

Shop Smart AI Recommender

A conversational AI-powered product recommendation system built with a modern LLMOps stack, containerized with Docker, and deployed on Kubernetes.

Final Application

🔮 Features

Conversational RAG Chain: Utilizes a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) architecture to answer user questions based on a knowledge base of product reviews.

Context-Aware Memory: Remembers the context of the conversation to answer follow-up questions intelligently.

Cloud-Native Deployment: Fully containerized with Docker and orchestrated with Kubernetes for scalability and resilience.

Real-time Monitoring: Integrated with Prometheus and Grafana for observing application health and performance.

Secure Configuration: Manages all API keys and secrets securely using environment variables and Kubernetes Secrets.

🔧 Technology Stack

Category

Technology

AI/ML

LangChain, Groq, Hugging Face sentence-transformers

Web & Backend

Flask

Database

Astra DB (Vector Store)

Cloud & Infra

GCP, Docker, Kubernetes (Minikube)

Monitoring

Prometheus, Grafana

🚀 Local Setup and Usage

Follow these steps to set up and run the project on your local machine.

Prerequisites

Python 3.10+

An account with Astra DB

API keys for Groq and Hugging Face

1. Clone the Repository

```
git clone https://github.com/Najam0786/Smart-Shop-AI-Recommender.git  
cd Smart-Shop-AI-Recommender
```

2. Create and Activate a Virtual Environment

For Windows

```
python -m venv env  
.\env\Scripts\activate
```

For macOS/Linux

```
python3 -m venv env  
source env/bin/activate
```

3. Set Up Environment Variables

Create a file named `.env` in the root of the project.

Add the following keys with your credentials:

```
GROQ_API_KEY="your_groq_api_key"  
HUGGINGFACEHUB_API_TOKEN="your_huggingface_api_token"  
ASTRA_DB_API_ENDPOINT="your_astra_db_endpoint"  
ASTRA_DB_APPLICATION_TOKEN="your_astra_db_token"  
ASTRA_DB_KEYSPACE="your_keyspace_name"  
FLASK_SECRET_KEY="run_python_-c_import_secrets;_print(secrets.token_hex())_to_generate"
```

4. Install Dependencies

Install the project and all its dependencies in editable mode.

```
pip install -e .
```

5. Ingest Data into Astra DB

Run the data ingestion script. This only needs to be done once.

```
python utils/data_ingestion.py
```

6. Run the Flask Application

```
python app.py
```

The application will be available at <http://127.0.0.1:5000>.

🔹 Deployment on GCP with Kubernetes

This project is designed for cloud deployment. The high-level steps are:

Create a GCP VM: Set up an E2-Standard Ubuntu VM with at least 16GB RAM and 256GB storage.

Configure VM: Install Docker, Minikube, and kubectl on the VM.

Sync Code: Clone the repository onto the VM.

Build Image: Run `eval $(minikube docker-env)` and then `docker build -t shopsmart-ai-app:latest .` to build the image inside Minikube.

Create Secrets: Manually create a `.env` file on the VM and run `kubectl create secret generic ...` to create the Kubernetes secret.

Deploy: Apply all the `.yaml` files using `kubectl apply -f [filename]`.

Expose Service: Use `kubectl port-forward` to access the application and monitoring dashboards.

For detailed commands, please refer to the `project_document.md`.

📁 Project Structure

```
/
├── assets/ # Project images and screenshots
├── chain/ # Core RAG chain logic
├── config/ # Application configuration
├── data/ # Raw dataset
├── grafana/ # Grafana Kubernetes manifests
├── prometheus/ # Prometheus Kubernetes manifests
├── static/ # CSS and other static assets
├── templates/ # HTML templates
├── utils/ # Reusable helper modules
├── .env # (Local Only) Secret keys and APIs
├── .gitignore # Files to be ignored by Git
├── app.py # Main Flask application entry point
└── Dockerfile # Instructions to build the container image
```

- └─ flask-deployment.yaml # Kubernetes manifest for the Flask app
- └─ requirements.txt # Python dependencies
- └─ setup.py # Project packaging script

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