

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

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2. Project Overview

• Purpose:

The purpose of the **SmartSDLC Assistant** is to guide students, developers, and professionals in understanding and applying Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) phases effectively. By leveraging AI (IBM Granite LLM) and an interactive Gradio-based interface, the assistant simplifies SDLC concepts, generates intelligent checklists, and provides smart suggestions tailored to different project scenarios.

Features:

Explain SDLC Phases

- Key Point: Step-by-step guidance
- Functionality: Explains any SDLC phase (Planning, Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing, Deployment, Maintenance) in plain language.

AI-Enhanced Checklist

- Key Point: Practical task breakdown
- Functionality: Generates actionable checklists for each SDLC stage to help in real project execution.

Smart Suggestions

- Key Point: Intelligent project insights
- Functionality: Provides recommendations, best practices, and risk warnings based on the chosen SDLC phase.

Conversational Interface

- Key Point: Natural language queries
- Functionality: Allows users to ask SDLC-related questions and receive Al-powered responses.

Gradio UI

- Key Point: Simple and interactive
- Functionality: Provides a clean, tabbed interface for phase explanation, checklists, and suggestions.

3. Architecture

Frontend (Gradio in Google Colab)

- Built using **Gradio**, providing an easy-to-use tabbed UI directly inside Colab or as a shareable web link.
- Tabs: Explain Phase, Checklist, Smart Suggestions.

Backend (Python + IBM Granite Model)

- Uses Hugging Face Transformers to load and interact with IBM Granite LLM.
- Handles text generation and response logic.
- LLM Integration (IBM Granite)
 - Model: ibm-granite/granite-3.2-2b-instruct.
 - Used for natural language understanding and content generation.

4. Setup Instructions

- Prerequisites
 - Google Colab account
 - Python 3.9+ (pre-installed in Colab)
 - Hugging Face Transformers library
 - Gradio library
- Installation Process (Colab cells)
- 1. Install dependencies (!pip install transformers gradio torch).
- 2. Import model and tokenizer from Hugging Face.
- 3. Run the Gradio app cell to launch UI.
- 4. Use the provided link to interact with the app.

5. Folder Structure

(Since this is a Colab project, structure is simple)

SmartSDLC/

- | SmartSDLC_Project.ipynb # Main Colab Notebook
- | model / # IBM Granite model (auto-downloaded from HF)
- | outputs/ # (optional) save generated outputs

6. Running the Application

- 1. Open the Colab Notebook.
- 2. Run setup and model loading cells.
- 3. Launch Gradio app using demo.launch().
- 4. Use tabs to:
 - Explain Phase → learn any SDLC stage.
 - Checklist → get tasks for that phase.
 - Smart Suggestions → receive recommendations.

7. API Documentation

Internal Functions (inside Colab)

- o generate_response(prompt) → gets Al-generated text from Granite.
- o explain_phase(phase) → explains a chosen SDLC phase.
- o generate_checklist(phase) → creates checklist tasks.
- o generate_suggestions(phase) → provides smart recommendations.

(No external REST API is used, only Colab functions + Gradio UI)

8. Authentication

- Not required.
- Runs openly in Colab environment for learning and demonstration.

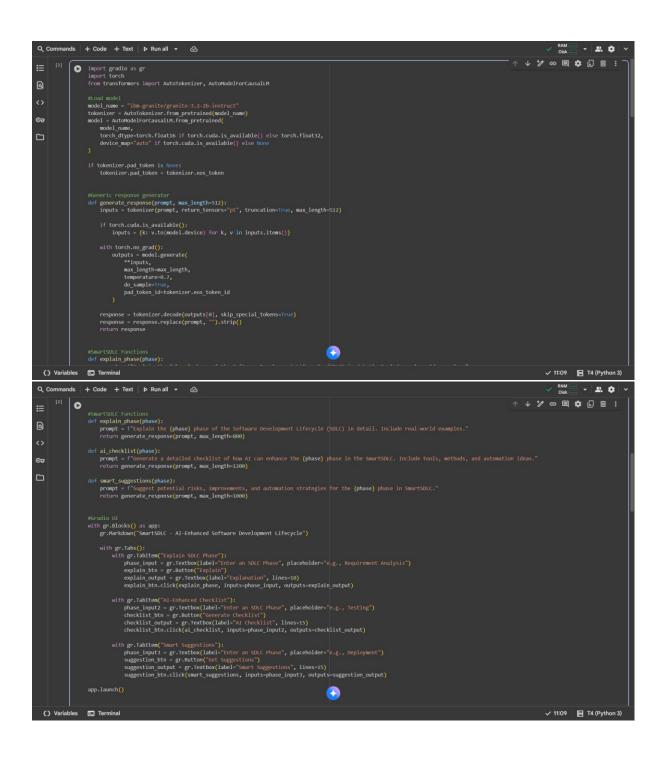
9. User Interface

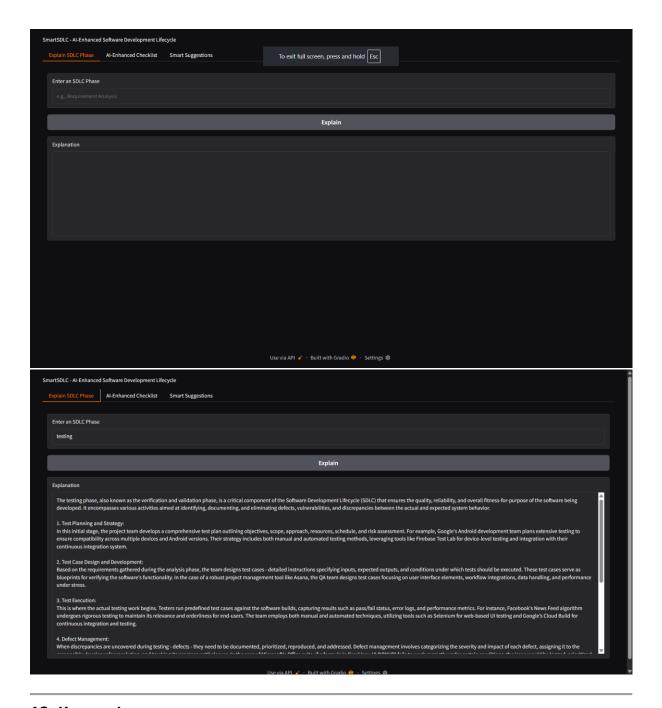
- Gradio Tabs:
 - Explain Phase → Dropdown for SDLC phases + text output.
 - o Al Checklist → Auto-generated checklist in bullet points.
 - Smart Suggestions → Actionable insights and warnings.
- UI Style:
 - Simple, minimalistic, student-friendly.

10. Testing

- **Unit Testing**: Tested response generation for each SDLC phase.
- **Manual Testing**: Verified dropdown inputs and tab switching.
- Edge Cases: Handled invalid inputs (e.g., unknown phase names).

11. Screenshots





12. Known Issues

- Model responses depend on IBM Granite training data (sometimes generic).
- Internet required to download the model.
- Colab runtime resets clear the session.

13. Future Enhancements

- Add **project-specific templates** for documentation.
- Expand checklist with real-time project management tasks.
- Export results as **PDF reports** directly.

• Add voice input support for queries.