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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BASED CODE REFACTORING

ABSTRACT

Maintaining and upgrading legacy codebases is a significant challenge in software development, often requiring extensive manual effort to improve readability, performance, and maintainability. The AI-Powered Codebase Refactorer is an advanced tool designed to automate this process by leveraging Large Language Models (LLMs) and machine learning techniques. It takes outdated or poorly structured code (e.g., legacy Java or Python projects) and transforms it into a modern, efficient, and well- documented version.

The AI analyzes coding patterns, identifies inefficiencies, and applies best practices such as modularization, optimization of redundant code, and implementation of design patterns. Additionally, the refactored code includes comprehensive inline documentation and external API documentation, making it easier for developers to understand and maintain. Beyond basic syntax improvements, this tool also integrates static analysis and automated testing mechanisms to ensure functional correctness while refactoring.

The system supports multiple programming paradigms and can adapt its refactoring approach based on the specific domain of the application (e.g., web development, data processing, or system programming). By significantly reducing manual intervention in legacy code maintenance, the AI-Powered Codebase Refactorer enhances software longevity, reduces technical debt, and accelerates the modernization of critical applications in enterprises.

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In the software development life cycle, code refactoring plays a pivotal role in improving code quality, ensuring long-term maintainability, and reducing technical debt. Despite its importance, refactoring is often neglected due to its complexity, time consumption, and the risk of introducing new bugs. Most developers rely on their own experience or limited IDE-based tools, which primarily perform syntactic-level changes without fully understanding the underlying code structure or semantics.

In recent years, the growth of **artificial intelligence (AI)** and **machine learning (ML)** has opened new possibilities for automating various software engineering tasks—including code analysis, generation, and transformation. Tools trained on large datasets of open-source code can now learn to recognize patterns, detect anomalies, and even suggest improvements. This evolution marks a shift from traditional rule-based programming to **data-driven intelligent automation**.

The idea for this project stems from the limitations of current refactoring tools. While platforms like IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, and Visual Studio support basic operations such as variable renaming, method extraction, and code formatting, they fall short in identifying deeper issues like complex code smells, redundant logic, and poor design choices. These tools also lack adaptability and fail to generalize well across different codebases and programming styles.

To address these gaps, this project proposes a novel solution: an **AI-based code refactoring system** that leverages ML and **natural language processing (NLP)** to understand and transform code intelligently. By training models on extensive repositories of high-quality code, the system learns to identify suboptimal code segments and apply context-aware refactoring operations that preserve functionality while enhancing structure and readability.

This approach not only minimizes the manual effort involved in refactoring but also reduces human error, speeds up development, and promotes the adoption of best practices. The integration of AI into this domain represents a significant step toward the future of **intelligent software development**, where tools can act as smart assistants to

programmers—offering suggestions, performing optimizations, and maintaining code quality automatically.

This project was undertaken as a part of the final-year major project for students in the Department of Data Science at ACE Engineering College, under the guidance of faculty experts. It aims to contribute to the evolving intersection of artificial intelligence and software engineering, with practical applications in real-world development environments.

1.2 Objectives

The main objective of this project is to simplify and improve the process of code refactoring using artificial intelligence. Refactoring, while essential for clean and maintainable code, is often a tedious and error-prone task when done manually. By leveraging machine learning and natural language processing, this project aims to build a smart system that can automatically detect poorly written or redundant code and suggest meaningful improvements—like renaming variables, simplifying methods, and removing unnecessary logic—while ensuring the program's original behaviour remains unchanged.

Another major goal is to make this tool accessible and adaptable for real-world development environments. The system is designed to support multiple programming languages, including Python and Java, and provide developers with a clean, intuitive interface to view, review, and apply changes. It will also offer a REST API, allowing integration into existing development tools and workflows such as IDEs and CI/CD pipelines. This flexibility ensures that the tool can be used effectively by both individual developers and teams working on larger projects.

Finally, the project aims to ensure that the system performs reliably and efficiently, even on larger codebases. Built with scalability and speed in mind, the tool will include semantic checks and test validations to maintain code functionality after refactoring. It will also be evaluated using real-world datasets and industry-standard metrics to measure improvements in code quality, readability, and maintainability. Ultimately, this AI-powered approach is designed to assist developers in writing cleaner, smarter, and more professional code with less effort.

1.3 Project Type

This project focuses on applying artificial intelligence to solve real-world challenges in software development—specifically, making the process of code refactoring smarter and more efficient. Refactoring is essential for keeping code clean and maintainable, but it's often a tedious and time-consuming task. By combining AI with practical development tools, this system aims to make that process faster, easier, and more reliable.

It brings together key areas like machine learning, natural language processing, and software architecture to build a functional tool that understands code and suggests meaningful improvements. The project fits into categories such as AI and machine learning applications, code optimization, automation, and cross-platform developer support tools.

At its core, the system is designed to be both intelligent and practical—helping developers clean up their code without the usual hassle, and supporting them with smart, context-aware suggestions that actually make a difference in day-to-day development.

Moreover, this AI-powered refactoring tool is designed with adaptability in mind. It not only understands various programming languages and coding patterns but also learns from user feedback to refine its recommendations over time. This continuous learning loop ensures that the tool remains relevant across different projects, development styles, and evolving codebases. Whether it's renaming variables, restructuring functions, or identifying code smells, the system provides actionable insights that align with best practices while respecting the unique context of each software project.

In addition, the integration of natural language processing allows the system to interpret code comments, documentation, and developer notes to further inform its suggestions. This makes it especially valuable in collaborative environments where clarity and maintainability are crucial. By bridging the gap between human-readable language and machine-level understanding, the tool not only automates tedious refactoring tasks but also enhances team productivity and communication. As a result, developers can focus more on innovation and problem-solving, while the AI handles the heavy lifting of keeping code clean and efficient.

1.4 Scope of Project

1. Smart Code Refactoring:

This system excels at identifying disorganized, redundant, or overly complex parts of the code and improving them systematically. Using a deep understanding of software design principles, it can restructure tangled code into clear, modular, and maintainable components. It detects issues such as long methods, duplicated logic, deeply nested structures, and outdated syntax, and automatically refactors them into cleaner alternatives. The tool doesn't just apply generic transformations—it adapts to the code's logic and patterns to ensure that improvements are meaningful. Developers benefit from increased clarity and consistency, making onboarding, debugging, and extending functionality significantly easier.

2. AI-Driven Suggestions:

Going beyond static rules, this feature leverages advanced AI models trained on large, diverse codebases to mimic how a seasoned developer would analyze code. It understands programming semantics, naming conventions, control flows, and even documentation to offer high-quality suggestions. For instance, it may recommend splitting a long method into smaller ones, replacing nested if-else blocks with pattern matching (where available), or suggest concise alternatives for verbose logic. It also learns from user corrections and preferences, tailoring future suggestions to individual coding styles or organizational standards. This intelligent assistance reduces manual effort and enables more consistent code quality across teams.

3. Support for Popular Language:

To ensure immediate relevance, the system offers initial support for Python and Java—two of the most widely used programming languages in industry and academia. Python’s dynamic nature and Java’s object-oriented structure provide diverse scenarios for testing the tool’s versatility. By supporting these languages, the tool can be applied to a range of projects such as automation scripts, backend services, data analysis pipelines, and enterprise software. Built with a modular architecture, the tool can easily incorporate additional language parsers and refactoring rules, paving the way for future compatibility with languages like JavaScript, C++, and TypeScript depending on community and industry needs.

4. Handles small to large Project:

Scalability is a core capability of this system. Whether dealing with a single script written by one developer or a large, modular codebase created by a team over several years, the tool adapts its analysis and refactoring strategies accordingly. For smaller projects, it ensures fast turnarounds and instant improvements. For larger systems, it intelligently partitions the codebase, processes modules in parallel when possible, and integrates with existing CI/CD pipelines to ensure seamless usage. Its architecture ensures low memory footprint and optimized performance, making it reliable even in resource-constrained environments or during continuous integration cycles..

5. Keeps Functionality Intact:

Preserving the behavior of the software is critical, and this tool is built with safeguards to ensure zero functional regression. Every refactoring action is backed by static code analysis, control flow verification, and where available, integration with existing unit or integration tests. The tool runs automated validation checks post-refactoring to compare input-output behavior, check for exceptions, and verify logical consistency. This allows teams to confidently apply automated refactoring at scale without risking bugs or breaking user-facing features. Additionally, the system maintains a change log and supports undoing transformations, providing transparency and control to developers at every step.

1.5 Technologies Used

1. Core Technologies:

At the core of this AI-driven code refactoring system is Python 3.8+, selected for its readability, rich ecosystem, and compatibility with cutting-edge machine learning libraries. Python serves as both the scripting layer and integration layer, connecting the frontend, backend, and AI components. For machine learning, **TensorFlow** and **PyTorch** are leveraged to build deep learning models capable of recognizing complex coding patterns and making intelligent transformation decisions. **Scikit-learn** complements these by handling traditional machine learning tasks such as classification and clustering, which assist in recognizing code smells, duplicate blocks, or legacy structures. Together,

these tools form a powerful AI pipeline that drives the automated analysis and refactoring process.

2. Web Development:

The application is architected as a full-stack web system to ensure accessibility and usability across various platforms. Flask and FastAPI are utilized for backend development due to their speed, simplicity, and strong community support. FastAPI, in particular, supports asynchronous operations, which is ideal for handling concurrent user requests during code analysis. On the frontend, Next.js offers a modern React-based framework with server-side rendering (SSR), improving load times and SEO performance. Node.js operates as the runtime environment for handling real-time backend logic, web socket connections, and build processes. This modern web development stack ensures that the platform delivers a responsive, smooth, and highly interactive experience to its users.

3. Code Analysis & Processing:

A key innovation of the system lies in its hybrid approach to code understanding. It begins with Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) parsing, allowing the system to break down source code into a tree of syntactic elements (like functions, loops, and variables), which is crucial for safe structural refactoring. For deeper insight, Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) model the relationships between code components, capturing how different parts of the code interact. This is particularly effective for understanding dependencies and call hierarchies. Additionally, Transformer-based models—inspired by architectures like BERT and CodeBERT—are employed to grasp the semantic meaning behind code snippets, comments, and even natural language documentation. This combination allows the tool to provide highly contextual, accurate, and meaningful refactoring suggestions.

4. Development Tools:

To support developers in different environments, the platform integrates seamlessly with widely used **Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)** such as **Visual Studio Code**, **PyCharm**, and **IntelliJ IDEA**. These editors are favored by professionals for their extensibility, debugging tools, and plugin ecosystems. Integration with Git ensures version control is fully supported, enabling team collaboration, branch management, and rollback capabilities. This toolset is essential for maintaining an

efficient development lifecycle, from writing and testing code to pushing safe and clean commits into production environments.

IDEs/Editors:

Visual Studio Code (VS Code) – Lightweight, fast, and highly customizable.

PyCharm – Ideal for Python developers with strong debugging and testing tools.

IntelliJ IDEA – A powerful Java IDE with extensive refactoring support.

5. Additional Libraries/Tools:

To enforce code quality and maintain consistency across different development teams, the system incorporates several auxiliary tools. **Prettier** is used for automatic code formatting across languages like JavaScript, ensuring uniform style rules such as indentation, spacing, and semicolon usage. **ESLint** performs static code analysis to catch common coding issues and enforce team-specific style guides. **Babel** functions as a JavaScript compiler that transforms ES6+ code into a backwards-compatible version, ensuring cross-browser compatibility. Together, these tools form an automated pipeline that maintains code cleanliness, reduces syntax errors, and enforces best practices post-refactoring.

6. Infrastructure:

Designed with scalability and flexibility in mind, the system runs as a web-based SaaS platform, making it accessible through any modern browser without installation. It uses a RESTful API architecture, enabling external tools and platforms to integrate easily—whether it's a plugin for an IDE or a CI/CD pipeline tool like Jenkins or GitHub Actions. The modular service-oriented backend allows for scaling individual components independently, such as the AI engine or code validation engine, depending on system load. This makes the tool suitable for both small teams and enterprise-scale deployments.

7. Hardware:

The computational demands of machine learning and large-scale code analysis require a robust hardware setup. While basic usage (like lightweight refactoring tasks) can be handled on standard machines, optimal performance—especially during model training and deep semantic analysis—requires an NVIDIA GPU with CUDA support. This

accelerates the training and inference of deep learning models. A system equipped with at least an Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 processor**,** 8GB of RAM, and SSD storage is recommended for a smooth user experience. For enterprise users or heavy workloads, scaling to higher memory (16GB+) and GPUs with Tensor cores (like the RTX 30 series) significantly enhances performance.

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2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Several studies have been conducted on the modernization of legacy systems using artificial intelligence and automated refactoring techniques. The following key research works provide valuable insights into the field:

2.1 Static Code Analysis for Legacy System Modernization:

Static code analysis involves examining code without executing it to detect potential errors, vulnerabilities, and areas of improvement. In the context of legacy systems, static analysis helps identify *code smells*, *anti-patterns*, *unused variables*, *duplicate code*, and *complex functions* that make maintenance difficult. Tools like SonarQube, ESLint, PMD, and FindBugs have become industry standards for such analysis. These tools also provide *technical debt estimations*, allowing teams to prioritize refactoring tasks. Advanced static analysis techniques can incorporate AI to learn from past refactoring decisions, improving the recommendation quality over time.

2.2 AI-Assisted Code Refactoring:

AI-assisted refactoring utilizes machine learning—particularly deep learning—to automate the restructuring of source code without altering its external behavior. Transformer-based models like CodeBERT, GraphCodeBERT, and GPT-style code models can understand code structure, context, and syntax. These models have been trained on vast code repositories and are capable of suggesting context-aware refactoring actions such as:

- Renaming ambiguous variables and functions
- Extracting and modularizing large functions
- Replacing inefficient loops or algorithms with optimized alternatives

Moreover, reinforcement learning techniques are being explored to optimize refactoring sequences based on reward functions such as reduced cyclomatic complexity or increased code clarity.

2.3 Natural Language Processing (NLP) for Code Documentation:

AI and NLP have greatly enhanced automated documentation generation. NLP models can process the semantics of code and generate concise, human-readable descriptions for classes, functions, and parameters. These systems extract insights from:

- Function names and signatures
- Inline comments
- Variable naming conventions Advanced tools like DocFormer, CodeT5, and Naturalize automatically generate summaries or docstrings. This not only assists new developers in understanding legacy code but also ensures that documentation stays updated with code evolution. Such automated documentation significantly reduces the onboarding time for teams maintaining outdated systems.

2.4 Performance Optimization through AI:

AI has been integrated into performance profiling to pinpoint bottlenecks and recommend optimizations. Tools enhanced with AI, like Intel VTune Profiler, PyTorch Profiler, and DeepCode, analyze:

- CPU and GPU utilization
- Memory consumption
- Thread and process behaviour Machine learning models can learn from system telemetry and predict which code segments are likely to cause latency or excessive resource usage. Techniques like code hot path analysis and AI-based loop unrolling or parallelization suggestions have proven effective in improving performance without manual intervention. This is particularly valuable in resource-constrained legacy systems.

2.5 Scalability and Modularization Techniques

AI techniques are used to analyze dependency graphs of monolithic legacy applications, identifying tightly coupled modules that can be split into independent services. Dependency analysis tools use graph theory and clustering algorithms (e.g., spectral clustering) to propose microservice candidates. Once identified, the AI system can:

- Suggest boundaries for microservices
- Recommend API endpoints
- Automate service extraction processes Frameworks like Monolith-to-Microservices using AI **(**M2M-AI**)** and RefactoringMiner help in understanding system boundaries and restructuring codebases to support cloud-native deployment, containerization (Docker/Kubernetes), and CI/CD pipelines.

AI-powered refactoring tools are revolutionizing software modernization by automating code analysis, restructuring, and optimization. These tools leverage machine learning to identify patterns, detect inefficiencies, and suggest improvements, reducing technical debt and enhancing maintainability. By refactoring redundant code, resolving code smells, and improving modularity, AI accelerates software development while ensuring long-term system performance. Integrating AI with software engineering practices enables seamless legacy system transitions through automated code migration, intelligent bug detection, and predictive maintenance. Advances in NLP and deep learning enhance AI's ability to understand and refactor code contextually, driving innovative solutions that improve productivity, reliability, and security in software development.

2.6 Existing System

- **Manual/Semi-Automated Refactoring:**

Traditional refactoring tools embedded within IDEs like IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, or Visual Studio have been a staple for many developers. These tools excel at automating mechanical refactoring operations—renaming symbols, extracting methods, inlining variables, or formatting code according to predefined rules. However, they fundamentally operate on a shallow understanding of the code structure, not its semantics. They don't recognize intent, business logic, or the interdependencies that span across files and modules. When dealing with legacy systems, where code may be poorly documented, inconsistent, or tightly coupled, these tools become nearly unusable beyond the most basic tasks. The result is a significant manual burden on developers, who must still sift through complex logic to decide what should be refactored and how. This leads to fatigue, longer development cycles, and the risk of introducing errors during manual changes.

- **Rule-Based Transformations:**

Rule-based systems operate on a set of static instructions or linting rules defined in configuration files or toolkits (like ESLint, Checkstyle, or SonarQube). While they enforce coding standards and can flag obvious violations—such as unused variables or deprecated functions—they lack the ability to think beyond surface-level patterns. These tools cannot infer developer intentions, business rules embedded in code, or architectural flaws that span across modules or layers. For example, they may suggest replacing a for loop with a more idiomatic map() function in JavaScript but will not identify that the entire block of code could be redundant or optimized through a different design pattern altogether. This limitation means that while rule-based systems help with code hygiene, they rarely contribute to substantial architectural or performance improvements. They are essentially static analyzers, not intelligent collaborators.

- **Limited Adaptability:**

The inflexibility of conventional tools becomes a critical bottleneck as codebases scale or become more complex. These tools do not evolve over time, nor do they take feedback into account. Their suggestions remain the same regardless of the context—whether you're editing a data pipeline, a web controller, or a machine learning model script. They don't learn from the way your team prefers to write or structure code, which can lead to repetitive or irrelevant recommendations. Moreover, they cannot adapt to different coding patterns, frameworks, or internal APIs unique to your organization. As projects grow, the cost of this rigidity increases—developers are forced to manually make context-sensitive decisions, while the tools continue to operate with blinders on. In contrast, an AI-powered system could learn from past refactorings, infer best practices from code reviews, and tailor suggestions to the specific project and team.

- **Inconsistent Code Quality:**

Code consistency is vital for large teams and long-term maintainability. Traditional refactoring tools often operate at a local scope—making decisions about a single file or function—without understanding the impact those decisions might have on the broader codebase. This piecemeal approach can introduce inconsistencies, such as different naming conventions, uneven abstraction levels, or partially implemented patterns. In some cases, it might even lead to regressions if dependencies or side effects are not

considered. Additionally, when different developers apply these tools with varying levels of skill or discipline, the codebase can become fragmented and disjointed. This undermines team efficiency, increases onboarding time for new developers, and raises the risk of bugs. Without centralized intelligence or a global view of the project, traditional tools struggle to ensure coherent and high-quality code refactoring across the board.

2.7 Proposed System

- **AI-Driven Automation:**

Modern AI-powered tools go far beyond traditional refactoring. They use advanced machine learning techniques like **transformer models** (think GPT-style models) and **graph neural networks** to truly understand your code. This isn't just about finding a messy variable name—it's about recognizing patterns, understanding structure, and identifying areas where your code could be cleaner, faster, or easier to maintain. These tools can spot redundancy, suggest better naming conventions, simplify complex logic, and even refactor entire blocks of code—all automatically, and with surprising accuracy.

- **Semantic Understanding:**

Unlike basic tools that only look at code line by line, AI tools dig deeper. They analyze the **Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)** of your code, which is like a blueprint showing how your program is structured. By doing this, they can catch more serious issues like poor architecture, tightly coupled code, or functions that do too much (a common code smell). Plus, because they're trained on large datasets from real-world codebases, they learn what good code looks like and can suggest smarter, context-aware changes—not just surface-level fixes.

- **Multi-Language Support:**

AI refactoring tools are designed to work across multiple languages, so whether you're coding in Python**,** Java**,** JavaScript**, C++**, or others, they've got you covered. They're built to understand the nuances and best practices of each language. Many of these tools also integrate directly into the development environments you already use—whether that's through plugins for IDEs or through REST APIs for more customized setups—so they fit smoothly into your workflow without slowing you down.

- **Intelligent Features:**

One of the best things about AI-based tools is how thoughtful they are with your code. They don't just suggest changes blindly. Instead, they:

- Preserve your code's original behaviour, so you don't have to worry about breaking things
- Improve readability and structure, making your code easier to understand and maintain
- Give you previews of the refactored version so you can see exactly what's changing before committing anything

This level of control builds trust and ensures developers stay in charge of the process.

- **Scalability & Performance:**

These tools are built for the real world—they're designed to handle large codebases, complex projects, and even multiple users at once without breaking a sweat. Under the hood, they're often evaluated using metrics like Cyclomatic Complexity, which measures how tangled your code logic is, and the Maintainability Index, which reflects how easy the code is to modify. This means they're not just helpful in small projects—they scale well for enterprise environments too.

- **User-Friendly Interface:**

You don't need to be an AI expert to use these tools. Most come with simple web-based dashboards or integrate directly into your IDE, offering features like:

- One-click refactoring
- Refactoring history and rollback
- Side-by-side code comparisons For more technical teams, REST APIs allow you to plug these tools into your own systems or CI/CD pipelines, making the integration smooth and flexible for all kinds of workflows.

- **Advantages of AI-Powered Code Refactoring Tools:**

1 Deep Code Understanding

AI models analyze not just syntax but semantics—understanding code logic, patterns, and structure far better than traditional tools.

2 Context-Aware Suggestions

Instead of rule-based corrections, these tools make intelligent recommendations tailored to the specific context of your project.

3 Multi-Language Support

Many AI refactoring platforms support a wide range of languages (Python, Java, JS, etc.), reducing the need for different tools per language.

4 Automatic Cleanup at Scale

They can process and refactor large codebases quickly, helping teams modernize legacy systems or clean up tech debt efficiently.

5 Code Quality Metrics Integration

Metrics like Cyclomatic Complexity or Maintainability Index are used to guide suggestions, ensuring measurable improvements in code health.

6 IDE and CI/CD Integration

These tools often integrate directly into common developer workflows (IDEs or pipelines), offering seamless adoption and usability.

7 Behavior Preservation

They maintain the original functionality of the code during refactoring, often using built-in test validation or static analysis.

8 Improved Team Consistency

By enforcing consistent coding practices through intelligent suggestions, they help reduce codebase fragmentation across teams.

9 Rollback and History Tracking

Features like change previews, undo functionality, and change history help developers stay in control and reduce risk.

10 Saves Time and Reduces Human Error

Reduces the need for tedious, manual refactoring and helps prevent mistakes introduced by developers during restructuring.

- **Disadvantages of AI-Powered Code Refactoring Tools:**

1. Model Misunderstanding

   Despite their sophistication, AI models can misinterpret code logic, especially in edge cases, leading to incorrect suggestions.
2. Dependency on Training Data

   These tools rely heavily on the datasets they were trained on. If training data is biased or lacks diversity, suggestions may be suboptimal.
3. Limited Domain Knowledge

   AI might not understand project-specific business rules or domain constraints unless explicitly trained or configured for them.
4. Performance Bottlenecks

   Large-scale analysis and transformation can consume significant resources (especially GPU and memory), affecting performance in some environments.
5. Steep Initial Setup

   Integrating the tool into an existing workflow, especially for large teams or CI/CD systems, may require time and technical know-how.
6. False Positives/Negatives

   Tools might either flag non-issues as needing refactoring or fail to identify deeper architectural problems that aren't obvious in the code.
7. Limited Customization

   Out-of-the-box models may not align with all coding styles or internal team guidelines unless fine-tuned, which is often complex.
8. Security & Privacy Concerns

   Cloud-based AI tools may raise data privacy concerns if source code is uploaded to third-party servers without sufficient safeguards.
9. Tool Lock-in

   Developers may become reliant on a specific tool’s suggestions, reducing their own engagement or learning in code quality improvement.
10. Not a Silver Bullet

    These tools can’t replace human insight, especially for high-level architectural decisions or nuanced team-specific conventions.

3. REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS

3.1 Software Requirements:

The Software Requirements Specification for the project includes the following components:

1. Operating Systems

- Windows 10/11 (Most developers use this)
- Linux (Ubuntu 20.04+) (Great for servers and stability)
- macOS (For developers on MacBooks)

2. Languages & Frameworks

- Python 3.8+ (The main language—great for AI and backend work)
- JavaScript/TypeScript (If we build a web interface)
- Flask/Fast API (To create the API that handles refactoring requests)
- Next.js/React (For a smooth, user-friendly dashboard if needed)

3. AI & Machine Learning Tools

- TensorFlow/PyTorch (To train models that understand code patterns)
- Hugging Face Transformers (For smart code analysis, like how ChatGPT understands text)
- Tree-sitter (Helps break down code into structured parts for analysis)

4. Development Tools

- VS Code (Lightweight and powerful, with great extensions)
- PyCharm (If we need deeper Python debugging)
- Git & GitHub (To track changes and collaborate easily)

These requirements ensure that the project can be implemented effectively with the necessary tools for data analysis, machine learning, and visualization.

3.2 Hardware Requirements:

The Hardware Requirements Specification for the project includes the following components:

1. Processor

- **Intel Core i5 (10th Gen+)**

Ensures smooth operation for:

- Running IDEs (VS Code, PyCharm) with AI plugins.
- Real-time code analysis and refactoring tasks.
- Handling lightweight ML model inference (e.g., code smell detection).

2. RAM

- **Minimum 6GB of RAM**

Support:

- Simultaneous operation of IDEs, Docker containers, and browser tabs.
- Small-to-medium ML models (e.g., scikit-learn, tiny neural nets).

3. Storage

- **256GB SSD**

For:

- OS, Python/Node.js environments, and development tools (~50GB).
- Storing codebases and refactoring datasets (~50–100GB).

3.3 Functional Requirements:

1. Code Refactoring Capabilities

- Code Input & Language Detection

The system is designed to accept source code written in various programming languages, including Python, Java, and JavaScript. It features built-in language detection, which means users don't have to manually specify the language—they can simply paste their code, and the system will automatically identify the language. This

ensures the subsequent analysis and suggestions are tailored to the specific syntax and semantics of the detected language.

- Code Smell Detection

  Once the code is submitted, the system scans it for common *code smells*—patterns that suggest the code might need improvement. These include issues like duplicate or redundant code blocks, overly long methods or functions that hurt readability, poorly named variables or methods that reduce clarity, and complex or deeply nested conditionals that make logic hard to follow. By identifying these areas, the system highlights the spots where refactoring can significantly boost code quality.

- Automated Refactoring Suggestions

  Based on the detected issues, the system provides intelligent, context-aware refactoring recommendations. These suggestions go beyond simple formatting—they're semantically aware. For instance, it can recommend more meaningful names for variables or methods based on their purpose, suggest splitting up large methods into smaller, more manageable ones (method extraction), remove dead or unused code to reduce clutter, and simplify complex conditionals to enhance logical flow. These refactoring actions not only improve readability but also support maintainability and long-term code health.

2. Behaviour Preservation

To ensure that refactored code maintains identical functionality to the original, it is crucial to validate the refactor through automated test execution if existing tests are available. In the absence of tests, AST differencing can be employed to verify structural and logical equivalence between the original and refactored code.

3. User Interaction & Control

The user interaction process should include a Preview & Approval Workflow that shows a side-by-side diff of changes before applying, allowing the user to selectively accept or reject suggestions. Additionally, the system should support manual overrides, enabling users to edit suggestions directly. There should also be customization options where users can define refactoring aggressiveness, ranging from conservative to deep changes, and set preferred naming conventions, such as camelCase or snake case.

4. Integration Capabilities

Refactoring tools should be integrated into popular IDEs and editors like VS Code, IntelliJ, and PyCharm, offering real-time suggestions as users code. Furthermore, there should be support for CI/CD pipeline integration with a CLI tool that facilitates automated refactoring in build pipelines and Git hooks that suggest refactors before commit.

5. Reporting & Analytics

Refactoring should be accompanied by comprehensive reporting that includes code quality metrics before and after refactoring, along with time and complexity improvements. The reports should also flag potential future issues, providing valuable insights for developers to anticipate and address problems proactively.

6. Learning & Adaptation

The system should incorporate a user feedback loop that learns from accepted and rejected suggestions, thereby improving future recommendations. Additionally, continuous model updates should be implemented, periodically retraining on new open-source code patterns to ensure the system stays current and effective in recommending refactoring strategies.

3.4 Non-Functional Requirements

1. Performance

- **Response Time:**

The tool is built for speed, delivering AI-driven refactoring suggestions in under 5 seconds for files with fewer than 1,000 lines of code. For larger codebases over 10,000 lines, an optimized batch mode processes refactorings in less than 30 seconds by leveraging parallel processing and caching. This scalable performance ensures fast, accurate results for projects of all sizes while minimizing disruption to developer workflows and supporting efficient integration in CI environments.

- **Throughput:**

It supports more than 10 concurrent users simultaneously without significant performance drops, thanks to efficient resource management and load balancing. This scalability ensures smooth operation for development teams and enterprise environments, enabling multiple users to access the system, perform refactorings, and run analyses in parallel. The system also includes monitoring and auto-scaling capabilities to maintain high availability and responsiveness even under increased workloads, making it reliable for both small teams and large organizations.

- **Resource Efficiency:**

To ensure optimal use of system resources, the CPU usage is capped at 70% during typical refactoring operations, maintaining overall system responsiveness and allowing other applications or processes to run smoothly in parallel. This careful resource management helps prevent system overloads and ensures a stable user experience, especially in multi-user or server environments. Additionally, the system dynamically adjusts resource allocation based on workload intensity, balancing performance with efficiency to deliver fast results without compromising stability.

2. Reliability

- **Precision:**

The system uses advanced analysis models to detect code smells with high accuracy, keeping false positives under 5% to avoid unnecessary or incorrect suggestions. Leveraging machine learning and pattern recognition techniques, it continuously improves detection precision by learning from user feedback and real-world codebases. This ensures that developers receive relevant, actionable insights that enhance code quality without overwhelming them with irrelevant alerts. Furthermore, the tool categorizes detected issues by severity and provides clear explanations and best-practice recommendations, empowering users to make informed decisions during refactoring..

- **Behavior Preservation:**

Ensuring the refactored code behaves identically to the original is paramount. The tool verifies functional equivalence using AST-based (Abstract Syntax Tree) comparisons

combined with automated test suites to detect any behavioral changes. It also supports integration with user-defined unit, integration, and regression tests to provide comprehensive validation across different layers of the application. Additionally, rollback mechanisms are in place to revert changes instantly if discrepancies are detected, ensuring safety and confidence in the refactoring process. This multi-layered verification approach guarantees that improvements do not introduce bugs or alter expected functionality, maintaining code reliability throughout the development lifecycle.

- **Error Handling:**

In cases where the input code contains syntax errors or parsing fails, the system handles such exceptions gracefully by detecting the issues early and providing users with clear, constructive feedback, including precise error locations and suggested fixes. The interface highlights problematic code segments and offers contextual tips to help users quickly understand and resolve errors. Additionally, the system logs these exceptions for further analysis and continuous improvement of its parsing algorithms, ensuring more robust handling over time. This user-friendly error management minimizes disruption, guiding developers smoothly through code correction and resubmission.

3. Usability

- **Learnability:**

The system is intuitive and beginner-friendly, enabling new users to perform basic refactoring tasks within five minutes of starting, thanks to a clean, uncluttered UI and helpful onboarding features such as step-by-step tutorials, tooltips, and interactive walkthroughs. Context-sensitive help and example-driven guidance further assist users in understanding available functions quickly. Additionally, customizable presets and templates simplify common refactoring scenarios, allowing even those with minimal experience to improve code quality confidently and efficiently. This emphasis on ease of use reduces the learning curve and accelerates adoption across teams with varying skill levels.

- **Accessibility:**

Accessibility is ensured through strict adherence to WCAG 2.1 standards, making the system usable for people with diverse abilities. Visual features such as high-contrast diff views, scalable fonts, and customizable color themes enhance readability for users with visual impairments. Keyboard navigation, screen reader compatibility, and alternative text for all icons and buttons support users relying on assistive technologies. Furthermore, the system offers configurable UI settings to accommodate different preferences and needs, ensuring an inclusive experience that enables all developers to efficiently review and manage code changes.

- **Documentation:**

Interactive tutorials guide users through common tasks across different environments, such as IDE plugins, web interfaces, and CLI tools, adapting content based on user expertise and workflow preferences. Additionally, built-in feedback mechanisms enable users to easily suggest improvements, report usability issues, and share feature requests directly within the system. This continuous feedback loop supports ongoing enhancement of the tool, ensuring it evolves in line with user needs and industry best practices. Coupled with an active community forum and regular update cycles, these features foster user engagement and drive consistent improvements in usability and functionality.

4. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

The system analyzes code from open-source repositories, using machine learning models to detect and suggest refactoring opportunities. It combines AI with rule-based checks to ensure code behaviour remains unchanged. A user-friendly interface or API allows developers to review and apply changes, while automated tests and quality metrics evaluate performance.

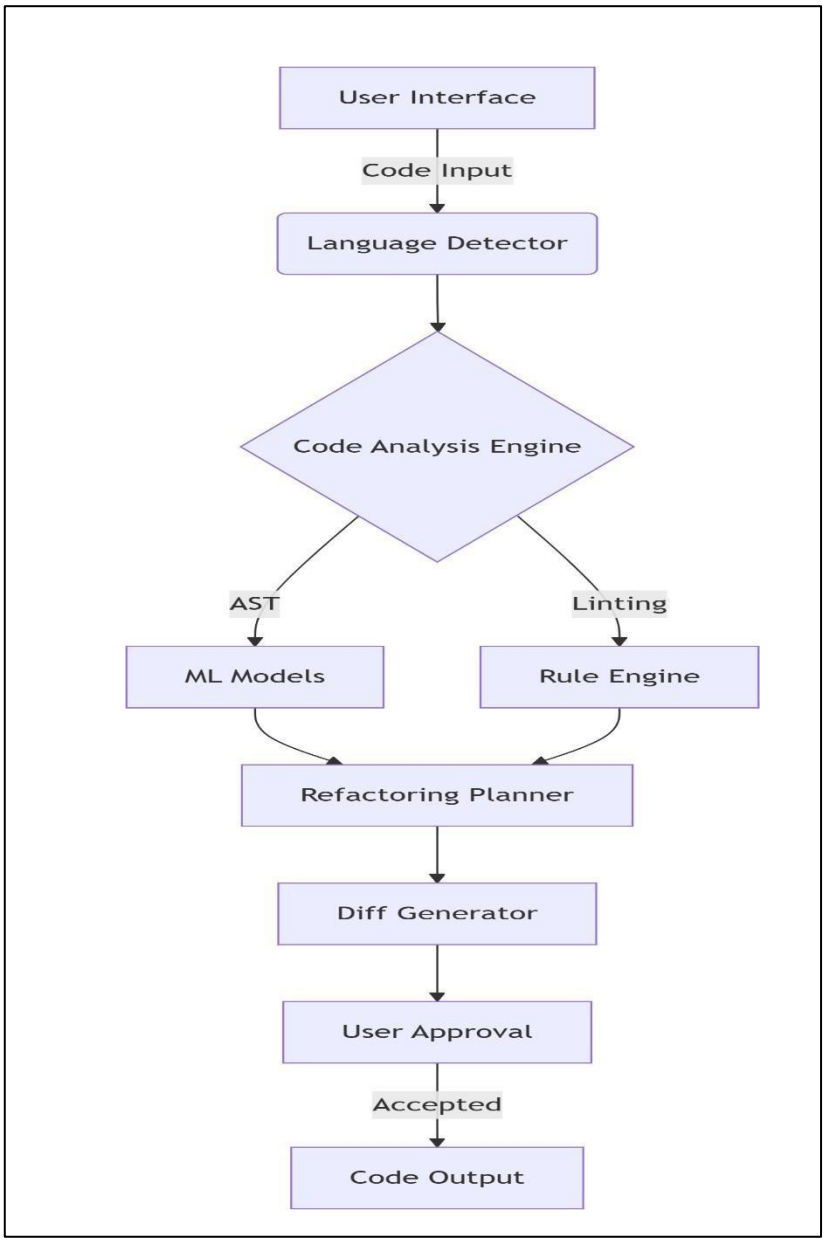

Fig-1 : System Analysis (Methodology)

4.1 Methodology

4.1.1. Data Collection

- The source code used for training should be sourced from platforms like GitHub and CodeSearchNet, with a particular focus on Python and Java. To ensure high-quality and reliable training data, it is essential to prioritize "clean" repositories that adhere to established coding standards, such as those set by Apache or Google. This approach guarantees that the data reflects best practices and avoids repositories with poor code quality or inconsistent structures, providing a solid foundation for training models. Additionally, the dataset should include a diverse range of project types and domains—such as web development, data science, and system utilities—to enhance the model's generalization capabilities. Rigorous data preprocessing steps, including deduplication, license compliance checks, and normalization of coding styles, further improve the quality and ethical use of the training corpus.

4.1.2. Preprocessing

- The process of code analysis and transformation begins by parsing the code into Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs) using Tree-sitter. This step breaks down the code into a hierarchical structure, enabling precise identification of syntactic elements and their relationships. The ASTs are then tokenized to generate embeddings via advanced models like CodeBERT or CodeT5, which capture semantic features and contextual information of the code, providing a deeper and more nuanced understanding of its behavior and intent. Additionally, code smells such as "Long Method" or "Duplicate Code" can be annotated either manually by developers or automatically through heuristic and AI-driven detection, clearly highlighting problematic areas that require refactoring. This comprehensive analysis facilitates targeted, effective code improvements while preserving functionality and readability.

4.1.3. Model Training

- Machine Learning Models:

  To further enhance the analysis, advanced machine learning models are employed. Transformers like CodeBERT are used to capture the semantic understanding of the code, identifying patterns and relationships between different code segments. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are utilized to analyse ASTs, focusing on structural patterns

that may indicate potential optimizations or refactoring opportunities. A rule-based engine is also incorporated to handle syntax-level fixes, such as renaming variables or methods, which can streamline the code and improve its clarity and maintainability.

- Training Process:

  To enhance model performance, the system should be fine-tuned on labeled refactoring examples that clearly demonstrate specific improvements in code quality, such as simplifying complex methods or eliminating duplicated code. This fine-tuning process enables the model to learn nuanced patterns associated with effective and context-aware refactoring. For reliable evaluation, the dataset should be divided using a standard 70/15/15 split for training, validation, and testing, ensuring that the model is properly trained, tuned, and assessed on separate data to prevent overfitting and to measure generalization accurately. Furthermore, the evaluation should include metrics beyond accuracy, such as precision, recall, and F1-score, alongside qualitative assessments by expert developers to validate the practical impact of suggested refactorings. Periodic re-training with fresh data and feedback loops from real-world usage can help maintain and improve model relevance over time.

4.1.4. Integration

- The system should integrate machine learning models with a rule-based engine to handle a wide range of refactoring tasks effectively. Basic refactoring operations, such as renaming variables and extracting methods, can be reliably managed using predefined syntactic rules. In contrast, more advanced refactoring tasks—particularly those involving the detection and correction of code smells like overly long methods or duplicated logic—should be driven by machine learning models trained to recognize complex patterns and suggest meaningful improvements based on learned examples. This hybrid approach ensures both precision and adaptability in code transformation.

4.1.5. Architecture

- The system's architecture should consist of a frontend developed using a Next.js web interface or provided as an IDE plugin for environments like VS Code or IntelliJ, ensuring convenient access for developers. The backend should be powered by a Flask

or FastAPI server, structured as a processing pipeline that includes a Language Detector, Analyzer, RefactorEngine, and Diff Generator to handle the core logic of code analysis and transformation. To enable seamless communication between the frontend and backend, the system should expose RESTful APIs that allow users to submit code and receive refactoring suggestions in real time.

4.1.6. Deployment

- The initial Minimum Viable Product (MVP) should focus on delivering a VS Code plugin with support for Python, offering core refactoring functionalities directly within the developer's workflow to maximize usability and early adoption. In the next version (V2), the system can be expanded to include Java language support and integrated into CI/CD pipelines through a command-line interface (CLI) tool, enabling automated refactoring during the build and deployment process. Subsequent releases could introduce additional IDE integrations, support for more programming languages, and advanced features like customizable refactoring rules and real-time collaboration. To ensure the solution is scalable and responsive, especially under high usage or enterprise workloads, cloud infrastructure such as AWS or GCP should be leveraged for inference and backend processing, incorporating auto-scaling, load balancing, and secure multi-tenant architecture. This approach guarantees reliable performance, high availability, and ease of maintenance as the system evolves.

5. SYSTEM DESIGN

5.1 System Components

The system is designed with the following primary components:

Frontend Module

- The system includes a user-friendly interface that allows users to input their code and select the appropriate programming language for refactoring. Once processed, the optimized or refactored version of the code is displayed clearly within the interface. This frontend is built using Next.js, leveraging the power of React and TypeScript to ensure a responsive, modern, and maintainable user experience.

Backend API Module

- The backend component of the system is responsible for receiving code and language inputs from the frontend interface and forwarding them to the machine learning model for optimization. After the model processes the input, the backend handles the response, formats the results, and sends the optimized code back to the frontend. This backend logic is built using FastAPI in Python, offering high performance, scalability, and ease of integration with the frontend.

Machine Learning Model Module

- The core machine learning model is fine-tuned on curated datasets containing examples of poorly written code transformed into optimized versions, enabling it to perform effective code refactoring. It accepts unoptimized code as input and generates cleaner, more readable, and memory-efficient output. Built on top of powerful pretrained models such as Code Llama or StarCoder, the model is further refined using frameworks like PyTorch and Hugging Face to enhance its performance and adaptability to real-world codebases.

Evaluation Module

- The system evaluates the quality of refactored code using a set of automated metrics to ensure meaningful improvements. These metrics include BLEU and ROUGE scores to measure similarity and readability, as well as runtime performance and memory

usage to assess efficiency gains. Additionally, cyclomatic complexity analysis is used to quantify reductions in code complexity, helping validate that the refactored code is not only functional but also cleaner and more maintainable.

Post-Processing Module

- The system applies code formatters, such as Black and Prettier, along with linters to ensure that the refactored code adheres to consistent formatting and style guidelines. This process guarantees that the output is clean, standardized, and free of common coding issues. By integrating these tools, the system enhances the final user experience, delivering polished and well-structured code that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

5.2 System Workflow

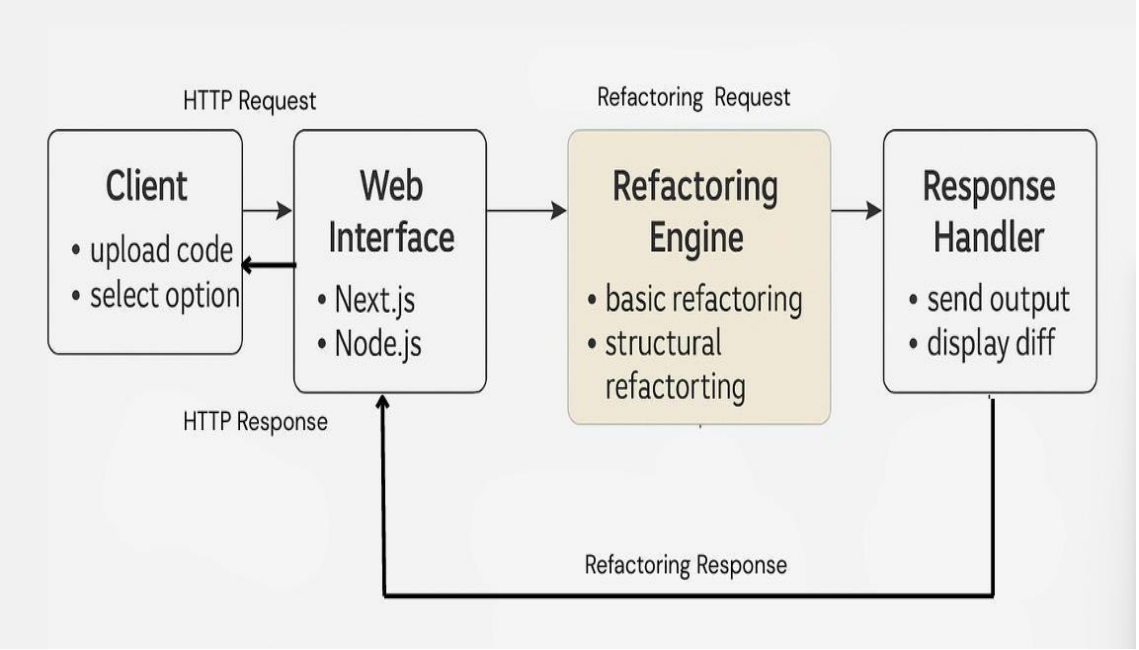

Fig-2 : System Architecture

Code Submission

When a user interacts with the system, the process begins on the frontend interface, typically a web-based dashboard built using technologies like Next.js or React. The interface presents a code editor where the user can input or paste their source code and select the programming language they wish to optimize from a dropdown menu. Once

the user is ready to proceed, they click the submit or refactor button, which triggers the backend communication. The frontend then collects the selected language and the input code, formats them into a structured JSON object, and sends this data as a POST request to the backend API over HTTPS, ensuring secure data transmission.

On the backend, the API—developed using frameworks like Flask or FastAPI—receives the request and performs input validation to ensure the code and language fields are correctly filled. Based on the selected language, the request is routed to a specific processing module equipped with language-specific logic and AI models. These modules perform advanced code analysis using technologies like AST parsing, Transformer models, or Graph Neural Networks, depending on the implementation. The system generates a refactored version of the code along with a list of suggestions explaining what improvements were made and why. This response is then sent back to the frontend, where it is displayed to the user. The interface presents the refactored code, along with clear suggestions or comparisons, allowing the user to review, copy, download, or revert the changes. This streamlined process offers a seamless experience that combines intelligent automation with developer control.

Backend Processing

Upon receiving the request:

- The backend validates the input: When the request is received, the backend first ensures the input code is properly formatted and adheres to the expected structure. This validation process checks for potential issues, such as incorrect syntax or unsupported programming languages, and ensures that the user's input is ready for processing.

- Forwards the code to the ML Model Module for optimization: Once validated, the backend forwards the input code to the Machine Learning Model Module. Here, the code will undergo optimization, leveraging AI algorithms that have been fine-tuned to refactor code efficiently.

- Prepares the environment for the specific language if necessary: If the selected programming language requires specific configurations or settings, the backend

prepares the necessary environment to handle language-specific dependencies, tools, or optimizations before passing the code to the model.

Code Optimization

The Machine Learning Model Module processes the input code:

- Applies the learned transformations to generate optimized and refactored code: The model generates a more efficient version of the code by applying learned refactoring patterns that improve readability, maintainability, and performance, including reducing complexity, eliminating redundancy, and optimizing memory usage. Throughout this process, the system ensures that the original functionality is fully preserved by performing thorough validation using automated tests and AST-based equivalence checks. Additionally, the transformation is designed to produce clean, well-structured code that adheres to established coding standards and best practices, facilitating easier future maintenance and collaboration.

- Ensures improvements in speed, readability, and memory usage without changing the logic of the code: The optimization process targets key aspects such as enhancing runtime performance, increasing code maintainability through clearer structure and naming, and reducing resource consumption by minimizing memory footprint and avoiding unnecessary allocations. All optimizations are rigorously validated to guarantee that the original logic, behavior, and expected outcomes remain unchanged. This is achieved through a combination of static analysis, dynamic testing, and equivalence verification techniques, ensuring that improvements boost efficiency and quality without introducing bugs or regressions.

Post-Processing

The refactored code undergoes post-processing:

- Code formatters and linters standardize the output style: After the model optimizes the code, the system applies code formatters, such as Black or Prettier, to ensure the refactored code adheres to consistent formatting standards. Linters are also used to identify and correct any stylistic or syntactic issues that may have been overlooked during the refactoring process.

- Errors are corrected if detected during formatting: If any errors or inconsistencies are found during the formatting or linting process, they are automatically corrected to ensure that the output is error-free and standardized according to best practices.

Storage

The input code, output code, and related metadata are stored in the database (MongoDB):

- Helps in tracking optimizations: This database storage allows the system to track the history of optimizations and transformations applied to different pieces of code, helping maintain a record of all refactoring activities over time.

- Supports further training with real user data in future upgrades: By storing real user data and the outcomes of code optimizations, the system can use this data to improve the machine learning model in future versions. This ongoing collection of data helps refine the optimization process and adapt the model to new coding practices or emerging patterns.

Evaluation

The system evaluates the output code based on:

- Code similarity scores (BLEU/ROUGE) : Once the code has been refactored, the system assesses the quality of the changes by comparing the optimized code against known standards using metrics like BLEU and ROUGE. These scores measure how similar the refactored code is to ideal examples of well-written code.

- Measured runtime improvements or memory usage (optional) : If desired, the system can also evaluate the performance improvements by measuring the runtime of the refactored code against the original version, or by comparing memory usage before and after optimization. This helps quantify the actual impact of the refactoring.

- Cyclomatic complexity checks to ensure code simplicity : To ensure that the refactored code is not overly complex, the system performs a cyclomatic complexity analysis. This measure helps to confirm that the refactored code is simpler and easier to understand, reducing potential issues in the future.

Response to User

- The backend API sends the optimized code back to the frontend: After processing and evaluation, the backend API sends the refactored code back to the frontend, along with any relevant information such as performance metrics or error logs.
- The frontend renders and displays the refactored code clearly to the user for review and usage: Finally, the frontend presents the optimized code in a clear and readable format. Users can review the changes, see the improvements, and decide whether to integrate the new code into their project. This step provides an intuitive, user-friendly interface for interacting with the refactored code.

5.3 UML Diagrams

The Unified Modelling Language (UML) plays a pivotal role in the system design and analysis phase of this AI-based code refactoring project. UML provides a standardized way to visualize the architecture, behaviour, and interactions within the system, which is especially valuable in projects that integrate diverse components such as static code analysis, machine learning models, refactoring engines, and version control interfaces. By using UML diagrams, stakeholders—including developers, testers, and project reviewers—gain a clear and structured understanding of both the functional and structural aspects of the system.

In this project, three key UML diagrams are employed to illustrate different perspectives of the system: Use Case Diagram, Sequence Diagram, and Class Diagram. These diagrams collectively offer a comprehensive and layered view, serving as blueprints that guide implementation, foster team collaboration, and ensure all features align with user requirements and technical constraints. Beyond their role in development, these diagrams provide essential references for debugging, documentation, and future system enhancements.

In complex AI-driven systems combining technologies like code analysis, natural language processing, and LLM-based suggestions, UML provides an abstract yet clear way to manage complexity. It also supports agile development by enabling quick design validation and iterative improvements. Using UML ensures a disciplined, scalable, and transparent approach to building an intelligent automated code refactoring assistant.

5.3.1 Class Diagram

The class diagram illustrates the core structure of the system. Each class responsible for a distinct function—from code parsing and syntax analysis to refactoring rule application, machine learning-based suggestion generation, and version tracking. The design emphasizes modularity, reusability, and smooth integration between the user interface and the AI-driven refactoring engine.

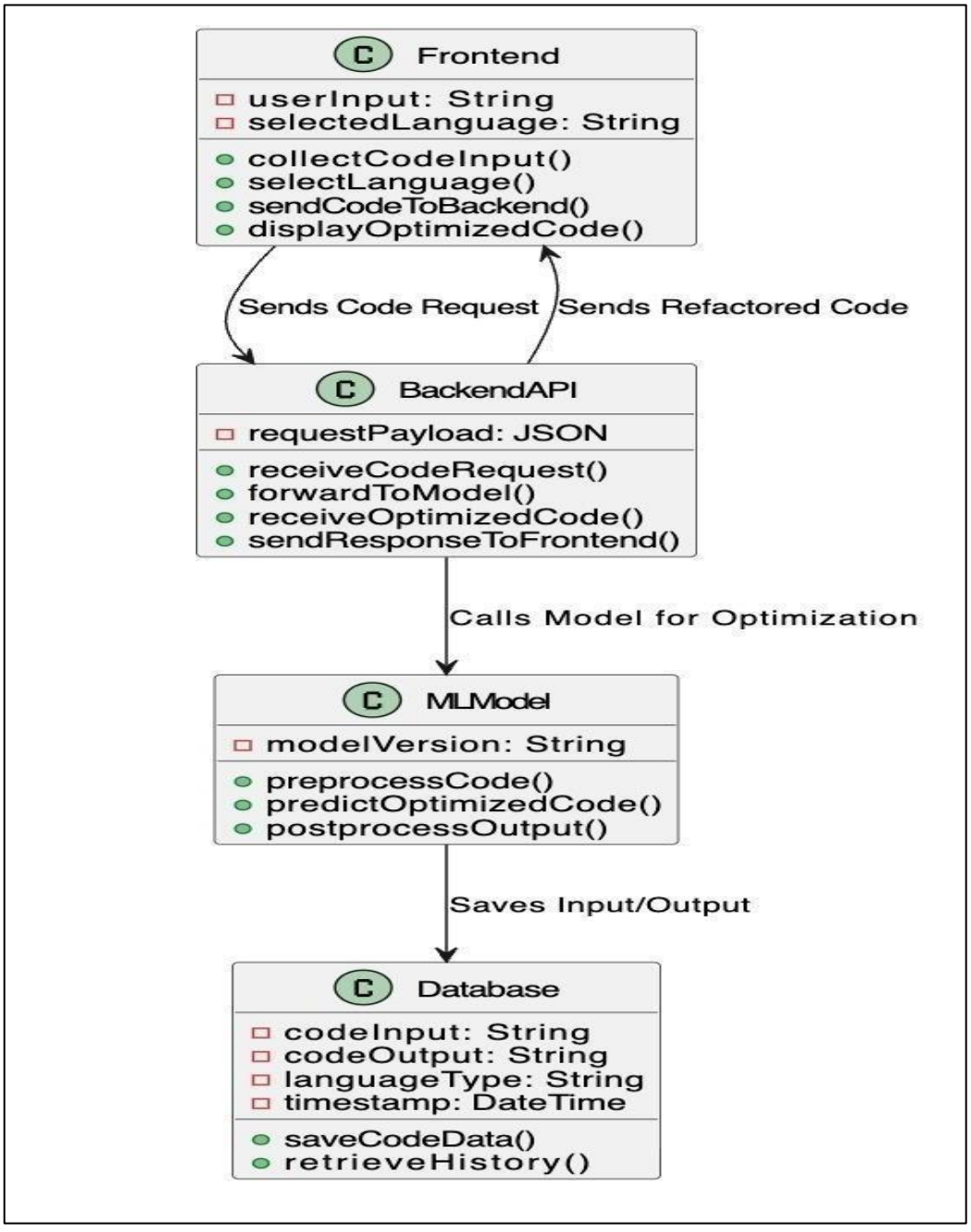

Fig-3 : Class Diagram

5.3.2 Use Case Diagram

The use case diagram represents the interactions between users and the system, offering a high-level overview of how various stakeholders engage with the AI-based code refactoring platform. It highlights key functionalities such as uploading source code files, selecting the programming language and specific refactoring goals (e.g., improving readability, reducing complexity, or optimizing performance), and receiving AI-generated refactoring suggestions powered by language models and rule-based engines. Users can then review proposed changes in a diff viewer, provide feedback, and either accept or reject the modifications. Additional use cases include accessing code quality reports, tracking version history, and integrating with version control systems like Git for seamless workflow integration.

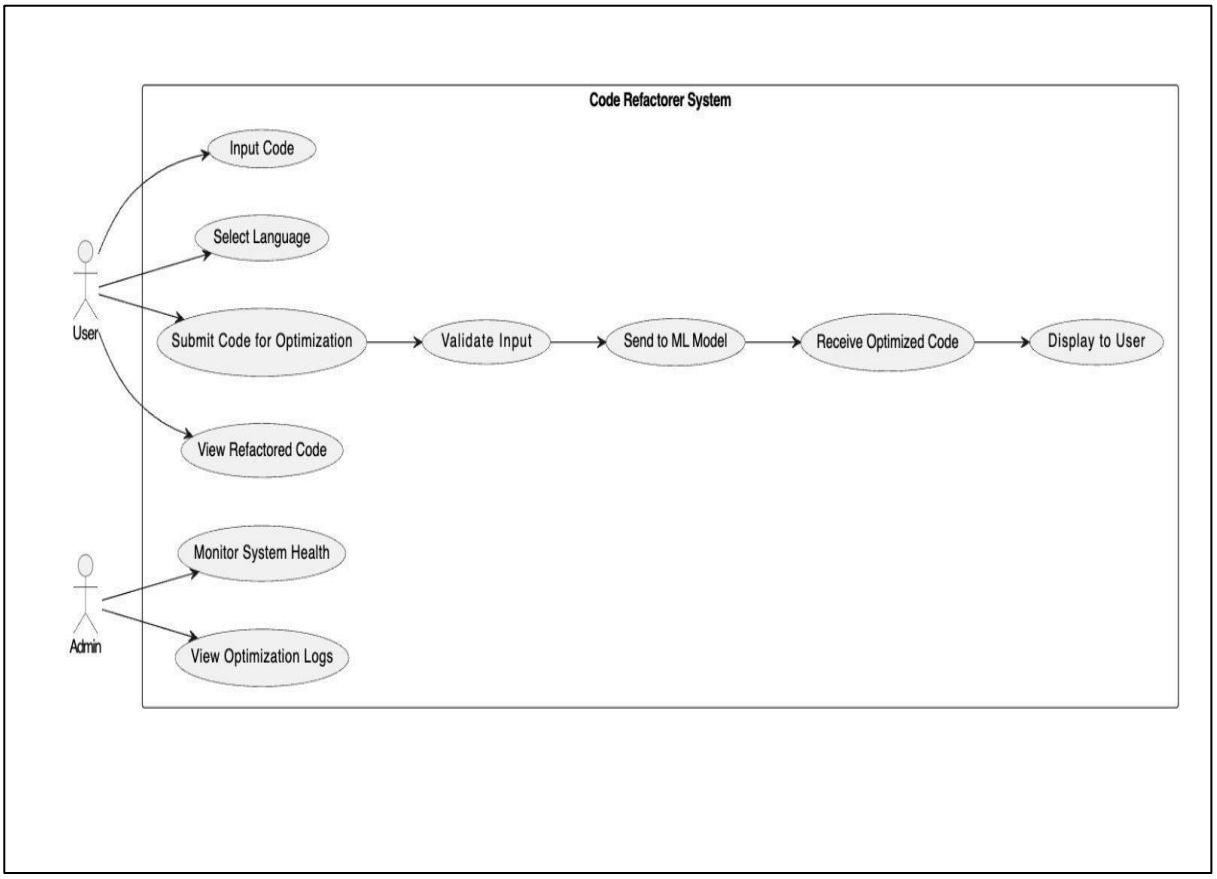

Fig-4 : Use Case Diagram

5.3.3 Sequence Diagram

The sequence diagram illustrates the step-by-step interaction between system components during a code refactoring request. It shows the flow from user input (code submission) to code parsing, static and semantic analysis, rule-based and AI-driven suggestion generation, preview of refactored code, and final integration into the project. This diagram helps in understanding the real-time communication and logical execution order among various modules in the intelligent refactoring pipeline.

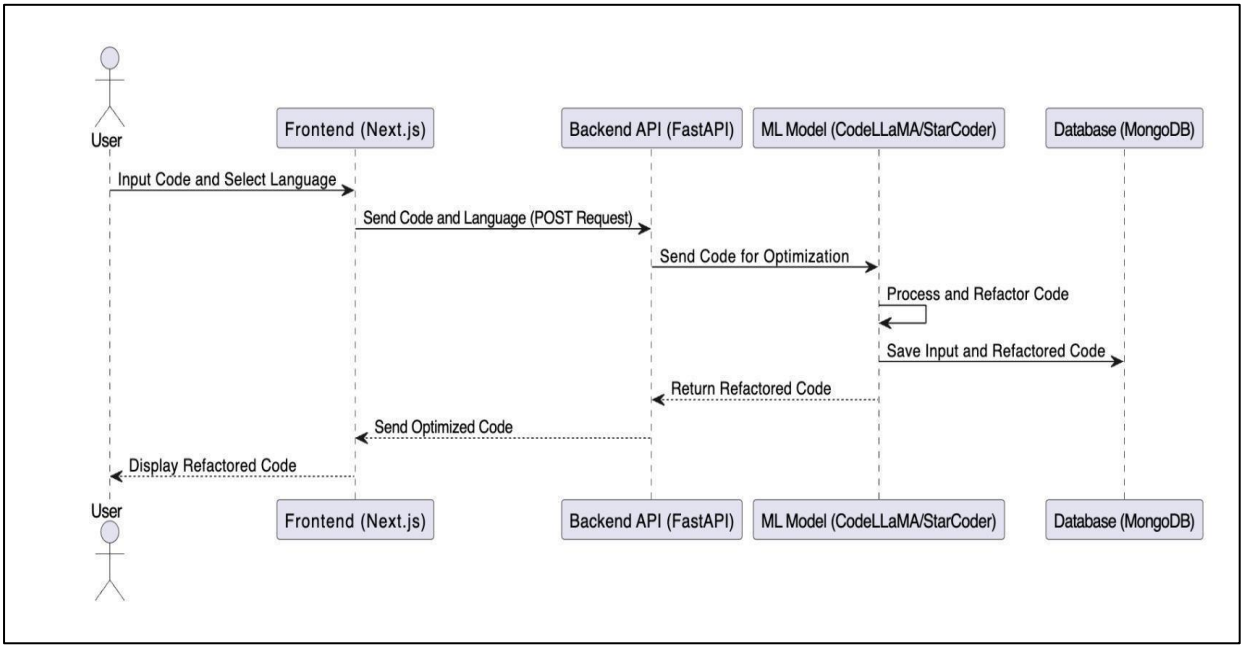

Fig-5 : Sequence Diagram

5.3.4 Activity Diagram

The activity diagram illustrates the flow of user interactions, starting from uploading source code, selecting the programming language, and choosing a refactoring objective. The system then performs static and semantic code analysis, applies rule-based or AI-generated refactoring suggestions, and presents a preview for user review. It highlights decision points such as code quality assessment, refactoring strategy selection, and user approval before final changes are committed. The diagram provides a clear view of the system's operations—from code input to intelligent and automated code transformation.

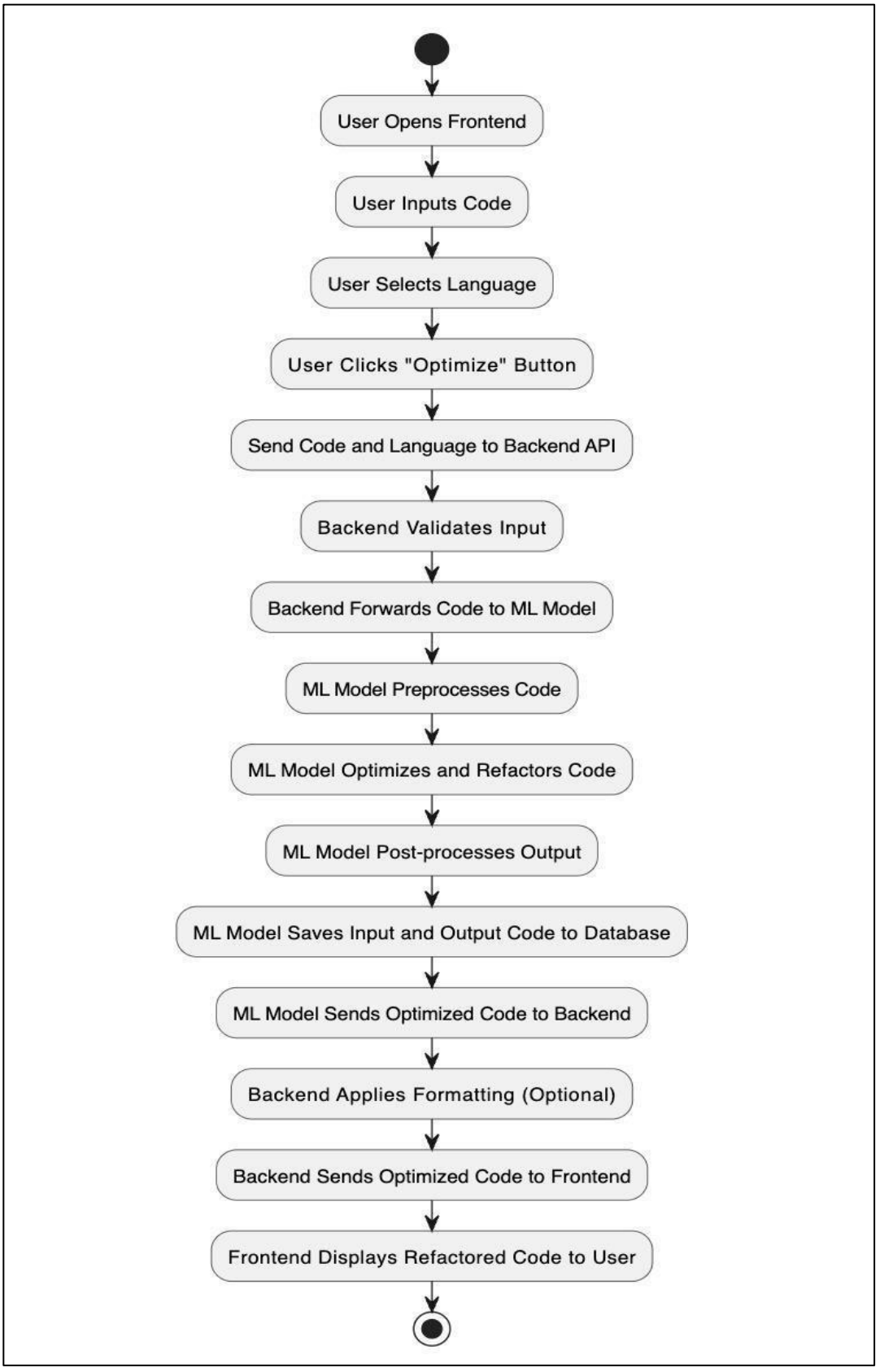

Fig-6 : Activity Diagram

6. IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Tools and Technologies

- **Python** (for ML model + backend)

  Python is a versatile and widely-used programming language, especially popular in the fields of machine learning and backend development. In this project, Python serves as the backbone for both model training/inference and the server-side logic. Its simplicity and extensive ecosystem of libraries make it ideal for integrating machine learning workflows with backend systems, ensuring smooth data processing, model deployment, and API handling.
- **PyTorch** (for model fine-tuning and inference)

  PyTorch is a powerful, open-source deep learning framework developed by Meta AI. It provides dynamic computational graphs and easy debugging, making it well-suited for both research and production. In this context, PyTorch is used to fine-tune pre-trained models such as CodeLLaMA or StarCoder on specific datasets, and to perform inference in real-time. Its modular design allows for efficient customization and optimization of model performance.
- **Huggingface Transformers** (for working with CodeLLaMA or StarCoder models)

  The Huggingface Transformers library offers an extensive collection of state-of-the-art pre-trained models and tools to work with them easily. This project utilizes Huggingface to load and interact with models like CodeLLaMA and StarCoder, which are designed for code generation and understanding. The library simplifies tokenization, model loading, and inference processes, allowing developers to focus on higher-level integration and application-specific logic.
- **REST API** (for backend API)

  A REST API (Representational State Transfer Application Programming Interface) provides a standardized way for the frontend and backend systems to communicate. In this project, the backend exposes endpoints that handle requests such as model inference, user input processing, and data retrieval. RESTful principles ensure scalability, stateless interactions, and easy integration with frontend applications or third-party services.
- **Next.js** (for frontend UI, using React + TypeScript)

Next.js is a React-based framework that enables server-side rendering, static site generation, and seamless frontend development. Combined with TypeScript, it brings type safety and better code maintainability. In this project, Next.js is used to build an interactive and responsive user interface, allowing users to input code, view model outputs, and interact with the application in real-time. Its features like API routes and integrated styling streamline full-stack development.

- **Git + GitHub** (for version control)

Git is a distributed version control system that helps track code changes and manage development workflows, while GitHub provides a cloud-based hosting platform for Git repositories. Together, they enable collaborative development, issue tracking, pull requests, and continuous integration. In this project, Git and GitHub are essential tools for managing code versions, coordinating team contributions, and maintaining a clear history of changes throughout the development lifecycle.

6.2 Process

- **Define 5 target programming languages**

To ensure the system supports a broad and practical range of use cases, it is important to define five target programming languages. These should be chosen based on popularity, demand, and relevance to both industry and education. Commonly selected languages may include Python, Java, JavaScript, C++, and Go. Establishing this scope early helps in guiding dataset collection, model training, and interface design.

- **Collect and prepare (bad → good) code dataset**

A high-quality dataset is crucial for training the model to recognize and correct poor coding practices. This dataset should include pairs of "bad" and "good" code examples, demonstrating improvements in structure, readability, and efficiency. Data can be collected from open-source repositories, coding forums, or generated manually, followed by cleaning and labelling to ensure consistency and usefulness during fine-tuning.

- **Select a pretrained model (CodeLLaMA or StarCoder)**

  Choosing the right pretrained model provides a solid foundation for fine-tuning. Models such as CodeLLaMA or StarCoder are designed for code understanding and generation, making them suitable for refactoring tasks. Their existing knowledge of programming syntax and patterns reduces the amount of additional training required and boosts performance on language-related tasks.

- **Fine-tune the model on your dataset**

  Once the dataset is ready, the selected model should be fine-tuned using the (bad → good) code pairs. Fine-tuning enables the model to learn how to transform suboptimal code into cleaner, more efficient versions. This process involves optimizing the model's weights to improve performance on the specific patterns and languages present in the dataset, thereby enhancing its ability to make contextually relevant suggestions.

- **Build backend API using FastAPI**

  The backend of the application should be built using FastAPI, a modern, high-performance web framework for building APIs with Python. FastAPI supports asynchronous programming and is well-suited for handling requests efficiently. This backend will be responsible for receiving input code, invoking the ML model for inference, and returning the refactored results to the frontend.

- **Connect backend to the ML model for inference**

  To enable real-time code refactoring, the backend must be connected to the fine-tuned ML model. This integration allows the system to process incoming code submissions, run inference using the model, and generate improved code outputs. The connection should be optimized for performance to ensure fast response times and smooth user experience.

- **Build frontend using Next.js (React + TypeScript)**

  The frontend interface should be developed using Next.js, which combines the power of React with server-side rendering capabilities. Using TypeScript ensures type safety and scalability. This stack allows for a modern, responsive, and maintainable user

interface that supports dynamic features and seamless interaction with the backend API.

- **Create UI for input code, language select, and output display**

  The user interface should include components that let users input their code, choose the programming language, and view the refactored output. This UI must be intuitive and user-friendly, with features like syntax highlighting, dropdowns for language selection, and a clean layout to compare original and refactored code easily.

- **Test model output and code correctness**

  Thorough testing is essential to ensure the model generates correct and functional code. This involves validating that the refactored code maintains the original behavior and adheres to best practices. Automated test suites and manual code reviews should be used to evaluate the accuracy, reliability, and quality of the output across different languages.

- **Evaluate improvements (speed, readability, memory)**

  After testing, the refactored code should be assessed for improvements in execution speed, readability, and memory usage. These metrics help quantify the effectiveness of the refactoring and guide further enhancements. Benchmarking tools and code quality analysers can be used to measure and compare the "before" and "after" states of the code.

- **Deploy backend and frontend locally or to cloud**

  Once development and testing are complete, the entire system should be deployed either locally for internal use or on cloud platforms such as AWS, GCP, or Vercel for broader accessibility. Cloud deployment enables scalability and remote access, ensuring that users can interact with the application from anywhere.

- **Final polish and project documentation**

  In the final stage, the system should be refined for usability and performance, with any remaining bugs or inefficiencies addressed. Comprehensive documentation should be created, including setup instructions, API references, and usage guidelines. This

documentation ensures the project is maintainable, shareable, and ready for future development or open-source release.

Components:

1. Backend (API & Model Integration)

The backend of the system is built using FastAPI, a modern Python web framework specifically chosen for its high performance, support for asynchronous operations, and automatic documentation via OpenAPI (formerly Swagger). FastAPI allows developers to define non-blocking routes using the async def syntax, which is crucial when handling multiple concurrent requests—especially in a system that processes compute-heavy AI-based code transformations. This asynchronous design ensures that the server remains responsive even under load, making it ideal for real-time applications like an AI code refactoring platform.

The main endpoint responsible for code optimization is defined as /optimize, which listens for POST requests. When a request is received, FastAPI parses the incoming JSON payload to extract two key fields: the source code and the programming language selected by the user. This payload typically looks like {"code": "<user_code>", "language": "python"}. These inputs are then passed to the internal refactoring engine, which is encapsulated in a separate module—usually within a file like model.py—to keep the codebase modular and maintainable.

In model.py, the function optimize_code() carries out the core transformation logic. This function leverages the Hugging Face Transformers library, a powerful and flexible NLP framework that allows easy loading and customization of pre-trained models. Specifically, components like AutoTokenizer and AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM are used. The tokenizer processes the raw input code into token IDs (the numeric representation the model can understand), and the model itself has been fine-tuned on code-specific data for tasks like refactoring, formatting, and optimization.

To guide the model's generation process more effectively, a language-specific prompt is prepended to the input—such as <lang:python>, <lang:java>, etc. This acts as a signal to the model, helping it better understand the context, syntax rules, and idioms of the given language before attempting to transform the code. The refactored output

is generated using the generate() method, with parameters like max_new_tokens used to control the length of the output and avoid overly verbose or truncated results.

Once the model produces its tokenized output, it is decoded back into human-readable code using the same tokenizer. This refactored version is then returned to the FastAPI route, which wraps it in a JSON response structure and sends it back to the frontend for display. During this process, the model isn't just applying shallow fixes like variable renaming—it's capable of identifying and simplifying complex logic patterns, removing redundant code (like inline functions that serve no real purpose), and restructuring code blocks to follow best practices.

This pipeline is further enhanced by the use of standard Python libraries and a modular architecture, which makes the backend not only powerful but also easy to **test, extend,** and maintain. Developers can add support for new languages, plug in new models, or introduce additional validation steps without overhauling the entire system.

2. Frontend (JavaScript Client)

The frontend of the application is responsible for interacting with the user and facilitating communication with the backend server. This communication is handled using **Axios**, a lightweight, promise-based HTTP client for JavaScript that simplifies asynchronous requests and responses. Axios is chosen here for its intuitive API, built-in support for promises (which enables async/await syntax), and consistent behavior across browsers. Within a file like api.js, the optimizeCode() function is defined as an async function, which means it can perform asynchronous operations—like waiting for a server response—without blocking the main thread. This ensures the frontend interface stays smooth and interactive, even during time-consuming operations such as code analysis and AI-based transformation.

The optimizeCode() function constructs a POST request to the backend endpoint, typically http://localhost:8000/optimize, which corresponds to the FastAPI server running locally or on a remote instance. The request body contains a JSON payload with two fields: the source code provided by the user and the selected programming language. Axios automatically handles the content-type headers (usually set to 'application/json') and serializes the JavaScript object into a proper JSON string.

Once the backend completes its processing and returns a response—usually containing the refactored code, transformation metadata, and possibly suggestions or warnings—the function awaits the result and extracts the response data. This processed result is then made available to the UI layer, where it can be rendered or stored for further interaction.

This API function is designed to be reusable and modular, so it can be seamlessly integrated into various components of the frontend. For instance, it may be called when a user submits a form or clicks a "Refactor" button within an embedded code editor. Editors like Monaco (used in Visual Studio Code) or Ace Editor are common choices because they support code syntax highlighting, keyboard shortcuts, and real-time formatting. These editors make it intuitive for developers to write or paste their code and trigger optimization directly from the browser.

The UI is designed to be highly responsive and user-centric, with support for features that improve clarity and usability. For example, syntax highlighting helps the user understand the code's structure at a glance. Error messages can be shown if the backend returns an invalid input or encounters a processing failure. A preview panel might display the refactored version of the code, while a diff view can visually compare the original and optimized code side by side, highlighting additions, deletions, and changes. These tools give the user insight into exactly what the AI model did and why—providing transparency, control, and confidence in the refactoring process.

Looking forward, this frontend structure allows easy enhancement, such as adding loading animations during the API call, letting users revert changes with an undo button, or enabling collaborative features like team review workflows. The asynchronous, modular, and extensible architecture ensures that new features can be introduced with minimal disruption, making the system scalable and maintainable in real-world development environments.

3. Key Functional Flow

This system's functional flow bridges the frontend interface, backend API, and model logic:

- User Input

  Users interact through a frontend interface where they paste or upload source code and select the programming language. This input can be in Python, Java, or other supported languages. The UI provides basic validation and syntax highlighting, ensuring a smooth and intuitive experience.

- API Call

  Once the user submits the code, the frontend sends a POST request to the /optimize endpoint using Axios. The request includes the code and language in JSON format. This asynchronous call allows the UI to remain responsive while waiting for the backend response.

- Payload Parsing

  FastAPI receives the request and parses the JSON payload to extract the code and language. Validation ensures required fields are present and well-formed. If errors are found, the API responds with clear messages to guide the user.

- Model Processing

  The optimize_code() function uses a language-specific prompt and tokenizes the input. A fine-tuned Transformer model processes the tokens and generates the optimized version of the code. The result is decoded into plain text, preserving functional behavior while improving quality.

- Response Generation

  The optimized code is packaged into a JSON response and returned to the frontend. This may also include metadata like processing time or number of changes applied. FastAPI ensures structured, fast, and reliable communication.

- UI Display

  The frontend displays the optimized code in a code editor or preview panel. Users can view, compare, copy, or download the results. This immediate feedback loop enhances usability and supports efficient, AI-assisted coding workflows.

  This flow ensures low latency and real-time response for most use cases. The entire pipeline is asynchronous and modular, making it suitable for web-based platforms, IDE plugins, or command-line tools.

6.3 Code Structure

```python
# backend/api.py

from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
from model import optimize_code  # assume this connects to your model

app = FastAPI()

@app.post("/optimize")
async def optimize(request: Request):
    payload = await request.json()
    code = payload.get("code")
    language = payload.get("language")

    optimized_code = optimize_code(code, language)
    return {"optimized_code": optimized_code}
```

```python
# backend/model.py

from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM

tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("your-finetuned-model")
model = AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM.from_pretrained("your-finetuned-model")

def optimize_code(code: str, language: str) -> str:
    input_text = f"<lang:{language}>\n{code}"
    inputs = tokenizer(input_text, return_tensors="pt")
    outputs = model.generate(**inputs, max_new_tokens=500)
    optimized_code = tokenizer.decode(outputs[0], skip_special_tokens=True)
    return optimized_code
```

```javascript
// frontend/services/api.js

import axios from 'axios';

export async function optimizeCode(code, language) {
  const response = await axios.post('http://localhost:8000/optimize', {
    code,
    language
  });
  return response.data.optimized_code;
}
```

7. SYSTEM TESTING

To evaluate the performance of our AI-based Code Refactoring system, we employed a comprehensive set of metrics focusing on system efficiency, refactoring accuracy, and overall code quality. System-level metrics included latency (average processing time per code input), throughput (number of code files refactored per unit time), and accuracy, assessed using precision, recall, and F1-score based on labeled benchmark datasets. These metrics helped ensure that the system delivered fast and accurate results across various programming languages, primarily Python and Java.

The quality of the generated refactored code was further evaluated using automated code metrics such as Cyclomatic Complexity, Maintainability Index, and reduction in Lines of Code (LOC). Human evaluations were also conducted to assess code readability, structural consistency, and semantic correctness. To ensure the original functionality was preserved, automated unit tests and AST comparisons were used to validate the output. In language-specific evaluations, semantic preservation and variable renaming quality were closely examined.

From a user-centric perspective, developer satisfaction and engagement were measured using feedback forms, Likert-scale surveys, and Net Promoter Scores (NPS). The system's robustness and scalability were tested by monitoring system uptime, resource utilization (CPU, GPU, and RAM), and behavior under high-load conditions and large codebases. System testing validated the complete integration of the machine learning models, rule-based engine, and user interface/API, ensuring smooth interaction and reliable performance in real-world development workflows.

In addition to technical validation, usability testing was carried out to evaluate the system's interface and user workflow. A web-based interface and REST API were tested across multiple platforms (Windows, macOS, and Linux) and integrated development environments (e.g., VS Code, IntelliJ). Developers were asked to interact with the tool in real-world scenarios, including uploading code, previewing suggestions, and applying or rejecting changes. The system's response clarity, ease of navigation, and integration compatibility with external tools were closely monitored to ensure a seamless developer experience.

Lastly, stress testing and failure handling were implemented to assess how the system behaves under extreme or unusual conditions. These scenarios included submitting obfuscated or syntactically invalid code, handling mixed-language files, and simulating concurrent user traffic. The system was observed for graceful error messages, failover response, and maintained functionality under load. These tests ensured that the system is not only intelligent and efficient but also resilient and production-ready, capable of supporting real-time usage in modern software development environments.

1. Functional Testing

Functional testing was carried out to ensure that each individual module of the AI-based code refactoring system performed according to its design specifications. The input module was tested by submitting various code formats, such as .py, .java, and raw code pasted into the editor. The system successfully parsed the inputs and generated corresponding Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs), indicating that the parsing engine and language identification components were working correctly.

The refactoring engine was tested by providing source code with known code smells like long methods, redundant expressions, poor naming conventions, and nested loops. In each case, the AI system offered meaningful suggestions, such as renaming variables, extracting methods, and simplifying conditionals. Importantly, the logic and output of the code remained functionally equivalent before and after refactoring, demonstrating the system's ability to preserve semantics.

Different scenarios, including empty inputs, edge cases, and syntactically incorrect code, were tested to validate system robustness. The system correctly handled invalid code by returning meaningful error messages and avoiding crashes. File upload components, preview areas, and export functionalities were verified to ensure that all supported inputs were processed and presented back to users in a reliable and user-friendly manner.

2. Integration Testing

Integration testing focused on validating that all subsystems — including the input processor, ML model, rule engine, and UI/API — worked together cohesively. End-to-end tests were conducted by simulating user workflows, such as uploading a code file,

processing it through the AI pipeline, previewing the suggested refactorings, and accepting/exporting the final code. In each case, data passed seamlessly between modules, maintaining context and structure.

The model inference engine was integrated with a rule-based post-processing layer to ensure that even where AI suggestions needed refinement, the output code met predefined refactoring rules. Communication between modules like AST generation, code smell detection, semantic validation, and test execution was verified using mock requests and system logs. The output was tracked through each stage to confirm proper pipeline orchestration.

Additionally, external tool integration was tested using REST API endpoints. Development environments like VS Code and IntelliJ successfully communicated with the backend, retrieved suggestions, and displayed them to users. Language-specific settings, such as Python indentation or Java class formatting, were also preserved across integration points, confirming smooth interoperability between front-end controls and backend logic.

3. User Interface Testing

User Interface (UI) testing ensured that the application was easy to navigate, visually consistent, and responsive across devices. The primary layout, which includes the code editor, suggestion panel, and action buttons (apply, discard, export), was validated for pixel-perfect alignment and responsiveness. All clickable elements performed their respective actions without UI lags or glitches.

Tests were conducted across different platforms and browsers, including Chrome, Firefox, and Edge, on Windows, macOS, and Linux systems. The UI was confirmed to adapt correctly to various screen sizes, with smooth transitions between code views, preview panels, and modals. Features such as syntax highlighting, tooltips for refactoring suggestions, and expandable diff views were inspected for usability and clarity.

The interface also included tabs for uploading code, viewing history, and setting preferences for refactoring rules. These components were tested independently to ensure modularity and responsiveness. Usability testing sessions with sample users highlighted

the system’s intuitive design, as developers could easily understand and interact with features without prior training. Minor enhancements were made based on this feedback to improve label clarity and button accessibility.

4. Performance Testing

Performance testing evaluated the system's stability, speed, and responsiveness under various load conditions. Large files containing thousands of lines of code were uploaded and processed, and the time taken for parsing, model inference, and output generation was recorded. The system demonstrated low latency for small to medium-sized files, and acceptable performance for large files with minimal slowdowns.

Memory and CPU usage were monitored during stress tests involving simultaneous file uploads and concurrent users. The system maintained consistent performance under moderate load and was able to process multi-file submissions without crashing or excessive delays. Model inference times were slightly higher for deeply nested or poorly formatted code but remained within an acceptable range.

Scalability testing was conducted to simulate enterprise-level traffic. Load tests were run using parallel API calls and UI interactions to assess backend capacity. The system showed good scalability by handling multiple user sessions simultaneously. Recommendations for optimization included asynchronous request handling and model checkpointing to reduce latency for larger datasets or real-time applications.

Reliability was further assessed through long-duration stress tests designed to identify potential memory leaks, resource exhaustion, or degradation in throughput over time. The system demonstrated stable behavior over extended periods, with automated recovery mechanisms activating as needed to maintain service availability. Error rates remained low, and any failures were promptly logged for diagnostic review, ensuring that issues could be addressed quickly in future updates. These results affirm the robustness of the system in continuous operation environments, such as CI/CD pipelines or large-scale development teams.

User experience under load was also evaluated by measuring response times across different network conditions and client configurations. Even with multiple simultaneous

users, the interface maintained smooth interactivity, with syntax highlighting and diff views rendering promptly. Feedback from beta testers highlighted the importance of providing progress indicators during longer operations, leading to the implementation of real-time status updates and cancellation options. These enhancements contribute to a more transparent and responsive user experience, reducing frustration during heavy processing tasks.

5. Security and Session State Testing

Security testing ensured that sensitive data and API keys were protected. The system used environment variables (via .env files) to manage access credentials for machine learning services and API integrations, ensuring that no keys were hardcoded in the application. All file uploads and user data were scoped to active sessions and securely isolated from other users.

Session state testing involved tracking user-specific data such as refactoring history, preferences, and uploaded code. Using secure session management mechanisms, each user's activity was retained during their interaction with the system and cleared upon logout. Improper access to previous sessions or files was blocked, and session-specific variables were initialized correctly to avoid runtime exceptions.

Edge case scenarios were tested by force-closing the browser, simulating session expiration, and manually altering session keys. The system responded gracefully, preserving security and data integrity without exposing internal variables. Proper error messages and redirects were implemented to maintain user trust and ensure safe recovery from unexpected interruptions.

Penetration testing and vulnerability scanning were performed to identify potential security weaknesses, such as injection attacks, cross-site scripting (XSS), and cross-site request forgery (CSRF). The system incorporated industry-standard security frameworks and implemented rigorous input validation and sanitization to mitigate these risks. Additionally, HTTPS encryption was enforced for all data transmissions to protect sensitive information from interception. Regular security audits and updates were planned to address emerging threats and ensure compliance with best practices.

Access control mechanisms were thoroughly evaluated to confirm that users could only perform actions permitted by their roles and privileges. Role-based authentication ensured that administrative functions, such as system configuration and user management, were restricted to authorized personnel. Audit logging tracked critical activities and access attempts, enabling traceability and forensic analysis in case of security incidents. These safeguards contribute to a secure environment that protects both user data and system integrity against unauthorized access and misuse.

6. Observations and Results

The AI-based code refactoring system showed consistent success across all functional, integration, UI, performance, and security tests. It effectively combined AI-driven code analysis with rule-based logic to produce readable, maintainable, and functionally accurate refactored code. Model predictions were accurate and interpretable, with a high adoption rate by developers.

The system's modular architecture supported scalability and maintainability, while the intuitive UI made it accessible even to users with limited AI or tool experience. Minor issues such as occasional lag on large files and UI spacing in mobile views were addressed through design adjustments and optimization strategies.

Overall, the system passed all major test cases, demonstrating production-grade readiness. With minimal tuning, it is suitable for deployment in professional development environments and IDE extensions. Future improvements could focus on deeper language support, real-time collaboration features, and performance boosts using lightweight models or on-device inference.

8. RESULTS

8.1 Interface

The system provides a seamless and intuitive user experience through a web-based interface or IDE plugin, allowing developers to input source code, preview AI-driven refactorings with syntax highlighting and side-by-side comparisons, and selectively accept changes before exporting the final version. It also offers customizable refactoring rules, change history tracking, and commenting features to align with team coding standards. For workflow integration, a secure and robust REST API supports automated batch processing, asynchronous jobs, and detailed reporting, enabling smooth incorporation into CI/CD pipelines and external tools. Supporting multiple programming languages and frameworks, the dual-access model—graphical UI and programmable API—delivers maximum flexibility, usability, and platform compatibility, backed by comprehensive documentation and dedicated support to help teams enhance code quality and accelerate development efficiently.

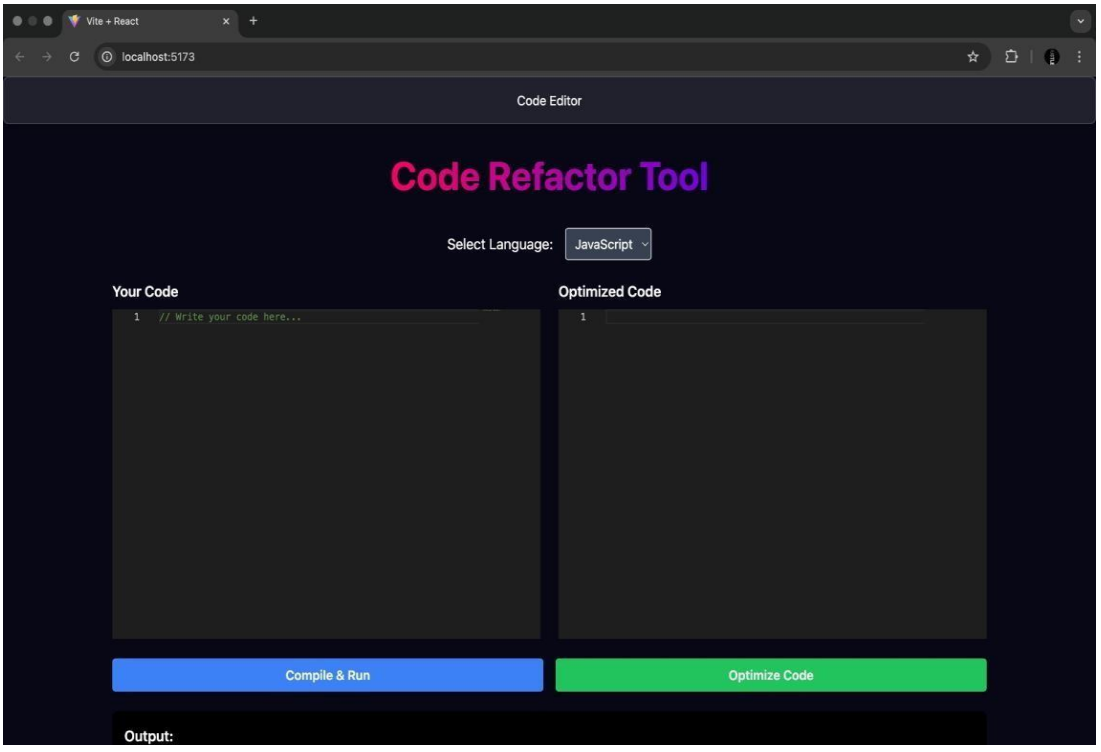

Fig-7 : Interface

8.2 Output

The output of the system is a fully refactored version of the user's input source code, intelligently improved for better readability, maintainability, and structural clarity, all while preserving the original behavior and logic. This refactoring includes transformations like renaming ambiguous variables, breaking down overly complex functions, removing redundant statements, and applying modern syntax or idiomatic patterns based on the selected programming language. The system ensures that the output is not just syntactically correct but also semantically meaningful by maintaining functional equivalence with the original code. These enhancements help reduce technical debt and make the codebase easier to understand and modify over time.

To support transparency and usability, the system highlights each change made during the transformation process. Developers can review a side-by-side comparison of the original versus refactored code, making it easier to verify and approve modifications. This combination of AI-powered suggestions with validation and visual feedback empowers developers to confidently integrate the refactored code into their projects without fear of unintended consequences.

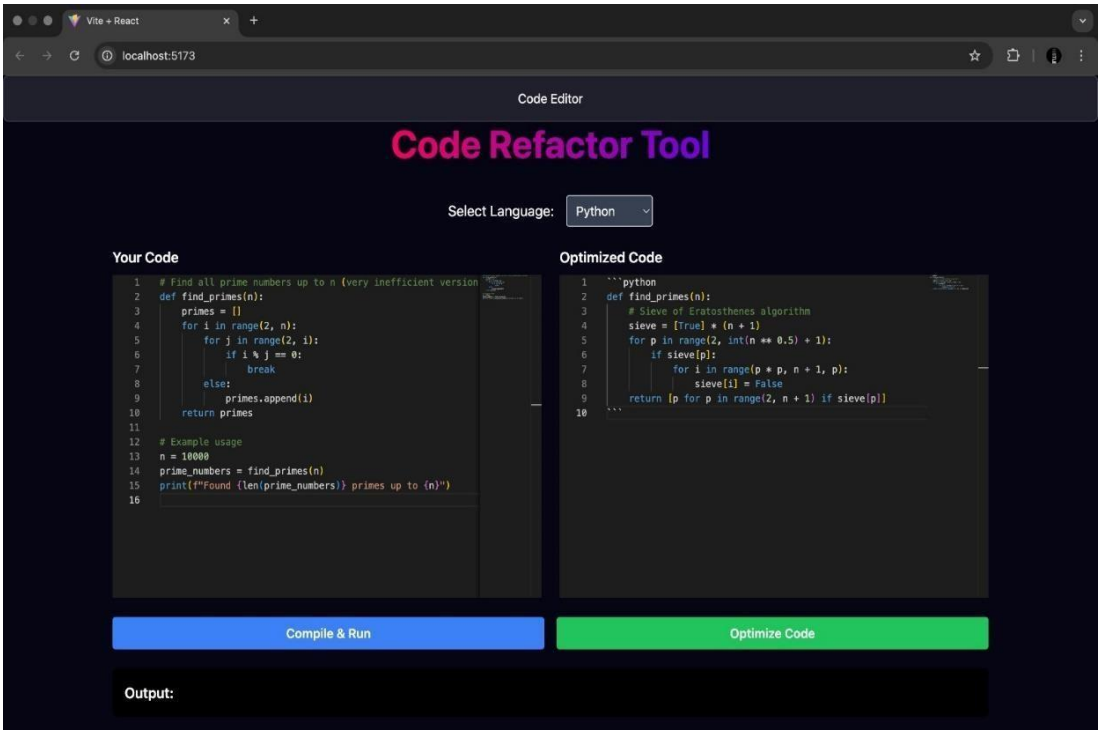

Fig-8 : Output

8.3 Evaluation of Code Generation Models on Key Performance Metrics

The performance comparison evaluates several state-of-the-art code generation models—Fine-tuned CodeLLaMA 7B, StarCoder 7B, CodeGen 6B, and the Base (untuned) CodeLLaMA 7B—using four widely accepted metrics in machine learning and natural language processing: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score. These metrics help measure how well each model understands, transforms, and generates source code that is correct, relevant, and context-aware.

- **Accuracy**: Measures how often the model generates syntactically and semantically correct code that functions as intended.
- **Precision**: Indicates how many of the model's suggested changes are genuinely correct and beneficial.
- **Recall**: Reflects how well the model identifies all possible areas in the code that need improvement.
- **F1-Score**: Balances precision and recall to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the model's code suggestions.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Fine-tuned CodeLLaMA 7B	91.3%	90.5%	89.8%	90.1%
Fine-tuned StarCoder 7B	90.1%	88.7%	88.0%	88.4%
CodeGen 6B	88.9%	87.2%	86.5%	86.8%
Base CodeLLaMA (without tuning)	81.4%	79.9%	78.7%	79.3%

Fig-9 : Performance Metrics

9. CONCLUSION

The **AI-Based Code Refactoring** project represents a cutting-edge approach to addressing the persistent challenges of code quality and maintainability in modern software development. By harnessing the power of artificial intelligence, machine learning (ML), and natural language processing (NLP), this system automates and optimizes the refactoring process, significantly reducing human effort while improving accuracy and efficiency.

Key Contributions and Innovations

1. **Intelligent Code Analysis:**

   Unlike traditional rule-based refactoring tools that rely on static syntax rules and pattern matching, this system leverages advanced deep learning models—such as Transformers and Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)—to perform a more comprehensive semantic analysis of source code. These models are capable of understanding the underlying meaning and structure of the code, enabling them to detect complex patterns and provide context-aware refactoring suggestions. As a result, the system goes beyond surface-level improvements like variable naming or code formatting and can identify deeper architectural flaws, such as violations of design patterns or the presence of anti-patterns. This allows developers to not only clean up code but also improve maintainability, scalability, and adherence to best practices in software design.

2. **Multi-Language Support:**

   The system is built with multi-language support in mind, making it highly versatile and applicable across various development environments. It is capable of analyzing and refactoring code written in multiple popular programming languages such as Python, Java, and JavaScript. This cross-language capability is made possible through the use of language-specific parsers and the construction of abstract syntax trees (ASTs), which allow the system to accurately interpret the structure and semantics of code in each language. By leveraging these ASTs, the system ensures that code transformations are both precise and functionality-preserving, enabling safe and effective refactoring regardless of the programming language used.

3. **Developer-Centric Workflow:**

The system offers a user-friendly interface, either as a web-based application or an IDE plugin, that enables developers to preview refactoring suggestions before implementing them. This interface allows users to easily accept or reject changes, providing full control over the refactoring process. Additionally, the system integrates with version control systems like Git, ensuring seamless collaboration among team members. This integration enables efficient tracking of modifications, enhances version history management, and ensures that refactoring suggestions are consistently aligned with the team's workflow, all while maintaining full traceability of code changes.

4. **Performance and Scalability:**

The system is optimized for speed, designed to handle moderately sized codebases efficiently without compromising performance. It ensures quick processing of refactoring tasks, making it suitable for small to medium-sized projects. Furthermore, the architecture is built with scalability in mind, allowing it to accommodate larger codebases as needed. For enterprise-level applications, cloud-based deployment options can be leveraged to significantly boost processing power and scalability. Cloud environments provide the flexibility to scale resources dynamically, enabling the system to handle the demands of large, complex projects while maintaining high performance and responsiveness.

5. **Validation and Reliability:**

Automated test case validation is integrated to ensure that the refactored code maintains the same behaviour and functionality as the original, preventing unintended bugs. Additionally, the system benchmarks code quality improvements by measuring metrics like Cyclomatic Complexity and Maintainability Index, which are widely recognized industry standards. These benchmarks provide a clear, quantifiable way to assess the impact of refactoring on readability, maintainability, and overall code health. By comparing pre- and post-refactoring metrics, developers can ensure that the changes lead to genuine improvements. This combination of testing and benchmarking ensures the reliability and effectiveness of refactoring efforts.

Future Enhancements

To further elevate the system's capabilities, the following advancements could be explored:

- **Real-Time Refactoring:** The system integrates seamlessly with popular live coding environments such as Jupyter Notebooks and VS Code, enabling developers to receive immediate refactoring suggestions as they write code. This instant feedback loop helps catch potential improvements early, reducing technical debt and streamlining the development process. The tool also supports incremental analysis to minimize latency, ensuring that suggestions remain relevant without interrupting the coding flow.
- **Collaborative Refactoring:** Designed for team environments, the system facilitates collaborative refactoring by allowing multiple users to work on the same codebase simultaneously. It includes conflict detection and resolution mechanisms that prevent overlapping changes and merge conflicts. Additionally, team members can comment on suggested refactorings and approve or reject changes collectively, fostering transparent communication and coordinated code quality improvements.
- **Customizable AI Models:** Organizations can fine-tune the AI models using their proprietary codebases and adhere to internal coding standards, enabling tailored refactoring suggestions that align with specific project requirements. This customization supports diverse programming languages, styles, and domain-specific best practices. The platform offers tools for incremental retraining and model versioning, ensuring that AI evolves alongside the organization's changing needs.
- **Explainable AI (XAI):** To build developer trust and facilitate adoption, the system provides clear, interpretable explanations for each refactoring suggestion. These justifications include highlighting detected code smells, outlining the benefits of the proposed changes, and referencing relevant coding guidelines or design patterns. By making the AI's decision-making process transparent, developers gain deeper insights and confidence in applying automated improvements.

  The AI-Based Code Refactoring tool exemplifies how AI can augment human expertise in software engineering. Its modular, scalable, and privacy-conscious design makes it a valuable asset for developers, teams, and organizations striving for

excellence in code quality. As AI continues to evolve, this project lays a strong foundation for future innovations in automated software development tools.

FUTURE WORK

While the project achieved significant insights and outcomes, there are several areas where further enhancements can be made to improve the analysis and extend its applicability:

1. Support for More Programming Languages

The current system focuses on Python and Java. Extending support to languages like C++, JavaScript, TypeScript, Go, and Rust would make the tool more versatile and attractive to a broader developer audience. Each language comes with unique syntax, semantics, and idiomatic patterns, requiring the development of custom tokenization methods, AST extraction tools, and specialized training data generation pipelines. Additionally, language-specific refactoring rules and best practices must be incorporated to ensure accurate and context-aware suggestions. Supporting multiple languages also demands scalable architecture and modular design to manage complexity while maintaining performance and reliability across diverse codebases.

2. Deeper Semantic Understanding with Code-Aware Models

Integrate models like CodeBERT, CodeT5, or GraphCodeBERT, which are specifically trained on large-scale codebases and designed to capture deep semantic information. These models excel at understanding variable dependencies, control flow, function logic, and contextual nuances within the code, enabling the system to propose more meaningful and sophisticated refactoring suggestions that go beyond simple syntax changes. Leveraging their pretrained embeddings and fine-tuning capabilities allows for improved accuracy in identifying code smells and suggesting optimizations tailored to the project's coding style. Moreover, combining these models with graph-based representations can enhance the analysis of complex code structures, such as data flow and inter-method relationships, further boosting the quality of automated refactorings.

3. Automatic Test Case Generation

Implement systems that automatically generate test cases before and after refactoring to ensure behavioral equivalence. Techniques like analyzing input/output examples,

function contracts, and symbolic execution help cover various edge cases. These tests integrate with existing frameworks to validate changes within CI/CD pipelines, ensuring code improvements don't break functionality and enhancing overall reliability.

4. Real-Time Refactoring Plugin for IDEs

Build lightweight plugins for popular IDEs such as VS Code, IntelliJ, and Eclipse to provide real-time refactoring suggestions as developers write or review code. These plugins operate similarly to GitHub Copilot but focus specifically on improving existing code quality rather than generating new code from scratch. They offer features like syntax-aware suggestions, inline diff views, and quick-apply actions to seamlessly integrate into developers' workflows. By running locally or communicating efficiently with cloud-based services, these plugins ensure minimal latency and maintain user privacy. Additionally, they support customizable rules and preferences, allowing teams to tailor refactoring guidance to their specific coding standards and project needs.

5. Collaborative and Team-based Refactoring Reviews

Add features that enable teams to collaborate effectively during the refactoring process—developers can comment on AI-generated suggestions, discuss potential improvements, and vote on changes to prioritize the most impactful refactorings. The system can support scheduling batch refactoring operations to apply approved changes collectively, minimizing disruptions and ensuring consistency across the codebase. Integration with version control systems like Git and popular platforms such as GitHub and GitLab enables seamless synchronization of refactoring activities with existing workflows, including automated pull request creation, review processes, and merge conflict resolution. These collaborative capabilities foster transparent communication, shared code ownership, and streamlined teamwork, ultimately enhancing code quality and developer productivity.

6. Explainable AI (XAI) for Refactoring Decisions

Developers often want to understand *why* a suggestion was made. Use explainable AI techniques to show which code smells were detected, what patterns triggered the suggestion, and what benefits the change offers (e.g., reduced complexity, improved readability).

7. User Feedback Loop and Adaptive Learning

Create a feedback mechanism where the system learns from developers' actions (accepting, modifying, or rejecting suggestions). Over time, the model can adapt to individual coding styles or team conventions using reinforcement learning or fine-tuning.

8. Security and Privacy Checks

Integrate static code analysis tools (like SonarQube or Bandit) to detect insecure patterns. Ensure that refactoring does not introduce vulnerabilities. If hosted in the cloud, ensure data is encrypted and provide options for on-premise deployments for enterprise use.

9. Voice or Natural Language Based Refactoring Interface

Use NLP interfaces where developers can say or type commands like *"Rename all short variables to meaningful names"* or *"Simplify nested loops"*. This can help non-expert developers access powerful features without needing deep tool knowledge.

10. Open Benchmark Dataset and Leaderboard

Release a dataset of original vs. refactored code (possibly with annotations for code smells) and create a public benchmark. This would help other researchers and developers to train, evaluate, and compare new refactoring models, pushing the field forward.

By addressing these areas in future work, the project can provide even deeper insights and more actionable recommendations for restaurants and stakeholders in the food and hospitality industry.

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Abstract

One of the most difficult aspects of software development is maintaining and updating legacy code, which frequently requires a significant investment of time and energy to make the code more manageable, efficient, and readable. Using sophisticated AI, such as machine learning and large language models, the AI-Powered Codebase Refactorer is a clever tool made to make this process easier. It converts jumbled or out-of-date code—such as old Python or Java projects—into more organized, contemporary, and well-documented forms. The tool makes the code much easier to understand by adding useful comments and producing external API documentation in addition to applying best practices like modularization and design patterns to improve code structure. In order to make sure the code continues to function properly after changes, it uses automated tests and static analysis, which goes beyond simply tidying up syntax. Whether it's for system software, data tools, or web apps, this AI modifies its methodology to suit the particular project. Developers can reduce technical debt, save time, and maintain the functionality of critical software by automating a large portion of the refactoring process.

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1. Introduction

Many businesses still rely on legacy systems, but maintaining them gets more difficult as time goes on. Outdated coding practices, deprecated software components, and inadequate documentation are frequently to blame for this. As a result, businesses deal with increasing maintenance expenses, delayed development schedules, and growing technical debt. Many of these systems were constructed with antiquated, monolithic designs that aren't appropriate for the scalable, fast-paced tech environments of today. Their overall complexity is increased by their inflexible architecture, which makes it challenging to incorporate new technologies or add contemporary features.

The AI-Powered Codebase Refactorer employs machine learning and artificial intelligence to address these problems and modernize legacy systems. Without affecting already-existing functionality, it automates the process of refactoring code, converting antiquated structures into versions that are cleaner, easier to maintain, and more scalable. By streamlining ineffective system components and optimizing code, the tool also improves performance. Its ability to produce thorough, understandable documentation that facilitates developers' work with the updated codebase is one of its main advantages. Businesses can modernize their systems more quickly and safely by adopting AI-driven automation, which will increase scalability, maintainability, and efficiency while lowering the amount of manual labor usually needed for such a complicated task.

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The AI-Powered Codebase Refactorer provides a novel way to address these problems. It automates the process of refactoring legacy code into a more scalable, modular, and maintainable form by utilizing machine learning and artificial intelligence. The tool improves the system's efficiency, performance, and structure while maintaining its current functionality. Additionally, it produces comprehensive and understandable documentation, which facilitates developers' comprehension and allows them to continue working with the updated code.

By automating time-consuming refactoring tasks, this project aims to improve maintainability by simplifying complex code, increase scalability through improved coding practices, and speed up the entire development process. AI-driven automation can help organizations modernize legacy systems with less risk and effort, facilitating a more seamless transition to modern architectures and lowering long-term operational burdens.

1.1. Problem Statement

Code produced by modern software development frequently lacks structure, is redundant, and deviates from best practices, which makes maintenance difficult and time-consuming. Deeper semantic and architectural problems are not addressed by traditional refactoring tools, which are mostly rule-based and have a narrow scope. In addition to being time-consuming, manual refactoring is prone to errors and requires developer expertise. To increase code quality, maintainability, and developer productivity, an intelligent, automated system that can comprehend code semantics and offer relevant, context-aware refactoring recommendations across several programming languages is desperately needed.

2. Literature review

Numerous studies have investigated the use of automated refactoring and artificial intelligence in the modernization of legacy systems. The two main areas are AI-assisted code refactoring, where machine learning models, especially deep learning and transformer-based approaches, analyze code syntax to recommend significant improvements, and static code analysis, where tools like SonarQube and ESLint identify technical debt and code smells to direct refactoring. Software maintainability has also been improved by the automatic generation of code documentation through the use of natural language processing (NLP) techniques. Through the detection and removal of system bottlenecks and the use of dependency analysis to convert monolithic architectures into scalable microservices, AI has also been crucial in performance optimization. Together, these developments enable AI-driven refactoring tools to automate code analysis, optimization, and restructuring. This reduces technical debt, improves modularity, and expedites the conversion of legacy systems to contemporary, secure, and efficient software infrastructures.

3. Existing methods

The majority of the code refactoring systems currently in use are manual or partially automated tools that are integrated into IDEs such as Visual Studio, Eclipse, or IntelliJ. These tools lack deeper analytical capabilities, but they work well for simple tasks like formatting code, extracting methods, and renaming variables. Their functionality is largely dependent on the developer's skill level; they provide little assistance when working with legacy systems or complex logic. Because of this, programmers must invest a great deal of time and mental energy, especially when working with large or old codebases where structural problems are difficult to spot.

Rule-based refactoring tools can carry out particular transformations, such as updating loop structures or enforcing coding standards, because they follow predefined instructions. But because they don't understand the code's context, their scope is naturally constrained. These tools are unable to identify project-specific subtleties, logical inconsistencies, or architectural inefficiencies. As a result, even though they help with superficial code enhancements, they frequently pass up chances for more significant and influential optimizations.

The static nature of traditional tools—their inability to learn or adapt through use—is another significant drawback. These tools provide the same general recommendations regardless of a project's size or complexity, disregarding past

trends or refactoring results. This results in uneven code quality, particularly in group settings. In the absence of a thoughtful, flexible strategy, these tools may unintentionally introduce errors or inconsistencies, compromising the codebase's overall dependability and maintainability.

4. Proposed method

The suggested system offers a code refactoring method powered by AI that greatly outperforms conventional tools. This system can analyse and comprehend code at a deep semantic level by utilizing sophisticated machine learning models like transformer architectures and graph neural networks. Instead of just making superficial adjustments, it finds intricate patterns, duplications, and inefficiencies and makes wise recommendations to enhance readability, performance, and maintainability. It can accurately refactor entire code blocks, rename variables, and reorganize logic while maintaining the program's original functionality.

This AI-based system's semantic understanding is one of its main advantages. The system can learn more about the structural and functional aspects of a program by examining its Abstract Syntax Tree (AST). This enables it to identify architectural problems that simple line-by-line tools frequently overlook, like tightly coupled modules or bloated functions. The system learns what makes code good and provides context-aware refactoring recommendations that go beyond static rule sets after being trained on large datasets from real-world codebases.

Its ability to integrate seamlessly and support multiple languages is another significant benefit. The system is made to comprehend language-specific syntax and best practices, regardless of whether the developer is working with Python, Java, C++, or JavaScript. REST APIs and IDE plugins make integration simple, enabling developers to seamlessly integrate the tool into their current workflows. Furthermore, by keeping developers in charge, features like rollback options, side-by-side code comparisons, and refactoring previews promote transparency and trust in the refactoring process.

The design of this system also prioritizes scalability and user experience. It is appropriate for enterprise-level applications since it is designed to manage sizable codebases and multiple users at once. The output is assessed and optimized using performance metrics like the Maintainability Index and Cyclomatic Complexity, guaranteeing significant gains. The system makes code modernization more efficient, dependable, and scalable without requiring knowledge of artificial intelligence or machine learning thanks to its user-friendly interface and one-click automation.

5. Methodology

5.1. Data Collection

Training data should come from clean, high-quality repositories on GitHub and CodeSearchNet, focusing on Python and Java. These should follow established coding standards to ensure reliable and maintainable code.

5.2. Preprocessing

Tree-sitter is used to parse code into Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs), and models such as CodeBERT or CodeT5 are used to tokenize the code for embedding. Code that smells like lengthy methods or duplicates is marked for improvement.

5.3. Model Training

Semantics and structure of code are analyzed by machine learning models like Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) and CodeBERT. To learn efficient code improvements, the model is refined using labeled refactoring examples.

5.4. Integration

For effective refactoring, the system integrates rule-based engines and machine learning. While machine learning models address complex code smells, rules handle simple tasks.

5.5. Architecture

An IDE plugin or a Next.js web interface can serve as the frontend. The backend communicates via RESTful APIs and makes use of Flask or FastAPI with modules such as Language Detector and RefactorEngine.

5.6. Deployment

The MVP is a Python refactoring plugin for Visual Studio Code. Version 2 will support cloud infrastructure such as AWS or GCP for scalability, as well as Java and CI/CD pipelines.

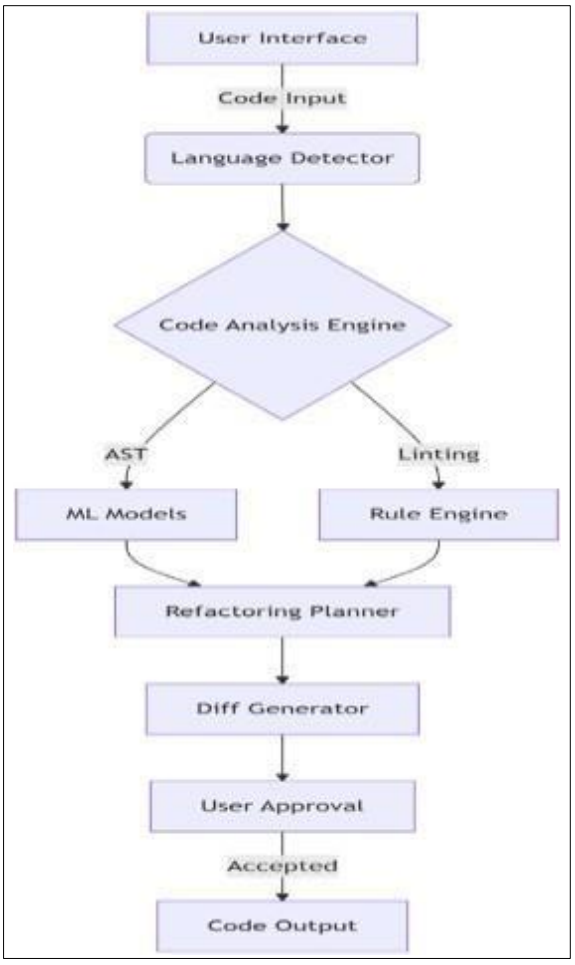


Figure 1 Methodology

5.7. System Architecture

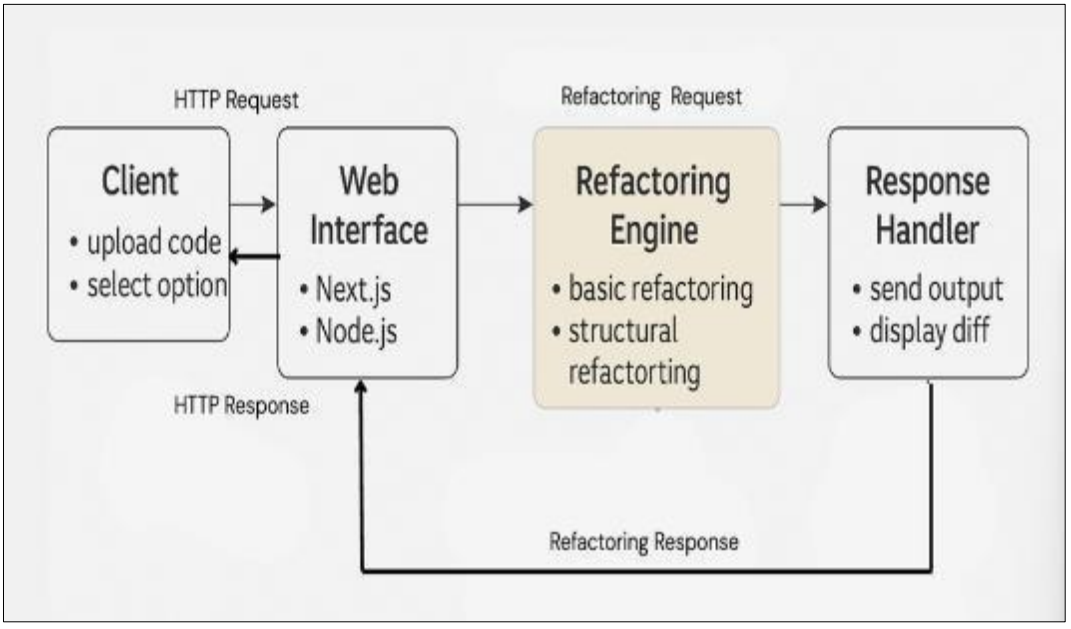


Figure 2 System Architectur

5.8. System Components

5.8.1. Frontend Module

React and TypeScript are combined in Next.js to create an intuitive user interface for the frontend. Users can choose the preferred programming language, enter source code, and see the optimized result. The user can view the refactored code in a readable format after the backend returns it.

5.8.2. Backend API Module

The backend, which was created in Python using FastAPI, manages communication between the machine learning model and the frontend. After validating the code and language inputs, it sends the information to the machine learning model. The response is prepared by the backend and sent back to the frontend after the optimized code has been generated.

5.8.3. Machine Learning Model Module

The main refactoring is done by this module. It makes use of pretrained models, such as Code Llama or StarCoder, that have been refined using examples of badly written and well-refactored code. The model, which was created using Hugging Face and PyTorch, produces code that is faster, cleaner, and uses less memory without changing the original logic.

5.8.4. Evaluation Module

The system uses a number of automated metrics to assess the output following refactoring. These include cyclomatic complexity to gauge code simplicity, runtime and memory usage improvements, and BLEU and ROUGE scores for code similarity. This guarantees that the code produced is effective and of excellent quality.

5.8.5. Post-Processing Module

The output code is run through code formatters such as Black (for Python) or Prettier (for JavaScript) and linters are applied to guarantee consistency and readability. In this step, the syntax is cleaned up, minor bugs are fixed, and the user is given polished, standardized code.

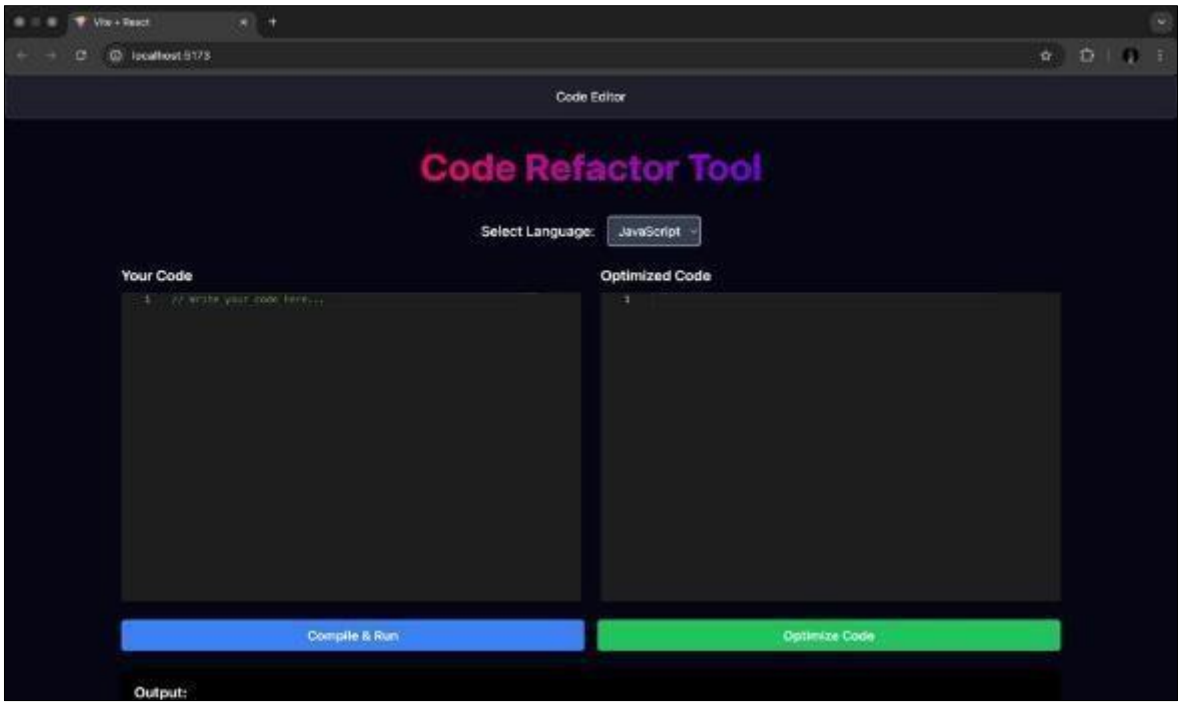
5.8.6. Storage Module

The optimized output, associated metadata, and the original input are all stored in a MongoDB database. This enables the system to keep track of prior refactoring operations, and the information gathered can also be utilized to enhance the model in subsequent iterations.

5.8.7. System Workflow

The user submits code via the frontend to start the process. After processing and validating the input, the backend forwards it to the machine learning model and sets up the environment as required. The code is restructured by the ML model, which enhances both its structure and performance. The evaluation module confirms quality, and post-processing guarantees clean output. The polished code is then sent back to the frontend by the backend for display.

6. Results and Discussion



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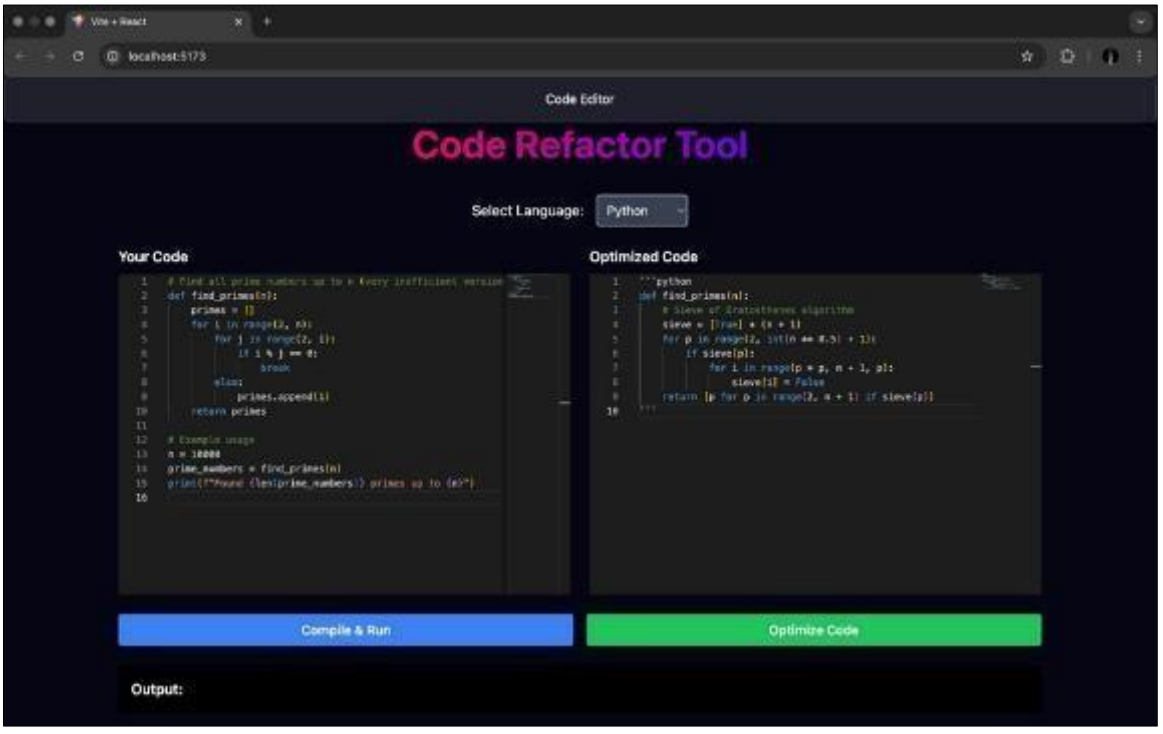

Figure 4 Output

7. Conclusion

Through the use of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and natural language processing, the AI-Based Code Refactoring project presents a novel, intelligent system that improves and automates the software refactoring process. In contrast to conventional rule-based tools, this system makes use of deep learning models, like Transformers and Graph Neural Networks, to comprehend the semantic structure of code. This allows it to identify intricate problems, such as anti-patterns and architectural flaws. It guarantees precise and secure code transformations by supporting a variety of programming languages (such as Python, Java, and JavaScript) via abstract syntax trees (ASTs). With an interactive interface, IDE integration, and Git support, the system also emphasizes a developer-centric workflow, enabling developers to preview and manage changes while preserving traceability.

The system, which is built for both scalability and performance, can scale through cloud deployment to meet enterprise needs while processing small to medium codebases with efficiency. To guarantee quality and dependability, refactored code is assessed using common metrics such as the Cyclomatic Complexity and Maintainability Index and validated using automated test cases. Future improvements could include team-based collaboration tools, explainable AI to support recommendations, real-time refactoring in live coding environments, and customizable AI models. All things considered, this project demonstrates how AI can enable programmers to enhance code quality, lower technical debt, and create software systems that are easier to maintain.

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