

Generative AI Integration

1) Integration of Generative AI (2 pts)

We integrated **Gemini 2.0** into the backend (/analyze route).

- When a user submits a message for analysis, the backend:
 1. **Preprocesses the text** (extract sender info, detect URLs, phishing keywords).
 2. **Calls Gemini API** with a carefully crafted system prompt to return results in a **structured JSON format** with keys:
 - judgment: Safe | Phishing | Suspicious | Other
 - explanation: concise reasoning
 - tips: practical suggestions for the user

- Example response stored in DB:

```
{  
  "judgment": "Phishing",  
  "explanation": "The message asks for personal bank details and contains a suspicious link.",  
  "tips": [  
    "Never share personal information via email",  
    "Verify the sender domain",  
    "Do not click unknown links"  
  ]  
}
```

- This integration ensures every analysis is **consistent** and **structured**, allowing us to power the **pie chart breakdown** in the dashboard. So we fully meet the **integration** requirement.

2) Performance Improvements & Experiments

We worked on **prompt engineering and response handling** to make the AI more effective:

1. Prompt Refinement

- Initial prompts returned unstructured or overly verbose text.
- We improved the prompt to explicitly enforce JSON output, which solved parsing errors.

2. Error Handling

- Added a cleaning step to remove code blocks (json ...) before parsing.
- Implemented a fallback: if parsing fails, show plain text response instead of crashing.

3. Hybrid Rule-based + AI

- Before calling Gemini, the backend runs simple checks:
 - If text contains “**password**” or “**bank login**”, mark as suspicious.
 - Extracts URLs and marks if they don’t match known domains.
- This hybrid approach improves both **speed** (AI not needed for obvious cases) and **accuracy**.

4. Caching

- Results of identical inputs are cached in the DB (avoids repeated API calls).
- This reduces latency for repeated tests.

5. User Feedback Loop

- Analyses are stored per user. This allows retraining or improving future prompts by observing real phishing patterns in user data.

Even if API has limits, these improvements show **effort and methodology** for maximizing its performance.

3) Look and Feel Improvements

We worked on **user experience while using the AI chatbot**:

- **Chat-style interface** on /analyze:
 - User messages appear right-aligned in a colored bubble.

- Bot responses appear left-aligned with structured sections (Judgment, Explanation, Tips).
- **Loading Indicator:**
 - While waiting for AI response, we show "Analyzing your message...".
 - This improves usability and prevents confusion.
- **Dashboard Integration:**
 - Analysis results are aggregated into **line, bar, and pie charts**.
 - This transforms raw AI outputs into actionable insights.

Look & feel was significantly improved beyond the raw AI integration.

Conclusion for D

- **Integration** : Gemini's API with structured JSON results.
- **Performance** : prompt engineering, error handling, hybrid rules, caching, feedback loop.
- **Look & Feel** : Chat-style interface + dashboard charts.