■ Document-Based Chatbot

AI-Powered Document Analysis with Inline Citations

■ Key Features
■ Multi-format Document Support (PDF, DOCX, TXT)
■ Smart Hybrid Search with TF-IDF + Exact Matching
■ Automatic Inline Citations with Numbered References
■ AI-Powered Responses using Google Gemini
■ Professional Web Interface with Streamlit
■ Intelligent Caching for Optimal Performance
■ Real-time Document Management

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Built with Python • Streamlit • Google Gemini API • Scikit-learn

Project Overview

The Document-Based Chatbot is a sophisticated AI-powered application that enables users to interact with their documents through natural language queries. Built with cutting-edge technologies, it combines advanced document retrieval algorithms with Google's Gemini AI to provide accurate, context-aware responses with proper source attribution. This system transforms static documents into an interactive knowledge base, making information discovery and analysis more efficient and intuitive. Whether you're analyzing business reports, research papers, or technical documentation, this chatbot provides instant, intelligent answers with complete source transparency.

Technical Architecture

Backend Technologies

Component	Technology	Purpose
Core Language	Python 3.13.5	Main programming language
AI Engine	Google Gemini API	Natural language processing
Search Algorithm	TF-IDF Vectorization	Document similarity analysis
Similarity Calculation	Cosine Similarity	Mathematical relevance scoring
Caching System	Custom Implementation	Performance optimization
Document Processing	PyPDF2, python-docx	Multi-format file handling

Frontend Technologies

Component	Technology	Features
Web Framework	Streamlit	Interactive web interface
Styling	Custom CSS	Professional design
Layout	Multi-column Design	Optimized user experience
Components	Streamlit Widgets	Real-time interaction

Advanced Features

■ Inline Citations System

The chatbot automatically includes numbered citations within responses, following academic standards. Each fact, figure, or claim is properly attributed to its source document, enabling users to verify information and track the origin of insights. This feature ensures transparency and builds trust in the AI-generated responses.

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Example Response: "VisionTag is a computer vision solution for
manufacturing quality inspection [1]. It utilizes YOLOv8 and
MobileNet models [1] with 97.3% accuracy in defect detection [1].
References: [1] web_development.txt"
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■ Smart Retrieval System

The hybrid search system combines multiple strategies for optimal document retrieval: • TF-IDF vectorization for semantic similarity • Exact keyword matching for precise terms • Question-to-keyword extraction for natural language queries • Multi-level fallback strategies for improved recall • Intelligent scoring system prioritizing relevance

■ Performance Optimization

The system implements several optimization techniques: • Intelligent caching of TF-IDF vectors for faster reloads • Hash-based cache validation for automatic updates • Memory-efficient document processing • Background processing for improved responsiveness • Session state management for seamless user experience

Installation & Setup Guide

Prerequisites

• Python 3.7 or higher • Google Gemini API key • Internet connection for AI processing • Supported document formats: PDF, DOCX, TXT

Installation Steps

1. Clone or download the project files
2. Install required packages: pip install -r requirements.txt
3. Create .env file with your GEMINI_API_KEY
4. Add documents to the data/ folder
5. Run the application: streamlit run streamlit_app.py

Configuration Options

The system offers several configuration options to optimize performance: • Max Documents: Number of relevant documents to retrieve (default: 3) • Similarity Threshold: Minimum relevance score (default: 0.05) • Context Length: Maximum context size for AI processing • Cache Settings: Enable/disable intelligent caching

Usage Examples

Web Interface

The Streamlit web interface provides an intuitive way to interact with your documents: • Upload documents using the sidebar document management panel • Ask natural language questions in the chat interface • View source attribution and relevance scores • Generate comprehensive document summaries • Manage chat history and document collections

Example Queries

- "What is VisionTag?" - Technical product information
- "What happened in March 2021?" - Temporal queries
- "Compare the different technologies mentioned" - Comparative analysis
- "Summarize the key features" - Content summarization
- "What are the system requirements?" - Specific information retrieval

Best Practices

To get the best results from your chatbot: • Use clear, specific questions for better retrieval accuracy • Organize documents with descriptive filenames • Keep document formats consistent (prefer searchable PDFs) • Regularly refresh the document index when adding new files • Use the citation numbers to verify information sources • Experiment with different question phrasings for comprehensive answers

Technical Implementation Details

System Architecture

Layer	Components	Responsibilities
Presentation	Streamlit UI, Custom CSS	User interface and interaction
Application	Chat Logic, Session Management	Business logic and state management
Processing	Retriever, Gemini Wrapper	Document search and AI processing
Data	Document Loader, Cache System	File handling and performance optimization

Data Flow Process

1. Document Loading: Multi-format files are processed and text is extracted 2. Text Processing: Content is chunked and preprocessed for optimal retrieval 3. Indexing: TF-IDF vectors are generated and cached for efficient search 4. Query Processing: User questions are analyzed and key terms extracted 5. Retrieval: Relevant documents are identified using hybrid search algorithms 6. AI Processing: Context and query are sent to Google Gemini for response generation 7. Citation Integration: Responses are enhanced with inline citations and references 8. Presentation: Final responses are formatted and displayed in the web interface

Conclusion & Future Enhancements

The Document-Based Chatbot represents a significant advancement in document analysis and information retrieval. By combining state-of-the-art AI technology with robust document processing capabilities, it provides users with an intelligent, reliable, and transparent way to interact with their document collections. The implementation of inline citations ensures academic-level source attribution, while the hybrid search system guarantees comprehensive information retrieval. The professional web interface makes the system accessible to users of all technical backgrounds.

Potential Future Enhancements

- Support for additional file formats (PowerPoint, Excel, etc.)
- Multi-language document support and translation capabilities
- Advanced analytics and document insight dashboards
- Enhanced security features for sensitive document handling
- Mobile-responsive design and progressive web app capabilities
- Integration with additional AI models for specialized analysis
- API endpoints for third-party integrations
- Advanced visualization of document relationships and topics

For technical support, feature requests, or contributions, please refer to the project repository and documentation. This system is designed to be extensible and welcomes community contributions for continued improvement.