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Automated Code Documentation Generator

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Problem Statement

Documentation for software projects tends to be outdated, poor, or completely absent, particularly for legacy or open source code. Creating documentation manually takes a lot of time, is inconsistent, and can be prone to human error.

Our goal is to create an NLP-based tool that will automatically generate external documentation for Python codebases, even if there are no docstrings or comments, using a pipeline of core NLP techniques.

Project Objectives

- Parse and extract code structure (functions, classes, arguments)
- Use classical NLP techniques (Tokenization, Lemmatization, TF-IDF, BoW, POS tagging).
- Infer function/class purpose utilizing NLP patterns/templates.
- Produce human-readable documentation in markdown format.
- Keep the solution explainable, reproducible, and dependence free on LLMs.

Step-by-Step Methodology

Step 1: Data Collection

Input: Raw Python code files (.py)

Source: User uploads or loads files from a directory

Step 2: Code Parsing

Python's AST (Abstract Syntax Tree) to extract:

- Function and class definitions
- Arguments
- Docstrings (if any)

- Line numbers for mapping

Using tokenize module to extract inline comments (# ...)