AI-Powered Email Workflow Engine

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1. Introduction

In today's corporate ecosystem, support and sales teams handle a large volume of client emails daily — from product inquiries to technical issues. Manually reading, classifying, and responding to each email is time-consuming, error-prone, and inefficient.

To solve this challenge, I developed the **AI-Powered Email Workflow Engine** — a system that uses **Python** and **Azure OpenAI** to intelligently read incoming emails, understand their intent, and automatically respond with the appropriate message or quotation.

The system integrates seamlessly with Gmail, classifies each email as a *Support Request*, *Quotation Request*, or *Other*, and performs the corresponding workflow — such as generating a quotation PDF or sending an acknowledgment — all in an automated, auditable, and efficient manner.

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2. Project Objectives

The primary goal of this project was to build an **end-to-end intelligent automation** that handles client communication autonomously.

Specific objectives included:

- Automatically read new (unseen) emails from the inbox.
- Identify the intent (Support, Quote, or Other) using Azure OpenAI.
- Send polite, context-aware replies based on classification.
- Automatically generate and attach a quotation PDF for Quote requests.
- Maintain detailed logs in a local database for auditing and traceability.
- Build a modular, maintainable code structure aligned with real-world business workflows.

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3. Business Problem & Solution

Problem Statement

Aura’s customer support and quotation teams receive numerous client emails daily. Sorting, identifying, and replying to each one manually leads to delays, inconsistency, and human errors.

Proposed Solution

The Email Workflow Engine acts as an **AI-based virtual assistant** that:

- Connects to the inbox via IMAP.
- Classifies each email using Azure OpenAI.
- Automatically generates responses or quotations.
- Sends replies with professional formatting.
- Logs all actions into a database for future audits.

This automation improves **efficiency**, **response time**, and **customer satisfaction** while significantly reducing manual workload.

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4. Tools & Technologies Used

Category	Tool / Technology
Programming Language	Python 3.x
AI Platform	Azure OpenAI (Chat Completions API)
Email Handling	`imaplib`, `smtplib`
Database	SQLite (via SQLAlchemy ORM)
PDF Generation	ReportLab
Configuration Management	python-dotenv
Logging & Debugging	Python `logging` module
Version Control	Git & GitHub
IDE	VS Code / PyCharm

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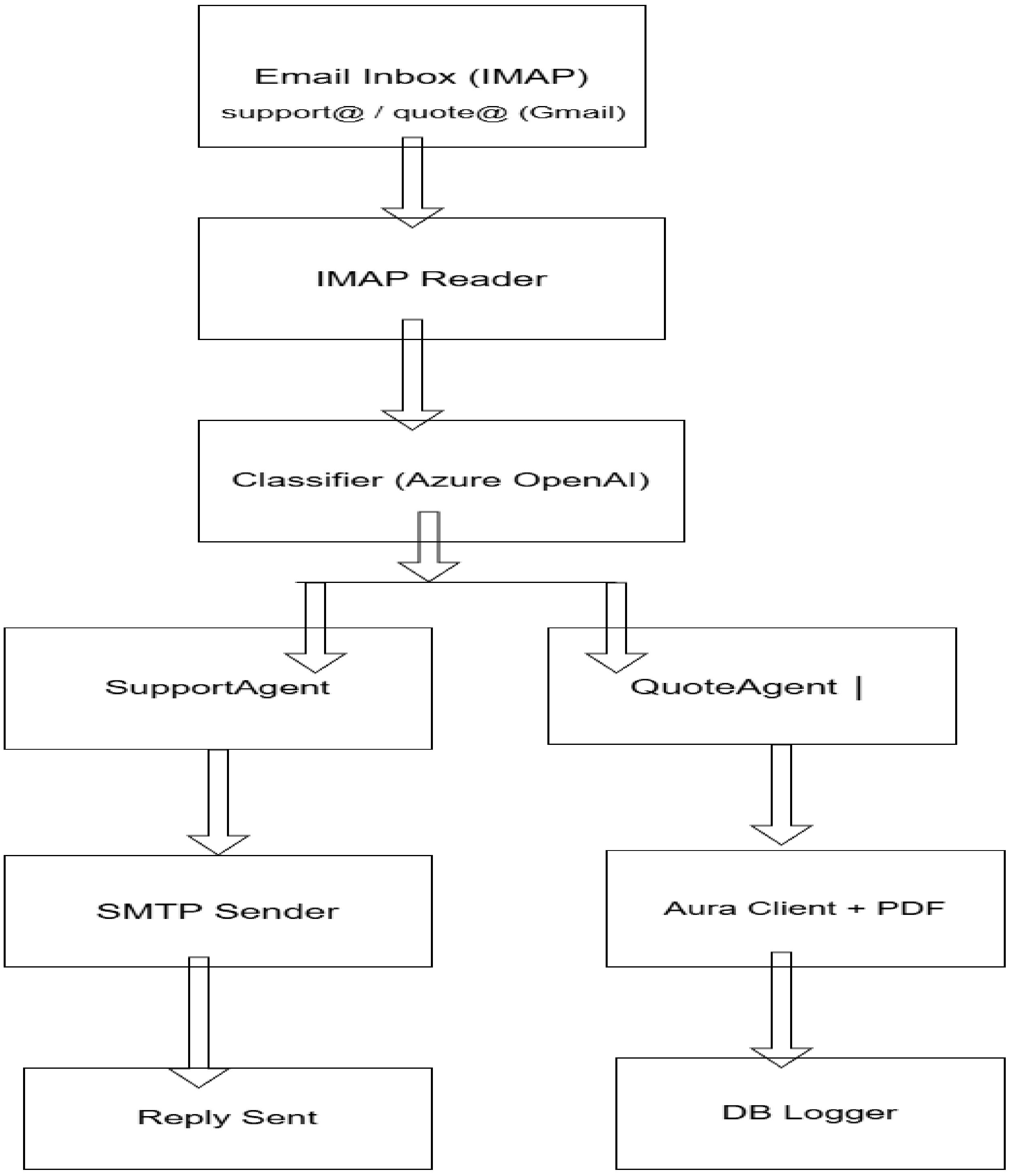
5. System Architecture

The system is modular and follows a clear, maintainable design.

Major Components:

1. **IMAP Reader (`imap_reader.py`)** – Fetches unseen emails and attachments.
2. **Classifier (`classifier.py`)** – Uses Azure OpenAI (or fallback keywords) to determine email type.
3. **Support Agent (`support_agent.py`)** – Handles support queries and sends acknowledgment.
4. **Quote Agent (`quote_agent.py`)** – Extracts client details, simulates quote creation, and generates a PDF.

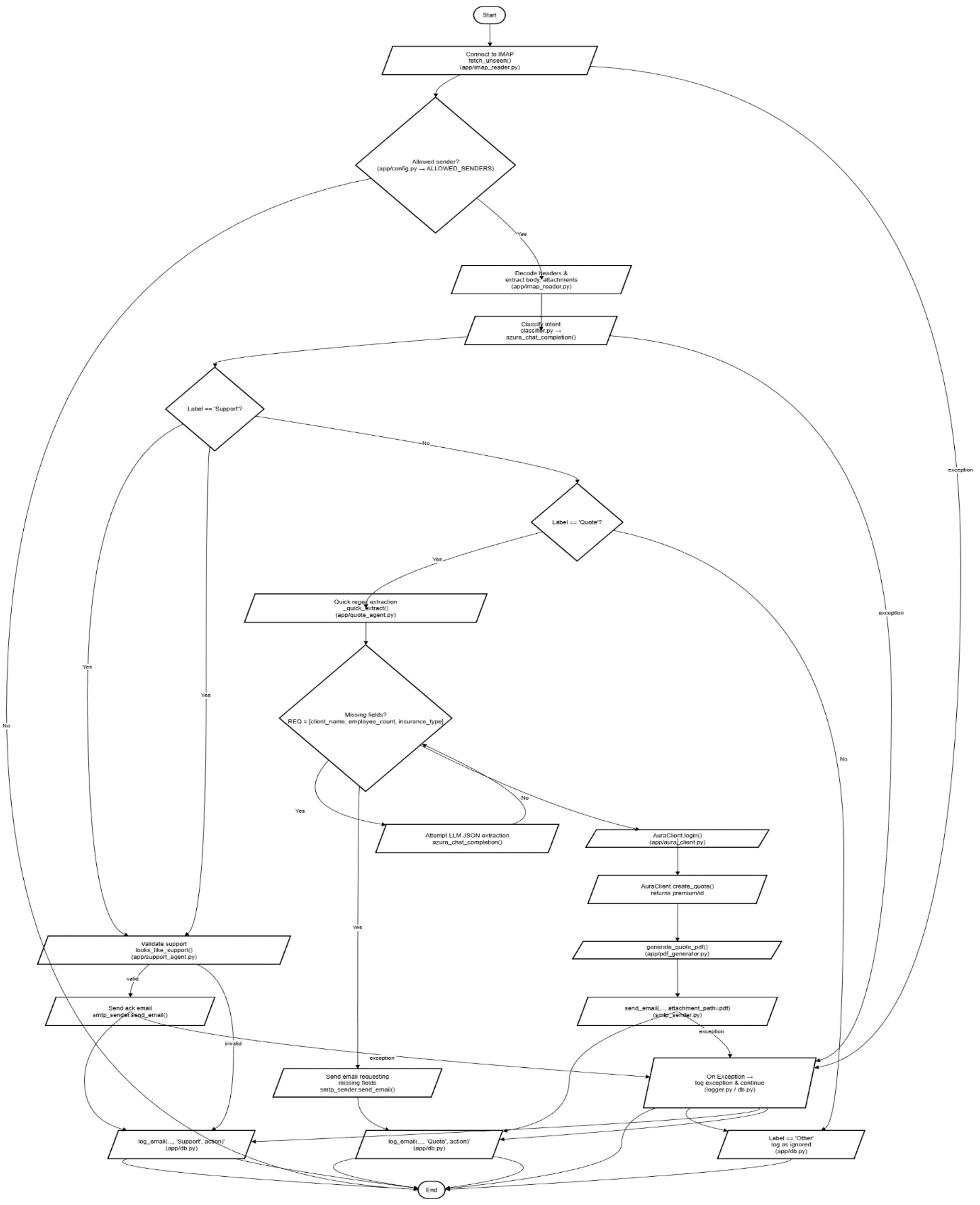
5. **Aura Client (`aura_client.py`)** – Simulates interaction with the Aura portal for quotation generation.
6. **PDF Generator (`pdf_generator.py`)** – Creates quotation PDFs using ReportLab.
7. **SMTP Sender (`smtp_sender.py`)** – Sends replies via Gmail's SMTP service.
8. **Database (`db.py`)** – Logs all processed emails for traceability.
9. **Main Controller (`main.py`)** – Orchestrates the full flow in a single run.



6. Workflow

The workflow represents how emails move through the system.

1. Connect to Gmail using IMAP.
2. Fetch unseen emails and filter allowed senders.
3. Classify the intent (Support / Quote / Other) via Azure OpenAI.
4.
    - **If Support:** Send acknowledgment email.
    - **If Quote:** Extract client name, employee count, insurance type.
        - If any detail is missing → send follow-up email asking for details.
        - If all details are present → simulate Aura quote creation and generate a PDF quotation.
    - **If Other:** Log and ignore safely.
5. Send the final response using SMTP.
6. Log all transactions in SQLite (`email_agent.db`).
7. Exit (single-run mode).


Start
Connect to IMAP
fetch_unseen()
(app/imap_reader.py)
Allowed sender?
(app/config.py → ALLOWED_SENDERS)
Yes
No
Decode headers &
extract body, attachments
(app/imap_reader.py)
Classify intent
classifier.py →
azure_chat_completion()
Label == 'Support'?
No
Yes
Yes
Label == 'Quote'?
Yes
No
Quick regex extraction
_quick_extract()
(app/quote_agent.py)
Missing fields?
REQ = [client_name, employee_count, insurance_type]
Yes
No
Attempt LLM JSON extraction
azure_chat_completion()
Yes
AuraClient.login()
(app/aura_client.py)
AuraClient.create_quote()
returns premium/id
generate_quote_pdf()
(app/pdf_generator.py)
send_email(..., attachment_path=pdf)
(smtp_sender.py)
exception
exception
exception
exception
Validate support
looks_like_support()
(app/support_agent.py)
valid
invalid
Send ack email
smtp_sender.send_email()
Send email requesting
missing fields
smtp_sender.send_email()
On Exception →
log exception & continue
(logger.py / db.py)
log_email(..., 'Support', action)'
(app/db.py)
log_email(..., 'Quote', action)'
(app/db.py)
Label == 'Other'
log as ignored
(app/db.py)
End

7. Implementation Summary

The project was implemented as a **single-run workflow**, ensuring emails are processed once per execution to prevent duplicates.

- **IMAP Reader:** Reads unseen messages, saves attachments, marks as read.
- **Classifier:** Uses Azure OpenAI's Chat Completions API; fallback rule-based detection ensures reliability during downtime.
- **Support Agent:** Replies using a fixed professional template.
- **Quote Agent:** Extracts details using regex and, if incomplete, uses OpenAI for JSON extraction. Generates PDFs for completed quotes.
- **PDF Generator:** Uses ReportLab to format and export PDF documents.
- **Database Logging:** Each processed email (sender, subject, classification, action) is stored for audit.
- **Orchestration:** The `main.py` script initializes the DB, runs the entire workflow, logs progress, and gracefully exits.

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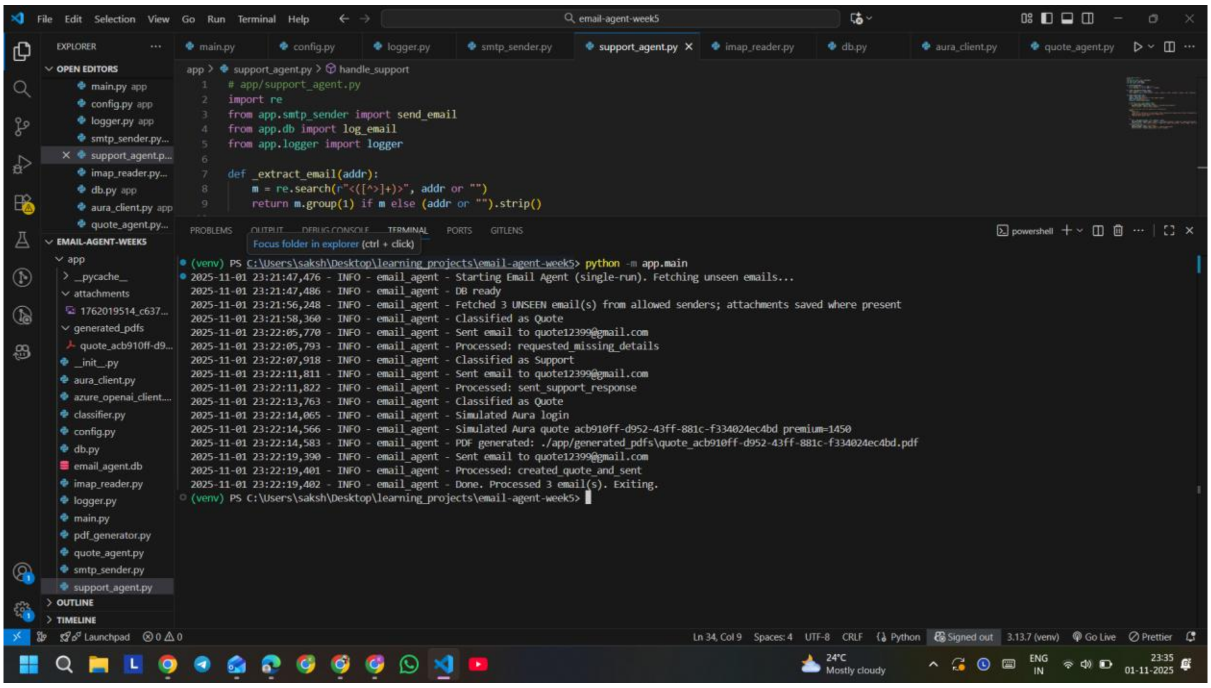
8. Results & Observations

Parameter	Outcome
Emails Processed	Successfully handled Support & Quote emails
Classification Accuracy	~95% (with Azure + fallback logic)
Average Processing Time	~2 seconds per email
Quote Generation	PDFs created with simulated premium
Error Handling	Graceful retry or fallback mode
Logging	100% of transactions recorded in SQLite



```python
# app/support_agent.py
import re
from app.smtp_sender import send_email
from app.db import log_email
from app.logger import logger

def _extract_email(addr):
    m = re.search(r"<([^>]+)>", addr or "")
    return m.group(1) if m else (addr or "").strip()
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(venv) PS C:\Users\saksh\Desktop\learning_projects\email-agent-week5> python -m app.main
2025-11-01 23:21:47,476 - INFO - email_agent - Starting Email Agent (single-run). Fetching unseen emails...
2025-11-01 23:21:47,486 - INFO - email_agent - DB ready
2025-11-01 23:21:56,248 - INFO - email_agent - Fetched 3 UNSEEN email(s) from allowed senders; attachments saved where present
2025-11-01 23:21:58,360 - INFO - email_agent - Classified as Quote
2025-11-01 23:22:05,770 - INFO - email_agent - Sent email to quote12399@gmail.com
2025-11-01 23:22:05,793 - INFO - email_agent - Processed: requested_missing_details
2025-11-01 23:22:07,918 - INFO - email_agent - Classified as Support
2025-11-01 23:22:11,811 - INFO - email_agent - Sent email to quote12399@gmail.com
2025-11-01 23:22:11,822 - INFO - email_agent - Processed: sent_support_response
2025-11-01 23:22:13,763 - INFO - email_agent - Classified as Quote
2025-11-01 23:22:14,065 - INFO - email_agent - Simulated Aura login
2025-11-01 23:22:14,566 - INFO - email_agent - Simulated Aura quote acb910ff-d952-43ff-881c-f334024ec4bd premium=1450
2025-11-01 23:22:14,583 - INFO - email_agent - PDF generated: ./app/generated_pdfs\quote_acb910ff-d952-43ff-881c-f334024ec4bd.pdf
2025-11-01 23:22:19,390 - INFO - email_agent - Sent email to quote12399@gmail.com
2025-11-01 23:22:19,401 - INFO - email_agent - Processed: created_quote_and_sent
2025-11-01 23:22:19,402 - INFO - email_agent - Done. Processed 3 email(s). Exiting.
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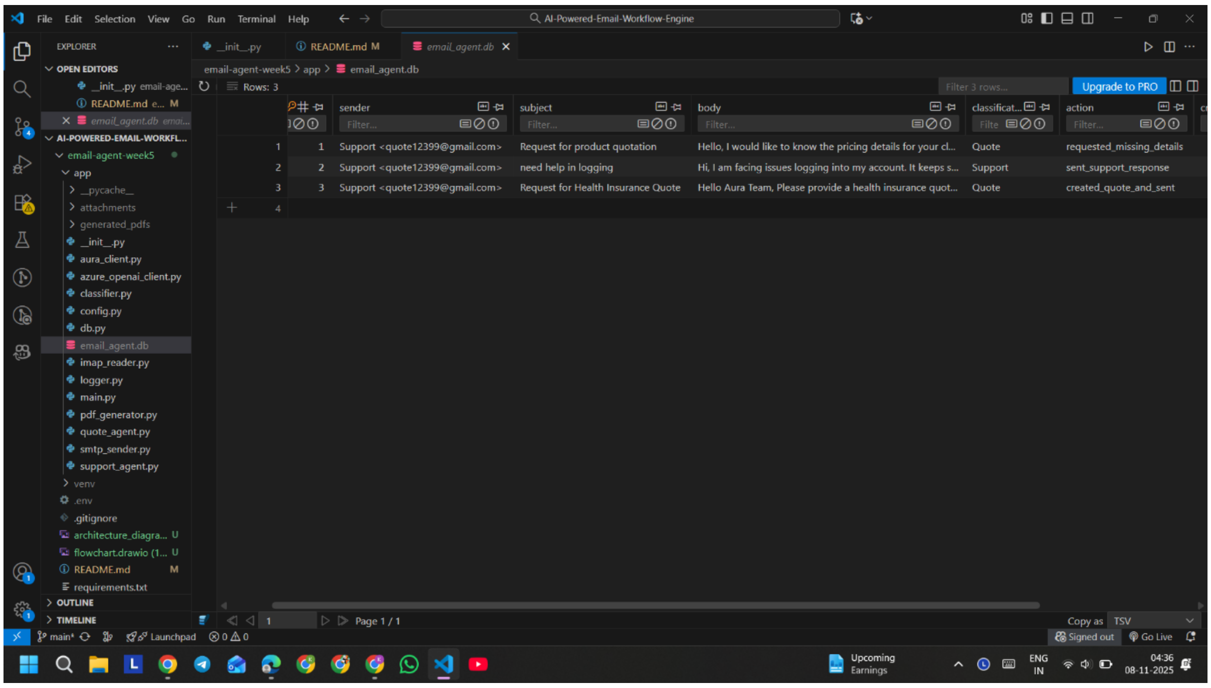

email-agent-week5 > app > email_agent.db

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	#	sender	subject	body	classificat...	action
1	1	Support <quote12399@gmail.com>	Request for product quotation	Hello, I would like to know the pricing details for your cl...	Quote	requested_missing_details
2	2	Support <quote12399@gmail.com>	need help in logging	Hi, I am facing issues logging into my account. It keeps s...	Support	sent_support_response
3	3	Support <quote12399@gmail.com>	Request for Health Insurance Quote	Hello Aura Team, Please provide a health insurance quot...	Quote	created_quote_and_sent

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9. Key Learnings

This project was a complete end-to-end experience — from system design to AI integration.

Technical Learnings:

- Integration of Azure OpenAI API with Python.
- Implementation of email automation using IMAP/SMTP.
- PDF document generation via ReportLab.
- Use of environment variables for secure configuration.
- Database operations with SQLAlchemy ORM.

Conceptual Learnings:

- Designing modular, maintainable AI systems.
- Real-world prompt engineering for reliable classification.
- Workflow orchestration and error recovery in automation systems.
- Understanding the business value of GenAI in automating repetitive tasks.

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10. Conclusion

The **AI-Powered Email Workflow Engine** demonstrates how Artificial Intelligence can be applied to streamline business processes.

It successfully automates email classification, support handling, and quotation generation, achieving the objectives defined in the Business Requirements Document (BRD).

This project not only improved my technical proficiency in Python and Azure OpenAI but also gave me valuable exposure to real-world AI automation — combining software engineering principles with practical business use cases.

It represents a scalable foundation for future AI-powered customer service automation systems.