

# Developing A LSTM-Based Flood Forecasting Model For Early Warning And Disaster Prevention

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*Abstract: This project introduces a Flood Forecasting Model (FFM) employing Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks with logistic activation functions to predict floods in multiple rivers, dams and barrages of a selected region. The FFM aims to issue timely flood alerts to the flood mitigation department, enabling proactive measures to prevent widespread damage to human life and infrastructure. By leveraging computational models for early flood prediction, the FFM serves as a crucial tool in disaster prevention and response efforts, ultimately contributing to saving lives and safeguarding socioeconomic systems from the devastating impacts of floods.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Floods are among the most destructive natural disasters, causing significant loss of life and devastating damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and economies. Despite numerous efforts to develop effective flood forecasting systems, accurately predicting floods before they occur remains a challenging task. The unpredictability of flood events underscores the urgent need for reliable forecasting models that can provide early warnings and enable timely preventive actions. To address this challenge, the Flood Forecasting Model (FFM) has been developed. Drawing upon advancements in deep learning, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, the FFM aims to enhance flood prediction capabilities in multiple rivers, dams and barrages within a selected region. By leveraging historical data on river levels, rainfall patterns, and other relevant factors, the FFM utilizes LSTM networks with logistic activation functions to forecast potential flood events in the short term.

## II. SOFTWARE ANALYSIS

### Hardware Requirements

- Processors : Intel® Core™ i5 processor, 8 GB of Ram
- DRAM Disk space : 320 GB
- Operating systems : Windows® 10

### Software Requirements

- Front End : Python 3.7.4(64-bit) or (32-bit)
- Web Design : HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
- IDE : IDLE,
- Web Framework : Flask 1.1.1
- Back End : MySQL 5.
- Server : Wampserver 2i
- Packages : Tensor Flow, Pandas, Scikit learn, NumPy

## SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION (PYTHON 3.7.4)

Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object-oriented scripting language. Python is designed to be highly readable. It uses English keywords frequently where as other languages use punctuation, and it has fewer syntactical constructions than other languages. Python is a MUST for students and working professionals to become a great Software Engineer specially when they are working in Web Development Domain.

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The biggest strength of Python is huge collection of standard library which can be used for the following:

- Machine Learning
- GUI Applications (like Kivy, Tkinter, PyQt etc. )
- Web frameworks like Django (used by YouTube, Instagram, Dropbox)
- Image processing (like OpenCV, Pillow)
- Web scraping (like Scrapy, BeautifulSoup, Selenium)
- Test frameworks
- Multimedia
- Scientific computing
- Text processing and many more.

### **Tensor Flow**

TensorFlow is an end-to-end open-source platform for machine learning. It has a comprehensive, flexible ecosystem of tools, libraries, and community resources that lets researchers push the state-of-the-art in ML, and gives developers the ability to easily build and deploy ML-powered applications.

### **Keras**

Keras is a deep learning API written in Python, running on top of the machine learning platform TensorFlow. It was developed with a focus on enabling fast experimentation. Supports arbitrary network architectures: multi-input or multi-output models, layer sharing, model sharing, etc. This means that Keras is appropriate for building essentially any deep learning model, from a memory network to a neural Turing machine

### **Pandas**

Pandas is a fast, powerful, flexible and easy to use open source data analysis and manipulation tool, built on top of the Python programming language. pandas is a Python package that provides fast, flexible, and expressive data structures designed to make working with "relational" or "labeled" data both easy and intuitive. It aims to be the fundamental high-level building block for doing practical, real world data analysis in Python.

### **NumPy**

NumPy, which stands for Numerical Python, is a library consisting of multidimensional array objects and a collection of routines for processing those arrays. Using NumPy, mathematical and logical operations on arrays can be performed.

### **Matplotlib**

Matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python. Matplotlib makes easy things easy and hard things possible.

### **Scikit Learn**

scikit-learn is a Python module for machine learning built on top of SciPy and is distributed under the 3-Clause BSD license.

### **Pillow**

Pillow is the friendly PIL fork by Alex Clark and Contributors. PIL is the Python Imaging Library by Fredrik Lundh and Contributors.

### **OpenCV**

OpenCV is an open-source library for the computer vision. It provides the facility to the machine to recognize the faces or objects.

### **MySQL**

MySQL tutorial provides basic and advanced concepts of MySQL. Our MySQL tutorial is designed for beginners and professionals. MySQL is a relational database management system based on the Structured Query Language, which is the popular language for accessing and managing the records in the database.

### **WAMPSEVER**

WAMPServer is a reliable web development software program that lets you create web apps with MYSQL database and PHP Apache2. With an intuitive interface, the application features numerous functionalities and makes it the preferred choice of

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developers from around the world. The software is free to use and doesn't require a payment or subscription. WAMP Server is a reliable web development software program that lets you create web apps with MySQL database and PHP Apache2.

### III. EXISTING SYSTEM

- **Hydrological Models:** These models use historical river discharge data, rainfall records, and other hydrological parameters to simulate the behavior of river systems. They typically rely on empirical relationships and mathematical equations to estimate river flow and predict potential flood events.
- **Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** Remote sensing technologies, such as satellite imagery and aerial photography, provide valuable data for flood forecasting by mapping land cover, detecting changes in river morphology, and monitoring precipitation patterns. GIS tools facilitate the integration and analysis of spatial data for better understanding and prediction of flood hazards.
- **Weather Forecasting:** Weather forecasting plays a crucial role in flood prediction by providing information on upcoming rainfall events, storm patterns, and atmospheric conditions that may influence river levels and flood risk. Meteorological data from weather stations, radar systems, and numerical weather prediction models are utilized in conjunction with hydrological models for more accurate flood forecasting.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM):** SVM algorithms are supervised learning models that analyze data and recognize patterns, typically used for classification and regression tasks. In flood forecasting, SVMs are trained on historical hydrological data to predict river flow or water levels during flood events.
- **Decision Trees and Random Forests:** Decision tree algorithms recursively split the input data into subsets based on feature attributes, enabling the construction of predictive models. Random forests, which consist of multiple decision trees, are particularly effective for flood forecasting due to their ability to handle nonlinear relationships and complex interactions among variables.

### PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system entails the development and implementation of a comprehensive Flood Forecasting Model (FFM) designed to accurately predict floods in multiple rivers and barrages within a specific region.

#### FFM Model Development

- LSTM networks with logistic activation functions will be implemented to capture temporal dependencies and nonlinear relationships in the hydrological data.
- Training of the LSTM model will involve feeding historical time series data into the network and adjusting model parameters to minimize prediction errors.

#### Flood Alert System Integration

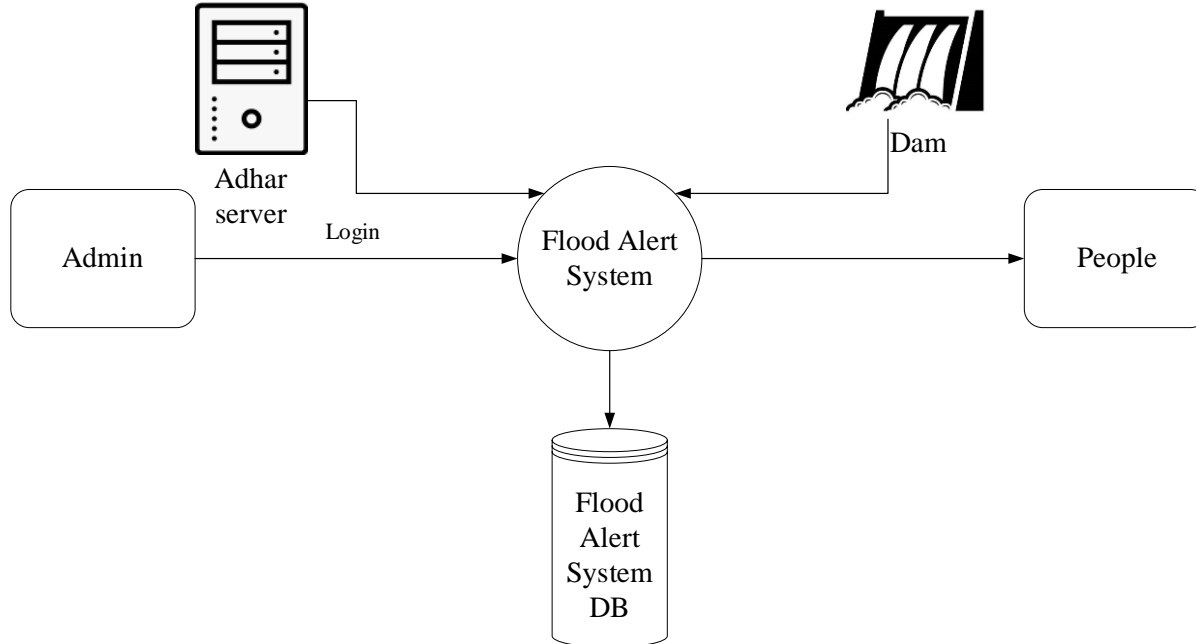
The FFM will be integrated with a flood alert system to issue timely warnings to relevant authorities and communities.

### IV. MODULES

1. Flood Forecaster Web App
2. FFModel: Build and Find
  - 2.1. Import Dataset
  - 2.2. Preprocessing
  - 2.3. Feature Extraction
  - 2.4. Build and Train
  - 2.5. Deploy Model
3. Flood Forecasting
  - 3.1. Input Parameters
  - 3.2. Flood Forecasting
4. Alert Generator
5. System User

- 5.1. Admin
- 5.2. Disaster Department
- 5.3. Emergency Responders

**ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM**



**Fig.1.** System Architecture

**VI. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the "Flood Alert: Web Dashboard for Dam Monitoring and Integrate Aadhar Database for Flood Alert System" is a comprehensive and robust solution that aims to enhance dam monitoring and flood alert capabilities. By integrating a web dashboard with Aadhar database and sensor data, the system provides real-time monitoring of dam water levels, efficient management of dam and employee details, customizable flood messages, and comprehensive reporting functionalities. The project's aim is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of flood alert systems by leveraging technology and data integration. The objectives include developing a user-friendly web dashboard for administrators to login, add and manage dam details, add and manage dam employee details, monitor dam water levels, customize flood messages, and generate reports. The system's scope encompasses the integration of the Aadhar database for seamless access to relevant user information and improved communication during flood situations. The proposed system offers numerous advantages, including improved accuracy and timeliness of flood alerts, enhanced monitoring and management of dam conditions, streamlined administration of dam and employee details, and better utilization of data for decision-making. It addresses the limitations of existing manual and automated flood alert systems, such as human errors, limited data integration, and delayed response times. The system's architecture includes an admin login module, dam and employee management modules, water level updating module, dam monitoring module, warning and flood alert module, reports module, and integration with the Aadhar database.

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