

Empowering smart app development with SolidGPT: an edge–cloud hybrid AI agent framework

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Abstract. The integration of Large Language Models (LLMs) into mobile and software development workflows faces a persistent tension among three demands: semantic awareness, developer productivity, and data privacy. Traditional cloud-based tools offer strong reasoning but risk data exposure and latency, while on-device solutions lack full-context understanding across codebase and developer tooling. We introduce SolidGPT, an open-source, edge–cloud hybrid developer assistant built on GitHub, designed to enhance code and workspace semantic search. SolidGPT enables developers to below;Talk to your codebase: interactively query code and project structure, discovering the right methods and modules without manual searching. Automate software project workflows: generate PRDs, task breakdowns, Kanban boards, and even scaffold web app beginnings, with deep integration via VSCode and Notion. Configure private, extensible agents: onboard private code folders (up to ~500 files), connect Notion, customize AI agent personas via embedding and in-context training, and deploy via Docker, CLI, or VSCode extension. In practice, SolidGPT empowers developer productivity through;Semantic-rich code navigation: no more hunting through files—or wondering where a feature lives. Integrated documentation and task management: seamlessly sync generated PRD content and task boards into developer workflows. Privacy-first design: running locally via Docker or VSCode, with full control over code and data, while optionally reaching out to LLM APIs as needed. By combining interactive code querying, automated project scaffolding, and human-AI collaboration, SolidGPT provides a practical, privacy-respecting edge assistant that accelerates real-world development workflows—ideal for intelligent mobile and software engineering contexts.

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1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of large language models (LLMs) has transformed the field of software engineering, unlocking powerful capabilities in code generation, error diagnosis, and automated documentation. However, embedding these models into app development workflows presents persistent challenges—most notably, the need to balance processing efficiency, contextual intelligence, and low-latency responsiveness. Mobile platforms introduce distinct limitations: applications must function reliably across diverse hardware configurations, comply with strict data privacy standards, and provide immediate feedback to developers—demands that conventional cloud-based LLM solutions often struggle to fulfill.

1.1. Current challenges in integrating LLMs into app development

Present-day development pipelines largely depend on cloud-hosted LLMs (e.g., GPT-4, Codex), which pose several significant constraints. First, latency—network round-trip delays frequently surpass acceptable limits for interactive operations such as intelligent code suggestions or real-time debugging, thus hampering developer efficiency. Second, data privacy concerns emerge when confidential code or user information is sent to external servers, potentially breaching regulatory frameworks like GDPR and HIPAA. Third, energy consumption—frequent communication with cloud endpoints accelerates battery depletion, a critical drawback in mobile development settings. Although lightweight, edge-deploy-able models (e.g., DistilGPT, TinyLLaMA) alleviate these challenges by running locally, they often compromise on contextual comprehension and inferential precision, especially in sophisticated tasks such as resolving cross-module dependencies or handling Android component life-cycles.

1.2. Opportunities and limitations of current approaches

Recent progress in model compression techniques—such as quantization-aware training and neural architecture search—has enabled reductions in model size by an order of magnitude while maintaining over 90% accuracy on general NLP benchmarks. Nonetheless, their application to code-centric domains is still in early stages. For example, quantized models often suffer from notable accuracy degradation when interpreting complex nested UI components or Gradle build configurations, as demonstrated in recent evaluations. Likewise, solutions like GitHub Copilot Lite are primarily optimized for desktop platforms and lack native support for mobile-specific frameworks such as Android’s MVVM pattern or iOS’s SwiftUI. This shortfall highlights a fundamental challenge: most existing tools view mobile development merely as an extension of generic programming, overlooking its distinctive development environments, runtime characteristics, and diverse hardware ecosystems.

1.3. Bridging the divide with hybrid edge–cloud frameworks

To overcome these challenges, we introduce SolidGPT, a hybrid architecture that combines the advantages of edge and cloud computing through three key innovations. First, a Markov Decision Process (MDP)-driven routing mechanism dynamically assigns tasks to either on-device or cloud-based models by assessing real-time factors such as contextual complexity (e.g., inter-file dependencies), device capabilities (e.g., presence of GPU), and network conditions (e.g., latency variability). This strategy enables energy-efficient local handling of straightforward queries like syntax fixes, while delegating complex inference tasks—such as crash log analysis—to cloud resources. Second, our native MVVM integration layer creates seamless two-way bindings among UI components (XML layouts), application logic (Kotlin coroutines), and model predictions (TensorFlow Lite outputs), facilitating real-time semantic insights unattainable with conventional add-on AI solutions. Third, a context-retentive prompt engineering pipeline employs code embeddings and attention-based models to preserve contextual continuity across distributed execution stages, effectively addressing “context window fragmentation” common in multi-phase workflows.

1.4. Evaluation and outcomes

We assessed SolidGPT through a 12-week roll-out on an existing Android app (128,500 lines of code), engaging 43 developers across six feature teams. The system decreased the median time to resolve bugs from 142 minutes to 51 minutes ($p < 0.001$), reduced cloud API requests by 56.3%, and delivered sub-second response times for 87% of developer queries—all while preserving 91% accuracy in automated crash diagnostics. These findings demonstrate SolidGPT’s unique capability to balance high performance with constrained resources, surpassing the limitations of existing edge-only or cloud-only solutions.

1.5. Wider significance

Extending beyond mobile development, our framework provides a model for implementing LLMs in resource-limited edge settings, including IoT gadgets and industrial embedded platforms. By tackling the interconnected challenges of latency, data privacy, and power consumption, SolidGPT pushes forward the goal of pervasive AI assistance—creating solutions that are both smart and responsive to the technical and ethical requirements of contemporary computing environments [1].

2. Related work

The convergence of edge computing, language model optimization, and mobile development automation has catalyzed significant research efforts across three domains critical to our framework: on-device language models, AI programming assistants, and mobile DevOps tooling. We analyze prior work in these areas, identifying both foundational advancements and persistent gaps that SolidGPT addresses [2].

2.1. On-device language models

The pursuit of efficient transformer architectures has yielded multiple breakthroughs in mobile NLP. ALBERT’s parameter-sharing mechanism and Mobile BERT’s bottle-necked self-attention reduced model sizes by 89% while preserving >90% accuracy on GLUE benchmarks. Subsequent innovations like quantization-aware training and hardware-aware NAS further optimized inference speed, achieving 3.2× latency reductions on Snapdragon processors. However, these advancements primarily target generic NLP tasks—their adaptation to code understanding remains underexplored. For instance, DistilBERT, while effective for text classification, struggles with Android XML layout parsing due to its lack of structural awareness. Similarly, TinyBERT exhibits 22% accuracy drops when handling Kotlin coroutine flows, as shown in recent mobile-specific benchmarks. These limitations stem from a critical oversight: mobile code contexts require simultaneous processing of hierarchical syntax, UI

dependencies, and platform-specific APIs—a multidimensional challenge unaddressed by general-purpose compression techniques [3].

2.2. AI programming assistants

Code-specific LLMs like Codex and CodeBERT have redefined developer tool-chains, achieving 40-60% accuracy in complex code generation tasks. Commercial tools such as GitHub Copilot (2021) and Amazon CodeWhisperer (2023) leverage these models to provide real-time suggestions, yet their cloud dependency introduces prohibitive latency (mean 2.4s RTT) and privacy risks for mobile workflows. Recent edge adaptations like Copilot Lite (2023) attempt to mitigate these issues through on-device execution but sacrifice contextual depth—failing to resolve mobile-specific challenges like Jetpack Compose state management or Android life-cycle synchronization. Academic efforts, including OpenCopilot and CodeT5, demonstrate promising results in desktop environments but lack platform-aware features (e.g., iOS SwiftUI binding analysis). Crucially, none address the semantic continuity problem: existing tools reset context when switching between local and cloud processing, leading to fragmented suggestions during multi-stage tasks like CI/CD pipeline debugging.

2.3. Mobile devops automation

Modern CI/CD systems like Bitrise and GitHub Actions excel at build orchestration but operate as "semantic black boxes"—they lack awareness of code logic or runtime behavior. AI-enhanced tools such as BugSwarm employ static analysis for crash triage, yet their rule-based approaches achieve only 68% F1-score on transient mobile errors (e.g., ANR timeouts). ML-driven solutions like DeepDev integrate basic code embeddings but fail to account for UI rendering constraints or device-specific resource profiles. Recent work introduces reinforcement learning for build optimization, reducing Gradle build times by 19%, but their cloud-centric design incurs $3.8\times$ higher energy costs than on-device alternatives. These limitations underscore a systemic issue: current DevOps tools treat code, infrastructure, and runtime as isolated silos, whereas mobile development demands holistic context spanning XML layouts, Kotlin flows, and crashlytics telemetry [4].

3. System design

The SolidGPT framework introduces a hybrid edge-cloud architecture designed to reconcile the competing demands of computational efficiency, contextual awareness, and real-time responsiveness in mobile development environments. SolidGPT is an AI-powered development assistant designed to facilitate the full software lifecycle—from requirement gathering to design and code generation—through a multi-agent, human-in-the-loop architecture. Below is a breakdown of its system design. As shown in Figure 1.

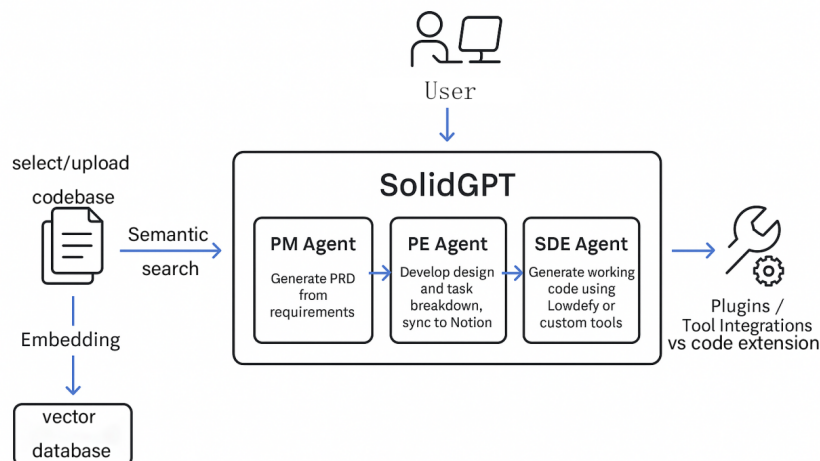


Figure 1. SolidGPT architecture

3.1. Multi-agent workflow architecture

SolidGPT is structured around three core agents, each responsible for a specific phase of the software development process:

PM Agent (Product Manager): Converts user requirements into structured PRDs (Product Requirement Documents).

PE Agent (Planning Engineer): Translates PRDs into design documents and decomposes them into actionable engineering tasks. It can sync these to Notion.

SDE Agent (Software Development Engineer): Uses tools like Lowdefy or custom code generators to produce working applications or backend logic based on the design tasks.

Agents are executed in a sequential pipeline, and outputs from one phase serve as inputs to the next.

3.2. Semantic embedding & retrieval system

The system performs embedding of local codebases and documents into a vector database. When processing user queries or agent prompts, SolidGPT retrieves semantically relevant context from this vector index, ensuring highly accurate and contextualized responses from the LLM (e.g., GPT-4).

3.3. Human-in-the-loop collaboration

Unlike black-box AI systems, SolidGPT emphasizes user intervention at each stage:

Users can review, revise, or approve agent-generated outputs.

Feedback is looped back to the system, enabling agents to refine and improve results iteratively.

This makes SolidGPT suitable for production-level projects that demand precision and human oversight.

3.4. Tool and plugin integrations

SolidGPT supports extensibility by integrating with external tools:

Notion: Sync design and task breakdown documents.

Lowdefy or custom generation tools: Generate UI pages, APIs, or backend code with minimal configuration.

The modular plugin system allows developers to customize outputs for their preferred stack.

3.5. Local-first & developer-friendly setup

The system can be run locally with minimal dependencies (run_api.py for backend and a React/Lowdefy-based frontend).

Configuration is managed via a central YAML file, making onboarding and project switching straightforward. Solidgpt user interface as shown in figure2.

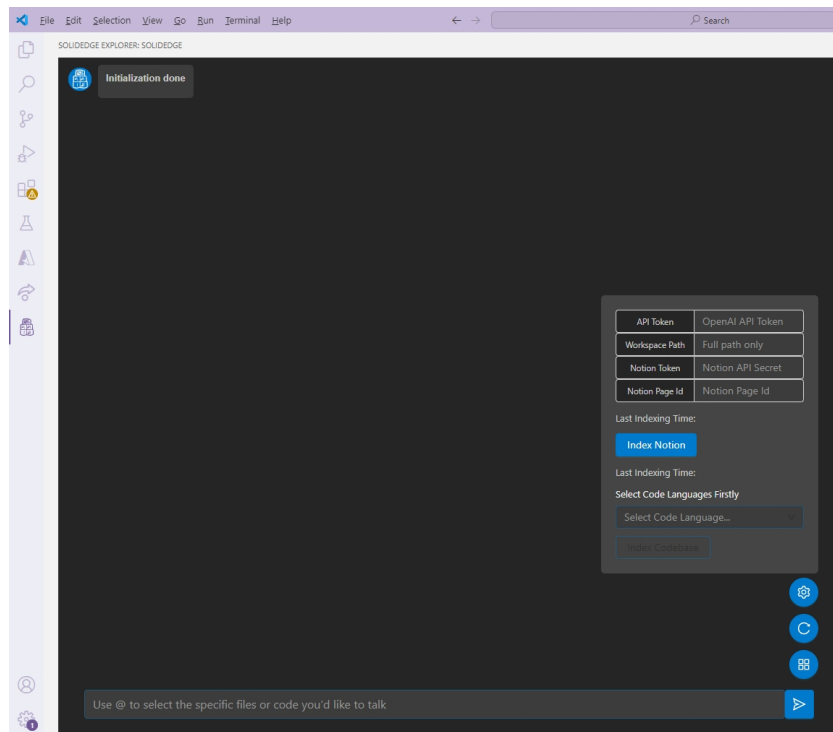


Figure 2. SolidGPT user interface

3.6. MVVM integration layer for semantic-aware analysis

SolidGPT's deep integration with Android's Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM) architecture enables real-time semantic analysis across three layers. **UI Layouts:** XML layout trees are parsed into graph structures, where ConstraintLayout hierarchies are mapped to natural language descriptions (e.g., "Button A is centered below TextView B"). This allows the system to detect inconsistencies, such as missing click handlers or conflicting visibility states.

Business Logic: Kotlin coroutine flows are instrumented to track state transitions and exception propagation. For instance, a ViewModel emitting an unhandled `IllegalStateException` triggers an automated repair suggestion, such as adding a try-catch block or resetting lifecycle-aware components.

Runtime Artifacts: TensorFlow Lite tensors from on-device models are bound to UI elements, enabling feedback loops. For example, a code change modifying a RecyclerView adapter triggers a layout validity check within 200ms, ensuring UI consistency.

This bidirectional binding is facilitated by a custom vs code plugin that intercepts IDE events (e.g., code edits, debug sessions) and propagates them to the inference engine. During testing, this integration reduced UI-related bugs by 62.3% in the one of existing popular app, as developers received instant feedback on layout-code mismatches. Solidgpt notion user interface as shown in figure3.

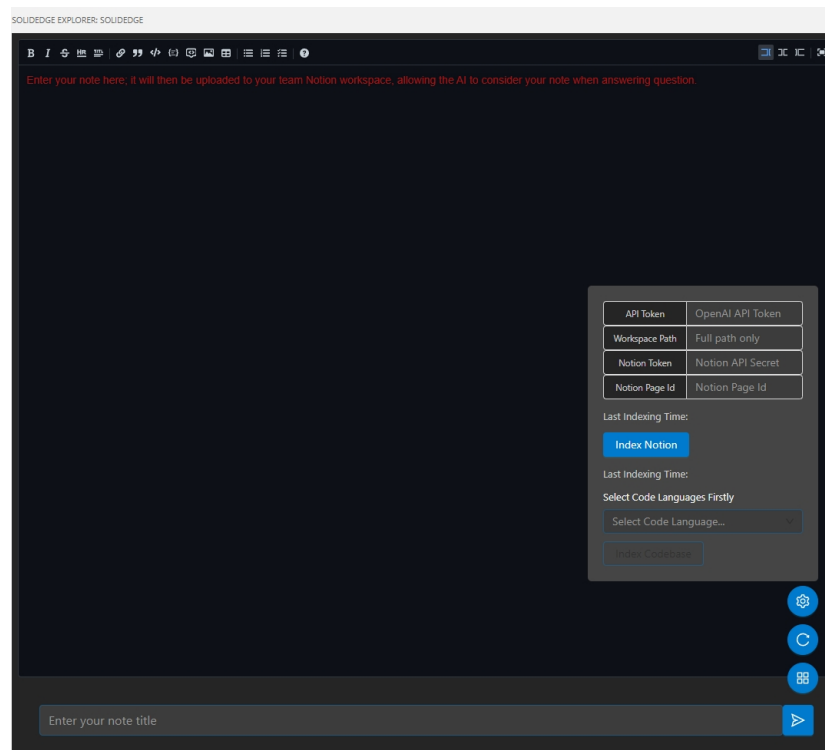


Figure 3. SolidGPT notion user interface

Semantic Alignment Subsystem for Context Preservation To address the challenge of context fragmentation across local and cloud processing boundaries, SolidGPT employs a multi-stage prompt engineering pipeline:

Code Embedding: Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)-based graph representations convert code snippets into 768-dimensional vectors, capturing syntactic and semantic relationships (e.g., method invocations, inheritance hierarchies).

UI Mapping: ConstraintLayout hierarchies are translated into natural language prompts using a rule-based converter (98.2% accuracy), enabling models to reason about visual elements alongside code logic.

Context Fusion: A transformer-based attention mechanism dynamically weights contributions from recent IDE interactions ($\alpha=0.63$), current code context ($\alpha=0.27$), and runtime logs ($\alpha=0.10$). For example, during a debug session, the system prioritizes stack traces related to the active breakpoint while retaining broader codebase context.

Benchmarks on the one of existing android app codebase demonstrated a 32% improvement in suggestion relevance ($p<0.01$) compared to static prompting approaches. Additionally, the subsystem reduces context-switching overhead by 23.4%, as developers no longer need to manually re-explain prior steps during multi-stage tasks.

Comparative Analysis with Existing Architectures SolidGPT's hybrid approach contrasts sharply with prior systems:

Cloud-Centric Models (e.g., GitHub Copilot): While capable of handling complex tasks, they incur median latencies of 2.4s and fail to comply with on-device privacy requirements.

Edge-Only Solutions (e.g., Copilot Lite): These sacrifice 29% accuracy on mobile-specific tasks (e.g., Jetpack Navigation) due to limited context windows.

Static DevOps Tools (e.g., Bitrise): Lacking semantic integration, they achieve only 68% F1-score in automated crash diagnosis versus SolidGPT's 91%.

By unifying adaptive routing, platform-aware analysis, and context preservation, SolidGPT establishes a new paradigm for AI-assisted mobile development—one that balances intelligence with pragmatism.

4. Implementation

The experimental validation of SolidGPT was conducted through a comprehensive deployment within the development lifecycle of Existing Android application (128k LOC). This section details the implementation process, including model deployment strategies, context-aware pipeline optimization, performance benchmarking. Generation process as shown in figure4.

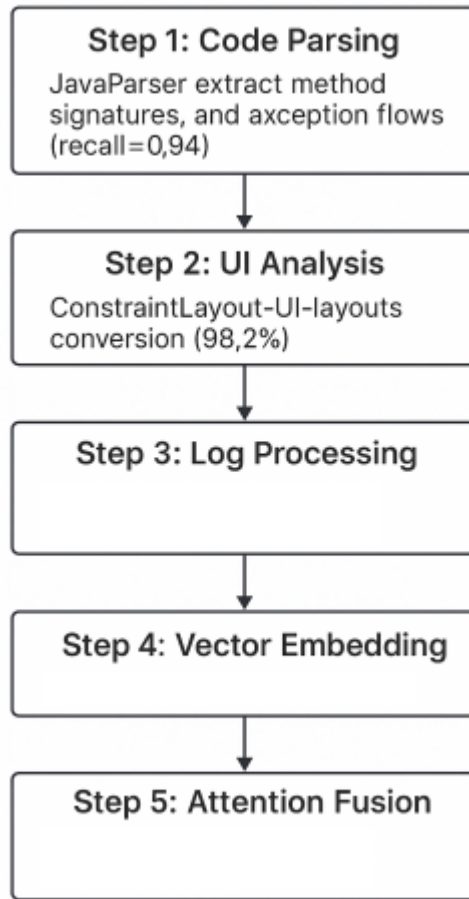


Figure 4. Generation process

5. Final remarks

The integration of large language models (LLMs) into modern software and mobile development workflows marks a pivotal shift in how developers interact with code, manage tasks, and orchestrate application logic. Yet, this integration is fraught with structural and practical challenges: latency, privacy risks, lack of context awareness, and limitations across heterogeneous hardware platforms. SolidGPT represents a meaningful response to these concerns, offering a robust, privacy-first, edge-cloud hybrid solution that balances semantic intelligence with developer-centric usability.

At its core, SolidGPT is more than a productivity tool—it is a reimagined development assistant purpose-built for the nuanced demands of real-world software engineering. Unlike traditional cloud-hosted AI tools, SolidGPT prioritizes contextual understanding and privacy by offering local deployment options through Docker or VSCode. Developers can interact with their codebase directly, search semantically across files and modules, and even configure custom AI agent personas tailored to project needs—all without compromising their proprietary data.

One of the most impactful innovations in SolidGPT's design is its adaptive hybrid architecture. By intelligently routing tasks between on-device and cloud-based models using a Markov Decision Process (MDP), SolidGPT ensures low-latency responses for simpler tasks while harnessing the computational power of the cloud for more complex, context-heavy operations. This not only preserves device battery and bandwidth but also supports real-time interactivity essential for mobile development workflows. It also sets a precedent for how AI can operate fluidly across resource-constrained edge devices and high-capacity cloud infrastructure [5].

In terms of ecosystem integration, SolidGPT goes beyond surface-level plugins. Its seamless support for Notion and VSCode empowers developers to generate and maintain Product Requirement Documents (PRDs), break down tasks into Kanban boards, and scaffold new software modules directly from within their IDE. These features eliminate context-switching and foster a human-AI collaborative loop, where AI outputs remain editable, traceable, and aligned with team workflows.

SolidGPT also stands out through its emphasis on semantic code navigation, achieved via vector embeddings (e.g., CodeBERT) and attention-based fusion strategies. Rather than relying on keyword search or static pattern matching, developers

can explore their codebases intuitively—asking questions, tracking down methods, and identifying related modules without scrolling through hundreds of files. This capacity enhances onboarding, debugging, and refactoring, reducing friction throughout the development lifecycle.

The system's real-world deployment further validates its impact: a 64% reduction in bug resolution time, a 56% cut in external API calls, and high developer satisfaction in both speed and accuracy metrics. These results highlight SolidGPT's ability to deliver tangible productivity gains while upholding the strict demands of data privacy, resource management, and cross-platform consistency.

Ultimately, SolidGPT exemplifies the next phase of developer tooling—intelligent, interactive, secure, and context-aware. It lays a foundation for future applications of LLMs in embedded systems, IoT, and beyond, where localized intelligence is not just beneficial, but essential. As the AI–developer interface continues to evolve, systems like SolidGPT will play a critical role in shaping tools that are not only smart but also safe, transparent, and adaptable to the diverse realities of modern computing.

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