Error Handling & Edge Cases

1. Command-Line Argument Parsing

- **Mandatory Arguments**:
  The cli_handler.py uses argparse to enforce that the --pdf argument is required. If this argument is missing, the parser automatically displays an error message (e.g., “the following arguments are required: --pdf”) and stops execution.

- **Optional Parameters**:
  Options like --max-words and --focus have default values, ensuring the program continues even if the user omits them.

2. PDF Parsing

- **File Existence & Format**:
  In pdf_parser.py, we open the file in binary mode and use PyPDF2 to extract text.
  - **Edge Case**: If the file is not found or isn’t a valid PDF, Python will raise an error that you can catch or let propagate with an informative error message.
  - **Enhancement**: You can add a try/except block around file reading to catch FileNotFoundError or other I/O errors, and then print a user-friendly message (e.g., “The specified PDF file could not be read.”).

3. Section Detection

- **Missing Sections**:
  Our simple detect_sections function creates a dictionary with keys like "AllText", "Education", "Experience", and "Skills".
  - **Edge Case**: If a CV does not include, for example, an Education section, the function returns an empty string for that key.
  - **Handling**: Downstream code (e.g., in the summarizer) can check for empty strings and skip processing that section.

4. LLM API Calls

- **API Errors & No Response**:
  In both the **generate_summary** function and the multi-turn conversation function, we include error handling to catch exceptions and missing responses:
  - **Try/Except Blocks**:
    In the multi-turn chat, if calling palm.generate_message() fails, an exception is caught and printed, and the conversation loop is broken.
  - **Response Validation**:
    After making the API call (whether using generate_text or generate_message), we check:

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if not response or not response.last:
  return "No summary available."
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This ensures that if the API call returns no result, the code gracefully informs the user rather than crashing.

- **Fallbacks**:
  In some cases, you might want to implement a fallback (e.g., switching models if the primary one fails). Our code snippet included an optional try/except block that prints an error message and attempts an alternative model.

5. Multi-Turn Conversation

- **User Exit**:
  In the multi-turn chat, the loop checks for user input "exit" or "quit" to gracefully end the conversation.
- **Validation of LLM Output**:
  Each turn checks if response or response.last exists. If not, a message is printed and the conversation ends.

Summary

By incorporating these error-handling techniques, the project ensures that:

- **Invalid or missing inputs** are caught early (e.g., missing PDF file).
- **API calls** are wrapped in error-catching logic to handle unexpected issues.
- **Edge cases** (like empty sections or missing responses) are handled gracefully, providing clear feedback rather than crashing.
- **User experience** is maintained through informative messages and fallback mechanisms.

These measures not only improve the robustness of your CV Analyzer but also showcase a thoughtful approach to engineering—an aspect that is highly valued in your assignment's grading criteria.

You said:

How does it meet the testing requirements requested in the assignment?

ChatGPT said:

Reasoned for a couple of seconds

Our testing strategy is designed to fully meet the assignment requirements in two ways:

1. **Automated Unit Test(s)**:
   - We created at least one significant unit test (e.g., in test_unit_summarizer.py) that covers multiple scenarios.
   - **Multiple Test Cases**: For example, one test verifies the basic functionality of generating a summary, another checks how the function handles an optional focus area, and yet another ensures that the summary respects the maximum word limit.

   - This demonstrates that our individual modules (like the Summarizer) work correctly even under various input conditions and edge cases.

2. **System-Level Functional Test**:
   - We implemented a system-level test (e.g., in test_system_flow.py) that simulates an end-to-end run of the application—starting from the command-line interface through PDF parsing, summarization, and final output.
   - This test uses a subprocess call to execute the main script with a sample PDF, then checks that the output includes key elements (such as the summary header) and that the process completes within an acceptable time frame.
   - This verifies that the entire pipeline works as expected when integrated, not just individual components.

By combining these unit and system tests, we ensure robust coverage of both internal logic and overall application behavior. This approach satisfies the assignment’s testing requirements by:

- **Confirming individual module functionality** through detailed unit tests.
- **Validating end-to-end functionality** with a complete system-level test.

In addition, documenting these tests (both inline in the code and with links in the README) further demonstrates our thorough testing strategy and meets the assignment's criteria for testing.