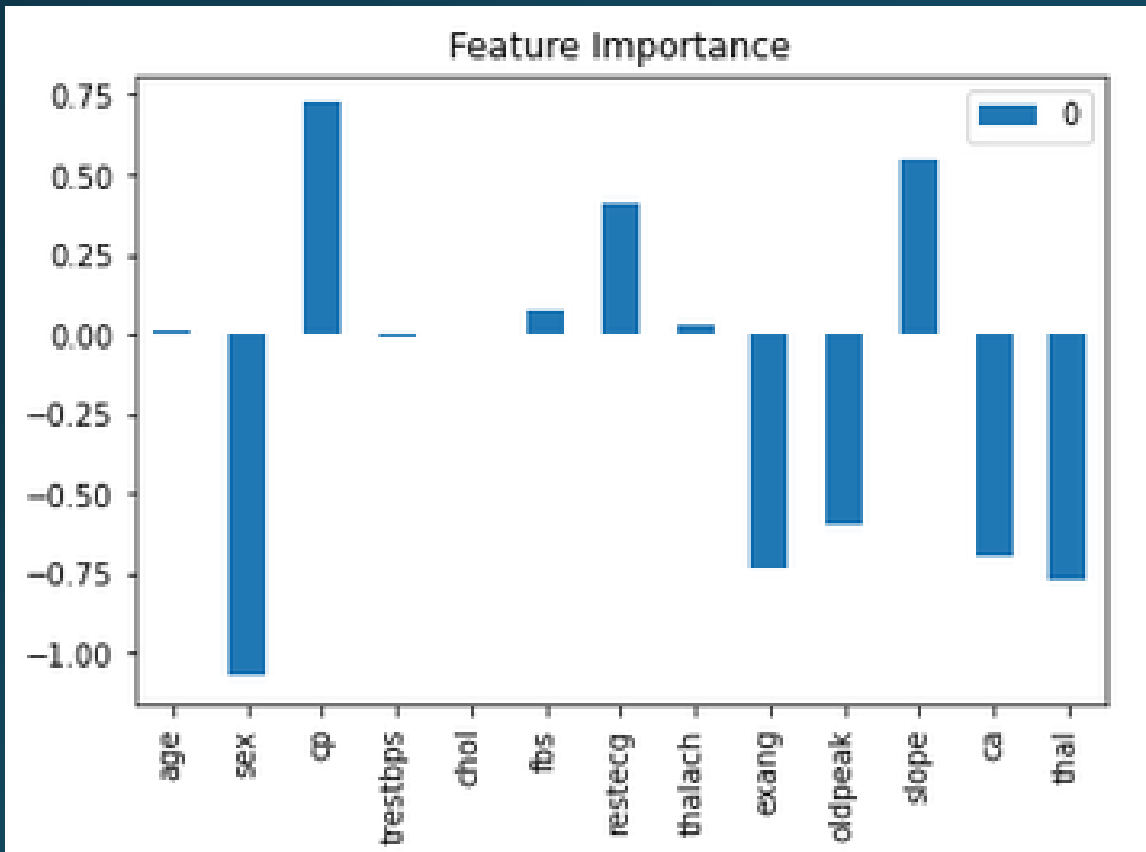
- It answers the question, “which features contributing most to the outcomes of the model?”
- Understanding features that help make predictions is import
- It helps make better predictions and in data gathering process.

# Feature Importance



- Features with positive attributes: has a positive correlation with developing heart disease.
  - Higher the value of the attribute, more likely heart disease is developed.
- E.g.: higher the degree of chest pain, or slope of ST segment, higher likelihood of developing heart disease.

# Feature Importance Continues...



- Features with negative values: : has a negative correlation with developing heart disease.
  - Higher the absolute value of the negative feature, it is less likely that heart disease is developed.
- E.g.: According to EDA, more women (0) has heart disease compared to men (1). So higher the value of sex go (0 to 1) less likely heart disease will be developed.
- Similarly, more blood vessels visible by flourosopy, better blood supply there is to the heart, and less likely heart disease will be developed.

# Summary of the project

- **Problem**

- Looking at given clinical data, can we predict who will develop heart disease?

- **Findings**

- According to data, significantly more women with heart disease compared to men – **Could this be true in the real world?**
- According to data, there's no significant effect of fasting blood sugar on developing heart disease. – **Could this be true in the real world?**
- According to data, many people with exercise induced angina do not develop heart disease – **Could this be true in the real world?**
- High blood pressure and high cholesterol levels

have no significant effect on developing heart disease - – **Could this be true in the real world?**

- **Results**

- Logistic regression made the best predictions, compared to other models.
- The highest accuracy score reached was 88.52% even though the target was 95%.
- Cross validation provided better recall results, which was indicative that number of false negative values were reduced.
- Feature importance showed that certain attributes had a positive correlation while the others had a negative correlation.

# Areas for improvements

- Consulting with a subject matter experts to understand the disconnect between the findings of the project and what the general public know about heart disease.
- Obtain more random data to represent the general public.
- Try other predictive models
- Try tuning different hyperparameters to obtain better results.



Thank you!