

AUTONOMOUS CODE GENERATION WITH A

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ABOUT ME





- Master's degree in Computer Science from GMU
- 25+ years in Information Technology consulting
- Recent emphasis on cloud, DevOps, middleware, cybersecurity
- Author, presenter, blogger CHRONCLER. TECH
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- Oracle ACE
- Passionate about technology, movie buff, and comic book fan





























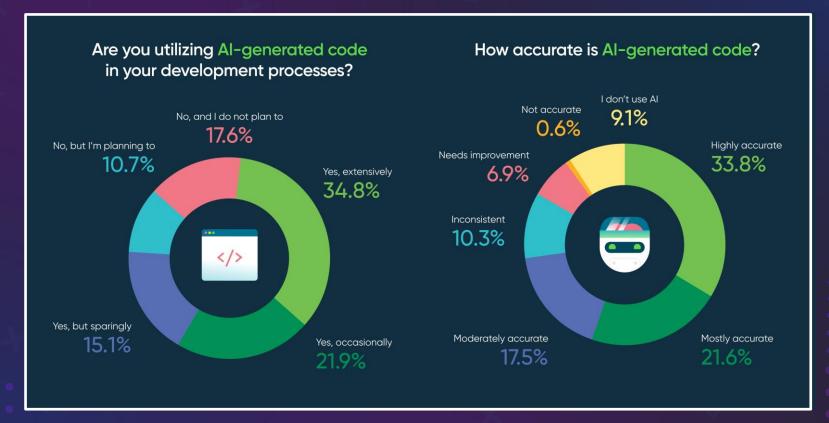


41%

of all code in 2025 is Al-generated

Source: GitHub, Stack Overflow,

STATISTICS AT A GLANCE



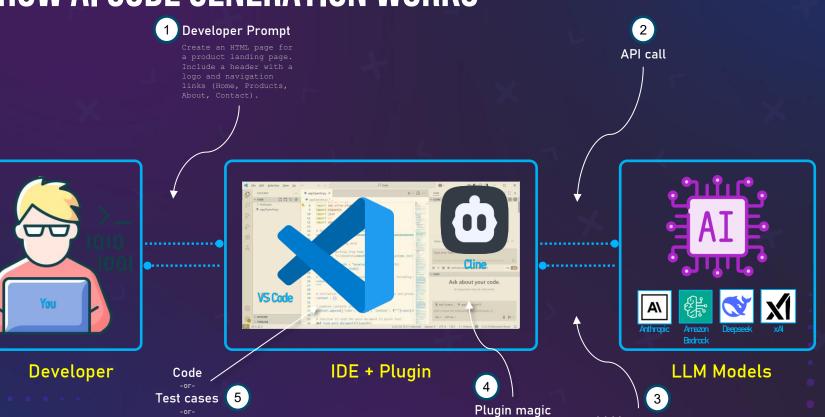
WHY AI CODE GENERATION?

- Enables developers to generate code faster
- Accelerates debugging and troubleshooting
- Boosts developer productivity
- Rapid experimentation
- Quickly and efficiently test and debug code
- Reduces the work of manually writing lines of code
- Alleviates developer's mental load and reduces burnout
- Frees developers to focus on higher-value work
- Makes code development accessible to non-developers



HOW AI CODE GENERATION WORKS

Explanation



LLM response

TERMINOLOGY

ШМ

- Large LanguageModel
- A deep learning model trained on a massive dataset

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

- A branch of Al
- Understands human language
- Extracts insights from unstructured text

Generative A

- Al systems that can generate text, images, video, or other output such as code
- Utilizes LLMs
- Deep-learning model that takes raw data and "learn" to generate statistically probable outputs when prompted

Al Code Completion

 Automated suggestions for completing the current line of code as a developer types

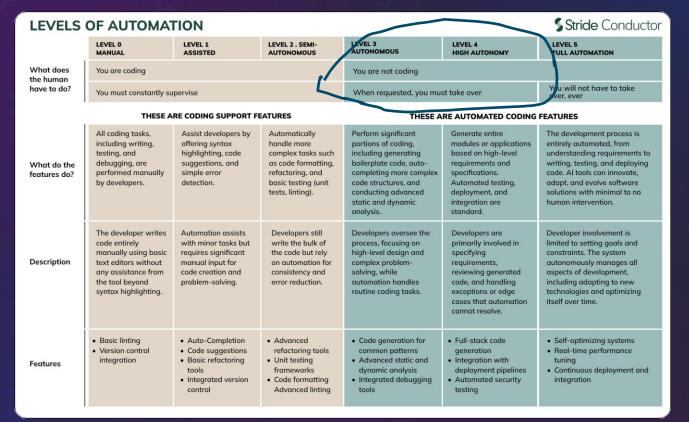
Al Code Generation

 Relies on machine learning and natural language processing to automatically generate code

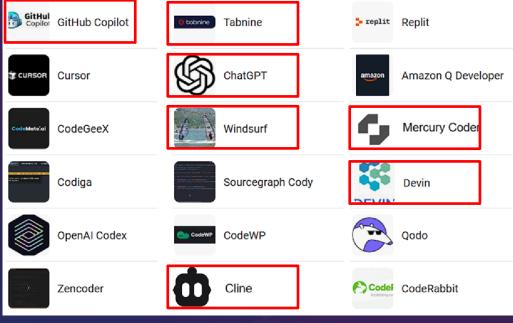
Vibe Coding

- Aka AI Assisted Coding
- Aka Al pair programming
- Includes code suggestions dynamically and interactively
- Delivers a fluid and intuitive coding experience
- Al is an active collaborator instead of a passive assistant

LEVELS OF AUTOMATION



AI CODING ASSISTANTS



$oldsymbol{igwedge}$ The overwhelming majority of Al coding assistants are in beta

GITHUB COPILOT

- Pair programming integrated into IDEs
- Popular due to its integration with GitHub

TABNINE

Mostly good for autocomplete

CHATGPT

- General purpose
- Not integrated into an IDE

WINDSURF

- Formerly Codeium
- Al-native IDE

CLINE

- My personal favorite
- Only works with Visual Studio Code

MERCURY CODER

- Based on Diffusion LLM = super fast
- Still an experimental concept

DEVIN

 Aims for autonomous codegen; plan, write, test, debug, submit PRs

RISKS AND CHALLENGES

- Low quality code —— hallucinations, lack of consistency and coding standards
 - Do this → Always review Al generated code
- Security vulnerabilities —— data poisoning is a real problem
 - Do this → Continue scanning your code with SAST tools
- Data privacy —— your code and data could be used for model training
 - Do this → Consider self-hosted AI coding assistants and/or verify vendor's policies
- Licensing & copyright risks —— could include open-source code without attribution
 - Do this → Run generated code through license scanners and/or verify vendor's policies
- Cost —— the more calls made, the more \$\$\$ required
- Speed —— complex tasks can take considerable time (~5-50 minutes)
- Risk of technical debt —— can create long-term maintenance challenges
- Skills atrophy & loss of developer control —— too much developer dependency on
 Al can contribute to reduced understanding of codebase

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

	Brief Description	Strengths	Weaknesses	Score
GitHub Copilot	Al pair programmer powered by OpenAl Codex, now GPT-4- based. Integrated directly into VS Code, JetBrains, and more.	 Deep IDE integration Fast inline suggestions Great for repetitive code Learns from your code context 	 Occasionally produces insecure or outdated code Limited reasoning/explanation Struggles with large multi-file logic 	8.5
Tabnine	Al assistant trained on permissively licensed code; focuses on privacy/local models.	Privacy-friendly (can run locally)Lightweight and fastSupports many languages and IDEs	Limited reasoning abilityWeaker with complex tasks	7.5
Cline	A local, privacy-focused Al code assistant with deep context awareness (used via VS Code).	Runs with your chosen modelExcellent context retention	Depends on external LLM qualityFewer prebuilt integrations	8.7
ChatGPT	Conversational AI by OpenAI that can write, debug, and explain code with strong reasoning.	Exceptional explanationsHandles complex, multi-file logicGreat for learning and debugging	No project context, broad qualityNo live IDE integrationMay over-explain or hallucinate	7.5
Windsurf	An AI IDE that combines real-time coding, refactoring, and chat-based assistance.	Combines chat + live IDE contextUnderstands full projectsGood UI/UX and workflow	Smaller ecosystemSome latency in large projects	8.8
Devin	Marketed as the first "autonomous AI software engineer" capable of executing projects end-to-end.	 Can plan, code, test, and debug autonomously High-level task management Strong reasoning and multi-step execution 	Extremely resource-intensiveReliability varies	9.0





REQUIREMENTS

Functional Requirements

- 1. Create a registration form the ECO conference
- 2. Include a list of questions which I will provide
- 3. The web application should use a modern, responsive UI
- 4. The web application should use a CSS template or style similar to what is found on https://github.com/projects

Non-Functional Requirements

- 1. The application should be developed in Python
- 2. The application will be deployed to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

REQUIREMENTS

ROLE: <<< I am a web developer. >>>

CONTEXT: <<< I need help creating a prompt to use in my Al code generator. >>>

EXPECTATION: <<< I want you to create me a prompt that I will use in my AI code generator to create a web application for me. The details of this web application are as follows:

- * The web application will be called "ECO Registration Form".
- * The web application should use a modern, responsive UI.
- * The web application should use a CSS template or style similar to what is found on https://aithub.com/projects.
- * The web application is comprised of 2 pages total.
- * None of the pages requires authentication, so they are publicly accessible.
- * The first page is a form which is filled out by a user.
- * Upon submitting the form, the user is taken to the second page, which is a confirmation page.
- * On the second page, behind the scenes an email is sent out to ahmed@aboulnaga.com with all the information submitted in the form presented in table format in an HTML email using the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) Email Delivery service.
- * On the second page a message will be presented to the user confirming that the request by been successfully submitted. The "homeicon.png" hyperlinked back to the first page.
- * Each page will have the "ecologo.jpg" in the midd
- * On the bottom of each page will be a footer that s * The web application will be deployed to Oracle CI
- * Any combination of services is acceptable, but the
- * The web application should be developed in Pyth
- * Test cases must be provided to test the application
- * The code should include comments describing so
- * Detailed instructions to create the infrastructure w
- * Detailed instructions to deploy the web application to OCI
- Include anything relevant you the be adder

Let's use ChatGPT to refine my prompt and tailor it to Cline

provided.

meta prompting

ChatGPT

Build "ECO Registration Form" Web Application

DLE: You are an expert Python full-stack developer specializing in building and deploying htweight, production-ready web apps on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI).

OBJECTIVE

ild a complete, deployable web application called "ECO Registration Form" that meets the lowing requirements and outputs fully working code, test cases, and deployment instructions.

OVERVIEW

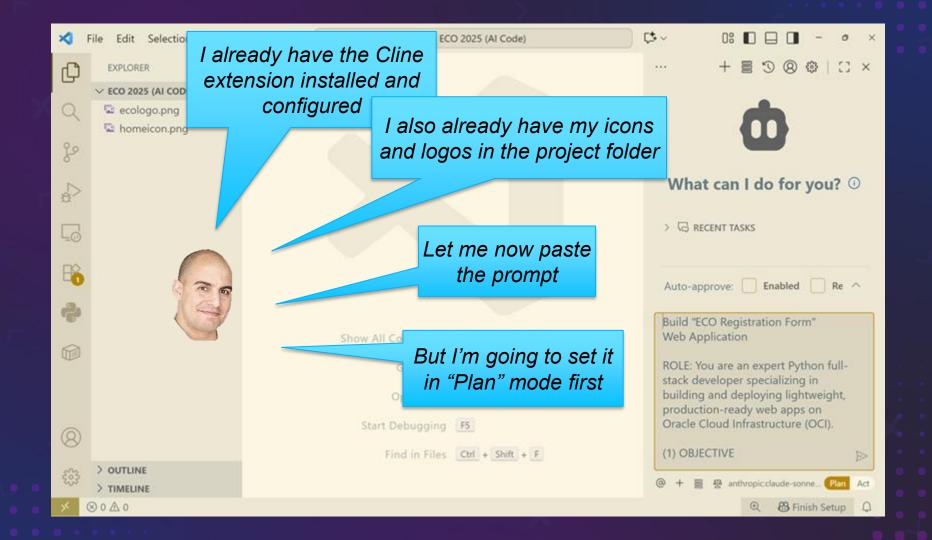
lame: ECO Registration Form anguage: Python

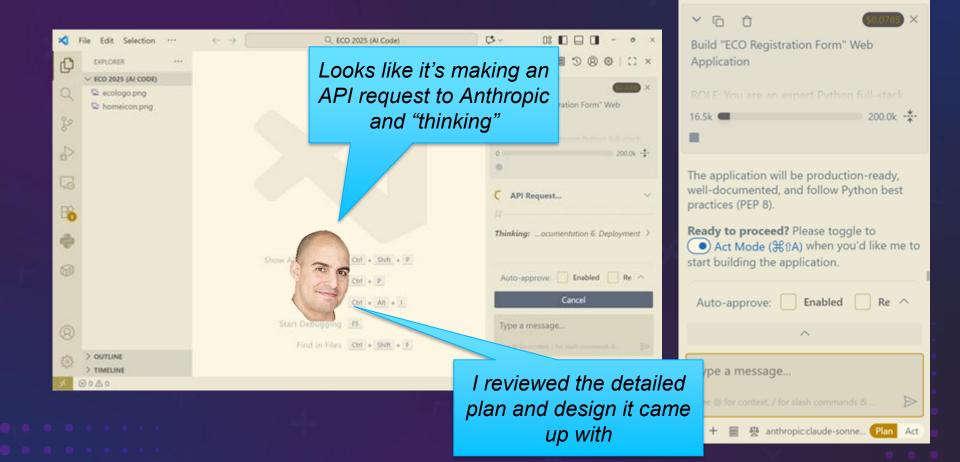
- * Framework: Flask (or FastAPI if simpler)
- * UI Style: Modern and responsive, styled similarly to https://github.com/projects
- * Total Pages: 2
- * Authentication: None (both pages are public)
- * Deployment Target: Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)

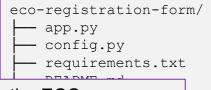
(3) PAGE 1: Registration Form

Purpose: Collect user input. Lavout & Design:

- * At the top center: display "ecologo.jpg"
- * Form fields to include (all of them are optional): - Full Name
- Email Address
- Company - Phone
- Role / Title
- Technologies: (this should be a checkbox with the following options: EBS, Fusion Apps, OCI







css/

- style.css

I've reviewed your requirements for the ECO Registration Form application. I can see you already have the required image assets (homeicon.png, and ecologo.png) in the current directory.

- # Main Flask application
- # Configuration management
- # Python dependencies
- # Comprehensive documentation
- # Environment variables template
- .html # Page 1: Registration form
- .html # Page 2: Confirmation page

Custom styling



Nice! Looks like Cline found my images and came up with a nifty structure

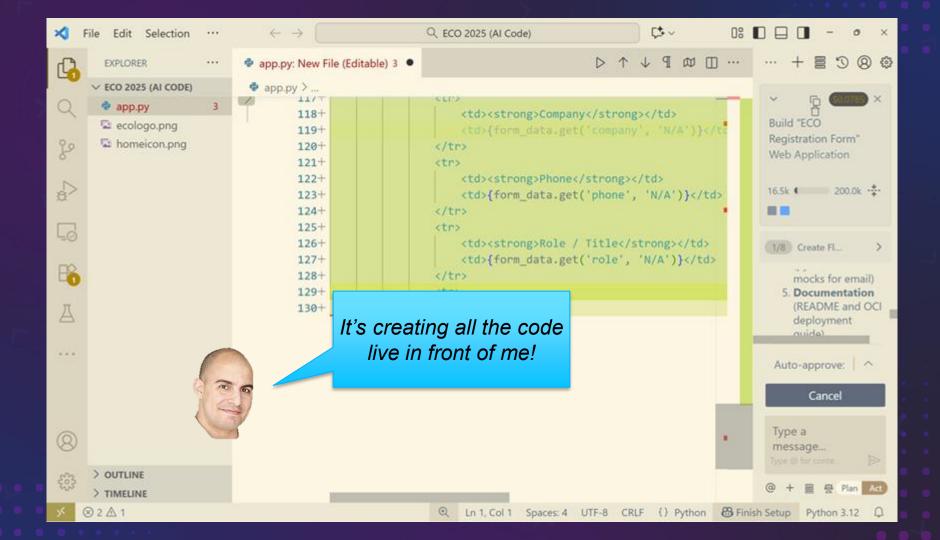
Deployment Strategy

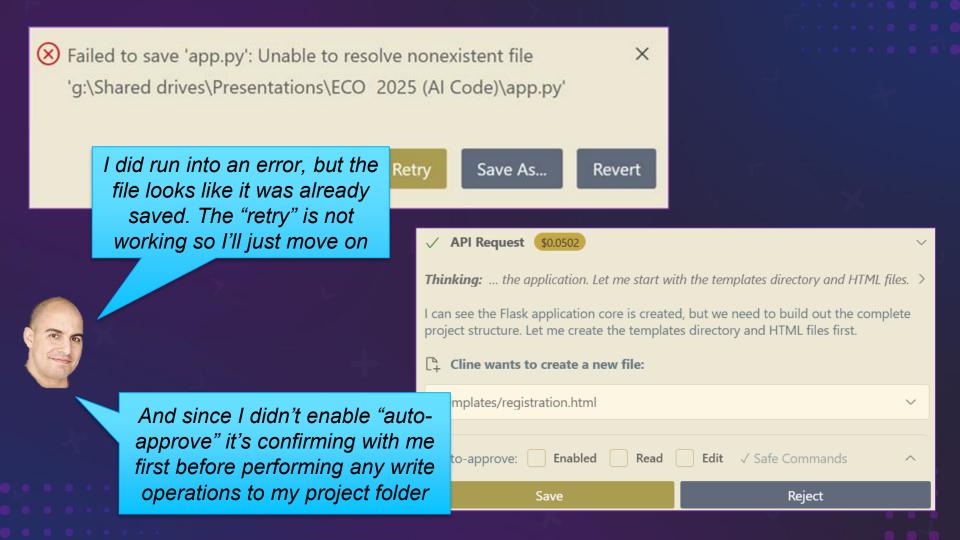
Option 1 (Recommended): OCI Compute Instance

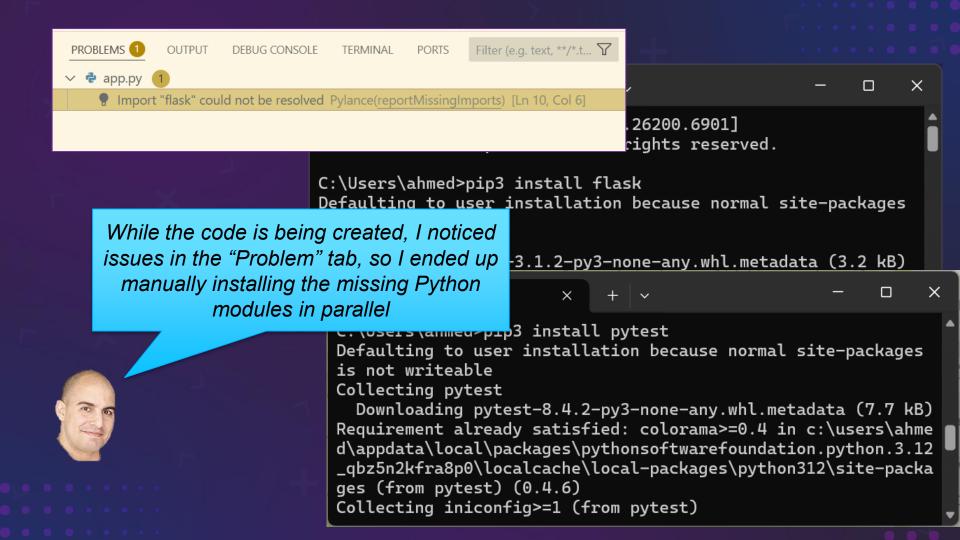
- Ubuntu VM with gunicorn + nginx
- Simple, cost-effective
- Full control over environment

Option 2: OCI Container Instances

- Dockerized application
- More complex but scalable







Technology Stack

• **Backend**: Python 3.9+ with Flask

Frontend: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap 5, JavaScript

Email: OCI Email Delivery via SMTP

Testing: pytest with coverage **Production**: Gunicorn + Nginx

Deployment: Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

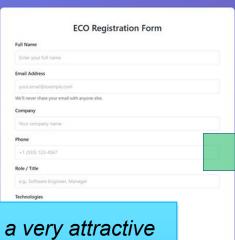
Great! The code is created, so let me set up OCI Email Delivery next

Next Steps

- 1. Set up OCI Email Delivery Follow instructions in README.md
- 2. **Test locally** Run python app.py and test the form
- 3. **Deploy to OCI** Follow **docs/OCI_DEPLOYMENT.md for** complete deployment guide
- 4. **Configure domain** Point your domain to the OCI instance
- 5. **Enable HTTPS** Set up Let's Encrypt SSL certificate

All code is production-ready, well-tested, and fully documented. The application is lightweight, secure, and follows Python best practices (PEP 8).





This is a very attractive looking page and it exceeded my expectations!







Thank You!

Your information has been successfully submitted.

Submission Summary:

Full Name	Ahmed Aboulnaga	
Company		
Technologies	OCI, SOA, OIC	



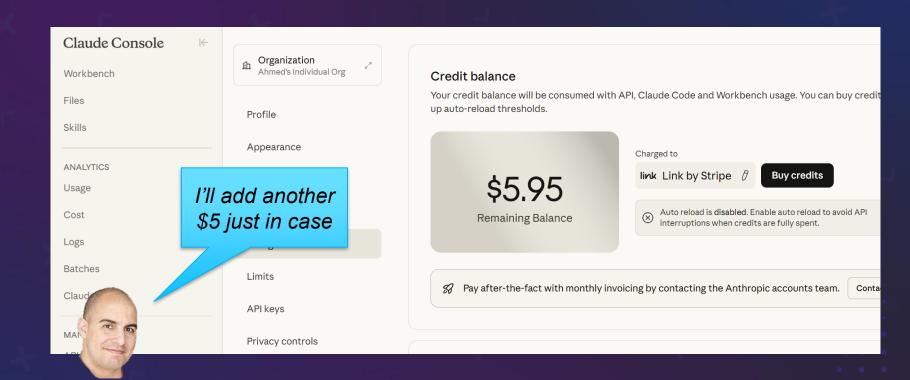
Click the icon above to return to the registration form

Email is not working so let me ask Cline to help troubleshoot



It's taking too long, has it hung?

The test_email.py test case to send emails is working, but when I run the application from app.py, I am not receiving emails. API Request \$0.2596 **Thinking:** ...ons Let me start by reading both files to diagnose the issue. > I need to investigate why the email sending works in your test script but not in the Flask application. Let me examine both files to identify the issue. Cline wants to read this file: /app.py **API Request**



It just took a long time thinking, that's all



But it figured out the issue

Root Cause

The email is **not being sent** in the Flask application because the **send_confirmation_email()** function is never called when you submit the form.

What's Happening:

In app.py , when the form is submitted to /submit:

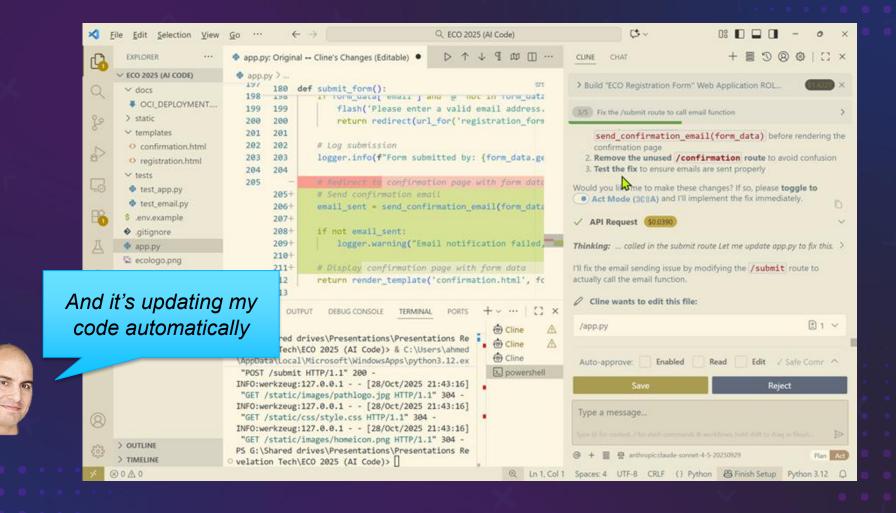
- 1. Form data is extracted and validated <
- 2. The confirmation page is rendered directly
- 3. BUT the email function is never called X

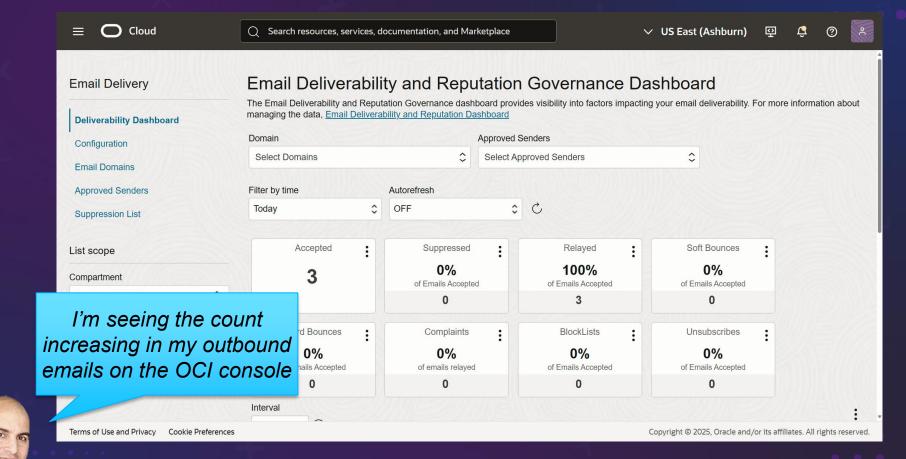
Look at line 193-194 in your **/submit** route:

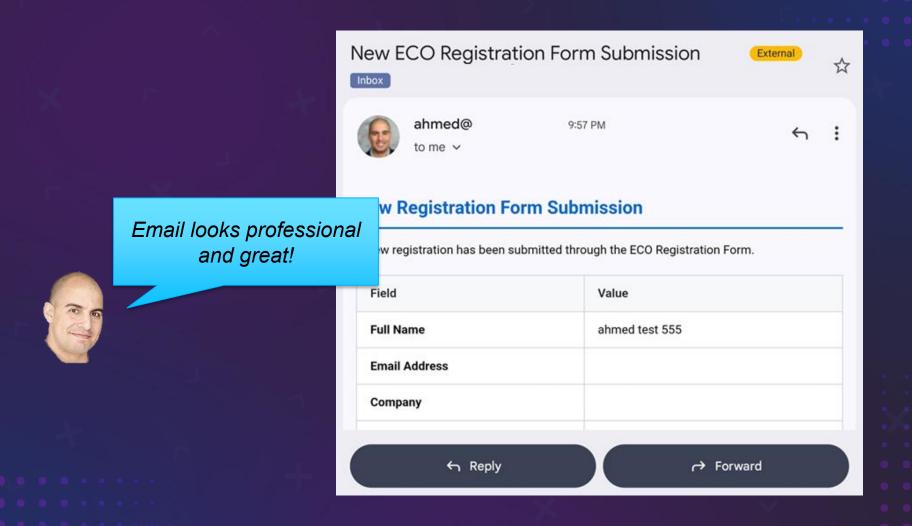
Redirect to confirmation page with form data
return render_template('confirmation.html', form_data=

The send_confirmation_email(form_data) function is defined in the /confirmation route (lines 197-220), but that route is never actually executed because:

- The form POSTs to /submit
- /submit directly renders the template
- **/confirmation** route exists but is unreachable





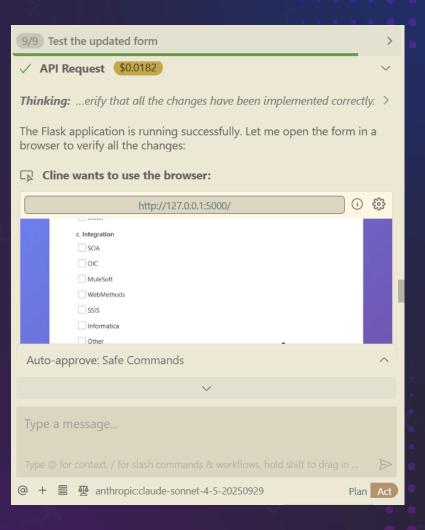


Total cost was \$1.5116



I forgot to mention that
Cline can also test the web
app locally



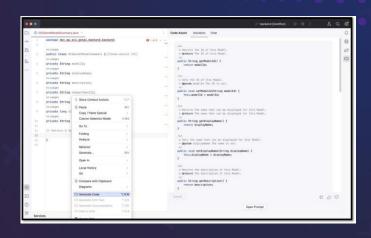


3. FINAL THOUGHTS



ORACLE CODE ASSIST

- Announced May 2024 (in beta)
- Al-code companion
- Leverages LLMs running OCI
- Optimized for Java, Python, C#, PL/SQL, etc.





Generate code to help improve productivity

Build applications faster and improve your productivity—because your time is precious.



Generate test cases to help increase coverage

Increase test quality with better test coverage spanning a greater variety of test inputs.



Annotate code to help improve code readability

Improve maintainability with AI-generated API documentation or comments.



Analyze code to help optimize code quality

Identify bugs and inefficiencies and produce opinionated code based on best practices.



Tailor suggestions based on your guidelines

Align your code with your organization's existing codebase, which helps facilitate reviews.

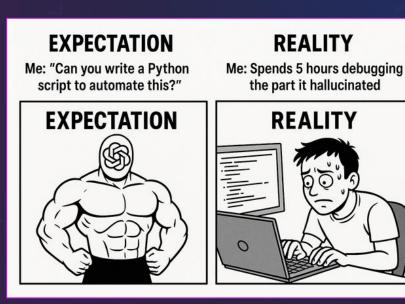


Provide suggestions for AppDev on OCI

Maximize utility and boost effectiveness of applications that run on OCI and use OCI services.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Pick a tool and master it
- Enhance your prompting
- Remain critical and curious
- Stay in control
- Prioritize security
- Always refine Al-generated code
- Consider measuring ROI (utilization, impact, cost) (though takes effort)



BLOG LINKS

- My initial experiences with Tabnine AI code assistant (hopeful)
 https://chronicler.tech/my-initial-experiences-with-tabnine-ai-code-assistant-hopeful/
- Impressive Autonomous Al Code Generation with Cline https://chronicler.tech/impressive-autonomous-ai-code-generation-with-cline/
- Lightning speed AI code generation with Diffusion LLM https://chronicler.tech/lightning-speed-ai-code-generation-with-diffusion-Ilm/
- Comparing Cline and GitHub Copilot for Autonomous AI Code Generation
 https://chronicler.tech/comparing-cline-and-github-copilot-for-autonomous-ai-code-generation/
- Creating an API key on Anthropic
 https://chronicler.tech/creating-an-api-key-on-anthropic/
- Configuring Cline on Visual Studio Code
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- What the AI coding assistants get right, and where they go wrong
 https://www.infoworld.com/article/4003742/what-the-ai-coding-assistants-get-right-and-where-they-go-wrong.html

THANKS!