

Eye Disease Detection Using Deep Learning

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1. Project Overview

1.1. Introduction & Vision

This document outlines the plan for the **AI Eye Disease Detection** project. The vision is to create an accessible, end-to-end deep learning solution that can classify major eye diseases from retinal fundus images. The system will not only provide a diagnosis but also enhance trust and usability through model explainability (Grad-CAM) and professional reporting (PDF generation). This tool is intended to serve as a powerful aid for preliminary screening, making ophthalmic diagnostics faster and more accessible.

1.2. Problem Statement

Millions of people suffer from preventable vision loss due to diseases like cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. Early detection is critical but is often hindered by a lack of access to ophthalmologists and diagnostic equipment, especially in remote areas. An automated, reliable, and easy-to-use system can serve as a first-line screening tool to identify at-risk individuals, prompting timely medical consultation.

1.3. Goals and Objectives

- **Primary Goal:** To develop and deploy a highly accurate deep learning model that classifies retinal images into four categories: Cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, and Normal.
- **Objective 1:** Build a robust image classification model using TensorFlow/Keras and the Xception transfer learning architecture.
- **Objective 2:** Develop a user-friendly web interface using Flask that allows users to easily upload an image and receive a diagnosis.
- **Objective 3:** Implement Grad-CAM to provide a visual heatmap, explaining which parts of the image the model focused on for its prediction.
- **Objective 4:** Integrate a feature to auto-generate and download a professional PDF

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2. Scope and Features

2.1. In-Scope Features

- **Multi-Class Classification:** The model will classify images into four distinct classes.
- **Image Upload & Preview:** Users can select a JPG or PNG file and see a preview before submitting.
- **Prediction Dashboard:** A clean UI will display the predicted disease, a confidence score (as a percentage), the original image, and the Grad-CAM heatmap.
- **PDF Report Generation:** A downloadable PDF report will be generated with all relevant diagnostic information.
- **Flask Web Application:** The entire system will be accessible through a web browser.

2.2. Out-of-Scope Features (Future Work)

- User accounts and historical data storage.
- Real-time analysis via a live camera feed.
- Batch processing of multiple images at once.
- Integration with electronic health record (EHR) systems.
- Deployment to a cloud platform (e.g., AWS, Google Cloud).

3. Technical Architecture & Stack

This project is divided into three main components: the deep learning model, the backend server, and the frontend interface.

- **Programming Language:** Python 3.12
- **Deep Learning Framework:** TensorFlow / Keras
- **Web Framework:** Flask
- **Image Processing:** OpenCV, Pillow
- **Model Explainability:** tf-keras-vis (for Grad-CAM)
- **PDF Generation:** ReportLab
- **Frontend:** HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript

3.1. Deep Learning Model

- **Model Architecture:** Xception (a powerful convolutional neural network).

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- **Technique:** Transfer Learning, using pre-trained weights from the ImageNet dataset.
- **Input Data:** Retinal fundus images, resized to 299x299 pixels.
- **Training:** The model will be trained on a labeled dataset with image augmentation techniques (rotation, zoom, flips) to improve robustness. Early stopping will be used to prevent overfitting.

3.2. Backend (Flask Application)

- **app.py:** The main application file will handle routing, business logic, and communication between the model and the frontend.
- **API Endpoint (/predict):** This endpoint will accept an image file via a POST request.
- **Workflow:**
 - a. Receive the uploaded image.
 - b. Preprocess the image to match the model's input requirements.
 - c. Pass the image to the loaded Keras model for prediction.
 - d. Generate the Grad-CAM heatmap for the prediction.
 - e. Generate the PDF report.
 - f. Render a results page displaying all the information.

3.3. Frontend (HTML/CSS/JS)

- **index.html:** The main landing page with the file upload form and image preview functionality.
- **result.html:** The page to display the prediction results, including the heatmap and a link to download the PDF report.
- **styles.css:** Custom CSS for a modern, responsive, and user-friendly design.







4. Project Plan & Milestones

Phase	Milestone	Key Activities	Estimated Timeline
1. Research & Setup	Project Initialized	- Define project scope & requirements. - Set up Git repository. - Create virtual environment & install dependencies.	1 Day
2. Model Development	Trained Model (.h5)	- Data collection & preprocessing. - Build and train the Xception model. -	4 Days

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		Evaluate model accuracy and performance.	
3. Backend Development	Functional API	- Set up Flask application structure. - Implement image upload and prediction logic. - Integrate the trained model.	3 Days
4. Feature Integration	Core Features Complete	- Implement Grad-CAM generation. - Implement PDF report generation logic.	2 Days
5. Frontend Development	UI Complete	- Design and code index.html and result.html. - Style the application with CSS for a polished look.	2 Days
6. Testing & Deployment	Project Complete	- End-to-end testing of the user flow. - Bug fixing and refinement. - Write README.md and finalize documentation.	

5. Future Recommendations & Best Practices

-  Continuous Model Improvement: Integrate more data and retrain the model regularly to enhance its generalization.
-  Deployment: Consider deploying the application on cloud services like AWS/GCP with GPU acceleration for faster inference.
-  Security: Implement image validation and size checks to prevent misuse.
-  Analytics: Add tracking for number of diagnoses performed, user location (anonymized), and model performance metrics.
-  Testing: Add unit and integration tests for each major component.
-  Version Control: Use GitHub with Git LFS for large files and maintain a clear changelog.

6. For questions or suggestions

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