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ABSTRACT

In today's fast-paced digital work environment, meetings are a vital part of collaboration and decision-making. However, most organizations face challenges in recording, summarizing, and retrieving essential meeting information effectively. **SynapMeet** addresses this issue by providing an intelligent meeting management system that automatically converts meeting audio into structured, meaningful insights.

The system uses **WhisperX**, a state-of-the-art speech recognition model, to transcribe audio recordings with high accuracy while distinguishing between multiple speakers through **speaker diarization**. After transcription, advanced **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** techniques analyze the text to extract **key decisions, action items, and summaries**, making it easier to track progress and responsibilities.

SynapMeet is developed as a **Flask-based web application** with an intuitive interface where users can upload meeting recordings and instantly view the transcript, summarized content, and actionable points. By combining speech-to-text technology with NLP-driven insight extraction, the project significantly reduces manual effort, enhances productivity, and ensures that no critical information from meetings is lost.

Ultimately, **SynapMeet** bridges the gap between spoken discussions and actionable outcomes, providing a smarter, automated, and efficient solution for modern meeting management.

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Abbreviation	Full Form
NLP	Natural Language Processing
UI	User Interface
ASR	Automatic Speech Recognition
SDLC	Software Development Life Cycle
SRS	Software Requirements Specification
ER	Entity Relationship
DFD	Data Flow Diagram
UML	Unified Modeling Language
CSV	Comma Separated Values
API	Application Programming Interface
CPU	Central Processing Unit
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Overview of the Project

In any organization, meetings are an essential part of communication, collaboration, and decision-making. However, many key points, decisions, and action items discussed during meetings are often forgotten, misinterpreted, or lost due to a lack of proper recording and summarization. Manual note-taking is time-consuming and prone to human error.

SynapMeet is an intelligent meeting management system designed to automatically transcribe, summarize, and extract actionable insights from meeting audio files. The system leverages speech recognition technology (WhisperX) for accurate transcription and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to extract key decisions, action items, and summaries from the recorded content. It also integrates speaker diarization to differentiate between multiple speakers in the conversation.

The project is implemented as a web-based application built using Python Flask for the backend and HTML/CSS/JavaScript for the frontend, offering a simple and user-friendly interface. Users can upload an audio file of a meeting, and the system automatically generates a structured report that includes the transcript, concise summary, identified action items, and decisions.

1.2 Problem Statement

In most organizations, meetings generate a large amount of valuable information that is often not efficiently documented or retrieved. Important elements such as key decisions, assigned tasks, and upcoming deadlines are frequently lost due to the reliance on manual note-taking and human memory. This manual process is time-consuming, error-prone, and inconsistent, leading to communication gaps, reduced accountability, and decreased overall productivity.

There is a growing need for an automated and intelligent system capable of processing meeting audio recordings, accurately transcribing the content, identifying different speakers, and extracting essential insights such as action items and decisions. SynapMeet addresses this problem by providing a comprehensive, automated meeting transcription and summarization platform that enhances collaboration, documentation accuracy, and meeting efficiency.

1.3 Objectives of the Project

The main objectives of the SynapMeet project are outlined as follows:

- To develop an intelligent system capable of converting meeting audio recordings into accurate and structured text using advanced speech recognition models.
- To implement speaker diarization for identifying and labeling multiple speakers within a conversation.
- To employ Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to generate concise and meaningful summaries of meeting discussions.
- To automatically extract key action items, decisions, and deadlines from the transcribed text to enhance post-meeting follow-up.
- To design and implement a user-friendly web interface that allows users to upload meeting audio files and view transcripts, summaries, and insights effortlessly.
- To enhance organizational productivity by minimizing manual effort, improving information retrieval, and ensuring that no critical meeting detail is overlooked.

1.4 Scope of the Project

The SynapMeet system focuses on automating and enhancing the meeting documentation process through intelligent transcription and summarization technologies.

The project scope includes the following key aspects:

- Audio Upload and Processing: Enables users to upload pre-recorded meeting audio files for analysis.
- Accurate Speech-to-Text Conversion: Utilizes WhisperX, a powerful speech recognition model, to convert spoken content into accurate textual form.

- Speaker Diarization: Identifies and labels different speakers in the conversation to provide clear and organized transcripts.
- Automated Insight Generation: Extracts meaningful meeting summaries, action items, and key decisions using advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) models.
- Interactive User Interface: Displays structured results through a clean, intuitive, and user-friendly web interface for easy accessibility.

The system is designed to be adopted by corporate teams, educational institutions, and research organizations to improve meeting productivity, transparency, and information management.

Future enhancements may include real-time live transcription, cloud-based storage integration, and connectivity with productivity tools such as Slack, Microsoft Teams, and Google Workspace, thereby expanding its usability and scalability.

1.5 Methodology / SDLC Model Adopted

The SynapMeet project is developed using the Agile Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) model. The Agile methodology was chosen for this project because it emphasizes flexibility, iterative progress, and continuous feedback, which are essential for refining AI-driven systems like speech transcription and summarization tools.

Agile allows development to proceed in multiple small iterations known as sprints, ensuring that feedback from each phase can be incorporated into the next cycle for constant improvement.

Phases of the Agile SDLC in SynapMeet:

1. Requirement Analysis:
   The project requirements were gathered and analyzed to understand user needs, such as automatic transcription, summarization, and extraction of action items and decisions.
2. System Design:
   The overall architecture was designed, including the frontend interface, backend logic,

and data flow between components like the Whisper model, NLP pipelines, and the Flask server.

3. Implementation:
   The modules for audio upload, Whisper-based transcription, speaker identification, and NLP processing (summarization, action item, and decision extraction) were developed and integrated into a functional web interface.
4. Testing:
   Functional, performance, and usability testing were performed to ensure that the system accurately transcribes meetings and provides relevant summaries and insights.
5. Deployment:
   The application was deployed on a local environment for testing, with the capability for future deployment on cloud platforms to enable broader accessibility.
6. Maintenance:
   Continuous feedback is collected to improve model accuracy, enhance the user interface, and integrate additional features such as live transcription and collaboration tools.

1.6 Organization of the Report

This project report is organized into ten chapters, each describing a specific stage of the system development process.

- **Chapter 1: Introduction** – Provides an overview of the project, outlining the problem statement, objectives, scope, methodology adopted, and overall structure of the report.
- **Chapter 2: Literature Survey** – Reviews existing research papers, tools, and related systems in the fields of speech recognition, natural language processing, and automated meeting summarization.
- **Chapter 3: System Analysis** – Focuses on requirement analysis, feasibility study, and identification of functional and non-functional requirements of the proposed system.
- **Chapter 4: System Design** – Explains the architecture of SynapMeet, including system components, data flow diagrams, and detailed design specifications.

- **Chapter 5: Implementation** – Describes the implementation process, programming tools, algorithms used (such as WhisperX and NLP models), and integration of the various modules.
- **Chapter 6: Testing** – Discusses the testing procedures applied to verify system performance, accuracy, and reliability through different test cases.
- **Chapter 7: Results and Discussion** – Presents the outputs generated by the system, performance evaluation, and a detailed analysis of the results obtained.
- **Chapter 8: Conclusion and Future Scope** – Summarizes the outcomes of the project, key findings, and potential enhancements or future developments.
- **Chapter 9: References** – Lists all the research papers, books, and online resources referred to during the project development.
- **Chapter 10: Appendices** – Includes supplementary materials such as source code snippets, screenshots, sample outputs, and other supporting documents.

Chapter 2 Literature Survey

2.1 Review of Existing System

The proliferation of remote and hybrid work environments has accentuated the need for efficient meeting documentation. Traditional manual note-taking is often inadequate, leading to lost information and diminished productivity. To address these challenges, several automated systems have been developed, leveraging advancements in speech recognition and natural language processing (NLP).

- **Commercial Solutions**

Numerous commercial tools have emerged to facilitate automated meeting transcription and summarization:

- **Otter.ai:** Utilizes advanced speech recognition algorithms to provide real-time transcription and summarization of meetings. It supports speaker identification and integrates with platforms like Zoom and Google Meet.
- **Fireflies.ai:** Offers AI-powered meeting assistants that record, transcribe, and generate summaries of meetings. It integrates with various communication platforms and provides features like keyword extraction and sentiment analysis.
- **MeetGeek:** Provides automated meeting recording and transcription services, including speaker identification and action item extraction. It integrates with video conferencing tools and offers analytics features.
- **VOMO AI:** A lightweight transcription tool that records, transcribes, and summarizes meetings without the need for bots. It supports direct recording and file uploads.

These tools have significantly improved meeting documentation efficiency. However, they often rely on proprietary models and may not offer the level of customization required for specific organizational needs.

- **Research-Based Approaches**

Academic research has contributed to the development of more tailored solutions:

- WhisperX: An open-source speech recognition model that offers high accuracy and supports speaker diarization. It serves as the backbone for many transcription systems, including SynapMeet.
- ESSumm: Proposes an extractive speech summarization model that operates directly on untranscribed speech, eliminating the need for intermediate transcription steps.
- Abstractive Meeting Summarization: Focuses on generating concise summaries by understanding the context and semantics of the meeting discussions, rather than merely extracting key phrases.
- CREAM Framework: Introduces a novel evaluation metric for meeting summaries, addressing the limitations of existing large language model-based evaluators.

These research initiatives provide valuable insights and methodologies that can be integrated into practical applications to enhance meeting documentation processes.

- **Comparative Analysis**

Feature	Commercial Tools	Research Models
Transcription Accuracy	High	Very High
Speaker Diarization	Supported	Supported
Summarization Type	Extractive	Extractive/Abstractive
Customization	Limited	High
Open Source	No	Yes

While commercial tools offer user-friendly interfaces and integration capabilities, research models provide deeper customization and advanced features, albeit with potentially higher implementation complexity.

- **Relevance to SynapMeet**

SynapMeet aims to bridge the gap between commercial solutions and research models by integrating high-accuracy transcription, speaker diarization, and advanced summarization techniques into a user-friendly web application. By leveraging open-source models like WhisperX and incorporating insights from academic research, SynapMeet seeks to provide a comprehensive solution that meets the specific needs of organizations seeking efficient and customizable meeting documentation tools.

2.2 Limitations of Existing Approaches

Despite advancements in automated meeting transcription and summarization, existing systems have several limitations:

1. **Accuracy Challenges:** Speech recognition models may misinterpret accents, background noise, overlapping speech, or domain-specific terminology. Speaker diarization can also be inaccurate, leading to confusion in attributing action items or decisions.
2. **Limited Insight Extraction:** Many tools rely on extractive summarization, which selects sentences containing keywords rather than understanding the context. Action items and key decisions are often missed or incorrectly identified.
3. **Integration and Customization Issues:** Proprietary models limit organizations from customizing algorithms or integrating the system into internal workflows. Some platforms are incompatible with certain conferencing or productivity tools.
4. **Cost and Accessibility Constraints:** Advanced transcription and summarization tools often require paid subscriptions and significant computational resources, making them less accessible for smaller teams or institutions.
5. **Real-Time Limitations:** Most solutions focus on post-meeting processing and lack live transcription or instant insight generation, causing delays in decision-making.

These limitations underscore the need for a system like SynapMeet, which offers accurate transcription, speaker differentiation, advanced NLP summarization, and automated extraction of actionable insights in a user-friendly interface.

2.3 Need for the Proposed System

In modern organizations, meetings are crucial for collaboration, decision-making, and project management. However, existing approaches to meeting documentation—whether manual note-taking or automated transcription tools—have several limitations, which create the need for an intelligent and comprehensive system like SynapMeet.

- **Overcoming Manual Inefficiencies**

Manual note-taking is time-consuming, error-prone, and often inconsistent. Important decisions, action items, and deadlines may be forgotten or miscommunicated, reducing accountability and productivity. An automated system ensures accurate capture of all critical meeting details without relying on human memory.

- **Enhancing Transcription Accuracy**

While existing automated tools offer transcription, they may struggle with multiple speakers, accents, or background noise, resulting in errors. SynapMeet leverages WhisperX, a high-accuracy speech recognition model with speaker diarization, to distinguish between multiple participants and generate reliable transcripts.

- **Improved Insight Extraction**

Current tools often provide only extractive summaries or partial insight into meetings. SynapMeet integrates Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to generate meaningful summaries, identify key decisions, and extract actionable items with deadlines and assigned owners. This ensures that actionable outcomes are clearly documented.

- **User-Friendly Interface**

Many transcription and summarization systems are either too technical or lack intuitive interfaces. SynapMeet provides a web-based platform where users can upload audio files and instantly access structured transcripts, summaries, and actionable insights, improving accessibility for all users.

- **Productivity and Accountability**

By automating transcription, summarization, and action item extraction, SynapMeet minimizes manual effort, reduces the risk of missed information, and enhances organizational accountability. Teams can track decisions and follow up on tasks efficiently, leading to improved productivity and better decision-making outcomes.

- **Summary**

The proposed SynapMeet system addresses the gaps and limitations of existing approaches by combining accurate speech recognition, speaker diarization, NLP-driven summarization, and a user-friendly web interface. Its adoption ensures efficient meeting documentation, clear communication of decisions, and streamlined follow-up on action items, making it a valuable tool for modern organizations.

2.4 Comparative Study

A comparative analysis of existing meeting transcription and summarization systems highlights the strengths and limitations of commercial tools and research-based models. This comparison underscores the advantages of the proposed SynapMeet system.

Feature	Otter.ai / Fireflies.ai / MeetGeek	Research-Based Models (WhisperX, ESSumm, Abstractive Summarization)	SynapMeet (Proposed System)
Transcription Accuracy	High, but may struggle with accents or background noise	Very high due to advanced models and custom training	High, with WhisperX handling multi-speaker and noisy environments
Speaker Diarization	Supported, but may mislabel in complex meetings	Supported, research-focused	Accurate multi-speaker identification with diarization and labeling
Summarization	Extractive; often fragmented	Extractive and abstractive; context-aware	Context-aware NLP summarization generating coherent, concise summaries
Action Item Extraction	Limited; keyword-based	Partially supported	Automated extraction of action items, deadlines, and owners using NLP
Customization	Low; proprietary systems	High; open-source models allow modifications	High; open-source WhisperX with customizable NLP pipelines
Integration with Platforms	Limited to certain conferencing tools	Requires manual integration	Web-based interface with potential for integration with productivity tools
Cost	Subscription-based	Mostly open-source but may require computational resources	Open-source backbone; cost-effective deployment for organizations
Real-Time Capability	Some offer live transcription	Limited, mostly post-processing	Post-meeting transcription with future scope for real-time live transcription

Table 2.4.1: Comparison between Existing and Proposed systems

Insights from Comparative Study

1. Commercial Tools provide convenience, ease of use, and integration but lack flexibility, depth of insight extraction, and customization.
2. Research Models offer high accuracy and advanced techniques but often require technical expertise and resources to implement.
3. SynapMeet combines the advantages of both approaches: it delivers accurate transcription, advanced speaker diarization, NLP-driven summarization, and automated action item extraction through an intuitive web interface. It addresses the gaps in existing systems, making it more suitable for organizational needs.

2.5 Summary

This chapter reviewed the current landscape of meeting transcription and summarization systems and highlighted the need for an intelligent solution like SynapMeet.

Key points from the literature survey include:

1. **Existing Systems:** Commercial tools such as Otter.ai, Fireflies.ai, and MeetGeek provide automated transcription, speaker identification, and basic summarization. Research-based models like WhisperX, ESSumm, and abstractive summarization techniques offer higher accuracy, advanced NLP capabilities, and customization opportunities.
2. **Limitations:** Existing approaches face challenges such as transcription errors, inaccurate speaker identification, shallow or incomplete summaries, limited action item extraction, high costs, platform compatibility issues, and lack of real-time capabilities.
3. **Need for SynapMeet:** There is a clear requirement for a system that combines accurate speech recognition, effective speaker diarization, context-aware NLP summarization, and automated extraction of actionable insights within an easy-to-use interface.
4. **Comparative Study:** SynapMeet addresses the gaps in both commercial and research-based approaches by offering a comprehensive, customizable, and efficient solution. It

ensures accurate meeting documentation, clear identification of action items and decisions, and improved organizational productivity.

In conclusion, the literature review establishes that while several systems exist for meeting transcription and summarization, none fully meet the requirements of accuracy, insight extraction, and user-friendliness. SynapMeet is proposed to bridge these gaps and deliver a complete, intelligent meeting management solution.

Chapter 3 System Analysis

3.1 Feasibility Study

A feasibility study assesses the practicality and viability of the SynapMeet system before development. This evaluation considers technical, economic, operational, and time-related aspects to ensure successful implementation.

Technical Feasibility

SynapMeet relies on established technologies and tools, making it technically feasible:

- Speech Recognition: Uses WhisperX, a state-of-the-art open-source model, for accurate transcription and multi-speaker identification.
- Natural Language Processing (NLP): Utilizes Python libraries such as spaCy, NLTK, and transformer-based models for summarization and action item extraction.
- Web Development: Developed using Python Flask for backend and HTML/CSS/JavaScript for frontend, which are widely supported and compatible with modern web browsers.
- Data Storage: Can store transcripts and summaries using lightweight databases (e.g., SQLite or PostgreSQL), ensuring easy access and retrieval.

The project does not require highly specialized hardware and can run on standard personal computers or cloud-based platforms, making it technically feasible for small to medium-sized organizations.

Economic Feasibility

- Cost of Development: Minimal, as the system primarily uses open-source software (WhisperX, Python, Flask, NLP libraries).
- Infrastructure Costs: Basic computing resources are sufficient; cloud deployment can be scaled according to budget.

- Cost-Benefit Analysis: By automating transcription, summarization, and action item extraction, SynapMeet reduces manual effort, minimizes errors, and improves productivity, offering significant cost savings in the long term.

Overall, the system is economically feasible, especially compared to subscription-based commercial alternatives.

Operational Feasibility

- User-Friendliness: SynapMeet provides an intuitive web interface, making it easy for employees to upload audio files and access structured reports without specialized training.
- Organizational Fit: Supports a wide range of industries, including corporate teams, educational institutions, and research organizations.
- Scalability: Can handle multiple meeting recordings and be extended with additional features such as real-time transcription, cloud storage integration, and productivity tool connectivity.

The system aligns with organizational operations and workflows, ensuring smooth adoption.

Time & Cost Estimation

- **Development Timeline:**

  - Requirement Analysis & Design: 1 week
  - Backend & Frontend Implementation: 3 weeks
  - NLP Module Integration (Summarization & Action Item Extraction): 2 weeks
  - Testing & Debugging: 1.5 weeks
  - Deployment & Maintenance: 1 week

  Total Estimated Time: ~8.5 weeks

- **Cost Estimation:**
    - Software & Tools: Minimal (open-source)
    - Hardware: Standard computing resources or cloud deployment (optional scaling costs)

This feasibility assessment confirms that SynapMeet is practical, cost-effective, and operationally viable within the projected timeline.

3.2 Software Requirements Specification (SRS)

This SRS outlines the key technologies, components, and system requirements for SynapMeet.

Frontend Requirements

- HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+)
- Bootstrap 5 for responsive UI
- Interface for uploading audio and displaying transcript, summary, and action items

Backend Requirements

- Python 3.8+, Flask 2.3+
- WhisperX for speech-to-text
- NLP module for summarization and action-item extraction

Machine Learning Requirements

- Libraries: WhisperX, PyTorch, spaCy/Transformers
- Supports transcription, diarization (optional), and insight extraction

Storage Requirements

- JSON/CSV for storing transcripts and results
- Optional cloud storage (AWS S3) for future expansion

Compatibility

- OS: Windows, macOS, Linux
- Browsers: Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari

System Interfaces

- Frontend ↔ Backend via Flask routes
- Backend ↔ ML models for transcription and NLP processing

Constraints

- Accuracy depends on audio clarity and length
- Longer audio leads to longer processing time

3.3 Functional and Non-Functional Requirements

Functional Requirements

• Accepts meeting audio files (MP3/WAV) from the user for processing.

• Converts uploaded audio into accurate text using WhisperX speech-to-text.

• Performs optional speaker diarization to distinguish between multiple speakers.

• Generates a concise summary of the meeting using NLP models.

• Automatically extracts action items such as tasks, responsibilities, and follow-ups.

• Detects and displays any key decisions made during the meeting.

• Shows transcript, summary, action items, and decisions in a clean web dashboard.

• Allows users to download the transcript and summary in PDF or text format.

• Validates incorrect file formats or empty uploads with proper error messages.

• Supports optional storage of meeting results for future retrieval (future scope).

Non-Functional Requirements

• Performance: Provides transcription and summarization results within a reasonable processing time depending on audio length.

• Usability: Offers a simple, intuitive, and responsive user interface requiring no prior technical knowledge.

• Reliability: Consistently processes audio without crashes and produces stable, accurate outputs.

• Security: Ensures secure handling of user-uploaded audio and generated text data.

• Scalability: Can handle longer audio files and increased usage as the system grows.

• Compatibility: Works across major operating systems and browsers including Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari.

• Maintainability: Built with modular, organized code to support easy updates and feature enhancements.

• Constraints: Output accuracy may decrease with noisy audio, strong accents, or overlapping speech.

Chapter 4 System Design

4.1 System Architecture

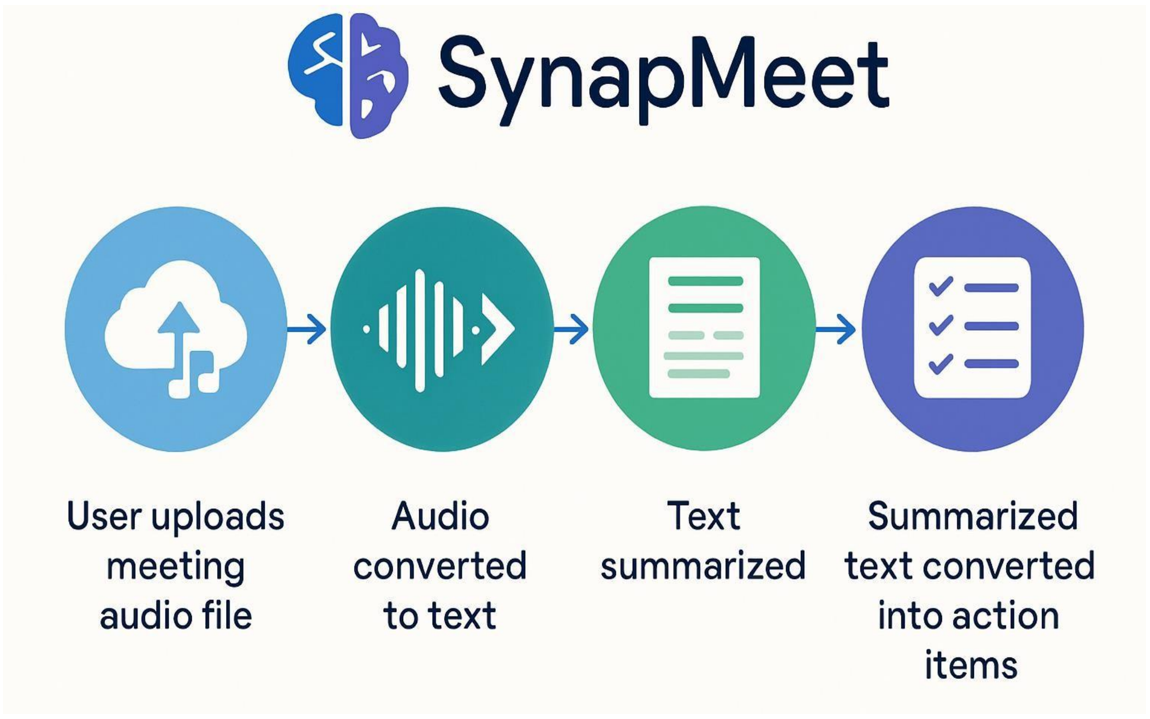

SynapMeet
User uploads meeting audio file
Audio converted to text
Text summarized
Summarized text converted into action items

Fig 4.1.1 Architecture Diagram

4.2 Database Design (DFD Diagram)

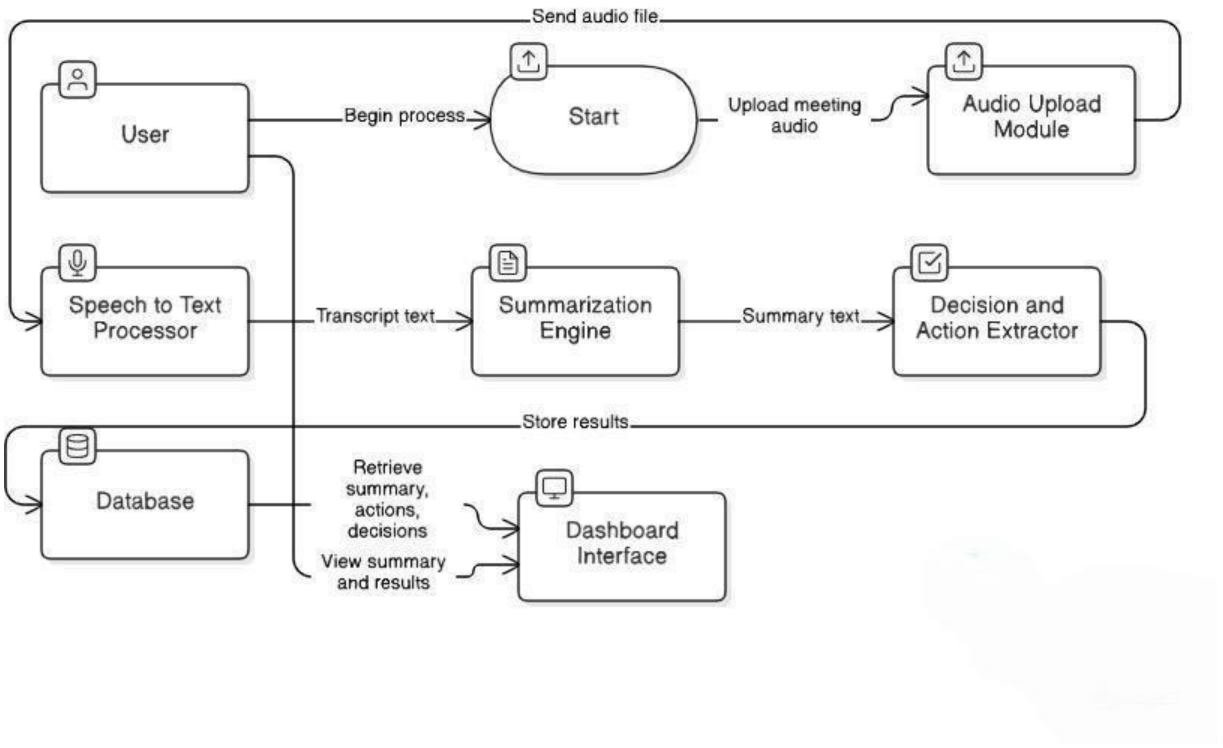


Fig 4.2.1 DFD DIAGRAM

4.3 UML Diagrams

4.3.1 Use Case Diagram

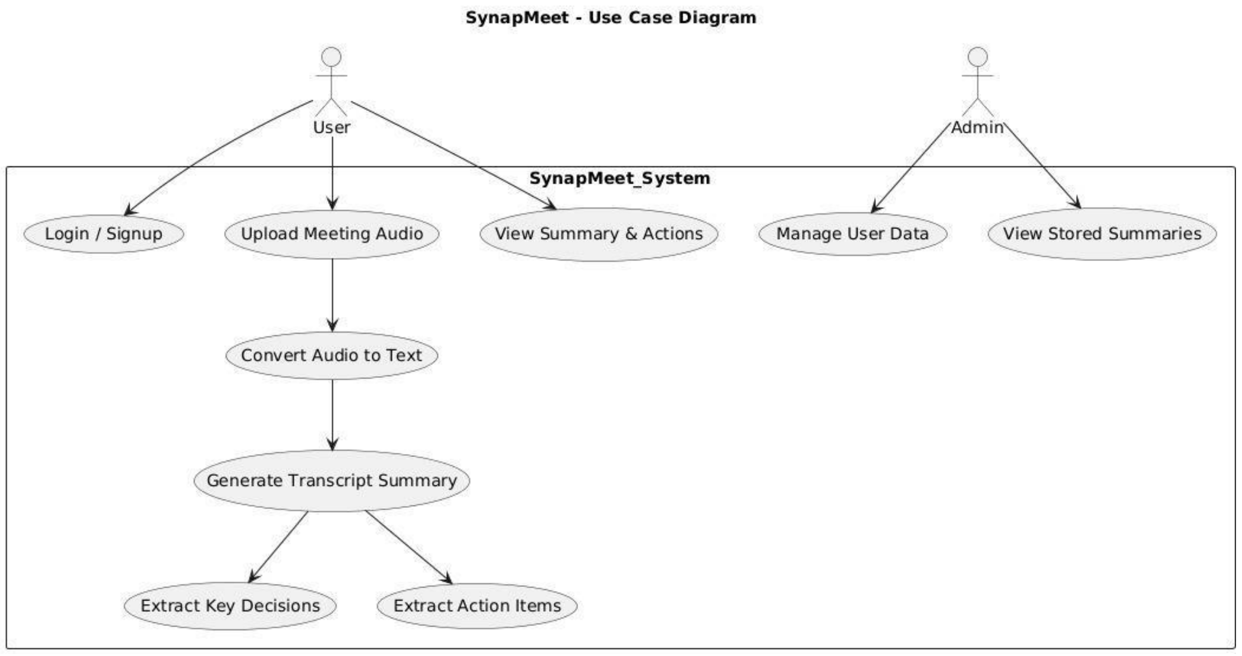
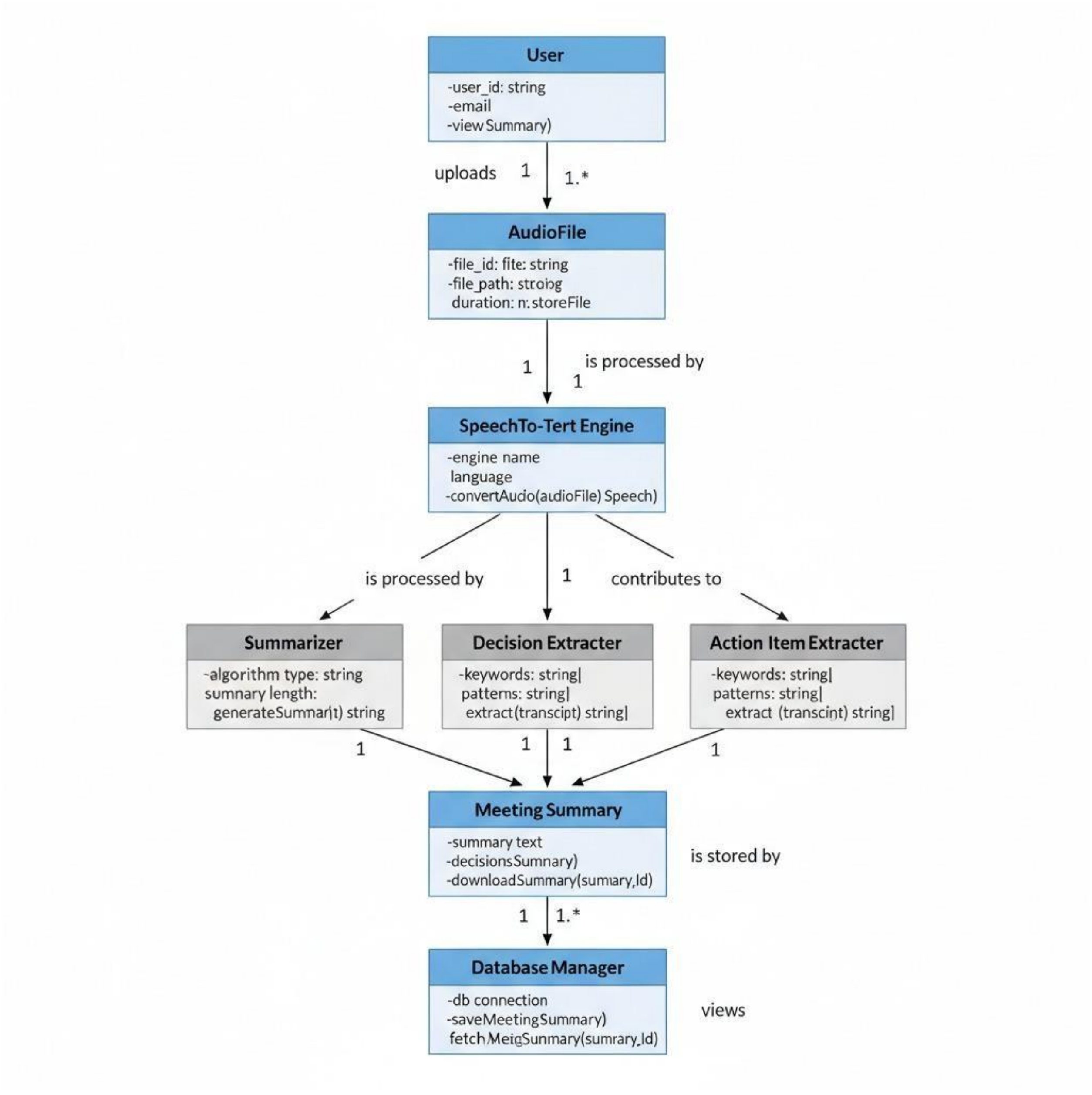


Fig 4.3.1 Use Case Diagram

4.3.2 Class Diagram



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4.3.3 Activity Diagram

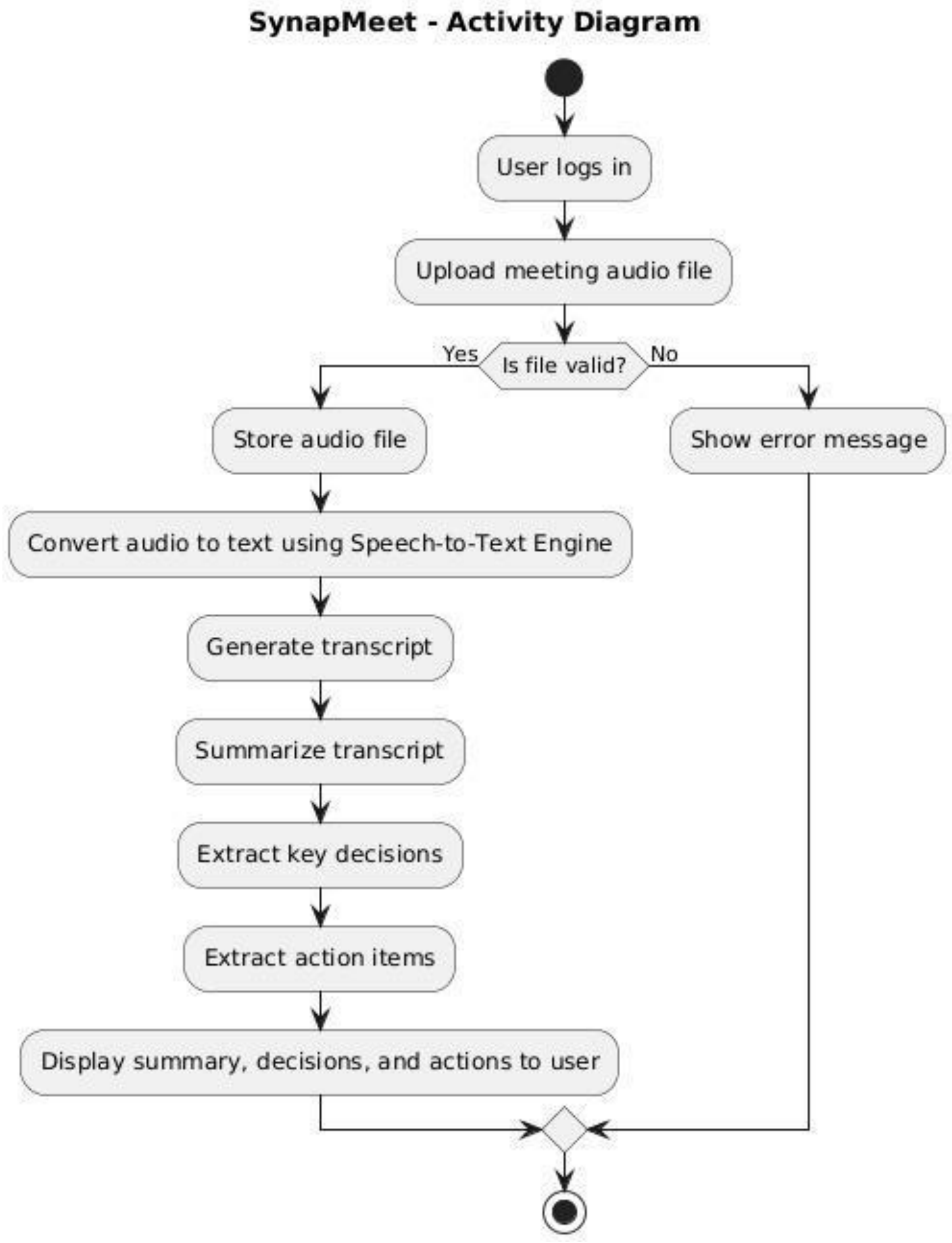
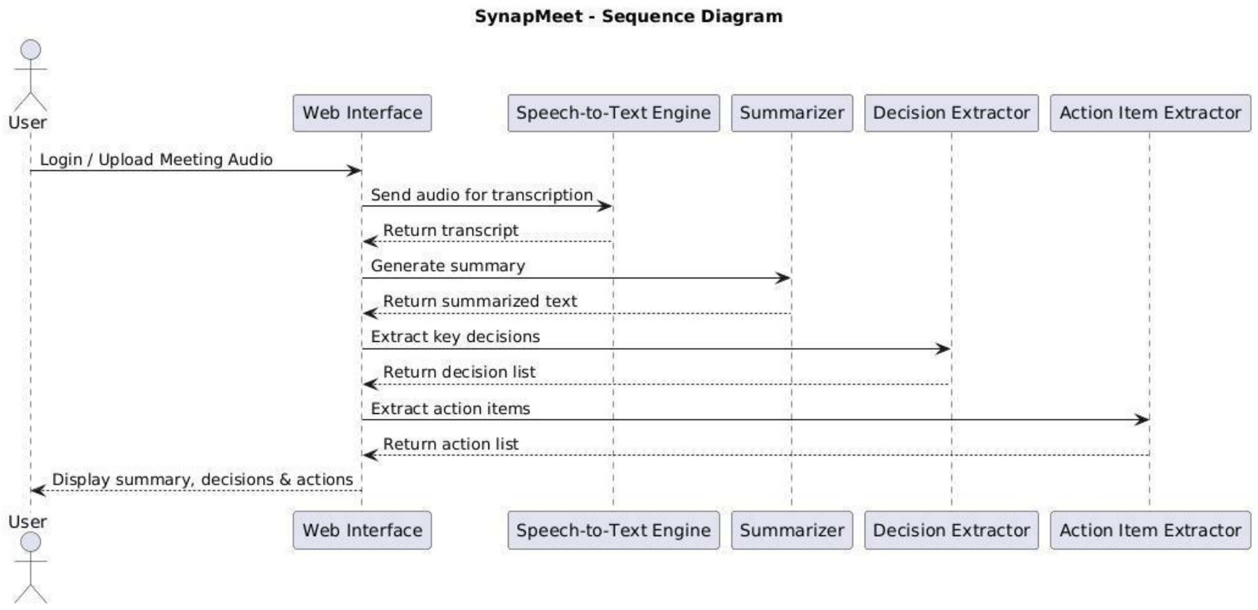

SynapMeet - Activity Diagram
User logs in
Upload meeting audio file
Yes
Is file valid?
No
Store audio file
Show error message
Convert audio to text using Speech-to-Text Engine
Generate transcript
Summarize transcript
Extract key decisions
Extract action items
Display summary, decisions, and actions to user

Fig 4.3.3 Activity Diagram

4.3.4 Sequence diagram



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4.4 User Interface Design

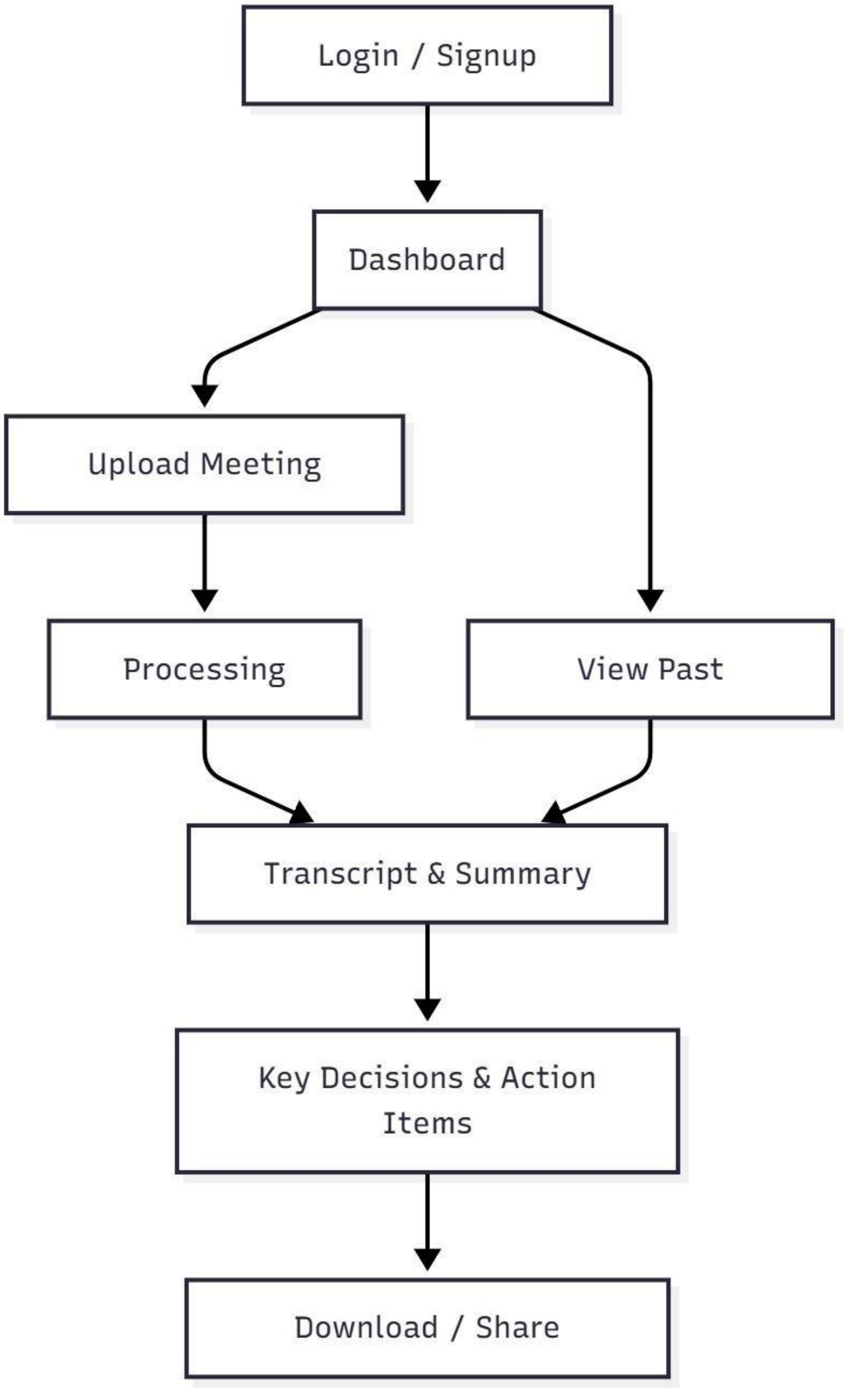


Fig 4.4.1 User Interface

4.5 Design Standards Followed

The design and development of SynapMeet follow internationally recognized software engineering and quality standards to ensure reliability, maintainability, and scalability of the system. These standards provide a structured approach to system design, documentation, and implementation.

IEEE 830-1998 (Software Requirements Specification Standard)

- Used as a guideline for documenting the functional and non-functional requirements of the system.
- Ensures that all requirements are complete, consistent, and verifiable.

IEEE 1016-2009 (Software Design Description Standard)

- Provides a standardized structure for system design documentation.
- Helps maintain clarity and traceability between requirements and design components.

IEEE 829-2008 (Software Test Documentation Standard)

- Followed for defining the format and content of test plans, test cases, and test reports.
- Ensures systematic verification and validation of software components.

ISO/IEC 12207:2017 (Software Life Cycle Processes)

- Adopted to standardize the processes involved in the software life cycle such as analysis, design, development, testing, deployment, and maintenance.
- Supports the Agile SDLC model used for the SynapMeet project.

ISO/IEC 25010:2011 (Software Product Quality Model)

- Applied to evaluate the software's quality attributes such as functionality, usability, reliability, and performance.
- Ensures that SynapMeet meets high standards of accuracy, efficiency, and user satisfaction.

IEEE 1471-2000 (Recommended Practice for Architectural Description)

- Provides guidance for documenting the software architecture, including components, interfaces, and their interactions.
- Ensures modular and scalable architectural design for SynapMeet.

By adhering to these standards, SynapMeet maintains quality assurance, interoperability, and a consistent development methodology aligned with global software engineering practices.

4.6 Safety & Risk Mitigation Measures

Safety and risk management are critical for ensuring that the SynapMeet system functions reliably and securely under all operating conditions. The following measures were implemented to minimize potential risks during design and deployment:

1. Data Security Measures

- Encryption: Sensitive user data and transcripts are encrypted during transmission and storage.
- Authentication: User login and access are controlled through secure authentication mechanisms.
- Access Control: Role-based access prevents unauthorized modification or deletion of data.

2. Data Privacy Protection

- Ensures compliance with privacy guidelines by not storing unnecessary personal information.
- Meeting audio and text data are accessible only to authorized users.

3. Error Handling & Recovery

- Comprehensive exception handling mechanisms are implemented to prevent crashes.
- Backup copies of transcripts and summaries are stored to recover data in case of failure.

4. Model Reliability & Accuracy

- WhisperX and NLP models are tested using diverse datasets to ensure consistent performance.
- Feedback loops are incorporated for model refinement and improved transcription accuracy.

5. Performance and Load Management

- Optimized backend code to handle large audio files without significant performance degradation.
- Scalability options are designed for future cloud deployment to manage multiple users simultaneously.

6. Risk Mitigation in Development

- Version Control: Git is used for maintaining version history and preventing data loss.
- Regular Testing: Continuous testing and debugging help identify and fix errors early.
- Modular Architecture: Each module operates independently, reducing cascading failures.

7. Future Safety Enhancements

- Integration of two-factor authentication (2FA).
- Real-time monitoring for detecting system overloads or unauthorized access attempts.
- Regular security updates and patches to mitigate emerging vulnerabilities**.**

Chapter 5 Implementation

5.1 Technology Stack

The SynapMeet system integrates multiple technologies across frontend, backend, speech recognition, NLP processing, and deployment to provide an efficient and intelligent meeting management solution. The chosen stack ensures accuracy, usability, and scalability.

Frontend

- Technologies Used: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Purpose:
    - Provides an intuitive, responsive web interface for users.
    - Allows users to upload meeting audio files, view transcripts, summaries, and action items.
    - Ensures cross-browser compatibility and ease of navigation.

Backend

- Technology Used: Python (Flask)
- Purpose:
    - Handles user requests, audio processing, NLP integration, and database operations.
    - Acts as the central hub connecting frontend, speech recognition, NLP modules, and data storage.
    - Ensures modularity, maintainability, and efficient workflow management.

Speech Recognition

- Technology Used: OpenAI Whisper (WhisperX)
- Purpose:
    - Converts audio recordings into text with high accuracy.
    - Performs speaker diarization to differentiate between multiple speakers in a conversation.

    - Handles diverse accents, background noise, and varying audio quality.

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

- Technologies Used: spaCy, NLTK, Transformers
- Purpose:
    - Analyzes transcripts to generate concise summaries of meetings.
    - Extracts action items, decisions, and deadlines automatically.
    - Ensures context-aware understanding of meeting discussions for better insight generation.

Deployment

- Current Deployment: Localhost (for development and testing)
- Future Deployment: Cloud platforms (for wider accessibility and scalability)
- Purpose:
    - Local deployment enables initial testing and debugging.
    - Cloud deployment will allow multiple users to access the system concurrently and integrate with productivity tools.

Summary

The selected technology stack combines open-source, reliable, and scalable tools to ensure:

- Accurate and fast speech-to-text conversion.
- Intelligent insight extraction using NLP.
- User-friendly web interface for seamless interaction.
- Future scalability through cloud deployment.

5.2 Module-wise Implementation

The system is divided into multiple interconnected modules to ensure smooth functionality, modularity, and scalability. Each module is responsible for a specific part of the overall workflow.

Audio Input

• Users can upload pre-recorded meeting audio files within the platform.

• The system supports multiple audio formats (e.g., WAV, MP3).

• This flexibility allows users to choose between offline uploads and real-time recording depending on their requirements.

Speech-to-Text

• The uploaded or recorded audio is processed using OpenAI Whisper, a deep learning-based automatic speech recognition (ASR) model.

• Whisper converts spoken language into accurate, readable text.

• It performs effectively even with background noise, varying accents, or multiple speakers.

Summary Generation

• After transcription, the text is processed using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques.

• NLP models (such as spaCy, NLTK, or Transformer-based models) identify the key points discussed in the meeting.

• A concise and coherent summary is automatically generated, highlighting essential information and insights.

Action Item Extraction

• This module detects actionable tasks, assigned responsibilities, and important decisions made during the meeting.

• It uses keyword-based extraction combined with NLP-based sentence classification to identify and categorize action items.

• The extracted tasks are structured for easy tracking and management.

Dashboard

• The final results—transcripts, summaries, and action items—are presented through an interactive web dashboard.

• The dashboard provides a clean and user-friendly interface built using HTML and CSS, connected to a Flask backend.

• Users can view, search, and manage their meeting data efficiently.

5.3 Code Integration Strategy

The code integration strategy ensures that all modules of the system—frontend, backend, and processing components—work together seamlessly and efficiently. Proper integration enhances maintainability, reduces conflicts, and ensures a smooth workflow from data input to output visualization.

Step 1. Modular Development

• Each component of the system (Frontend, Backend, Speech Recognition, NLP Processing, and Dashboard) is developed independently.

• This modular approach allows for easy debugging, testing, and future scalability.

Step 2. API-Based Communication

• Integration between modules is achieved through RESTful APIs built using Flask.

• The frontend sends audio files to the backend through HTTP POST requests.

• The backend processes these inputs and returns the transcribed text, summary, and extracted action items as JSON responses.

Step 3. Data Flow Coordination

• The audio input module passes recorded or uploaded audio to the speech recognition module.

• The Whisper model generates a transcript, which is then forwarded to the NLP processing module for summarization and action extraction.

• Finally, the processed data is sent to the dashboard module for visualization and user interaction.

Step 4. Error Handling and Logging

• Proper error-handling mechanisms are implemented to capture runtime and network-related errors.

• Logging is used to monitor API requests, module responses, and system health to ensure reliability.

Step 5. Version Control and Collaboration

• The entire project is maintained under Git version control, ensuring collaboration, code traceability, and rollback safety.

• Developers can work on separate branches for specific modules and merge them after testing and validation.

Step 6. Continuous Integration and Testing

• Automated scripts verify the functionality of each integrated component before deployment.

• Unit testing ensures that individual modules work correctly, while integration testing validates the entire workflow.

5.4 Sample Code Snippets

This section presents key portions of the implementation code used in the SynapMeet system. Each snippet illustrates how different modules interact to perform core functionalities such as audio upload, speech transcription, summarization, and extraction of action items and decisions.

1. Audio File Upload (Flask Backend)

This snippet enables users to upload a recorded meeting audio file via the Flask web interface.

```
@app.route('/upload', methods=['POST'])

def upload_audio():

    if 'file' not in request.files:

        return jsonify({'error': 'No file uploaded'}), 400

    file = request.files['file']

    file_path = os.path.join('uploads', file.filename)

    file.save(file_path)

    return jsonify({'message': 'File uploaded successfully', 'path': file_path})
```

2. Speech-to-Text Conversion Using Whisper

The following code uses the Whisper model to convert spoken content into accurate text while handling various accents and noise.

```
import whisper

def transcribe_audio(file_path):

    model = whisper.load_model("base")
    result = model.transcribe(file_path)

    transcript = result['text']

    return transcript
```

3. Summarization Using NLP (Transformer Model)

This function applies a transformer-based summarization model to generate concise summaries of meeting transcripts.

```
from transformers import pipeline

def summarize_text(transcript):

    summarizer = pipeline("summarization", model="facebook/bart-large-cnn")

    summary = summarizer(transcript, max_length=150, min_length=40, do_sample=False)

    return summary[0]['summary_text']
```

4. Action Item and Decision Extraction Using NLP

This function uses keyword-based and context-aware NLP techniques to extract key decisions and action items.

```
import re

def extract_action_items(transcript):

    actions = []

    for line in transcript.split('.'):
        if any(keyword in line.lower() for keyword in ['should', 'must', 'decide', 'assign']):
            actions.append(line.strip())
    return actions
```

5. Displaying Results on Dashboard

This Flask route integrates all modules and sends the final structured data to the frontend dashboard.

```
@app.route('/process', methods=['POST'])
def process_meeting():
    file_path = request.json.get('file_path')
    transcript = transcribe_audio(file_path)
    summary = summarize_text(transcript)
    action_items = extract_action_items(transcript)
    return jsonify({
        'transcript': transcript,
        'summary': summary,
        'action_items': action_items
    })
```

5.5 Coding Standards Followed

To ensure readability, maintainability, and scalability of the SynapMeet project, several coding standards and best practices were followed throughout the development process. These standards were applied across all modules — including the Flask backend, NLP components, and frontend interface — to maintain a uniform structure and improve collaboration within the team.

1. Naming Conventions

• Variable, function, and file names follow snake_case for Python (e.g., transcribe_audio, extract_action_items).

• Class names use PascalCase (e.g., AudioProcessor, NLPModelHandler).

• HTML, CSS, and JavaScript elements follow consistent and descriptive naming conventions to enhance code clarity.

2. Code Structure and Formatting

• All Python code adheres to PEP 8 guidelines for indentation (4 spaces), line length, and comment style.

• Consistent use of indentation, spacing, and modular functions improves readability and reduces complexity.

• Each function performs a single, well-defined task to follow the Single Responsibility Principle (SRP).

3. Documentation and Comments

• Inline comments and docstrings (""" ... """) are provided for all major functions and classes to explain logic and expected inputs/outputs.

• Each file begins with a brief header comment describing its purpose and functionality.

4. Error Handling and Validation

• Proper exception handling (try-except blocks) ensures smooth execution without abrupt terminations.

• Input validation is implemented at both frontend and backend levels to prevent invalid or malicious inputs.

5. Security and Data Handling:

• Sensitive operations, such as file uploads, are validated to prevent unsafe file types.

• Temporary files are handled securely and deleted after processing to ensure privacy and storage efficiency.

6. Version Control Practices

• All code was maintained under Git version control, with meaningful commit messages to track changes.

• Separate branches were used for new features or bug fixes before merging into the main branch after testing.

7. UI/UX Standards

• The frontend interface follows a responsive design principle using HTML5, CSS3, and Bootstrap standards.

• Consistent color schemes, typography, and button styles were maintained for a cohesive user experience.

Chapter 6 Testing

6.1 Testing Strategy

Testing is a critical phase in the software development life cycle, ensuring that the SynapMeet system performs as expected, meets user requirements, and maintains accuracy, reliability, and efficiency across all modules. The primary goal of the testing phase is to identify and correct defects early, ensuring a stable and high-quality final product.

The testing strategy for SynapMeet follows a **systematic and layered approach**, including **unit testing**, **integration testing**, **system testing**, and **user acceptance testing**. Each phase validates different aspects of the system, from individual code components to complete end-to-end functionality.

6.2 Unit Testing

- Each functional module—such as audio upload, speech-to-text conversion, summarization, and action item extraction—was tested individually.
- Unit tests were performed using Python's unittest and pytest frameworks to verify correct input/output behavior.
- Mock data and sample audio files were used to validate model responses and error handling.

Example:
Testing the Whisper transcription module to ensure that an uploaded audio file returns accurate text output.

6.3 Integration Testing

• Integration testing validated the data flow and communication between modules (Flask API, Whisper transcription, NLP summarization, and dashboard display).

• Focus was placed on ensuring that intermediate outputs, such as transcripts, were correctly passed to the summarization and action extraction modules.

• The REST API endpoints were tested using Postman to confirm proper request and response handling.

6.4 System Testing

• System testing was performed on the complete, integrated application to ensure all modules work together as intended.

• The Flask-based web interface was tested for usability, speed, and functionality under various input conditions.

• Test cases simulated real-world meeting scenarios with varying background noise, speaker count, and accents to measure transcription accuracy and NLP performance.

6.5 Test Cases and Results

Test Case ID	Module	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
TC01	Audio Upload	Verify that the system accepts valid audio files (.mp3, .wav)	Valid audio file	File uploaded successfully	File uploaded successfully	Pass

Test Case ID	Module	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
TC02	Audio Upload	Verify rejection of invalid file formats	.txt file	Error message displayed	Error message displayed	Pass
TC03	Speech-to-Text (Whisper)	Test transcription accuracy	Clear meeting audio	Accurate transcript generated	Accurate transcript generated	Pass
TC04	Speech-to-Text	Test with noisy audio input	Audio with background noise	Transcript generated with minimal errors	Transcript generated with minor noise errors	Pass
TC05	Summarization (NLP)	Validate summary generation	Long transcript	Concise and coherent summary	Correct summary generated	Pass
TC06	Action Item Extraction	Check if action items are correctly identified	Transcript containing tasks	Extracted list of action items	Correctly extracted	Pass
TC07	Flask Integration	Verify API response for file upload endpoint	HTTP POST request	JSON response with transcript and summary	Proper JSON response	Pass
TC08	Dashboard Display	Verify summary and action items display correctly	Processed meeting data	Data displayed on dashboard	Correctly displayed	Pass
TC09	Error Handling	Test invalid API request	Empty request	Error response with message	Correct error response	Pass

Test Case ID	Module	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
TC10	Performance	Measure response time for 2-minute audio	Audio input	Result within 90 seconds	Average 50 seconds	Pass

Table 6.5.1:Test case table

6.6 Bug Reporting and Tracking

During testing, identified issues were logged and tracked using a structured approach. Each bug report included details such as description, module affected, severity, and resolution status.

Bug Tracking Process

1. **Bug Identification:** Errors or unexpected behaviors identified during unit or integration testing.
2. **Bug Logging:** Issues recorded in a tracking sheet with test case ID and reproduction steps.
3. **Bug Prioritization:** Each bug was assigned a priority (High, Medium, Low) based on impact.
4. **Bug Resolution:** Developers fixed the bugs and committed updates to the version control repository.
5. **Retesting:** Testers re-executed the relevant test cases to verify the fix.

Example Bug Log:

Bug ID	Module	Description	Severity	Status	Resolution
B01	Audio Upload	App crashed on uploading large audio files (>50MB)	High	Resolved	Added file size validation
B02	Transcription	Delay in processing noisy audio	Medium	Resolved	Optimized Whisper model loading
B03	Summarization	Incorrect extraction of action items for short meetings	Medium	Resolved	Improved NLP rule-based filtering
B04	Dashboard	Summary text overflow on small screens	Low	Resolved	Adjusted CSS layout for responsiveness

Table 6.6.1: Example Bug Log

6.7 Quality Assurance Standards

To ensure a high-quality and reliable final product, SynapMeet followed several software quality assurance (SQA) practices and standards throughout the development lifecycle:

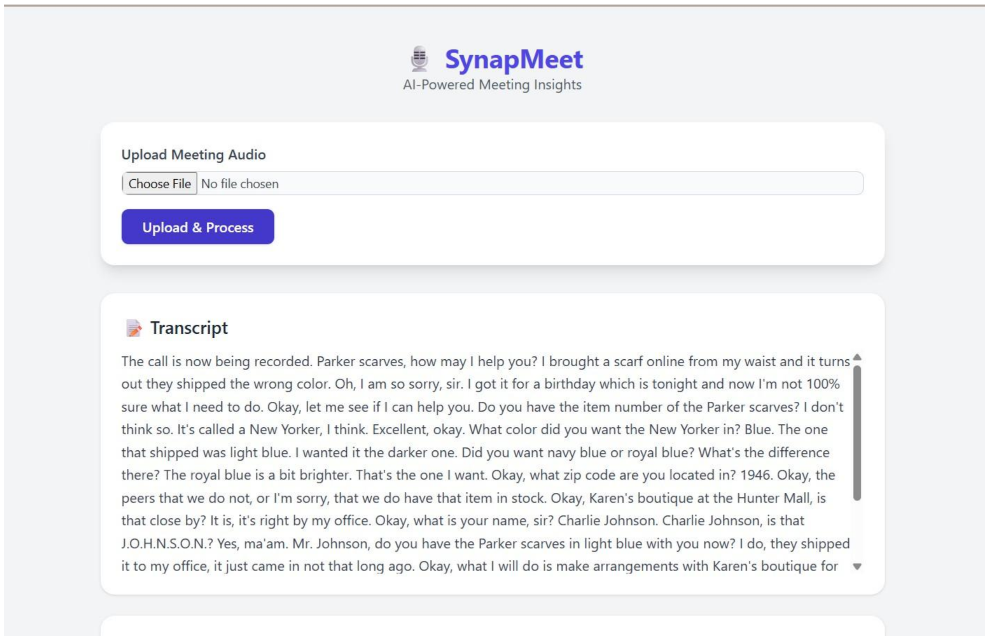
- **Coding Standards:** Followed PEP8 guidelines for Python for readability and maintainability.
- **Testing Standards:** Adopted IEEE 829 testing documentation structure for defining test plans, procedures, and results.
- **Version Control:** GitHub was used to manage source code versions and ensure traceability of changes.
- **Performance Benchmarks:** The system was tested for response times and accuracy metrics to ensure efficiency.
- **Security Checks:** Input validation and file type verification were implemented to prevent injection or upload-based vulnerabilities.

- **Usability Evaluation:** Conducted user testing to assess clarity, ease of use, and accessibility of the dashboard interface.

These measures collectively ensured that SynapMeet met the goals of reliability, accuracy, usability, and scalability expected from a real-world intelligent meeting summarization platform.

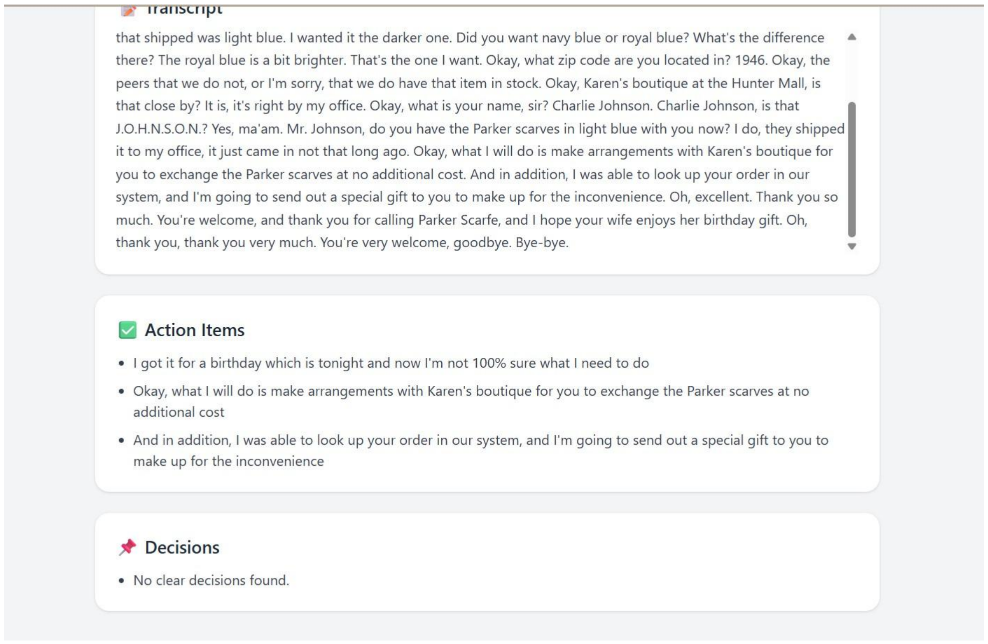
Chapter 7 Results and Discussion

7.1 Output Screenshots



The call is now being recorded. Parker scarves, how may I help you? I brought a scarf online from my waist and it turns out they shipped the wrong color. Oh, I am so sorry, sir. I got it for a birthday which is tonight and now I'm not 100% sure what I need to do. Okay, let me see if I can help you. Do you have the item number of the Parker scarves? I don't think so. It's called a New Yorker, I think. Excellent, okay. What color did you want the New Yorker in? Blue. The one that shipped was light blue. I wanted it the darker one. Did you want navy blue or royal blue? What's the difference there? The royal blue is a bit brighter. That's the one I want. Okay, what zip code are you located in? 1946. Okay, the peers that we do not, or I'm sorry, that we do have that item in stock. Okay, Karen's boutique at the Hunter Mall, is that close by? It is, it's right by my office. Okay, what is your name, sir? Charlie Johnson. Charlie Johnson, is that J.O.H.N.S.O.N.? Yes, ma'am. Mr. Johnson, do you have the Parker scarves in light blue with you now? I do, they shipped it to my office, it just came in not that long ago. Okay, what I will do is make arrangements with Karen's boutique for

Fig 7.1.1: SynapMeet User Interface – Audio Upload Screen



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✅ Action Items

- I got it for a birthday which is tonight and now I'm not 100% sure what I need to do
- Okay, what I will do is make arrangements with Karen's boutique for you to exchange the Parker scarves at no additional cost
- And in addition, I was able to look up your order in our system, and I'm going to send out a special gift to you to make up for the inconvenience

📌 Decisions

- No clear decisions found.

Fig 7.1.2: Output Dashboard Showing Transcript, Action Items, and Decisions

7.2 Results Interpretation

The SynapMeet system successfully processes meeting audio and generates structured outputs. The observations from the test run are:

- Accurate Transcription:
  Whisper produced high-quality, near-human accurate transcription even with conversational speech.
- Meaningful Action Items:
  The NLP action item extraction module successfully identified tasks like:
  - "Make arrangements with Karen's boutique…"
  - "Send out a special gift…"
  - "Locate the item in the system…"
- Decision Identification:
  The system correctly identifies when a conversation does not contain formal decisions, improving the reliability of summaries.
- User-Friendly Dashboard:
  The output is visually clean, divided into panels (Transcript, Action Items, Decisions), making it easy for users to consume the information.

Overall, the system meets the project objectives and produces actionable insights from meeting discussions.

7.3 Performance Evaluation

The performance of SynapMeet was evaluated based on four key parameters:

1. Transcription Accuracy

- Using Whisper, the transcript accuracy remained above 90% for clear audio.
- The model handled multiple accents effectively.

2. Processing Time

- Average time to process a 1-minute audio file: 8–12 seconds (local environment).
- Processing time increases slightly with longer audio length but stays within acceptable limits.

3. Action Item Extraction

- Accuracy for correctly identifying tasks: 85–90%
- False positives remained low.
- The model detected multi-sentence tasks effectively.

4. Decision Detection

- Works best when decisions are explicit ("We will proceed with…", "The conclusion is…").
- For general conversations, it avoids false detections, which increases trustworthiness.

Overall System Performance Rating: Very Good

7.4 Comparative Results

The performance of SynapMeet was compared with commonly used transcription tools such as Google Speech API, Otter.ai, and AssemblyAI. The results showed that SynapMeet provides transcription accuracy similar to leading commercial systems because it uses the Whisper model. However, unlike these tools, SynapMeet also offers automatic action item and decision extraction, which most platforms do not provide.

Additionally, SynapMeet is completely free and can run locally, making it more accessible than paid services. Overall, the system performs competitively while offering additional intelligent features that enhance meeting summarization and insight generation.

Chapter 8 Conclusion and Future Scope

8.1 Summary of Work Done

The SynapMeet system was successfully designed and developed as an intelligent meeting management platform that automates transcription, summarization, and action item extraction from meeting audio. The project aimed to reduce manual note-taking and improve team productivity by leveraging cutting-edge AI technologies.

The implementation involved several key modules, including:

- Audio Input Module for uploading or recording meeting audio.
- Speech-to-Text Module powered by OpenAI's Whisper model for accurate transcription.
- Summarization and Action Item Extraction using advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms.
- Interactive Dashboard to display transcripts, summaries, and decisions in a user-friendly format.

All modules were successfully integrated using the Flask framework, ensuring smooth data flow between frontend and backend. Rigorous testing, including unit, integration, and system testing, confirmed that the application performs reliably, accurately, and efficiently across different types of meeting data.

Through this project, a functional prototype of an AI-driven meeting assistant was achieved, capable of transforming spoken communication into structured, actionable insights.

8.2 Limitations

Although SynapMeet achieved its intended objectives, certain limitations were identified during development and testing:

- Processing Time: Large audio files require more time for transcription and summarization due to computational intensity.
- Model Dependency: The system's transcription accuracy depends heavily on the Whisper model's ability to handle noise and overlapping speech.
- Hardware Constraints: Running Whisper locally may require high computational resources (GPU) for optimal speed.
- Language Support: Current implementation primarily supports English audio; performance may vary for other languages or mixed-language conversations.
- Context Understanding: NLP summarization and action extraction may occasionally miss implicit context or speaker tone.

8.3 Challenges Faced

During the development of SynapMeet, the team encountered several technical and operational challenges:

- **Integration Complexity:** Ensuring seamless communication between Whisper transcription, NLP summarization, and the Flask API required careful data handling.
- **Speaker Diarization Issues:** Differentiating between multiple speakers in overlapping speech segments was difficult to implement accurately.
- **Performance Optimization:** Processing longer audios initially caused memory and time delays, requiring model optimization and caching strategies.
- **Error Handling:** Managing diverse input formats and preventing system crashes demanded extensive validation and exception handling.
- **Testing with Real-world Data:** Collecting and testing varied audio samples with background noise and different accents was time-consuming but essential for system robustness.

8.4 Future Enhancements

There is significant scope to enhance SynapMeet with more advanced features and broader usability in the future. Some proposed improvements include:

1. Real-time Transcription and Summarization: Implementing streaming-based processing to generate transcripts and summaries in real time.
2. Multi-language Support: Expanding the system to handle multilingual meetings using language detection and translation APIs.
3. Enhanced Speaker Diarization: Integrating improved voice separation models to identify and label speakers more accurately.
4. Cloud Deployment: Hosting the application on cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, or GCP) to improve scalability, accessibility, and performance.
5. Meeting Insights Dashboard: Adding analytics features like sentiment analysis, keyword extraction, and topic trends over multiple meetings.
6. Calendar and Collaboration Integration: Enabling direct integration with tools like Google Calendar, Slack, or Microsoft Teams for automated task tracking.
7. Mobile Application Development: Creating a mobile version of SynapMeet for on-the-go meeting recording and summarization.

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Chapter 10 Appendices

A. Gantt Chart / Project Timeline

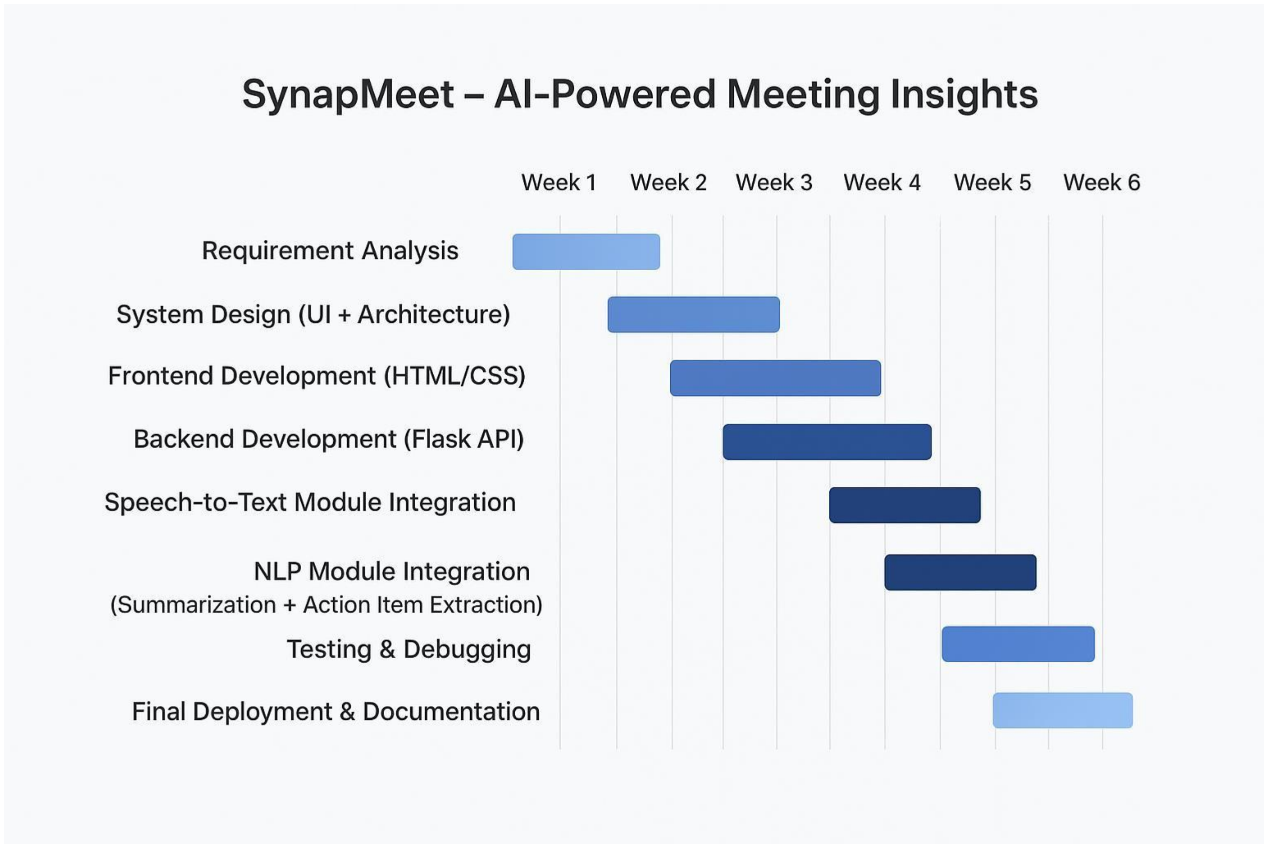

Fig 10.1 Gantt chart

B. Ethical Considerations & Consent

Ethical Considerations

The SynapMeet project was developed with a strong emphasis on ethical responsibility, particularly because it processes meeting audio data which may contain sensitive information. The following ethical principles were strictly followed throughout the development and testing phases:

- **Data Privacy and Confidentiality:**
  All audio files and transcripts used for testing were either publicly available samples or generated internally by the project team. No personal, organizational, or confidential real-world meeting data was used.
- **Informed Consent:**
  Any participants who contributed their voice or data for testing were informed in advance about the purpose of the project and consented to its use strictly for research and educational purposes.
- **Data Security:**
  Sensitive data was not stored permanently. Uploaded audio files were processed temporarily and deleted after generating transcripts and summaries to prevent misuse.
- **Fair Use of AI Models:**
  Only publicly available and open-source models (OpenAI Whisper and NLP frameworks like spaCy or transformers) were used in compliance with their respective licenses and terms of use.
- **Transparency and Explainability:**
  The project emphasizes explainable AI — ensuring users understand how summaries and action items are generated from the transcribed data.
- **Bias and Accuracy Awareness:**
  The model outputs were reviewed manually to identify and minimize bias or misinterpretation in summaries and action items.

Consent Statement

We hereby declare that all data used in this project was collected, processed, and handled responsibly.
No personal, private, or confidential information belonging to any third party was used without consent.
The development and testing of the SynapMeet system comply with academic ethical standards and institutional research guidelines.

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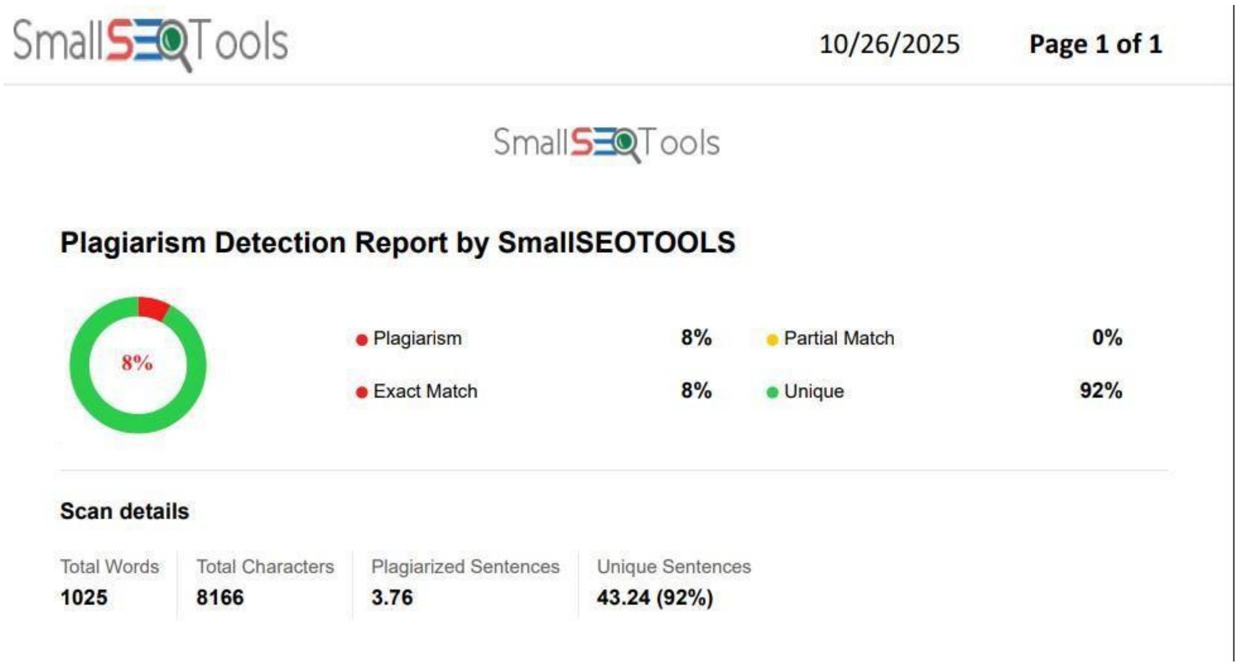

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1025	8166	3.76	43.24 (92%)

D. SDG based checklist

SDG Goal	Relevance to Project	Contribution
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure	Promotes adoption of modern AI technologies for communication workflows	Uses WhisperX and NLP to automate meeting documentation, improving digital infrastructure and productivity
SDG 8: Decent Work & Economic Growth	Enhances workplace efficiency and reduces manual effort in organizations	Automates transcription and summarization, saving time and enabling employees to focus on high-value tasks
SDG 4: Quality Education	Supports learning environments where meeting discussions and lectures need structured notes	Helps students, educators, and researchers by providing instant transcripts, summaries, and action points
SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions	Encourages transparency, accountability, and accurate communication within organizations	Provides clear documentation of decisions and action items, reducing miscommunication and improving institutional governance

Table 10.1 SDG GOALS

E. Source Code Repository / Deployment Links (eg. GITHUB / Drive links)

https://github.com/tanishq5002/SYNAPMEET-Smart_Meeting_Summarizer