Bidirectional Requirements Traceability

Automating Code–Requirement Alignment using LLMs and NLP. LLMs improve the quality and accuracy of code.



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Manual requirement tracing is error-prone and timeconsuming

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Unclear if all requirements are implemented or if code has undocumented feature

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Need: Automatic, scalable, and intelligent traceability system

Proposed Solution

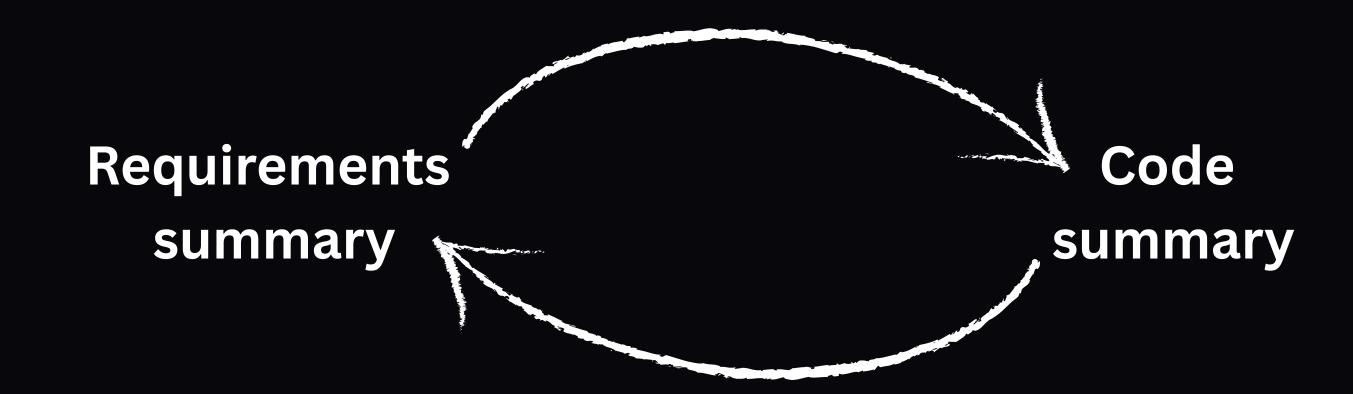
Build a system that:

- Parses both requirements and code
- Understands what each describes (functionalities/features)
- Maps them bidirectionally
- Highlights missing or extra features

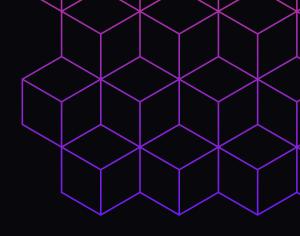
Powered by LLMs + NLP + code parsing

Methodology Overview

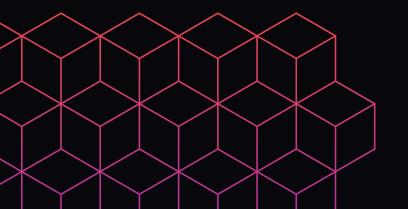
- Step 1: Parse requirements → Summarize features using LLM/NLP
- Step 2: Parse code → Summarize implemented features via code analysis + LLMs
- Step 3: Compare both sets → Semantic similarity or LLM-based judgment
- Step 4: Generate traceability report



Technical Work



- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Flask, GitPython, .env
- pypdf2, Requests
- Hugging Face API Bart, Mistral



Example Mapping

- Requirement: "User can reset password via email"
- Code Summary: "Function sendPasswordResetEmail()"
- Mapping: Matched
- Result: REQ-03 → sendPasswordResetEmail → Implemented

- Requirement: "Login"
- Code Summary: "Function userLogin()"
- Mapping: Matched
- Result: REQ-03 → userLogin → Implemented



Benefits & Challenges

Benefits:

- Saves manual effort
- Ensures full coverage
- Helps in audits and quality assurance

Challenges:

- Granularity mismatch
- LLM hallucinations
- Ambiguity in natural language or undocumented code

Conclusion & Future Work

- Successful prototype for traceability via LLM API's
- Extensible to regression testing, agile user stories, and CI/CD
- Future Work:
 - Improve accuracy with fine-tuned models
 - Handle large codebases incrementally
 - Try to implement it locally using LLM's
 - Enhancing the idea with optimality

Team Contributions

- Raghuram: Flask Backend, Repository cloning and parsing, Code suggestion generation and vulnerability sugestion.
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- Nayak: Code parsing and Code optimality.
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- Aseem: Testing and validation of traceability links.
- Pranav: Chat bot integration and documentation.