

# Ratatouillegen Deployment Documentation

This document outlines the complete deployment process for the Ratatouillegen recipe generation web application developed at COSYLAB, IIIT-Delhi. It includes step-by-step instructions for deploying both the frontend (built using React) and backend (Python-based API powered by LLaMA3 models), hosted across two internal servers. The guide is structured to ensure maintainability, clarity, and reproducibility for future developers or system administrators.

**Live URL:** <https://cosylab.iiitd.edu.in/ratatouillegen/>

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## Backend Deployment

The backend handles all the recipe generation logic, API endpoints, and processing tasks for the Ratatouillegen application. It is deployed on two servers: the **main server** (192.168.1.92) and the **secondary server** (192.168.3.31).

### On Cosylab's Main Server (192.168.1.92)

#### Directory Structure

```
Backend/
├── llama3/
│   ├── llama3_base/           # Base model directories
│   ├── llama3_ft/            # Fine-tuned model versions
│   ├── redirect.py           # API redirection controller
│   ├── requirements.txt       # Python dependencies
│   └── total2.csv             # Region-wise ingredient information
```

#### Deployment Steps

##### 1. Activate Virtual Environment

Activate the Conda environment named `ratatouille_new`:

```
conda activate ratatouille_new
```

**Why?:** This ensures all Python dependencies are isolated and consistent with the project requirements. 2.

## Launch Backend with tmux

Start the backend process using tmux to keep it running in the background:

```
tmux new -s ratatouille_backend  
python redirect.py
```

**Why tmux?:** It allows the process to continue running even if you disconnect from the server. 3. **Detach from tmux Session**

After starting the process, detach from the session using:

Ctrl + B, then D

## 4. Reattach to tmux Session

To check or restart the backend process later, reattach to the session:

```
tmux attach -t ratatouille_backend
```

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## On Secondary Server (192.168.3.31)

### Directory Structure

```
testBackend/  
└─ llama3/  
    └─ backend_llama.py      # Backend implementation  
    └─ total2.csv           # Dataset file
```

### Deployment Steps

## 1. Run Backend Using tmux

Start the secondary backend process using:

```
tmux new -s secondary_backend  
python backend_llama.py
```

## 2. Detach and Manage Sessions

Use similar commands as above to detach, reattach, or terminate tmux sessions.

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## Backend Maintenance

### Managing tmux Sessions

- **List all sessions:**

```
tmux ls
```

Example output:

```
ratatouille_backend: 1 window (created Sat Apr 05 02:14:00 2025)  
secondary_backend: 1 window (created Sat Apr 05 02:20:00 2025)
```

- **Restart a process:**
  - Attach to session:

```
tmux attach -t ratatouille_backend
```

- Stop current process:

```
Ctrl + C
```

- Restart:

```
python redirect.py
```

- Detach:

```
Ctrl + B, then D
```

- **Kill a session:**

```
tmux kill-session -t ratatouille_backend
```

### Log Monitoring

- Main server logs:
    - Check `nohup.out` or `output.log`.
  - Secondary server logs:
    - Output appears directly in the `tmux` session.
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## Frontend Deployment

The frontend is built using React and serves as the user interface for interacting with Ratatouille's recipe recommendation system.

### Deployment Steps

#### 1. Build the Production Version

Navigate to the frontend directory and build an optimized production version:

```
cd ~/ratatouillegen/Frontend
npm install # Only needed if dependencies changed
npm run build
```

**What this does:** Creates an optimized production build in the `build/` folder with minified JavaScript, CSS, and assets.

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#### 2. Copy the Build Output

Transfer the compiled files to `/var/www/ratatouillegen/`:

```
sudo cp -r /home/cosylab/ratatouillegen/Frontend/build/. /var/www/ratatouillegen/
sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www/ratatouillegen/
```

**Why sudo?:** The `/var/www/` directory requires root privileges for write access.

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#### 3. Update the Nginx Configuration

Edit `/etc/nginx/sites-available/default` to include frontend and API routes:

```
# Frontend Configuration
location /ratatouillegen/ {
    root /var/www;
    index index.html;
    try_files $uri $uri/ /index.html; # Enables React Router support.
}

# API Proxy Configuration
location /ratatouillegen-api/ {
    proxy_pass http://192.168.1.92:8003/;
    proxy_set_header Host $host;
    proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
}
```

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#### 4. Restart Nginx

Test and restart Nginx to apply changes:

```
sudo nginx -t # Test configuration first.
sudo systemctl restart nginx
```

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### Frontend Maintenance

#### Common Issues

- **404 Errors:**
  - Verify that `try_files` exists in the Nginx configuration.
  - Ensure build files are present in `/var/www/ratatouillegen`.
- **API Connection Failures:**
  - Confirm that the backend is running (`tmux ls`).
  - Check Nginx error logs:

```
sudo tail -f /var/log/nginx/error.log
```

- **Cache Issues:** Restart Nginx and clear browser cache:

```
sudo systemctl restart nginx
```

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### Troubleshooting

#### Backend Not Responding

1. Check running `tmux` sessions:

```
tmux ls
```

2. Verify that ports are open:

```
netstat -tulnp | grep 8003
```

3. Review logs for errors:

```
cat nohup.out
```

```
tail -f output.log
```

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## Nginx Errors

1. Test configuration syntax:  
`sudo nginx -t`
2. Resolve common issues such as permission conflicts by ensuring correct ownership of files:  
`sudo chown www-data:www-data var/www`
3. For other issue move into the Frontend directory & follow the README.md provided there .

## Application Screenshot

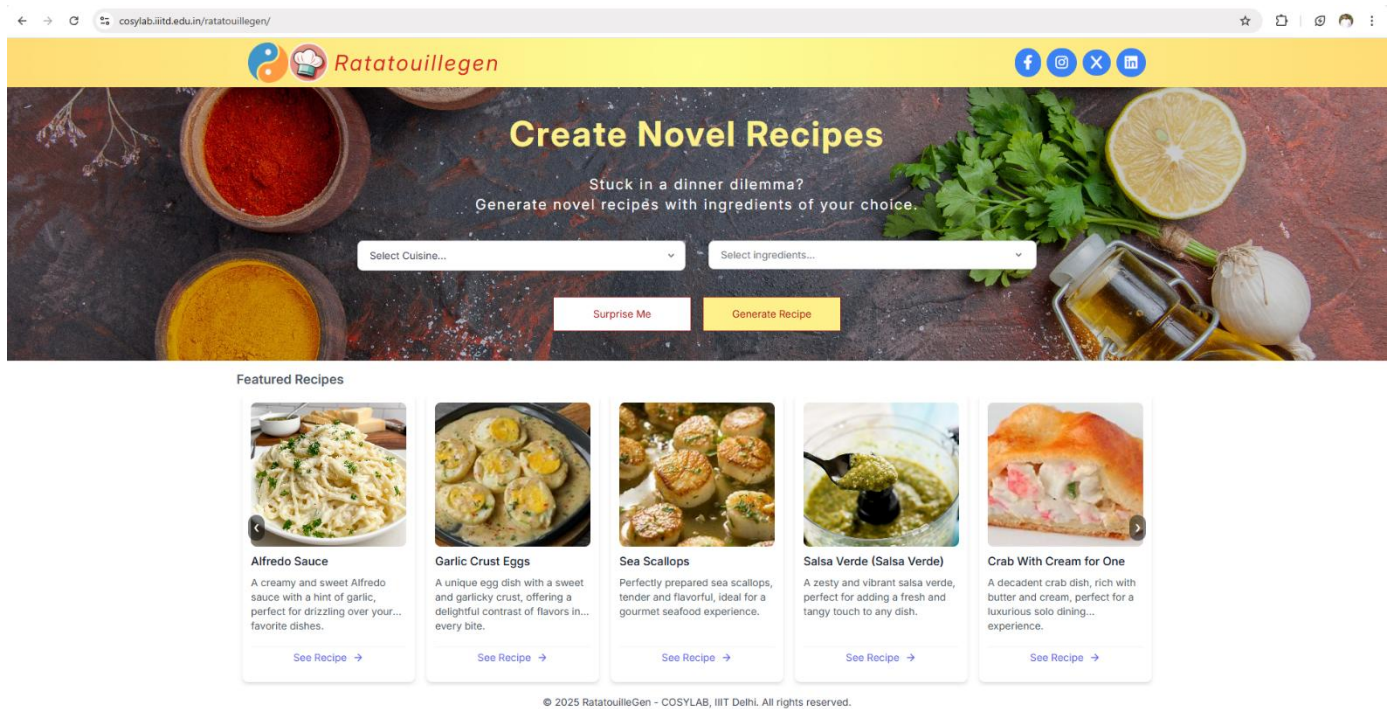


Figure 1: The RatatouilleGen web interface

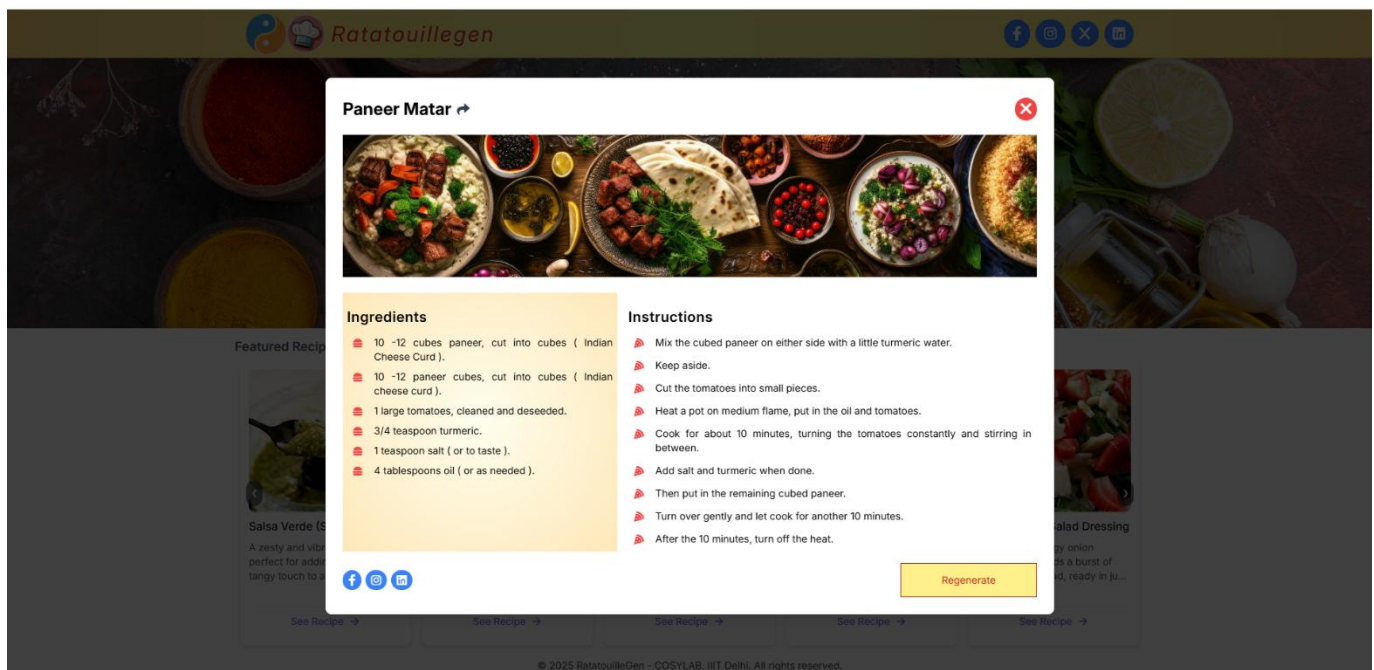


Figure 2: The RatatouilleGen web interface showing recipe based on selecting region wise ingredients

By following the outlined steps, the Ratatouillegen application can be successfully deployed and maintained within the COSYLAB infrastructure. The modular structure of both frontend and backend ensures ease of updates and debugging. For any future developments or enhancements, this documentation serves as the foundational reference.

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