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MONKEYPOX SKIN LESION

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Abstract: Early detection of infectious skin diseases such as Monkeypox, Chickenpox, and Measles is essential for preventing complications and reducing the spread of infection. However, access to dermatologists and advanced diagnostic facilities is limited in many regions, making timely diagnosis difficult. This project presents an intelligent web-based **Skin Disease Detection System** that uses deep learning techniques to automatically classify skin images into Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, or Normal categories. The system employs a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model trained on skin image datasets to perform accurate image-based classification. Users can upload skin images through a web interface, and the system processes the input to generate prediction results along with confidence scores and basic medical information. A secure database is used to store user details and prediction history, while automated email notifications are sent to users for report confirmation. An admin or doctor dashboard is included for monitoring system activity and analysing disease trends. Experimental evaluation shows that the system provides reliable predictions, improves accessibility to preliminary diagnosis, and supports early disease awareness, making it a useful decision-support tool for healthcare applications.

Keywords: Skin Disease Detection, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Network, Medical Image Analysis, Web-Based Healthcare System, Automated Diagnosis

I. INTRODUCTION

Skin diseases such as Monkeypox, Chickenpox, and Measles affect millions of people worldwide and often require early diagnosis to prevent complications and limit further spread. In many regions, especially in rural and underdeveloped areas, access to dermatologists and advanced medical facilities is limited, which delays proper diagnosis and treatment. As a result, patients frequently rely on visual self-assessment or non-specialist consultation, which may lead to misdiagnosis. This situation highlights the growing need for accessible, reliable, and technology-based solutions that can assist in preliminary disease identification and improve public health awareness.

Recent advancements in Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning have created new opportunities in the field of medical image analysis. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have shown excellent performance in recognizing complex visual patterns from images, making them highly suitable for skin disease classification. By integrating deep learning models with web technologies, automated systems can analyse uploaded skin images and provide quick and reliable predictions. This project aims to develop a web-based skin disease detection system that uses a CNN model to classify images into Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, or Normal categories, thereby supporting early diagnosis, improving accessibility to healthcare, and assisting both users and medical professionals.

1.1 Project Description

The Skin Disease Detection System is a web-based intelligent application designed to assist in the early identification of infectious skin diseases such as Monkeypox, Chickenpox, and Measles using deep learning techniques. The system allows users to register, log in, and upload skin images through a simple web interface, where the images are processed and analysed using a trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to classify the condition and generate prediction results with confidence scores. The application also provides basic information regarding the possible causes and treatment guidance to improve user awareness. A MySQL database is used to securely store user details and prediction history, while automated email notifications are sent to users after each diagnosis. An admin or doctor dashboard is included to monitor system activity, view analytics, and track disease trends, making the system a reliable, accessible, and efficient tool for preliminary skin disease screening and health monitoring.

1.2 Motivation

Skin diseases such as Monkeypox, Chickenpox, and Measles are highly contagious and can cause serious health complications if not detected and treated at an early stage. In many parts of the world, especially in rural and underdeveloped regions, access to qualified dermatologists and diagnostic facilities is limited. As a result, patients often experience delays in diagnosis, which increases the risk of disease transmission and severity. This real-world problem creates a strong need for a reliable, easy-to-use, and accessible preliminary diagnostic tool that can assist people in identifying possible skin conditions without immediate clinical visits.

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Recent advancements in artificial intelligence and deep learning, particularly in image classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown great potential in healthcare applications. These technologies make it possible to analyze medical images with high accuracy and speed. The motivation behind this project is to utilize these modern technologies to build a web-based system that can provide quick and reliable skin disease predictions, improve healthcare accessibility, raise health awareness, and support both patients and medical professionals in early-stage diagnosis and decision-making.

II. RELATED WORK

Paper **[1]** explores the use of deep learning techniques for skin disease classification using large collections of clinical images. The authors demonstrate that Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) can achieve dermatologist-level accuracy in identifying various skin conditions. Although the results are highly promising, the system mainly focuses on classification performance and does not address deployment in user-friendly healthcare platforms.

Paper **[2]** investigates deep neural network–based approaches for skin lesion analysis using dermoscopic images. The study emphasizes automatic feature extraction and multi-class classification without manual intervention. While the model improves accuracy and robustness, it requires high-quality labelled datasets and does not provide an integrated solution for real-time user interaction.

Paper **[3]** studies the collaboration between medical experts and AI systems for skin disease diagnosis. The results show that combining human expertise with AI predictions improves diagnostic reliability. However, the work mainly focuses on clinical environments and does not address the need for accessible web-based diagnostic tools for general users.

Paper **[4]** applies transfer learning techniques to medical image classification, including skin disease datasets. Pre-trained CNN models are fine-tuned to achieve good performance even with limited training data. Although this approach reduces training complexity and improves accuracy, the study does not include complete system-level features such as user management, result storage, or reporting mechanisms.

Paper **[5]** presents a web-based skin disease detection system that integrates a CNN model with an online interface for user interaction. The application allows users to upload images and receive prediction results. However, the system provides limited support for advanced features such as detailed analytics, history tracking, admin dashboards, and automated notifications, which are addressed in the proposed project.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. System Environment

The Skin Disease Detection System is developed and deployed in a web-based client–server environment. The systemruns on a standard computer with a Python Flask backend, a MySQL database for data storage, and a deep learning model for image classification. Users access the application through a web browser to upload images and view results, while the server handles image processing, prediction, data management, and email notification services.

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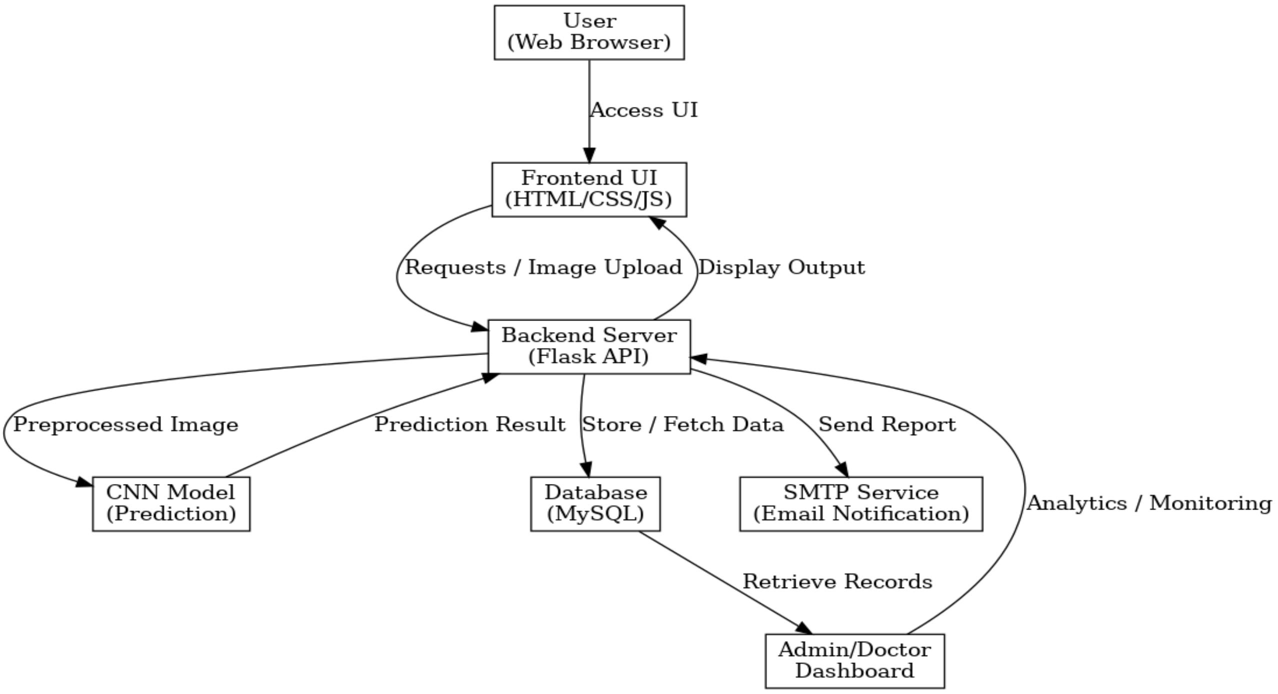

Fig.1. Flowchart of methodology

B. Deep Learning Architecture

The proposed Skin Disease Detection System is built around a deep learning architecture based on a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to analyse and classify skin images. The model is structured with a sequence of convolution layers that extract important visual features, followed by pooling layers that reduce data size while preserving essential information. The extracted features are then passed to fully connected layers that perform the final classification into Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, or Normal categories. Before processing, each image is resized and normalized to ensure consistent input quality. This architecture enables the system to automatically learn discriminative patterns from images and provide accurate predictions without relying on manually designed features.

C. Adaptive Threat Detection Mechanism

The Skin Disease Detection System follows an adaptive detection mechanism to improve its diagnostic performance over time. Each time a user uploads a skin image, the system analyses it using the trained CNN model and generates a prediction along with a confidence score. The prediction results and user feedback are stored in the database, which helps in identifying incorrect or uncertain classifications. These stored records can later be used to update and retrain the model, allowing the system to gradually improve its accuracy and reliability. This adaptive approach ensures that the system becomes more effective in handling variations in image quality, skin tone, and disease patterns, making it more robust and dependable for real-world usage.

D. Implementation Flow

1. The backend server and MySQL database are started, and the trained CNN model is loaded into the system.
2. The user registers or logs in through the web interface.
3. The user uploads a skin image for disease detection.
4. The system validates the image format and preprocesses it (resizing and normalization).
5. The preprocessed image is passed to the CNN model for prediction.
6. The model generates the disease class and confidence score.
7. The result is displayed on the user interface.
8. The prediction details are stored in the database.
9. An automated email notification containing the result is sent to the user.
10. The user can view previous prediction history or log out from the system.

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E. **Hardware and Software Requirements**

a) Hardware Requirements

1. **Processor:** Intel Core i3 or higher
2. **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB
3. **Hard Disk:** At least 20 GB free storage
4. **System Type:** 64-bit architecture
5. **Input Devices:** Keyboard and Mouse

b) **Software Requirements**

1. **Output Devices:** Monitor or Display Screen
2. **Network:** Internet connection (optional; required only for email notifications)
3. **Operating System:** Windows 10 / Linux / macOS
4. **Programming Language:** Python 3.x
5. **Web Framework:** Flask
6. **Deep Learning Framework:** TensorFlow with Keras
7. **Database Management System:** MySQL
8. **Frontend Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
9. **Image Processing Libraries:** OpenCV, Pillow
10. **Development Environment:** Visual Studio Code or any Python-supported IDE
11. **Web Browser:** Google Chrome / Mozilla Firefox

III. SIMULATION AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

This section describes the overall system design, testing environment, and evaluation strategy used for the proposed Skin Disease Detection System. The system integrates a deep learning–based image classification model with a web application to enable automated and user-friendly diagnosis support. The framework is implemented using Python as the main development platform, with Flask handling backend operations and TensorFlow/Keras managing the deep learning model. The evaluation process focuses on verifying prediction accuracy, system reliability, and user interaction flow.

A. System Architecture and Workflow

1. The proposed architecture is designed to provide accurate skin disease detection while maintaining simplicity and usability. The major components of the system are summarized as follows:
2. **User Interface Module:** Allows users to register, log in, and upload skin images through a web browser. It also displays prediction results, confidence scores, and basic medical information.
3. **Backend Processing Module:** Handles image validation, preprocessing, request handling, database communication, and interaction with the deep learning model.
4. **Deep Learning Prediction Module:** Uses a trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to classify skin images into Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, or Normal categories.
5. **Database Management Module:** Stores user details, uploaded images, prediction results, and history for future reference and analysis.

B. Simulation Setup

1. The simulation environment is designed to replicate real-world usage of the system with different types of users and image inputs.
2. **Input Image Dataset:** A collection of skin images representing Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, and Normal skin conditions is used for testing and validation.
3. **Testing Scenarios:** Different images with variations in lighting, quality, and resolution are used to evaluate the robustness and reliability of the system.
4. **System Environment:** The application is tested on a local server environment using a standard computer configuration and a web browser to simulate real user interaction.

C. Detection and Evaluation Process

During evaluation, users upload skin images through the web interface. The system preprocesses each image and forwards it to the CNN model for classification. The model generates a predicted disease label along with a confidence score. The result is displayed to the user, stored in the database, and sent via email notification. This process is repeated for multiple images to measure the consistency, accuracy, and response time of the system.

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D. Results and Observations

Disease Detection Performance:

1. The proposed system successfully classified skin images into the correct disease categories with high accuracy.
2. The CNN-based model showed reliable performance across different image qualities and lighting conditions.
3. The system provided consistent results without manual intervention.
4. The web-based interface enabled fast and user-friendly interaction.
5. The storage of prediction history and automated email notifications improved usability and result tracking.

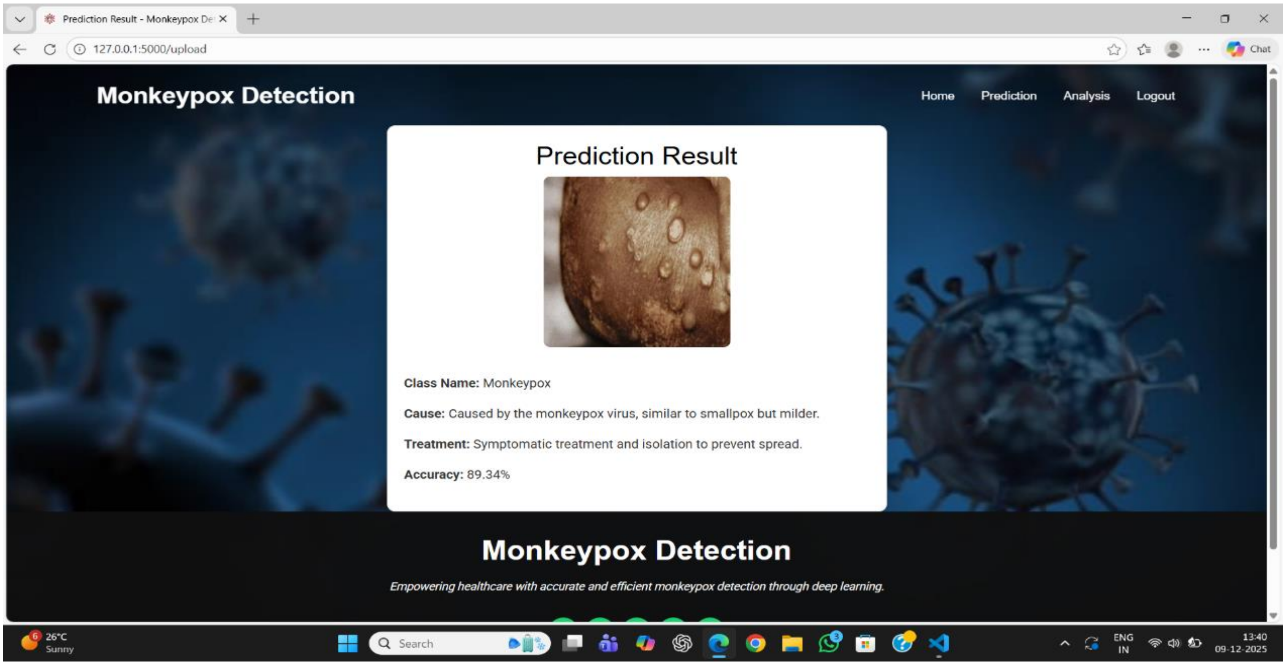
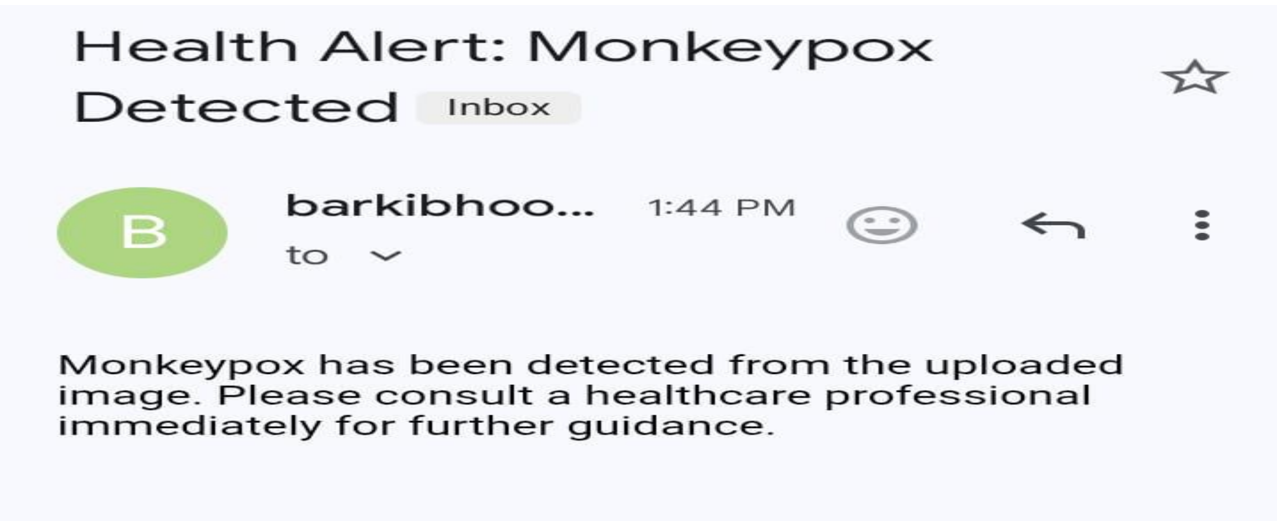


Fig. 3. Prediction result on uploaded image

- **This page displays the prediction result generated by the CNN model, including the detected disease name**
- **and the uploaded image.**
- **It shows additional information such as the cause, basic treatment guidance, and the accuracy/confidence percentage of the prediction.**
- **The result is presented in a clear and user-friendly format, allowing users to easily understand the diagnosis output.**



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- **This image shows the automatic email alert sent to the user after the system detects Monkeypox from the uploaded image.**
- **The email provides a clear warning message and advises the user to consult a healthcare professional immediately.**
- **This feature ensures timely communication and result confirmation even when the user is not logged into the system.**

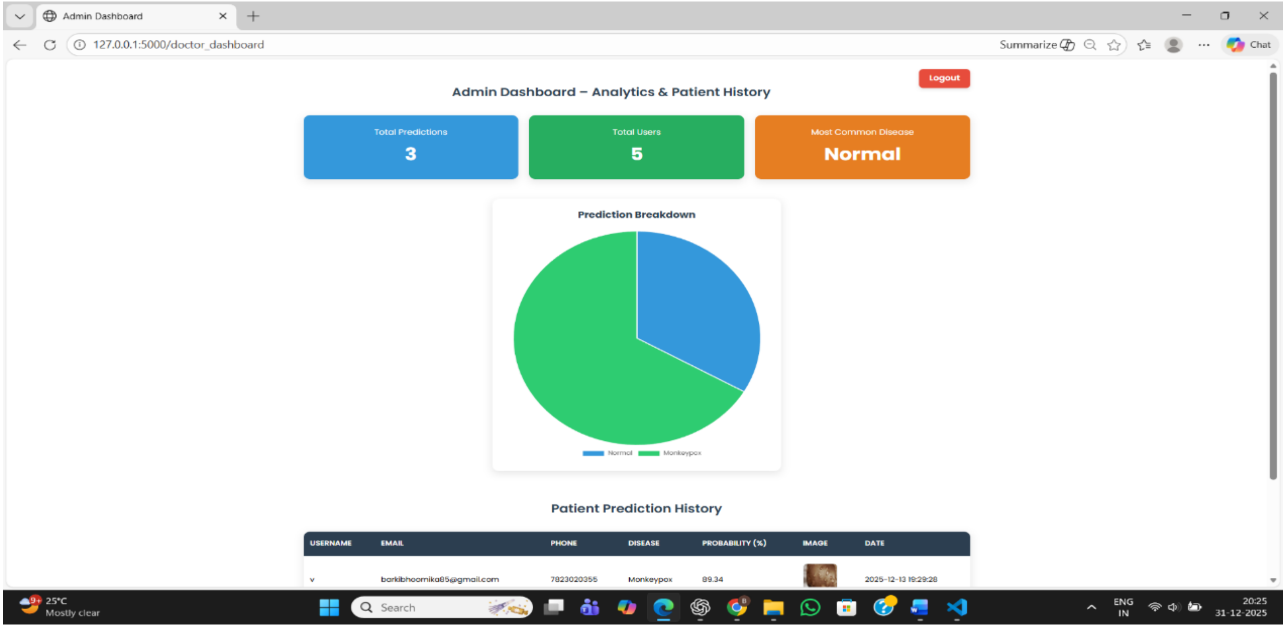

Fig. 3. Dashboard for admin/doctor

- **This page provides the admin/doctor with an overview of total predictions, total users, and the most common detected disease.**
- **It displays graphical analytics (pie chart) showing the distribution of prediction results for better analysis.**
- **It also shows a patient prediction history table containing user details, disease, probability, and date for monitoring and record keeping.**

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section explains the results obtained after testing the developed Skin Disease Detection System and analyses its performance under practical usage conditions. The system was tested using a diverse set of skin images representing Monkeypox, Chickenpox, Measles, and normal skin cases. The trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model was able to correctly analyze the uploaded images and produce classification results along with confidence values. The web-based interface enabled users to submit images easily and receive outputs without delay, showing smooth coordination between the user interface, server-side processing, and the deep learning model.

The testing outcomes indicate that the system delivers stable and dependable predictions even when images vary in quality, lighting, and clarity. The result page presents not only the identified disease but also the confidence score, cause, and basic treatment suggestions, which helps users better understand the diagnosis. In addition, the automatic email alert feature ensures that users receive their results even if they are not actively logged into the application. The admin dashboard provides a clear summary of total predictions, registered users, most frequent disease cases, and graphical analysis, making it useful for system monitoring and record management.

In general, the system demonstrated efficient operation with satisfactory accuracy and quick response time. The saved prediction records and analytics support performance evaluation and usage tracking. These findings show that the proposed solution is a practical, easy-to-use, and effective tool for preliminary skin disease assessment, while still being intended only as a support system and not a substitute for professional medical consultation.

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VI. CONCLUSION

The Skin Disease Detection System successfully demonstrates how deep learning and web technologies can be combined to provide an efficient and accessible solution for preliminary diagnosis of infectious skin diseases such as Monkeypox, Chickenpox, and Measles. The system offers a user-friendly interface for image upload and delivers reliable prediction results with confidence scores, supporting users in gaining early awareness of possible skin conditions. Features such as secure data storage, prediction history, email notifications, and an admin dashboard enhance usability and system management. The consistent performance, quick response time, and practical design confirm that the proposed system is a useful diagnostic support tool that can improve healthcare accessibility, while still serving as an aid rather than a replacement for professional medical consultation.

VI. FUTURE WORK

In the future, the Skin Disease Detection System can be improved by expanding the dataset to include a wider variety of skin diseases and different skin types, which would increase the accuracy and reliability of predictions. The system can be enhanced by integrating mobile application support so that users can capture images directly using their smartphones. Advanced deep learning models and real-time image quality checking can also be added to improve detection performance. Additionally, the application can relate to hospital systems or telemedicine platforms to allow direct consultation with doctors. Features such as multi-language support, continuous model updating, and cloud-based deployment can further improve accessibility, scalability, and practical usefulness of the system.

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