SHL GenAl Assessment Recommender – Approach Summary

Objective

The goal of this project was to develop a Generative AI-powered web tool that helps recommend the most suitable SHL assessments based on any job description. This was achieved using a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) technique that combines semantic search with intelligent ranking.

Tools & Technologies

- Frontend: Streamlit (for interactive web UI)
- Backend API: FastAPI (for recommendation endpoint)
- Language: Python
- Embedding Models:
 - o all-MiniLM-L6-v2 (via Sentence Transformers local model)
 - Optional: OpenAI's text-embedding-ada-002 (via API key)
- Similarity Method: Cosine Similarity
- Dataset: shl catalog.csv a curated list of SHL assessments and their details

Architecture Overview

- 1. **User Input**: Job description is entered via the web app or API.
- 2. Embedding:
 - o If selected, OpenAI API generates the embedding for the input.
 - Otherwise, local SentenceTransformer model generates it.
- 3. **Similarity Calculation**: Computes cosine similarity between the input and each assessment description.
- 4. **Top Recommendations**: The system ranks and returns the top 3 matching assessments (or up to 10 via API).
- 5. **Output Delivery**:
 - The Streamlit app displays the results clearly to the user.
 - The FastAPI endpoint returns the response in a clean, SHL-compliant JSON format.

Highlights

- Switch easily between local model and OpenAI embeddings
- Output format follows SHL's official JSON guidelines
- Both web app and API are designed to be scalable and easy to integrate

Key Links

- **Web App**: https://shl-genai-assessment-recommendation-tooliggrsw5dgsjjvlgg4kbvv.streamlit.app/
- **GitHub Repository**: https://github.com/iris3014/shl-genai-assessment-recommendation-tool

Output



