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leisten und andererseits einen Reflexionsprozess bei Erwachsenen, die sich lebensbegleitend weiterbilden, in Gang setzen und sie somit dabei unterstützen, eine für sie geeignete Lernkultur zu finden.

This thesis deals with the various questions concerning learning for adults – with the aim to describe learning cultures which support the concept of live-long learning (LLL). The learning ability of adults and the various motives which lead to adults learning are the starting point of this thesis. The following analysis on self-directed learning as well as the resulting new attribution of roles and tasks which arise for learners, trainers and institutions in adult education, shall demonstrate first possibilities to contribute to the implementation of the concept of LLL. In addition, the role of information and communication technologies in the framework of LLL will be closer described in context of self-directed learning processes of adults as the opening of new forms of communication and co-operation independent of location and time between learners as well as between learners and tutors gains more importance. Finally the topic of visualisation, validation and recognition of informal and non-formal learning and their contribution to LLL is discussed.

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Part I.

Introduction

1. Introduction: AI in the Industry and Education Environment

In the context of the ongoing digital transformation, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly important in various industries. AI technologies are used to automate processes, optimize production, and improve quality. In the education sector, AI is used to support learning processes, personalize learning content, and provide feedback to students. However, the implementation of AI in the industry and education environment is still a challenge due to the complexity of the technologies involved, the lack of expertise, and the high costs associated with the development and deployment of AI solutions.

1.1. Detailed Task Description

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1.2. Project Documentation

This section provides a comprehensive documentation of the project outcomes, including:

- Conceptual Framework
- Theoretical Foundations
- Practical Implementation
- Primary Solution Approach
- Alternative Approaches
- Results and Their Interpretation

Additional documentation may include:

- Manufacturing Documents
- Test Cases (e.g., measurement data)
- User Documentation
- Technologies and Development Tools Used

2. Conceptual Evolution and Rationale

This chapter provides a comprehensive analysis of the project's evolution. It delineates the progression from an initial theoretical proposal, through the Self-Sufficiency Raspberry Pi Project, to the final project concept. The discussion elucidates the key motivations, challenges, and pivotal decisions that have ultimately shaped the design.

2.1. Introduction

In the context of this Diploma Thesis, the project has undergone several conceptual transformations aimed at refining its scope, objectives, and implementation strategy. Documenting this evolution is essential for a holistic understanding of the development process, as it highlights the iterative nature of design and the interplay between feasibility, scalability, and the initial research goals. Key considerations included evaluating the project's feasibility, ensuring scalability, and aligning with the overarching research objectives. Additionally, a critical examination of technical challenges encountered during implementation informed subsequent refinements.

2.2. Timeline and Milestones

To provide a clear overview of the project's evolution, a timeline outlining the major milestones, decision points, and revisions is presented in the following chart.

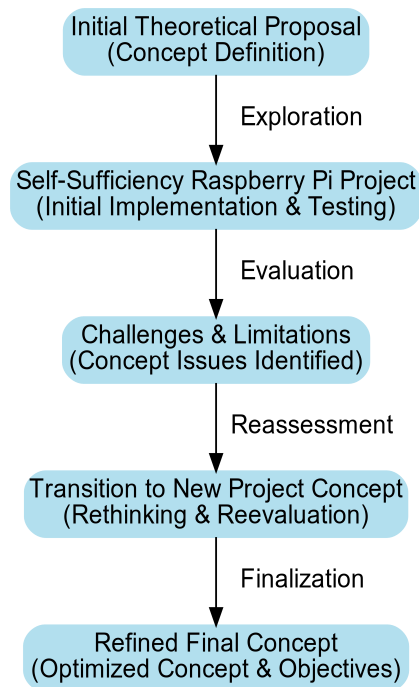


Figure 2.1.: Gantt Chart of the Project Evolution

This timeline visually summarizes the progression of ideas and the key changes made over time, offering a concise reference to the project's developmental history.

2.3. Initial Concept

The initial concept for this Diploma Thesis was to explore various methodologies for leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) across diverse application domains. The primary objective was to develop a comprehensive framework for evaluating the performance of AI models in a range of tasks and use cases. This framework was intended to include both quantitative metrics and qualitative assessments, facilitated in part by the use of structured questionnaires to capture user experiences and application-specific requirements. However, early analysis revealed that the scope of this concept was

overly broad. The project team quickly recognized that the lack of a focused research question, as well as the ambiguous integration of the various components, would make it challenging to implement the project within the available time and resources.

2.4. The Self-Sufficiency Project

In response to these challenges, the project team refined its approach by narrowing the scope to a more tangible and achievable idea—the Self-Sufficiency Project. This project was designed around the development of a self-contained system based on a Raspberry Pi, capable of autonomously executing a variety of tasks. The core idea was to demonstrate a practical application of AI by minimizing reliance on external APIs and services, thereby increasing system robustness and independence. Additionally, the design emphasized portability, with the entire system housed in a compact enclosure to facilitate deployment in diverse environments. Figure 2.2 illustrates the conceptual framework of the Self-Sufficiency Raspberry Pi Project.



Figure 2.2.: Conceptual Framework of the Self-Sufficiency Project

2.5. Challenges and Limitations of the Self-Sufficiency Project

During the development of the Self-Sufficiency Project, several significant challenges and limitations emerged that prompted a critical reassessment of the project's direction. These challenges included:

- **Complexity of Implementation:** The integration of heterogeneous AI models with multiple hardware components introduced considerable technical difficulties, necessitating extensive iterative development and rigorous testing.
- **Scalability Constraints:** The self-sufficiency paradigm, while beneficial for system independence, inherently restricted scalability and interoperability with external systems, thereby limiting future expansion.
- **Resource Limitations:** The ambitious scope of the project, combined with constrained time and technical expertise, rendered the initial plan impractical.
- **Ambiguity in Objectives:** The absence of clearly defined, measurable goals complicated the assessment of progress and the determination of success criteria.
- **Integration Challenges:** The complexity of harmonizing various AI models, hardware interfaces, and supporting software systems proved to be more formidable than initially anticipated.
- **Time Constraints:** Preliminary evaluations indicated that the project's timeline was insufficient to address the technical and logistical challenges identified.

In light of these challenges, the project team concluded that a more narrowly defined and feasible approach was necessary. Consequently, the focus shifted towards a new concept that emphasizes AI applications and their specific use cases.

2.6. Transition to the Current Project Concept

After reevaluating the limitations of the initial approaches, the project team restructured the initiative into a more focused framework, subdividing it into three distinct components. This revised approach not only addresses the previously identified constraints but also aligns more closely with the overarching research objectives. The current project concept is organized into the following three components:

2.6.1. AI for Education

This component explores the integration of AI technologies within educational settings. The primary goal is to develop an AI-powered web application that facilitates interactive and personalized learning experiences, particularly for IT students. By leveraging adaptive learning algorithms, the system aims to enhance comprehension and engagement, thereby contributing to more effective educational practices.

2.6.2. AI Integration in Software Development

Focusing on the software development domain, this component investigates how AI can assist developers in writing and debugging code. The objective is to develop an AI model that integrates seamlessly into the development workflow, for example, via a Visual Studio Code extension. This extension is designed to provide real-time code analysis, suggestions, and bug detection, ultimately improving code quality and development efficiency.

2.6.3. AI on Edge Devices

The third component examines the deployment of AI models on resource-constrained edge devices, using the Raspberry Pi as a primary test platform. The goal is to implement and optimize real-time object detection and other AI-driven tasks on the Raspberry Pi, thereby demonstrating the feasibility

of running sophisticated AI applications on low-power hardware. This component is crucial for understanding the limitations and opportunities associated with edge computing in AI applications.

2.7. Overcoming Challenges in the Current Project Concept

The evolution of any project is accompanied by a series of challenges. In transitioning to the current project concept, the team identified and addressed several critical obstacles to ensure a robust and effective implementation of the new framework.

2.7.1. Challenges

The primary challenges encountered during this transition included:

- **Technical Complexity:** Integrating advanced AI models with diverse platforms—such as web applications, code editors, and edge devices—required a deep understanding of multiple technologies and frameworks.
- **Resource Limitations:** The expansive scope of the project necessitated a judicious allocation of time, technical expertise, and hardware resources.
- **Scalability Issues:** Balancing the goal of system independence with the need for scalability and interoperability posed a significant challenge, particularly when deploying on resource-constrained edge devices.
- **Temporal Constraints:** The limited project timeline imposed restrictions on the depth and breadth of research and development activities.
- **Integration Complexity:** Harmonizing the heterogeneous components of the project—including AI models, hardware interfaces, and software systems—proved more intricate than initially anticipated.
- **Ambiguity in Evaluation Criteria:** The absence of clearly defined, quantifiable success metrics complicated the objective assessment of project progress and outcomes.

- **Server Resource Limitations:** Particularly within the AI for Education component, limitations in server capacity emerged as a significant impediment to achieving desired scalability.

2.7.2. Solutions

In response to these challenges, the project team adopted a series of strategic measures:

- **Modularization:** Dividing the project into three distinct components allowed for a more focused development approach, effectively managing complexity and scalability concerns.
- **Scope Refinement:** By narrowing the project's scope, the team could allocate resources more efficiently, thereby establishing a realistic timeline and achievable milestones.
- **Iterative Development:** Implementing an iterative development methodology enabled the incremental resolution of technical challenges, leading to a more robust and scalable final implementation.
- **Optimization of Server Resources:** Specific efforts were made to streamline the AI for Education component, thereby reducing server resource consumption and mitigating scalability issues.
- **Establishment of Clear Evaluation Metrics:** The development and adoption of explicit, measurable evaluation criteria for each project component facilitated systematic progress tracking and performance assessment.
- **Utilization of AI for Process Optimization:** Leveraging AI technologies to automate routine tasks and optimize overall system performance further enhanced efficiency and scalability.

2.8. Insights and Lessons Learned

Throughout the project's evolution, several key insights were gained, which have significantly informed the current project concept and its implementation strategy. These insights include:

- **Adaptive Planning:** The capacity to adapt and refine project parameters in response to emerging challenges is critical for successful project execution.
- **Incremental Development:** An iterative development approach facilitates steady progress and enables the timely resolution of technical issues, contributing to continuous improvement of the project design.
- **Strategic Resource Allocation:** Effective management of available resources—time, expertise, and hardware—is essential for mitigating complexity and ensuring the project’s successful completion.
- **Balancing Independence and Scalability:** Striking the right balance between system autonomy and scalability is paramount for ensuring long-term viability and facilitating future integrations.
- **Clear Metrics for Evaluation:** Establishing definitive, quantifiable success metrics is vital for tracking progress, objectively assessing outcomes, and guiding subsequent development efforts.
- **Leveraging AI for Optimization:** The strategic use of AI to automate processes and optimize system performance can markedly enhance overall efficiency and scalability.
- **Importance of Targeted Optimization Strategies:** Focused measures—such as reducing server resource usage and refining AI model implementations—are crucial for addressing scalability concerns and boosting system performance.

2.9. Conclusion

The transition to the current project concept was driven by a deliberate process of modularization, scope refinement, and iterative development. By segmenting the initiative into three distinct components AI for Education, AI Integration in Software Development, and AI on Edge Devices the project team was able to align the research objectives with practical constraints and emerging technological opportunities. The strategic measures implemented to overcome obstacles, along with the insights and lessons learned throughout this evolution, have established a robust foundation for future development.

Overall, the iterative nature of this process underscores the importance of adaptive planning, rigorous evaluation, and targeted optimization strategies in the successful execution of complex projects. The refined concept not only addresses the initial challenges but also sets a clear pathway for the subsequent phases of the Diploma Thesis, paving the way for a detailed exploration of each component in the chapters that follow.

Part II.

Hardware

3. Raspberry PI

4. Server

5. Server Structure

Part III.

Theoretical background

6. Operating Systems (Florian Prandstetter)

6.1. Introduction

An important part in building an AI Service is to host an API endpoint for all application to use. To improve the quality of the Service having a flawless and seamless connection with a fast response time is necessary. Having a good foundation to build upon is thus unavoidable to build a strong and secure API endpoint.

This chapter is going to briefly explain what an Operating System (OS) is and its importance. It will also evaluate different options suitable for hosting the AI Server.

6.2. What is an Operating System?

An Operating System (OS) acts as an intermediary between the user and the computer hardware, ensuring smooth and efficient operation of the system. It is responsible for managing hardware components such as the CPU, memory, storage devices, and input/output peripherals, allowing users and applications to interact with them seamlessly.

The OS provides essential functions like process management ensuring that multiple applications can run without conflicts. It also handles memory management by allocating and deallocating memory to different processes. It also prevents unauthorized access to the storage. Additionally OS handles file system management, enabling organized and efficient data storage.

Another key role of the OS is device management, where it communicates with hardware components using device drivers.

Furthermore Operating Systems provide networking capabilities enabling connection to local and global networks. They try to ensure a stable and secure connection between devices.

[manjeetks007 \(2024\)](#)

6.2.1. Types of Operating Systems

The type of Operating System used is determined by the needs of the user. Different types of Operating Systems use different system architectures to provide varying benefits. Factors like scalability, performance and reliability have to be considered in choosing a suitable OS.

- **Batch Operating Systems** are designed to handle a large number of processes. They are used to process large amounts of data and to run complex calculations.
 - **Advantages** multiple users can share the batch system and it is easy to manage big amounts of traffic
 - **Disadvantages** The CPU isn't used efficiently. Also the response time can be slow, due to processes being processed one by one.
- **Multi Programming/Time Sharing Operating System** are used to utilize the available resources as efficient as possible. They allow using multiple programs at the same time, which allow multiple users to share the system. They are often used for servers and also have been used by the development team in the project.
 - **Advantages** Allows multiple users to share the resources. Also it helps avoiding duplicated software.
 - **Disadvantages** There can be problems with reliable data communication.
- **Real Time Operating System** are used when a very short response time is needed. They are often used on microcontrollers like the ESP32.

- **Advantages** They utilize the device to its maximum. Fast and reliable memory allocation. They usually are error free.
- **Disadvantages** There can only be a limited amount of tasks. They also require complex algorithms that can be resource heavy.

[akash1295 \(2025\)](#)

6.3. Operating Systems used on the server

To host the required AI service, choosing a suitable Operating System is a crucial part to guarantee a satisfying performance. For the project accessing multiple users need to access the server simultaneously, the development team decided to use a Multi Programming OS.

6.3.1. Evaluating different Operating Systems

The preferred OS for AI Server are Linux distributions like Ubuntu or Red Hat. Their open source nature makes it very easy to customize and integrate AI frameworks.

[Rotich \(2024\)](#)

7. Used Programming Languages

7.1. Python

To enhance readability and comprehension, the most widely used libraries are explained in the following sections.

7.1.1. MediaPipe

7.1.2. Transformers

The Transformers library, developed by Hugging Face, is an open-source Python package that provides implementations of state-of-the-art transformer models. It supports multiple deep learning frameworks, including PyTorch, TensorFlow, and JAX, facilitating seamless integration across various platforms. The library offers access to a vast array of pre-trained models tailored for tasks such as natural language processing, computer vision, and audio analysis. Utilizing these pre-trained models enables researchers and practitioners to achieve high performance in tasks like text classification, named entity recognition, and question answering without the necessity of training models from scratch, thereby conserving computational resources and time [Wolf et al. \(2020\)](#).

7.1.3. JSON

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is a lightweight, text-based data interchange format that is easy for humans to read and write, and straightfor-

ward for machines to parse and generate. In Python, the built-in `json` module provides functionalities to serialize Python objects into JSON-formatted strings and deserialize JSON strings back into Python objects. This module supports the conversion of fundamental Python data types, such as dictionaries, lists, strings, integers, and floats, into their corresponding JSON representations. The `json` module is indispensable for tasks involving data exchange between Python applications and external systems, particularly in web development contexts where JSON is a prevalent format for client-server communication [Foundation \(2025\)](#).

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7.2. HTML, CSS, and JavaScript in Combination with Vue.js

In this project, the languages HTML, CSS, and JavaScript were used in conjunction with Vue.js to create an interactive and dynamic user experience. For more information about Vue.js, see Chapter ??, Section "Vue.js."

7.2.1. HyperText Markup Language (HTML)

HyperText Markup Language (HTML) is the standard markup language for creating and structuring content on the web. It serves as the backbone of web pages by organizing content through elements represented by tags. Key features of HTML include:

- **Structure Definition:** Tags such as `<html>`, `<head>`, and `<body>` define the structural hierarchy of a web page.
- **Content Organization:** Elements like headings, paragraphs, links, images, and tables provide a clear and user-friendly layout.
- **Web Compatibility:** HTML is universally supported, ensuring seamless integration across browsers and devices.

As one of the core technologies of the World Wide Web, alongside CSS and JavaScript, HTML enables the creation of interactive and visually appealing websites. Its simplicity and adaptability make it an essential tool for web development.

[HTML - Wikipedia](#) (2001)

7.2.2. Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) is a style sheet language designed to control the visual presentation of web pages. CSS enhances the user experience by allowing developers to define the look and feel of a website. Key functionalities of CSS include:

- **Design Customization:** Control over layout, colors, fonts, and spacing for a cohesive visual identity.
- **Responsive Design:** Ensures consistent and optimized appearance across different devices and screen sizes.
- **Cascading Rules:** Allows styles to be applied at element, class, or global levels, offering flexibility in design.

As a foundational technology of the web, CSS plays a vital role in creating modern, responsive, and aesthetically pleasing websites.

[to Wikimedia projects](#) (2001a)

7.2.3. JavaScript

JavaScript is a high-level programming language used to add interactivity and dynamic content to web pages. It works seamlessly alongside HTML and CSS to create rich and engaging user experiences. Key features of JavaScript include:

- **Dynamic Content:** Enables animations, form validation, and real-time updates.

- **Client and Server-Side Usage:** Runs in web browsers via JavaScript engines and supports server-side applications through platforms like Node.js.
- **Extensive Ecosystem:** Offers libraries, frameworks, and tools for building feature-rich web applications.

JavaScript's flexibility and versatility have established it as a cornerstone of web development, making it essential for developing interactive and responsive applications.

to [Wikimedia projects \(2001b\)](#)

7.2.4. Vue.js

Vue.js is a progressive, open-source JavaScript framework that provides a robust foundation for the development of sophisticated user interfaces and single-page applications. By leveraging standard web technologies—namely HTML, CSS, and JavaScript—Vue.js streamlines the development process through its intuitive and adaptable architecture. Its key attributes include:

- **Component-Based Architecture:** Facilitates modular development by enabling the creation of reusable components that encapsulate both data and functionality.
- **Reactivity System:** Automatically synchronizes the Document Object Model (DOM) with underlying data changes, ensuring a dynamic and responsive user interface.
- **Directives and Template Syntax:** Employs a declarative approach to simplify data binding and event handling.
- **Vue CLI:** Offers a comprehensive command-line interface for project scaffolding, build configuration, and plugin management.
- **Vue Router and Vuex:** Integrates official libraries for client-side routing and state management, thereby enhancing scalability and maintainability.
- **Vibrant Community Support:** Benefits from an active ecosystem that provides extensive documentation, tutorials, and a wide range of third-party plugins.

- **Performance Optimization:** Utilizes a Virtual DOM and efficient rendering algorithms to optimize performance, even in complex applications.
- **Enhanced Developer Experience:** Incorporates developer-centric tools such as Vue Devtools and an intuitive CLI to boost productivity and simplify debugging.

In summary, Vue.js equips developers with the necessary tools to efficiently construct interactive and feature-rich web applications, making it a widely adopted framework in contemporary web development [Zed \(2020\)](#).

7.3. Type Script

TypeScript is a superset of JavaScript that adds static type definitions to the language. It is designed for the development of large-scale applications and transcompiles to JavaScript. JavaScript is not very strict when it comes to types. This can lead to issues during development. Typescript adds a type system to JavaScript, which can help to catch errors early in the development process.

[W3Schools \(2025\)](#)

7.3.1. Axios

Axios is the key library used to make HTTP request from the frontend to the backend. It is a promise-based HTTP client for the browser and Node.js. It is used to make asynchronous requests to a server, and it returns a promise that resolves with the response data.

[Axios Docs \(2025\)](#)

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Part IV.

Implementation of Large Language Models

8. Overview and Integration of Large Language Models

For the Diploma thesis, there are many different AI models that are in use. There are different Types of AI models, such as:

- LLMs (Large Language Models)
- Defusion Models (Models that are used to create images)
- Object Detection Models (Models that are used to detect objects in images)
- Face Recognition Models (Models that are used to recognize faces in images)

In the following chapters, the different Types and the used models will be explained in more detail.

8.1. Large Language Models (LLMs)

Large Language Models (LLMs) represent a significant advancement in artificial intelligence, enabling machines to process and generate natural language. LLMs are built on the concept of deep learning, utilizing neural networks with billions of parameters to understand and generate text in a contextually accurate and coherent manner. These models are trained on vast datasets encompassing diverse topics, allowing them to handle a wide range of tasks, such as translation, summarization, content generation, and conversational AI.

8.1.1. Key Characteristics of LLMs

- **Scale and Complexity:** LLMs are distinguished by their immense size, often containing billions of parameters, enabling them to capture intricate patterns in language.
- **Transfer Learning:** These models benefit from pretraining on large datasets, followed by fine-tuning for specific tasks, making them highly versatile.
- **Contextual Understanding:** LLMs excel at understanding context, which allows them to generate coherent and contextually appropriate responses.
- **Multilingual Capabilities:** Many LLMs are trained on datasets in multiple languages, enabling them to process and generate text in various languages.

8.1.2. Applications of LLMs

- Text summarization and paraphrasing.
- Question answering and information retrieval.
- Conversational agents and chatbots.
- Code generation and debugging assistance.
- Creative writing, including story and poetry generation.

8.1.3. Examples of Popular LLMs

- **GPT Models:** Developed by OpenAI, these models include GPT-3, GPT-4, and ChatGPT, known for their state-of-the-art performance in text generation and comprehension.
- **BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers):** Developed by Google, BERT focuses on understanding context by analyzing text bidirectionally.
- **LLama Models:** Created by Meta, these models are designed for efficient natural language understanding and generation.
- **Mistral Models:** Aimed at specialized tasks with high precision and multilingual capabilities.

8.1.4. Advantages and Challenges of LLMs

Advantages:

- High accuracy in generating and understanding text.
- Adaptability to a variety of domains and languages.
- Ability to process complex and context-rich queries.

Challenges:

- High computational and memory requirements.
- Potential biases due to the training data.
- Difficulty in maintaining factual accuracy in generated content.

IBM (n.d.)

8.2. Utilized Large Language Models

In the context of this diploma thesis, various free and commercial large language models (LLMs) were evaluated to determine their suitability for integration. Leveraging the Ollama application, we were able to test and compare several LLMs. Additionally, we explored different ChatGPT models available through the OpenAI API. OpenAI offers a range of models that vary in terms of size and complexity, with more advanced models incurring higher usage costs.

Overview - OpenAI API (n.d.a) Ankush (2024)

8.3. Ollama Application Overview

The Ollama application is an advanced, locally hosted platform designed to provide a versatile environment for deploying and interacting with a wide array of artificial intelligence models. It offers a comprehensive solution for both text and image processing tasks, facilitating the integration, fine-tuning, and management of models in a secure and scalable manner.

8.3.1. Ollama Features

Ollama is distinguished by several key features that enhance its functionality and usability:

- **Multi-Model Support:** The platform supports a variety of AI models, each optimized for specific tasks such as natural language processing and image analysis.
- **Local API Hosting:** The API is hosted on a local server, ensuring rapid and secure processing of requests while maintaining full control over data.
- **Image Processing Capabilities:** In addition to textual data, certain models within Ollama are capable of processing images. These models can analyze visual content, thereby extending the application's utility.
- **Model Customization and Fine-Tuning:** Users can fine-tune existing models to suit their specific needs. Once customized, these models can be re-uploaded to the Ollama server, allowing for continuous improvement and adaptation.

8.3.2. Ollama Architecture

The architecture of Ollama is modular and designed to support high performance and scalability:

1. **Model Management Layer:** This layer is responsible for deploying, fine-tuning, and updating the various AI models. It provides a structured approach to manage model versions and customizations.
2. **API Service Layer:** Hosted locally, this layer facilitates communication between client applications and the AI models. It exposes endpoints for both text and image processing, ensuring secure and efficient data exchange.
3. **Integration Interfaces:** These interfaces enable seamless connectivity with external services and applications, promoting interoperability and flexibility in diverse operational environments.

This layered design supports efficient resource management while enabling rapid response times and scalability to handle increasing user demands.

8.3.3. Ollama Models

Ollama provides a diverse selection of models, each tailored to specific application domains:

- **Text Generation Models:** Optimized for tasks such as dialogue generation, summarization, and other natural language processing applications.
- **Image Analysis Models:** Developed for image recognition, generation, and related tasks.

Furthermore, the platform allows users to fine-tune these models based on their particular requirements. Customized models can be re-uploaded to the server, enabling a continuous cycle of refinement and performance enhancement.

8.3.4. Ollama API

The Ollama API is the primary interface through which client applications interact with the hosted models. It provides robust and secure endpoints for processing both textual and visual data:

- **Data Exchange:** The API facilitates structured data exchange between client applications and the backend, ensuring that requests and responses are handled efficiently.
- **Security and Performance:** Designed with stringent security protocols, the API ensures that all interactions are encrypted and managed in a way that maximizes performance while minimizing latency.
- **Extensibility:** The API's modular design allows for the easy addition of new endpoints and functionalities as the platform evolves.

8.3.5. Ollama Integration

Integrating the Ollama API into external applications is straightforward. For instance, a Python-based client can send HTTP requests to the API to perform tasks such as generating text or processing images. This section

is further elaborated in the chapter dedicated to the hosted Flask Service, where detailed examples and implementation guidelines are provided. In brief, the integration involves:

- Establishing a connection to the local API endpoint.
- Sending appropriately formatted requests (e.g., JSON payloads) that include user inputs.
- Handling responses from the API, which may include generated text or URLs to processed images.

8.3.6. Benefits and Challenges of Ollama

Ollama presents several benefits:

- **Ease of Use:** The platform is user-friendly, with intuitive APIs that simplify deployment and integration.
- **Versatility:** A wide array of models enables the application of Ollama to diverse tasks, from natural language processing to image analysis.
- **Multilingual Support:** The models are capable of processing multiple languages, thereby broadening the scope of potential applications.
- **Customization:** Users can fine-tune models to meet specific needs and update them on the server, ensuring tailored performance.

However, several challenges must be addressed:

- **Performance Limitations:** Larger models may experience slower response times due to higher computational demands.
- **API Request Management:** Ensuring that the API can handle a high volume of requests efficiently requires robust load balancing and error handling mechanisms.
- **Model Management Complexity:** Coordinating updates, fine-tuning, and deployment of multiple models demands an effective management strategy.
- **Concurrency:** Managing simultaneous user requests, as discussed in the chapter on the hosted Flask Service, is critical to maintaining system performance under high load.

In summary, while Ollama offers a flexible and powerful platform for AI model deployment and interaction, addressing its inherent challenges is crucial for optimizing performance and ensuring long-term scalability in practical applications.

A Comprehensive Guide to Ollama - Cohorte Projects (n.d.)

8.4. Evaluation of Models via the Ollama Platform

In this project, we conducted an evaluation of various models accessible through the Ollama application, which are available for download from the Ollama server.

Given that Ollama operates locally, it was imperative to select models that align with specific criteria to ensure optimal performance. Consequently, we assessed models of diverse sizes and complexities to determine their suitability for local deployment. This evaluation encompassed both the efficacy and efficiency of the models within a local environment.

Ollama (n.d.a)

8.4.1. Model Selection Criteria

The selection of models was guided by the following criteria:

- **Model Size:** The model must be capable of running on the server without exceeding available memory capacity.
- **Performance Speed:** The response time of the model, i.e., how quickly it can generate output.
- **Complexity:** The model's ability to handle complex prompts and generate coherent, contextually accurate text.
- **Accuracy:** The overall precision of the model's responses, particularly in terms of factual correctness and linguistic quality.
- **Language Support:** The model's proficiency in understanding and generating text in multiple languages, particularly English and German.

- **User Experience:** The model's overall usability and user-friendliness, including ease of integration and customization.

There is often a trade-off between these criteria. Larger models tend to exhibit higher accuracy and greater contextual understanding but are generally slower and require more computational resources.

8.4.2. Challenges in Model Testing and Updates

One significant challenge lies in the rapid development and frequent release of new models, which complicates the process of continuous integration and comprehensive evaluation of recent advancements. Regular testing and updates are imperative to ensure the incorporation of state-of-the-art models while maintaining system reliability and relevance.

Another challenge involves achieving an optimal balance between performance, accuracy, and resource efficiency, ensuring that the chosen model meets the application's functional requirements without compromising the overall user experience.

During the evaluation process, we encountered several obstacles. For instance, identifying standardized questions that could be uniformly answered by all models proved challenging. Some smaller models demonstrated limitations in addressing certain questions comprehensively. Additionally, specialized models, while excelling in niche areas, often lacked the ability to provide detailed answers across a broader range of topics.

For the final evaluation phase, we employed a diverse question set consisting of self-crafted questions, publicly available questions from online sources, and queries generated by ChatGPT-4 to ensure a comprehensive assessment covering a wide spectrum of queries.

8.4.3. Model Selection for the Final Application

In the final implementation, users are provided with a curated list of recommended models from which they can select their preferred option. This list

was carefully compiled based on our comprehensive testing and reflects the models that demonstrated the best balance between performance, accuracy, and resource efficiency.

For the production version of the application, this list must be updated periodically to include newly released models and maintain optimal performance.

8.5. Ollama Model Testing and Evaluation

Based on the following criteria, we conducted an extensive evaluation of the upcoming models:

8.5.1. Quantitative Evaluation Methods

For the quantitative evaluation, we focused on key performance metrics to assess the efficiency and reliability of each model:

- **Response Time:** The time taken by the model to generate a response after receiving input.
- **CPU Usage:** The percentage of CPU resources utilized during model execution.
- **GPU Usage:** The extent to which GPU resources were leveraged to enhance performance.
- **Memory Usage:** The amount of RAM consumed while the model was running.
- **Multiple Choice Question Answering:** The accuracy of the model when answering structured multiple-choice questions.

8.5.2. Qualitative Evaluation Methods

While qualitative evaluation is inherently resource-intensive due to its reliance on human judgment, it remains essential for assessing aspects that

cannot be fully captured through quantitative metrics. Consequently, although our primary focus was on quantitative evaluation, we conducted qualitative assessments for key criteria where human input was indispensable:

- **Translation Quality:** Evaluated using the BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) score, which measures the similarity between the model-generated translation and a human reference translation. [to Wikimedia projects \(2006\)](#)
- **Text Generation Quality:** Assessed through the ROUGE (Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation) score, which quantifies the lexical overlap between generated text and reference texts.
- **Grammatical Accuracy:** Manually reviewed by human evaluators to identify grammatical errors and assess syntactic correctness.
- **Readability:** Measured using the Flesch Reading Ease score, which indicates the complexity and accessibility of the generated text.
- **Sentiment Polarity:** Analyzed to determine whether the generated text conveys a positive, negative, or neutral sentiment.

[Santhosh \(2023\)](#)

By integrating both quantitative and qualitative evaluation methods, we achieved a more comprehensive understanding of each model's strengths and weaknesses, allowing for a well-rounded assessment of their performance.

8.5.3. Models Evaluated During Testing

For the evaluation process, we selected some of the most popular models available in the Ollama application and conducted extensive testing on each. The models vary in size, specialization, and intended use cases, covering general-purpose, coding, mathematical, reasoning, and image-processing tasks.

- **qwen2.5-coder:0.5b** – A compact model with 0.5 billion parameters, specifically designed for coding-related tasks.

- **qwen2.5-coder:7b** – A small-scale model with 7 billion parameters, optimized for software development and code generation.
- **qwen2.5-coder:14b** – A mid-sized model with 14 billion parameters, tailored for complex coding tasks.⁷
- **qwen2-math** – A specialized model with 1 billion parameters, fine-tuned for mathematical computations.
- **llama3.2:1b** – A lightweight model with 1 billion parameters, designed by Meta for general-purpose applications.
- **llama3.2:2b** – A medium-sized model with 2 billion parameters, developed by Meta for a broader range of general-purpose tasks.
- **mistral:7b** – A versatile 7-billion-parameter model created by Mistral AI, a European AI company, for general applications.
- **mathstral** – A specialized model optimized for mathematical problem-solving, developed by Mistral AI.
- **phi4:14b** – A mid-sized model with 14 billion parameters, designed by Microsoft for general-purpose reasoning tasks.
- **deepseek-r1:1.5b** – A small-scale model with 1.5 billion parameters, featuring enhanced reasoning capabilities.
- **deepseek-r1:7b** – A 7-billion-parameter model optimized for reasoning tasks, offering a balance between performance and hardware compatibility.
- **deepseek-r1:14b** – A more powerful variant with 14 billion parameters, fine-tuned for complex reasoning tasks.
- **gemma2** – A lightweight model with 1 billion parameters, designed by Google for general-purpose applications.
- **llava:13b** – A large-scale model with 13 billion parameters, developed for image processing tasks by a dedicated research team. [Liu et al. \(2023\)](#)

Ollama (n.d.b)

8.5.4. Data Collection

For the Data collection we used the School AI Server which was provided by the HTL Anichstraße, to run the different models in the Evaluation phase.

For the later Data collection we used our own Server to run the different models.

To collect the data we used a variety of different python scripts. For the quantitative data we used the following python script:

```

1  import time
2  import json
3  import psutil # For CPU, memory usage
4  from ollama import chat
5
6  # Prompts for testing
7  prompts = [
8      "Explain the theory of relativity in simple terms.",
9      "Create a short story about a knight.",
10     "What are the advantages of open-source projects?",
11     "Write a Python function that outputs prime numbers up to 100.",
12     # ...
13 ]
14
15 # Model name
16 model_name = "qwen2-math"
17
18 # Store results
19 results = []
20
21 # Function to get GPU usage if available
22 def get_gpu_usage():
23     try:
24         import torch
25         if torch.cuda.is_available():
26             gpu_memory = torch.cuda.memory_allocated() / (1024 ** 2) # Convert to MB
27             gpu_utilization = torch.cuda.utilization(0) if hasattr(torch.cuda, 'utilization') else
28                 "N/A"
29             return gpu_memory, gpu_utilization
30         else:
31             return 0, "No GPU detected"
32     except ImportError:
33         return 0, "torch not installed"
34
35 # Loop through prompts
36 for prompt in prompts:
37     try:
38         # Measure system usage before model execution
39         cpu_before = psutil.cpu_percent(interval=None)
40         memory_before = psutil.virtual_memory().used / (1024 ** 2) # Convert to MB
41
42         start_time = time.time()
43         # Ollama chat request
44         response = chat(model=model_name, messages=[{'role': 'user', 'content': prompt}])
45         end_time = time.time()
46
47         latency = end_time - start_time
48
49         # Measure system usage after model execution
50         cpu_after = psutil.cpu_percent(interval=None)
51         memory_after = psutil.virtual_memory().used / (1024 ** 2) # Convert to MB
52
53         cpu_usage = cpu_after - cpu_before
54         memory_usage = memory_after - memory_before
55         gpu_memory_usage, gpu_utilization = get_gpu_usage()
56
57         # Extract content from the Message object
58         if response and hasattr(response["message"], "content"):
59             response_text = response["message"].content # Accessing the attribute of the Message
60             object
61         else:
62             response_text = "No content returned or unexpected format"
63
64         print(f"Prompt: {prompt}\nResponse Time: {latency:.2f} seconds\n")
65
66         # Save the result

```



```

65         results.append({
66             "Prompt": prompt,
67             "Response Time (seconds)": latency,
68             "Response": response_text,
69             "CPU Usage (%)": cpu_usage,
70             "Memory Usage (MB)": memory_usage,
71             "GPU Memory Usage (MB)": gpu_memory_usage,
72             "GPU Utilization (%)": gpu_utilization
73         })
74     except Exception as e:
75         print(f"Error with prompt '{prompt}': {e}")
76         results.append({
77             "Prompt": prompt,
78             "Response Time (seconds)": "Error",
79             "Response": f"Error: {str(e)}",
80             "CPU Usage (%)": "N/A",
81             "Memory Usage (MB)": "N/A",
82             "GPU Memory Usage (MB)": "N/A",
83             "GPU Utilization (%)": "N/A"
84         })
85
86 # Save to JSON file
87 json_file_name = model_name + "_response_time_results_ressours_usage.json"
88 with open(json_file_name, "w") as file:
89     json.dump(results, file, indent=4)
90
91 print(f"The results have been saved in {json_file_name}.")

```

Listing 8.1: Python-quantitative-data-collection

For this Python Skript we used ChatGPT to help with the psutil library to get the CPU and Memory usage. We also used ChatGPT to get more Questions for the data collection.

The results were saved as JSON files for the later analysis. One Problem we encountered were the touch librarys, witch didn't function probally on the School AI Server, so we couldn't get the GPU usage for the models.

Used python libraries

psutil libarie

The psutil library is a Python module that provides an interface for retrieving information on system utilization, including CPU, memory, disk, network, and processes. It is commonly used for monitoring and managing system performance and is highly efficient due to its low overhead. psutil is cross-platform, supporting major operating systems like Windows, Linux, and macOS. It enables developers to create scripts for system diagnostics, process control, and resource management, making it an essential tool for performance optimization and system administration in Python-based projects.

psutil · PyPI (2024)

Ollama

The `ollama` library is a Python package designed to provide a seamless interface for interacting with the Ollama application. It allows users to easily access and leverage various AI models for natural language processing tasks. By simplifying the integration of AI models into Python applications, the library supports a wide range of functionalities, making it an efficient tool for developing AI-powered solutions.

ollama/ollama-python: Ollama Python library (n.d.)

8.5.5. Data Preperation

To get more information about the collected data, we used the following Python script to collect more data:

```

1  import json
2  import os
3  from nltk.translate.bleu_score import sentence_bleu, SmoothingFunction
4  from rouge_score import rouge_scorer
5  import language_tool_python
6  import textstat
7  from transformers import pipeline, logging
8
9  # Suppress warning messages from the Transformer library for a cleaner output.
10 logging.set_verbosity_error()
11
12 def load_json(file_path):
13     """
14     Load and parse JSON data from a file.
15
16     Parameters:
17         file_path (str): The file system path to the JSON file.
18
19     Returns:
20         dict or list: The JSON data parsed from the file.
21     """
22     with open(file_path, 'r') as file:
23         return json.load(file)
24
25 def calculate_metrics(data):
26     """
27     Compute multiple evaluation metrics for generated text responses.
28
29     For each data item, the function calculates:
30     - BLEU Score: Quantifies the similarity between the generated response and the reference text.
31     - ROUGE Scores: Evaluates the n-gram overlap between the reference and the generated text,
32       using ROUGE-1, ROUGE-2, and ROUGE-L.
33     - Grammar Check: Determines the number of grammatical errors present in the response.
34     - Readability Score: Computes the Flesch Reading Ease score to assess the text's readability.
35     - Sentiment Analysis: Infers the sentiment polarity (e.g., positive or negative) of the
36       response text.
37
38     Parameters:
39         data (list): A list of dictionaries, each containing 'Prompt', 'Response', and 'Reference'
40           keys.

```

```

39 Returns:
40 list: A list of dictionaries that include the original text elements along with the
    computed metrics.
41 """
42 results = []
43 rouge = rouge_scorer.RougeScorer(['rouge1', 'rouge2', 'rougeL'], use_stemmer=True)
44 grammar_tool = language_tool_python.LanguageTool('en-US')
45 sentiment_analyzer = pipeline(
46     'sentiment-analysis',
47     model="distilbert-base-uncased-finetuned-sst-2-english",
48     truncation=True,
49     max_length=512
50 )
51
52 for item in data:
53     prompt = item['Prompt']
54     response = item['Response']
55     reference = item['Reference']
56
57     try:
58         # Calculate the BLEU Score with smoothing to address potential issues with short
59         # sequences.
60         bleu_score = sentence_bleu(
61             [reference.split()], response.split(),
62             smoothing_function=SmoothingFunction().method4
63         )
64
65         # Calculate ROUGE Scores for comprehensive n-gram overlap assessment.
66         rouge_scores = rouge.score(reference, response)
67
68         # Perform grammatical analysis by counting detected errors in the response.
69         grammar_errors = len(grammar_tool.check(response))
70
71         # Determine the readability score using the Flesch Reading Ease metric.
72         readability_score = textstat.flesch_reading_ease(response)
73
74         # Analyze the sentiment of the response text, with error handling to capture any
75         # exceptions.
76         try:
77             sentiment_result = sentiment_analyzer(response)[0]
78             sentiment = sentiment_result['label']
79         except Exception as e:
80             print(f"Sentiment error for prompt '{prompt}': {e}")
81             sentiment = "Error"
82
83         results.append({
84             "Prompt": prompt,
85             "Response": response,
86             "Reference": reference,
87             "BLEU": bleu_score,
88             "ROUGE-1": rouge_scores['rouge1'].fmeasure,
89             "ROUGE-2": rouge_scores['rouge2'].fmeasure,
90             "ROUGE-L": rouge_scores['rougeL'].fmeasure,
91             "Grammar Errors": grammar_errors,
92             "Readability Score": readability_score,
93             "Sentiment": sentiment
94         })
95     except Exception as e:
96         print(f"Error processing prompt '{prompt}': {e}")
97         results.append({
98             "Prompt": prompt,
99             "Response": response,
100             "Reference": reference,
101             "Error": str(e)
102         })
103
104 return results
105
106 def save_results(results, output_path):
107     """
108     Persist the computed metrics to a JSON file.
109
110     Parameters:
111     results (list): A list of dictionaries containing evaluation metrics and corresponding
112         texts.

```

```

110         output_path (str): The file system path where the output JSON should be saved.
111         """
112         with open(output_path, 'w') as file:
113             json.dump(results, file, indent=4)
114
115     def main():
116         """
117         Execute the main workflow of the script.
118
119         This function prompts the user to specify a directory containing preprocessed JSON files.
120         It then iterates through each file that matches the pattern 'processed_*.json',
121         computes the evaluation metrics for the contained data,
122         and saves the results in a new JSON file prefixed with 'scored_'.
123         """
124         directory = input("Enter the directory containing the processed JSON files: ")
125
126         try:
127             for file_name in os.listdir(directory):
128                 if file_name.startswith("processed_") and file_name.endswith(".json"):
129                     input_file = os.path.join(directory, file_name)
130                     model_name = file_name.split("processed_")[1].split(".json")[0]
131                     output_file = os.path.join(directory, f"scored_{model_name}.json")
132
133                     print(f"Processing file: {input_file}")
134                     data = load_json(input_file)
135                     metrics = calculate_metrics(data)
136                     save_results(metrics, output_file)
137                     print(f"Metrics saved to: {output_file}")
138
139         except FileNotFoundError:
140             print(f"Error: The directory {directory} was not found.")
141         except Exception as e:
142             print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
143
144     if __name__ == "__main__":
145         main()

```

Listing 8.2: Python-data-preperation-for-analysis

This Python script implements a comprehensive evaluation framework for assessing the quality of generated textual responses. It systematically processes JSON files containing a prompt, a generated response, and a reference text, computing several quantitative metrics: the BLEU score for assessing n-gram overlap, ROUGE metrics for evaluating text similarity, a grammatical error count via LanguageTool, the Flesch Reading Ease score for readability, and sentiment analysis using a Transformer-based model. By integrating these diverse analytical techniques from state-of-the-art natural language processing libraries, the script facilitates a rigorous and multifaceted scientific evaluation of text generation performance.

Utilized Python Libraries

For Collecting those data we used the following Python Libraries:

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Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) The Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) is a comprehensive library for natural language processing in Python. It provides easy-to-use interfaces to over 50 corpora and lexical resources, along with a suite of text processing libraries for classification, tokenization, stemming, tagging, parsing, and semantic reasoning. NLTK is widely used for building Python programs that work with human language data and is a leading platform in both research and education [Bird et al. \(2025\)](#).

ROUGE Score The rouge-score library is a native Python implementation of the ROUGE metric, which is commonly used for evaluating automatic summarization and machine translation. It replicates the results of the original Perl package and supports the computation of ROUGE-N (N-gram) and ROUGE-L (Longest Common Subsequence) scores. The library also offers functionalities such as text normalization and the use of stemming to enhance evaluation accuracy [Research \(2025\)](#).

LanguageTool Python language-tool-python is a wrapper for LanguageTool, an open-source grammar, style, and spell checker. This library enables the integration of LanguageTool's proofreading capabilities into Python applications, supporting the detection and correction of grammatical errors, stylistic issues, and spelling mistakes across multiple languages.

Textstat The textstat library provides simple methods for calculating readability statistics from text. It helps determine the readability, complexity, and grade level of textual content by computing various metrics such as the Flesch Reading Ease, SMOG Index, and Gunning Fog Index. These metrics are valuable for assessing and ensuring the comprehensibility of text, particularly in educational and professional settings [Bansal & Aggarwal \(2025\)](#).

8.5.6. Data Processing

To gain a better understanding of the collected data, we utilized Python scripts to generate visualizations, providing a clearer representation of the results. Additionally, the processed data was formatted into a LaTeX table to facilitate structured analysis and comparison.

Quantitative Data Analysis

To visualize the quantitative data, we employed the following Python script:

```

1  import pandas as pd
2  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3  import seaborn as sns
4  import glob
5  import numpy as np
6  import os
7  import logging
8
9  # Set up logging for consistent error and information messages.
10 logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO, format='%(levelname)s: %(message)s')
11
12 # Set scientific plotting style with an increased default figure height.
13 plt.style.use('default')
14 sns.set_theme(style="whitegrid", context="paper")
15 plt.rcParams.update({
16     # Here are all the params for the settings for matplotlib
17 })
18
19 def load_and_process_data() -> pd.DataFrame:
20     """
21     Loads and processes all JSON files in the current directory.
22
23     This function searches for all files matching "*.json", reads them into pandas DataFrames,
24     assigns a 'Model' column based on the file name (without extension), converts specified
25     numeric columns to numeric type, and removes rows with missing values in those columns.
26
27     Returns:
28     pd.DataFrame: A concatenated and cleaned DataFrame containing all data.
29     """
30     json_files = glob.glob("*.json")
31     if not json_files:
32         logging.warning("No JSON files found in the current directory.")
33         return pd.DataFrame()
34
35     dfs = []
36     for file in json_files:
37         try:
38             model_name = os.path.splitext(file)[0]
39             df = pd.read_json(file)
40             df['Model'] = model_name
41             dfs.append(df)
42         except Exception as e:
43             logging.error(f"Error loading {file}: {e}")
44
45     if not dfs:
46         logging.error("No data could be loaded from the JSON files.")
47         return pd.DataFrame()
48
49     combined_df = pd.concat(dfs, ignore_index=True)
50

```

```

51 # Convert selected columns to numeric and drop rows with missing values in these columns.
52 numeric_cols = ['Response Time (seconds)', 'CPU Usage (%)', 'Memory Usage (MB)']
53 combined_df[numeric_cols] = combined_df[numeric_cols].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
54 combined_df = combined_df.dropna(subset=numeric_cols)
55
56 return combined_df
57
58 def create_resource_plot(df: pd.DataFrame, metric: str, title: str, ylabel: str, filename: str)
59     -> None:
60     """
61     Creates a resource usage plot with violin and strip plots, annotated with statistical
62     measures.
63
64     The function generates a violin plot for the given metric across different AI models,
65     overlays a strip plot
66     to display individual data points, and annotates each model with its median and mean absolute
67     deviation (MAD).
68     The resulting plot is saved in both PDF and PNG formats.
69
70     Parameters:
71     df (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame containing the metric and 'Model' columns.
72     metric (str): The column name representing the metric to be visualized.
73     title (str): The title of the plot.
74     ylabel (str): The label for the y-axis.
75     filename (str): Base filename used for saving the plot.
76     """
77     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
78
79     ax = sns.violinplot(
80         x='Model',
81         y=metric,
82         data=df,
83         inner='quartile',
84         palette='muted',
85         cut=0
86     )
87
88     sns.stripplot(
89         x='Model',
90         y=metric,
91         data=df,
92         color='#303030',
93         size=2.5,
94         alpha=0.7
95     )
96
97     # Calculate median and mean absolute deviation (MAD) for each model.
98     stats = df.groupby('Model')[metric].agg(median='median', mad=lambda x: np.mean(np.abs(x -
99         x.median()))))
100
101     # Annotate each model with the calculated median and MAD.
102     for xtick, model in enumerate(stats.index):
103         model_stats = stats.loc[model]
104         annotation = f"Med: {model_stats['median']:.1f}\nMAD: {model_stats['mad']:.1f}"
105         # Position annotation at 5% above the minimum value.
106         y_pos = df[metric].min() + (df[metric].max() - df[metric].min()) * 0.05
107         ax.text(
108             xtick,
109             y_pos,
110             annotation,
111             ha='center',
112             va='bottom',
113             fontsize=8,
114             color='#404040'
115         )
116
117     plt.title(title, pad=15)
118     plt.xlabel('AI Model', labelpad=12)
119     plt.ylabel(ylabel, labelpad=12)
120     plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
121     plt.ylim(bottom=0)
122     plt.tight_layout()
123
124     # Save the plot in both vector (PDF) and raster (PNG) formats.
125     plt.savefig(f'{filename}.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')

```

```

121     plt.savefig(f'{filename}.png', bbox_inches='tight')
122     plt.close()
123
124     def plot_cpu_memory_comparison(df: pd.DataFrame) -> None:
125         """
126         Generates comparative plots for CPU usage and memory consumption across AI models.
127
128         This function calls 'create_resource_plot' for both CPU and Memory metrics.
129
130         Parameters:
131             df (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame containing performance metrics.
132         """
133         create_resource_plot(
134             df=df,
135             metric='CPU Usage (%)',
136             title='Comparative Analysis of CPU Utilization Across AI Models',
137             ylabel='CPU Usage (%)',
138             filename='model_cpu_usage_comparison'
139         )
140
141         create_resource_plot(
142             df=df,
143             metric='Memory Usage (MB)',
144             title='Comparative Analysis of Memory Consumption Across AI Models',
145             ylabel='Memory Usage (MB)',
146             filename='model_memory_usage_comparison'
147         )
148
149     def generate_advanced_statistics(df: pd.DataFrame) -> None:
150         """
151         Generates advanced performance statistics for AI models and outputs the results both in the
152         console and as a LaTeX table.
153
154         The statistics include mean, standard deviation, and maximum values for CPU and memory usage,
155         as well as mean and standard deviation for response times.
156
157         Parameters:
158             df (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame containing performance metrics.
159         """
160         stats = df.groupby('Model').agg({
161             'CPU Usage (%)': ['mean', 'std', 'max'],
162             'Memory Usage (MB)': ['mean', 'std', 'max'],
163             'Response Time (seconds)': ['mean', 'std']
164         })
165
166         print("\nAdvanced Performance Statistics:")
167         print(stats.round(2).to_string())
168
169         # Export the statistics as a formatted LaTeX table.
170         try:
171             latex_str = stats.style.format({
172                 ('CPU Usage (%)', 'mean'): "{:.1f}",
173                 ('Memory Usage (MB)', 'mean'): "{:.1f}"
174             }).to_latex(
175                 hrules=True,
176                 caption="Model Performance Statistics",
177                 label="tab:model_stats"
178             )
179             with open('resource_stats.tex', 'w') as f:
180                 f.write(latex_str)
181         except Exception as e:
182             logging.error(f"Error generating LaTeX table: {e}")
183
184     def plot_response_times(df: pd.DataFrame) -> None:
185         """
186         Creates a comparative boxplot for model response times overlaid with a swarm plot for
187         individual data points.
188
189         The function annotates each AI model with its median response time and saves the plot in both
190         PDF and PNG formats.
191
192         Parameters:
193             df (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame containing the 'Response Time (seconds)' and 'Model' columns.
194         """
195         plt.figure(figsize=(8, 10))

```



```

193
194     ax = sns.boxplot(
195         x='Model',
196         y='Response Time (seconds)',
197         data=df,
198         width=0.6,
199         showfliers=False,
200         palette='muted'
201     )
202
203     sns.swarmplot(
204         x='Model',
205         y='Response Time (seconds)',
206         data=df,
207         color='#404040',
208         size=3,
209         alpha=0.6
210     )
211
212     # Annotate the median response time for each model.
213     medians = df.groupby('Model')['Response Time (seconds)'].median()
214     for xtck, model in enumerate(medians.index):
215         median_val = medians.loc[model]
216         ax.text(
217             xtck,
218             median_val + 0.05,
219             f'{median_val:.2f}s',
220             ha='center',
221             va='bottom',
222             fontsize=8,
223             color='#2f2f2f'
224         )
225
226     plt.title('Comparative Analysis of Model Response Times', pad=15)
227     plt.xlabel('AI Model', labelpad=10)
228     plt.ylabel('Response Time (seconds)', labelpad=10)
229     plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
230     plt.tight_layout()
231
232     plt.savefig('model_response_times_comparison.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')
233     plt.savefig('model_response_times_comparison.png', bbox_inches='tight')
234     plt.close()
235
236 def generate_statistics(df: pd.DataFrame) -> None:
237     """
238     Generates a statistical summary of response times for each AI model and exports the results.
239
240     The summary includes the mean, standard deviation, minimum, median, and maximum values.
241     The results are printed to the console and saved as a LaTeX table.
242
243     Parameters:
244         df (pd.DataFrame): DataFrame containing the 'Response Time (seconds)' and 'Model' columns.
245     """
246     stats = df.groupby('Model')['Response Time (seconds)'].describe()
247     print("\nResponse Time Statistics:")
248     print(stats[['mean', 'std', 'min', '50%', 'max']].round(3).to_string())
249
250     try:
251         with open('response_stats.tex', 'w') as f:
252             f.write(
253                 stats[['mean', 'std', 'min', '50%', 'max']]
254                 .round(3)
255                 .style.to_latex(hrules=True)
256             )
257     except Exception as e:
258         logging.error(f"Error generating LaTeX response stats: {e}")
259
260 def main() -> None:
261     """
262     Main execution function.
263
264     Loads and processes data from JSON files, generates various comparative plots (response
265     times, CPU, and memory usage),
266     and outputs advanced performance statistics along with their LaTeX representations.
267     """

```

```

267     df = load_and_process_data()
268     if df.empty:
269         logging.error("No data available for plotting and analysis.")
270         return
271
272     plot_response_times(df)
273     plot_cpu_memory_comparison(df)
274     generate_advanced_statistics(df)
275     generate_statistics(df)
276
277     if __name__ == "__main__":
278         main()

```

Listing 8.3: Python-quantitative-data-analysis

This script performs a comprehensive performance evaluation of various AI models by loading JSON files from the working directory, extracting key metrics such as response time, CPU usage, and memory consumption, and preprocessing the data for analysis.

It generates high-resolution visualizations—including violin, strip, box, and swarm plots—to effectively illustrate the distributions and central tendencies of these metrics. Additionally, it computes descriptive statistics and presents the results both in the console and as LaTeX-formatted tables, ensuring structured and reproducible scientific reporting.

Qualitative Data Analysis

To visualize the qualitative data, we utilized the following Python script:

```

1     import pandas as pd
2     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3     import seaborn as sns
4     import os
5
6     # =====
7     # Data Aggregation and Visualization for Model Performance Metrics
8     # =====
9     # This script aggregates experimental results from JSON files, each containing
10    # performance metrics (e.g., BLEU, ROUGE, grammatical errors, readability, sentiment)
11    # for various AI models. The data are visualized using high-quality plots for scientific
12    # analysis, and descriptive statistics are exported in LaTeX format.
13
14    # -----
15    # Data Aggregation
16    # -----
17    directory = "./"
18    aggregated_data = []
19    for file in os.listdir(directory):
20        # Process files that follow the naming convention "scored_<model>.json"
21        if file.startswith("scored_") and file.endswith(".json"):
22            model = file.replace("scored_", "").replace(".json", "")
23            df_temp = pd.read_json(os.path.join(directory, file))
24            df_temp["Model"] = model
25            aggregated_data.append(df_temp)
26    df = pd.concat(aggregated_data, ignore_index=True)
27
28    # -----

```

```

29 # Global Plotting Style Settings
30 # -----
31 sns.set_theme(style="whitegrid", font_scale=0.9)
32 plt.rcParams['axes.titlepad'] = 15
33 plt.rcParams['axes.labelpad'] = 10
34
35 def rotate_labels(ax, rotation: int = 45, ha: str = 'right') -> None:
36     """
37     Rotate the x-axis labels for improved readability.
38
39     Parameters:
40         ax (matplotlib.axes.Axes): The axes on which to rotate the labels.
41         rotation (int): Angle in degrees to rotate the labels.
42         ha (str): Horizontal alignment of the labels.
43     """
44     ax.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=rotation, ha=ha, fontsize=9)
45     plt.tight_layout()
46
47 # =====
48 # Visualization of Performance Metrics
49 # =====
50
51 # --- 1. BLEU and ROUGE Scores ---
52 plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))
53 # Reshape data for plotting multiple text quality metrics
54 df_melt = df.melt(id_vars=["Model"], value_vars=["BLEU", "ROUGE-1", "ROUGE-2", "ROUGE-L"],
55                 var_name="Metric", value_name="Score")
56 ax = sns.barplot(x="Model", y="Score", hue="Metric", data=df_melt, palette="viridis")
57 plt.title("Comparison of BLEU and ROUGE Scores", fontweight='bold')
58 plt.ylim(0, 0.05)
59 plt.legend(loc="upper right", frameon=True)
60 rotate_labels(ax)
61 plt.savefig("bleu_rouge.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches="tight")
62
63 # #####
64 # Other plots are similar to the first one, but with different kinds of plots
65 # The plots are for:
66 # --- 2. Grammatical Errors ---
67 # --- 3. Readability (Flesch Score) ---
68 # --- 4. Sentiment Analysis ---
69 # --- 5. Combined Metrics Overview with Subplots ---
70 # #####
71
72 # =====
73 # Descriptive Statistics Export
74 # =====
75 # Compute summary statistics for selected metrics by model
76 summary = df.groupby("Model")[["BLEU", "ROUGE-L", "Grammar Errors"]].agg(["mean", "std",
77                                     "median", "min", "max"])
78 summary.to_latex("summary.tex", float_format="%.3f")

```

Listing 8.4: Python-qualitative-data-analysis

This script aggregates performance metrics from multiple JSON files—each corresponding to an AI model evaluation—into a unified dataset. It then generates high-resolution visualizations, including bar, box, and point plots, to illustrate text quality (BLEU/ROUGE scores), grammatical accuracy, readability, and sentiment distribution. Finally, it computes descriptive statistics for these metrics and exports a summary table in LaTeX format for rigorous scientific reporting.

Utilized Python Libraries

In this project, several Python libraries were employed to facilitate data manipulation, analysis, and visualization:

Pandas Pandas is an open-source data analysis and manipulation library for Python. It provides data structures such as Series and DataFrames, which allow for efficient handling of structured data. Pandas supports operations like data alignment, merging, and reshaping, making it indispensable for data preprocessing and analysis tasks.

[McKinney & the Pandas Development Team \(2025\)](#)

Matplotlib Matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python. It offers an object-oriented API for embedding plots into applications and supports various plot types, including line, bar, scatter, and 3D plots. Matplotlib's flexibility and extensive customization options make it a fundamental tool for data visualization.

[Hunter & the Matplotlib Development Team \(2025\)](#)

Seaborn Seaborn is a statistical data visualization library built on top of Matplotlib. It provides a high-level interface for drawing attractive and informative statistical graphics, including functions for visualizing univariate and bivariate distributions, categorical data, and linear regression models. Seaborn integrates closely with Pandas data structures, enhancing the aesthetic appeal and interpretability of visualizations.

[Waskom & the Seaborn Development Team \(2025\)](#)

NumPy NumPy is a foundational library for numerical computing in Python. It introduces support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions to operate on these

arrays. NumPy serves as the backbone for many other libraries, including Pandas and Matplotlib, by providing efficient array operations and numerical computations.

Oliphant & the NumPy Development Team (2025)

8.5.7. Testresults and Analysis

Write about the Analysis and include the images of the graphics

8.5.8. Model Comparison for different Use Cases and Scenarios

Explain wich modell is best for what

8.5.9. Model Selected for the Final Application

Explain why the selected model was selected and what the criteria were and explain the different models.

8.5.10. Model Integration and Deployment

Following the evaluation process, the selected models were systematically integrated into the School AI Server and the Visual Studio Code extension.

Leveraging the user-friendly API provided by the Ollama application, we facilitated a seamless integration of the models into the School AI Server, ensuring efficient accessibility and deployment. To enhance request management and optimize communication between different components, we developed a Python-based Flask server that hosts a dedicated API. This API serves as an intermediary layer, enabling structured and scalable interactions between the School AI Server and the Visual Studio Code extension.

A comprehensive discussion of the hosted Flask service, including its architecture and functionality, is presented in Chapter 9: *Hosted Flask Service*.

8.6. Integration of OpenAI's API

In this work, we integrated the OpenAI API to leverage proprietary, high-performance AI models that are hosted on dedicated servers with advanced hardware capabilities. The utilization of external computing power allows for the concurrent execution of multiple models, thereby enhancing both scalability and efficiency in our application.

The decision to adopt the OpenAI API was influenced by its widespread adoption, robust performance, and extensive documentation. Numerous examples, tutorials, and community resources are available, which greatly facilitate the integration process and ensure that best practices are followed in scientific and industrial applications.

8.6.1. Overview of the OpenAI API

The OpenAI API provides access to state-of-the-art AI models developed by OpenAI, including various iterations of the ChatGPT model. These models are capable of generating human-like text, answering queries, and engaging in complex conversations. The API supports a range of models with different sizes and capabilities, allowing users to select the model that best fits the requirements of their specific use cases.

Designed with user accessibility in mind, the API comes with comprehensive documentation and a wealth of code samples, which significantly streamline the process of embedding advanced AI functionalities into diverse applications and platforms. Furthermore, the API utilizes a token-based pricing model, which charges users according to the number of tokens processed during interactions. This pricing structure is not only transparent but also aligns closely with the computational effort required to generate responses.

Before accessing the API's full functionality, users must pre-fund their accounts by depositing a specified amount of money. This account-based billing system enables users to manage their expenditures effectively, including the option to set monthly spending limits. In addition to text generation, the OpenAI ecosystem also includes DAL-E, an image-generation model that creates visuals based on textual input, thus broadening the spectrum of applications available through the API.

Overview - OpenAI API (n.d.b)

Tokens in Large Language Models

Tokens are the fundamental units of text that large language models (LLMs) process and generate. In this context, a token represents the smallest segment of text that a model can understand, which may correspond to an entire word, a fragment of a word, or even an individual character or punctuation mark.

The process of tokenization involves converting raw text into these discrete units. This approach enables LLMs to efficiently capture complex patterns in both syntax and semantics, even when encountering new or out-of-vocabulary terms. Techniques such as subword tokenization are particularly valuable, as they break down words into meaningful components, thereby reducing the overall vocabulary size and enhancing the model's ability to manage linguistic variability.

Moreover, tokens are closely related to the concept of a context window, which defines the span of tokens a model can consider during text generation or prediction. Typically, one token is estimated to average around four characters in English or roughly three-quarters of a word. This estimation is crucial for determining computational requirements and understanding the limitations imposed by the model's finite context window.

In summary, tokens are indispensable for the operation of LLMs, providing a structured means to process language. Their effective management through advanced tokenization strategies is essential for optimizing both the computational efficiency and the overall performance of these models.

Foy (2024)

8.6.2. Data Security and Privacy in Compliance with Austrian and EU Regulations

The integration of OpenAI's API into our systems necessitates a thorough examination of data security and privacy considerations, particularly in the context of Austrian and European Union (EU) regulations. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) serves as the cornerstone of data protection within the EU, imposing stringent requirements on the processing of personal data.

OpenAI has implemented several measures to safeguard user data and align with GDPR mandates. Notably, they support compliance with privacy laws such as the GDPR and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), offering a Data Processing Addendum to customers. Their API and related products have undergone evaluation by an independent third-party auditor, confirming alignment with industry standards for security and confidentiality.

Introducing data residency in Europe | OpenAI (n.d.)

Despite these measures, concerns have been raised regarding data handling practices. For instance, data transmitted through the OpenAI API could potentially be exposed, and compliance with GDPR remains a complex issue. Additionally, data may be accessible to third-party subprocessors, introducing further privacy considerations.

Fortis (2024)

To address these concerns, we have proactively informed our user community through a notice on the school website. This notice outlines the data handling practices associated with the OpenAI API and provides guidance on how users can manage their data when interacting with our systems. By maintaining transparency and offering clear instructions, we aim to uphold the highest standards of data security and privacy in our academic environment.

Gabriel Mrkonja
Florian Prandstetter
Luna Schätzle

In light of the evolving regulatory landscape, it is imperative to remain vigilant and responsive to any changes in data protection laws within Austria and the broader EU. Continuous monitoring and adaptation of our data handling practices will ensure ongoing compliance and the safeguarding of user privacy.

8.6.3. OpenAI API Implementation in Vue.js

This section details the integration of the OpenAI API within a Vue.js application framework, with a focus on both text and image generation capabilities. The implementation not only illustrates the interaction between the Vue.js frontend and the OpenAI API but also demonstrates adherence to security best practices and modular code design. The following discussion is supported by annotated code examples and an explanation of the libraries used.

Overview of the Implementation

The implementation is structured as a Vue.js component that facilitates the following functionalities:

- Accepting user input via a text area.
- Initiating API calls for generating text responses (using ChatGPT models) and creating images (via the DALL-E endpoint).
- Displaying the results (generated text and images) dynamically within the user interface.

The component is designed with a clear separation between presentation and business logic, ensuring that the code remains both maintainable and scalable.

Explanation of the Used Libraries

OpenAI Library The `openai` library is employed as the primary interface to interact with OpenAI's API endpoints. This library abstracts the complexities of HTTP communication and provides a user-friendly API to access advanced AI functionalities such as natural language generation and image synthesis. Its integration simplifies the process of constructing API requests and handling responses, which is critical for developing robust AI-driven applications.

API Key Management To ensure secure handling of sensitive credentials, the OpenAI API key is imported from an external module (i.e., `OPENAI_API_KEY` from the secrets file). This approach adheres to security best practices by preventing the direct embedding of API keys within the source code, thereby mitigating the risk of unauthorized exposure.

Code Example: Vue.js Component for OpenAI API Integration

Below is an illustrative example of a Vue.js component that integrates the OpenAI API for both text and image generation. The code is presented in two parts: the HTML template and the JavaScript logic.

HTML Template

```
1 <template>
2   <div class="openai-container">
3     <h1>OpenAI API Integration in Vue.js</h1>
4     <textarea
5       v-model="userInput"
6       placeholder="Enter your prompt here..."
7       rows="4"
8       cols="50">
9     </textarea>
10    <div class="action-buttons">
11      <button @click="generateText">Generate Text</button>
12      <button @click="generateImage">Generate
13        Image</button>
14    </div>
15    <div v-if="generatedText" class="output-section">
```

```

15     <h2>Generated Text</h2>
16     <p>{{ generatedText }}</p>
17 </div>
18 <div v-if="generatedImage" class="output-section">
19     <h2>Generated Image</h2>
20     
21 </div>
22 </div>
23 </template>

```

Listing 8.5: Vue.js Template for OpenAI API Integration

JavaScript Logic

```

1 <script>
2 import OpenAI from "openai";
3 import { OPENAI_API_KEY } from "../secrets";
4
5 export default {
6   name: "OpenAIComponent",
7   data() {
8     return {
9       userInput: "",
10      generatedText: "",
11      generatedImage: ""
12    };
13  },
14  methods: {
15    async generateText() {
16      // Initialize OpenAI client with API key
17      const openai = new OpenAI({ apiKey: OPENAI_API_KEY });
18      try {
19        const response = await
20          openai.chat.completions.create({
21            model: "gpt-3.5-turbo",
22            messages: [{ role: "user", content:
23              this.userInput }]
24          });
25        // Extract and assign the generated text
26        this.generatedText =
27          response.choices[0].message.content;
28      } catch (error) {

```

```
26         console.error("Error during text generation:",
27             error);
28     },
29     async generateImage() {
30         // Initialize OpenAI client for image generation
31         const openai = new OpenAI({ apiKey: OPENAI_API_KEY
32             });
33         try {
34             const response = await openai.images.generate({
35                 prompt: this.userInput,
36                 n: 1,
37                 size: "512x512"
38             });
39             // Extract and assign the URL of the generated
40             // image
41             this.generatedImage = response.data[0].url;
42         } catch (error) {
43             console.error("Error during image generation:",
44                 error);
45         }
46     }
47 };
48 </script>
```

Listing 8.6: Vue.js Script for OpenAI API Integration

Discussion

The presented component exemplifies how modern web applications can seamlessly integrate AI capabilities while maintaining a secure and modular architecture. Key points of consideration include:

- **Modularity:** The separation of the UI (HTML template) and the business logic (JavaScript methods) facilitates easier maintenance and potential scalability.
- **Security:** By importing the API key from an external secrets module, the risk of credential leakage is minimized. This practice is crucial in academic and production environments where data security is paramount.

- **Extensibility:** The design allows for further expansion, such as additional error handling mechanisms or the integration of more advanced functionalities provided by the OpenAI API.

In conclusion, this integration not only demonstrates the practical application of AI APIs in modern web development but also reflects best practices in secure and maintainable code design. Such an approach is essential for building reliable applications in both academic research and industrial contexts.

8.7. Conclusion

9. hosted Flask Service

This chapter delineates the implementation, architecture, and deployment of the self-hosted Flask service, which functions as a pivotal interface between the front-end and back-end components of the system. In addition to detailing the technical design, the chapter critically examines the advantages of a self-hosted solution and the rationale behind key architectural decisions.

9.1. Introduction

This section offers a comprehensive overview of the motivations underpinning the development of the Flask service. Functioning as the backbone for both the Student AI Hub and the code extension's backend, the service was conceived to address a range of specific operational requirements. Here, we elaborate on the core functionalities of the service, detail the technical imperatives that drove its inception, and position its role within the broader system architecture, thereby laying the groundwork for subsequent technical discussions.

9.2. Advantages of a Self-hosted Service

A self-hosted service confers a multitude of benefits relative to externally managed or third-party solutions. This section examines these advantages in depth:

- **Enhanced Customization and Environmental Control:** By hosting the service internally, developers gain complete authority over the

configuration and optimization of the operating environment. This control facilitates the implementation of domain-specific modifications and enables precise tuning to meet the unique needs of the project.

- **Rapid Prototyping and Agile Deployment:** The self-hosted nature of the service supports agile development practices. New features and bespoke functionalities can be rapidly prototyped, iteratively tested, and deployed, thereby significantly reducing development cycles and accelerating time-to-market.
- **Improved Data Security and Regulatory Compliance:** Hosting the service in-house allows for stringent oversight of data management practices. This approach is particularly advantageous in contexts governed by strict data protection regulations and institutional policies, as it enables the implementation of tailored security measures and enhances overall control over sensitive information.

Collectively, these factors validate the strategic decision to pursue a self-hosted approach, underscoring its technical, operational, and regulatory merits.

9.3. Architecture and Service Structure

To provide a comprehensive understanding of the Flask service, this section delves into its architectural design and internal structure.

9.3.1. System Architecture

This subsection describes the architecture of the Python Flask server, elucidating how various components are integrated to form a cohesive whole. The internal workflow and interaction between modules are detailed to provide a clear picture of the service's operational logic.

9.3.2. Modularity and Extensibility

An emphasis is placed on the modular design of the service, which facilitates maintainability and scalability. This part discusses the design choices that allow for future enhancements and the integration of additional functionalities.

9.4. Flask as a Web Framework

9.4.1. Core Functionalities of Flask

This subsection explains the intrinsic capabilities of Flask, such as request routing, templating, and middleware support. It illustrates how these features are employed to manage web requests and responses within the service.

9.4.2. Rationale for Selecting Flask

A critical discussion is presented on why Flask was chosen for the project. Key factors include its simplicity, extensive documentation, and robust community support, which collectively make it an ideal framework for rapid development and prototyping.

9.5. RESTful Endpoints and Functionalities

9.5.1. Endpoint Specifications

This section enumerates the various RESTful endpoints implemented in the service. Each endpoint is described in detail, outlining its specific purpose and the type of data it handles.

9.5.2. Code Illustrations

To enhance understanding, code examples are provided to demonstrate the implementation of key endpoints. These examples highlight the methods used to process requests and generate responses.

9.5.3. Utility Functions

An overview of auxiliary utility functions is given, focusing on their roles in logging, data validation, and error handling. These functions contribute to the overall robustness and reliability of the service.

9.6. Utilized Libraries

A comprehensive inventory of the external libraries used in the project is presented in this section. For each library, its functionality, role within the project, and integration aspects are discussed.

9.7. Deployment

9.8. Docker

Docker is a platform that allows you to run applications in containers. A container is like a small, isolated environment where software runs with everything it needs – including the operating system, libraries, and dependencies.

No matter which computer or server the container runs on, it always works the same way. This means you don't have to worry about an application suddenly throwing errors on a different system just because a different software version is installed there.

Docker is often used in software development and cloud applications because it simplifies testing, deployment, and scaling of apps. Developers can store their software as images and share them with others without requiring complicated installations.

9.8.1. Used Docker Images

A docker image is a blueprint that specifies how to run the application. The instructions for the build are stored in the Dockerfile. *Docker_{Flask}* (n.d.)

- **flask_app** The Flask image is used to easily implement the Flask application in a Docker container.
- **ollama** The Ollama image is used to avoid running LLMs globally and use them in a secluded environment.

9.8.2. Docker Compose

Docker Compose is used for running multiple containers at the same time. It simplifies your application and makes it easier to manage. The Configuration is stored in a single YAML file. All the services can be started with a simple command. It is a very compact way to manage Docker application. *Docker_{Compose}* (n.d.)

9.9. Scalability and Performance Concerns

One notable limitation of the Flask server is its inherent lack of scalability. Flask, being primarily designed for lightweight applications, is not optimized for handling high volumes of concurrent requests. In our implementation, the server was deployed on a modest PC with limited computational resources. Consequently, if the service were to be deployed in a production environment, it would be imperative to migrate to more robust hardware or consider a distributed, multi-server architecture to effectively manage the anticipated load. Given the constraints of the project timeline

and the prototype nature of this work, scalability was not prioritized during development.

9.10. Conclusion and Future Work

This concluding section synthesizes the chapter's key points and reflects on the efficacy of the implemented service. It also outlines potential avenues for future enhancements, such as further scalability improvements, additional functionalities, and more robust deployment automation.

10. Intelligent Student AI Hub: An Integrated Learning Platform

This chapter presents an in-depth overview of the Intelligent Student AI Hub, a comprehensive web platform designed to empower students in exploring artificial intelligence (AI) concepts. The platform integrates state-of-the-art technologies and innovative features to facilitate both learning and practical experimentation in AI. The following sections detail the system architecture, core functionalities, and future directions for this educational tool.

10.1. Introduction

The Intelligent Student AI Hub provides a robust environment for students to learn about AI and its real-world applications. It offers a diverse range of educational resources—including articles, tutorials, and interactive tools—to foster a deep understanding of AI concepts. By combining engaging content with advanced technological integration, the platform aims to make AI accessible, dynamic, and relevant to learners at all levels.

10.2. System Architecture and Technologies

This section outlines the principal technologies that form the backbone of the Intelligent Student AI Hub. By employing a combination of modern web frameworks and cloud-based services, the platform achieves a secure, scalable, and high-performance architecture.

10.2.1. Vue.js

The frontend of the platform is primarily developed using Vue.js—a progressive JavaScript framework renowned for its component-based structure and reactive data binding. Utilizing standard web technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, Vue.js enables the creation of dynamic, single-page applications that are both modular and easy to maintain. For additional details on the implementation of Vue.js, please refer to Chapter 7, subsection "Vue.js."

10.2.2. Flask API

The backend infrastructure is powered by a custom-developed Flask API. This API manages client requests and facilitates communication with a suite of self-hosted AI models and tools. Through efficient data handling and secure request management, the Flask API forms a critical link between the frontend interface and the underlying AI services. More comprehensive insights into the backend architecture are available in Chapter 9.

10.2.3. ChatGPT API

To augment the platform's interactive capabilities, the Intelligent Student AI Hub integrates the ChatGPT API via the OpenAI library. This integration supports a sophisticated chatbot feature that enables students to ask questions and receive detailed, context-aware responses on a variety of AI-related topics. Further information on this integration can be found in Chapter 8, subsection "Integration of OpenAI's API."

10.2.4. Firebase for Authentication and Data Storage

For secure user management and efficient data handling, the platform employs Firebase services. Firebase Authentication provides a flexible and

robust solution for verifying user identities through multiple sign-in methods—including email/password, third-party providers, and anonymous authentication. Additionally, Firebase’s real-time database and Cloud Firestore facilitate scalable and responsive data storage, synchronization, and retrieval. The seamless integration of Firebase with Vue.js components ensures that user data and authentication states are managed in real time, enhancing both security and user experience.

Firestore Features Explained in Detail (2025 Update) (n.d.)

10.3. Core Functionalities

To get a comprehensive understanding of the Intelligent Student AI Hub, this section delves into its core functionalities and interactive features of the end product. Some of the key features of the platform include:

- **Interactive Chatbot for AI Questions:** The platform hosts an AI-powered chatbot that can answer a wide range of AI-related queries, providing students with instant access to information and explanations.
- **OpenAI Integration:** By integrating OpenAI’s cutting-edge models, such as ChatGPT and DALL-E, the platform offers advanced AI capabilities for generating text and images, enhancing the learning experience.
- **Programming Bot for Different Languages:** A specialized bot is available to assist students in learning and practicing various programming languages, offering code snippets, explanations, and interactive coding exercises.
- **Image Recognition Tool:** The platform includes an image recognition tool that leverages AI algorithms to identify objects, scenes, and patterns within uploaded images, enabling students to explore computer vision concepts.
- **Image-to-Text Tool:** Students can utilize an image-to-text tool that converts text embedded within images into editable and searchable content, facilitating the extraction of information from visual data.

- **Saved Chats:** The platform allows users to save and revisit previous chat interactions with the AI chatbot, enabling seamless continuity in learning and knowledge retention.
- **User Profiles and Authentication:** Each user can create a personalized profile, manage their learning progress, and access customized content based on their preferences and history.

10.4. Authentication and User Profiles

For the Intelligent Student AI Hub, Firebase is a cornerstone technology for managing user authentication and profile creation, ensuring both secure access and a personalized user experience.

10.4.1. Firebase Authentication Factors

Implementing robust authentication and user profile management involves several critical aspects:

- **Firebase Authentication:** The platform leverages Firebase Authentication to facilitate secure user sign-in and verification. By supporting multiple authentication methods—including email/password, social logins (e.g., Google, Facebook), and anonymous authentication—Firebase offers a versatile solution that adapts to diverse user needs while ensuring a seamless and reliable experience.
- **Real-time Data Synchronization:** Utilizing Firebase's Realtime Database and Cloud Firestore, the platform ensures that user data is consistently synchronized across all devices. This real-time updating mechanism provides immediate access to personalized content, settings, and user profiles, thus significantly enhancing user engagement.
- **Secure Data Handling:** Firebase incorporates robust security measures, including data encryption, secure authentication tokens, and finely tuned access control rules. These features work together to protect user data from unauthorized access, maintaining both data integrity

and user privacy in accordance with best practices and regulatory requirements.

- **Integration with Vue.js Components:** The tight integration between Firebase and Vue.js enables dynamic data binding and responsive user interfaces. Leveraging Vue.js reactivity in combination with Firebase's real-time updates results in a fluid user experience, where UI elements automatically refresh to reflect the most current state of user data.
- **Future Enhancements:** As the platform evolves, additional features such as recommendation engines, learning analytics, and collaborative learning tools could be integrated. These enhancements would further tailor content to individual user needs and foster a more engaging and personalized educational environment.

10.4.2. Firebase Integration with Vue.js

The integration of Firebase services within Vue.js is essential to achieving a seamless, interactive user experience on the Intelligent Student AI Hub. The process involves several key steps:

- **Installing the Firebase SDK:** The Firebase JavaScript SDK is added to the Vue.js project via package managers like npm or yarn, providing access to Firebase's suite of services directly within the application.
- **Initializing Firebase:** The SDK is initialized using project-specific configuration settings, including API keys, authentication methods, and database URLs. This step establishes a secure connection between the Vue.js application and Firebase services.
- **Implementing Authentication:** Vue.js components integrate Firebase Authentication methods to handle various sign-in options. These components are responsible for managing user sessions and ensuring secure access to personalized content and features.
- **Managing User Profiles:** User-specific data—such as preferences, settings, and learning progress—is stored in Firebase databases. Vue.js components interact with these services to create, update, and retrieve profiles, with real-time synchronization ensuring that updates are reflected immediately across all user devices.

- **Handling Real-time Updates:** Vue.js reactivity is combined with Firebase's real-time data listeners. This ensures that any changes in user data trigger immediate UI updates, thereby providing a consistently accurate and current view of the user's profile and settings.
- **Implementing Security Rules:** Firebase security rules are configured to enforce strict access control policies. By restricting read and write permissions to authenticated users only, these rules help maintain data integrity and protect user privacy.

For the integration process, the VueJS Firebase library is utilized, streamlining the connection between Vue.js projects and Firebase. This library simplifies access to numerous Firebase features—including Authentication, Realtime Database, Firestore, Storage, and restricted pages for non-authenticated users—making it easier to implement a secure and efficient system.

10.4.3. Implementation of Firebase Authentication

A robust implementation of Firebase Authentication within Vue.js involves both proper configuration and thoughtful component design. The following code snippets illustrate key aspects of this integration.

Firestore Initialization and Authentication Setup:

```
1 import firebase from 'firebase/app';
2 import 'firebase/auth';
3
4 // Firebase configuration object containing keys and
  identifiers
5 const firebaseConfig = {
6   apiKey: "YOUR_API_KEY",
7   authDomain: "YOUR_PROJECT_ID.firebaseio.com",
8   databaseURL: "https://YOUR_PROJECT_ID.firebaseio.com",
9   projectId: "YOUR_PROJECT_ID",
10  storageBucket: "YOUR_PROJECT_ID.appspot.com",
11  messagingSenderId: "YOUR_SENDER_ID",
12  appId: "YOUR_APP_ID"
13 };
14
```

```

15 // Initialize Firebase with the configuration
16 firebase.initializeApp(firebaseConfig);
17
18 // Export the authentication module for use in Vue
   components
19 export const auth = firebase.auth();
20
21 // Monitor authentication state changes
22 auth.onAuthStateChanged(user => {
23   if (user) {
24     // User is signed in; update application state
       accordingly
25     console.log('User signed in:', user);
26   } else {
27     // User is signed out; update the UI to reflect
       sign-out state
28     console.log('No user is signed in.');
```

Listing 10.1: Initializing Firebase and setting up authentication

Explanation:

- **Firestore Import and Configuration:** The Firestore modules are imported, and the application is initialized using a configuration object that contains the necessary API keys and identifiers. This setup establishes the connection to Firestore services.
- **Authentication Monitoring:** The `onAuthStateChanged` listener is used to monitor changes in the user's authentication state. This enables the application to dynamically update its interface in response to sign-in or sign-out events.

Vue.js Component Example with Authentication:

```

1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <!-- Display a welcome message if the user is
       signed in -->
4     <h2 v-if="user">Welcome, {{ user.email }}</h2>
5     <!-- Otherwise, show the sign-in form -->
```

```

6         <div v-else>
7             <input v-model="email" placeholder="Email" />
8             <input v-model="password" type="password"
9                 placeholder="Password" />
10            <button @click="signIn">Sign In</button>
11            <button @click="signInWithGoogle">Sign In with
12                Google</button>
13            <p v-if="errorMessage" class="error">{{
14                errorMessage }}</p>
15        </div>
16    </div>
17 </template>
18
19 <script>
20 import { auth } from '@firebase'; // Adjust the path
21     according to your project structure
22 import firebase from 'firebase/app';
23 import 'firebase/auth';
24
25 export default {
26     data() {
27         return {
28             email: '',
29             password: '',
30             user: null,
31             errorMessage: ''
32         };
33     },
34     created() {
35         // Listen for authentication state changes and
36         // update the component state
37         auth.onAuthStateChanged(user => {
38             this.user = user;
39         });
40     },
41     methods: {
42         signIn() {
43             // Attempt to sign in using the provided email
44             // and password
45             auth.signInWithEmailAndPassword(this.email,
46                 this.password)
47                 .then(credential => {
48                     this.user = credential.user;
49                     this.errorMessage = '';
50                 });
51         }
52     }
53 }

```

```

43         })
44         .catch(error => {
45             // Handle authentication errors by
46             // updating the errorMessage state
47             this.errorMessage = error.message;
48             console.error("Authentication error:",
49                 error);
50         });
51     },
52     signInWithGoogle() {
53         const provider = new
54             firebase.auth.GoogleAuthProvider();
55         auth.signInWithPopup(provider)
56             .then(result => {
57                 this.user = result.user;
58                 this.errorMessage = '';
59             })
60             .catch(error => {
61                 this.errorMessage = error.message;
62                 console.error("Google sign-in error:",
63                     error);
64             });
65     }
66 },
67 };
68 </script>
69
70 <style scoped>
71 .error {
72     color: red;
73     font-size: 0.9em;
74 }
75 </style>

```

Listing 10.2: Vue.js component for user sign-in

Explanation:

- **Conditional Rendering:** The template uses Vue.js directives (v-if and v-else) to conditionally display content based on whether a user is authenticated. A personalized welcome message is shown when the user is signed in, while a sign-in form is presented otherwise.

- **Data Binding and State Management:** The component's data properties (email, password, user, and errorMessage) are used to manage form inputs, the authenticated user state, and error messages.
- **Sign-In Method:** The signIn method invokes Firebase Authentication's signInWithEmailAndPassword function. Proper error handling is implemented to provide feedback to the user in case of sign-in failures.
- **Real-time Authentication Updates:** The onAuthStateChanged listener, set up in the created hook, ensures that the component's state is kept in sync with the authentication status, thereby reflecting any changes immediately in the UI.
- **Google Sign-In:** The signInWithGoogle method demonstrates how to enable Google sign-in using Firebase's GoogleAuthProvider. This method follows a similar pattern to the email/password sign-in process.
- **Styling and Error Handling:** The component includes scoped styles for error messages and provides visual feedback to users when authentication errors occur.

Best Practices and Future Considerations:

- **Error Handling and User Feedback:** Robust error handling is essential for providing clear user feedback and maintaining a secure application environment.
- **Scalability and Maintainability:** Modularizing the Firebase configuration and authentication logic allows for easier maintenance and future feature integrations, such as multi-factor authentication.
- **Security Enhancements:** Implementing advanced security measures, such as multi-factor authentication and periodic token refresh, can further enhance the platform's security posture.

Through these implementations, the Intelligent Student AI Hub not only provides secure authentication and personalized user experiences but also lays the groundwork for future enhancements in user engagement and data security.

10.4.4. User Overview and Personalization

To enhance user engagement, the Intelligent Student AI Hub provides a personalized overview of each user's profile. This dedicated account management page consolidates essential information—including profile details, learning progress, and tailored recommendations—into a central hub that facilitates the management of user settings, preferences, and overall platform interactions.

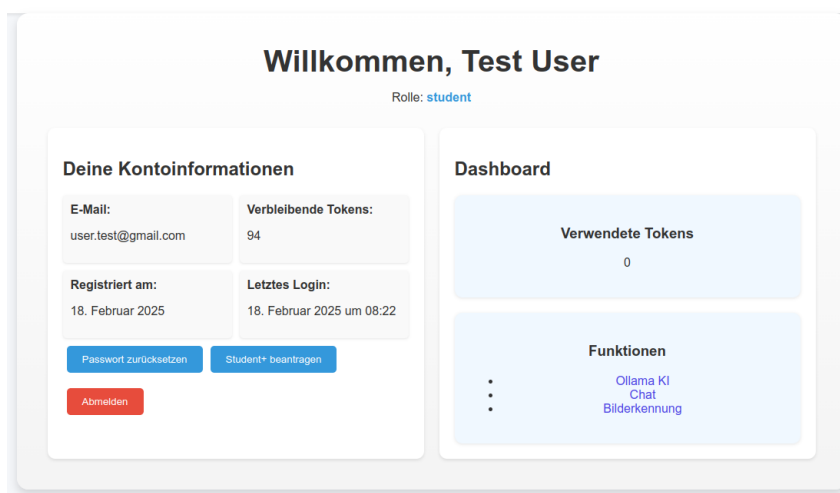


Figure 10.1.: User Account Management and Overview

10.4.5. Outlook for Account Management

Looking forward, there is considerable potential to expand the account management functionality with advanced features, such as:

- **Enhanced Personalization:** Integration of sophisticated personalization tools, including dynamic content recommendations, curated learning paths, and detailed progress tracking, to provide a more tailored and effective learning experience.

- **Premium Account Options:** Introduction of premium account tiers that unlock advanced features and increase the allocation of request tokens for the ChatGPT API.
- **Social Integration:** Implementation of social login options, content sharing functionalities, and collaborative learning tools to foster a more interactive and community-driven environment.
- **Teacher Functionality:** Development of specialized tools for educators, enabling them to better manage classroom interactions and support student learning.
- **Administrator Dashboard:** Creation of a comprehensive administrative interface for efficient management of user accounts, content moderation, and platform analytics, thereby streamlining oversight and enhancing operational efficiency.

10.4.6. TSN Integration

Every student at HTL is provided with a TSN email account, which serves as the primary communication channel within the institution. During the development of the Student AI Hub, integrating the TSN email account was considered as a potential feature. However, after careful evaluation, we decided against this integration for several critical reasons:

- **Security Concerns:** Incorporating the TSN email account would necessitate accessing sensitive user data. Without robust safeguards, this could significantly increase the risk of security breaches and data leakage.
- **Technical Complexity:** The integration would require the implementation of more sophisticated authentication mechanisms than those offered by Firebase. This added complexity could result in compatibility issues and pose significant challenges in terms of ongoing maintenance and support.
- **Impact on User Experience:** Requiring users to navigate additional authentication steps to access the platform could negatively affect the overall user experience. A more complicated login process may lead to reduced adoption rates and lower user satisfaction.

- **Regulatory and Compliance Challenges:** Ensuring compliance with data protection regulations and institutional policies would be more demanding with the TSN email integration. This approach would require addressing additional legal and technical considerations to maintain adherence to relevant standards.

10.5. Interactive Chatbot for Day-to-Day AI Questions

The objective of this feature is to provide students with immediate, context-aware responses to a broad spectrum of AI-related inquiries. To achieve this, the Intelligent Student AI Hub integrates multiple advanced Ollama AI models (e.g., LLaMA 3.2 and Mistral), enabling users to select the model that best fits the complexity and responsiveness required by their query. This modular approach ensures that students receive the most effective and contextually relevant answers, thereby enhancing their learning experience.

A self-hosted Flask API serves as the intermediary between the user interface and the Ollama API. This architecture allows the system to capture user input, forward the request to the selected AI model via the Flask API, and then relay the model's response back to the user in real time. The following abbreviated code listing illustrates the core implementation within a Vue.js component, demonstrating how the integration is achieved:

```

1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <!-- AI Model Selection -->
4     <select v-model="selectedModel">
5       <option value="llama3.2:1b">LLaMA 3.2 - 1B
6         (Fast)</option>
7       <option value="llama3.2">LLaMA 3.2 - 2B
8         (Latest)</option>
9     <!-- more Models -->
10    </select>
11    <!-- Chat Display -->
12    <div v-for="msg in currentChat.messages" :key="msg.id">
13      <p v-if="msg.type==='user'">{{ msg.text }}</p>

```

```

12     <p v-else>{{ msg.text }}</p>
13 </div>
14 <!-- User Input and Submission -->
15 <input v-model="userInput"
    @keydown.enter="sendMessage" placeholder="Ask the
      AI question..." />
16 <button @click="sendMessage">Send</button>
17 </div>
18 </template>
19
20 <script>
21 import axios from 'axios';
22 export default {
23   data() {
24     return {
25       userInput: '',
26       selectedModel: 'llama3.2:1b',
27       currentChat: { messages: [] },
28     };
29   },
30   methods: {
31     async sendMessage() {
32       if (!this.userInput.trim()) return;
33       // Append user message to chat
34       this.currentChat.messages.push({ id: Date.now(),
        type: 'user', text: this.userInput });
35       // Send the query to the Flask API
36       const response = await
        axios.post('http://server-address/ask_ollama', {
37         prompt: this.userInput,
38         model: this.selectedModel,
39       });
40       // Append AI response to chat
41       this.currentChat.messages.push({ id: Date.now(),
        type: 'ollama', text:
          response.data.choices[0].text });
42       this.userInput = '';
43     },
44   },
45 };
46 </script>

```

Listing 10.3: Abbreviated Vue.js Integration Example

This example demonstrates the fundamental components of the integration:

- **Model Selection:** A dropdown menu allows users to choose from various AI models, balancing speed and sophistication.
- **Real-Time Communication:** User inputs are captured and transmitted asynchronously to the Flask API, which then retrieves responses from the selected Ollama AI model.
- **Dynamic Chat Interface:** The chat interface updates dynamically with both user queries and AI responses, ensuring an engaging, real-time interaction.

By decoupling the frontend from the backend AI processing via a RESTful API, this design not only simplifies maintenance but also facilitates future scalability. New models or enhanced features can be integrated with minimal changes to the existing codebase, ensuring the platform remains adaptable to evolving educational needs.

10.6. OpenAI Integration

Given that locally hosted Ollama AI models may not achieve the same performance level as commercially available state-of-the-art solutions, the Intelligent Student AI Hub integrates advanced OpenAI models—such as ChatGPT and DALL-E—to deliver superior capabilities in text generation and image synthesis. This integration not only augments the quality of responses but also significantly enhances platform scalability. With the OpenAI API, scalability is effectively decoupled from hardware limitations, unlike the self-hosted Ollama API, which is inherently constrained by the available computational resources.

10.6.1. ChatGPT API and Its Limitations

A primary limitation of the ChatGPT API is the cost associated with each API request. Every query incurs a fee that can rapidly accumulate with high usage volumes.

<p>GPT-4o High-intelligence model for complex tasks 128k context length</p> <p>Price Input: \$2.50 / 1M tokens Cached input: \$1.25 / 1M tokens Output: \$10.00 / 1M tokens</p>	<p>GPT-4o mini Affordable small model for fast, everyday tasks 128k context length</p> <p>Price Input: \$0.150 / 1M tokens Cached input: \$0.075 / 1M tokens Output: \$0.600 / 1M tokens</p>
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Figure 10.2.: ChatGP API Pricing

Pricing | OpenAI (n.d.)

For instance, utilizing ChatGPT-4o Mini costs \$0.30 per million input tokens, whereas the full ChatGPT-4o model incurs a cost of \$3.75 per million input tokens equating to a 12.5-fold increase in expense (see Figure 10.2).¹

Consequently, the development team has opted to restrict the use of the ChatGPT API. This measured approach enables students to benefit from ChatGPT's advanced functionalities while effectively managing costs. Moreover, it is more economical for the institution to subsidize access to the API than to provide every student with an individual premium account.

10.6.2. User Access to Paid Services

Standard users are allocated a finite number of ChatGPT API requests per month, with these request tokens being replenished on a monthly basis. The number of tokens consumed per query is contingent upon the chosen model.² Should a user exhaust their monthly token quota, they may alternatively direct their queries to the Ollama API. In addition to standard user access, premium, teacher, and administrator accounts are available, each benefiting from a higher monthly token allocation. Initially, all users are granted standard access; any desired upgrade to premium, teacher, or administrator status requires a formal request to the platform administration.

¹Pricing data is current as of 17.02.2025 and may be subject to change.

²Token allocations and model thresholds are periodically adjusted in response to current pricing structures and monthly usage limits.

10.6.3. Integration of OpenAI's API

For a comprehensive guide on integrating OpenAI's API into a Vue.js project, please refer to Chapter 8, Section 8.6.3.

10.7. Programming Bot for Different Programming Languages

The Intelligent Student AI Hub incorporates a dedicated programming bot designed to facilitate the learning and practice of various programming languages. Building upon the foundational architecture of the general chatbot, this bot leverages code-centric large language models (LLMs) that have been specifically trained on source code. As with the standard chatbot, users can select from different models that are optimized for programming-related tasks.

10.7.1. Programming Bot Features

Several enhancements have been integrated into the programming bot to improve its functionality and user experience:

- **Programming Language Selection:** A dropdown menu enables users to specify the programming language for which they require assistance. The selected language is incorporated into the user's query—modifying the prompt sent to the LLM—to ensure that responses are tailored appropriately. This modification is handled on the backend via a dedicated Flask API endpoint.
- **Prompt Refinement:** An integrated "refine" option allows users to modify their initial query. By clicking the refine button, users can adjust their question, prompting the LLM to generate a more precise response.

- **Code Rendering and Clipboard Functionality:** The frontend renders responses in Markdown, which facilitates automatic syntax highlighting of code blocks. Additionally, a "copy to clipboard" feature is provided, enabling users to easily extract and reuse the code samples.

Further details regarding the backend implementation are provided in Chapter 9.

Markdown for Code Formatting

Markdown is a lightweight markup language that supports plain-text formatting and can be easily converted into various output formats. Given that most LLM responses are delivered in Markdown, this feature simplifies the rendering of code with syntax highlighting. This approach is particularly useful for displaying well-formatted code snippets alongside explanatory text [Introduction to Markdown — Write the Docs \(n.d.\)](#).

Illustrative Implementation Example: The following abbreviated Vue.js component demonstrates the key aspects of the programming bot integration. This example illustrates how the user can select a programming language, refine their input, and receive formatted code output:

```
1 <template>
2   <div class="programming-bot">
3     <!-- Selection Area for Model and Programming Language -->
4     <div class="selection-area">
5       <select v-model="selectedModel">
6         <option value="modelA">Model A</option>
7         <option value="modelB">Model B</option>
8       </select>
9       <select v-model="selectedLanguage">
10        <option value="python">Python</option>
11        <option value="java">Java</option>
12      </select>
13    </div>
14    <!-- Chat Interface -->
15    <div class="chat-box">
```

```

16     <div v-for="msg in messages" :class="msg.type">{{
17         msg.text }}</div>
18 </div>
19 <!-- Input Area with Refine Option -->
20 <textarea v-model="userInput" placeholder="Enter your
21     programming question..."></textarea>
22 <button @click="sendMessage">Send</button>
23 <button v-if="isLastUserMessage"
24     @click="prepareRefine">Refine</button>
25 </div>
26 </template>
27
28 <script>
29 export default {
30     data() {
31         return {
32             userInput: '',
33             selectedModel: 'modelA',
34             selectedLanguage: 'python',
35             messages: [],
36         };
37     },
38     methods: {
39         async sendMessage() {
40             // Append the selected programming language to the
41             // user prompt
42             const prompt = `Language:
43                 ${this.selectedLanguage}\n${this.userInput}`;
44             // Send the prompt to the Flask API and process the
45             // response...
46         },
47         prepareRefine() {
48             // Open a modal to refine the user prompt for
49             // improved accuracy
50         }
51     }
52 };
53 </script>

```

Listing 10.4: Abbreviated Vue.js Component for the Programming Bot

This concise example encapsulates the core integration features: selecting a programming model and language, refining user input, and rendering code responses with Markdown-enhanced formatting.

10.8. Image Recognition Tool

The Intelligent Student AI Hub incorporates an image recognition feature by leveraging the Ollama API. This functionality allows users to upload images that are subsequently processed by a dedicated endpoint on the Flask API. Detailed information on the backend implementation is provided in Chapter 9. On the front end, a Vue.js component has been developed to facilitate image uploads and transmit them, along with user-provided prompts, to the Flask API for analysis.

10.8.1. Implementation of the Image Recognition Tool

The following abbreviated code listing illustrates the key elements of the Vue.js component responsible for handling image uploads and processing the API responses. This example provides an overview of how the component captures a text prompt, manages image upload (by converting the image to a Base64 string), and displays the response from the Flask backend.

```
1 <template>
2   <div class="image-recognition">
3     <h1>Upload Image and Send to Ollama</h1>
4     <!-- Text prompt input -->
5     <input v-model="userPrompt" placeholder="Enter a
6       prompt..." @keydown.enter="sendRequest" />
7     <!-- File input for image upload -->
8     <input type="file" @change="handleImageUpload" />
9     <!-- Submission button -->
10    <button @click="sendRequest">Submit</button>
11    <!-- Status and response display -->
12    <div v-if="loading">Sending request...</div>
13    <div v-if="error">{{ error }}</div>
14    <div v-if="response">
15      <h3>Ollama Response:</h3>
16      <p>{{ response }}</p>
17    </div>
18  </div>
19 </template>
```



```

20 <script>
21 export default {
22   data() {
23     return {
24       userPrompt: "",
25       imageData: "",
26       loading: false,
27       error: "",
28       response: null
29     };
30   },
31   methods: {
32     handleImageUpload(event) {
33       const file = event.target.files[0];
34       const reader = new FileReader();
35       reader.onload = () => {
36         // Extract the Base64-encoded string from the data
           URL
37         this.imageData = reader.result.split(",")[1];
38       };
39       if (file) reader.readAsDataURL(file);
40     },
41     async sendRequest() {
42       if (!this.userPrompt || !this.imageData) {
43         this.error = "Both prompt and image are required!";
44         return;
45       }
46       this.loading = true;
47       // Send the prompt and image data to the Flask API
         (request details omitted)
48       // e.g., using axios.post(url, { prompt:
         this.userPrompt, image: this.imageData })
49       // Process the response and update this.response
         accordingly.
50       this.loading = false;
51     }
52   }
53 };
54 </script>

```

Listing 10.5: Abbreviated Vue.js Component for Image Recognition

In this implementation, the component first captures a user-defined text prompt and an image file. The image is converted into a Base64 string to

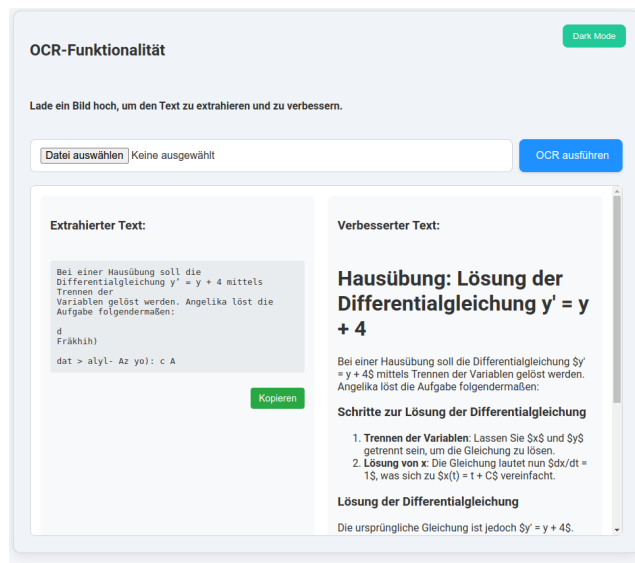


Figure 10.3.: Image to Text Tool

facilitate secure and efficient data transmission. Once both inputs are validated, the component sends an HTTP request to the Flask API. The response from the backend typically a textual analysis or description generated by the Ollama API is then displayed to the user. This approach ensures a seamless and interactive experience for users engaging with the image recognition functionality.

10.9. Image to Text Tool

The Intelligent Student AI Hub incorporates a dedicated image-to-text tool designed to extract textual information from images. This feature first utilizes a text-to-image model to perform optical character recognition (OCR) on uploaded images. Once the raw text is extracted, a large language model (LLM) optimizes the content to enhance readability and clarity. The refined text is then presented in a clean, easily accessible format, and users have the option to copy the text to their clipboard for further use.

Figure 10.3 ³ illustrates the user interface of the image-to-text tool, highlighting both the image upload mechanism and the display of the extracted text.

The following abbreviated code listing provides a high-level overview of the Vue.js component responsible for handling image uploads, invoking the OCR process via a Flask API, and displaying the processed text:

```

1 <template>
2   <div class="ocr-component">
3     <h2>OCR Functionality</h2>
4     <!-- Prompt Input & Image Upload -->
5     <input v-model="prompt" placeholder="Enter a
6       prompt..." @keydown.enter="sendRequest" />
7     <input type="file" @change="handleImageUpload"
8       accept="image/*" />
9     <button @click="sendRequest" :disabled="!selectedImage
10       || loading">
11       Submit
12     </button>
13     <!-- Status and Result Display -->
14     <div v-if="loading">Processing image...</div>
15     <div v-if="error">{{ error }}</div>
16     <div v-if="rawText">
17       <h3>Extracted Text:</h3>
18       <pre>{{ rawText }}</pre>
19       <button @click="copyText(rawText)">Copy</button>
20     </div>
21   </div>
22 </template>
23
24 <script>
25 export default {
26   data() {
27     return {
28       prompt: "",
29       selectedImage: null,
30       rawText: "",
31       loading: false,
32       error: ""
33     };
34   }
35 };
```

³The image-to-text tool is in German because the platform is designed for students at HTL in Austria.

```
31   },
32   methods: {
33     handleImageUpload(event) {
34       const file = event.target.files[0];
35       if (file) this.selectedImage = file;
36     },
37     async sendRequest() {
38       if (!this.prompt || !this.selectedImage) {
39         this.error = "Both prompt and image are required.";
40         return;
41       }
42       this.loading = true;
43       // Create FormData and send request to the Flask API
44       // Response processing updates rawText with
45       // extracted and optimized text
46       this.loading = false;
47     },
48     copyText(text) {
49       navigator.clipboard.writeText(text);
50     }
51   };
52 </script>
```

Listing 10.6: Abbreviated Vue.js Component for Image-to-Text Conversion

This Vue.js component encapsulates the core functionality of the image-to-text tool, enabling users to upload images, extract text content, and copy the processed text for further use. By combining OCR capabilities with large language models, the platform delivers a powerful and user-friendly tool for extracting textual information from images.

For detailed backend implementation of this tool, please refer to Chapter 9, Section 9.5.

10.10. Saved Chats

To enhance user experience, the Intelligent Student AI Hub includes a feature that enables users to save their chat interactions with the AI chatbot. This functionality allows users to revisit previous conversations, review the

information provided by the AI, and continue their learning journey from where they left off. To achieve this, chat data is stored in Firebase's Firestore database, ensuring scalable and secure management of user interactions.

10.10.1. Implementation of the Saved Chats Feature

The following abbreviated code snippet provides an overview of how chat messages are stored and retrieved from Firestore. This example demonstrates the core functionality, including loading the list of saved chats, displaying the current chat, and saving updates to Firestore.

```

1 <template>
2   <div class="chat-container">
3     <!-- Chat Window -->
4     <div class="chat-window" v-if="currentChat">
5       <div v-for="msg in currentChat.messages"
6         :key="msg.id" :class="msg.type">
7         <p v-if="msg.type==='user'">{{ msg.text }}</p>
8         <div v-else
9           v-html="renderMarkdown(msg.text)"></div>
10      </div>
11    </div>
12    <!-- Sidebar for Saved Chats -->
13    <aside class="chat-sidebar">
14      <ul>
15        <li v-for="chat in chats" :key="chat.id"
16          @click="loadChat(chat.id)">
17          {{ chat.name }}
18        </li>
19      </ul>
20      <button @click="startNewChat">+ New Chat</button>
21    </aside>
22  </div>
23 </template>
24
25 <script>
26 import firebase from 'firebase/app';
27 import 'firebase/firestore';
28
29 export default {
30   data() {

```

```
28     return {
29       chats: [],
30       currentChat: null
31     };
32   },
33   methods: {
34     async loadChatList() {
35       const snapshot = await
36         firebase.firestore().collection('chats').get();
37       this.chats = snapshot.docs.map(doc => ({ id: doc.id,
38         ...doc.data() }));
39     },
40     async loadChat(chatId) {
41       const doc = await
42         firebase.firestore().collection('chats').doc(chatId).get();
43       this.currentChat = { id: doc.id, ...doc.data() };
44     },
45     async saveChat() {
46       if (this.currentChat) {
47         await
48           firebase.firestore().collection('chats').doc(this.currentChat
49             .set(this.currentChat);
50       }
51     },
52     startNewChat() {
53       // Create a new chat session and persist it to
54       // Firestore.
55     },
56     renderMarkdown(text) {
57       // Convert Markdown text to HTML.
58     }
59   },
60   mounted() {
61     this.loadChatList();
62   }
63 };
64 </script>
```

Listing 10.7: Abbreviated Implementation of the Saved Chats Feature

This concise implementation outlines how the platform leverages Firestore to manage and persist chat sessions, providing users with a seamless and consistent learning experience.

10.11. Website Design and User Experience

10.11.1. structured and intuitive navigation

10.11.2. Engaging and interactive content

10.11.3. Responsive design for multi-device compatibility

10.11.4. User-friendly interface for seamless interaction

10.11.5. Styling and Theming

10.12. Features Excluded from the Final Version

Due to the limited development time and the emphasis on core functionalities, several planned features were not incorporated into the final version of the Student AI Hub. These include:

- **Multilingual Website:** While the platform currently supports multiple languages for the chatbot, the website itself is only available in German.
- **Chat Transcripts:** A feature designed to convert a user's chat history into a downloadable transcript for review and reference.
- **Test Preparation:** A module intended to generate practice tests and quizzes based on user preferences and learning progress.
- **Learning Analytics:** Tools for tracking and analyzing user learning patterns, progress, and areas for improvement.
- **Collaborative Learning:** Features enabling users to collaborate on projects, share knowledge, and engage in group learning activities.

The majority of these planned features were not implemented due to their time-intensive nature. For instance, the development of a multilingual website would have required extensive effort to translate and maintain all website content.

10.13. Conclusion

11. Visual Studio code extension

11.1. Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the Visual Studio Code extension developed for the project. It describes its core functionalities, and explains how it integrates with the broader system architecture.

11.2. what is Visual Studio Code

Visual Studio Code is a free code editor from Microsoft. It supports many programming languages such as Python, JavaScript, and C++.

A major advantage of VS Code is its extensibility. With extensions, you can customize the editor, for example, with debugging tools, themes, or special functions for specific programming languages. It also offers features like auto-completion, integrated Git support, and a built-in terminal function.

VS Code is lightweight and runs on Windows, macOS, and Linux. Despite this, it provides many features that are also found in a full-fledged integrated development environment. This makes it perfect for both beginners and professionals.

11.3. Development

- TypeScript: The Visual Studio Code extension was developed using TypeScript. TypeScript is well-suited for developing VS Code exten-

sions, as it provides type checking and code completion, making it easier to work with the VS Code API.

- Axios: Axios is used to make HTTP requests from the extension to the Flask Service. It provides an easy implementation of asynchronous requests and simplifies handling responses.
- Visual Studio Code API: The extension interacts with the Visual Studio Code API. The API allows the extension to access and modify the editor's functionality, enabling it to provide a seamless development experience.

11.4. Core Functionalities

The planned core Functionalities of the extension are, an integrated chatbot and code completion.

11.4.1. Chatbot Integration

The extension integrates a chatbot into the editor, allowing developers to interact with the chatbot directly from the editor. This feature enables developers to quickly get information, ask questions, or perform tasks without leaving the editor.

11.4.2. Code completion

Part V.

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15. Open source evaluation on Economics

15.1. Introduction

This chapter introduces the concept of Open Source and highlights its significance in the modern economy. Key aspects such as the advantages and disadvantages of Open Source, as well as the challenges associated with its adoption and creation, are discussed. Additionally, the chapter explores revenue models within the Open Source ecosystem and its role in economic systems. Finally, the chapter concludes by presenting the Open Source tools utilized in this project, alongside a reflection on the experiences gained through their application.

15.1.1. What is Open Source?

Open Source represents a collaborative and transparent approach to software development and distribution, where the source code is made publicly accessible. This philosophy empowers users not only to utilize the software but also to modify, improve, and redistribute it freely. By fostering an environment of openness and collaboration, Open Source drives innovation and democratizes access to technology.

Linus Torvalds, the creator of the Linux operating system, encapsulated this spirit of freedom and collaboration with his famous remark:

“Software is like sex: it’s better when it’s free.”

[Torvalds \(2024\)](#)

This statement highlights the fundamental ethos of Open Source—the belief that open access and shared knowledge result in better, more impactful solutions.

The development process for Open Source software is often a collective effort, with contributions from diverse communities of developers, users, and organizations. These collaborative efforts enhance the software's functionality, security, and usability, resulting in products that are robust and adaptable. Prominent examples include the Linux operating system, the Apache web server, and the Firefox web browser, all of which have significantly influenced technological innovation and market dynamics.

[OpenSource.com \(2024\)](#)

15.1.2. Advantages of Open Source

Open Source software offers a wide range of benefits, making it a cornerstone of modern technology:

- **Cost Efficiency:** Open Source software is typically free of charge, helping organizations and individuals save on licensing and maintenance costs.
- **Flexibility:** Users can access the source code, enabling them to tailor the software to their specific needs and requirements.
- **Security:** The open nature of the source code allows for peer review, ensuring vulnerabilities are identified and addressed promptly.
- **Community Support:** Open Source projects often benefit from vibrant developer communities, providing updates, patches, and user assistance.
- **Innovation:** The collaborative ecosystem of Open Source encourages creativity, leading to groundbreaking solutions and advancements.
- **Compatibility:** Many Open Source projects are designed to integrate seamlessly with existing systems, reducing technical barriers.
- **Transparency:** Open access to the source code ensures that users can understand and verify how the software operates.

- **Freedom:** Users are granted the liberty to use, modify, and share the software without restrictive licensing agreements.

10 biggest advantages of open-source software (2022) The Pros and Cons of Open-Source Software: A Guide for Developers and Executives (2023)

15.1.3. Why Do People Use Open Source?

The adoption of Open Source software is motivated by several compelling factors:

- **Control:** Users gain full control over the software, enabling customization and optimization for specific use cases.
- **Cost Savings:** The absence of licensing fees significantly reduces expenses, making Open Source particularly attractive for startups and educational institutions.
- **Security:** Transparency in the source code allows for thorough auditing, enhancing trust and reliability.
- **Community:** The collaborative spirit of Open Source connects users with knowledgeable communities that share resources and support.
- **Stability:** Many Open Source projects offer long-term support and regular updates, ensuring reliability over time.
- **Skill Development:** Learning and using Open Source tools are valuable in educational and professional contexts, equipping individuals with in-demand skills.

15.2. What is and isn't Open Source?

15.2.1. Definition and Guiding Principles

Open Source, as defined by the Open Source Initiative (OSI), is a development approach that prioritizes accessibility and transparency of software source code. It allows users to view, modify, and distribute the code freely, fostering collaboration and innovation.

The OSI outlines several key principles that define Open Source software:

- **Free Redistribution:** The software can be freely shared and distributed without restrictions.
- **Source Code Access:** Users must have access to the source code to study, modify, and improve the software.
- **Modification and Sharing:** Users are allowed to create and share modified versions, as long as they follow the license terms.
- **No Discrimination:** The software must be available for everyone, regardless of individual characteristics or professional field.
- **Neutrality and Compatibility:** The license must not favor specific technologies or restrict the use of other software.

These principles ensure that Open Source remains a transparent, inclusive, and adaptable approach to software development, enabling innovation and collaboration across industries and communities.

Initiative (2007)

15.2.2. Misconceptions About Open Source

Open Source is often misunderstood and confused with other software distribution models, which can lead to misconceptions about its nature, functionality, and benefits. It is crucial to distinguish Open Source from other types of software:

- **Open Source:** Software that is freely accessible, modifiable, and redistributable under an Open Source license, adhering to principles such as transparency and collaboration.
- **Freeware:** Software available at no cost but typically without access to the source code, meaning users cannot modify or redistribute it.
- **Proprietary Software:** Software owned and controlled by a single entity, restricting access to the source code and preventing users from making modifications or redistributions.
- **Commercial Software:** Software sold for profit, which may be either Open Source or proprietary, depending on the licensing terms.

Understanding these distinctions helps users make informed choices about software selection and ensures their expectations align with the capabilities and freedoms provided by the chosen software.

To verify whether a software is truly Open Source, it is essential to examine the license agreement and confirm the availability of the source code. Software with an OSI-approved license is a reliable indicator that it adheres to Open Source principles, providing transparency, freedom, and collaboration opportunities.

One common misconception about Open Source software arises from the phrase "free as in freedom" versus "free as in free beer." While "free as in freedom" emphasizes the liberty to access, modify, and share the software, "free as in free beer" simply denotes that the software is free of cost. Although Open Source software is often available without charge, its true value lies in the freedom it grants to users, developers, and organizations. This distinction highlights the broader significance of Open Source as a philosophy, not just a pricing model.

[Forbes Technology Council \(2024\)](#)

15.3. Challenges and Disadvantages of Open Source Software

Although open source software provides numerous advantages, it also presents several challenges that can affect its adoption, development, and sustainability. The following sections outline the primary disadvantages and challenges encountered in open source environments.

15.3.1. Disadvantages of Open Source Software

Key drawbacks associated with open source software include:

- **Limited Support:** Many open source projects lack dedicated support teams, often resulting in slower response times for bug fixes and technical issues.
- **Reliance on Hobby Developers:** Projects maintained by volunteers or hobbyists may experience irregular updates and inconsistent maintenance.
- **Fragmentation:** The decentralized development model can lead to fragmentation, with multiple versions and distributions causing compatibility challenges.
- **Reduced Feature Set:** Certain open source applications might not offer the advanced features or functionalities that are common in commercial alternatives.

Mathpati (2023)

15.3.2. Technical Challenges

Integrating open source software into a project requires adequate technical expertise to understand, modify, and deploy the software effectively. When in-house expertise is insufficient, organizations may need to hire external developers or consultants. Although this can help prevent technical issues and ensure successful integration, it may increase overall costs. In some cases, proprietary software—despite being more expensive—offers easier integration due to dedicated support and streamlined installation processes.

15.3.3. Economic Challenges

While open source software is generally free to use, significant costs may arise from its implementation, customization, maintenance, and support. These expenses can accumulate over time, especially when frequent updates or extensive customization are required. Outsourcing technical support can help mitigate these economic challenges, but it may not be a viable solution for every organization.

15.3.4. Social Challenges

The collaborative nature of open source development, which depends on contributions from a diverse community of developers and organizations, can lead to an ambiguous support structure. This lack of clarity often makes it difficult for companies to identify the appropriate contact for assistance, potentially causing delays in addressing technical issues and adversely affecting project outcomes.

15.3.5. Legal Challenges

Navigating the legal landscape of open source software can be complex, largely due to the variety of licensing models (e.g., GPL, MIT, Apache) that impose different obligations and restrictions. Ensuring compliance with these licenses demands a thorough understanding of their terms, which can be both time-consuming and legally challenging. Failure to adhere to license conditions may result in legal disputes, costly litigation, and damage to an organization's reputation. It is therefore crucial to educate team members on compliance requirements and establish robust processes for managing open source software usage.

The Legal Side of Open Source | Open Source Guides (2025)

Overview of License Models

A license is a legal instrument that defines the conditions under which a work may be used, modified, and distributed, thereby outlining the rights and obligations of both the licensor and the licensee.

Open-Source Licenses

Open source licenses are a specific type of software license that promotes collaborative development by allowing unrestricted use, modification, and sharing of the software. Their main features include:

- **Unrestricted Use:** The software may be used for any purpose without limitations.
- **Source Code Access:** Availability of the source code enables users to inspect, modify, and enhance the software.
- **Redistribution Rights:** Users can distribute the original or modified versions of the software, thereby fostering community-driven development.

Notable examples include the GNU General Public License (GPL), which mandates that all modifications remain open source; the permissive MIT License, which imposes minimal restrictions; and the Apache License, which provides a balance between flexibility and patent protection. The choice of license is critical, as it can profoundly influence the software's development trajectory, market adoption, and the engagement of its community.

[Rahmatallah \(n.d.\)](#)

15.4. Potential Risks and Security Concerns

Before integrating open source software into its operations, a company must conduct a comprehensive risk assessment to identify potential security concerns and other associated liabilities. Although open source solutions can offer cost savings, flexibility, and rapid innovation, they may also expose organizations to vulnerabilities that compromise data security, expose sensitive information, or disrupt business operations.

15.4.1. Common Risks Associated with Open Source Software

Several risks are inherently linked to the use of open source software, including:

- **Security Vulnerabilities:** Open source projects may contain inherent security flaws that, if left unpatched, can be exploited by malicious actors to gain unauthorized access to systems and data.

- **Compliance and Licensing Issues:** The complex landscape of open source licenses requires strict adherence; non-compliance can lead to legal disputes, financial penalties, and reputational damage.
- **Dependency and Supply Chain Risks:** Open source applications often rely on third-party libraries and components, each introducing additional vulnerabilities and potential compatibility issues across the software supply chain.
- **Limited Support and Maintenance:** Many projects are maintained by volunteer communities rather than dedicated support teams, which can result in delayed updates and prolonged exposure to unresolved security issues.
- **Quality and Code Integrity Concerns:** Variability in coding practices, insufficient testing, and poor documentation can lead to inconsistent software quality, increasing the likelihood of bugs and security weaknesses.

Mathpati (2023)

15.4.2. Specific Security Concerns in Open Source Environments

Security risks in open source software manifest in various ways, including:

- **Malware and Backdoors:** The public availability of source code can allow malicious actors to inject harmful code or create backdoors if rigorous code reviews and continuous monitoring are not in place.
- **Supply Chain Attacks:** As organizations integrate multiple open source components, attackers may target less secure dependencies, thereby compromising the broader software ecosystem.
- **Delayed Patch Management:** Open source projects may experience delays in vulnerability identification and patch deployment, leaving systems exposed to potential exploitation.
- **Suboptimal Developer Practices:** Inadequate testing, inconsistent coding standards, and poor documentation can exacerbate security issues, as these practices increase the risk of undetected errors.

- **Compliance Risks Impacting Security:** Non-compliance with licensing terms not only poses legal risks but may also force disruptive changes to the software stack, potentially introducing new vulnerabilities during transitions.

Helms (2023)

In summary, while open source software can serve as a powerful and cost-effective tool for innovation, its adoption demands vigilant risk management. Organizations should implement robust security protocols, perform regular audits of open source components, and ensure strict compliance with licensing requirements to mitigate these risks effectively.

15.5. The Role of Open Source in Economics

Cost efficiency, innovation, and collaboration are key factors that have positioned Open Source as a cornerstone of modern economic systems. Many industries and organizations utilize Open Source software to reduce costs, increase flexibility, and promote creativity, thereby driving economic growth and sustainability.

15.5.1. Driving Innovation and Shaping Market Dynamics

Open Source software fosters a culture of experimentation, creativity, and knowledge sharing, leading to the rapid development of new technologies and solutions. By granting users access to modify and redistribute the source code, Open Source encourages collaboration and innovation, enabling individuals and organizations to build upon existing software to create new products and services.

A distinctive strength of Open Source is its inclusivity—anyone, regardless of their affiliation with a company, can contribute to its development. This openness lowers barriers to entry for innovation and allows passionate individuals to make meaningful contributions.

Companies also play a significant role in advancing Open Source projects. With greater resources and structured teams, organizations can contribute in a more organized and impactful manner, accelerating development and enhancing software quality.

The collaborative nature of Open Source facilitates cross-industry partnerships, allowing organizations from diverse sectors to share knowledge, resources, and best practices. This cross-pollination of ideas not only enhances software development but also fosters innovation across industries, ultimately shaping market dynamics and driving economic progress.

The study [Hendrickson et al. \(2012\)](#) by Mike Hendrickson, Roger Magoulas, and Tim O'Reilly underscores that Open Source is not only a catalyst for small business growth but also a driver of future success for many startups today. By providing cost-effective and flexible solutions, Open Source enables small and medium-sized enterprises to strengthen their online presence and enhance their economic performance.

15.5.2. Supporting Startups and small Enterprises

The impact of Open Source on startups and small enterprises is both profound and transformative. For these businesses, Open Source software provides a highly cost-effective alternative to proprietary solutions, granting access to advanced tools and technologies without the financial burden of high licensing fees typically associated with commercial software. This affordability allows startups and small enterprises to allocate their limited resources more strategically, fostering innovation and growth while maintaining financial flexibility.

[StudioLabs \(2024\)](#)

15.5.3. Facilitating Cross-Industry Collaboration and Open Innovation

Leveraging the intrinsic collaborative nature of open source platforms, organizations are empowered to forge cross-industry alliances and pursue

open innovation strategies. By pooling shared resources, expertise, and technologies, these collaborations accelerate progress and address multifaceted challenges. This integrative approach transcends traditional industry boundaries, fostering cooperation among diverse sectors in the pursuit of common objectives and mutually beneficial solutions.

15.6. Open Source in Key Industries

Across numerous industries, open-source software has exerted a profound influence on organizational operations, catalyzing innovation and facilitating collaborative practices. The adoption of open-source solutions is pervasive across various sectors, including:

- **Information Technology:** Open-source software underpins a wide array of critical IT infrastructures, ranging from operating systems and databases to web servers, thereby enhancing system reliability and flexibility.
- **Artificial Intelligence:** Frameworks such as TensorFlow and PyTorch have democratized access to artificial intelligence technologies, promoting extensive research and innovative development.
- **Education:** Platforms like Moodle and Jupyter Notebooks have transformed the landscape of online education by making learning more accessible and interactive, which in turn fosters broader pedagogical engagement.
- **Healthcare:** Increasingly, open-source solutions are being integrated into healthcare systems to manage electronic health records, medical imaging, and telemedicine applications, thereby improving patient care and system interoperability.
- **Finance:** In the financial sector, open-source software is instrumental in operating trading platforms, risk management systems, and blockchain technologies, which contributes to enhanced transparency and operational efficiency.

15.6.1. Examples of Open Source Success Stories

The following examples illustrate the transformative impact of open-source software across key industries:

GNU/Linux in Information Technology: The GNU/Linux operating system, initiated by Linus Torvalds, has evolved into a cornerstone of modern IT infrastructure. Its adoption extends beyond the personal computing domain to include servers, supercomputers, and embedded systems. The system's inherent stability, robust security features, and considerable flexibility have been critical to its widespread acceptance.

Mozilla: Mozilla Firefox is a widely used web browser developed by the Mozilla Foundation—an open-source community dedicated to promoting an open and accessible internet. Its strong commitment to privacy, security, and user empowerment has established it as a favored alternative to proprietary browsers. Additionally, the Mozilla ecosystem encompasses projects such as Thunderbird, a free and open-source email client, and the Mozilla Developer Network (MDN), a comprehensive resource that supports web developers worldwide.

LibreOffice: LibreOffice is a comprehensive, free, and open-source office suite that offers a robust alternative to proprietary software such as Microsoft Office. It encompasses applications for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and more, thereby providing a versatile and cost-effective solution for both individuals and organizations. Its compatibility with multiple operating systems—including Windows, macOS, and Linux—ensures broad accessibility, making it suitable for a diverse range of sectors from education and non-profit organizations to small enterprises and governmental agencies.

OpenEMR: OpenEMR is an open-source practice management software solution that has been widely adopted in the healthcare industry. It is estimated that OpenEMR currently manages the records of over 90 million patients in the United States. Utilized by a diverse spectrum of healthcare providers—from small practices to large hospitals—OpenEMR facilitates the management of patient records, appointment scheduling, billing, and other critical functions. This example underscores the potential of open-source software to revolutionize healthcare delivery by offering customizable and cost-effective solutions.

[to Wikimedia projects \(2005\)](#)

15.7. Revenue Models in Open Source

For an open-source project to develop effectively and remain sustainable, it is crucial to establish a revenue model that aligns with its goals and objectives. The open-source ecosystem offers a variety of revenue models, each with its own advantages and challenges. By selecting the most suitable model, project maintainers can secure the necessary funding, support ongoing development, and ensure long-term viability.

15.7.1. Common Business Models

Several business models have proven successful in the open-source landscape, including:

- **Open Core:** In this model, the core software is open source and freely available, while additional features and functionalities are provided under a commercial license. Examples include MongoDB and GitLab.
- **Hosting and Cloud Solutions:** Companies offer hosting services or cloud-based solutions for their open-source software, charging users for the enhanced services. Examples include WordPress and Databricks.

- **Support and Maintenance Services:** Revenue is generated by offering support, maintenance, and consulting services to users of the open-source software. Notable examples are Red Hat and Canonical (Ubuntu).

Other revenue streams—such as donations, dual licensing, and strategic partnerships—also play a role in sustaining open-source projects.

15.8. Open Source Support in Austria

In Austria, numerous organizations are dedicated to supporting and promoting open-source software. Some groups focus on networking and knowledge exchange, while others offer direct services and support for open-source initiatives. Additionally, the Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (WKO) provides assistance to companies that wish to adopt or develop open-source solutions.

To further promote open-source software in Austria, it is essential to raise awareness of its benefits and encourage collaboration among organizations, developers, and users. By nurturing a vibrant open-source community, Austria can leverage collaborative innovation to drive both economic growth and technological advancement.

Open Source Guide für Österreich | netidee (n.d.)

15.9. Open Source in Practice: A Personal Experience

For the Diploma Thesis, our project team leveraged a diverse range of open-source technologies. The project made use of Python, Flask, Vue.js, Linux, Ollama, Visual Studio Code, and many other open-source tools to develop robust applications.

Our decision to adopt open-source technologies was driven by several factors, including cost efficiency, flexibility, and strong community support.

Access to the source code enabled us to customize and extend the software to meet specific project requirements, while vibrant developer communities offered valuable resources and guidance throughout the development process.

Although open-source software presents numerous advantages, it also comes with challenges such as limited official support, potential security vulnerabilities, and licensing complexities. Successfully navigating these issues required careful planning, continuous monitoring, and adherence to best practices to ensure the project's success.

15.10. Licence Model of the Diploma Thesis

The source code for this Diploma Thesis is publicly available under the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 3. This license ensures that the software remains open source and freely accessible to all users, reflecting the project's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and innovation. By adopting this license, we empower others to build upon our work and contribute to its ongoing development.

The source code is hosted on GitHub, which serves as a platform for collaboration, feedback, and community engagement. The repository can be accessed at <https://github.com/Luna-Schaetzle/Diploma-thesis-website>.

15.10.1. GNU General Public License (GPL) Version 3

Published by the Free Software Foundation in 2007, the GNU General Public License Version 3 (GPLv3) is a widely adopted open-source license designed to safeguard software freedom. It grants users the rights to use, study, modify, and distribute software while its *copyleft* clause ensures that any derivative works are also licensed under GPLv3, preventing proprietary exploitation. GPLv3 addresses modern challenges such as patent threats and digital rights management (DRM) restrictions by offering robust patent protection, prohibiting DRM technologies, and enhancing compatibility with other licenses. Employed by projects like GNU tools and Bash, GPLv3

remains a cornerstone of the open-source movement, ensuring that software stays free and accessible.

15.11. Conclusion

Open-source software has become an integral part of the modern economy, driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and promoting economic growth. By providing cost-effective, flexible, and transparent solutions, open source empowers individuals, organizations, and entire industries to achieve their objectives more efficiently and sustainably. Moreover, a variety of viable business models support the monetization and continued development of open-source projects.

Our experience with open-source technologies underscores the immense value of community-driven development, customization, and collaboration. By leveraging these tools, our team was able to devise innovative solutions, overcome complex challenges, and contribute meaningfully to the broader open-source ecosystem.

16. Economic aspect of Operating Systems

16.1. Introduction

Part VII.

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In this thesis, we have conducted a comprehensive study on *[Artificial Intelligence in the Industry and Education Environment]*. The project aimed to investigate the potential applications of AI in the context of *[Industry and Education]* and to develop innovative solutions for addressing the challenges in these domains. The research objectives were to:

- Identify key areas where AI can be effectively applied in the industry and education environment.
- Develop practical solutions for enhancing productivity, efficiency, and learning outcomes in these sectors.
- Evaluate the performance and impact of the proposed methods through empirical studies and case analyses.
- Provide recommendations for future research and implementation strategies based on the findings of this study.
- Contribute to the ongoing discourse on the role of AI in shaping the future of industry and education.
- Compare the results of the project with the initial research questions and hypotheses.

17.1. Key Findings

17.2. Implications and Recommendations

17.3. Limitations and Challenges

18. Outlook

In this chapter, we provide an outlook on the future of AI in the industry and education environment. We discuss potential trends, challenges, and opportunities that may arise in the coming years and offer recommendations for further research and development in this field.

18.1. Future Trends in AI

18.2. Challenges and Opportunities

18.3. Recommendations for Further Research

18.4. Concluding Remarks

Appendix A.

Time Protocol

Make 3 Sections: For Every Person one Section with the Time Table What the Person Did when on the Project.

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