CLOUD APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT – PHASE 2
PROJECT – IMAGE RECOGNITION WITH IBM CLOUD
VISUAL RECOGNITION
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Phase 2: Innovation

Project: Image Recognition with IBM Cloud Visual Recognition

Objective: Transform the initial problem definition and design thinking into an innovative image recognition system that leverages IBM Cloud Visual Recognition and incorporates sentiment analysis to enhance the generated captions.

Step 1: Agile Development Setup

Objective: Set up an agile development environment to ensure efficient collaboration and iterative development.

Actions:

- Form cross-functional development teams.
- Adopt agile methodologies such as Scrum or Kanban.
- Set up project management tools like Jira or Trello.

Success Criteria: A well-organized development process with clear roles, responsibilities, and project tracking.

Step 2: Backend Development

Objective: Develop the backend infrastructure to handle image uploads, data processing, and API integration.

Actions:

- Choose a suitable backend technology stack (e.g., Node.js, Python, Django).
- Create RESTful APIs for image upload and data retrieval.
- Implement a database to store image metadata, classification results, and captions.
- Set up a scalable and reliable hosting environment.

Success Criteria: A robust backend infrastructure capable of handling user uploads and API integrations effectively.

Step 3: Frontend Development

Objective: Build the user interface based on the wireframes and mockups created in Phase 1.

Actions:

- Develop the frontend application using web technologies (HTML/CSS/JavaScript) or a mobile framework (React Native, Flutter).
- Implement the image upload feature and user dashboard/gallery.
- Ensure responsive design for both web and mobile platforms.

Success Criteria: A visually appealing and intuitive frontend that aligns with the design specifications.

Step 4: IBM Cloud Visual Recognition Integration

Objective: Integrate the IBM Cloud Visual Recognition API into the platform for image classification.

Actions:

- Set up API calls to send user-uploaded images for classification.
- Implement error handling and retries for API calls.
- Store classification results, including labels and confidence scores, in the database.

Success Criteria: Successful integration with IBM Cloud Visual Recognition, ensuring accurate image classification.

Step 5: Natural Language Generation (NLG) Integration

Objective: Integrate NLG tools to generate captions for recognized images.

Actions:

- Choose an NLG library or tool (e.g., NLTK, GPT-3, or custom NLG models).
- Develop a mechanism to pass image classification results as input to the NLG system.
- Fine-tune the NLG model for coherence and engagement in generated captions.

Success Criteria: Integration of NLG for creating relevant and engaging captions for recognized images.

Step 6: User Engagement Features

Objective: Enhance user engagement by implementing features for image exploration, saving, and sharing.

Actions:

- Develop image-saving functionality and allow users to organize their collections.
- Enable image sharing on social media platforms or generate shareable links.
- Consider additional features like image editing tools (e.g., cropping, filters) for customization.

Success Criteria: Users can effortlessly explore, save, and share their AI-enhanced images, enhancing user engagement.

Step 7: Testing and Quality Assurance

Objective: Thoroughly test the platform to identify and fix bugs, ensuring a reliable and user-friendly experience.

Actions:

- Perform unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing.
- Conduct load testing to ensure scalability.
- Implement security measures to protect user data.

Success Criteria: A stable, secure, and reliable platform that provides a seamless user experience.

Step 8: User Testing and Feedback

Objective: Gather user feedback and make iterative improvements based on user insights.

Actions:

- Conduct user testing sessions with a diverse group of users.
- Collect feedback on usability, performance, and features.
- Prioritize and implement user-suggested enhancements.

Success Criteria: Positive user feedback and continuous improvement of the platform.

Step 9: Deployment and Monitoring

Objective: Deploy the platform to a production environment and establish monitoring for performance and user activity.

Actions:

- Deploy the platform on a production server.
- Set up monitoring tools (e.g., New Relic, Google Analytics) to track user activity and system performance.
- Ensure high availability and scalability.

Success Criteria: A live platform accessible to users with ongoing monitoring to ensure optimal performance.

Step 10: Documentation and Training

Objective: Create user documentation and provide training resources for platform users.

Actions:

- Develop user guides and FAQs.
- Offer tutorials and webinars to help users make the most of the platform.

Success Criteria: Users have access to clear and comprehensive documentation and training materials.

Step 11: Launch and Marketing

Objective: Officially launch the platform and promote it to the target audience.

Actions:

- Develop a marketing strategy, including website promotion, social media marketing, and email campaigns.
- Create marketing materials and advertisements.
- Monitor user acquisition and engagement.

Success Criteria: Successful platform launch with a growing user base.

Step 12: Maintenance and Continuous Improvement

Objective: Continuously maintain the platform, address issues, and make updates to meet evolving user needs.

Actions:

- Establish a maintenance schedule for regular updates and bug fixes.
- Monitor user feedback and track key performance indicators.
- Plan for future enhancements and features.

Success Criteria: A platform that evolves to meet user expectations and stays up-to-date with technology trends.