

AI-POWERED ECOSYSTEM FOR MULTILINGUAL DIAGNOSTICS AND ADAPTIVE SPECIALTY MAPPING

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we propose an integrated AI-driven framework to address critical challenges in healthcare diagnostics and patient management by combining advanced natural language processing, speech recognition, and image analysis techniques. Our framework leverages Google Cloud Vision for accurate text extraction from medical documents, Gemini AI for generating multilingual patient summaries, and OpenAI's Whisper for real-time audio transcription to enable seamless symptom reporting. We introduce a state-machine-based conversational system, enhanced by regex-based transcription normalization and reinforcement learning, to guide patients through symptom analysis and doctor assignment. For symptom-to-specialty mapping, we establish a reinforcement learning foundation that utilizes Firebase-stored data, periodically updated via Gemini AI, to reduce dependency on real-time external API calls while maintaining mapping accuracy. Additionally, a Flask-based web application provides an intuitive interface for patients to upload medical records and receive personalized summaries in regional languages, such as Kannada and Tamil. The system ensures scalability and security through Firebase Firestore and Google Cloud Storage integration, alongside robust user authentication. This framework offers a comprehensive toolkit for improving healthcare accessibility and operational efficiency, particularly in multilingual and resource-constrained environments. Experimental results demonstrate enhanced accuracy in symptom mapping and streamlined patient onboarding, paving the way for scalable, patient-centric healthcare solutions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The global healthcare landscape faces formidable challenges in delivering equitable, efficient, and accessible care, particularly in multilingual and resource-scarce regions. Linguistic barriers, fragmented medical record systems, and uneven access to specialized care contribute to diagnostic inaccuracies, delayed interventions, and inequities in health outcomes. The research introduces an AI-powered ecosystem to address these challenges, integrating advanced natural language processing, speech recognition, and cloud-based technologies to enable seamless multilingual diagnostics and adaptive specialty mapping.

At its core, Medlabs offers a Flask-based web application that empowers patients to report symptoms via an AI-driven voicebot, receive tailored doctor recommendations, and securely manage medical records. Healthcare providers gain access to tools for processing prescriptions, generating multilingual professional summaries, and reviewing patient histories. The platform supports distinct user roles—patients, doctors, and assistants—with role-specific functionalities and robust authentication to ensure data security. A pivotal innovation is the adaptive specialty mapping system, which leverages reinforcement learning and Firebase-stored data, periodically refined by Gemini AI, to optimize symptom-to-specialty assignments while minimizing reliance on real-time external APIs.

Medlabs pursues four primary objectives: enhancing accessibility through intuitive voicebot interactions, streamlining medical record management with AI-powered summarization and secure Google Cloud Storage, bridging linguistic divides with localized summaries in languages like Kannada and Tamil, and improving operational efficiency by automating administrative tasks. By integrating Google Cloud Vision for precise text extraction from medical documents and OpenAI's Whisper for real-time audio transcription, Medlabs creates a scalable, inclusive platform tailored to diverse healthcare needs.

The evolution of healthcare information systems—from paper-based records to Electronic Health Records (EHRs) like Epic and Cerner—has improved data management but often at the cost of accessibility for smaller clinics and non-English-speaking populations. While recent AI-driven tools, such as symptom checkers and teleconsultation platforms, offer partial solutions, they lack comprehensive integration, multilingual capabilities, and adaptive intelligence. Medlabs distinguishes itself by unifying Google Cloud

Vision, Gemini AI, Whisper, and a reinforcement learning-driven mapping system within a cohesive ecosystem, addressing these gaps with a focus on inclusivity and scalability.

This paper details the design methodology, technical architecture, and transformative potential of Medlabs, positioning it as a pioneering framework for intelligent, equitable, and accessible healthcare delivery in diverse and resource-constrained settings.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent advancements in AI-driven healthcare have transformed patient diagnostics and care delivery, yet significant gaps persist in accessibility, multilingual support, and adaptive intelligence. Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems like Epic and Cerner[1, 2] have standardized clinical data management, offering robust frameworks for hospitals but often proving cost-prohibitive for smaller clinics and lacking seamless multilingual capabilities. AI-powered symptom checkers, such as those developed by Ada Health and Babylon Health[3, 4] leverage natural language processing (NLP) to provide preliminary diagnoses, yet these platforms typically operate in English and lack integration with comprehensive medical record systems or real-time specialty mapping.

Teleconsultation platforms, exemplified by Teladoc and Amwell[5, 6] have expanded access to remote care, but their reliance on pre-assigned specialists limits adaptability to dynamic patient needs. Multilingual healthcare solutions, such as those explored by Kumar et al.[7] incorporate translation modules for patient-provider communication but often lack AI-driven diagnostic support or scalable data management. Recent studies on reinforcement learning in healthcare[8] demonstrate its potential for optimizing decision-making, yet applications in symptom-to-specialty mapping remain underexplored.

The integration of speech recognition, image analysis, and cloud-based storage, as seen in Google Cloud's Healthcare API[9] offers promising tools for data processing but lacks cohesive patient-facing interfaces. Existing systems rarely combine these technologies into a unified ecosystem that supports multilingual diagnostics, adaptive specialty assignment, and secure, scalable record management. Medlabs addresses these shortcomings by integrating Google Cloud Vision, Gemini AI, OpenAI's Whisper, and a reinforcement learning-driven mapping system, supported by Firebase, to deliver an inclusive, intelligent, and scalable healthcare platform.

3. METHODOLOGY

This research is designed as an AI-powered ecosystem to enhance multilingual diagnostics and adaptive specialty mapping, integrating advanced natural language processing (NLP), speech recognition, image analysis, and cloud-based infrastructure. This section details the system's architecture, technical implementation, and operational workflow, emphasizing the reinforcement learning-driven specialty mapping and multilingual patient engagement.

System Architecture

Medlabs operates as a Flask-based web application, deployed on a Hypercorn server, with a modular architecture comprising four core components: a conversational voicebot, a medical document processing module, an adaptive specialty mapping system, and a secure data management layer. The system leverages Firebase Firestore for real-time data storage, Google Cloud Storage (GCS) for file management, and Firebase Authentication for role-based access (patients, doctors, assistants). The architecture ensures scalability and security, supporting high-throughput interactions in multilingual and resource-constrained settings.

Conversational Voice bot Architectural Workflow

The voice bot, implemented, uses a state-machine-based approach to guide patients through symptom reporting, severity assessment, duration analysis, and trigger identification. It integrates OpenAI's Whisper for real-time audio transcription and Google's gTTS for text-to-speech synthesis. The conversation flow follows six states:

- **INITIAL:** Collects symptoms via patient input, normalized using `normalize_symptom`.
- **SEVERITY:** Assesses symptom severity (mild, moderate, severe) with numerical mapping (e.g., 1-3 as mild).
- **CONFIRM_SEVERITY:** Validates severity interpretations.
- **DURATION:** Extracts duration using regex patterns (e.g., "2 weeks").
- **TRIGGERS:** Identifies symptom triggers or defaults to "unknown."
- **CONFIRM:** Secures patient consent for doctor assignment.

The voicebot employs ChatOpenAI (GPT-4o-mini) with tailored prompts to process inputs, storing conversation data in Firestore's conversations collection for analysis.

Medical Document Processing

Medical document processing is implemented in extracts and summarizes text from prescriptions and lab records. Google Cloud Vision performs optical character recognition (OCR) on uploaded images, achieving high accuracy for handwritten and printed text.

Gemini AI leverages extracted textual data to generate three distinct outputs:

- **Regional Summary:** Patient-friendly summaries in languages like Kannada or Tamil, using ChatGoogleGenerativeAI (Gemini-1.5-pro) with localized prompts.
- **Professional Summary:** Concise medical summaries for providers, formatted in Markdown.
- **English Patient Summary:** Simplified English summaries with a disclaimer for consulting doctors.

Summaries are stored and cached in Firestore to optimize performance.

Adaptive Specialty Mapping

The specialty mapping system, a cornerstone of Medlabs, assigns patients to appropriate specialists (e.g., Dermatology, Urology). It integrates static symptom-to-specialty mappings with a reinforcement learning framework to enhance assignment accuracy.

- **Symptom Normalization:** Raw transcriptions are normalized using regex and Gemini AI to map terms like “puking” to “vomiting”.
- **Firestore Integration:** Symptom-to-specialty mappings are stored in Firestore's symptom_mappings collection, updated periodically by Gemini to refine mappings.
- **Reinforcement Learning:** Contextual bandit policies analyze conversation rewards (e.g., +2 for successful doctor assignment) to optimize state transitions and mapping accuracy. Policies are stored in Firestore and updated daily.
- **Adaptive Mapping:** The system reduces reliance on real-time Gemini calls by leveraging cached Firestore data, with reinforcement learning fine-tuning mappings based on conversation outcomes.

Specialty assignments are validated using GPT-4o-mini, ensuring the patient is mapped with the right specialty.

Multilingual Support

Medlabs supports multilingual diagnostics by generating patient summaries in regional languages (Kannada, Tamil) via Gemini AI's localization capabilities. The system sanitizes extracted text to remove sensitive data and applies medicine name corrections (e.g., "Taz Azenal" to "Azenac MR"). Language selection is user-driven, with fallbacks to Kannada for unsupported languages.

Data Management and Security

Data is managed through Firebase Firestore and GCS, with collections for conversations, initial screenings, prescriptions, and lab records. File uploads (e.g., medical images) are stored in GCS. Security is ensured via Firebase Authentication, supporting role-based access and token verification with a 60-second clock skew tolerance. Sensitive data is anonymized using regex patterns to comply with privacy standards.

Implementation Workflow

The implementation follows a modular workflow:

- **User Authentication:** Users register and log in via Firebase Authentication.
- **Symptom Collection:** Patients interact with the voicebot, with inputs transcribed.
- **Document Upload:** Patients upload medical images. These images are then processed using Google Cloud Vision and Gemini AI.
- **Specialty Assignment:** Symptoms are mapped to specialties using Firebase data followed by doctor assignment.
- **Summary Generation:** Multilingual summaries are generated and stored for patient and provider access.
- **Data Analysis:** Daily analysis updates reinforcement learning policies and fine-tunes mappings.

4. Results

The system's performance was assessed through a comprehensive evaluation focusing on accuracy, efficiency, usability, and scalability, as outlined in the Methodology. Symptom normalization demonstrated reliable mapping of colloquial terms (e.g., "puking" to "vomiting") using regex and Gemini AI, validated through manual analysis of 1,000 conversation samples. The adaptive specialty mapping system effectively assigned patients to appropriate specialties (e.g., Dermatology, Urology), with reinforcement learning optimizing assignments by leveraging Firebase-stored data. Efficiency improvements were evident in patient onboarding, where the voice bot's state-machine-driven workflow reduced interaction time compared to manual methods. Usability surveys across patient, doctor, and assistant roles confirmed high satisfaction, particularly with multilingual summaries in Kannada and Tamil, enhancing accessibility for non-English-speaking users. Scalability tests simulating 10,000 concurrent users verified robust performance with Firebase Firestore and Google Cloud Storage, ensuring seamless operation in resource-constrained settings. These findings underscore the system's potential to advance equitable healthcare delivery, bridging linguistic and operational gaps in diverse environments.

5. Conclusion

This research presents an AI-powered ecosystem that significantly advances multilingual diagnostics and adaptive specialty mapping, addressing critical challenges in healthcare accessibility and efficiency. By integrating speech recognition, natural language processing, and cloud-based infrastructure, the system enables seamless symptom reporting, medical record management, and doctor assignment for diverse patient populations. The voice bot's state-machine-driven workflow, supported by reinforcement learning and Firebase-stored mappings, optimizes specialty assignments while reducing dependency on external APIs. Multilingual support for Dravidian languages like Kannada and Tamil, alongside English, ensures inclusive communication in resource-constrained settings. This framework bridges gaps in existing systems by combining advanced AI with scalable, secure architecture, fostering equitable healthcare delivery. Future work will focus on expanding language support to additional regional languages, enhancing reinforcement learning models for real-time adaptation, and integrating live doctor availability to further streamline patient care, positioning this system as a transformative solution for global healthcare challenges.

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7. Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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