CAPSTONE PROJECT

COURSEADVISOR- AGENTIC AI FOR PERSONALIZED COURSE PATHWAYS

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Example: The online education space is saturated with thousands of platforms and courses, often leaving students confused and directionless. Without proper guidance, many learners pick courses that don't align with their career aspirations or current skill levels. Traditional academic counseling is limited in scalability, and learners need a modern, AI-powered solution that continuously adapts to their evolving interests and learning style.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- CourseAdvisor reposes an intelligent, agentic AI-based solution that acts as a dynamic course advisor for students seeking clarity in their learning paths. Unlike static recommendation engines, CourseAdvisor operates in an interactive and adaptive fashion, using powerful large language models to:

- Engage in natural language conversations with users to understand their goals, current knowledge level, and preferred learning domains

- Generate a structured and evolving roadmap tailored to the user's career aspirations (e.g., Data Scientist, Cybersecurity Analyst, Frontend Developer)

- Recommend high-quality resources including online courses, certifications, tools, and practice platforms mapped to the learner's journey

- Continuously adapt the roadmap based on the user's progress, feedback, or shifting interests over time

- Provide monthly or milestone-based breakdowns that are digestible, practical, and goal-oriented

- Encourage certifications from recognized bodies (e.g., IBM, Google, CompTIA) that enhance job readiness

- The system relies on IBM Watsonx Granite language models for intelligent text generation and user understanding. It mimics expert human guidance by synthesizing vast knowledge from course catalogs, certification frameworks, and learning pathways into actionable study plans customized per individual.

- CourseAdvisor offers a scalable, cloud-deployable solution that can empower educational institutions, online platforms, or self-learners with real-time, personalized AI coaching support.

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SYSTEM APPROACH

Tools and Technologies Used:

- IBM Watsonx.ai: LLM experimentation and prompt testing

- IBM Granite Model: Context-aware roadmap generation

- Python: API integration and local testing

- IBM Cloud Object Storage: To manage prompt and output assets

- GitHub: Version control, collaboration, and project documentation

Libraries Used:

- `requests`: To send prompt data to the Watsonx API

- `json`: For parsing and formatting model responses

- `dotenv`: For secure API key management (optional)

Workflow:

- Define user personas and inputs

- Develop prompt templates for varied learning domains

- Test prompt accuracy and diversity using Watsonx

- Extract structured outputs and format them into roadmap objects

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- Process Flow:

- User submits query such as "I want to become a cloud architect"

- Prompt engineered for IBM Granite instructs the model to:

  - Analyze the input

  - Select relevant domains, tools, and certifications

  - Build a progressive monthly plan

- The response includes a timeline-based learning roadmap with tools, topics, and platforms

- The generated response is returned via the Watsonx interface or consumed via Python code

- Deployment:

- Prompt tested and deployed via Watsonx Prompt Lab

- Output previewed in JSON format and via chat simulation

- Can be embedded into websites, learning dashboards, or Slack bots

- Future version to include API endpoints using IBM Cloud Functions or App Runtime

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RESULT

IBM GRANITE MODEL : granite-3-3-8b-instruct result

LLM-integrated Watsonx Assistant conversation with LLM support via Granite
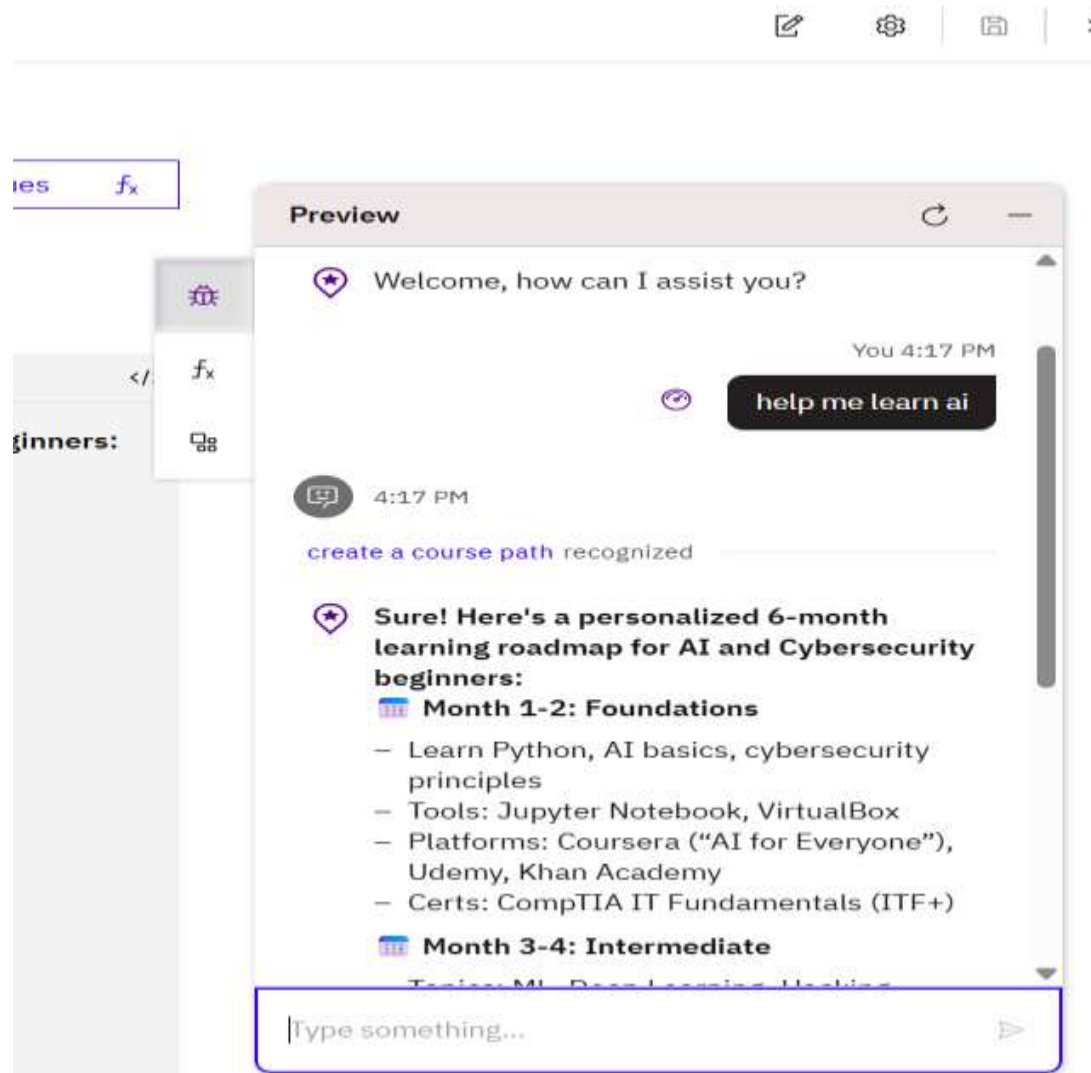
CONCLUSION

- CourseAdvisor effectively showcases how an Agentic AI assistant can guide students in their learning journey with minimal manual intervention. With powerful LLMs like IBM Granite, it becomes possible to personalize learning at scale, supporting thousands of learners at once. The roadmap generation was highly contextual, meaningful, and tailored to each learning goal. The project also demonstrated prompt engineering, AI integration, and dynamic roadmap generation within a cloud-native environment.

FUTURE SCOPE

- Enable student login and session history storage

- Add skill quizzes to fine-tune roadmap difficulty

- Include milestone tracking and progress visualization

- Embed career mapping with job role matching (e.g., Road to Backend Developer)

- Add voice-to-text and chat UI for accessibility

- Integrate with external APIs such as Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, and job portals

- Enable feedback loop to retrain prompts based on user success

REFERENCES

- IBM Watsonx.ai: https://www.ibm.com/products/watsonx

- IBM Granite Model documentation

- Prompt Engineering resources from IBM

- AI research on LLMs and personalization

- Course catalogs from Coursera, edX, Udemy

- Agentic AI design principles and use cases (OpenAI, Microsoft Research)

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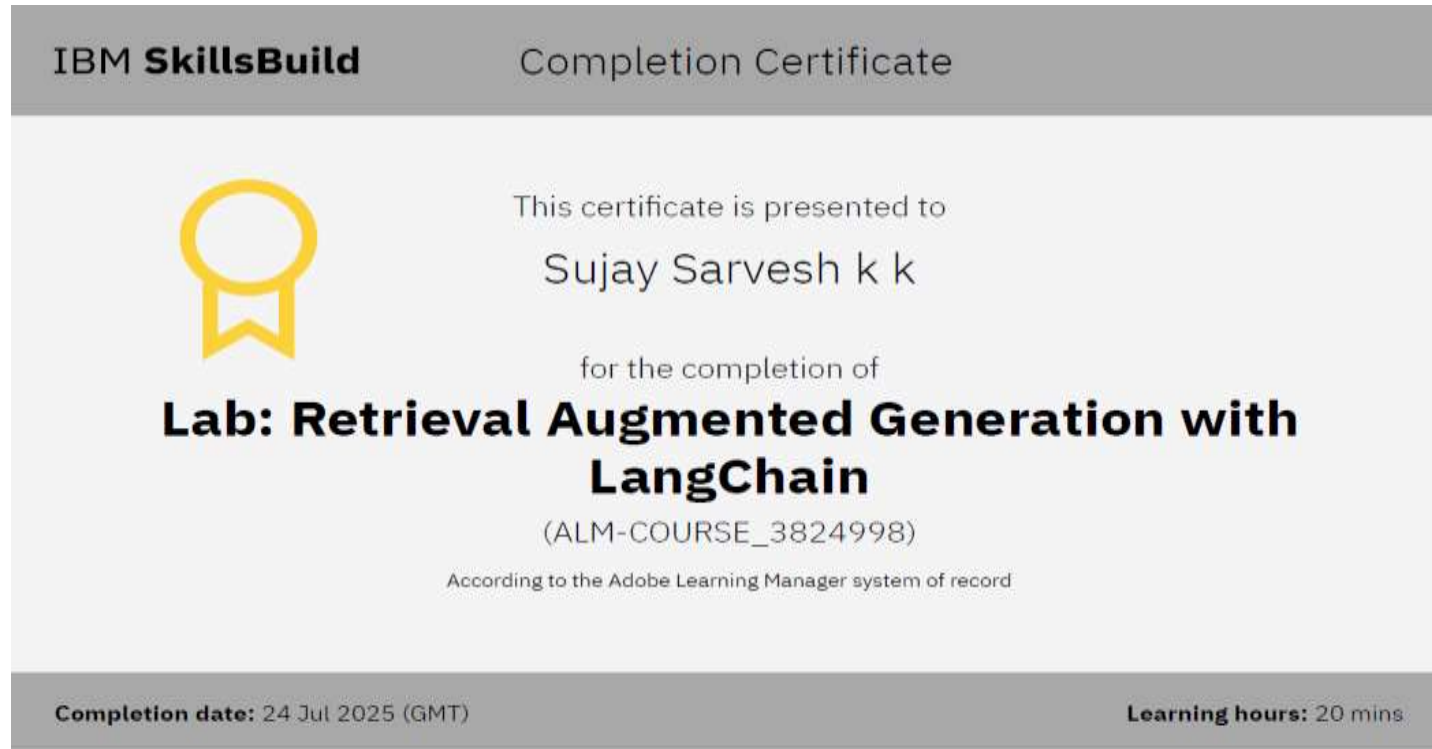
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