

Air & Weather Quality Monitor: Automated ETL Pipeline

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Project Overview

This project is a **Real-Time Data Engineering Pipeline** designed to monitor air quality and weather conditions across multiple global cities. It automates the process of fetching, storing, and visualizing environmental data without manual intervention.

The system monitors **12 major cities** across Germany and India and visualizes the data on an interactive dashboard.

Key Features

- **Automated Ingestion:** A "robot" runs every hour to fetch fresh data.
 - **Cloud Architecture:** Uses GitHub Actions for compute and Supabase (PostgreSQL) for storage.
 - **Geospatial Visualization:** An interactive map showing live pollution levels.
 - **Decoupled System:** The data collection (ETL) and visualization (Dashboard) are completely separate, ensuring high availability.
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1. System Architecture

The project follows a modern **ETL (Extract, Transform, Load)** architecture:

1. **EXTRACT:** Python script queries the **OpenWeatherMap API**.
 2. **TRANSFORM:** Data is cleaned and structured (extracting PM2.5, AQI, Temperature).
 3. **LOAD:** Data is securely inserted into a **Supabase (PostgreSQL)** cloud database.
 4. **AUTOMATION:** **GitHub Actions** triggers the script every hour (`0 * * * *`).
 5. **VISUALIZATION:** A **Streamlit** dashboard reads from the database to display trends and maps.
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2. Data Source: The API

The system relies on the **OpenWeatherMap API** for real-time data.

- **Endpoint 1 (Pollution):** [/data/2.5/air_pollution](#)
 - Returns: AQI (1-5 scale), PM2.5, PM10, CO, NO2, etc.
- **Endpoint 2 (Weather):** [/data/2.5/weather](#)
 - Returns: Temperature (°C), Humidity, Wind Speed.

Security: The API Key is never exposed in the code. It is injected dynamically using **GitHub Secrets** (`os.getenv('API_KEY')`).

⚙️ The ETL Script (`fetch_data.py`)

The core logic resides in `fetch_data.py`. This script performs three main functions:

1. Database Connection & Schema Check

Before fetching data, the script connects to Supabase and checks if the storage table exists. If not, it creates it automatically:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS air_quality_logs (
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    timestamp TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    city VARCHAR(50),
    aqi INTEGER,
    pm2_5 FLOAT,
    temperature FLOAT
);
```

2. Data Fetching Loop

The script iterates through a predefined list of cities (defined with Latitude/Longitude coordinates) and sends requests to the API.

3. Error Handling

- If the API fails for one city, the script logs the error and continues to the next city (it does not crash).
 - If the Database connection fails, the script performs a "Safety Exit" to prevent data corruption.
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🤖 Automation: GitHub Actions

To ensure the data is always fresh, the project uses **GitHub Actions** as a scheduler.

- **File:** `.github/workflows/hourly_scheduler.yml`
- **Schedule:** Cron Syntax `0 * * * *` (Runs at minute 0 of every hour).
- **Workflow Steps:**
 1. Spin up an `ubuntu-latest` virtual machine.
 2. Install Python 3.9.
 3. Install dependencies (`requests`, `psycopg2`, `pandas`).
 4. Inject Secrets (API Key & DB URI).
 5. Execute `python fetch_data.py`.

This setup essentially gives the project a "**Serverless**" backend—it runs on the cloud for free without needing a dedicated server running 24/7.

The Dashboard (`dashboard.py`)

The frontend is built using **Streamlit** and **Plotly**, providing a user-friendly interface for analysis.

Interactive Features

- **Live Map:** A geospatial view where dot size represents pollution intensity (PM2.5) and color represents AQI.
 - **City Filter:** Users can select specific cities (e.g., "Bengaluru") to drill down into the data.
 - **KPI Metrics:** Displays current AQI, PM2.5 concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), and the last update timestamp.
 - **Trend Analysis:** Line charts show how pollution levels have changed over the last 24+ hours.
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How to Run Locally

If you wish to run this project on your local machine instead of the cloud, follow these steps:

1. Prerequisites

- Python 3.10+
- PostgreSQL / Supabase Account
- OpenWeatherMap API Key

2. Installation

- Clone the repository and enter the directory:

Bash

- `git clone [https://github.com/suhasnu/Air-and-weather-quality-monitor.git]`
`(https://github.com/suhasnu/Air-and-weather-quality-monitor.git)`
- `cd Air-and-weather-quality-monitor`

Install the required Python libraries:

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- `pip install -r requirements.txt`

3. Configure Secrets (Locally)

- Create a `.env` file in the root directory to store your keys safely:

```
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API_KEY=your_api_key_here
DB_URI=your_postgres_connection_string
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4. Run the Dashboard

- Launch the Streamlit app:

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- `streamlit run dashboard.py`
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