# Phase1: Problem Definition and Design Thinking

The scope of this document is to identify the problem and develop a project on predicting house prices using machine learning

## Problem Definition:

Through research it has been found out that there are the following problems with the chatbot. The problems are listed below:

#### 1. Data Collection:

Gather a dataset containing information about houses, including features like size, location, number of bedrooms, etc and ensure the dataset is clean, free of missing values, and properly labeled.

### Data Preprocessing:

Perform data cleaning and handle missing values and encode categorical variables into numerical format.

Normalize or standardize numerical features to ensure they're on the same scale.

3. Feature selection: Choose the most relevant features to include in the model.

#### 4. Model Selection

Choose a machine learning algorithm suitable for regression tasks. Common choices include Linear Regression, Random Forest, or Gradient Boosting and split your dataset into training and testing sets.

## 5. Model Training:

Train the selected model using the training dataset. Fine-tune hyperparameters to optimize performance.

#### 6. Model Evaluation:

Evaluate the model's performance using metrics like Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), or Rsquared.

# Design Thinking:

By having understood the above problem. We would be designing a solution to solve it.

- Machine learning algorithms for predicting house prices could involve using advanced deep learning models, reinforcement learning, or other innovations to better capture complex patterns in housing data.
- 2. Efforts to make machine learning models more interpretable and explainable will likely increase, helping users understand the factors driving house price predictions.
- Personalized predictions based on individual preferences and requirements could become a standard offering, allowing users to input their specific criteria for a home and receive tailored price estimates.
- 4. Machine learning can be applied to predict not only the price of homes but also the potential return on investment for real estate investors, guiding them in making informed decisions.
- 5. Lenders and insurers can use machine learning to assess the risk associated with property transactions, leading to more accurate underwriting and pricing.