

Module 4: Build MLApps using New Age Tool

FastAPI Application for Iris Species Prediction

Solution:

This FastAPI application serves a machine learning model trained on the Iris dataset. The model predicts the species of an Iris flower based on four input features: sepal length, sepal width, petal length, and petal width. The application defines an endpoint that receives these features via a POST request and returns the predicted species.

Requirements

- 1. Python 3.6+
- 2. fastapi
- 3. uvicorn
- 4. scikit-learn
- 5. numpy
- 6. pickle

To install the necessary libraries, use the following command:

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pip install fastapi uvicorn scikit-learn numpy pickle5
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File Structure

- main.py: Contains the API and model handling code.
- iris_model.pkl: The pre-trained logistic regression model on the Iris dataset.

Code Breakdown

main.py

```
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from fastapi import FastAPI
from pydantic import BaseModel
import numpy as np
import pickle

app = FastAPI()

# Data model to validate incoming requests
class IrisFeatures(BaseModel):
    sepal_length: float
    sepal_width: float
    petal_length: float
    petal_width: float
    petal_width: float
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def predict iris(iris: IrisFeatures):
    # Load the trained model from a file
    with open("iris model.pkl", "rb") as f:
        model = pickle.load(f)
    # Convert the incoming JSON data to a NumPy array suitable for the
model
    test array = np.array([[iris.sepal length, iris.sepal width,
iris.petal length, iris.petal width]])
    # Predict using the model
    prediction = model.predict(test array)
    # Mapping the numeric prediction to a species name
    species = {0: "Iris-setosa", 1: "Iris-versicolor", 2: "Iris-
virginica"}
    predicted species = species[int(prediction[0])]
    # Return the prediction result
    return {"prediction": predicted species}
```

Usage

Starting the Server:

Run the server using uvicorn with the following command:

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uvicorn main:app -reload
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This command starts the FastAPI application with live reloading enabled.

Making Predictions:

To make predictions, send a POST request to http://localhost:8000/predict with a JSON payload containing the Iris features. Use a tool like curl, Postman, or any HTTP client in a programming language.

Example curl command:

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curl -X 'POST' \
   'http://localhost:8000/predict' \
   -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
   -d '{
       "sepal_length": 5.1,
       "sepal_width": 3.5,
       "petal_length": 1.4,
       "petal_width": 0.2
   }'
```

Error Handling

The application assumes the model file **iris_model.pkl** is correctly placed and accessible. Error handling for missing or corrupted model files, or invalid input data, should be implemented for production use.

Conclusion

This FastAPI application provides a simple and effective way to serve a machine learning model for predicting Iris species. It demonstrates the use of FastAPI for machine learning applications, including how to handle input data, perform predictions, and respond with meaningful information.