

Mera - Your AI Dermatologist Assistant

Project Structure

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7. **LLM Response Generation (OpenAI API)**

Passes retrieved context to OpenAI's model for generating accurate, natural-language responses.

8. **Frontend (FastAPI + HTML/CSS/Bootstrap)**

Provides an interactive UI with FastAPI as the backend and Bootstrap for design. Users can upload files and ask dermatology-related queries.

9. **Deployment (AWS + Localhost)**

Runs locally for development, with embeddings stored on AWS for scalable deployment.

10. **Image Processing (Future Scope)**

Dermatology images can be **vectorized into embeddings** for better diagnosis using deep learning models like **ResNet**.

Notebook Link :

<https://github.com/GauravAnand30/Mera-AI-Dermatologist-Assistant/blob/main/trials.ipynb>

Github Link: <https://github.com/GauravAnand30/Mera-AI-Dermatologist-Assistant>

Video Demo Link :

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZsPi02_yKlig0wt_W-PkwJ-jWYQyt1R_/view?usp=sharing

Screenshots Link :

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12CONIXXGkokxpXwG6c-bIPKSw7vyuTVM>

Meet Mera

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[76] 3m 8.2s

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2. Moisturex Soft Lotion
3. DewSka Moisturizing Cream

\Mera Response: Trumist Moisturizing Lotion, Dermoflan AD Daily Emollient, and Venusia Max Intensive Moisturizing Cream.

\Mera Response: Some effective ways to treat oily skin include using products with ingredients like aloe vera, tea tree oil, and clove oil,
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```
if user_input.lower() == 'exit':
    print("Goodbye! 😊 Stay glowing! ✨")
    break
response = get_response(user_input)
print("\Mera Response:", response, "\n")

[76] 1m 39.3s Python

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[100] ✓ 0.0s
from langchain.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader, DirectoryLoader
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

#Extract Data From the PDF File
def load_pdf_file(data):
    loader= DirectoryLoader(data,glob="*.pdf",loader_cls=PyPDFLoader)

    documents=loader.load()

    return documents

[101] ✓ 0.0s

extracted_data=load_pdf_file(data='Data/')

[102] ✓ 40.4s
```

2. Text Chunking & Preprocessing

Splits extracted text into smaller, meaningful chunks. Cleans, tokenizes, and standardizes the text for accurate retrieval.

```
▶ #Split the Data into Text Chunks

def text_split(extracted_data):
    text_splitter=RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(chunk_size=500, chunk_overlap=20)
    text_chunks=text_splitter.split_documents(extracted_data)
    return text_chunks

[103] ✓ 0.0s

text_chunks=text_split(extracted_data)
print("Length of Text Chunks", len(text_chunks))

[104] ✓ 0.0s
... Length of Text Chunks 3018

text_chunks

[105] ✓ 0.0s
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[107] ✓ 0.0s
#Download the Embeddings from Hugging Face
def download_hugging_face_embeddings():
    embeddings=HuggingFaceEmbeddings(model_name='sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2')
    return embeddings

[108] ✓ 3.5s
embeddings = download_hugging_face_embeddings()

[109] ✓ 0.0s
query_result = embeddings.embed_query("Hello world")
print("Length", len(query_result))
... Length 384
Generate Code Markdown

[110] ✓ 0.0s
query_result
... [-0.03447723761200905,
0.031023213639855385,
0.006734990980476141,
0.02610895223915577,
```

4. Vector Database (FAISS for Fast Search)

Stores embeddings in **FAISS**, allowing rapid nearest-neighbor searches for relevant dermatological data.

```
[112] ✓ 1m 11.0s
# Convert text chunks to embeddings
text_vectors = [embeddings.embed_query(doc.page_content) for doc in text_chunks]
text_vectors = np.array(text_vectors, dtype='float32')

[113] ✓ 0.0s
# Initialize FAISS index
dimension = text_vectors.shape[1]
faiss_index = faiss.IndexFlatL2(dimension)
faiss_index.add(text_vectors) # Add embeddings to FAISS

[114] ✓ 50.4s
# Store embeddings in FAISS
docsearch = FAISS.from_documents(text_chunks, embeddings)
```

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```
# Set up retrieval
riever = docsearch.as_retriever(search_type="similarity", search_kwargs={"k": 3})
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# Set up memory for conversation
memory = ConversationBufferMemory(memory_key="chat_history", return_messages=True)
```

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... C:\Users\Acer\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_36712\2108543167.py:2: LangChainDeprecationWarning: Please see the
memory = ConversationBufferMemory(memory_key="chat_history", return_messages=True)
```

```
# Define system prompt
system_prompt = (
    "Hi, welcome to **Clinikally**! 🤖 I am Mera, your skincare assistant. "
    "How can I help you today?\n\n"

    "You are an AI assistant for Skincare questions and skincare-related product recommendations. "
    "Use the retrieved context to answer questions, including correct product names, their use cases, "
    "suitable recommendations, and prices from your context database. "

    "If you do not get a sufficient answer from the database, search on DuckDuckGo for the latest information "
    "and provide an answer. "
    "suitability recommendations, and pricing from the database. "
    "If there is insufficient information in the database, search on open sources like DuckDuckGo "
    "and Clinikally.com to fetch relevant product details. "
    "When a user asks for a product recommendation, respond ONLY with the product name(s) from the knowledge base before the '|' symbol. "
    "Give details of the product as well when the user asks for the product names. "

    "Keep responses concise."
    "\n\n"
    "{context}"
)

prompt = ChatPromptTemplate.from_messages([
    ("system", system_prompt),
    ("human", "{input}"),
])
```

6. Query Processing & Context Retrieval

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```
from langchain.chains import ConversationalRetrievalChain

# Create retrieval-based question-answering chain with memory
question_answer_chain = create_stuff_documents_chain(llm, prompt)

rag_chain = ConversationalRetrievalChain.from_llm(
    retriever=retriever,
    llm = llm,
    memory=memory
)
```

✓ 0.0s

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
%pip install beautifulsoup4

# Function to search for skincare products on Clinikally.com
def search_clinikally(query):
    search_url = f"https://www.clinikally.com/search?q={query.replace(' ', '+')}}"
    headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0"}

    response = requests.get(search_url, headers=headers)
    if response.status_code == 200:
        soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
        results = []
        for product in soup.select(".product-card"): # Adjust selector based on site structure
            title = product.select_one(".product-title").text.strip()
            price = product.select_one(".product-price").text.strip()
            link = "https://www.clinikally.com" + product.select_one("a")["href"]
            results.append(f"{title} - {price} [More Info]({link})")
        return "\n".join(results) if results else "No relevant products found."

    return "No relevant products found."
```

[120] ✓ 2.4s

```

# Function to search DuckDuckGo if FAISS doesn't have enough data
def search_duckduckgo(query):
    with DDGS() as ddgs:
        search_results = [result['body'] for result in ddgs.text(query, max_results=3)]
        return "\n".join(search_results) if search_results else "No relevant results found."

```

[121] ✓ 0.0s

```

# Final function to answer user queries
def get_response(user_input):
    # Query FAISS first
    response = rag_chain.invoke({"question": user_input})
    answer = response["answer"]

    # If FAISS doesn't provide sufficient info, search Clinikally.com
    if "I don't know" in answer or len(answer.strip()) < 10:
        print("FAISS didn't provide enough information, searching Clinikally.com...")
        answer = search_clinikally(user_input)

    # If Clinikally also lacks results, fall back to DuckDuckGo
    if "No relevant products found." in answer:
        print("Clinikally.com didn't provide enough information, searching DuckDuckGo...")
        answer = search_duckduckgo(user_input)

    return answer

```

[122] ✓ 0.0s

7. LLM Response Generation (OpenAI API)

Passes retrieved context to OpenAI's model for generating accurate, natural-language responses.

```

# Define LLM
llm = OpenAI(temperature=0.4, max_tokens=500)

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[118] ✓ 0.0s

```

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question_answer_chain = create_stuff_documents_chain(llm, prompt)

rag_chain = ConversationalRetrievalChain.from_llm(
    retriever=retriever,
    llm=llm,
    memory=memory
)

```

[119] ✓ 0.0s

Responses Answers from Mera

```
# Test responses
response1 = get_response("What are the best skincare products for acne?")
print(response1)

response2 = get_response("What is the best sunscreen for oily skin?")
print(response2)

response3 = get_response("What is the 3 best moisturizer for dry skin?")
print(response3)
```

✓ 6.5s

Acnelak 4in1 Pimple Care Face Wash, Cuticapil Hair Serum Cream, Acorop Anti Acne Gel, and Palsons Renewderm Vit C Face Serum are all effective skincare products for acne. The S-Shield Sunscreen Lotion SPF 30 is the best sunscreen for oily skin as it has an oil-free, aqua-based texture and is enriched with vitamin E, Allantoin, and green tea extract to nourish the skin while providing broad-spectrum protection against UV-A and UV-B radiation. Trumist Moisturizing Lotion, Dermoflan AD Daily Emollient, and Moisturex Soft Lotion.

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```
# Test responses with 10 relevant skincare-related questions
questions = [
    "What are the best skincare products for acne?",
    "What is the best sunscreen for oily skin?",
    "What are the 3 best moisturizers for dry skin?",
    "How can I treat dark circles under my eyes?",
    "What are some effective remedies for hyperpigmentation?",
    "Can you suggest a good face wash for sensitive skin?",
    "What ingredients should I avoid if I have acne-prone skin?",
    "How do I reduce redness on my face?",
    "What is the best serum for anti-aging?",
    "How do I build a basic skincare routine for combination skin?"
]
```

```
# Loop through the questions and get responses
for i, question in enumerate(questions, 1):
    print(f"Question {i}: {question}")
    response = get_response(question)
    print("AI Response:", response, "\n")
```

✓ 20.6s

Responses

...	Question 1: What are the best skincare products for acne? AI Response: Acorop Anti Acne Gel, Palsons Renewderm Vit C Face Serum, and Acelak 4in1 Pimple Care Face Wash are all effective skincare products for acne.
	Question 2: What is the best sunscreen for oily skin? AI Response: IPCA Acne-UV Gel Sunscreen SPF 50/PA+ and Alblock Sunscreen Emulsion Gel SPF 50+ PA+++ are both suitable options for oily skin as they have a lightweight, non-greasy formula.
	Question 3: What are the 3 best moisturizers for dry skin? AI Response: Moisturex Soft Lotion, Dermaceutic C25 Cream, Trilogy Vital Moisturising Cream, and Aveeno Skin Relief Moisturizing Lotion are all effective moisturizers for dry skin.
	Question 4: How can I treat dark circles under my eyes? AI Response: Glo Blanc Ultimate Skin Glow Peel-Off Mask, Cream, and Sesderma K-VIT Anti-Dark Circle Serum are all effective treatments for dark circles under the eyes.
	Question 5: What are some effective remedies for hyperpigmentation? AI Response: The Novology Bi-Phasic Hyperpigmentation Serum and IBGlow Ultra Depigmenting Cream are both effective treatments for hyperpigmentation.
	Question 6: Can you suggest a good face wash for sensitive skin? AI Response: Skintel Face Wash is a good option for sensitive skin as it is formulated with gentle yet effective ingredients and is suitable for all skin types.
	Question 7: What ingredients should I avoid if I have acne-prone skin? AI Response: Salicylic acid, Tea Tree Oil, Triclosan, and any harsh or drying ingredients should be avoided for acne-prone skin.
	Question 8: How do I reduce redness on my face? AI Response: Using products specifically designed for reducing redness, such as Pharma Metroruboril A.Z Anti-Redness Cream or a gel with azelaic acid, can help reduce redness on the face.
	Question 9: What is the best serum for anti-aging? AI Response: Yes, I would recommend Aveil Exfol-A Anti Aging Serum or Ageret Age Reversal Retinol Serum. Both are enriched with collagen peptides, retinol, and hyaluronic acid, which are effective for anti-aging.
	Question 10: How do I build a basic skincare routine for combination skin? AI Response: For combination skin, it's important to use a gentle cleanser, a lightweight moisturizer, and a broad-spectrum sunscreen. You can also incorporate a treatment product like a retinoid or vitamin C serum, but only if your skin tolerates it.

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Question 8: How do I reduce redness on my face?

AI Response: Using products specifically designed for reducing redness, such as Pharma Metroruboril A.Z Anti-Redness Cream or a gel with azelaic acid, can be effective in reducing facial redness. Additionally, maintaining a regular skincare routine and avoiding triggers for redness, such as harsh products or excessive sun exposure, can also help.

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AI Response: Yes, I would recommend Aveil Exfol-A Anti Aging Serum or Ageret Age Reversal Retinol Serum. Both are enriched with collagen peptides, retinol, and other essential nutrients to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles, improve skin elasticity, and promote a youthful glow. They are suitable for all skin types and can be used daily or nightly for best results.

Question 10: How do I build a basic skincare routine for combination skin?

AI Response: A basic skincare routine for combination skin should include a gentle cleanser, a hydrating moisturizer, and a sunscreen with at least SPF 30. It is also important to exfoliate regularly to remove dead skin cells and balance out the different areas of your skin. Additionally, incorporating a toner and serum can help target specific skin concerns. Be sure to patch test any new products and listen to your skin's needs to adjust your routine accordingly.

Future Scope

- **Image Processing:** Use deep learning models (ResNet, EfficientNet) to analyze dermatology images and classify skin conditions.
- **AWS Deployment:** Deploy on AWS SageMaker, EC2 (GPU), and Lambda for scalable AI services.
- **Serverless Architecture:** Use API Gateway, DynamoDB, and S3 for cost-effective cloud storage and processing.
- **Real-time Monitoring:** Implement AWS X-Ray and CloudWatch for tracking API performance and response times.
- **Response Optimization:** Store query logs in AWS Athena to refine AI recommendations and enhance accuracy.