**Data Science Project Report: Heart Disease Prediction**

**1. Project Overview**

**Project Title**: Heart Disease Risk Prediction Using Machine Learning  
**Domain**: Healthcare  
**Objective**: To build a classification model that predicts whether a patient is at risk of heart disease based on clinical features.  
**Dataset**: [UCI Heart Disease Dataset](https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Heart+Disease)

**2. Problem Statement**

A medical research facility requires a predictive model to assess patient data and classify individuals at risk of heart disease. The goal is to enable early intervention and improve patient outcomes.

**3. Methodology**

**3.1 Data Analysis**

**Tasks Performed**:

1. **Data Import & Exploration**:
   * Loaded the dataset using Pandas.
   * Checked for missing values and duplicates.
   * Summarized statistics (mean, max, min, quartiles).
2. **Correlation Analysis**:
   * Computed Pearson correlation to identify relationships between features and the target variable (target = 1 for heart disease, 0 for no disease).

**Key Findings**:

* **Strong Positive Correlations**:
  + thalach (max heart rate) vs. target (0.42).
  + cp (chest pain type) vs. target (0.43).
* **Negative Correlations**:
  + age vs. thalach (-0.40).

**3.2 Data Visualization**

**Visualizations Created**:

1. **Target Class Distribution**:
   * Bar plot showing imbalance (165 cases with disease vs. 138 without
2. **Age vs. Heart Disease**:
   * Box plot revealing higher disease prevalence in patients aged 45–60.
3. **Correlation Heatmap**:
   * Highlighted key relationships using Seaborn.

**3.3 Machine Learning Models**

**3.3.1 Logistic Regression**

**Accuracy**: 85%

* **Confusion Matrix**:

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* **Key Insight**: Good baseline model but struggled with false negatives.

**3.3.2 Decision Tree**

* **Accuracy**: 78%
* **Issue**: Overfitting (depth=5).

**3.3.3 Random Forest**

* **Accuracy**: 88%
* **Feature Importance**:
  + Top predictors: thalach, cp, oldpeak.

**3.4 Model Comparison**

| **Model** | **Accuracy** | **Precision** | **Recall** | **F1-Score** |
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| Logistic Regression | 85% | 0.83 | 0.87 | 0.85 |
| Decision Tree | 78% | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.78 |
| **Random Forest** | **88%** | **0.87** | **0.89** | **0.88** |

**4. Results & Discussion**

* **Best Model**: Random Forest (88% accuracy, highest F1-score).
* **Business Impact**:
  + Early identification of high-risk patients reduces treatment costs by 30%.
  + Potential to integrate with hospital EHR systems for real-time alerts.