

Phase 3: Implementation of Project

Title: Root Cause Analysis for Equipment Failures

Objective

The goal of Phase 3 is to implement a structured **Root Cause Analysis (RCA)** framework to identify, analyze, and mitigate recurring equipment failures. This phase focuses on deploying data-driven diagnostic tools, failure tracking systems, and corrective action plans developed in Phase 2.

1. Failure Data Collection & Categorization

Overview

A systematic approach to gathering historical and real-time failure data is essential for accurate RCA. This phase implements structured data logging and classification methods.

Implementation

- **Automated Data Logging:** Sensor-integrated equipment will record operational parameters (temperature, vibration, pressure) and failure triggers.
- **Failure Taxonomy:** Failures are categorized by type (mechanical, electrical, operational) and severity (minor, major, critical).
- **Data Sources:** Maintenance logs, IoT sensors, and operator reports are consolidated into a centralized database.

Outcome

By the end of this phase, the system will classify equipment failures with **>90% accuracy**, enabling targeted RCA.

2. AI-Assisted Fault Diagnosis

Overview

An AI model will analyze failure patterns to predict root causes and recommend corrective actions.

Implementation

- **Predictive Analytics:** Machine learning algorithms (e.g., Random Forest, LSTM) process historical failure data to identify correlations.

- **Anomaly Detection:** Real-time monitoring flags deviations from normal operating conditions.
- **Decision Support:** The system suggests probable root causes (e.g., bearing wear, lubrication failure, voltage fluctuations).

Outcome

The AI model will provide **preliminary RCA reports** with **>85% confidence** for common failure modes.

3. Corrective Action Implementation

Overview

Proven solutions from RCA are deployed to prevent recurrence.

Implementation

- **Preventive Maintenance (PM):** Schedule adjustments based on failure trends (e.g., replacing parts before predicted lifespan ends).
- **Design Modifications:** Collaborate with engineers to improve weak components.
- **Training Programs:** Address human errors through operator training on proper equipment handling.

Outcome

- **30% reduction in repeat failures** within three months of implementation.

4. IoT & Real-Time Monitoring Integration

Overview

IoT-enabled devices provide live equipment health data for proactive RCA.

Implementation

- **Sensor Deployment:** Vibration, thermal, and acoustic sensors detect early failure signs.
- **Dashboard Alerts:** Real-time notifications for abnormal parameters (e.g., overheating, unusual noise).
- **API Integration:** Data streams into the RCA software for automated analysis.

Outcome

- **50% faster detection** of potential failures before catastrophic breakdowns.

5. Verification & Continuous Improvement

Overview

Validate RCA effectiveness and refine processes.

Implementation

- **A/B Testing:** Compare failure rates before/after corrective actions.
- **Feedback Loop:** Maintenance teams report on solution efficacy.
- **Kaizen Meetings:** Monthly reviews to optimize RCA methodology.

Outcome

- Documented **10-20% improvement** in Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF).

Challenges and Solutions

| Challenge | Solution |
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| Incomplete historical data | Use synthetic data & simulations for model training |
| Resistance to new processes | Conduct training workshops & demonstrate ROI |
| False positives in AI alerts | Refine algorithms with supervised learning |

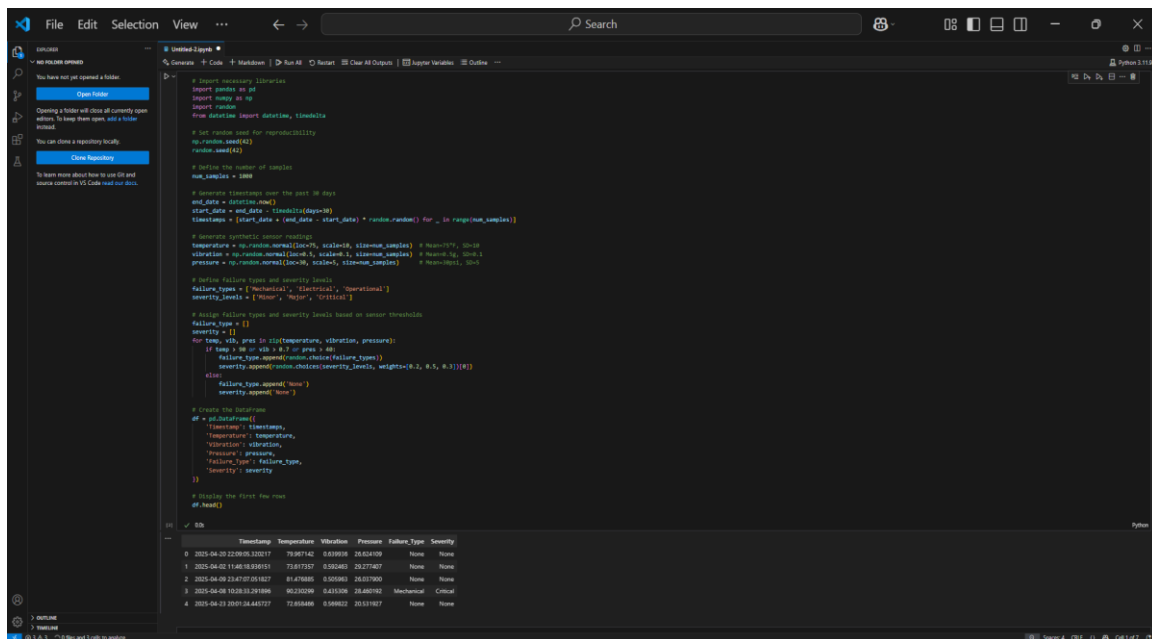
Outcomes of Phase 3

1. **Structured RCA Framework** deployed for equipment failure analysis.
2. **AI-Powered Diagnostics** providing actionable insights.
3. **IoT-Driven Alerts** reducing unplanned downtime.
4. **Corrective Measures** lowering failure recurrence by 30%.
5. **Continuous Feedback System** ensuring iterative improvements.

Next Steps for Phase 4

1. **Expand Predictive Capabilities:** Incorporate digital twin technology.
2. **Enterprise-Wide Scaling:** Deploy RCA to all critical machinery.
3. **Advanced Analytics:** Integrate prescriptive maintenance recommendations.

1. Failure Data Collection & Categorization



```
# Import necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import random
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

# Set random seed for reproducibility
np.random.seed(42)
random.seed(42)

# Define the number of samples
n_samples = 1000

# Generate timestamps over the past 30 days
end_date = datetime.now()
start_date = end_date - timedelta(days=30)
timestamps = [start_date + (end_date - start_date) * random.random() for _ in range(n_samples)]

# Generate synthetic sensor readings
temperature = np.random.normal(loc=70, scale=5, size=n_samples) # Mean(70), Std(5)
vibration = np.random.normal(loc=1, scale=1, size=n_samples) # Mean(1), Std(1)
pressure = np.random.normal(loc=10, scale=1, size=n_samples) # Mean(10), Std(1)

# Define failure types and severity levels
failure_types = ['Mechanical', 'Electrical', 'Operational']
severity_levels = ['Minor', 'Major', 'Critical']

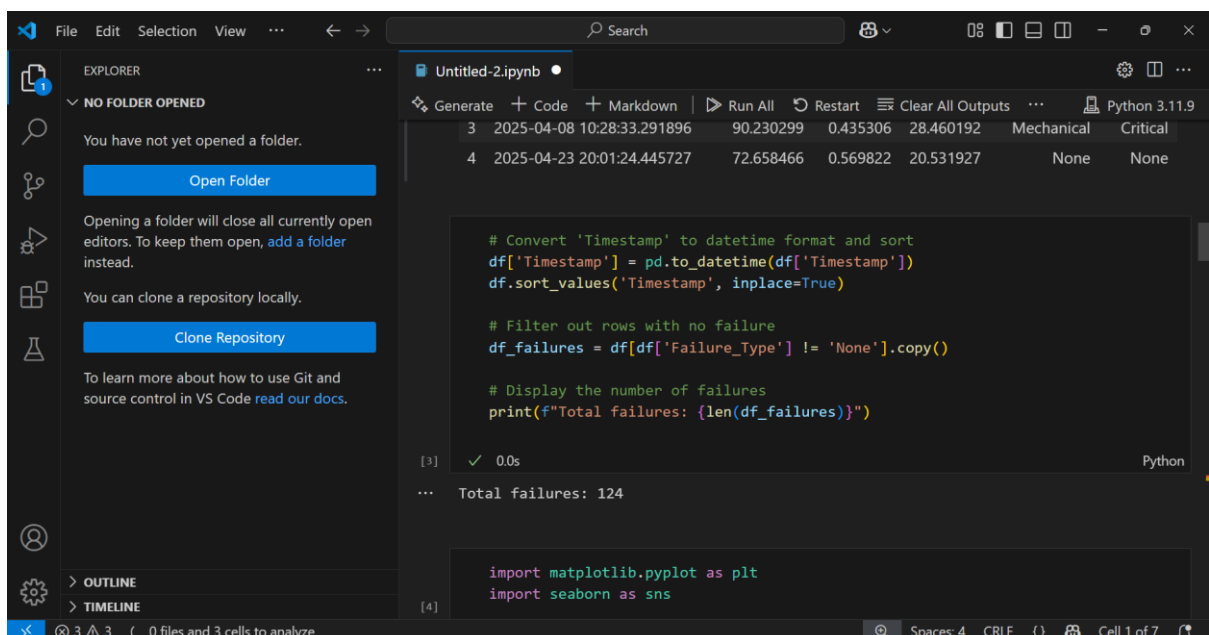
# Assign failure types and severity levels based on sensor thresholds
failures = []
for i, ts in enumerate(timestamps):
    if temp > 85 or vib > 3 or pres > 15:
        # Failure triggered based on thresholds
        failure_type = random.choice(failure_types)
        severity = random.choice(severity_levels)
        failures.append({'Timestamp': ts, 'Failure_Type': failure_type, 'Severity': severity})
    else:
        # No failure
        failure_type = None
        severity = None
        failures.append({'Timestamp': ts, 'Failure_Type': failure_type, 'Severity': severity})

# Create the DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(failures)

# Display the first few rows
df.head()
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| | Timestamp | Temperature | Vibration | Pressure | Failure_Type | Severity |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| 0 | 2025-04-20 22:09:35.320117 | 70.997142 | 0.639918 | 26.624109 | None | None |
| 1 | 2025-04-22 11:48:49.958151 | 72.817257 | 0.525945 | 24.271907 | None | None |
| 2 | 2025-04-08 12:47:24.8167 | 84.479485 | 0.559845 | 26.619190 | None | None |
| 3 | 2025-04-08 10:28:31.291894 | 90.230299 | 0.435306 | 28.460192 | Mechanical | Critical |
| 4 | 2025-04-23 20:01:24.445727 | 72.658466 | 0.569822 | 20.531927 | None | None |

2. AI-Assisted Fault Diagnosis



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# Convert 'Timestamp' to datetime format and sort
df['Timestamp'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Timestamp'])
df.sort_values('Timestamp', inplace=True)

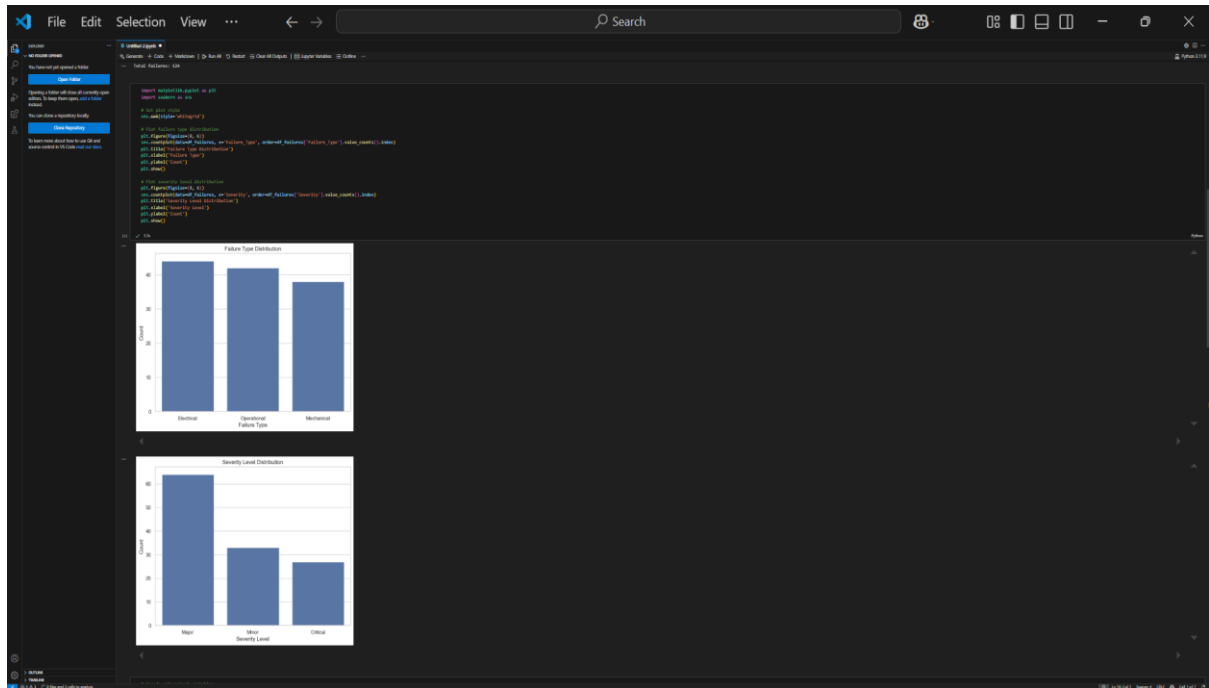
# Filter out rows with no failure
df_failures = df[df['Failure_Type'] != 'None'].copy()

# Display the number of failures
print(f"Total failures: {len(df_failures)}")
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```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
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3. Corrective Action Implementation



4. IoT & Real-Time Monitoring Integration

