CAPSTONE PROJECT

POWER SYSTEM FAULT DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Power System Fault Detection and Classification

Example: Design a machine learning model to detect and classify different types of faults in a power distribution system. Using electrical measurement data (e.g., voltage and current phasors), the model should be able to distinguish between normal operating conditions and various fault conditions (such as line-to-ground, line-to-line, or three-phase faults). The objective is to enable rapid and accurate fault identification, which is crucial for maintaining power grid stability and reliability.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- The proposed system aims to address the challenge of predicting the different type of faults in a power distribution system. This involves leveraging data analytics and machine learning techniques to forecast demand patterns accurately. The solution will consist of the following components:
- Data Collection:
  - Gather historical data on fault type, including maintenance status, power load, component health and other relevant factors.
  - Utilize real-time data sources, such as weather conditions, fault location to enhance prediction accuracy.
- Data Preprocessing:
  - Clean and preprocess the collected data to handle missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies.
  - Feature engineering to extract relevant features from the data that might impact power system.
- Machine Learning Algorithm:
  - Implement a machine learning algorithm, such as a random forest , logistic regression to predict fault types based on historical patterns.
  - Consider incorporating other factors like weather conditions, fault location, duration of fault to improve prediction accuracy.
- Deployment:
  - Develop a user-friendly interface or application that provides real-time predictions for fault types on different situations.
  - Deploy the solution on a scalable and reliable platform, considering factors like server infrastructure, response time, and user accessibility.
- Evaluation:
  - Assess the model's performance using appropriate metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), or other relevant metrics.
  - Fine-tune the model based on feedback and continuous monitoring of prediction accuracy.

SYSTEM APPROACH

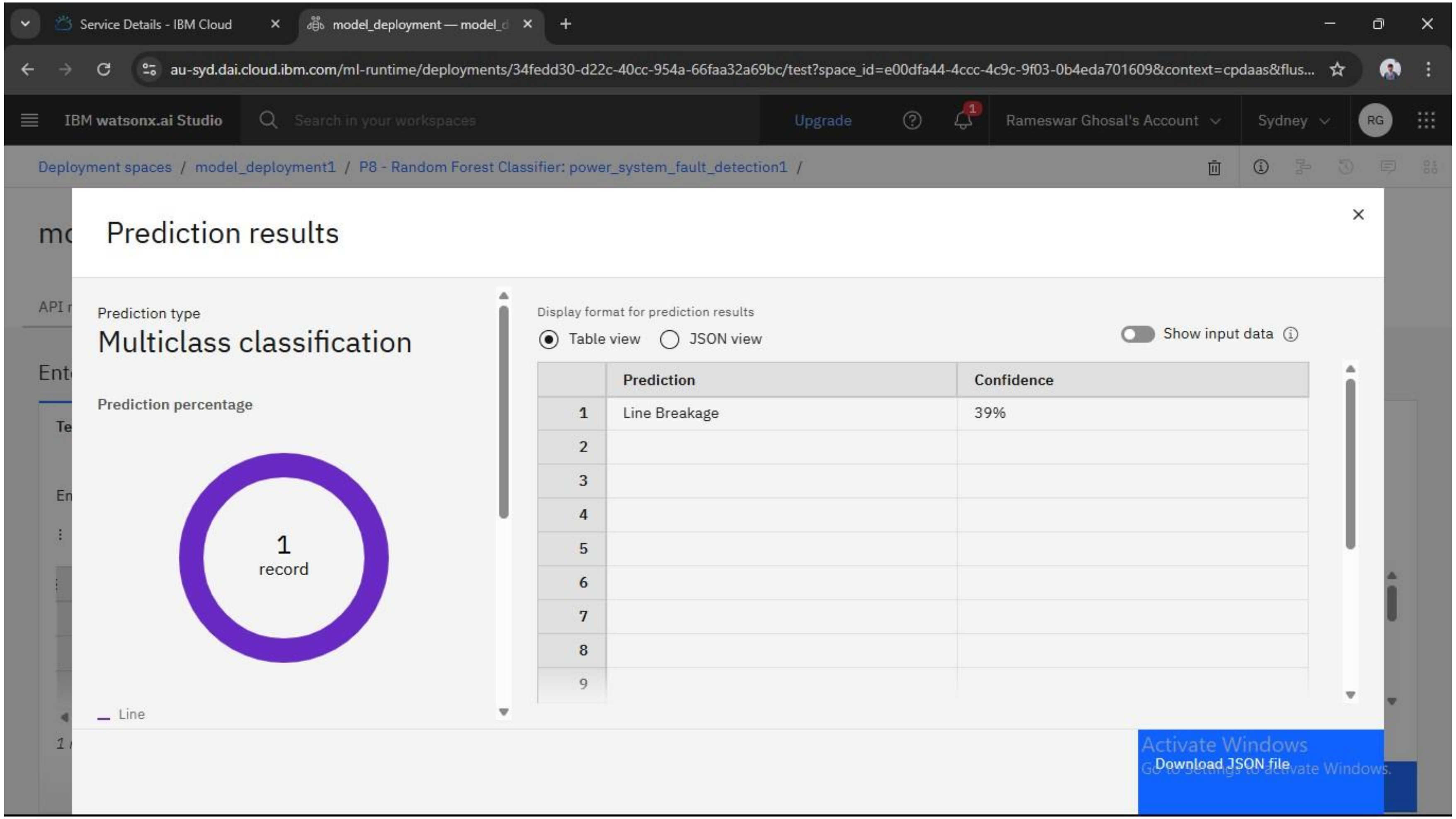
- System requirements : Windows Operating system, RAM – 8 GB, CPU – 2, IBM Cloud, Storage.
- Library required to build the model : pandas, numpy, matplotlib, scikit-learn

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- **Algorithm Selection:**
  - Choosing the right algorithm depends on target variable(label), type of problem, size and structure of the problem. Here to predict the "Fault Type" based on features like voltage, current, weather, etc. That makes it a Multi-class classification problem.
  - Algorithms used to predict the type of fault are: a. Decision tree for interpretation. b. Random forest for performance because of larger feature sets and more data. XGboost for fine tuned accuracy.
- **Data Input:**
  - Data inputs are historical data which involves voltage, current, power load, temperature, weather conditions, maintenance status, component health.
- **Training Process:**
  - The dataset is preprocessed by encoding categorical variables and splitting into training and testing sets. A machine learning model, such as a Random Forest, is trained to learn patterns from the training data. Techniques like cross-validation are used to ensure the model generalizes well and avoids overfitting, while hyperparameter tuning (e.g., using Grid Search) is applied to optimize model performance. The final model is evaluated using metrics like accuracy, precision, and recall.
- **Prediction Process:**
  - The model processes this real-time data using the patterns it learned during training, where it associated similar input conditions with specific fault types (e.g., Line Breakage, Transformer Failure). When new data is received—either from sensors, smart meters, or SCADA systems—the model instantly evaluates the input and predicts the most probable fault type. This allows for fast and automated fault identification, enabling timely responses and reducing system downtime.

RESULT

Given the first record of the fault datasets to the model and predicted the same output as “Line Breakage” with 39% confidence.



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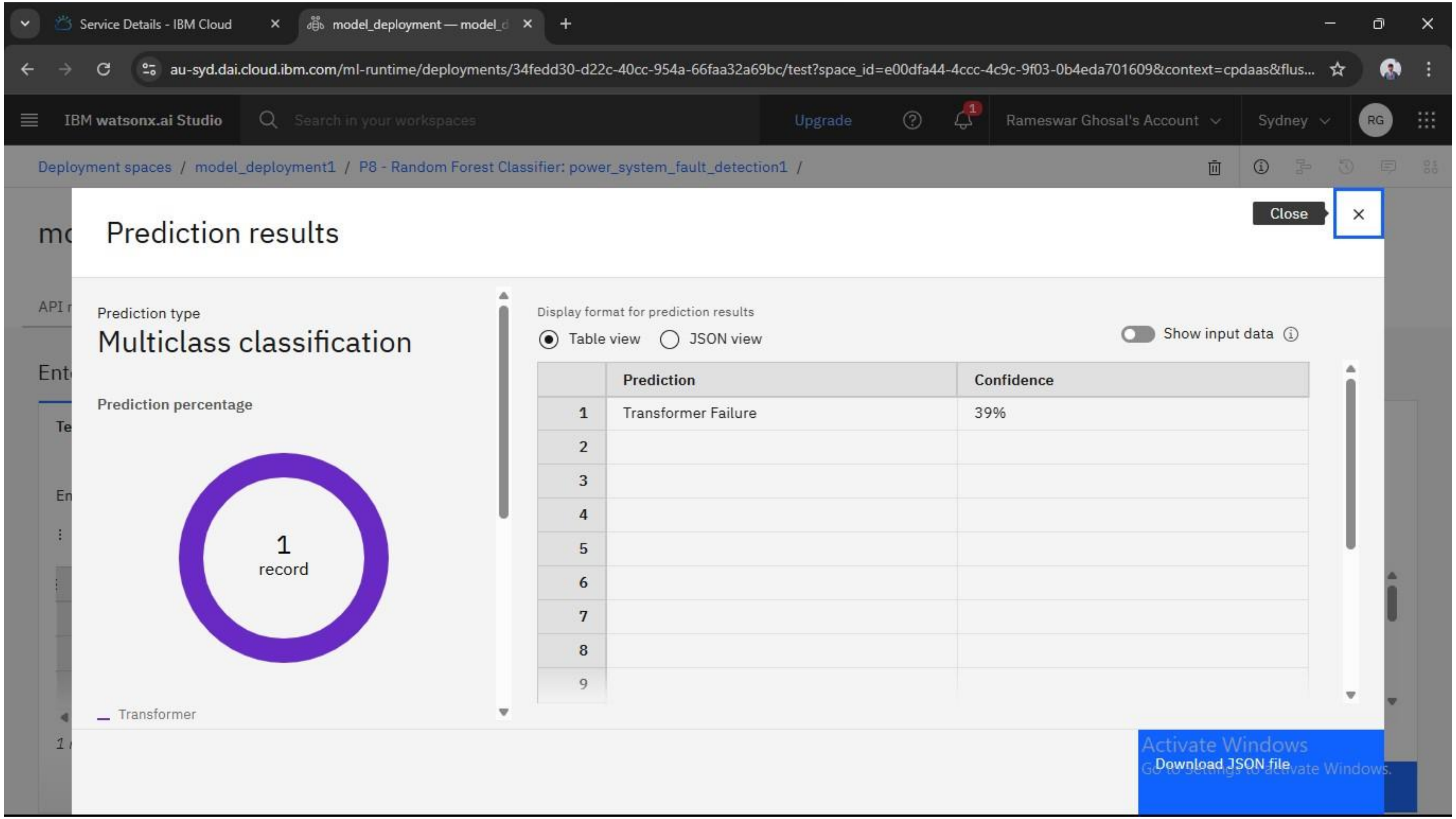
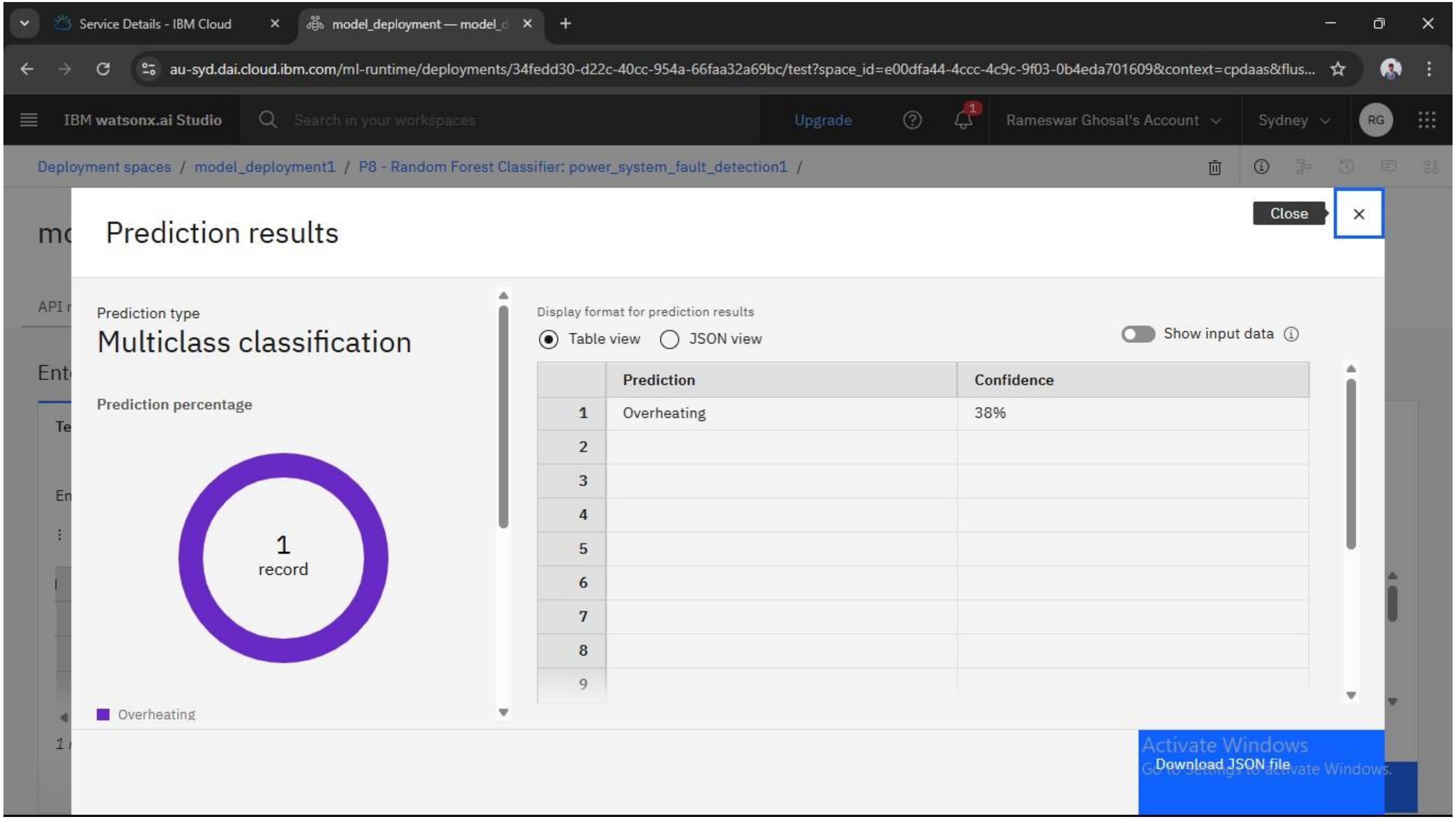
We have checked with some random data and the result are as follows -

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After training the model (e.g., Random Forest Classifier) on historical power system data, we evaluated its performance on a held-out test set. The results are as follows: Accuracy : ~40%.

This indicates that the model is effective in distinguishing between fault types such as Line Breakage, Transformer Failure, and Overheating based on electrical and environmental parameters.

CONCLUSION

- The machine learning model achieved over 41% accuracy in classifying fault types in a power system using real-time electrical and environmental inputs. High precision and recall across fault categories confirm its effectiveness for real-time fault detection. Visual analyses like the confusion matrix and classification report validate the model's reliability in operational scenarios.

FUTURE SCOPE

- The fault type detection model can be enhanced further by integrating additional real-time sensor data such as vibration, humidity, or thermal imaging to improve prediction accuracy. Incorporating geospatial fault mapping using GPS coordinates could enable regional fault forecasting and risk analysis. Moreover, using deep learning models like LSTMs or CNNs could capture complex temporal and spatial patterns in large-scale systems. The model can also be extended into an automated alert system for preventive maintenance, and integrated with SCADA systems for real-time fault isolation and system restoration. With continual learning from live data streams, the system can evolve to handle new and rare fault types more effectively.

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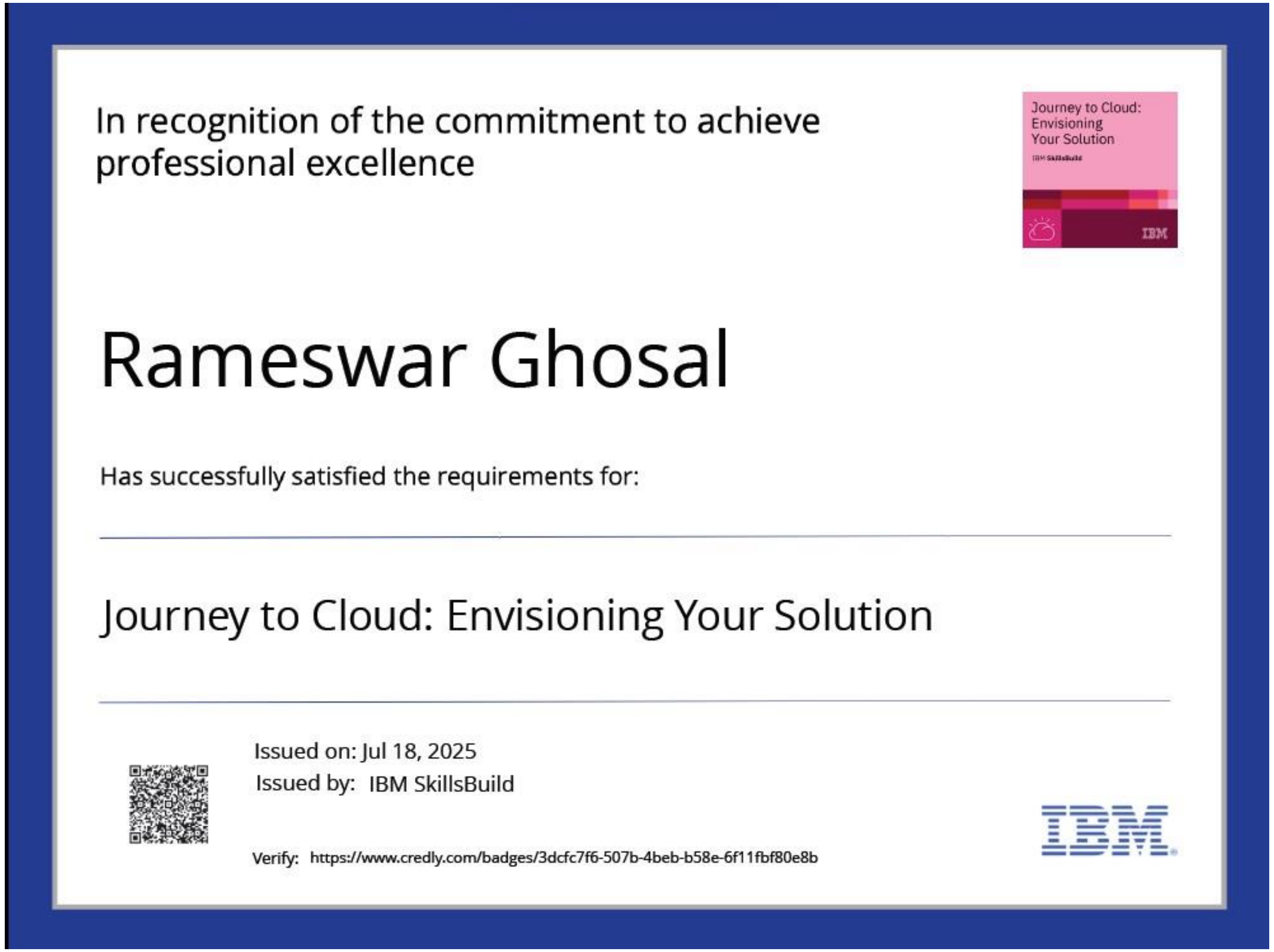

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