

Software Requirements Specification

Sentiment Analysis

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

*The purpose of this document is to outline the design and architecture of the **Sentiment Analysis Tool**, a Python-based application that analyzes textual and numerical data to determine sentiment polarity (Positive, Neutral, Negative). The tool provides visualizations (pie charts, bar charts, scatter plots, word clouds) and generates automated summaries with recommendations based on sentiment trends.*

This application is designed for:

- **Business analysts** assessing customer feedback.
- **HR professionals** evaluating employee satisfaction.
- **Researchers** conducting sentiment analysis on survey data.
- **General users** need quick sentiment insights from textual or numerical datasets.

1.2 System Overview

*The Sentiment Analysis Tool is a **desktop application** built using:*

- **Python 3.10+** (Core programming language)
- **Tkinter** (GUI framework)
- **TextBlob** (Sentiment analysis)
- **Pandas & NumPy** (Data processing)
- **Matplotlib & Seaborn** (Data visualization)
- **WordCloud** (Text visualization)
- **Scikit-learn** (Numeric scaling)

Key Features:

1. **Multi-Source Data Input:**
 - a. Pre-loaded sample datasets.
 - b. CSV file uploads.
 - c. Manual text input.
2. **Automated Sentiment Detection:**
 - a. Text analysis via **TextBlob** (polarity scoring).
 - b. Numeric rating classification (scaled sentiment).
3. **Interactive Visualizations:**
 - a. Pie charts (sentiment distribution).
 - b. Scatter plots (polarity/rating trends).
 - c. Bar charts (sentiment frequency).
 - d. Word clouds (key terms in Positive/Negative text).
4. **Summary Reports:**
 - a. Predefined insights based on sentiment distribution.

- b. *Actionable recommendations for different sentiment scenarios.*

1.3 Design Map

The system follows a **modular architecture**:

1. Frontend (GUI):

- a. *Built with **Tkinter** for cross-platform compatibility.*
- b. *Notebook-style tabs for organizing visualizations.*
- c. *Dynamic controls for data source selection.*

2. Backend (Core Logic):

- a. **Data Processing:** *Handles CSV, manual text, and sample data.*
- b. **Sentiment Analysis:**
 - i. *Textual: Uses TextBlob for polarity scoring.*
 - ii. *Numeric: Scales ratings (-1 to 1) and classifies sentiment.*
- c. **Visualization Engine:** *Generates plots via Matplotlib.*

3. Output:

- a. *Interactive charts embedded in the GUI.*
- b. *Textual summary with recommendations.*

1.4 Definitions and Acronyms

Term	Definition
Sentiment Polarity	<i>Score (-1 to 1) indicating negative/neutral/positive tone in text.</i>
TextBlob	<i>Python library for NLP-based sentiment analysis.</i>
Pandas	<i>Data manipulation library for structured datasets.</i>
Tkinter	<i>Standard Python GUI toolkit for desktop applications.</i>
MinMaxScaler	<i>Scikit-learn tool for normalizing numeric data to a fixed range (-1 to 1).</i>
WordCloud	<i>Visualization technique highlighting frequent terms in text data.</i>

2. Design Considerations

Design Considerations were done in an agile project work development. We initially went with a web-based application for our work-life balance sentiment analysis project; we then integrated this into a standalone application. Issues included fully integrating from web-based to standalone, finding the right graphs that would accurately visualize our data, and having our sentiment values portrayed through user selected columns provided by a csv file.

2.1 Assumptions

We assume that end users (HR) will supply employee survey data in a clean CSV or Excel and will have basic knowledge of their machine and how to select these files.

2.2 Constraints

Library Limitations

- *TextBlob sentiment is rule-based (polarity threshold ± 0.1); it may struggle with domain-specific banking terminology.*
- *We restricted ourselves to lightweight models (no BERT/LSTM) to keep dependencies small and inference fast.*

Time Limitations

- *We ran into some time constraints early on in development due to busy schedules*
- *We rectified this by using Jira to assign specific work and set short daily meetings and longer ones once a week.*

2.3 System Environment

Our sentiment analysis app is built on python 3.10 and open-source Python libraries.

2.4 Risk and Volatile Areas

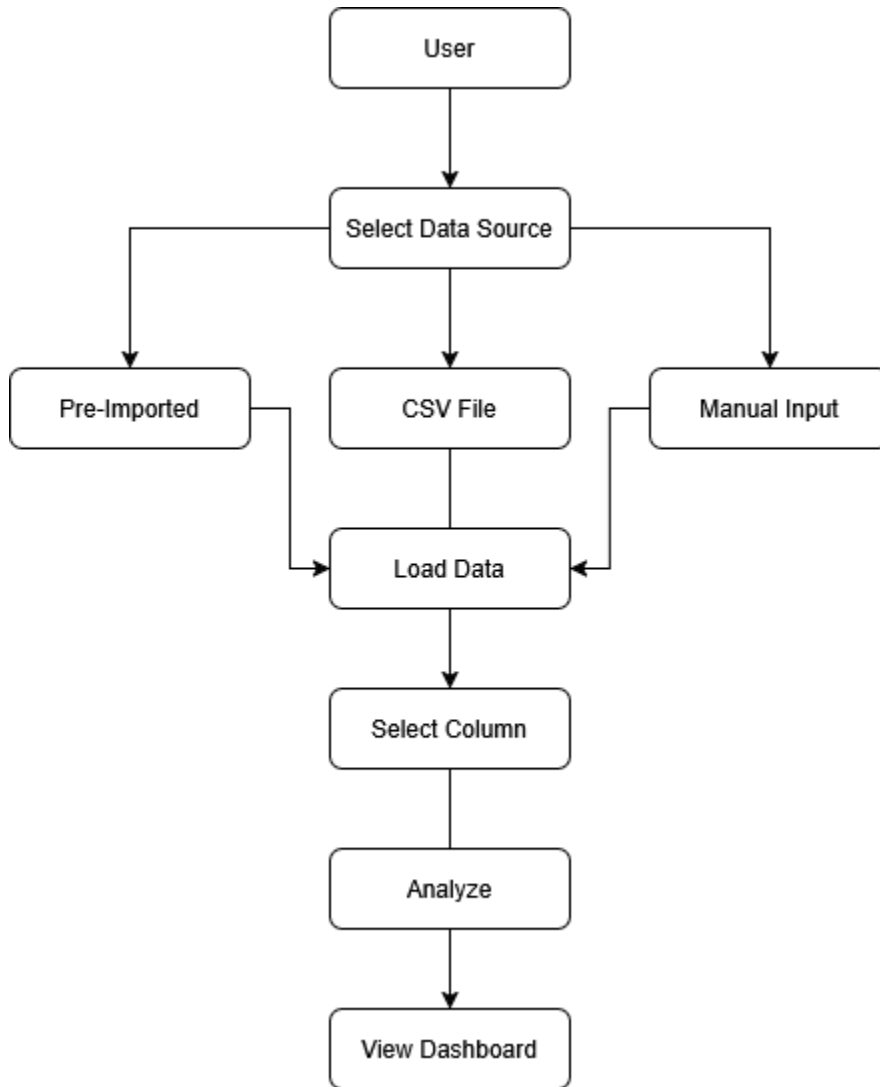
Performance

Large CSVs will slow down real-time plotting and UI interactivity; may require down-sampling or batch processing.

User

Users should select columns related to work-life balance or they might run into inaccurate results.

3. High Level Design



Users will begin by selecting a data source from the radio buttons at the top of the interface.

If the “Pre-Imported” option is selected, users will press the “Load Data” button to load the built-in dataset.

If the “CSV File” option is selected, users will press the “Load Data” button to browse and import a .csv file.

If the “Manual Input” option is selected, users will type or paste data into the provided text box and then press “Load Data” to process the input.

Once data is loaded, users will choose a column for sentiment analysis using the dropdown menu labeled “Select Column.”

After selecting the column, users will press the “Analyze” button to generate results.

Users will then view the sentiment analysis dashboard, which includes charts such as pie charts, scatter plots, and word clouds organized in tabbed views.

4. Design Considerations

4.1 Data Sources

The application supports analyzing data from three sources: pre-loaded, CSV files, and manual input. The pre-loaded data is hard coded into an array. Whichever data source chosen is loaded into a pandas dataframe.

4.2 Analysis Functions

The application can analyze several aspects of the loaded data. For text data, it can analyze sentiment using the TextBlob polarity property, returning a positive or negative value representing positive and negative sentiment respectively. For numeric data, it can calculate descriptive statistics such as the average, median, min, and max. The numeric data can further be elaborated by a summary generator. It generates the summary using a predefined template and hard coded sentences depending on the average rating value.

5. User Interface Design

The Sentiment Analysis App allows users to input either text or numbers manually or a CSV file of their choice. This stand-alone app was designed to have a simple and intuitive interface that users can understand easily.

5.1 Screen 1

The home screen of The Sentiment Analysis App consists of three options to select a data source. The first option is to use a small pre-imported data set that gives users an example of what the capabilities of the software would look like. The second option is to input a CSV file that can be read by selecting a column for analysis below. Last, there is an option to input data manually in a line-by-line format. This data can be typed into the text box below. Placeholder lines are shown to give the user an example of the proper formatting. After inputting the desired data to be analyzed, the analyze button can be pressed to finish the process.

Sentiment Analysis App

Data Source:
☒ Pre-imported
☐ CSV File
☐ Manual Input

Load Data

Manual Input (one entry per line):

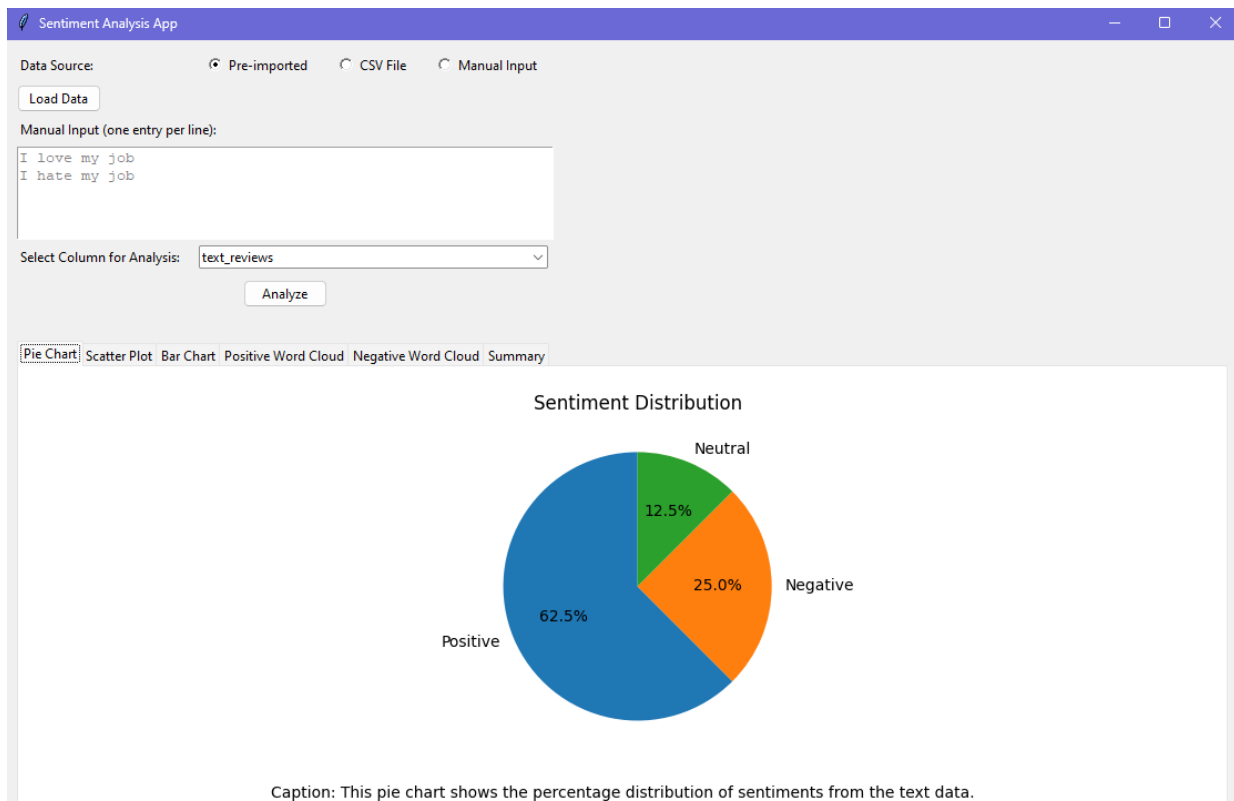
I love my job
I hate my job

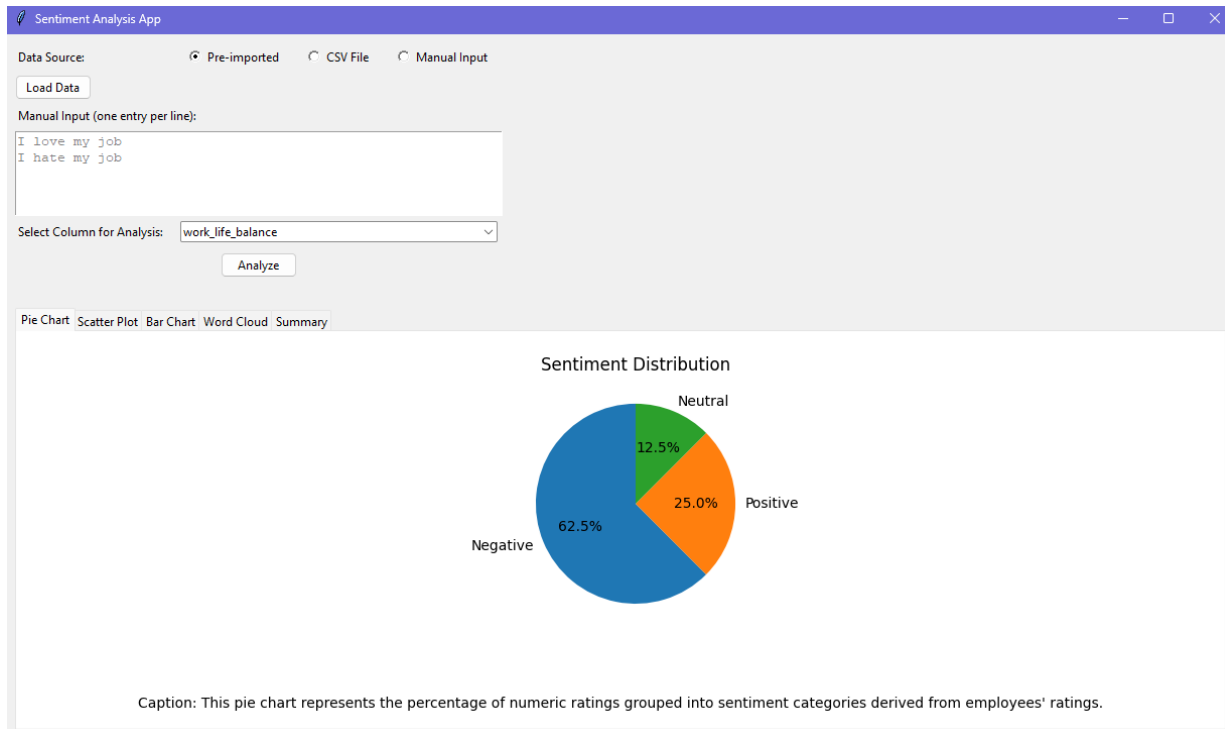
Select Column for Analysis:

Analyze

5.2 Screen 2

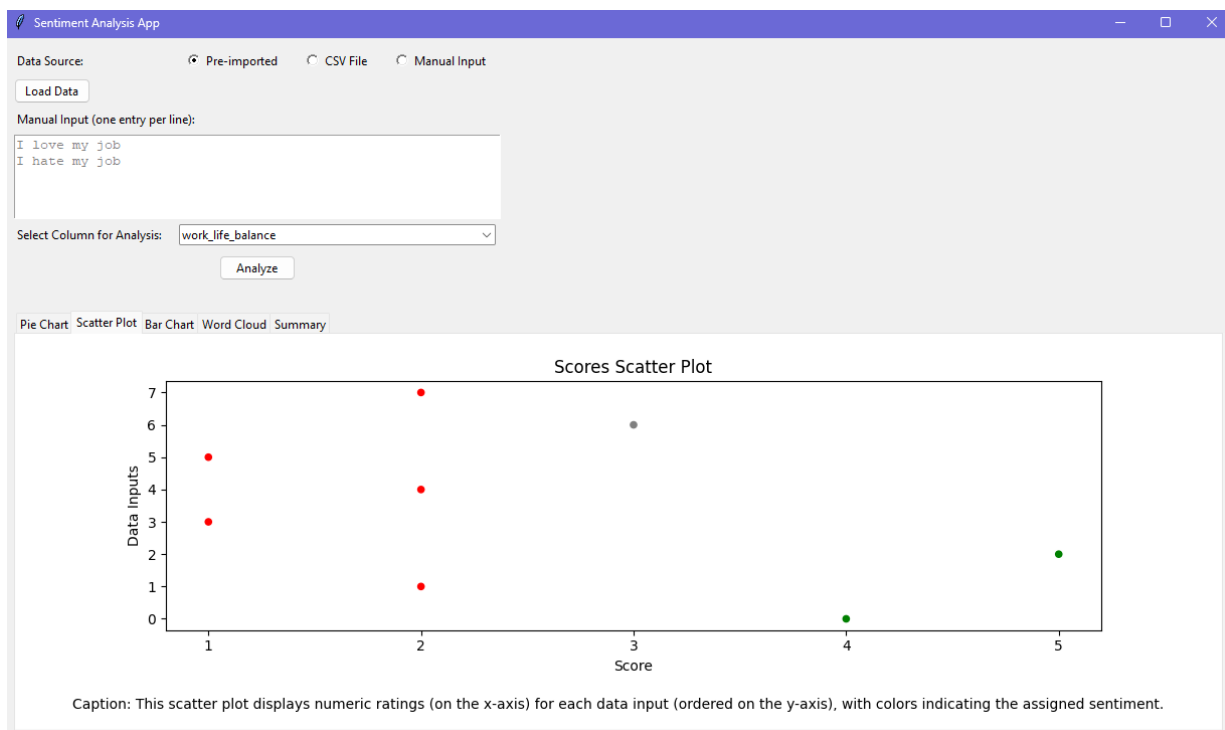
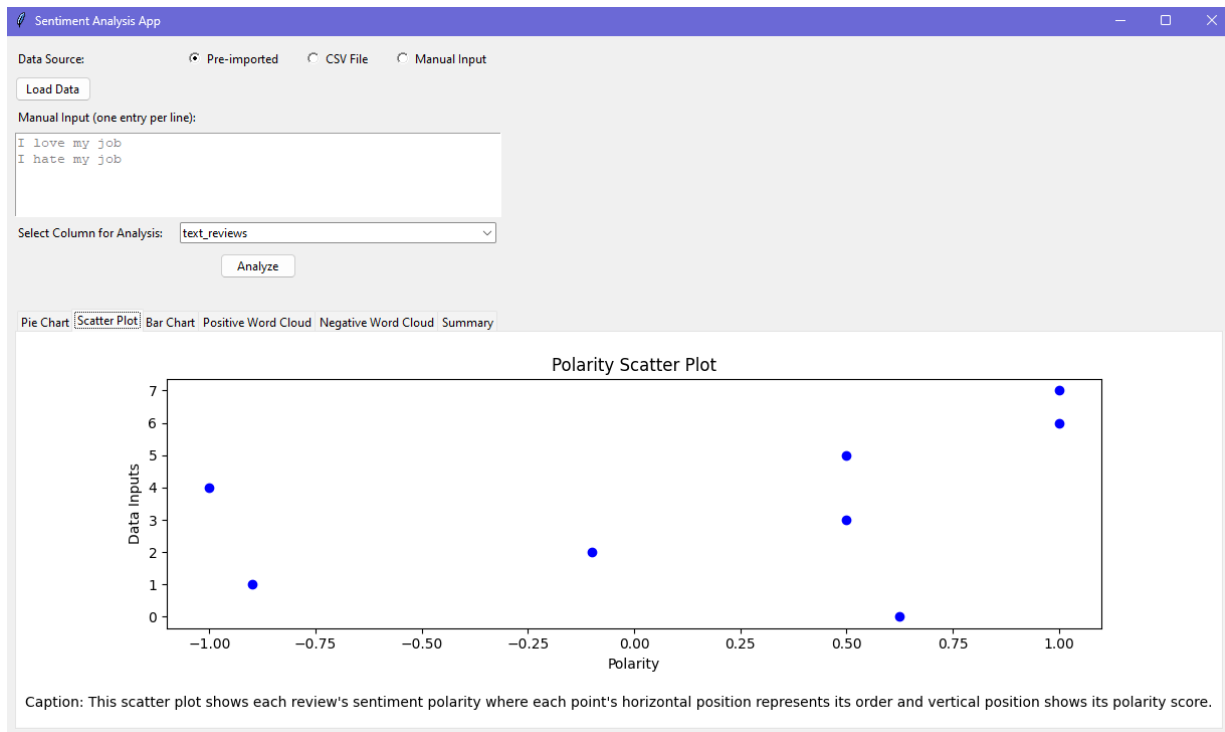
After the analyze button is pressed, the results will populate in the white space below. For the first method of analysis, a pie chart is used. Percentages and their keys are indicated within the graph, while a more detailed caption of what the pie chart shows is below. Examples of the pie chart for a text analysis and a numerical analysis are included below.





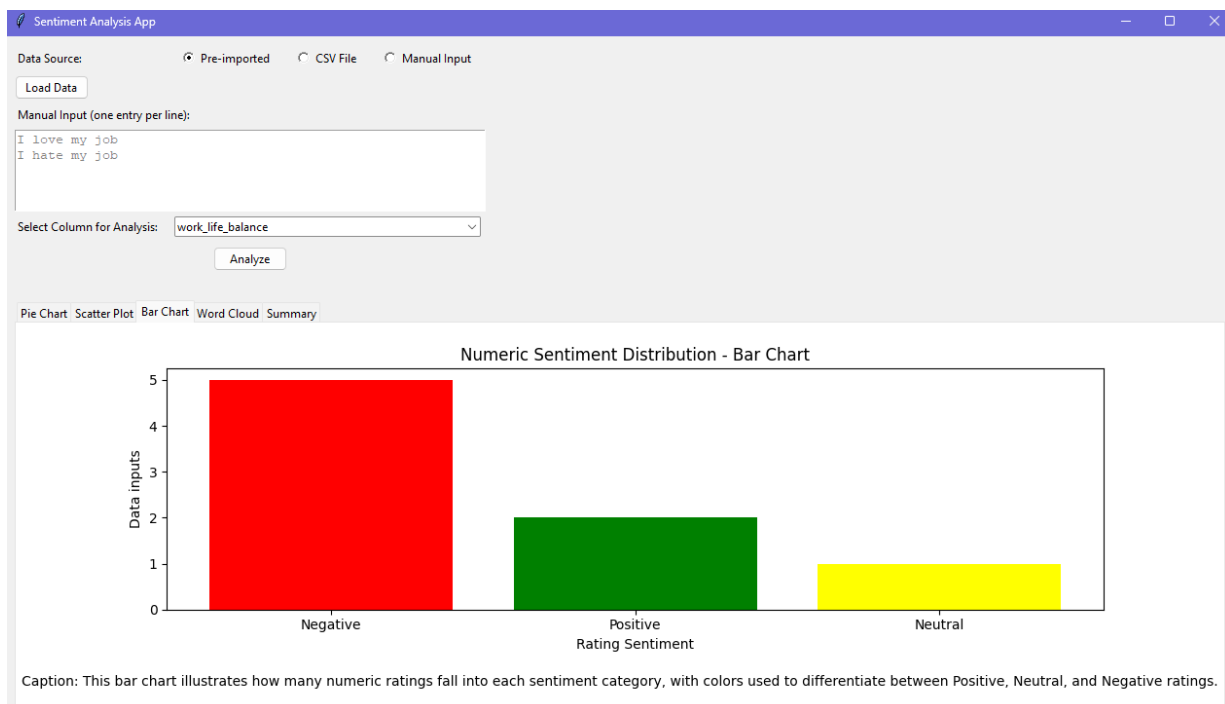
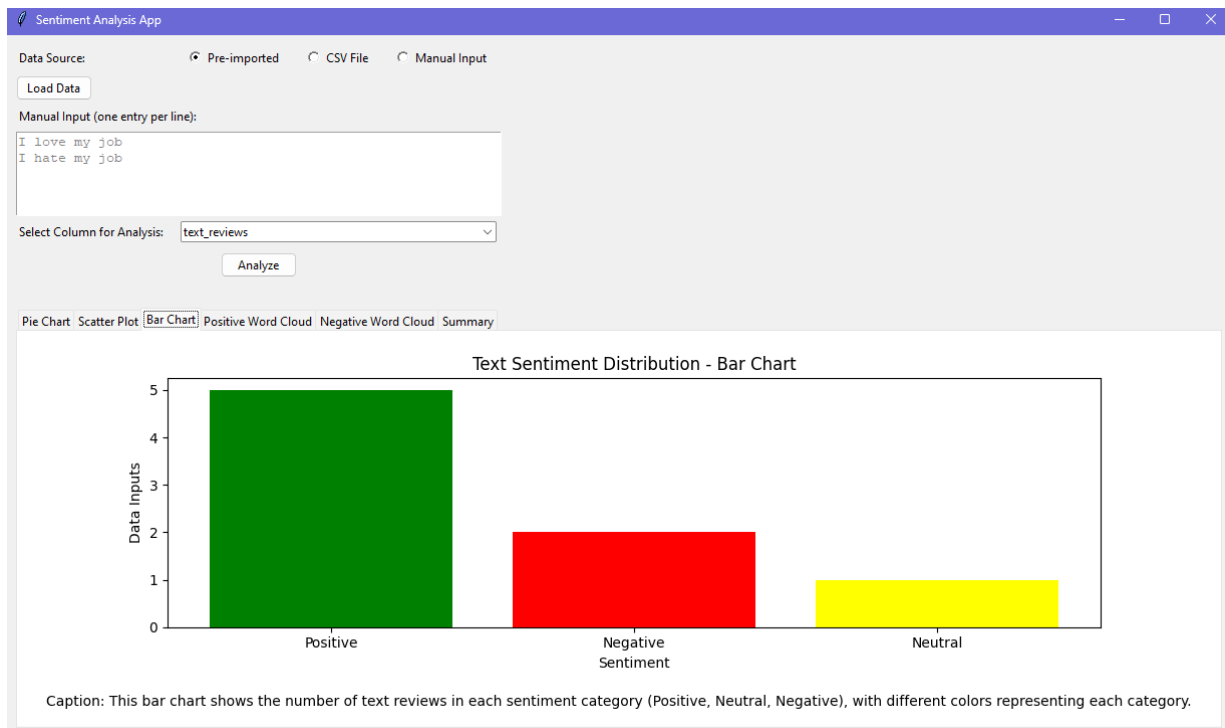
5.3 Screen 2.1

When pressing the scatter plot tab, a polarity scatter plot then becomes visible within the white space. The plots and keys are indicated within the graph and a more detailed caption of what the scatter plot shows is below.



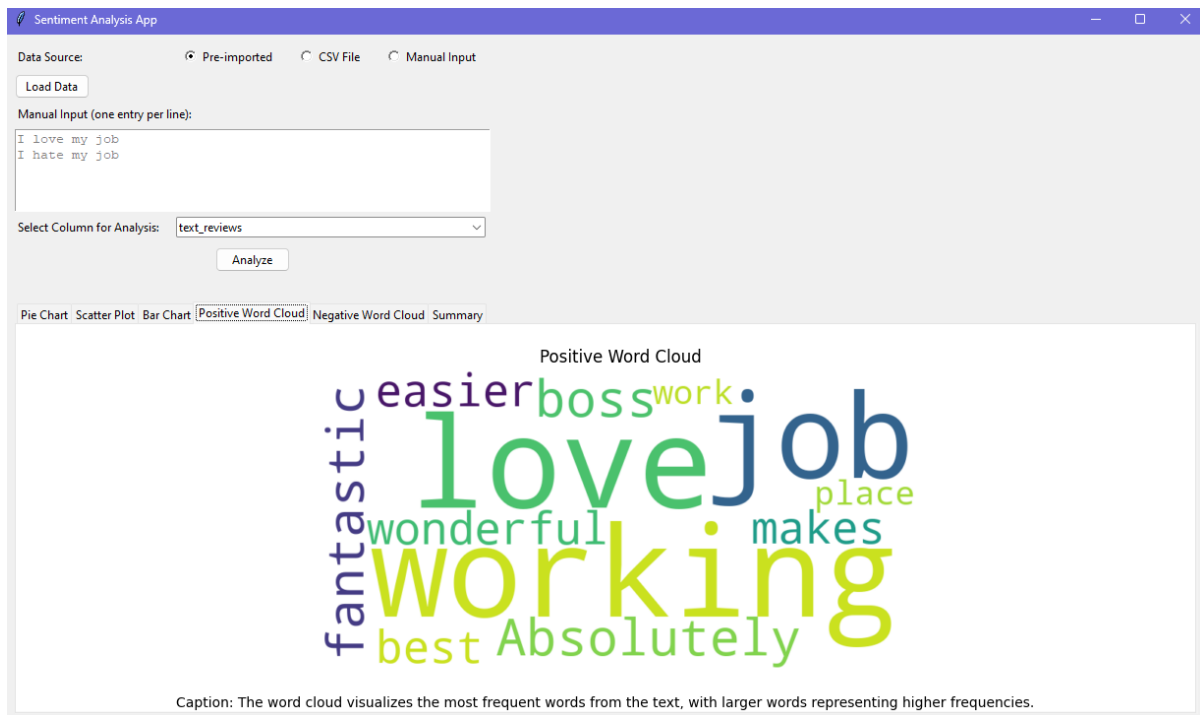
5.4 Screen 2.2

When pressing the bar chart tab, a sentiment bar chart then becomes visible within the white space. The bars and keys are indicated within the graph and a more detailed caption of what the bar chart shows is below.



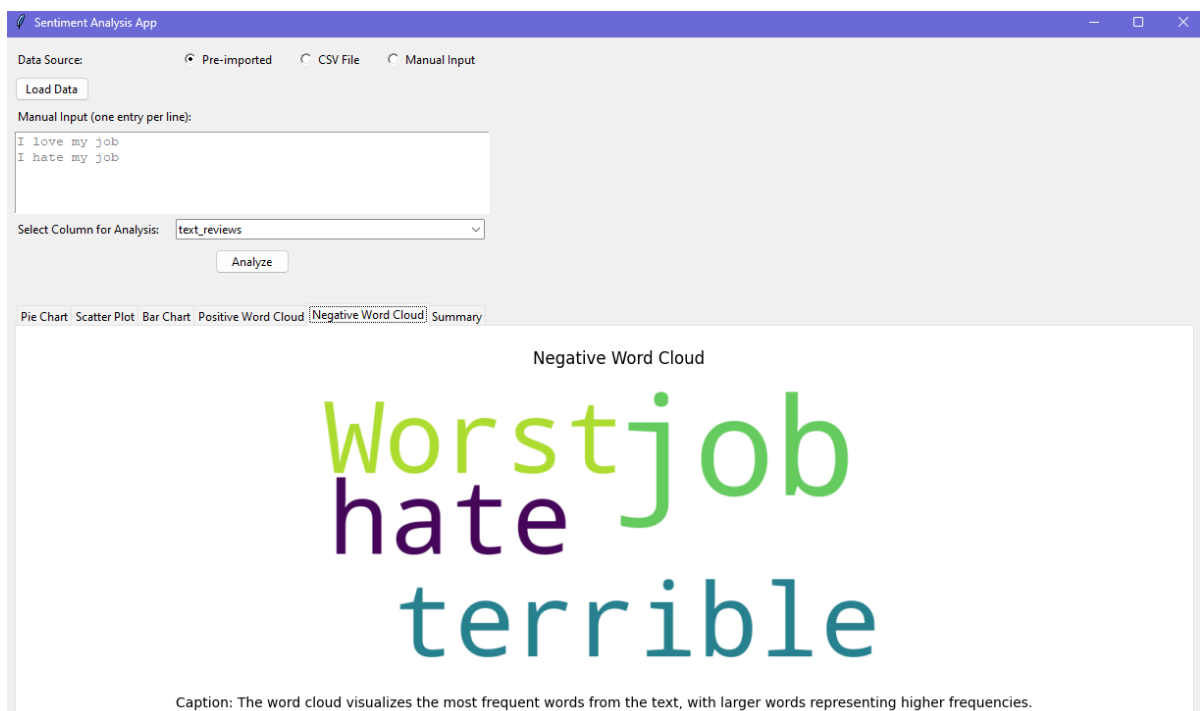
5.5 Screen 2.3

When pressing the positive word cloud tab, a positive word cloud then becomes visible within the white space. The words are boxed in at different sizes within the graph and a more detailed caption of what the word cloud shows is below.



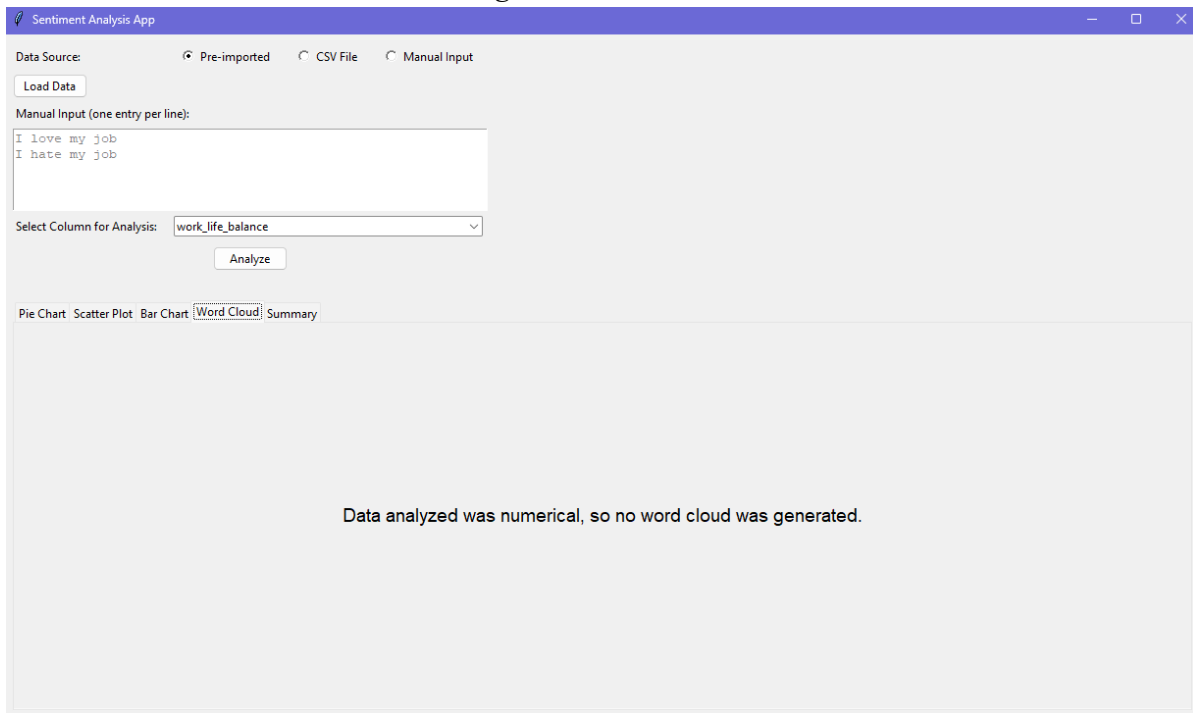
5.6 Screen 2.4

When pressing the negative word cloud tab, a negative word cloud then becomes visible within the white space. The words are boxed in at different sizes within the graph and a more detailed caption of what the word cloud shows is below



5.7 Screen 2.5

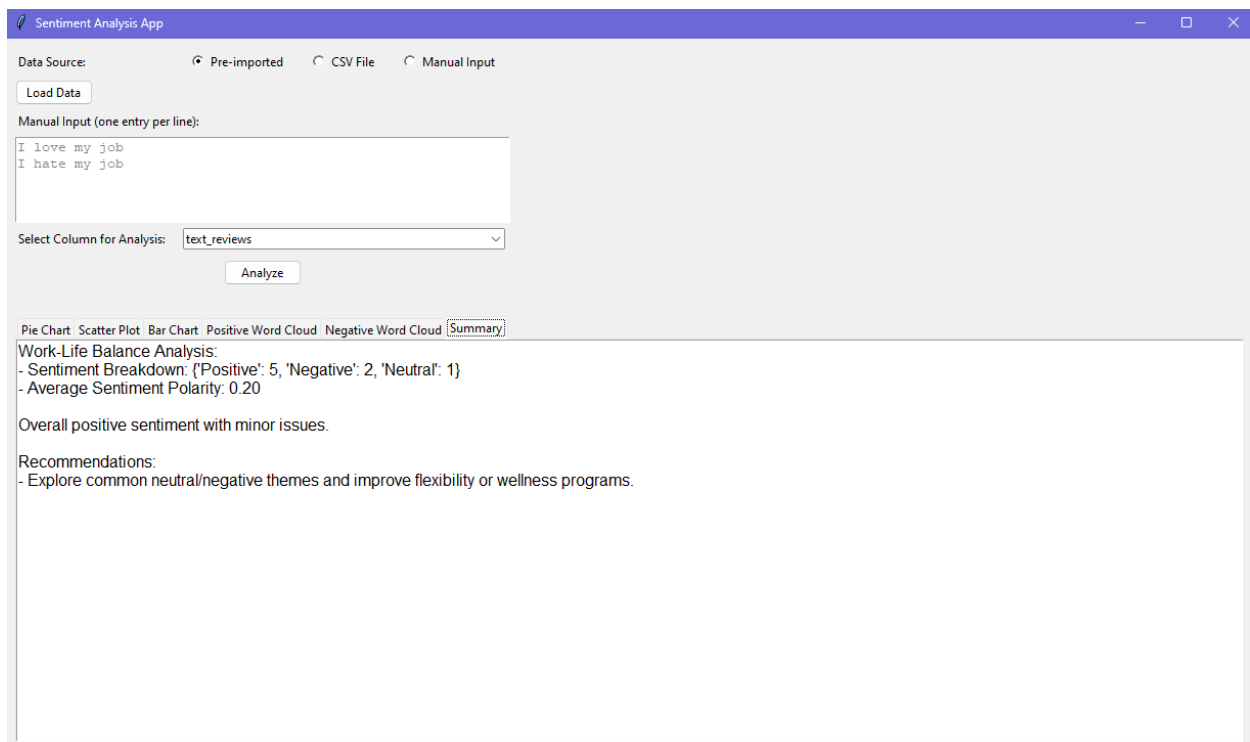
If the data analyzed does not include words, the tabs of the positive and negative word clouds will merge into one word cloud tab. Within the white space of this tab, it states “data analyzed was numerical, so no word cloud was generated.”



The screenshot shows the 'Sentiment Analysis App' window. At the top, there are three radio buttons for 'Data Source': 'Pre-imported' (selected), 'CSV File', and 'Manual Input'. Below this is a 'Load Data' button. The 'Manual Input (one entry per line):' section contains a text area with the following text: 'I love my job' and 'I hate my job'. Below the text area is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select Column for Analysis:' with 'work_life_balance' selected. An 'Analyze' button is located below the dropdown. At the bottom, there are five tabs: 'Pie Chart', 'Scatter Plot', 'Bar Chart', 'Word Cloud' (which is highlighted with a red dashed border), and 'Summary'. The main content area of the 'Word Cloud' tab is empty, displaying the message: 'Data analyzed was numerical, so no word cloud was generated.'

5.8 Screen 2.6

When pressing the summary tab, a summary of the results is generated within the white space. This summary includes numerical results as well as a general word-based sentiment ranging from “excellent overall sentiment regarding work-life-balance” to “poor sentiment demonstrates severe dissatisfaction”. The summary also includes recommendations to further improve the work-life-balance of their employees based on the current sentiment analysis. This tab looks very similar regardless of whether the data set is text-based or numerical.



Appendix A: Project Timeline

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