

VocaMind – Voice-Interactive AI Learning System.**Ms. Neha Beegam P. E.^{1*}, Dr. K. Baalaji²**¹ Research Scholar, Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.Email: inehabeegum@gmail.com² Assistant Professor, Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.Email: baalaji.kadarkarai@hotmail.com**Abstract**

VocaMind is a tool that helps doctors make decisions and take care of patients. It does this by predicting what disease a person has based on the symptoms they have. The system uses a kind of computer network to look at the symptoms and figure out what disease they might mean. This network is very good at understanding how symptoms are connected and what they mean. The system also has a way of getting the symptoms ready to be used by the network. It can take the symptoms. Break them down into smaller pieces make them all the same size and put them into categories. The people who made VocaMind tried ways of making it work better and found that it works really well. They used something called the Adam optimizer to help the system learn from its mistakes. They also used something called dropout and regularization to make sure the system does not get too good at recognizing one kind of disease and not good enough at recognizing others. When they tested VocaMind they found that it is very good, at predicting what disease a person has based on their symptoms. VocaMind can do this for different kinds of diseases. VocaMind learns what symptoms mean for diseases and can make good predictions...

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INTRODUCTION

The healthcare industry is changing because of intelligence. This is especially true for predicting illnesses. Artificial intelligence is helping doctors diagnose people better. It uses computer programs that learn from the symptoms people tell their doctors. Artificial intelligence based solutions will give us accurate results when it comes to predicting sickness. This is because artificial intelligence does not make the mistakes that people do. The main goals of this project are to make a disease prediction model that really works. This model will predict diseases based on the symptoms that patients report. We also want to make a platform that's easy to use and that hospitals can use with their current systems. Artificial intelligence and disease prediction are the focus of this project. We want to use intelligence, for disease prediction to help people get better care. The health care industry will really benefit from completing this agenda because it will give us information that we can easily get to. This project is based on how people think and feel about things. A lot of research has shown that artificial intelligence or AI can be very helpful in healthcare especially when it comes to figuring out what is wrong with someone. Deep learning models are very good at finding patterns in data like the kind that comes from advanced deep learning methods. These models can look at a lot of information about symptoms and find small signs of different illnesses that might be hard to find with traditional methods.

This part of the project is about how artificial intelligence's being used more and more to make diagnoses more accurate. It talks about using deep learning algorithms to understand what symptoms mean. To get started we collect a lot of data about the symptom's patients are experiencing. Then we make sure the data is quality. Next, we use networks and deep learning algorithms to analyze the data. We teach these algorithms using a lot of data so they can find patterns related to diseases. After we have taught the model we test it with sets of data to make sure it is working well. It is very important to test the model in the world to see how well it works. We do this by comparing the model's predictions to the diagnoses made by doctors. When we look at how accurate the model's how sensitive it is and how specific it is we can see how well it works every day. What we find out shows how well this method works at figuring out what is wrong with someone based on their symptoms. The main reason we are looking at this is to show how an old method can be used in the healthcare system to give doctors information they can trust. This will help doctors figure out what is wrong with someone. The use of intelligence, in healthcare is very important because it can help doctors make better diagnoses. Artificial intelligence can look at a lot of data. Find patterns that might be hard for doctors to find on their own. This can help doctors give patients the treatment and improve patient care. The health care industry will benefit from the use of artificial intelligence and deep learning models.

Forthcoming approaches for refining and expanding the use of AI-based sickness prediction are also examined. These include investigating ways to improve the model's prediction accuracy through the use of different kinds of

data, such as genomic data and medical imaging. Future studies should also focus on improving AI models' interpretability so that medical experts can comprehend and verify the predictions. Another substantial issue for subsequent study is the creation of superlative observes and standards for the moral use of AI in healthcare. AI technology has huge possible to enhance results for patients and precision of diagnosis in healthcare, mostly when it comes to anticipating illness. The objective of this study is to use algorithms based on deep learning to examine patient-reported symptoms in order to progress a correct and real sickness prediction model. This study illustrates the enormous potential of AI to revolutionize the healthcare diagnostics sector thru a thorough literature review, careful methodology, and observed analysis. It intends to usher in a new age in the field of precision medicine by overcoming challenges and investigating potential research directions, ultimately opening the door for a more genuine, accurate, and wide-ranging healthcare system.

RELATED WORKS

The literature review is a significant component in comprehending the artificial intelligence domain and developing a functional system. We have included five survey papers that give a detailed description and insight into the domain.

According to [1] Anjuj Gautham, Dr. Sharadendu Bali, the amalgamation of machine learning models with diverse sources of data like handwriting patterns, voice analysis, movement analysis, and neuroimaging techniques is a promising field in the analysis and administration of Parkinson's Disease (PD). These procedures have immense benefits over the traditional method of diagnosis by obtaining objective biomarkers from day-to-day activities and physiological processes, which assist in the initial and accurate diagnosis of PD even in the absence of symptoms. AI and wearable technology make it easier to continuously and non-invasively track the course of an illness and how well a therapy is working, providing real-time data. This cutting-edge method helps create personalized treatment strategies based on each patient's exclusive disease pattern, improving the effectiveness of Parkinson's disease management and giving medical professionals vital information for successful interventions and better patient outcomes.

As mentioned in [2] by Mahmood, A. and Utku, K.Ö.S.E., this research work proposes a speech recognition system that combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs) for efficient feature extraction, thereby improving accuracy and efficiency in recognising spoken words. The use of MFCC is quite effective as it imitates the response of the humanoid acoustic system to sound waves, focusing on Mel-scale frequencies to efficiently identify the key features of speech. The CNN model then leverages these optimized features to efficiently learn and recognize speech patterns. By evaluating different deep learning models on the Kaggle TensorFlow Speech Recognition Challenge dataset, which includes a vast range of command and non-command words spoken by different individuals, the study optimizes the performance of the models by hyperparameter optimization. The approach taken in this research work highlights the success of the blend of MFCC-based feature extraction and CNNs in improving unconscious speech recognition systems.

According to [3] Vashisht, V., Pandey, A.K. besides Yadav, S.P., Machine learning has introduced a paradigm shift in speech recognition, making computers intelligent enough to understand speech and re-engineer human-computer interaction. This revolutionary technology is applied in virtual assistants, speech recognition, healthcare, and automotive industries, making it more accessible and efficient. The accuracy of voice recognition, including various speech patterns and dialects, is continuously being improved by machine learning algorithms. These systems, which were developed utilizing recurrent and deep neural networks, include the following features: multi-language support, real-time processing, and noise resistance. The complexity of user interactions has risen due to advancements in natural language processing. Innovations have been made possible by the easy integration of technology thru the usage of APIs and SDKs. A paradigm change has been caused by machine learning-based voice recognition, which has made technology more intelligent and approachable.

The implementation of machine knowledge algorithms in the recognition of Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a significant advancement in medical technology, according to [4] Dashtipour, K., Taylor, W., Ansari, S., Zahid, A., Gogate, M., Ahmad, J., Assaleh, K., Arshad, K., Imran, M.A., and Abbasi, Q. Although AD is a slow-moving illness that is difficult to treat, recent significant advances in machine learning take led to the development of efficient prediction models that use a range of data sources for accurate diagnosis. These models enable physicians to identify subtle symptoms of AD, leading to effective interventions and therapies. These models process a range of data gathered from genetic, neuroimaging, cognitive function, and patient history data, using machine learning methods. These models' multi-modal approach boosts their sensitivity and specificity, enabling them to comprehend complex correlations between various data points. Meanwhile, machine learning models always strive to maximize detection accuracy as they learn and develop over time. Because these models are non-invasive, early identification is made feasible, allowing for successful therapies at the disease's inception. There is a great deal of promise for improving diagnostic accuracy and the provision of healthcare through the use of machine learning in AD detection.

As stated by [5] Nissar, I., Rizvi, D.R., Masood, S. and Mir, A.N., this paper presents a novel machine learning algorithm-based approach for the early diagnosis of Parkinson's disease (PD) using voice analysis, which is developed based on the typical deterioration of the voice that occurs in patients with PD. By evaluating the voice characteristics of dysphonia, monotone, and hypophonia, the approach attempts to detect the typical patterns that are associated with the progression of PD. Voice analysis permits for non-invasive and easy monitoring of progression of the disease, which provides the possibility of cost-effective monitoring and diagnosis. The approach presented in this paper combines machine learning algorithms used for the computerization of the analysis of voice signals, which provides the possibility of efficient and accurate PD diagnosis. Moreover, the use of telemonitoring and tele-diagnosis systems based on speech signals improves the usability of the approach for practical implementation. This paper attempts to contribute to the advancement of PD diagnosis by investigating new approaches using machine learning algorithms for the initial diagnosis and monitoring of PD.

As mentioned in [6], Johnson, M., Lapkin, S., Long, V., Sanchez, P., Suominen, H., Basilakis, J. and Dawson, L., the systematic review carried out on speech recognition (SR) technology in the healthcare environment identifies the key points and advantages of using SR technology. Although it is marginally less accurate than human transcription, the systematic review of SR technology in the healthcare setting, which focused on the use of SR technology in the healthcare setting and included studies from 2000 onward, found that SR technology can provide faster turnaround times for reporting and cost-effective reporting. This shows that SR technology has the potential to meaningfully improve efficiency and resource utilization in healthcare settings. On the other hand, the systematic review also identified the challenges involved in carrying out a comparative analysis due to differences in the studies, and the need to consider factors such as system cost, training requirements, complexity of transcription tasks, use of macros and templates, and the impact of accented speech or typist experience on workflow patterns.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The VocaMind system is expected to provide an innovative solution for disease prediction based on symptoms presented by patients using deep learning techniques. The proposed system uses a bidirectional LSTM network to handle the sequential nature of symptoms and predict the possible disease. The proposed system uses a multi-input technique to analyze multiple symptoms simultaneously.

Data Preprocessing

Data Preprocessing is an integral part of the proposed system, ensuring that the raw data is properly processed to be in a suitable format for training the model. The important steps involved in data preprocessing are:

The system can find the columns in the dataset that're about symptoms. This is a way to do it and it works with different datasets without needing any changes.

The system has to separate the columns that're about symptoms from the column that is, about the disease. This is a step to train the model that learns from the data.

The system uses a way to change the categories of illnesses into a binary format. This is necessary for the neural network to understand the categories correctly. The system changes the illness labels into a matrix format so the neural network can process them.

Train Test Split: Using the train test split function to divide the dataset into training and testing sets allows for an evaluation of the models performance, on the test data.

Tokenization and Padding

Tokenization and Padding are used to process the symptom data in a manner that is compatible with the neural network architecture:

Tokenization: The Tokenizer function in the Keras library is utilized to translate the symptom text input into numerical values. To guaranty consistency, the tokenizer is trained using the combined symptom columns of the training and test datasets.

Padding Sequences: The pad sequences function is used to pad the sequences to have a uniform length. This involves adding zeros to the end of the sequences to match the longest sequence length in the dataset. This is required for efficient batch processing by the neural network.

Model Architecture

The heart of the proposed system is its neural network architecture, which is capable of processing multiple input sequences and providing accurate predictions of diseases:

Input Layers: We need to make input layers for each symptom. This way the neural network can look at symptoms at the same time. The neural network can then use these input layers to understand each symptom.

Embedding Layer: The embedding layer is important because it helps the neural network understand symptoms. It takes the symptoms. Turns them into special numbers that the neural network can understand. The embedding

layer shows the network how the symptoms are connected and what they mean. This helps the neural network understand the symptoms better.

LSTM Layers: We use LSTM layers to look at the sequences of symptoms that are connected. The bidirectional LSTM layers help the neural network find patterns that happen over time and understand how the symptoms are connected. This makes the neural network better at making predictions. The bidirectional LSTM layers are really good, at this.

Regularization: We use L2 regularization on the LSTM layers to stop the network from learning too much from the training data. This helps the neural network make predictions on new data. The L2 regularization makes the neural network use weights when it looks at the data. This means the neural network can find the patterns, in the symptoms and not just the noise. The L2 regularization is important for the neural network to work well.

Dropout Layer: Adding a Dropout layer to the network helps by randomly removing some neurons during training. This helps lower the chance of overfitting and makes the neural network stronger overall.

Output Layer: Using an output layer with softmax activation is good for problems that require multiclass classification. The output layer gives a probability distribution, for all diseases. This allows the model to predict which disease is likely based on the symptoms.

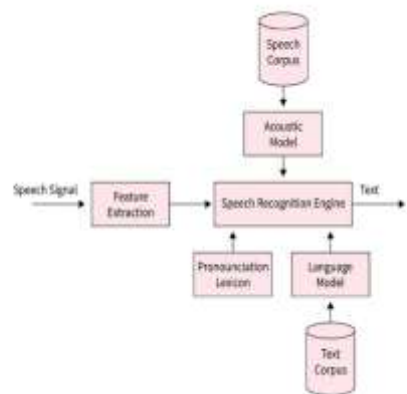


Fig 1: VocaMind Architecture.

Training and Evaluation

To obtain the best outcomes, the model is trained using the following steps:

Compilation: A strict cross-entropy loss function, a learning rate of 0.001 and the Adam optimizer are used to build the model. This combination is used because it works well when training learning models, for classification tasks.

Training Procedure: Through a batch size of 32, the model is trained for 100 epochs via the processed training data. The validation data is used to monitor the model's development and make necessary modifications to avoid overfitting.

Evaluation: To govern if the model can effectively make a sweeping statement to new data, its performance is assessed using the validation data. This is a crucial step in confirming the precision of the forecasts produced by the model.

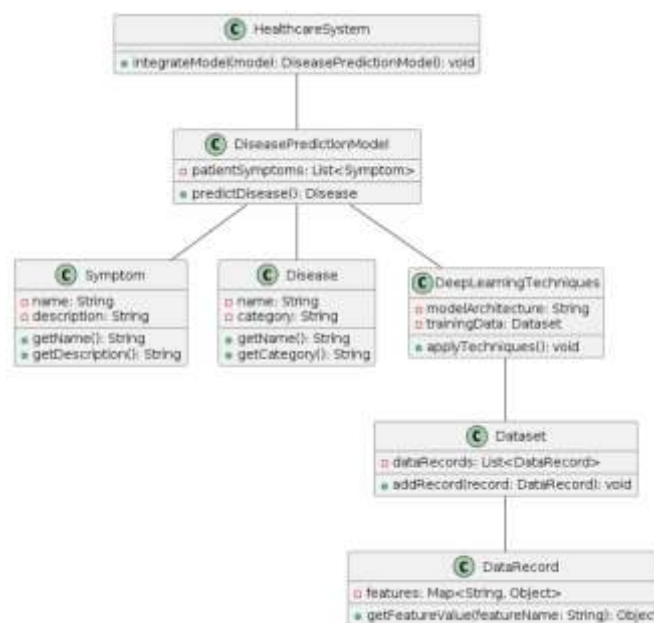


Fig 2: Usecase Diagram.

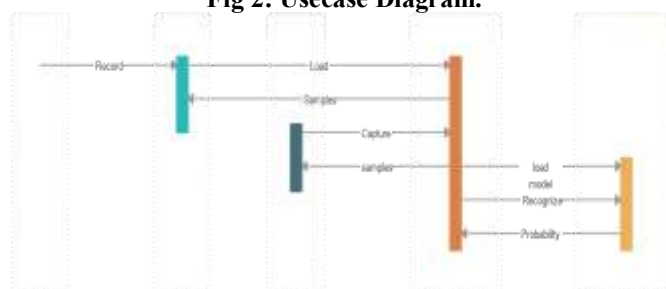


Fig 3: Sequence Diagram.

Saving the Model and Preprocessing Objects

To make it easier to use the trained model in the future, we save both the trained model and the preprocessing objects:

Saving The Model: We need to save the trained model in HDF5 format using the model save function. This way the model architecture and the weights and the training parameters are all saved. So when we want to use the model to make predictions or to train it some more it is easy to load it.

The Tokenizer and The Label Encoder: we have to process the tokenizer and the label encoder that we learned and store them in files. The model uses these to make predictions. The tokenizer and the label encoder are important because they help us make sure that the data we use to make predictions is the same, as the data we used to train the model. This way we can get the predictions when we use new data.

The suggested approach gives a way to predict when someone is sick by looking at their symptoms. The system can take in. Look at a lot of data about health signs and then make good guesses about what illness someone might have. This is possible because of ways to break down the data into parts methods to get the data ready and a strong way of organizing the data in a computer. The system is really helpful, in health care because it was trained and tested well which helps it work well even when it sees tricky data. It is a very helpful and easy to expand way because the way it is set up can keep and use the training parts and the data prep parts again and again.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The application of artificial intelligence technology in the healthcare area for the prediction of diseases is a revolutionary method in the diagnosis of diseases. This innovative method uses deep learning algorithms to improve the diagnosis process by minimizing the chances of human judgment, which may cause inconsistencies in the diagnosis process. The main goal of this project is to create a disease prediction model that can tell what disease someone has by looking at their symptoms. We want this model to be easy to use in the healthcare system that we have now. This way doctors and nurses can make decisions when taking care of patients. It will also be easy for them to use so more people can benefit from it. The disease prediction model is explained in detail in our report. We looked at what other people have written about this topic to get some ideas. We also talk about the

computer techniques we used to make the model. We show that the model actually works by looking at how it did in life situations. We even look at the results we got and think about how we can make the model better in the future. This will help us make better models that use artificial intelligence to predict diseases, in the healthcare industry. This is the image that shows what we got from our project.



Fig 4: Outcome of VocaMind.

The implementation process starts with the importation of the required libraries that are necessary for the processing of the data, building of the model, and evaluation of the model. Libraries such as Pandas and NumPy are used for data operations, while TensorFlow and Keras are used for deep learning (Fig 5). Other libraries from scikit-learn are used for data preprocessing, such as label encoding and splitting the dataset.

The next step involves the definition of the critical constraints of the model that are used to control the training of the model. The parameters include the maximum length of the sequences of symptoms, the embedding size for the conversion of symptoms to numerical values, the number of LSTM units for the extraction of patterns from the symptoms, and the learning rate of the optimizer.

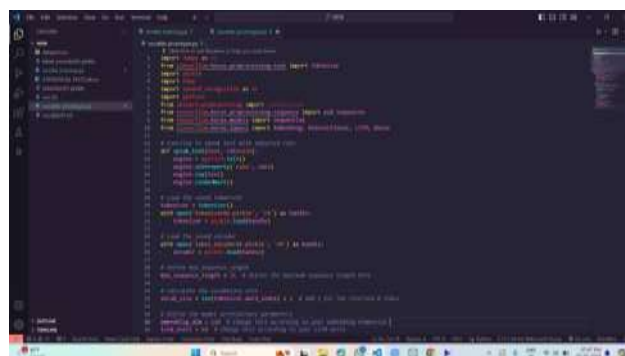


Fig 5: Library Packages of VocaMind.

The data is read from a CSV file named dataset.csv using Pandas. The data includes several symptom features and a target feature for diseases. To make the data processing flexible, the symptom features are identified dynamically by choosing the columns that start with "Symptom_", so that the model can process any number of symptom inputs.

Table 1: LSTM Dataset

Symptom_1	Symptom_2	Symptom_3	Actual Disease	Predicted Disease	Result
headache	sneezing	runny nose	Allergy	Allergy	Correct
fever	chills	body pain	Flu	Flu	Correct
cough	cold	sore throat	Cold	Cold	Correct
nausea	vomiting	dizziness	Food Poisoning	Food Poisoning	Correct

headache	runny nose	sinus pressure	Sinusitis	Allergy	Incorrect
stomach pain	diarrhea	cramps	Food Poisoning	Food Poisoning	Correct
sneezing	itchy eyes	skin rash	Allergy	Allergy	Correct
fatigue	weakness	loss of appetite	Anemia	Anemia	Correct
vomiting	dizziness	dehydration	Food Poisoning	Food Poisoning	Correct
fever	body pain	headache	Flu	Flu	Correct

In the data preprocessing step (Fig 6), the symptom data is selected as the input feature, and the disease labels are split as the target feature. The disease labels are converted to numerical values using Label Encoder, and the encoded labels are altered into a binary matrix using to_categorical designed for multiclass classification. The data is split into training and testing sets using train_test_split to test the performance of the model.

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1 # Importing the necessary libraries
2 from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, OneHotEncoder
3 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
4 from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
5 from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
6
7 # Loading the dataset
8 symptoms = ['headache', 'runny nose', 'sinus pressure', 'stomach pain', 'diarrhea', 'cramps', 'sneezing', 'itchy eyes', 'skin rash', 'fatigue', 'weakness', 'loss of appetite', 'vomiting', 'dizziness', 'dehydration', 'fever', 'body pain']
9 diseases = ['Sinusitis', 'Allergy', 'Food Poisoning', 'Anemia', 'Flu']
10
11 # Encoding the labels
12 le = LabelEncoder()
13 diseases_encoded = le.fit_transform(diseases)
14
15 # Converting the encoded labels to a binary matrix
16 from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
17 diseases_encoded = to_categorical(diseases_encoded)
18
19 # Splitting the data into training and testing sets
20 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(symptoms, diseases_encoded, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
21
22 # Tokenizing the symptoms
23 tokenizer = Tokenizer()
24 tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X_train)
25
26 # Converting the symptoms to sequences
27 X_train_sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(X_train)
28 X_test_sequences = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(X_test)
29
30 # Padding the sequences
31 max_length = max(len(seq) for seq in X_train_sequences)
32 X_train_sequences = pad_sequences(X_train_sequences, maxlen=max_length)
33 X_test_sequences = pad_sequences(X_test_sequences, maxlen=max_length)
34
35 # Building the model
36 from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
37 from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, BidirectionalLSTM, Dense, Dropout, Softmax
38
39 model = Sequential([
40     Embedding(input_dim=tokenizer.get_vocab_size('tokens'), output_dim=EMBEDDING_DIM),
41     BidirectionalLSTM(EMBEDDING_DIM, HIDDEN_DIM, return_sequences=True),
42     Dense(HIDDEN_DIM),
43     Dropout(0.5),
44     Dense(DISEASES_DIM),
45     Softmax()
46 ])
47
48 # Compiling the model
49 model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
50
51 # Training the model
52 model.fit(X_train_sequences, y_train, epochs=EPOCHS, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE, validation_data=(X_test_sequences, y_test))
53
54 # Predicting the diseases
55 predictions = model.predict(X_test_sequences)
56
57 # Evaluating the model
58 accuracy = model.evaluate(X_test_sequences, y_test)
59 print('Accuracy: %f' % accuracy)

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Fig 6: Preprocessing the Data and Tokenization and Padding.

For tokenization and padding (Fig 6), the symptom text is concatenated and passed to Kera's Tokenizer, which is a tokenizer that is used to convert the symptom text into numerical sequences. The tokenizer is trained on the symptom data and later pickled for later use during prediction. The vocabulary size is calculated, and all symptom sequences are padded to have the same size using pad_sequences. The model is defined using Kera's functional API. Input layers are defined separately for each symptom column, and an Embedding layer is used to convert symptom indices to dense vectors. The embeddings are passed through bidirectional LSTM layers to capture context from both sides. L2 regularization and Dropout layers are used to prevent overfitting. If multiple LSTM outputs are available, they are concatenated and passed through a Dense output layer with SoftMax activation for multiclass disease prediction. After the architecture is correctly described, the framework is built using the Adam optimizer, a custom learning rate, and a categorical cross-entropy loss function that is appropriate for multiclass classification issues. The model is then trained on the training dataset with a predefined batch size and epoch count. The validation data is also provided during training to evaluate the model's performance and avoid overfitting.

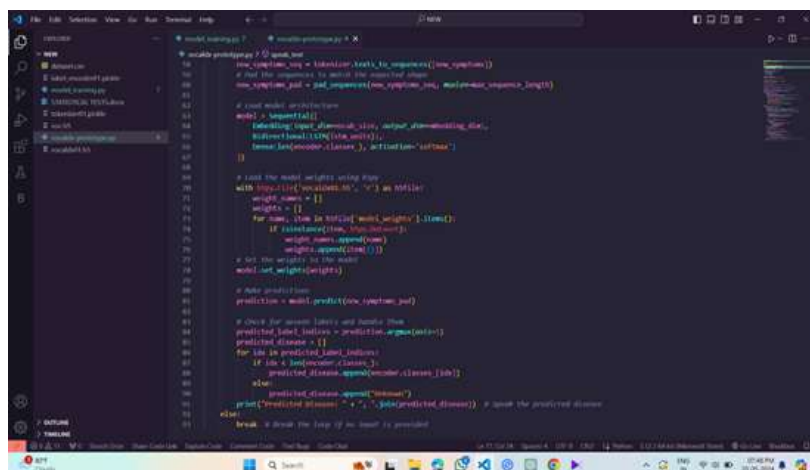


Fig 7: Model Architecture of VocaMind.

The trained model is formerly saved in HDF5 format for future use (Fig 7). The tokenizer and label encoder are also pickled to ensure consistency in preprocessing during prediction. During the execution phase, the terminal output may show some warnings regarding the enabling of custom TensorFlow operations and the presence of some minor differences in the numerical values due to floating-point precision (Fig 8). It also checks that the TensorFlow binary is optimized to leverage the CPU instructions.



Fig 8: Terminal Output of VocaMind.

In the predicted output, the model is able to identify the input symptom as “headache”. The model predicts the disease as “Allergy” using the learned mapping between symptoms and diseases (Fig 9).



Fig 9: Predicted Output of VocaMind.

Conclusion and Future scope

The use of AI technology, particularly deep learning, in disease prediction has enormous advantages in terms of accuracy and patient care. This project has successfully demonstrated the effectiveness of using patient-symptom information and AI technology for accurate disease prediction, reducing its subjective nature. To enhance accuracy, the illness prediction model must be fine-tuned using more data and a wider range of people. Important next stages include tracking, integrating with the healthcare system, and improving the model's openness. In order to fully utilize AI-assisted illness prediction in the healthcare sector, future cooperation will be essential.

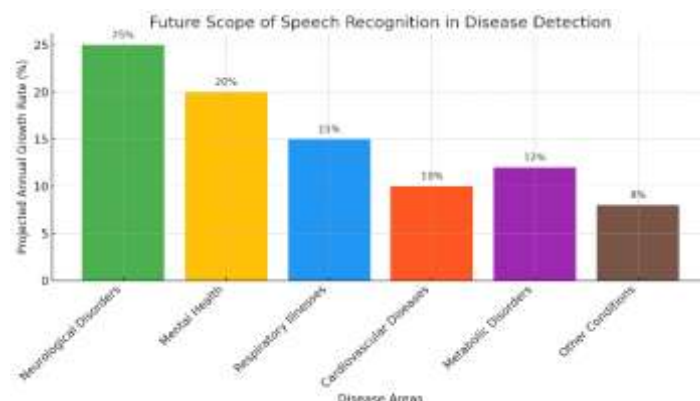


Fig 10: Speech Recognition's Potential for Disease Prediction..

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