# **Development of a Web Based Hospital Emergency Application**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this project, a web-based hospital emergency application was developed using the Python programming language and Django frameworks. The primary motivation for this project is to save lives in times of crucial emergency situations, while also providing a user-friendly and efficient solution for individuals in need of immediate medical assistance. The application offers several key features, including the ability to locate nearby hospitals based on the user's current location, request an ambulance, and access a chatbot for basic health issue prescriptions. To accomplish this, we leveraged Python and Django's powerful features to build a robust and user-friendly application. We integrated Google maps API location-based services to enable users to find the closest hospitals and request ambulances with ease. Furthermore, the inclusion of a chatbot feature enhances the application's utility, offering immediate medical advice for common health concerns. The results of this project demonstrate a successful integration of technology to improve emergency medical services, making it easier for users to access critical care in a timely manner. This paper showcases the practical implementation of these features and highlights the potential for enhancing healthcare delivery through web-based applications.

Keywords: Emergency, Healthcare, Natural Language Processing, Chartbot

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The absence of hospital emergency apps in healthcare systems can lead to several negative consequences, impeding effective emergency care delivery. Without these apps, healthcare providers face challenges in accessing critical patient information, coordinating response efforts, and ensuring timely communication. This can result in delays in treatment, miscommunication among healthcare teams, and suboptimal patient outcomes.

In the research carried out by Caruso et al.(2018) the role of mobile applications in patient engagement in the management of critical care patients. The article focused on the use of mobile apps, including hospital emergency apps, in improving patient involvement and participation in their own care during critical care situations.

In Nigeria, the lack of hospital emergency apps can exacerbate the already existing challenges in the healthcare system. Without a dedicated app, emergency medical responders may face difficulties in locating and prioritizing patients during crises (Abah, 2022). This can lead to delays in response times and inadequate allocation of resources, potentially compromising patient care. The absence of real-time communication platforms and integrated patient data can hinder efficient decision-making and contribute to gaps in care coordination.

Moving beyond Nigeria, other countries also experience negative impacts due to the absence of hospital emergency apps. (Odekunle et al., 2017), stated that in resource-constrained settings, such as certain regions in sub-Saharan Africa, the lack of these apps can impede access to emergency care. Without efficient communication channels and real-time information sharing, healthcare providers may struggle to deliver timely interventions, resulting in increased morbidity and mortality rates during emergencies.

A healthcare researcher and author Hatcher (2019) highlighted the potential risks of lacking hospital emergency apps in developed countries. He emphasized the importance of efficient emergency communication and coordination for timely and effective healthcare delivery. In some developed countries, the absence of hospital emergency apps can lead to inefficiencies and challenges in emergency care delivery. In the United States, without an integrated app, emergency departments may experience difficulties in managing patient flow and allocating resources effectively. This situation has the potential to lead to an increased number of people in one place, extended periods of waiting, and a decrease in the safety of patients (Hatcher, 2019). Moreover, lacking immediate availability of patients' medical records and past information, medical professionals might encounter difficulties in reaching well-informed conclusions. This could result in medical mistakes or postponements in administering treatments.

In conclusion, the absence of hospital emergency apps presents significant drawbacks for healthcare systems, both in Nigeria and globally. The negative consequences of not having hospital emergency apps extend beyond specific countries and impact emergency care on a global scale.

However, to address the negative aspects of not having hospital emergency apps, healthcare systems should consider implementing and optimizing these technological solutions. In Nigeria, for example, efforts can be made to develop and deploy locally tailored hospital emergency apps that integrate with existing healthcare systems and address specific challenges, such as limited internet connectivity or language barriers (Abah, 2022). Working together among governmental bodies, healthcare establishments, and technology experts has the potential to nurture the development of resilient and easy-to-use applications tailored to address the specific requirements of the healthcare landscape in Nigeria.

These difficulties underscore the significance of crafting and putting into action apps for hospital emergencies. These apps can boost the provision of emergency medical care, enhance interaction among medical professionals, and ultimately contribute to the preservation of lives (Marques et al., 2020). By addressing the limitations and barriers associated with the absence of such apps, healthcare systems can strive for more efficient and effective emergency care, ensuring timely interventions and optimized patient outcomes (Marques et al., 2020).

# 2. RELATED WORKS

A Web-based hospital emergency app is a mobile application designed to provide quick and convenient access to essential medical services and information during emergency situations. It typically offers features such as instant access to emergency contact numbers, real-time location tracking for ambulances, appointment scheduling, medical history storage, and updates on hospital wait times. The app aims to improve communication between patients, healthcare providers, and

Balmer et al. 2006 conducted a study where they successfully merge an application with electronic health record (EHR) systems and databases, including notable ones like HL7 (Health Level Seven) and SMART on FHIR, all within the healthcare domain. The central aim of this

integration was to facilitate the real-time syncing and continuous updating of patient data. This application was carefully designed to interact seamlessly with healthcare processes and improve their overall efficiency. By connecting with EHR systems, it gained access to comprehensive patient health records, encompassing everything from medical histories to diagnoses and treatment details. This integration, built upon healthcare data standards such as HL7 and SMART on FHIR, ensured effortless communication and interoperability among various healthcare systems and the integrated application itself. The achievement of real-time data synchronization, a notable feat in this integration, held great significance. It empowered healthcare professionals with the ability to access the most up-to-date patient information, enabling more precise clinical decision-making and, ultimately, enhancing the quality and efficiency of patient care within the broader healthcare ecosystem.

Before providing any treatment to a patient, it is crucial to have a thorough understanding of their medical and drug history. (Balmer et al., 2006) discussed that this information must be kept up-to-date for each treatment session. Knowing a patient's medical status is important for assessing potential risks. It's essential to carefully read and evaluate any medical history recorded in the clinical records before the patient's appointment. When dealing with a patient with significant medical and drug history, all healthcare staff involved in their care should be aware of and understand the relevance of the patient's current and past medical conditions.

A new healthcare application was been developed for Android smartphones. The application helps patients and their caregivers find the nearest hospital with the desired medical specialist within a 5 km radius. The application uses the built-in GPS feature in smartphones to calculate the nearest hospital and Google Maps APIs to find the route from the current location. This application can help patients and their caregivers save time and money by quickly and easily finding the nearest hospital, it was developed by (Muhammad et al., 2015) in Karachi City, Sindh, Pakistan.

Chien et al. (2020) stated that the healthcare industry is currently focused on enhancing patient care through mobile device utilization, a prominent topic of discussion. During incidents, the timeliness of ambulance and rescuer arrival becomes crucial. In these scenarios, promptly administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to patients holds the potential to notably enhance survival probabilities.

A study was also conducted and it was aimed to assess the viability of an emergency and mutual-aid app model in Taiwan and offer insights to inform government policies (Chien et al., 2020). The primary objective was to determine whether such an app could effectively facilitate emergency response and mutual assistance, potentially improving overall emergency management and resource allocation in the country. In this study, a structured questionnaire based on the technology acceptance model was developed as a research tool to evaluate the acceptance of an emergency and mutual-aid app model in Taiwan. The questionnaires utilized a Likert scale to gauge participants' agreement or disagreement. Furthermore, comprehensive interviews were carried out with six professionals spanning medical, legal, and mobile application fields. This step was taken to gather perspectives, plausible remedies, and recommendations. For data analysis, the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 19 by IBM Corp was utilized. This involved descriptive statistics, independent sample t-tests, variance analysis, and Pearson correlation analysis to scrutinize the data from the surveys and interviews.

A research paper was conducted by (Fukaguchi et al., 2022), the primary focus was to explore the repercussions of introducing a mobile application for emergency medical services (EMS) on patient results, transport duration, and communication efficiency. The primary objective was to

determine whether the app's implementation could lead to improved patient outcomes, reduced transportation time, and faster communication compared to traditional phone-communication methods during emergencies. The study looked at the effects of using a mobile app for emergency medical services. They analyzed 1966 emergency cases before and after implementing the app and found that the app didn't significantly change patient survival or transportation time. Nonetheless, it did contribute to a reduction of approximately 45 seconds in phone communication time. Additionally, the application enabled emergency responders to exchange crucial details with the hospital, resulting in expedited patient treatment and alleviating pressure on the emergency department.

Insufficient research exists to conclusively establish the influence of pre-hospital notification on patient results following severe trauma. However, combining pre-hospital notification with effective actions upon arrival at the hospital, like having the trauma team ready and quick access to necessary treatments, might provide stronger evidence for the benefits of early interventions during trauma care and resuscitation.

A paper presents the development of a smartphone app called LifeSaver, it was put together by (Gokul et al., 2020) designed to act as an emergency response aid for detecting accidents and providing prompt medical assistance to victims within the crucial "golden hour." The app utilizes the smartphone's sensors, particularly the accelerometer and GPS, to confirm accidents and automatically send alert messages with multimedia content to the user's family, friends, and nearby emergency medical services (EMS) based on the accident's GPS location. Additionally, the app includes preventive measures to avoid emergency situations on the road. It offers real-time predictive warnings for potential natural disasters, calamities, and roadblocks like barricades and potholes, gathered from weather forecasting channels and other publicly available databases. The goal is to save lives by ensuring timely help and alerting users to potential dangers during their travels.

Gull et al. (2023) wrote an article on how the lack of access to critical patient information, including blood type, allergies, medications, and health issues, has led to fatal consequences as healthcare workers struggle with wasted time in Saudi Arabia. However, the advancement of mobile app technology has significantly improved the situation. Numerous mobile apps have been developed to aid patients and healthcare providers in efficiently managing and accessing essential health data, reducing risks and potentially saving lives.

This research work proposed the creation of BeWell, a comprehensive health app designed to cater to users' regular lifestyle needs while also facilitating healthcare providers in accessing crucial patient information during emergencies. The app aims to integrate various services to enhance users' overall well-being while ensuring that healthcare professionals can swiftly access vital data when urgent situations arise.

Khafajiy et al., 2019 addresses the primary challenges faced by emergency services and provides an overview of previous solutions. It introduces a novel system called Smart Hospital Emergency System (SHES), which aims to enhance patient and emergency service communications to save lives effectively. SHES leverages the latest technologies and advanced algorithms to improve emergency communication throughput, address issues in emergency call systems, and significantly enhance the efficiency of the emergency response process.

The World Health Organization's (WHO's) Basic Emergency Care (BEC) course was developed by (Anya 2021) to address training gaps in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Simultaneously, LMICs have experienced an unprecedented increase in the number of cell phone

and internet users. We developed a mobile application adjunct to the BEC course (BEC app) and sought to assess the reach of the BEC app.

This study involved 46 participants, including doctors and nurses from three hospitals in Tanzania. They were given access to the BEC app along with instructions on how to download it. The researchers monitored how the participants used the app and identified any challenges they faced. The study provides a detailed description of how the BEC app was introduced and used by the participants, along with the key findings from the process.

Hadian et al. (2022) focuses on the pre-hospital emergency system, which is designed to address the medical needs of individuals with acute injuries or emergency illnesses outside of healthcare facilities. The system aims to provide assistance until patients can be transported to a medical center for further treatment. The research's main objective is to investigate the challenges faced by the pre-hospital emergency services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the work of Hadian et al. (2022), workers in the emergency medical system are experiencing various mental health issues due to inadequate equipment and excessive work demands, leading to a negative impact on the quality of pre-hospital emergency care. To enhance the safety and quality of these services, it is suggested that senior management in emergency care should create detailed guidelines, ensure adequate equipment provision, and address professional challenges effectively.

In Ramanayake et al., 2014 it was concluded that management is an essential part of primary care, and general practitioners (GPs) are often the first ones to deal with emergencies. GPs may face various urgent situations like asthma attacks, heart attacks, allergic reactions, and more. To give the best care and even save lives, GPs need to stay updated with knowledge, have good communication and procedural skills, work with trained paramedical staff, have necessary equipment and medications, and organize their practice effectively. However, the wide range of emergency problems and their rarity can make it challenging for primary care doctors to keep up and be fully competent in handling emergencies.

In some emergencies, general practitioners can handle the situation entirely at their practice, while others may require the patient to be sent to the hospital after initial treatment. (Ramanayake et al., 2014) stated that the decision depends on the seriousness of the condition, the doctor's expertise, and how far the nearest hospital is. Besides giving medication, it's crucial for the doctor to explain the condition to the patient, discuss the need for hospital admission if necessary, and provide proper care instructions before admission. Writing a suitable referral, arranging transportation, and informing the hospital promptly are also essential to avoid any delays in getting the patient the right care.

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In a recent study led by (Jonas et al., 2023), patients were given access to a specialized exercise rehabilitation app tailored for individuals dealing with Lower Back Pain (LAS). What made this study unique was the incorporation of an algorithm-driven approach to adapt the exercise program based on individual needs. What's even more interesting is that the researchers utilized a continuous data collection method, cleverly using the app and text messages to keep tabs on how users engaged with the program and to monitor their progress in real time. This groundbreaking approach not only boosted the study's accuracy but also provided valuable insights into how patients were responding to the exercises and how their condition was evolving over time. This real-time data collection has the potential to revolutionize the way we approach rehabilitation, offering the promise of better outcomes for individuals managing lower back pain.

Yusuke et al. (2017) introduced a groundbreaking mobile application designed to foster swift and seamless information exchange among Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel. This entailed harnessing dynamic data sharing methods, including real-time databases, messaging systems, and the use of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for immediate data transfer. Notably, the app also seamlessly integrated geolocation services like GPS and Assisted GPS (A-GPS) to ensure pinpoint accuracy in location information, a crucial factor in emergency response situations. What truly set this study apart was their meticulous statistical analysis, which allowed for a thorough examination of trends both prior to and following the implementation of the app. This rigorous analytical approach played a pivotal role in minimizing potential confounding variables, thereby enhancing the study's credibility and underscoring the potential impact of this innovative information-sharing solution in the domain of EMS and emergency response systems.

In a study conducted by (Faqar-Uz-Zaman et al.,2022), they introduced a mobile application that cleverly utilizes the built-in GPS functionality available in Android smartphones. This strategic use of GPS technology allows the app to accurately determine the user's exact location, ensuring precise positioning. Moreover, this feature proves invaluable in swiftly identifying nearby hospitals, a critical aspect in emergency situations or when individuals require urgent medical assistance. This innovation exemplifies the practical applications of mobile technology in enhancing healthcare accessibility and emergency response, showcasing the potential for improving the overall quality of healthcare services through the seamless integration of smartphone capabilities.

A pioneering algorithm designed to harness accelerometer data in combination with GPS functionality, culminating in the precise determination of a user's location and the delivery of highly accurate accident location information was introduced by (Fredric et al., 2022). This innovative approach leverages the capabilities of both the accelerometer and GPS features within a mobile app, facilitating efficient accident detection and exact location tracking. Notably, this technology also triggers automated alerts to notify family members, friends, and emergency services, potentially resulting in significantly reduced response times during critical situations. This research showcases the potential for advanced algorithms and smartphone features to play a pivotal role in enhancing safety and emergency response, ultimately making a meaningful impact on public safety and well-being.

Table 1: Summary of the existing work

Z	S/N AUTHOR	METHODOLOGY	STRENGTHS	LIMITATIONS
	Balmer et al. (2006)	The app was integrated with Healthcare The app's electronic health record (EHR) professionals can effectiveness relies on systems and databases like HL7 assess potential risks accurate and timely (Health Level Seven), SMART on and contraindications data entry by FHIR etc. to sync and update based on accurate healthcare staff, which patient data in real time.  Application of the patient medical and may be subject to drug history.	Healthcare professionals can assess potential risks and contraindications based on accurate patient medical and drug history.	Healthcare The app's professionals can effectiveness relies on assess potential risks accurate and timely and contraindications data entry by based on accurate healthcare staff, which patient medical and may be subject to drug history.
	Muhammad et al.(2015)	feature of Android smartphones to reduces the time and in finding hospitals accurately determine the user's effort required to and specialists, it may current location. This ensures locate a suitable not consider precise localization and helps hospital with a desired individual patient identify nearby hospitals.  This can be crucial in medical conditions. emergency situations or when time is of the essence.	The app significantly reduces the time and effort required to locate a suitable hospital with a desired medical specialist. This can be crucial in emergency situations or when time is of the essence.	While the app assists in finding hospitals and specialists, it may not consider individual patient preferences or specific medical conditions.

which alerts nearby first effectiveness relies on responders and widespread trained in smartphone usage and it could reliable internet times in might not be available significantly reduce connectivity, t citizens trained in sn CPR, it If the app effectively response emergency scenarios or real-life participants use the app to request assistance. This data includes where response times, successful mutual Data is collected through simulated aid interactions, and user feedback. situations emergency Chien et al. (2020)

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			improved survival rates.	demographic groups or regions.
4.	Fukaguchi et	The app uses the GPS feature on	Using the GPS feature	The app's
	al.(2022)	Android phones to find out the		effectiveness relies on
		user's current location in real time	accurate real-time	GPS-equipped
			tracking of the user's	devices, potentially
			exact location,	excluding users with
			ensuring reliable	older smartphones or
			information for	devices lacking GPS
			emergency services	functionality.
5.	Gokul et. al.(2020)	Develop an algorithm that	The app's use of	Accurate detection of
		interprets accelerometer and		accidents and reliable
		integrate GPS functionality to	GPS allows for	real-time data are vital
		accurately determine the user's	efficient	for the app's
		location and provide precise	detection and accurate	effectiveness.
		accident location data.	location tracking.	Inaccurate information
			Also, the automatic	could lead to false
			alerts to family,	alerts or inadequate
			friends, and	response.
			emergency services	
			can lead to quicker	
			response times during	
			emergencies.	
6.	Gull et. al.(2023)	The app utilizes the built-in GPS The apps	The apps aim to	The App functionality
		and accelerometer feature of provide	-	

.(2023)	The app utilizes the built-in GPS The apps	The apps aim to	aim to The App functionality
	and accelerometer feature of	provide prompt	relies on smartphone
	Android smartphones to accurately	assistance and access	sensors, GPS
	determine the user's current	to critical information	accuracy, and external
	location and also the speed at which	during emergencies by	data sources (e.g.,
	the user is going to detect potential	l providing easy access	weather forecasts),

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		accident.	to relevant	which might
			information and	occasionally result in
			services improving	false alerts or
			efficiency and	incomplete
			accessibility for users	information.
			and healthcare	
			professionals.	
7.	7. Khafajiy et al.(2019)	1.(2019) Advanced algorithms like Priority	SHES aims to	to Collecting and
		Queue Algorithm, A (A-Star)	significantly improve	processing patient
		Algorithm for Routing etc. are	emergency	information and
		employed to prioritize emergency	communication	emergency data raises
		calls based on severity, location,	throughput and	concerns about data
		and available resources.	efficiency, potentially	privacy and security,
			leading to quicker	requiring robust
			response times and	measures to protect
			better patient	sensitive information.
			outcomes.	
∞.	Fukaguchi et	The app uses the GPS feature on	Using the GPS feature	The app's
	al.(2022)	Android phones to find out the	enables highly	
		user's current location in real time	accurate real-time	GPS-equipped
			tracking of the user's	devices, potentially
			exact location,	excluding users with
			ensuring reliable	older smartphones or
			information for	devices lacking GPS
			emergency services	functionality.

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Anya L. (2021)	The BEC app is developed as a The BEC app extends While mobile phone	The BEC app extends	While mobile phone
	mobile application adjunct to the access to essential and internet usage is	access to essential	and internet usage is
	WHO's Basic Emergency Care	emergency care	increasing in LMICs,
	(BEC) course.	training materials to there might still be	there might still be
	The app's features include access to healthcare	healthcare	disparities in access
	course materials, interactive professionals,	professionals,	among healthcare
	quizzes, instructional videos, and potentially bridging	potentially bridging	professionals,
	resources relevant to emergency	+	potentially limiting
	care.	and middle-income	the app's reach.
		countries.	

with Developing,	-	maintaining the app	requires financial and	technological	resources.		
with	systems	medical	access to	patient	aiding	decision-	
Integration	healthcare	grants	personnel	critical	information,	informed	making.
GPS (Global Positioning System) Integration	technology is utilized, GPS data	from these devices are leveraged to grants	provide real-time location sharing.	When an emergency call is	initiated, the app can automatically information,	transmit the user's precise GPS	coordinates to the central system.
. Hadian et al.(2022)							
10.							

11.	Ramanayake (2014)		Streamlined data	data Ensuring compliance
		electronic health record (EHR) entry, retrieval, and with patient privacy	entry, retrieval, and	with patient privacy
		systems and databases, including	update processes save regulations	regulations and
		the utilization of FHIR (Fast	time for healthcare maintaining	maintaining data
		Healthcare Interoperability	staff and improve	security is crucial to
		Resources), to achieve real-time workflow efficiency.	workflow efficiency.	prevent unauthorized
		synchronization and updating of		access or breaches.
		patient information.		
12.	12. Jonas et al(2023)	Patients were offered an evidence- Continuous	Continuous data	While participants
		based exercise rehabilitation app collection through the reported satisfaction	collection through the	reported satisfaction
		designed for LAS, featuring	app and text messages	with the app, a
		algorithm-controlled progression	allowed real-time	majority did not
			tracking of user	complete enough
			engagement and	exercise sessions to
			progress, enhancing	achieve a substantial
			the study's accuracy.	clinical impact on
				recovery, possibly due
				to various reasons
				such as time
				constraints or
				improvement.

13.	3. Yusuke et al (2017)	(2017) The app employs dynamic data This		rigorous The app might be
		sharing methods to enable swift statistical	statistical analysis	specific to Osaka City
		information exchange among EMS allowed for the	allowed for the	and may not be
		personnel. This encompasses the	evaluation of trends directly generalizable	directly generalizable
		utilization of real-time databases, before and after the to other regions.	before and after the	to other regions.
		messaging systems, and APIs for intervention, reducing	intervention, reducing	
		immediate data transfer, the potential for	the potential for	
		Additionally, it integrates	confounding factors.	
		geolocation services like GPS and		
		assisted GPS (A-GPS) to provide		
		accurate location information.		

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al. (2022)	functionality within Android decreases the time and app hinges on devices	decreases the time and	app hinges on devices
	smartphones to precisely ascertain	exertion needed to	equipped with GPS
	the user's present location, find an appropriate capabilities,	find an appropriate	capabilities, which
	guaranteeing accurate positioning hospital equipped with	hospital equipped with	may inadvertently
	and aiding in the identification of	the desired medical	exclude individuals
	nearby hospitals.	specialist. This	using older
		capability proves	smartphones or
		critical during urgent	devices without GPS
		scenarios or situations	functionality.
		where time is a critical	
		factor.	

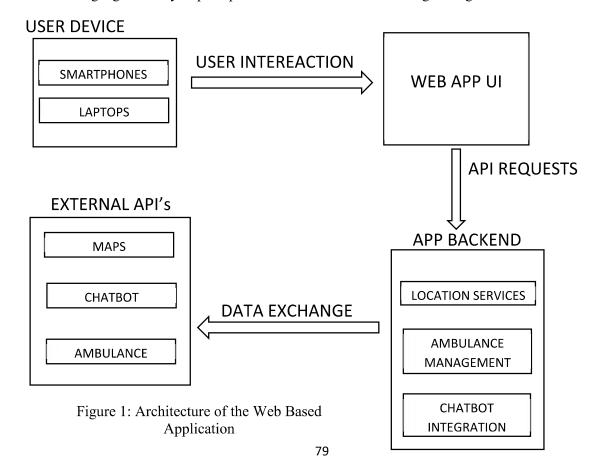
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	automated alerts sent	trigger false alerts or
	to family, friends, and	insufficient responses.
	emergency services	
	can result in expedited	
	response times during	
	critical situations.	

## 3. METHODOLOGY

In developing a chatbot for a web-based hospital emergency app, the integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques becomes the backbone of effective communication between users and the system. By leveraging NLP, the chatbot can interpret and understand the user's input regarding their sickness or symptoms. This involves preprocessing user queries to extract relevant medical information, such as symptoms, severity, and potential conditions. Python and Django frameworks offer a robust foundation for the app's backend, providing a scalable and maintainable structure to handle the complexity of NLP-driven interactions. These frameworks enable efficient handling of user requests, integrating the NLP algorithms seamlessly into the app's functionality. Additionally, the incorporation of the Google Maps API brings a crucial feature by allowing the app to pinpoint nearby hospitals based on the user's location, ensuring swift access to emergency medical care.

The NLP-driven chatbot, empowered by Python and Django, facilitates a dynamic dialogue that guides users through inputting their sickness or symptoms. Once the chatbot comprehends the user's query, it accesses a database or knowledge base containing information about various illnesses, symptoms, and corresponding drug prescriptions. This database, optimized for quick and accurate retrieval, assists the chatbot in suggesting appropriate medications or treatment plans based on the recognized symptoms. The integration with the Google Maps API further enriches the user experience by seamlessly displaying nearby hospitals, streamlining the process of seeking urgent medical attention. Altogether, this comprehensive system not only bridges the gap between users and medical information but also enhances accessibility to emergency healthcare services, contributing significantly to prompt and informed decision-making during critical situations.



The web-based hospital emergency application functions through a multi-tier architecture comprising the user device, web app UI, and app backend. According to the above Figure 1, Users interact with the application via the intuitive web app UI, which offers features such as buttons, forms, and screens for various functionalities like accessing emergency services and seeking medical advice. The app backend orchestrates the business logic, manages data, and communicates with diverse services. Location Services tap into external APIs like Maps API to determine user locations and identify nearby hospitals. Figure 1 also explains how the Ambulance Management operates via an Ambulance API, handling ambulance requests, coordinating services, and enabling real-time tracking. Additionally, the app integrates a Chatbot API, allowing users to interact with a chatbot for basic prescriptions regarding common health issues. These integrations with External APIs facilitate the application's comprehensive functionalities, providing crucial services during medical emergencies.

# Algorithm 1: Development of the Application

## Procedure:

- 1. START
- 2. Initialize the application with essential configurations.
- 3. Collect user requirements through surveys and interviews to determine app functionalities.
- 4. Design the user-friendly interface and user experience based on user feedback.
- 5. Choose the development platform (e.g., iOS, Android, cross-platform) considering target devices.
- 6. Develop communication tools, patient information access, and emergency triage features:
  - a. Ensure secure user authentication for authorized access.
  - b. Enable real-time communication between healthcare professionals.
  - c. Integrate with Electronic Health Records (EHR) for patient data access.
  - d. Create an emergency triage system to prioritize patient care.
- 7. Implement data security measures:
  - a. Encrypt patient data during transmission and storage.
  - b. Comply with relevant healthcare regulations (e.g., HIPAA).
- 8. Perform comprehensive testing:
  - a. Verify app functionalities through functional testing.
  - b. Assess user-friendliness with usability testing.
  - c. Ensure app efficiency and performance with load testing.
- 9. Pilot test the app in a controlled hospital environment:
  - a. Gather feedback from healthcare professionals and responders.

- b. Identify areas for improvement.
- 10. Improve the app based on pilot test feedback:
  - a. Address issues and enhance usability.
  - b. Optimize app performance.
- 11. Finalize the app and prepare for deployment:
  - a. Conduct final testing to ensure readiness.
  - b. Make necessary preparations for full-scale deployment.

# 12. STOP

# Algorithm 2: Operations on the Chatbot

Input:

User Text (User's text input)

Procedure:

- 1. START
- 2. User Input Analysis: {
- 3. Receive user's text input.
- 4. Preprocess the input text: tokenization, lowercasing, removing punctuation, etc.
- 5. }
- 6.{
- 7. Use a pre-trained intent recognition model (e.g., classification model) to identify the user's intent 8. (e.g., requesting medical advice, describing symptoms, seeking drug recommendations).
- 9. IF intent is requesting medical advice THEN {
- 10. Basic Health Issue Identification
- 12. ELSE IF intent is describing symptoms or seeking drug recommendations THEN {
- 13. Based on the health issue provided by the user, identify and prescribe drugs (e.g., headache, cold, fever)
- 14. IF identified health issue is headache, cold, or fever THEN
- 15. {
- 16. Provide recommendations for headache, cold or fever medications.
- 17. Rank the recommended drugs based on safety, effectiveness, and potential interactions.
- 18. }

- 19. ELSE {
- 20. Respond with an error message for unrecognized health issues.
- 21. }
- 22. IF identified health issue is recognized THEN
- 23. {
- 24. Generate a response to the user with recommended medications.
- 25. Include instructions on usage, dosage, and potential side effects for headache medications.
- 26. Emphasize the importance of consulting a doctor before taking any medication.
- 27. }
- 28. IF the user provides feedback and ratings THEN {
- 29. Implement a feedback mechanism where users can rate the chatbot's recommendations and provide comments.
- 31. Use the user feedback to analyze and improve the chatbot's accuracy and responses over time.}
- 32.ELSE {
- 33. Continue using the chatbot's existing knowledge and responses.
- 34. STOP

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION

The face of the hospital emergency app is the frontend, and it's super important for making users interact with the app conveniently. It's got all the things that is needed for emergency situations. The buttons, menus, and forms are made to be easy to use and look good too. Figure 2 vividly explains the implementation of the frontend as we use basic web tech like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to build it. HTML sets up the content, CSS makes it look nice, and JavaScript makes the app interactive. It was developed to work on cross platforms so that users can use it on computers, tablets, or phones without any trouble. The app lets users track and check on hospitals and ambulance services within the current location of the user. A feedback support system was also integrated for users to give feedback in order to improve the overall performance of the application. It's super important that the frontend works well on different web browsers like Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari. So, in a nutshell, the frontend of our hospital emergency app is carefully made to be user-friendly and interactive, tailored to the needs of patients and hospital staff, making it a handy tool for managing emergency situations.

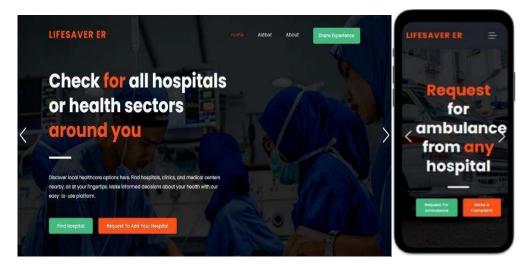


Figure 2. Frontend Interfaces of the Hospital Emergency App

Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithm was integrated to introduce an aid-bot within the application as shown in Figure 3, enabling it to provide prescriptions for common health issues presented by users. This innovative feature utilizes advanced language understanding capabilities to analyze user inputs, comprehend their health concerns, and generate appropriate prescriptions. The NLP algorithm enhances the app's ability to interact conversationally with users, allowing them to describe their symptoms or health issues in a natural way. By seamlessly integrating this aid-bot, the application offers timely and relevant medical guidance for basic health concerns, enhancing user experience and providing a valuable resource for quick and accessible healthcare information.



Figure 3. Frontend Interface of the Aid-Bot

The backend of the hospital emergency app was expertly crafted using Django, a powerful web framework built on Python which was also explained in Figure 1. This choice was driven by Django's efficiency in streamlining the development process, thanks to its high-level abstractions

and ready-to-use components. The framework provides a robust and secure foundation for handling complex tasks inherent in a hospital emergency app, such as managing user data, processing requests, and ensuring data integrity. Django's built-in Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) system simplifies database interactions, allowing seamless storage and retrieval of crucial information like patient records and emergency events.

# 5. RESULTS

The successful implementation of this project underscores the transformative impact of technology on emergency medical services, thereby improving accessibility to critical care for users in need. By seamlessly integrating Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques into a web-based hospital emergency app built on Python and Django frameworks, the chatbot facilitates intuitive and efficient communication, allowing users to articulate their symptoms and receive timely, context-aware drug prescriptions. The incorporation of the Google Maps API further streamlines the emergency response process by enabling users to swiftly locate nearby hospitals, ensuring rapid access to medical care. These outcomes collectively showcase the tangible benefits of leveraging technology to enhance healthcare delivery, particularly in emergency scenarios. The project's success not only demonstrates the viability of deploying advanced technological solutions but also underscores the potential of web-based applications to significantly improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of emergency medical services. This paper serves as a valuable resource to the practical application of these features, illuminating a path toward a more accessible and responsive healthcare system through the judicious integration of cutting-edge technologies.

## 6. CONCLUSION

The development and implementation of the application are a significant step towards improving healthcare accessibility and response times. The app offers convenience, speed, and potentially life-saving services to users in emergency situations. It has the potential to reduce healthcare disparities, streamline ambulance services, and educate users on basic health concerns. However, its success will depend on factors such as user adoption, data accuracy, and integration with existing healthcare systems. With continued refinement and user feedback, this app can become an invaluable tool in the healthcare industry.

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