Project Documentation

Title: Location & Market-Aware Business Recommendation System

1. Introduction

Starting a business is risky because success depends on many factors: demand, competition, budget, and location. Traditional recommendation systems suggest businesses based only on user interests or generic popularity.

Our system is unique:

It recommends business opportunities tailored to a user's city, budget, and market demand, ensuring recommendations are both personalized and regionally relevant.

2. Objective

- To recommend **business ideas** that have high chances of success in a given city.
- To align recommendations with:
 - User factors: budget, interests
 - o **Market factors:** demand, competition, local trends
- To provide **actionable insights** like success probability, required investment, and short success plan.

3. Problem Statement

"How can we suggest business opportunities that are not only aligned with a user's budget and interests but are also supported by **real market demand in their location**?"

4. Key Features

- Location Awareness analyzes job & business demand in a specific city.
- Market Awareness considers local competition and customer demand.
- **☑ Budget Fit** ensures only businesses within the user's budget are recommended.
- ✓ **Interest Match** aligns recommendations with user's personal interests.
- ✓ **Confidence Score** shows reliability of predictions with success probability.

Explainability – provides reason for each recommendation (Why this business?).

5. Data Used

Created using chat gpt

Dataset details:

- City Random Indian cities (districts and metro cities included; big cities have higher frequency)
- Category Food, Tech, Retail, Fitness, Healthcare, Education, Tourism
- Business Random type within the category
- Demand Random score 50-100
- Competition Random score 20–80
- Investment Random investment 5L–50L INR

6. Methodology (Step-by-Step)

Step 1: Input from User

- City
- Budget
- Interests (keywords/tags)

Step 2: Data Preprocessing

- Clean dataset (remove duplicates, normalize values)
- Add city-level features (population, avg income)
- Add competition features (number of similar businesses nearby)

Step 3: Modeling

- **Demand Model:** predicts how popular a category is in a city.
- **Competition Model:** predicts how saturated the market is.
- Output = **Demand Score** (0-100) and **Competition Score** (0-100).

Step 4: Scoring & Ranking

For each candidate business:

1. Market Gap

MarketGap=Demand-Competition\text{MarketGap} = \text{Demand} \text{Competition}

2. Budget Fit

- o If user budget ≥ required investment → 100
- \circ Else \rightarrow proportional score

3. Interest Match

o Compare user interests with business tags (text similarity).

4. Final Smart Score

Score=0.5×MarketGap+0.3×BudgetFit+0.2×InterestMatchScore = 0.5 \times MarketGap + 0.3 \times BudgetFit + 0.2 \times InterestMatch

Step 5: Recommendation Output

- Top N businesses sorted by Smart Score.
- Each card shows:
 - Business category
 - Score breakdown (Market / Budget / Interest)
 - Estimated investment & revenue
 - o Confidence % and "Why this business?" explanation.

7. Example Output

User Input:

City: Bangalore

• Budget: ₹10 lakhs

• Interests: Food & Technology

Recommendations:

1. Cloud Kitchen

Smart Score: 92/100

High demand, moderate competition

o Budget fit: 🔽

 Explanation: "Food delivery demand rising in Bangalore; low competitor density in East Bangalore."

2. AI Training Institute

Smart Score: 85/100

- Strong tech demand in Bangalore
- Matches interests
- Budget fit: Slightly higher investment required

8. Benefits

- Reduces **risk of business failure** by using data-driven insights.
- Helps entrepreneurs identify **hidden opportunities** in their city.
- Combines **personalization** (interests + budget) with **market intelligence**.
- Can be scaled across multiple cities and industries.

9. Future Scope

- Add **real-time trend analysis** (e.g., social media buzz).
- Extend to **career recommendations** (skills × job demand in city).
- Build a **mobile app** with map-based business heatmaps.
- Integrate with **financial APIs** for ROI and payback prediction.

10. Conclusion

This system acts as a **personal business advisor**, not just suggesting random ideas but aligning them with **where the market is growing** and **what fits the user's profile**. By combining **ML models** for demand & competition with **recommendation techniques**, we create a unique, practical, and impactful solution for entrepreneurs.