

Sustainable Smart City Assistant Using IBM Granite LLM

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1. Introduction

Project Title: Sustainable Smart City Assistant Using IBM Granite LLM

This project leverages the capabilities of IBM Granite LLM to build an AI-powered assistant designed for sustainable smart cities. It aims to improve urban management, enhance citizen services, and promote sustainability by using advanced AI-driven insights.

2. Project Overview

Purpose:

The Sustainable Smart City Assistant project is intended to provide intelligent, real-time solutions to urban challenges such as traffic management, waste disposal, energy optimization, and citizen engagement. By integrating with IoT devices, environmental sensors, and city infrastructure, the system ensures efficient resource utilization and sustainable urban growth.

Features:

- AI-powered decision support for smart governance
- Real-time traffic and transport optimization
- Smart energy monitoring and predictive consumption analysis
- Waste management insights through data-driven predictions
- Citizen engagement chatbot for queries and service requests
- Integration with IoT devices and city-wide sensor networks
- Secure and responsible data handling with role-based access

3. Architecture

The architecture of the Smart City Assistant is built on a layered framework:

- Data Layer: Collects data from IoT sensors, cameras, environmental monitors, and government records.
- Preprocessing Layer: Cleans and transforms raw data for AI analysis.
- AI/LLM Layer: Uses IBM Granite LLM for natural language understanding, predictions, and smart recommendations.

- API/Service Layer: Provides secure endpoints for city applications and dashboards.
- Application Layer: Dashboards for administrators, mobile apps for citizens, and control panels for city planners.
- Security & Compliance Layer: Ensures encryption, authentication, and compliance with smart city regulations.
- Monitoring Layer: Continuous feedback and improvements for system performance.

4. Setup Instructions

- Install Python, AI libraries, and configure IBM Granite LLM API access.
- Set up IoT/sensor data pipelines for real-time input.
- Configure APIs with Flask/FastAPI for backend integration.
- Build front-end dashboards with React or mobile apps for citizen interaction.
- Containerize with Docker for deployment across city servers.
- Use environment variables and secure authentication for data safety.

5. Folder Structure

- data/ : raw, processed, and external smart city datasets
- notebooks/ : Jupyter notebooks for experiments and analysis
- src/ : core source code (data_preprocessing, models, prediction, nlp, utils)
- api/ : backend APIs for city services
- models/ : trained AI and LLM models
- tests/ : unit and integration testing
- configs/ : environment and system configuration
- logs/ : runtime and system logs
- Dockerfile : containerization instructions
- requirements.txt : dependencies
- README.md : project overview
- .env : environment variables and API keys

6. Running the Application

- Preprocess sensor and city datasets using preprocessing scripts.
- Train or fine-tune AI/LLM models with available datasets.
- Launch backend APIs with Flask/FastAPI to serve predictions.
- Start dashboards or mobile frontends for citizens and administrators.
- Deploy using Docker containers for scalability across servers.
- Test APIs and monitor logs to ensure system reliability.

7. API Documentation

The API provides endpoints for:

- Traffic and transport optimization requests

- Energy usage analysis and predictions
- Waste management recommendations
- Citizen chatbot queries and responses
- IoT sensor data integration

APIs support authentication with keys or tokens and return structured JSON responses.

8. Authentication

The system uses OAuth2.0/JWT for authentication with role-based access.

- Admins: Access to dashboards and configurations.
- Citizens: Chatbot queries and service requests.
- Operators: IoT device and infrastructure monitoring.

All communications are secured with HTTPS encryption.

9. User Interface

The UI includes:

- City administrator dashboards with insights and visualizations.
- Citizen chatbot accessible via web and mobile apps.
- Real-time maps for traffic and energy monitoring.
- Notifications and alerts for city services.

The interface is responsive, user-friendly, and multilingual.

10. Testing

Testing includes:

- Unit testing for preprocessing and API logic.
- Integration testing with IoT and city data sources.
- Performance testing for scalability across servers.
- Security testing for vulnerabilities.
- User acceptance testing with city officials and citizens.

The screenshot shows a web application titled "Eco Tips Generator" with a sub-header "Policy Summarization". The interface is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a form with a label "Environmental Problem/Keywords" and a text input field containing the word "solar". Below the input field is a button labeled "Generate Eco Tips". On the right, there is a scrollable area titled "Sustainable Living Tips". This area contains two numbered tips: Tip 5, "Monitor and Analyze Solar Performance", which includes sub-points about installing a monitoring system, reviewing performance data, and leveraging smartphone apps; and Tip 6, "Community Solar Participation", which includes sub-points about exploring community solar options, participating in shared projects, and benefiting from reduced costs. At the bottom of the scrollable area, there is a line of text: "By incorporating these practical and actionable eco-friendly tips related to solar into your".

Conclusion

The Sustainable Smart City Assistant project demonstrates how IBM Granite LLM can be harnessed to create a sustainable, efficient, and citizen-friendly urban ecosystem. By combining IoT data, AI-driven predictions, and user-centric interfaces, the system offers solutions for energy efficiency, waste management, traffic optimization, and citizen engagement. This project sets the foundation for future AI-powered smart cities.

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