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Local Food AI - Capstone Technical Document

This document provides a comprehensive technical overview of the **Local Food AI** system. It details the installation and configuration procedures, technologies used, Antigravity agent usage/permissions, agent engineering reflections, local LLM design decisions, local microservice component communication, and data privacy verification.

1. System Overview & Technologies Used

The Local Food AI system is a privacy-first, locally-hosted clinical dietitian platform. It is designed to run in environments with strict network restrictions (such as clinics or hospitals) while delivering sub-second database lookups and medical advice.

Technology Stack

- **Frontend Web UI:** Streamlit (Python) - hosts search tabs, plate builder, and RAG chat portal.
 - **Database:** MySQL 8.0 - stores OpenFoodFacts records with dynamic vertical partitioning.
 - **Database Migrations:** Alembic - automates schema migrations and relational view definitions.
 - **AI NLP Inference Engine:** Ollama (locally hosted daemon) - runs quantized local models.
 - **Private Web Meta-Search:** SearXNG - provides anonymous web search fallback without cookies or tracking.
 - **Observability Suite:** Zabbix (Server, Web UI, and Agent) - captures SNMP telemetry, custom application traps, and status loops.
 - **Web Server Proxy Gateway:** Nginx - acts as a secure reverse proxy on standard network Port 80.
 - **Task Pipelines:** Apache Airflow - schedules and monitors data ingestion flows.
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2. Dynamic Component Infrastructure Diagram

The diagram below represents how the system components communicate locally inside the closed network boundary. All request-response loops are processed within the host server limits.



3. Installation & Configuration Guide

To deploy the Local Food AI system, follow the sequential commands below:

3.1 Prerequisite Environment Setup

The notebook workstation must have at least 16 GB of RAM, Docker, and Docker Compose installed.

3.2 Dynamic Double-Mode Configuration

- **Host Environment File (.env):** Configure database credentials, active network mode, and the target model name:

```
NETWORK_MODE=server
LLM_MODEL=llama3.2:3b
MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=your_db_password_here
DB_READER_PASS=your_db_password_here
DB_LOADER_PASS=your_db_password_here
DB_APP_AUTH_PASS=your_db_password_here
MYSQL_ZABBIX_PASSWORD=your_db_password_here
SERVER_HOST=192.168.130.170
SERVER_USER=francois
SERVER_PASS=your_db_password_here
```

- **Compose Topology Mappings:** The `app` container maps the host's `.env` config file dynamically using environment bindings and volume mounts inside [docker-compose.yml](#):

```
app:
  build:
    context: .
    dockerfile: docker/app/Dockerfile
  ports:
    - "8502:8501"
  environment:
    - DB_HOST=mysql
    - DB_USER=food_reader
    - DB_PASS=${DB_READER_PASS}
    - LLM_MODEL=${LLM_MODEL}
  volumes:
    - ./env:/app/.env
```

3.3 Execution Commands

- **Production Build & Launch:**

```
docker compose up -d --build
```

- **Offline Local Fallback Build & Launch:**

```
docker compose -f docker-compose_skip.yml up -d --build
```

matched from the `$Format`: string literal on line 403 of `app.py` directly to the regex search string on line 404, corrupting the code block into a single invalid tag and triggering a `SyntaxError: unterminated string literal`.

- **The Resolution:**

- We modified the pattern in the filter to be line-restricted (`^[^`

`]+$`), ensuring it never matches across newline boundaries. 2. We split the string literal searches inside `app.py` so they are physically split across concatenated strings (e.g. `"$Form" + "at:"`), which prevents the filter from ever matching the source code strings.

5.2 Git Checkout Filter Self-Mod Loops

- **The Struggle:** When performing cache resets or major checkouts, Git deleted `local_tools/git-ident-filter.py` from the disk. When git began restoring other files, it attempted to call the smudge filter, but since the script was missing, Python threw file-not-found errors and checkouts failed.
- **The Resolution:** We separated the checkout process by checking out the filter script first (`git checkout HEAD -- local_tools/git-ident-filter.py`), and then executing checkout on the rest of the repository.

5.3 Character Encoding Conflicts

- **The Struggle:** French accent characters (such as `ç` in `Lange François`) in the smudged Git headers were written using different system encoding tables. Python's default text readers choked on these characters with decode errors, blocking file writes.
- **The Resolution:** We built custom Python encoding sanitizer scripts that opened markdown and python files with `errors='replace'`, stripped out replacement characters, and forced them to overwrite as clean UTF-8 strings.

6. Local LLM Rationale

The Local Food AI system is configured to run `llama3.2:3b` (quantized 3-Billion parameter Llama 3.2 model) natively using Ollama.

Rationale

- **Hardware Memory Footprint:** The model utilizes 4-bit quantization, requiring roughly 2.2 GB of RAM. This fits comfortably inside the minimal hardware constraint (16 GB total notebook memory) alongside the MySQL and Zabbix containers.
- **Clinical Dialogue Proficiency:** Despite its small size, Llama 3.2 is highly optimized for instruction-following and tool-calling. This allows the Streamlit app to reliably execute RAG lookups (generating SQL queries or meta-search requests) and format responses using clinical CoT templates.
- **Completely Local Inference:** The model runs entirely inside the `food-ollama-1` container on the local network, bypassing any latency or dependency associated with commercial cloud models.

7. Data Privacy Verification: Keeping User Data on the

Server

To prove and guarantee that no clinical user details or dietary profiles leave the local server boundary, we executed the following verification procedures:

- **Proxy Access Log Audits:** Audited Nginx (`/var/log/nginx/access.log`) and Streamlit access logs. All connections originate exclusively from local subnet IPs (e.g., `192.168.1.50` or loopback `127.0.0.1`).
- **Network Egress Block (Docker Configuration):** The `mysql` and `app` services inside `docker-compose.yml` run inside a custom bridge network. The database container has no external port bindings to the public internet, and the `app` container only exposes port `8502` to the local LAN.
- **Private Web Meta-Search (SearXNG):** The SearXNG meta-search container redirects external queries locally. Standard search APIs route traffic anonymously through local proxy rotators to prevent search engines from linking queries to the clinician's IP or user profile.
- **Traffic Sniffing (TCPDump Verification):** We ran `tcpdump` on the server interface during active chat sessions:

```
tcpdump -i eth0 dst port not 80 and dst port not 22 and dst port not 161
```

No packet transmissions were detected routing data outside the local network, proving that LLM prompts, dietitian responses, and plate nutritional configurations remain entirely inside the local node boundary.