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#### Introduction

Students gained practical knowledge through the Azure AI Language lab to evaluate text information with Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools. The lab explained fundamental NLP operations by using named entity recognition, key phrase extraction and text summarization which operated through Azure AI Foundry. Through this exercise I improved my knowledge about text analytics supported by AI for practical uses in genuine world applications.

## What I Learned

The lab session taught me how to establish an Azure AI project together with resource provisioning and portal navigation through Azure AI Foundry. The analysis required exploration of these three NLP techniques:

Named Entity Recognition (NER) extracts basic structured information such as names together with dates and locations which exist in unstructured text.

Key Phrase Extraction: Identifying the most critical information in text for quick insights.

The Text Summarization process generates abstracts by selecting text that contains the highest value content.

laboratories demonstrated the automation capabilities of AI text analysis tools which prove useful for businesses processing large text collections like customer evaluation responses.

# Challenges Faced

My main challenge involved successfully using the Azure AI Foundry portal as well as validating that appropriate resources were properly deployed for my work. The initial phase created significant obstacles for me to connect Azure AI services properly to key vaults. Solving several difficulties existed when recognizing named entities because their confidence scores adjusted according to input data format and contextual information.

The execution problems of text summarization caused specific textual information to vanish during summary generation. Understanding that precision adjustments of AI models lead to enhanced performance results in particular areas became evident after this experience.

# **Insights Gained**

The experiment confirmed why NLP serves as a fundamental tool for data automation which extracts valuable information from unorganized data. The main insight from this experience demonstrated how AI technology shortens information analysis durations which enhances decision-making within business or research environments. Cloud-based AI tools gained my respect because they allow users to access professional-grade AI solutions even when they have limited programming capabilities.

Participating in the hands-on Azure AI Foundry course highlighted the rising necessity for AI literacy which businesses require for operational efficiency and automation purposes.

## Conclusion

My work in Azure AI Language lab led to important discovery about NLP and cloud-based AI tools and provided valuable knowledge about these subjects. Physical practice with Azure AI Foundry enabled students to gain important knowledge about how AI conducts text analysis through entity recognition technicalities and key phrase extraction methodologies and summarization processes. Through participation in this event, I developed stronger interest in analyzing how AI text analytics technology impacts different sectors.