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Citizen AI : Intelligent Citizen Engagement Platform

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

- **Project Title:** Citizen AI : Intelligent Citizen Engagement Platform

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

Citizen AI is designed to strengthen communication and collaboration between city governments and citizens through an AI-powered engagement platform.

By leveraging artificial intelligence, natural language processing (NLP), and real-time data, the platform empowers residents to easily access civic services, report issues, participate in policy discussions, and receive personalized updates.

For municipal officials, Citizen AI offers decision-support tools—analytics dashboards, sentiment trends, and policy feedback summaries—to improve transparency, responsiveness, and trust in governance.


Key Goals:

- Provide a 24/7 conversational interface for citizen queries and service requests.
 - Enable data-driven policymaking through automated summarization and sentiment analysis.
 - Foster inclusive civic participation by simplifying access to government resources.
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3. Features

Conversational Interface

Key Point: Natural language interaction



Functionality: Citizens can ask questions about services, report local issues, or track requests in plain language. The assistant responds with AI-generated guidance and real-time updates.

Policy & Feedback Summarization

Key Point: Simplified policy understanding

Functionality: Converts lengthy government documents and citizen feedback into concise, actionable summaries for both officials and the public.

Community Insights Dashboard

Key Point: Data-driven decision support

Functionality: Provides sentiment analysis, trending topics, and participation metrics to help officials identify priorities and track engagement.

Real-Time Notifications

Key Point: Instant updates

Functionality: Pushes alerts about city announcements, emergencies, or policy changes directly to users.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites

- Python 3.9 or later
- pip and virtual environment tools
- API keys for IBM Watsonx (or OpenAI) and Pinecone (for vector storage)
- Internet access to connect to cloud services

Installation Process

1. Clone the repository.
2. Install dependencies from `requirements.txt`.
3. Create a `.env` file and configure API credentials.
4. Run the backend server using FastAPI.

5. Launch the frontend using Streamlit.
 6. Access the web UI and begin interaction.
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5. Folder Structure

app/ → FastAPI backend logic (routers, models, integrations)
app/api/ → Modular API routes (chat, feedback, summarization)
ui/ → Streamlit frontend components and page layouts
citizen_dashboard.py → Entry script for launching the main dashboard
nlp_engine.py → Handles natural language understanding & summarization
vector_search.py → Converts documents to embeddings and stores in Pinecone
report_generator.py → Generates AI-based engagement reports

6. Running the Application

- Launch the FastAPI server to expose backend endpoints.
 - Run the Streamlit dashboard to access the web interface.
 - Navigate through pages using the sidebar.
 - Upload documents or CSVs, interact with the chat assistant, and view outputs such as reports, summaries, and participation predictions.
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7. API Documentation

Backend API endpoints include:

- **POST /chat/ask** – Accepts a user query and responds with an AI-generated message.
- **POST /upload-doc** – Uploads and embeds civic policy or feedback documents.

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- **GET /search-docs** – Returns semantically similar policies or community feedback.
 - **GET /get-citizen-tips** – Provides engagement tips or local service information.
 - **POST /submit-feedback** – Stores citizen feedback for later analysis.

All endpoints are tested and documented in Swagger UI for quick inspection and trial during development.

8. Authentication

- Token-based authentication (JWT or API keys)
 - OAuth2 with cloud credentials for secure deployments
 - Role-based access (Admin, Citizen, Analyst)
 - Optional user session tracking for history and personalization
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9. User Interface

- Minimalist design with sidebar navigation
 - KPI visualizations with summary cards (citizen queries, response times, participation rates)
 - Tabbed layouts for chat, feedback, and policy summaries
 - Real-time form handling and PDF report download capability
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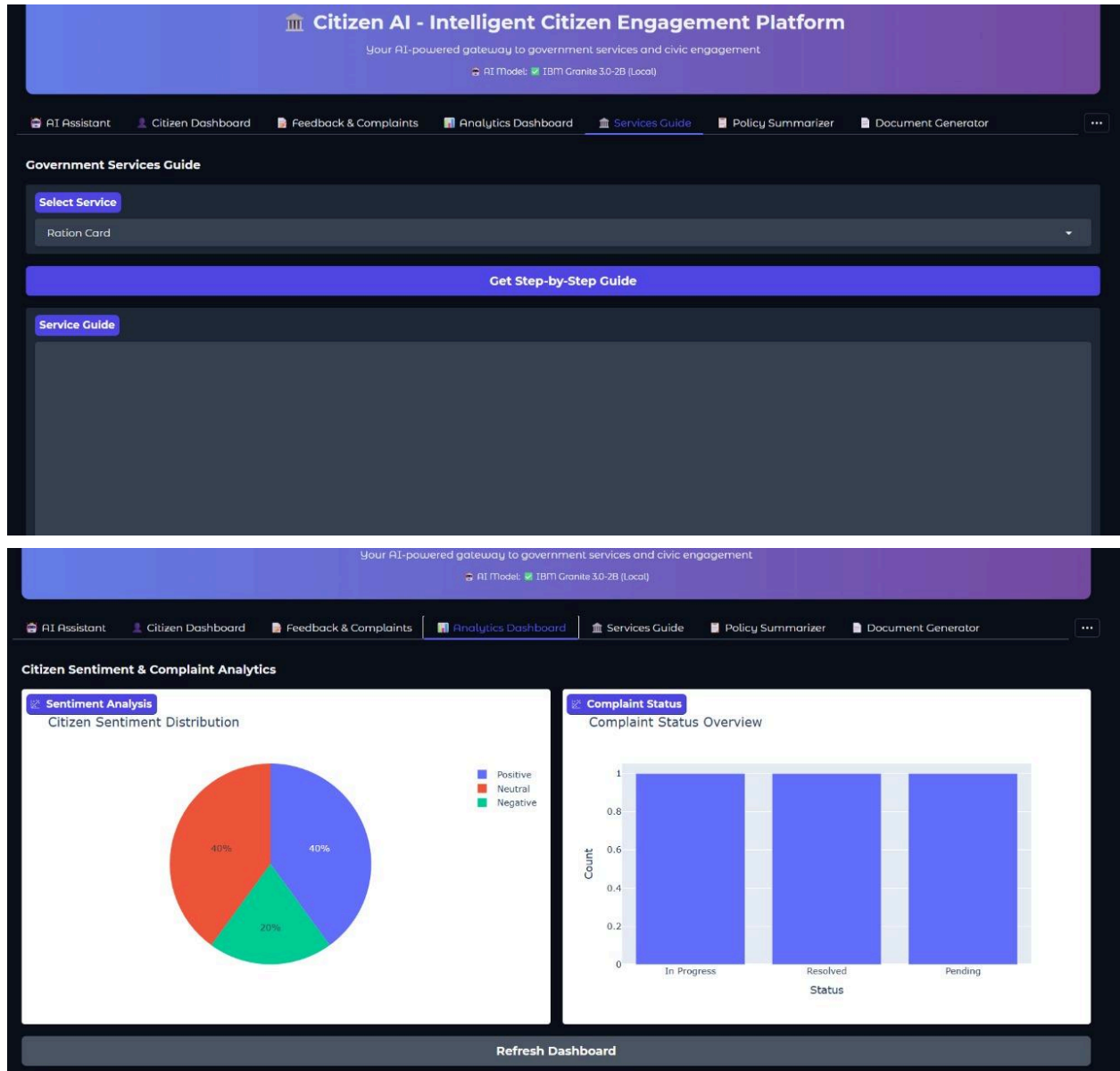
10. Testing

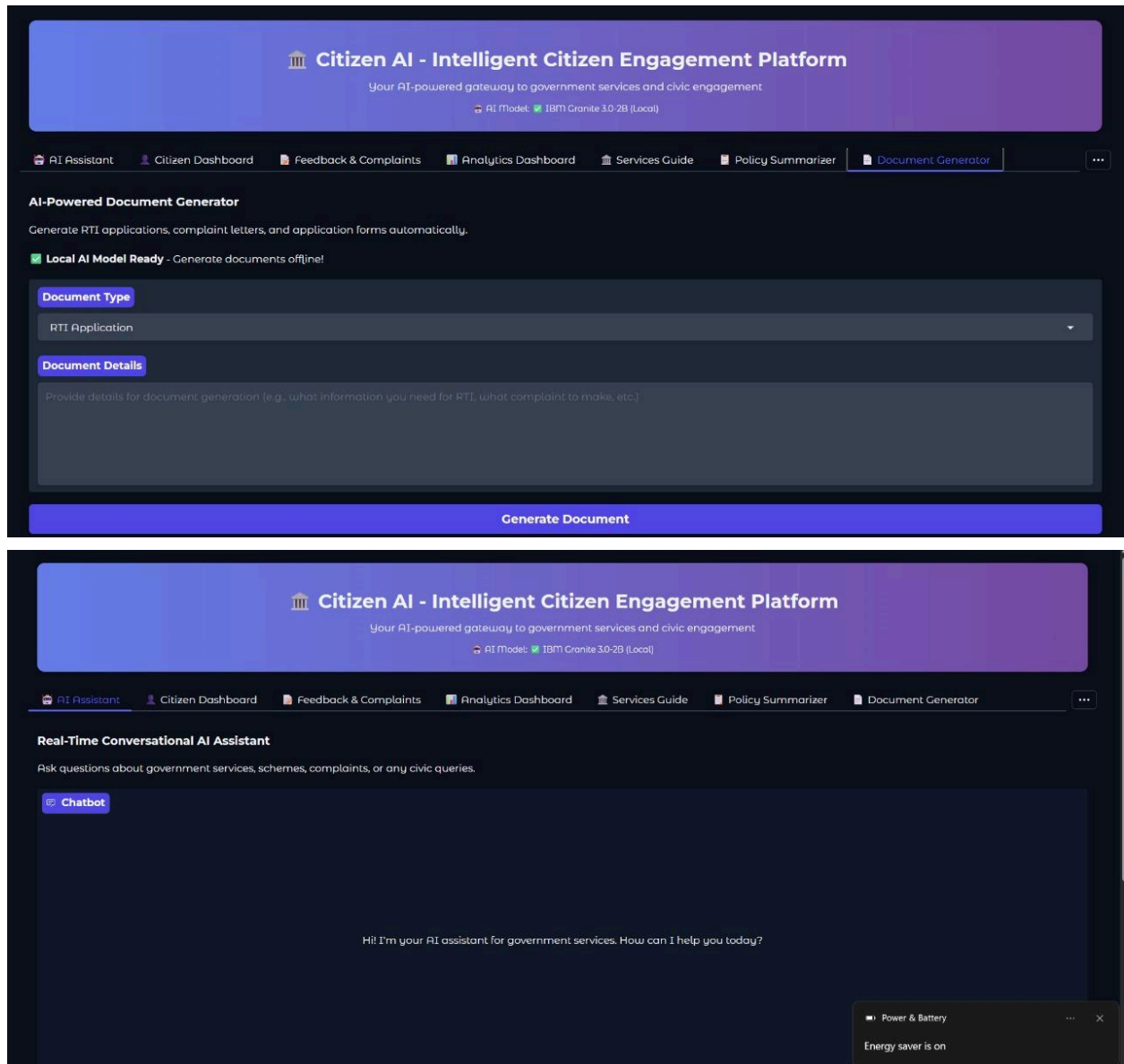
Testing is performed in multiple phases:

- **Unit Testing** – For NLP functions and utility scripts
- **API Testing** – Via Swagger UI, Postman, and automated test scripts
- **Manual Testing** – For file uploads, chat responses, and output consistency

- **Edge Case Handling** – Malformed inputs, large files, invalid API keys

11. Screenshots





Your AI-powered gateway to government services and civic engagement

AI Model: IBM Granite 3.0-2B (Local)

[AI Assistant](#) [Citizen Dashboard](#) [Feedback & Complaints](#) [Analytics Dashboard](#) [Services Guide](#) [Policy Summarizer](#) [Document Generator](#)

Submit Feedback

Your Feedback

Share your experience with government services...

Submit Feedback

Result

Register Complaint

Category

Roads

Description

Describe your complaint in detail...

Contact Information

Register Complaint

Result

Power & Battery

Energy saver is on

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AI-Powered Policy & Document Summarizer

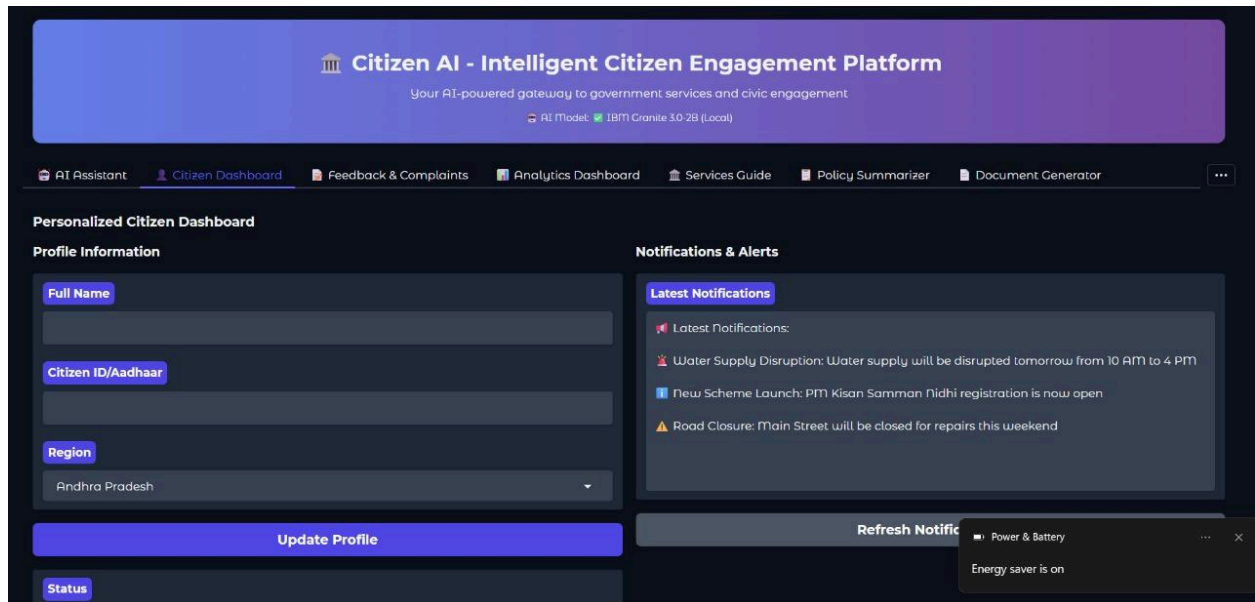
Paste any government policy, circular, or document to get a simple summary.

Policy/Document Text

Paste the policy document or text here...

Generate Summary

AI-Generated Summary



12. Known Issues

- Limited multilingual support in the current version
- Occasional latency during heavy document uploads

13. Future Enhancements

- Integration with city CRM and complaint management systems
 - Multilingual conversational models for broader accessibility
 - Mobile app version with push notifications
 - Advanced analytics using predictive models for citizen sentiment trends
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