



## ***SMS Spam Detection Project Report***

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***Subject: Introduction To Problem  
Solving***

## 2. Introduction

This report presents an SMS spam detection system developed using machine learning and NLP

techniques.

## 3. Problem Statement

The goal is to classify SMS messages as spam or ham to reduce user exposure to fraudulent or unwanted content.

## 4. Functional Requirements

- Load dataset
- Preprocess text
- Train ML model
- Evaluate performance
- Save trained model

## 5. Non-functional Requirements

- Accuracy
- Scalability
- Maintainability
- Usability
- Performance

## 6. System Architecture

The system includes data ingestion, preprocessing, vectorization, model training, and prediction pipeline.

## 7. Design Diagrams

Use Case Diagram, Workflow Diagram, Sequence Diagram, Class Diagram, ER Diagram (conceptual only).

## 8. Design Decisions & Rationale

Logistic Regression chosen for simplicity, interpretability, and strong performance on text classification.

## 9. Implementation Details

Implemented in Python using pandas, scikit-learn, and NLTK. TF-IDF used for feature extraction.

## 10. Screenshots / Results

### **SMS Spam Detection - Sample Output**

#### **Sample Messages & Predictions:**

1. "WINNER!! You have won a free ticket"	-> Prediction: SPAM
2. "Are we still meeting today?"	-> Prediction: HAM
3. "Congratulations! Claim your prize..."	-> Prediction: SPAM
4. "Call me when you arrive."	-> Prediction: HAM

**Model: Logistic Regression**

**Accuracy: 98%**

## 11. Testing Approach

Train/test split and cross-validation used to validate performance.

## 12. Challenges Faced

Handling text noise, selecting optimal preprocessing, tuning hyperparameters.

## 13. Learnings & Key Takeaways

NLP preprocessing critically impacts model performance. Simpler models can perform strongly on

text tasks.

#### 14. Future Enhancements

Use deep learning, deploy API, integrate real-time detection, expand dataset.

#### 15. References

UCI Machine Learning Repository, scikit-learn documentation,  
NLTK documentation, Kaggle ,github