

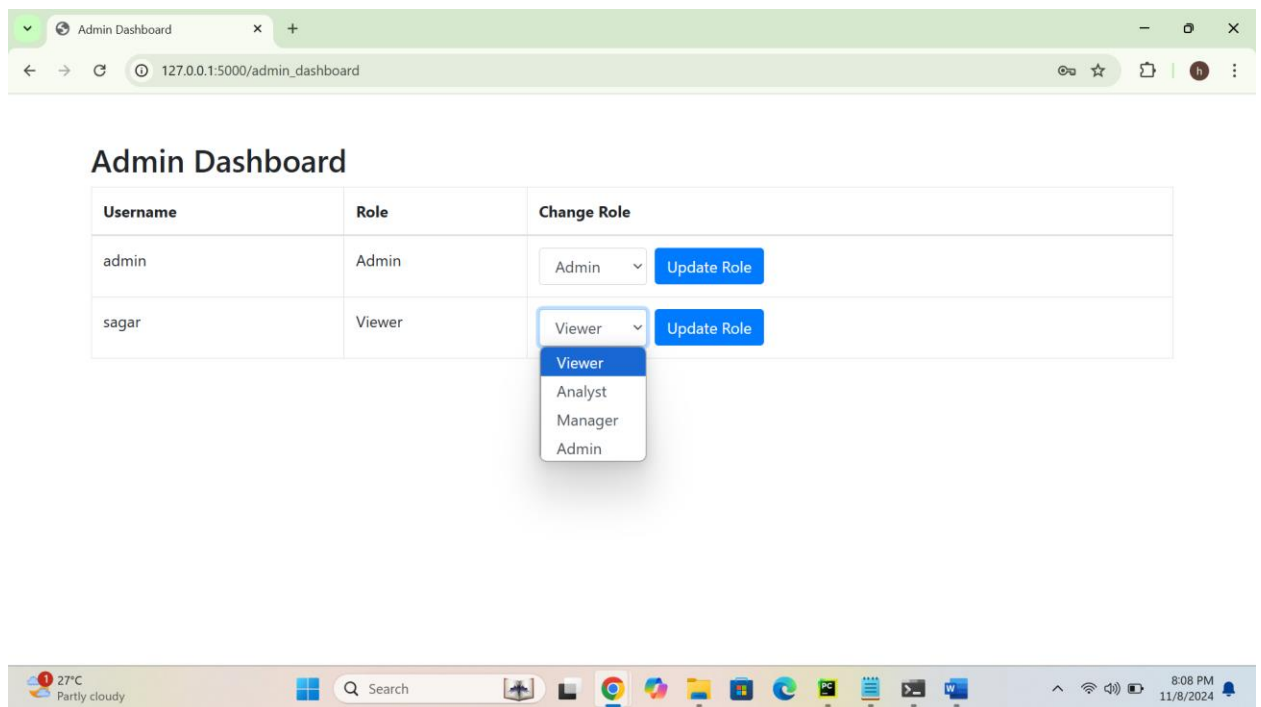
Real Estate Market Trend Dashboard App Documentation

Overview

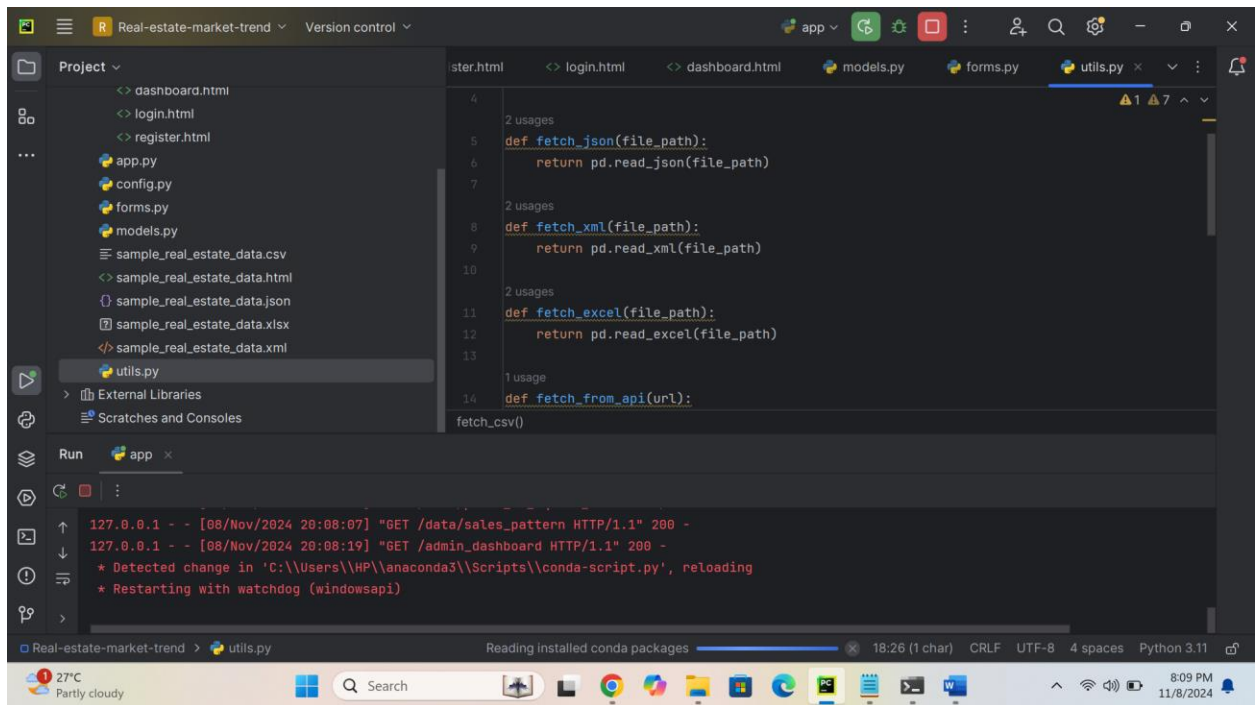
The Real Estate Market Trend Dashboard app is a Flask-based application designed for real estate data visualization with user authentication, role-based access, dynamic filtering, and database migration capabilities.

Key Features:

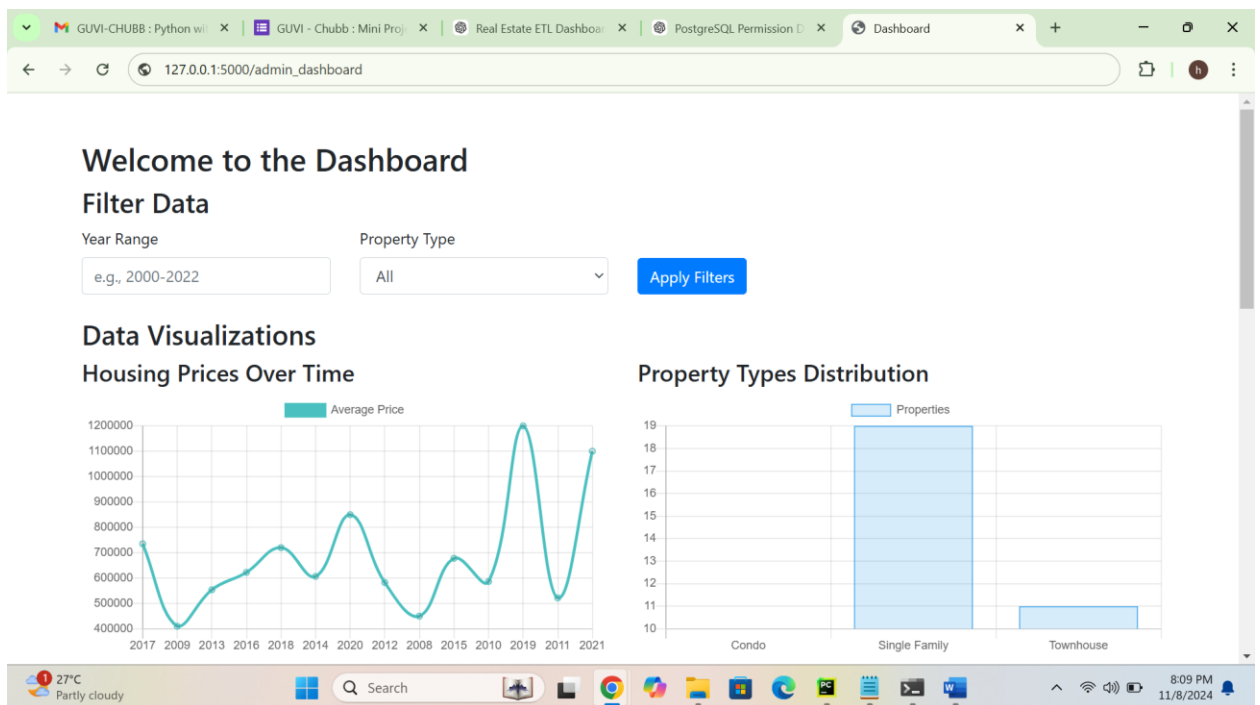
- **Role-Based Access Control:** Admins can manage user roles, with each role seeing different dashboard views and having different levels of access.

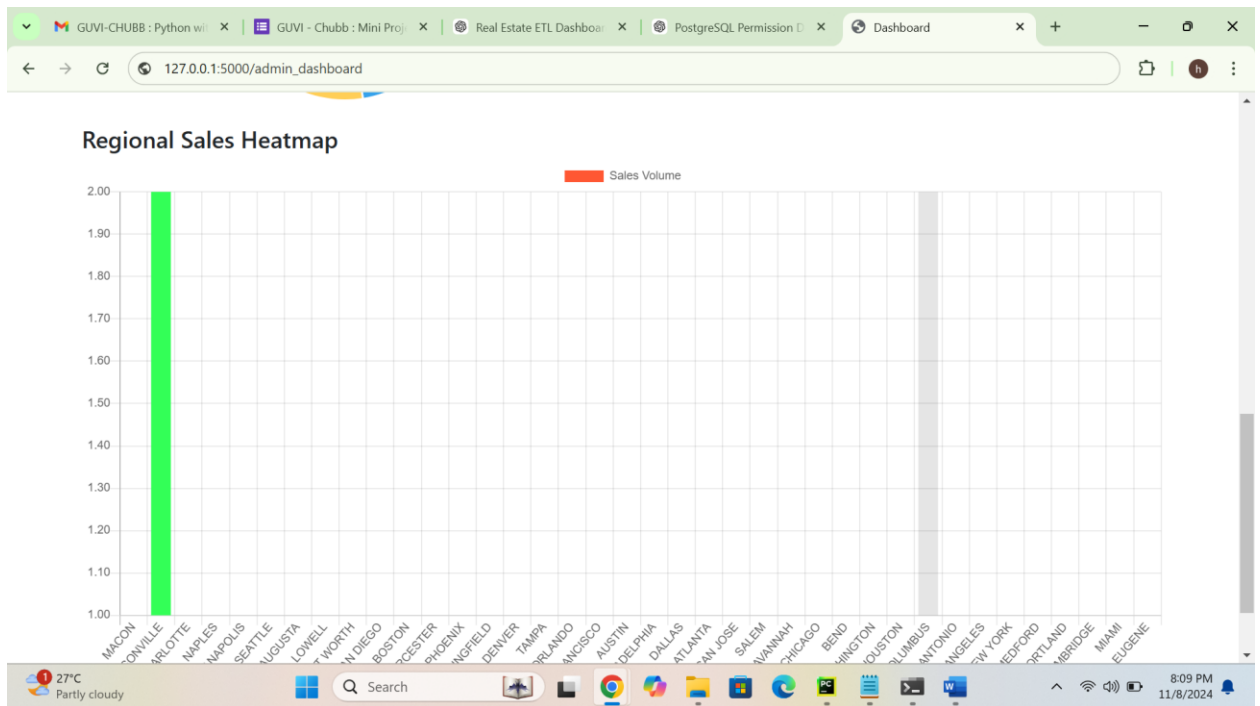
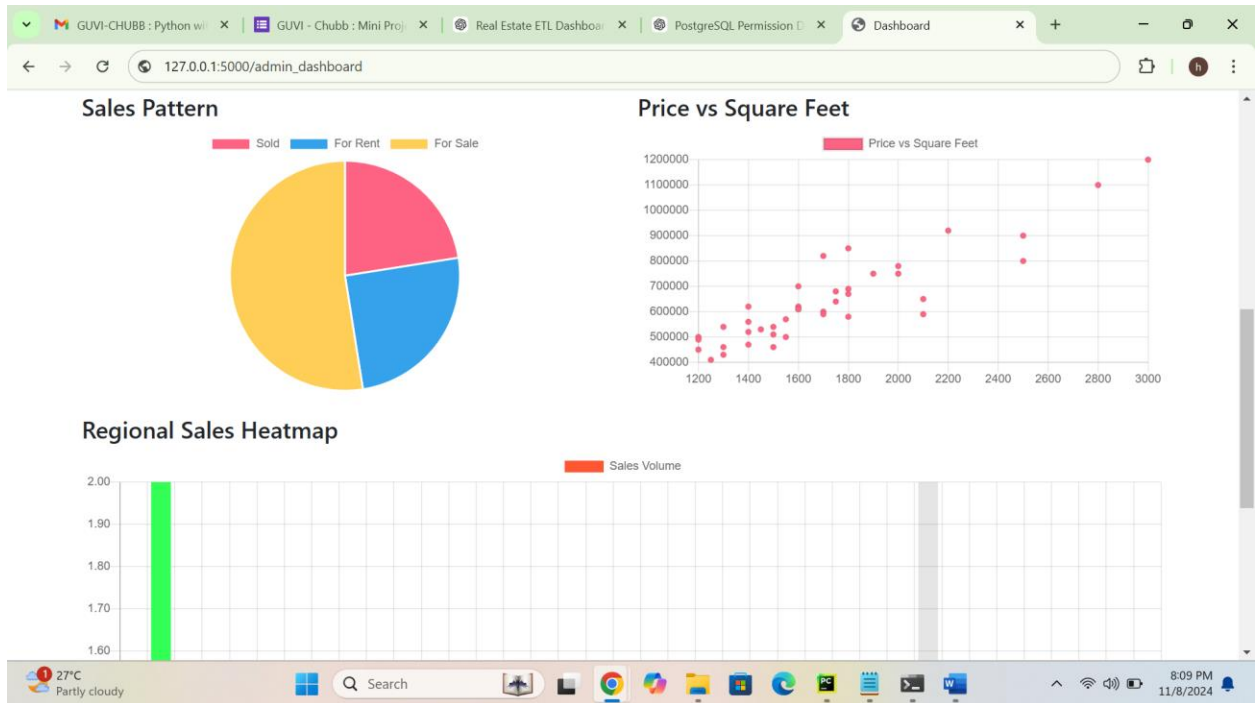


- **Data Fetching and Validation:** Integrates data from multiple sources (JSON, XML, CSV, Excel, HTML) with validation/transformation before storing it in the database.

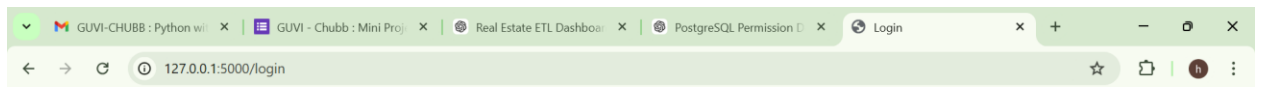
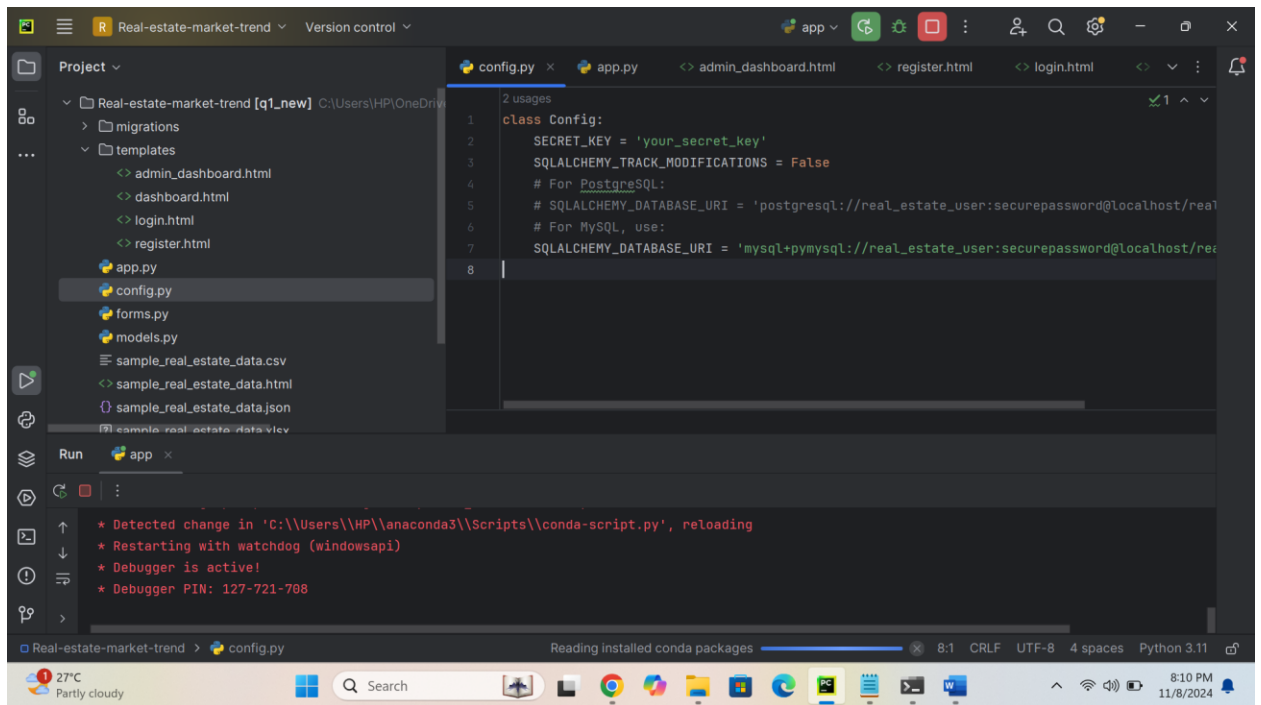


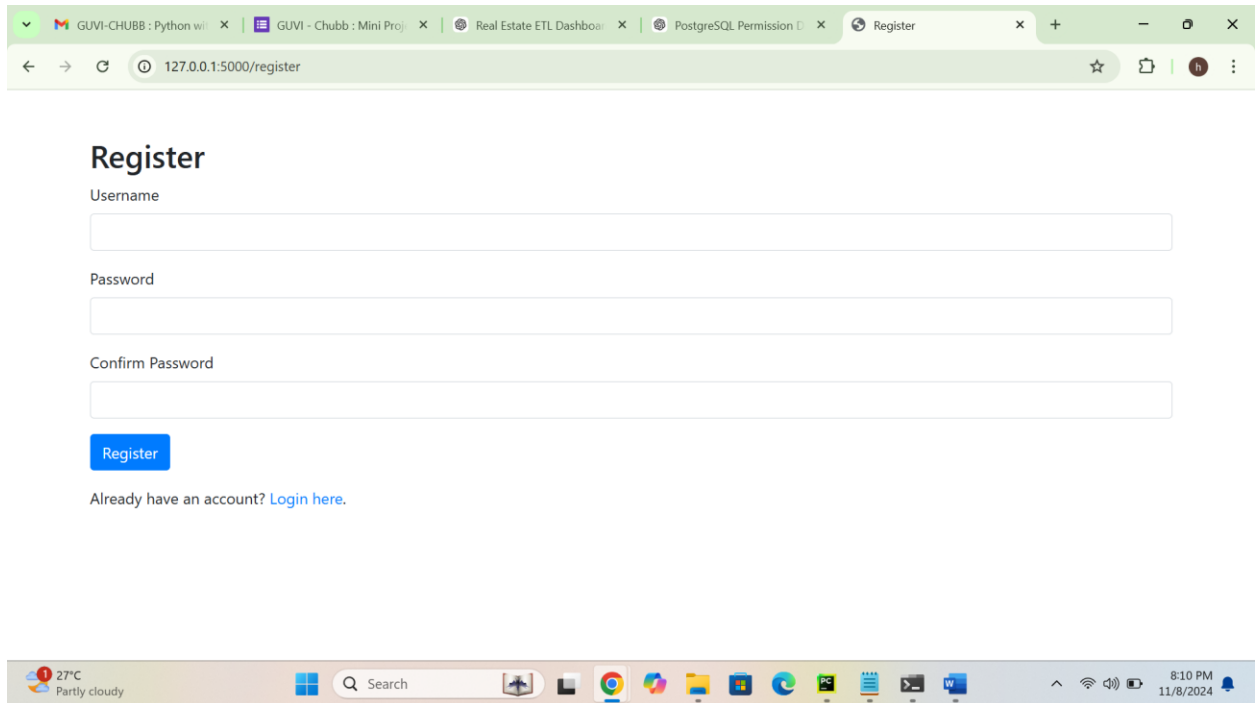
- **Data Visualization: Interactive charts for housing prices, property types, sales patterns, and more.**





- **Dynamic Filtering:** Filter data by year range and property type.
- **Database Migration:** Database schema can be easily updated to support new features or changes.





Database Migrations

The app uses Flask-Migrate (powered by Alembic) for managing database schema changes. This allows you to add, modify, or remove columns and tables without disrupting existing data.

Typical Migration Workflow

1. **Make Changes to Models:** Update the models in `models.py` to reflect new columns, tables, or relationships.
2. **Create a New Migration:** After changing the models, generate a new migration:

```
flask db migrate -m
```

3. **Apply the Migration:** Apply the changes to the database:

```
flask db upgrade
```

4. **Downgrade (If Necessary):** To roll back the last migration:

```
flask db downgrade
```

Switching Databases (PostgreSQL and MySQL)

To switch between MySQL and PostgreSQL:

1. Update `SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE_URI` in `config.py` to the new database URI.
 2. Run `flask db upgrade` again to apply all migrations to the new database.
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Key Components

User Roles

The app includes the following roles:

1. **Admin:** Full access to all features and user management.
2. **Manager:** Access to all visualizations.
3. **Analyst:** Limited access to charts and filters.
4. **Viewer:** Read-only access to basic visualizations.

Data Fetching, Validation, and Transformation

The app fetches data from various formats (JSON, XML, CSV, HTML, Excel) and validates it. Key validations include checking for required fields and filtering data within specified ranges. This process is handled in `utils.py`.

Data Visualization

Visualizations are rendered with `Chart.js` in `dashboard.html`, based on data fetched via API routes from the Flask backend. Available charts include:

- Housing Prices Over Time (Line Chart)
 - Property Types Distribution (Bar Chart)
 - Sales Pattern (Pie Chart)
 - Price vs Square Feet (Scatter Plot)
 - Regional Sales Heatmap (Bar Chart)
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Routes and Functionality

- **Authentication Routes:** `/register`, `/login`, `/logout`.
- **Dashboard Routes:**
 - `/dashboard`: Displays charts with role-based access.

- **/admin_dashboard:** Allows admin users to manage roles.
 - **Data API Routes:**
 - **/data/price_over_time:** Returns price data by year.
 - **/data/property_type_distribution:** Returns distribution of property types.
 - **/data/sales_pattern:** Returns sales statuses.
 - **/data/price_vs_square_feet:** Returns property size vs. price.
 - **/data/region_sales_heatmap:** Returns sales volume by region.
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Sample Workflows

Admin Workflow

1. Log in as admin (username: admin, password: admin).
2. Access **/admin_dashboard** to view and manage user roles.
3. Access **/dashboard** for full data filtering and visualization.

New User Workflow

1. Register through **/register**.
 2. Log in and access **/dashboard** to view basic visualizations based on default role Viewer.
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Additional Information

Error Handling

1. **Database Errors:** SQLAlchemy's `IntegrityError` catches errors during data insertion (e.g., duplicate property IDs).
2. **Role-Based Access:** Unauthorized access redirects users to the login page.
3. **Data Validation:** Data fetched from sources is validated and transformed before storage.

Adding New Features

- 1. Additional Roles:** Update `models.py`, `admin_dashboard.html`, and role-based conditions in routes.
- 2. New Visualizations:** Define new data API routes and add corresponding `<canvas>` elements and JavaScript logic in `dashboard.html`.
- 3. Extended Filtering:** Add fields in the filter form in `dashboard.html` and update the backend routes.