

Ecommerce Campaign Analysis with RAG - Cloud MVP

Project Overview

Build an AI-powered analysis tool for ecommerce campaign data that can analyze Excel/CSV files from platforms like Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit, Instamart, and Zepto. The system uses Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) to provide intelligent insights based on historical analysis patterns and ecommerce best practices.

Key Features

- **Excel/CSV Upload & Analysis:** Process campaign data from major ecommerce platforms
- **Natural Language Queries:** Ask questions in plain English about your data
- **Intelligent Context:** RAG provides analysis methodologies and platform-specific insights
- **Flexible Goals:** Each team can set their own KPI targets per session
- **100% Cloud-Based:** No local installations needed, works entirely in browser

Updated Architecture (Cloud-Based)

Technology Stack

- **Development Environment:** GitHub Codespaces (60 hours free/month)
- **Frontend:** Streamlit (Python web framework)
- **Vector Database:** ChromaDB (runs in cloud environment)
- **LLM:** Ollama + Llama 3.1 (runs in Codespaces)
- **Data Processing:** Pandas (Excel/CSV handling)
- **RAG Framework:** LangChain (orchestration)
- **Embeddings:** Local sentence-transformers

System Flow

Excel Upload → Data Processing → Knowledge Base Search →
Context Retrieval → LLM Analysis → Structured Response

Getting Started (Zero Installation Method)

Prerequisites

- GitHub account (free)
- Modern web browser
- Internet connection

Setup Steps

Step 1: Create Your Development Environment (Day 1)

1. Create a new GitHub repository

- Go to github.com
- Click "New repository"
- Name it: `ecommerce-rag-analyzer`
- Make it public or private
- Initialize with README

2. Open in GitHub Codespaces

- In your new repo, click the green "Code" button
- Click "Codespaces" tab
- Click "Create codespace on main"
- Wait for environment to load (2-3 minutes)

Step 2: Install Dependencies (Day 1)

Once your Codespace is ready, run these commands in the terminal:

```
bash

# Install Ollama
curl -fsSL https://ollama.ai/install.sh | sh

# Start Ollama service
ollama serve &

# Pull the AI model (this takes 5-10 minutes)
ollama pull llama3.1:8b

# Install Python dependencies
pip install streamlit pandas openpyxl xlrld plotly chromadb langchain sentence-transformers
```

Step 3: Clone and Setup Base Project (Day 1-2)

```
bash
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```
# Clone the ragbase foundation
```

```
git clone https://github.com/curiously/ragbase.git ragbase-temp
```

```
cp -r ragbase-temp/* .
```

```
rm -rf ragbase-temp
```

```
# Verify everything works
```

```
python -c "import streamlit, pandas, chromadb; print('All dependencies installed!')"
```

Updated Project Plan (4 Weeks)

Week 1: Foundation Setup in Cloud

Goal: Get ragbase working in Codespaces and replace PDF with Excel processing

Tasks:

- ☒ Set up GitHub Codespaces environment
- ☒ Install Ollama and dependencies in cloud
- ☐ Test original ragbase with PDFs
- ☐ Replace PDF document loaders with Excel/CSV loaders
- ☐ Modify data preprocessing pipeline for tabular data
- ☐ Test basic Excel upload and processing
- ☐ Verify end-to-end flow (upload → process → query → response)

Deliverable: Working system in Codespaces that can upload Excel files and answer basic questions

Week 2: Excel Integration & Data Processing

Goal: Optimize data handling and create proper document structure for RAG

Tasks:

- ☐ Implement intelligent data summarization
- ☐ Create proper document chunking for tabular data
- ☐ Add data validation and error handling
- ☐ Implement multiple file format support (XLSX, CSV, XLS)
- ☐ Create data preview and basic statistics
- ☐ Optimize memory usage for large datasets (within Codespaces limits)

Deliverable: Robust Excel processing with data insights

Week 3: Knowledge Base Creation

Goal: Build ecommerce-specific knowledge base for intelligent analysis

Tasks:

- ☐ Create analysis methodology library
- ☐ Add platform-specific insights (Amazon, Flipkart, etc.)
- ☐ Build query pattern recognition
- ☐ Implement dynamic goal setting per session
- ☐ Create ecommerce analysis templates
- ☐ Test context retrieval accuracy

Deliverable: Smart analysis with business context

Week 4: Polish & Deployment

Goal: Production-ready system with deployment options

Tasks:

- ☐ Improve UI/UX with better visualizations
- ☐ Add export functionality for analysis reports
- ☐ Implement analysis history and comparison
- ☐ Optimize for Codespaces performance
- ☐ Create user documentation and guides
- ☐ Deploy using Streamlit Cloud or similar free service

Deliverable: Deployed MVP accessible via web link

Project Structure

```
ecommerce-rag-analyzer/
├── .devcontainer/      # Codespaces configuration
│   └── devcontainer.json # Environment setup
├── app.py              # Main Streamlit application
├── data_processing/
│   ├── excel_loader.py  # Excel/CSV processing
│   ├── data_summarizer.py # Data analysis and summaries
│   └── validators.py     # Data validation
├── rag_engine/
│   ├── knowledge_base.py # RAG implementation
│   ├── vector_store.py   # ChromaDB operations
│   └── retrieval.py      # Context retrieval logic
├── knowledge_base/
│   ├── analysis_methods.json # Analysis methodologies
│   ├── platform_insights.json # Platform-specific knowledge
│   └── query_patterns.json  # Common question patterns
├── prompts/
│   ├── analysis_prompts.py # LLM prompt templates
│   └── system_prompts.py   # System instructions
├── utils/
│   ├── helpers.py         # Utility functions
│   └── config.py          # Configuration settings
├── requirements.txt       # Python dependencies
└── README.md              # Project documentation
```

Technical Implementation

Excel Processing Module

```
python
```

```

# data_processing/excel_loader.py
import pandas as pd
from langchain.schema import Document

class ExcelProcessor:
    def load_excel_as_documents(self, file_path):
        df = pd.read_excel(file_path)
        documents = []

        # Create summary document
        summary = self.create_data_summary(df)
        documents.append(Document(
            page_content=summary,
            metadata={"type": "summary", "source": file_path}
        ))

        # Create row documents for RAG
        for index, row in df.iterrows():
            content = self.row_to_text(row, index)
            documents.append(Document(
                page_content=content,
                metadata={"type": "row", "index": index, "source": file_path}
            ))

        return documents, df

    def create_data_summary(self, df):
        summary = f"""
        Dataset Summary:
        - Total Rows: {len(df)}
        - Total Columns: {len(df.columns)}
        - Columns: {', '.join(df.columns.tolist())}
        - Date Range: {self.get_date_range(df)}
        - Key Metrics: {self.identify_key_metrics(df)}
        """
        return summary

```

Cloud-Optimized RAG Implementation

python

```

# rag_engine/knowledge_base.py
import chromadb
from langchain.llms import Ollama

class EcommerceRAG:
    def __init__(self):
        # Initialize ChromaDB (works in Codespaces)
        self.chroma_client = chromadb.Client()
        self.collection = self.chroma_client.create_collection("ecommerce_data")

        # Initialize Ollama (running in Codespaces)
        self.llm = Ollama(model="llama3.1:8b", base_url="http://localhost:11434")

        self.load_knowledge_base()

    def analyze_with_context(self, df, question, user_goals=None):
        # Detect analysis type
        analysis_type = self.classify_question(question)

        # Retrieve relevant context from vector store
        relevant_docs = self.collection.query(
            query_texts=[question],
            n_results=5
        )

        # Get methodology and platform context
        methodologies = self.get_relevant_methods(analysis_type)
        platform_context = self.get_platform_context(df)




        # Create enriched prompt
        context = self.build_analysis_context(
            df, methodologies, platform_context, user_goals, relevant_docs
        )


        # Generate response using Ollama
        prompt = f"{context}\n\nQuestion: {question}\n\nAnswer:"
        return self.llm(prompt)

```





Day-by-Day Action Plan

Day 1: Environment Setup





1.  Create GitHub repository
2.  Open in Codespaces
3.  Install Ollama and dependencies

4.  Test basic setup





Day 2: Base System Test

1.  Clone ragbase
2.  Run original system with PDFs
3.  Understand the code structure
4.  Test Ollama integration

Day 3-4: Excel Integration

1.  Replace PDF loader with Excel loader
2.  Modify Streamlit interface for Excel upload
3.  Test with sample Excel files
4.  Debug any issues

Day 5-7: Basic Functionality

1.  Implement data summarization
2.  Create proper document chunking for tabular data
3.  Test end-to-end flow
4.  Optimize for performance

Success Metrics

Week 1 Success Criteria

- ☐ Codespaces environment fully functional
- ☐ Ollama running and responding
- ☐ Excel file upload working
- ☐ Basic data display and summary
- ☐ Simple queries return responses
- ☐ No critical errors in processing

Week 2 Success Criteria

- ☐ Handles files up to 5,000 rows (Codespaces limit)
- ☐ Proper data validation and error handling
- ☐ Multiple file format support
- ☐ Data insights and visualizations
- ☐ Memory optimization for cloud environment

Week 3 Success Criteria

- ☐ Intelligent responses with business context
- ☐ Platform-specific recommendations
- ☐ Methodology-based analysis
- ☐ Accurate context retrieval
- ☐ Ecommerce knowledge base integration

Week 4 Success Criteria

- ☐ Production-ready interface
- ☐ Export functionality
- ☐ Performance optimization for cloud
- ☐ User documentation complete
- ☐ Deployed and accessible via web link



Knowledge Base Content

Analysis Methodologies

- Campaign Performance Analysis Framework
- Budget Optimization Strategies
- Keyword Performance Evaluation
- Seasonal Trend Analysis
- Competitive Analysis Methods
- Attribution Analysis Approaches

Platform-Specific Insights

- **Amazon:** Sponsored Products vs Sponsored Brands optimization
- **Flipkart:** Category-specific best practices
- **Quick Commerce:** Time-based optimization patterns
- **Cross-Platform:** Budget allocation strategies



Development Guidelines

Working in Codespaces

- **Save frequently:** Codespaces auto-saves but commit to Git regularly
- **Monitor usage:** 60 hours free per month
- **Optimize performance:** Close unused tabs, limit concurrent processes
- **Use port forwarding:** For Streamlit app testing

Git Workflow

```
bash
```

```
# Regular commits to save progress
```

```
git add .
```

```
git commit -m "Week 1: Excel processing implemented"
```

```
git push origin main
```

```
# Create branches for features
```

```
git checkout -b feature/excel-loader
```

```
git checkout -b feature/knowledge-base
```

Testing Strategy

- Test with small Excel files first (< 1000 rows)
- Use sample ecommerce data for realistic testing
- Monitor memory usage in Codespaces
- Test different query types and patterns

Example Usage Flow

Sample Analysis Session

1. **Upload:** User uploads Amazon campaign Excel file via Streamlit interface
2. **Processing:** System loads data, creates summaries, populates vector store
3. **Set Goals:** User inputs target ROAS = 3.0, Focus = Electronics
4. **Query:** User asks "Which campaigns are underperforming and why?"
5. **Analysis:** System retrieves relevant context, applies methodologies
6. **Response:**

"Found 8 campaigns below 3.0x ROAS target. Using proven ecommerce analysis methodology: Electronics campaigns show 34% better performance during evening hours. Top issues identified: 1) Broad match keywords consuming 40% budget inefficiently, 2) Creative performance below 1% CTR benchmark, 3) Suboptimal bidding timing. Recommendations: Increase evening bids by 20%, pause underperforming broad keywords, A/B test lifestyle vs product imagery."

Deployment Options

Free Deployment Options

1. **Streamlit Cloud:** Connect GitHub repo, deploy automatically
2. **Railway:** Free tier with GitHub integration
3. **Render:** Free web service hosting

4. **Heroku:** Free tier (limited hours)

Recommended: Streamlit Cloud

```
bash

# Add to requirements.txt
streamlit
pandas
chromadb
langchain
sentence-transformers

# Deploy via streamlit.io with GitHub integration
```

💡 Cost Optimization

Free Tier Maximization

- **Codespaces:** 60 hours/month (plenty for development)
- **Ollama:** No API costs, runs locally in cloud
- **ChromaDB:** No external database costs
- **Streamlit Cloud:** Free hosting for public repos

Scaling Considerations

- **Week 1-4:** Completely free
- **Production:** May need paid hosting for always-on service
- **Fine-tuning:** Would require paid GPU access later

🆘 Troubleshooting

Common Codespaces Issues

- **Ollama not starting:** Run `ollama serve &` in terminal
- **Memory issues:** Restart Codespace, use smaller datasets
- **Port conflicts:** Use different ports for Streamlit
- **Model download fails:** Check internet connection, retry

Performance Optimization

- **Large files:** Process in chunks, show progress bars
- **Memory usage:** Clear variables, optimize pandas operations
- **Vector store:** Limit document chunks for large datasets

Learning Resources

Codespaces & Git

- [GitHub Codespaces Documentation](#)
- [Git Basics Tutorial](#)

RAG & AI

- [LangChain Documentation](#)
- [ChromaDB Guide](#)
- [Ollama Documentation](#)

Streamlit Development

- [Streamlit Documentation](#)
- [Building Data Apps Tutorial](#)

Next Steps

1. **Create GitHub repository** for the project
2. **Open in Codespaces** and set up environment
3. **Follow Day 1-2 setup** instructions
4. **Begin Week 1 implementation** tasks
5. **Schedule weekly progress reviews**

Support & Monitoring

- **Codespaces usage:** Monitor hours in GitHub settings
- **Performance:** Use `htop` to monitor resources
- **Git commits:** Regular saves prevent data loss
- **Documentation:** Keep notes on solutions and issues

Project Start Date: [Today's Date]

Target Completion: [Today + 4 weeks]

Development Environment: GitHub Codespaces

Repository: `https://github.com/[username]/ecommerce-rag-analyzer`

Deployment: Streamlit Cloud (Free)