
WebGen-Bench: Evaluating LLMs on Generating Interactive and Functional Websites from Scratch

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Abstract

LLM-based agents have demonstrated great potential in generating and managing code within complex codebases. In this paper, we introduce WebGen-Bench, a novel benchmark designed to measure an LLM-based agent’s ability to create multi-file website codebases from scratch. It contains diverse instructions for website generation, created through the combined efforts of human annotators and GPT-4o. These instructions span three major categories and thirteen minor categories, encompassing nearly all important types of web applications. To assess the quality of the generated websites, we generate test cases targeting each functionality described in the instructions. These test cases are then manually filtered, refined, and organized to ensure accuracy, resulting in a total of 647 test cases. Each test case specifies an operation to be performed on the website and the expected outcome of the operation. To automate testing and improve reproducibility, we employ a powerful web-navigation agent to execute test cases on the generated websites and determine whether the observed responses align with the expected results. We evaluate three high-performance code-agent frameworks—Bolt.diy, OpenHands, and Aider—using multiple proprietary and open-source LLMs as engines. The best-performing combination, Bolt.diy powered by DeepSeek-R1, achieves only 27.8% accuracy on the test cases, highlighting the challenging nature of our benchmark. Additionally, we construct WebGen-Instruct, a training set consisting of 6,667 website-generation instructions. Training Qwen2.5-Coder-32B-Instruct on Bolt.diy trajectories generated from a subset of the training set achieves an accuracy of 38.2%, surpassing the performance of the best proprietary model. We release our data-generation, training, and testing code, along with both the datasets and model weights at <https://github.com/mnluzimu/WebGen-Bench>.

1 Introduction

Recent developments in large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated increasingly strong performance. When paired with agent frameworks, they have become much more competent at solving challenging tasks such as fixing bugs in complex codebases and competing in coding competitions. Prior works have sought to quantify the software engineering abilities of these LLM-powered agents by testing them on curated GitHub issues [26, 56] and feature-patching requests [35]. These tasks mainly involve modifications to existing codebases and primarily target expert engineers.

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Table 1: Comparison of WebGen-Bench with other repository-level software engineering benchmarks. The “Number of Files” and “Lines of Code” represent the average values per sample (*except for SWE-Bench Multimodal, where the values are medians). The values for our benchmarks are derived from the test results of Bolt.diy, OpenHands, and Aider using DeepSeek-V3. The values for the other benchmarks are obtained from [26],[35], and[56], respectively.

Benchmark	From Scratch	Training Set	Number of Files	Lines of Code
WebGen-Bench (ours)	✓	✓	8.1	315.3
SWE-Bench	✗	✓	1.7	32.8
SWE-Bench Multimodal*	✗	✗	2	27
SWE-Lancer	✗	✗	2	55

On the other hand, there is a growing need for code agents to assist non-experts with little or no programming background in building applications tailored to their needs and expectations. For example, Bolt.new⁴ and Lovable.dev⁵ are two projects that generate complete websites based on user requests and have become popular among customers. This task poses significant challenges for LLM-based agents, as building a fully functional and customized web application from scratch tests a wide range of capabilities—including high-level planning, organizing complex multi-file codebases, and implementing nuanced user requirements. However, there is currently a lack of systematic and reliable evaluation methods for this task. The high demand for such applications, coupled with the value of assessing agent capabilities, highlights the need for a novel benchmark to evaluate the ability to generate websites from scratch based on natural language instructions.

To this end, we introduce **WebGen-Bench**, the first benchmark to systematically evaluate LLM-based agents’ ability to construct websites that satisfy the functional and appearance requirements specified in user instructions. As shown in Tab. 1, unlike prior software-engineering benchmarks [26, 35, 56], which focus on fixing bugs or supplying patches to existing codebases, our benchmark requires models to build a complex codebase from scratch, assessing agents’ ability to plan, develop, and manage projects with multi-file structures. There are two critical challenges to address when creating the benchmark: (1) how to curate diverse instructions covering major web-application categories and (2) how to accurately evaluate the websites generated from scratch.

To tackle these problems, we introduce a systematic data curation and evaluation pipeline for assessing website-generation agents. Starting from 20 common categories identified across popular development platforms, we first manually construct diverse website descriptions and then use GPT-4o to generate comprehensive instructions and test cases that cover both functionality and appearance. For evaluation, we leverage WebVoyager for automated functional testing and prompt GPT-4o to rate design aesthetics on a scale of 1 to 5. Using this framework, we benchmark Bolt.diy, OpenHands, and Aider, and find that Bolt.diy performs best. Further evaluation across models shows that DeepSeek-R1 achieves the highest functional success rate (27.8%), whereas Claude-3.5-Sonnet leads in appearance with an average score of 3.0 out of 5.0, indicating substantial room for improvement.

We also construct a training dataset named **WebGen-Instruct**, which contains 6,667 website-generation instructions. To avoid data contamination, we removed instructions that are semantically similar to those in WebGen-Bench by applying Jaccard-similarity filtering and Sentence-Transformers-based deduplication [40], as detailed in Appendix D. Fine-tuning Qwen2.5-Coder-32B-Instruct on Bolt.diy trajectories—generated from a subset of WebGen-Instruct by DeepSeek-V3 with rejection sampling raises its accuracy to 38.2%, a substantial improvement over its original 9.5% and even higher than the performance of DeepSeek-R1. We also fine-tune Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-Instruct and Qwen2.5-Coder-14B-Instruct on the same training data, and name the resulting family of website-generation models **WebGen-LM**.

Our contributions are as follows:

- We introduce WebGen-Bench, the first benchmark designed to test the ability of an LLM-based agent to generate websites from scratch. It includes diverse instructions for website generation and corresponding test cases to evaluate website functionalities.

⁴<https://bolt.new>

⁵<https://lovable.dev>

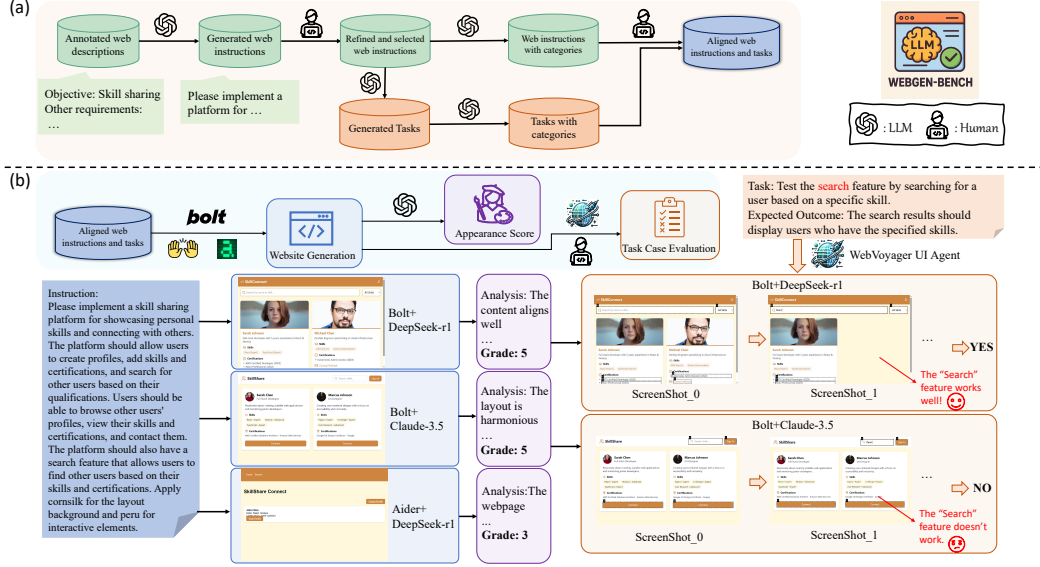


Figure 1: The data-curation and automatic-testing pipeline. (a) shows the process for curating website-generation instructions together with their corresponding test cases; (b) demonstrates the testing pipeline for verifying whether the generated websites satisfy functionality and design requirements with the WebVoyager UI agent. Their aesthetic quality is evaluated using GPT-4o.

- We conduct comprehensive evaluations of three high-performance code-agent frameworks — Bolt.diy, OpenHands, and Aider — using different proprietary LLMs as engines, demonstrating the challenging nature of our benchmark.
- We construct WebGen-Instruct, a training set consisting of 6,667 website-generation instructions. We use this training set to fine-tune Qwen2.5-Coder-Instruct models of sizes 7B, 14B, and 32B, resulting in a family of LLMs specialized in website generation, named WebGen-LM. WebGen-LM-32B achieves an accuracy of 38.2% on WebGen-Bench, surpassing DeepSeek-R1.

2 Related Work

Software Engineering Benchmarks. Code generation has long been used as a means to evaluate the abilities of LLMs [16, 6, 4]. Previous works have collected coding problems from various sources, such as user queries [63], coding contests [20], model synthesis [65], and expert design [36, 6], to evaluate LLMs’ performance on single-file, function-level coding tasks. Recently, as stronger models have reached a plateau on these simpler benchmarks, new benchmarks such as SWE-bench [26, 56] and SWE-Lancer [35] have been constructed by collecting real-world code repositories and corresponding issue requests to test models’ ability to solve bugs and implement new functionalities. These benchmarks require models to identify and fix issues [26, 56, 2], perform code completions [29, 60], or provide functionality patches [35] within an existing multi-file codebase. Different from previous works, our benchmark focuses on creating web applications from scratch based on natural language instructions, requiring models to generate a complex, multi-file codebase, implement multiple functionality and appearance requirements, and make independent technical design decisions.

LLM-based Code Agents and Pipelines. Various agent-based [50, 55, 1, 9, 8, 51] and pipeline-based [52, 44, 64] methods have been proposed to address software engineering problems such as code completion and GitHub issue resolution. While pipeline-based methods sometimes demonstrate strong performance on specific tasks with fixed pipelines [26], agent-based methods are generally more flexible. Code agent frameworks such as OpenHands [50] and SWE-agent [55] interact with executable environments to obtain feedback from the execution of generated code. To evaluate our benchmark, we selected three open-source code agents. Among them, OpenHands [50] and Aider [1] are general-purpose code agent frameworks that we adapted for our benchmark, while Bolt.diy [47] is a specialized framework for generating web applications. Prior works [38, 34, 32, 53, 33, 21] have

employed various post-training methods to improve the performance of open-source models. In this work, we also fine-tune open-source models with generated trajectories.

Automatic Software User-testing. User-testing is a common method in software engineering to assess the functionality of software with high user-interaction requirements. However, human testing can be costly and introduce significant management complexities. Various works have employed agents to test websites [30], graphical user interfaces (GUIs) [10], and games [48, 11]. Similar to our work, [19, 5, 27] use unit tests to enable automated testing of the outputs generated by LLMs, though their tests are assertion-based while ours are based on GUI Agent operation results on the generated LLMs. Among them, UXAgent [30] uses UI agents with pre-defined personas to simulate user experiences on websites. Our work also utilizes a web navigation UI agent to evaluate generated websites. Different from prior works, we define atomic test cases targeting functionality and appearance requirements, enabling the agent to perform operations and observe whether the website behaves as intended.

3 WebGen-Bench

In this section, we introduce WebGen-Bench, the first benchmark designed to test the ability of LLM-based agents to generate websites from scratch based on natural language instructions. The benchmark consists of diverse website-generation instructions and comprehensive test cases that have been carefully constructed and repeatedly validated. A reliable and cost-effective testing pipeline, built around a strong web navigation agent, has been developed to ensure efficient evaluation of the generated websites. The data curation process and testing pipeline are shown in Fig. 1 (a) and (b) respectively.

3.1 Instruction Curation

Web Development Project Descriptions Collection. To ensure the diversity and practicality of the instructions, we first carefully browsed several platforms containing website development project listings, including Upwork⁶, Freelancer⁷, and Progin⁸. We identified twenty prevalent web application categories, as outlined in Appendix E. To simulate numerous customized web applications, we employ a panel of forty computer science student volunteers to conduct brainstorming sessions to determine various specific web applications belonging to these categories, as well as a brief and clear list of corresponding functionality and appearance requirements for each application. A customized application and its corresponding requirements are combined into a project description. We manually created 10152 project descriptions in total.

Website-Generation Instruction Curation. From the collected project descriptions, we use one-shot prompting with GPT-4o to generate the corresponding instructions. The prompt template is shown in Appendix C. Because the total number of generated instructions exceeds the practical limits of benchmarking code agents—which require substantial computational resources and long inference trajectories—we sample 2 to 8 representative examples from each category to preserve both coverage and diversity. This procedure produces a curated test set containing 101 instructions.

Next, we decontaminate the remaining instructions by first filtering those with a 5-gram Jaccard similarity score exceeding 0.6 relative to any testing instruction. We then perform semantic deduplication by computing cosine similarity between sentence embeddings [40] of the remaining instructions and the testing set. This process produces a training set of 6,667 website-generation instructions, which we name **WebGen-Instruct**. Details of the decontamination process are provided in Appendix D.

Test Set Adjustment and Validation. We refine and validate the selected test instructions to ensure they exclude unreasonable designs and overly specific technical details. We intentionally omit technical design specifications because our dataset aims to evaluate code agents in scenarios where they receive instructions from non-expert users. The agents should autonomously determine the optimal technical approach. Including tool-specific hints in the instructions would compromise this objective.

⁶<https://www.upwork.com>

⁷<https://www.freelancer.com>

⁸<https://www.progin.com>

Table 2: The number of website-generation instructions in each technical category in WebGen-Bench. Each main category contains multiple subcategories. A sample may belong to one main category and multiple subcategories.

Main Categories	Sample Number	Sub Category	Sample Number
Content Presentation	28	Static Page Generation	20
		Dynamic Content Rendering	18
		Data Visualization	36
		Media Display	6
User Interaction	49	Form Systems	40
		Authentication	18
		Real-time Features	20
		E-commerce	22
		AI Integration	19
Data Management	24	CRUD Operations	29
		API Integration	20
		Big Data	12
		File Handling	5
Total	101		

Technical Classification of the Testing Set. Given the limited number of testing instructions per application category, analyzing categorical statistics based on the original 20 application categories would be confusing. To enable higher-level analysis, we reorganize the 101 testing instructions into three broader technical categories (see Tab. 2): (1) Content Presentation: Static page generation (e.g., corporate/portfolio sites), dynamic rendering (e.g., blogs/news feeds), data visualization (e.g., dashboards), and immersive media displays (e.g., 360° product views). (2) User Interaction: Form systems, authentication flows, real-time collaboration tools, e-commerce transactions, and AI-enhanced features (e.g., chatbots). (3) Data Management: CRUD operations for content administration, third-party API integrations (e.g., payment/social platforms), analytical processing of user behavior data, and file operations (e.g., cloud synchronization, bulk exports).

3.2 Test Case Construction and Evaluation

Since the websites are generated from scratch based on the instructions, the tested agents have significant freedom in their implementation choices. To accurately evaluate how well the agents satisfy the instruction requirements while accommodating diverse implementation approaches, we construct test cases targeting each and every requirement in the instructions.

Test Case Construction. Each test case consists of an operation verifying a specific functionality or appearance requirement, paired with its expected outcome. We first generate draft test cases using GPT-4o with the prompt shown in Appendix F. Two computer science Ph.D. students then independently review and refine these test cases. After comparing their adjustments, we resolved discrepancies through discussion, yielding a final set of 647 test cases (4–11 per instruction). This manual validation process guarantees strict alignment between test cases and instructions, ensuring: (1) all instruction requirements are covered by test cases, and (2) each test case corresponds to an instruction requirement. This approach ensures comprehensive evaluation while preserving implementation flexibility for the tested agents.

UI Agent-based Evaluation. With instructions and test cases prepared, we must determine how to effectively evaluate the generated websites. Manual testing by human evaluators is costly and time-consuming, as completing a test case takes at least 60 seconds, and finishing all 647 test cases would require approximately 10.8 hours at an estimated cost of \$377.8 [49]. This slow, labor-intensive process would hinder rapid iteration during framework development, preventing researchers from obtaining timely feedback when refining website-generation systems.

To improve testing efficiency, we automate test case evaluation. Inspired by [30], which employs persona-based agents for web usability testing, we utilize WebVoyager [15], a robust web navigation UI agent, to execute test operations and verify outcomes. We structure each test case’s operation and

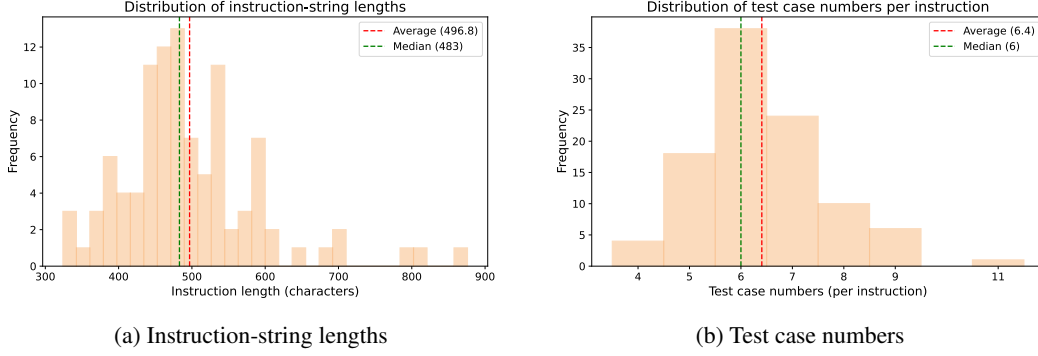


Figure 2: Distributions of instruction lengths (left) and test case numbers per instruction (right).

Table 3: Statistics for the instruction string lengths and the test case numbers in our dataset.

Statistic	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Average
Instruction Length (chars)	324	876	483	496.8
Test Case Number	4	11	6	6.4

expected outcome into a standardized prompt, which directs the agent to simulate user interactions, analyze action trajectories and screenshots, and return YES, NO, or PARTIAL assessments based on requirement fulfillment. The process is shown on the right side of Fig. 1 (b). When the agent reaches its interaction limit, we trigger a decision prompt, inducing the agent to make a final decision. The prompts are presented in Appendix G. Considering the cost induced by multiple interactions with the website in evaluating each test case, we employ Qwen2.5-VL-32B-Instruct, an efficient open-source vision-language model that balances performance and cost-effectiveness, as the agent’s engine.

3.3 Evaluation of Website Appearance

Apart from the fulfillment of the functionality and appearance constraints in the instructions, another important aspect of website generation is the level of relevance, harmony, and aesthetics of the webpage. To conduct a quantitative analysis of this aspect, we designed a set of detailed metrics, ranging from the success of rendering and the relevance of the content to the harmony of the layout and the modernness of the design. We then place the metrics in a prompt, asking GPT-4o to grade the appearance of the website with a score ranging from 1 to 5 (the higher the better), as demonstrated in the middle part of Fig. 1 (b). The prompt is shown in Appendix. H. Examples are presented in Appendix. M.

3.4 Analysis of Dataset Attributes

We analyze the distribution of instruction lengths and the number of test cases per instruction. The corresponding plots are shown in Fig.2, and the minimum, maximum, median, and average values are summarized in Tab.3.

As depicted in Fig. 2 (a), most website-generation instructions contain between 400 and 600 characters, with a median length of 483 and an average length of 496.8. These relatively long prompts add considerable complexity, posing a meaningful challenge to the agents under evaluation. Fig. 2 (b) indicates that most instructions are associated with five to seven test cases. The median and average numbers of test cases are 6 and 6.4, respectively. Because each test case corresponds to a distinct requirement in the instruction, these statistics confirm that every instruction encompasses a sufficient set of functional and appearance requirements.

4 Experiments

4.1 Experimental Setup

Frameworks. We evaluate three popular code-agent frameworks: Bolt.diy [47], OpenHands [50], and Aider [1]. Bolt.diy is the open-source version of Bolt.new⁹, a browser-based framework for generating and previewing web applications. It provides a user interface and a Linux-like WebContainer environment that can execute code. It first prompts the model to decide which frontend and backend frameworks to use (such as Vite, React, Remix, etc.), then imports the basic template and builds upon it. OpenHands is a platform for AI-powered software development agents. For OpenHands, we pair it with CodeActAgent to evaluate it on our benchmark. The adapted instruction is presented in Appendix I. Aider is a terminal-based AI programming framework that natively supports many popular programming languages, including Python, JavaScript, PHP, HTML, CSS, and more. Aider constructs a map of the entire codebase, which helps it function well in larger projects. We use the adapted instruction in Appendix J to generate websites with Aider.

Models. We first evaluate the three frameworks on DeepSeek-V3 [28], a model that is both performant and cost-effective. We then evaluate several strong general-purpose proprietary and open-source LLMs—including Claude-3.5-Sonnet [3], DeepSeek-R1 [12], GPT-4o [18], o3-mini [37], Qwen2.5-Coder-32B [17], and Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct [54]—on the best-performing framework, Bolt.diy. We do not test general-purpose models smaller than Qwen2.5-Coder-32B, as we observe that such models often fail to follow the specified output format and therefore cannot generate valid websites.

Training Details. To validate the effectiveness of our training set, we selectively generated Bolt.diy trajectories for a subset of 2K instructions from WebGen-Instruct using DeepSeek-V3. Using rejection sampling [59], we retained only the trajectories whose corresponding websites achieved an appearance score greater than or equal to 3, resulting in 600 trajectories. This filtering ensures that the remaining generated websites are relevant to the instructions and do not exhibit major rendering issues. We then fine-tuned Qwen2.5-Coder-Instruct models of sizes 7B, 14B, and 32B for 2 epochs, with a learning rate of 4e-5 and a batch size of 32. The 7B, 14B, and 32B models were trained on 8, 16, and 32 A800 GPUs, respectively. This fine-tuning process yields a family of models specialized in website generation, which we name **WebGen-LM**.

4.2 Experimental Results

We present the results on the entire WebGen-Bench dataset in Tab.4, and the accuracy for each category of instructions and test cases in Tab. 5. Accuracy is computed using the formula $\text{Accuracy} = \frac{N_{\text{Yes}} + 0.5 \times N_{\text{Partial}}}{N_{\text{Total}}} \times 100\%$, where N_{Yes} and N_{Partial} denote the number of test cases assessed as YES and PARTIAL, respectively, and N_{Total} is the total number of test cases.

Main Results. Based on the experimental results, we make the following observations: (1) As shown in Tab. 5, WebGen-LM-32B achieves the highest accuracy of 38.2%, surpassing the best proprietary model, DeepSeek-R1, by 10.4%, demonstrating the effectiveness of our training set and the rejection-sampling process. (2) Bolt.diy with DeepSeek-R1 as the engine achieves the highest accuracy among general LLMs at 27.8%, closely followed by Claude-3.5-Sonnet with an accuracy of 26.4%. This indicates that the best-performing models are still far from saturating WebGen-Bench, highlighting that our benchmark remains challenging for current LLMs and agent frameworks. (3) Smaller general open-source models, such as Qwen2.5-Coder-32B and Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct, show a significant performance gap compared to proprietary models. (4) In terms of appearance scores, Bolt.diy with Claude-3.5-Sonnet achieves the best performance of 3.0. The appearance score exhibits a loose correlation with accuracy, as functional webpages typically do not suffer from major rendering issues. To better understand the statistical characteristics of the generated websites, we analyzed the file count and line count in the generated codebases, as detailed in Appendix K.

Categorical Results. Apart from the three main instruction categories (shown in Tab. 2), we also classify the test cases into three primary categories based on what they are intended to evaluate: Functional Testing, Data Display Testing, and Design Validation Testing. Detailed definitions and statistics for these categories are provided in Appendix L. As shown in Tab. 5, among the different categories of test cases, Design Validation Testing achieves the highest accuracy in most cases,

⁹<https://bolt.new>

Table 4: Evaluation of three powerful code-agent frameworks using different proprietary and open-source models. Accuracy is computed using a weighted score, where YES samples are weighted by 1 and PARTIAL samples are weighted by 0.5; the total score is then divided by the number of test cases. The highest accuracy and appearance scores are marked in **bold**.

Test Name	Yes Rate	Partial Rate	No Rate	Start Failed	Accuracy	Appearance Score
Bolt.diy						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	22.6	7.6	64.1	5.7	26.4	3.0
DeepSeek-R1	24.7	6.2	64.3	4.8	27.8	2.5
DeepSeek-V3	18.5	4.5	73.9	3.1	20.8	2.0
GPT-4o	10.4	4.8	64.5	20.4	12.8	1.5
o3-mini	17.9	3.4	40.0	38.6	19.6	1.6
Qwen2.5-Coder-32B	8.2	2.6	81.8	7.4	9.5	1.1
Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct	12.1	3.6	80.7	3.7	13.8	1.4
WebGen-LM-7B	24.9	7.1	68.0	0.0	28.4	2.5
WebGen-LM-14B	25.0	8.7	66.3	0.0	29.4	2.5
WebGen-LM-32B	34.2	8.0	57.8	0.0	38.2	2.8
OpenHands						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	18.1	8.3	58.6	15.0	22.3	2.6
DeepSeek-R1	8.5	3.4	60.4	27.7	10.2	1.4
Deepseek-V3	7.4	3.2	73.9	15.5	9.0	1.5
Aider						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	19.9	5.9	42.0	32.1	22.9	1.9
DeepSeek-R1	23.3	8.7	44.5	23.5	27.7	2.7
Deepseek-V3	12.5	3.1	54.3	30.1	14.1	1.2

Table 7: Comparison of yes rate and accuracy at different sample sizes. The base model is Qwen2.5-Coder-32B-Instruct.

Sample Number	Yes Rate	Accuracy
150	21.8	25.1
300	28.6	31.9
600	34.2	38.2

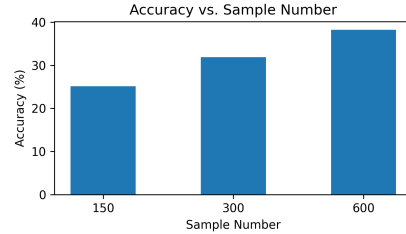


Figure 3: Accuracy vs. sample number.

while Functional Testing generally yields lower accuracy. Among instruction categories, Content Presentation consistently demonstrates the highest accuracies. This indicates that superficial aspects, such as color themes, are easier to implement than deeper internal functionalities.

4.3 Ablation Studies

Analysis of the Accuracy of UI Agent Testing Results. To analyze the accuracy of the UI agent testing process, we manually examined three sets of testing results on Bolt.diy. We select the results of Claude-3.5-Sonnet, DeepSeek-R1, and DeepSeek-V3 as the accuracies of these three models are high and are close to each other. The manual testing results serve as the ground truth and require precision; therefore, three human testers independently annotated the results and we assessed the consistency of their annotations. If the annotations of a test case are inconsistent, a fourth human tester is tasked with re-examining the test case and the inconsistent annotations to decide on a final annotation. We present the results of manual testing in Tab. 6. The Alignment Rate is computed with $\text{Alignment Rate} = \frac{N_{\text{Manual}=\text{Agent}}}{N_{\text{total}}} \times 100\%$, where $N_{\text{Manual}=\text{Agent}}$ denotes the number of test cases where the agent-generated result aligns with the manually-annotated result.

Analysis of Reliability of Appearance Scores. To strengthen the appearance assessment, we evaluate the bolt.diy results produced by Claude-3.5-Sonnet, DeepSeek-R1, and DeepSeek-V3 with

Table 5: Category-wise evaluation results. The first three columns represent categories of website-generation instructions, while the last three represent categories of test cases. The highest score in each category is marked in bold.

Test Name	Instruction Categories			Test Case Categories		
	Content Presentation	User Interaction	Data Management	Functional Testing	Data Display Testing	Design Validation Testing
Bolt.diy						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	35.6	21.2	26.2	17.1	26.3	52.0
DeepSeek-R1	43.7	20.6	24.7	21.1	29.3	44.3
DeepSeek-V3	37.1	16.6	11.2	10.5	28.2	38.1
GPT-4o	26.4	5.9	11.2	4.7	19.6	24.6
o3-mini	28.7	17.7	13.4	11.4	25.5	33.6
Qwen2.5-Coder-32B	17.5	6.9	5.9	1.9	14.5	23.0
Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct	28.2	10.1	5.6	5.8	21.0	25.4
WebGen-LM-7B	27.9	23.8	38.1	22.0	27.7	47.5
WebGen-LM-14B	30.2	27.8	31.6	23.6	26.9	49.2
WebGen-LM-32B	46.6	33.2	38.8	29.1	43.0	56.1
OpenHands						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	32.8	18.4	18.4	12.4	33.9	32.0
DeepSeek-R1	16.4	8.9	5.9	5.0	9.9	25.0
Deepseek-V3	12.6	7.3	8.4	3.8	8.1	25.0
Aider						
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	31.9	21.1	16.6	14.9	30.1	34.0
DeepSeek-R1	39.1	28.6	13.4	17.6	35.2	44.3
Deepseek-V3	17.8	12.8	12.5	9.7	19.1	18.4

Table 6: Alignment between the UI agent testing results and human testing results. The alignment rate denotes the proportion of test cases in which the UI agent’s results match those of human testers.

Model	Testing Method	Yes Rate	Partial Rate	No Rate	Accuracy	Alignment Rate
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	UI Agent	22.6	7.6	64.1	26.4	90.3
	Manual	22.4	7.1	59.0	26.0	–
Deepseek-R1	UI Agent	24.7	6.2	64.3	27.8	86.1
	Manual	28.0	4.3	58.1	30.1	–
Deepseek-V3	UI Agent	18.5	4.5	73.9	20.8	94.4
	Manual	19.0	4.5	70.3	21.3	–

two additional strong multimodal graders—o3 and Claude-3.5-Sonnet. We also manually grade the website screenshots to capture human preference. The results are presented in Tab. 8. Although o3 and Claude-3.5-Sonnet assign slightly lower scores than GPT-4o, the relative ordering of the three results is unchanged (Claude-3.5-Sonnet > DeepSeek-R1 > DeepSeek-V3). Also, for every set of screenshots, the scores descend in the same order: GPT-4o > o3 > Claude-3.5-Sonnet, showing a consistency in the models’ grading pattern. The ensemble results of the three grading models and the human scores both show the same ranking as GPT-4o. These findings indicate that GPT-4o reliably reflects relative appearance quality and aligns with human preference, making it a suitable choice under a limited budget.

Analysis of the Number of Training Samples. We analyze the effect of the number of training samples on the accuracy of the fine-tuned models. Specifically, we fine-tune Qwen2.5-Coder-32B-Instruct using 150, 300, and 600 samples, respectively. As shown in Fig. 3 and Tab. 7, accuracy consistently increases with the number of training samples, highlighting the potential of our training set. We did not sample additional trajectories due to API budget constraints. Nevertheless, the current sample size already demonstrates the effectiveness of WebGen-Instruct for training website

Table 8: Average appearance scores obtained when the output of each agent-engine LLM is graded by different grading methods.

Agent-engine LLM \ Grading method	GPT-4o	o3	Claude-3.5-Sonnet	Average (ensemble)	Human
Claude-3.5-Sonnet	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.8
DeepSeek-R1	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
DeepSeek-V3	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9

generation LLMs. Further accuracy improvements through additional data or techniques such as data augmentation are left for future work.

Analysis of Errors in WebGen-Bench Tasks.

We analyze the errors and flaws that occur in web generation pipelines using mainstream LLMs such as DeepSeek-V3. A detailed explanation of the error types, along with examples of erroneous cases, is provided in Appendix N. In addition, we present statistics on the distribution of error types for each task in the test set, as shown in Fig. 4. Currently, more than half of the task errors are due to failures in launching a web page or in modifying a template. These results highlight significant potential for future research focused on improving the success rate of web page initialization and template adaptation in generated websites.

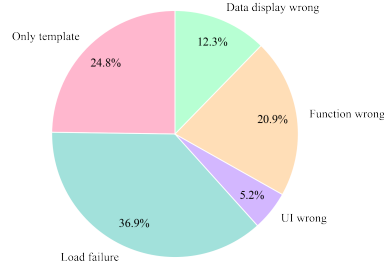


Figure 4: The distribution of the task errors.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we introduce WebGen-Bench, a novel benchmark for evaluating the ability of LLM-based agents to generate websites from scratch. The benchmark requires agents to construct and organize multi-file codebases while satisfying various functional and visual constraints. We evaluate three code-agent frameworks using both proprietary and open-source LLMs. The best-performing combination, Bolt.diy with DeepSeek-R1, achieves an accuracy of only 27.8%, highlighting the challenging nature of our benchmark. Additionally, we construct a training set of 6,667 website-generation instructions and fine-tune Qwen2.5-Coder-32B on 600 Bolt.diy trajectories generated by DeepSeek-V3, resulting in an accuracy of 38.2%—surpassing even the best proprietary model.

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A Ethics Statement

The WebGen-Bench dataset is entirely composed of synthetically generated instructions and test cases, curated manually and synthesized using artificial intelligence. While this resource is non-commercial, we emphasize that its construction process maintains a clear distance from potential ethical or legal concerns, particularly regarding intellectual property.

Legal compliance. We take great care in our methodology to uphold copyright integrity, utilizing three protective approaches to safeguard against infringement: (1) all base project descriptions originate from the creative efforts of the authors and student volunteers; (2) the 20 fundamental categories are sufficiently abstracted through systematic analysis; and (3) our framework does not copy content from existing websites or platforms, thereby avoiding copyright infringement risks associated with specific commercial implementations.

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B Limitations and Future Work

Website generation in this work is primarily conducted using TypeScript, JavaScript, CSS, and HTML. Other languages such as Python, Java, and Go are not used, due to the complexity of integrating them into the agent framework. Expanding the range of supported languages and tools for automatic website generation with code agents is a promising direction for future research. Additionally, we only employed supervised fine-tuning to enhance the performance of open-source LLMs on website generation, without utilizing other post-training strategies such as reinforcement learning or direct preference optimization [39]. These methods present valuable opportunities for future exploration.

C Prompt for Deriving Instructions from Website Development Project Descriptions

Fig. 5 presents the prompt used to derive website-generation instructions from web development project descriptions created by human annotators. Notably, the model is instructed to exclude any requirements related to technical implementation details, as the goal is to evaluate the code agents’ ability to make such decisions independently.

D Details of the Decontamination Process

In this section, we introduce the methods we used to decontaminate the training set from the testing set. We first employ 5-gram Jaccard similarity, removing the instructions in the training set with a similarity score higher than 0.6 with one of the instructions in the testing set. Then, to remove the instructions that are semantically similar to those in the testing set, we compute the sentence embeddings of the instructions using the all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model of Sentence-Transformer [40], and compute the cosine similarity of the embeddings. We experimented with various threshold settings, and finally settled on removing the training instructions with a cosine similarity of larger than 0.55.

We then inspect whether the remaining training samples contain instructions that are semantic duplicates of the instructions in the testing. For each testing instruction, we retrieve the top-3 training instructions with the highest cosine similarity, and manually inspect them for semantic duplication. We found that the retrieved training samples are all completely different from the testing samples, proving that the final training set is not contaminated. The first three samples in WebGen-Bench and their top matches in the training set are shown in Fig. 7, Fig. 8, and Fig. 9, respectively. The matches are completely different from the test samples. Fig. 6 shows the distribution of the cosine similarity between the test set and the training set. The cosine similarity is gathered around 0.2 to 0.3, which is relatively low.

Prompt:

<task>

You will be given a piece of text containing the basic information of a web development project. The information involves a main objective and a list of functional and appearance requirements. You are requested to convert the information into instructions to build a web application. You should output a detailed multi-sentence instruction in English explaining in detail the different functions the applications should have.

</task>

<important>

1. Your output should align with the main objective of the website and expand upon the requirements.
2. You should not specify any technical details in the instructions.
3. You should not refer to any outside applications in your instructions.
4. You should not output any additional comments.

</important>

The following is an example:

<example>

Objective:

A hotel and travel ticket distribution website.

Other requirements:

1. User login
2. Order tickets and hotels
3. Cancel orders
4. Verify orders
5. Browse tickets and hotels
6. Light blue background and dark olive green component

Converted Instruction:

Please implement a distribution website for travel and ticketing that sells products such as tickets and hotels. The website should have functionalities for placing, canceling, and verifying orders. Users should be able to log in, browse products like tickets and hotels, place orders for selected products, cancel selected orders, and verify consumption records. Use light blue in the background layer and dark olive green for the component layer.

</example>

Objective:

{ Objective }

Other requirements:

{ Other requirements }

Converted Instruction:

Figure 5: The prompt for deriving instructions from human annotated descriptions.

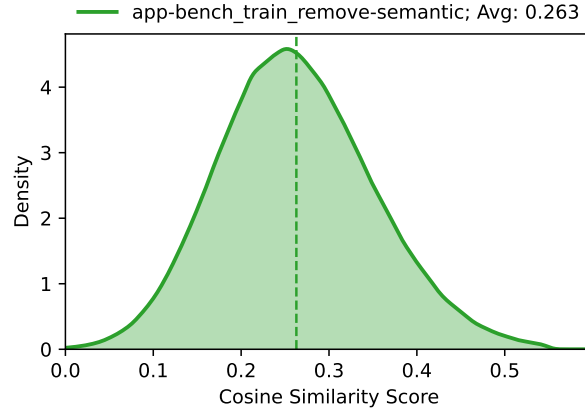


Figure 6: The distribution of the cosine similarity between the test set and the training set.

Test Instruction 1: Please implement a website for generating stock reports to provide stock information and analysis. The website should have the functionality to search and summarize stock information, and generate customized stock reports based on user requirements. Users should be able to input stock codes or names, select report formats and content, and the website will automatically generate the corresponding reports. The reports should include basic stock information, market trends, financial data, and more. Set the background color to white and the component color to navy.

Match 1: Please implement a website for generating PDF reports that creates PDF files containing directories, word clouds, logos, and chart displays. The website should have functionalities for uploading data, selecting templates, customizing content, previewing, and downloading PDFs. Users should be able to upload relevant data, choose from different templates, customize the report content, preview the generated PDF file, and download the final PDF report. Specify bisque as the base color and dark salmon for all components.

Similarity: 0.549

Match 2: Please implement an accounting factory website for enterprise financial management and statistics. The website should have functionalities for creating service enterprises, setting declaration types, and extracting statistics by quarter and year. Users should be able to log in, create and manage service enterprises, set declaration types, view and analyze financial data, and perform WeChat payment and other operations. Set page background to light beige; color all components with sienna.

Similarity: 0.542

Match 3: Please implement a report frontend website to display vehicle inspection report data. The website should have functionalities for displaying report templates, inspection report information, and audit status. Users should be able to log in, browse, and view inspection reports, including report details, inspection results, and audit status. Use powder blue for container backgrounds and royal blue for component visuals.

Similarity: 0.538

Figure 7: Top semantic matches for the first test instruction in WebGen-Bench with similarity scores.

E Application Categories of WebGen-Instruct and WebGen-Bench.

Tab. 9 lists the 20 application categories manually summarized by the authors through browsing web development projects on popular platforms that connect programmers with clients seeking custom website solutions, such as Upwork¹⁰, Freelancer¹¹, and Progin¹². These application categories serve as seed ideas for our human annotators during the brainstorming of new application scenarios.

Detailed definition of each category is as follows:

¹⁰<https://www.upwork.com>

¹¹<https://www.freelancer.com>

¹²<https://www.progin.com>

Test Instruction 2: Please implement a web-based neighborhood mapping application for comparing data across different areas. The application should allow users to compare demographic, economic, and crime data across different areas. The application should also include data dashboards with interactive charts and customizable layouts. Use ivory for the background and forest green for components.

Match 1: Please implement a geographic spatial data processing website for handling and analyzing geographic spatial data. The website should have functionalities for data conversion, file interpolation, data operation, and data extraction. Users should be able to upload geographic spatial data files, choose different data formats for conversion, perform data interpolation and operation, and extract the required data. The website should also provide data visualization functionality, allowing users to view and analyze geographic spatial data. Assign mint frost as the background color and apply seagreen to all elements.

Similarity: 0.546

Match 2: Please implement a geographic information system website for displaying maps and managing the backend. The website should have map visualization capabilities to display different types of geographic information. The backend management platform should be able to manage users, permissions, roles, menus, and support specific business management, such as setting up construction orders, inspecting and evaluating drainage facilities, and managing facilities. Users should be able to log in, browse maps, manage backend data, and perform related operations. Set all pages to have a cream background and dark orange components.

Similarity: 0.542

Match 3: Please develop a Boundary Hunter app to provide nearby data research services. The app should have functionalities for data research, report generation, and user management. Users should be able to log in, browse nearby data research projects, submit research requests, and view reports. The app should also have automated testing and stress testing capabilities to ensure its stability and performance. Use ghost white for the outer layout and cadet blue for UI blocks.

Similarity: 0.542

Figure 8: Top semantic matches for the second test instruction in WebGen-Bench with similarity scores.

- Personal Portfolio Sites: Showcase individual professional projects, achievements, and skills.
- Company Brochure Sites: Static or minimally interactive websites providing company information, products, services, and contact details.
- Personal Blog Sites: Regularly updated content sites focusing on personal writing, opinions, experiences, and sharing of knowledge.
- Social Media Platforms: Applications enabling users to interact socially, share content, and build networks.
- Discussion Forums: Platforms facilitating conversations, topic-based discussions, threads, and community interactions.
- E-commerce Web Applications: Online platforms designed for buying and selling goods and services, handling transactions, inventory, and payments.
- Email Clients: Applications for managing emails, sending, receiving, organizing, and scheduling email communication.
- Project Management Tools: Platforms aiding in task organization, scheduling, collaboration, and resource management for projects.
- Streaming and Interactive Platforms: Media-centric platforms for video, audio streaming, or interactive media consumption.
- CRM Systems: Customer Relationship Management tools designed to manage interactions, sales, customer data, and marketing.
- ERP Platforms: Enterprise Resource Planning systems integrating core business processes such as finance, HR, supply chain, and operations.
- Internal Tools: Applications focused on internal company operations, communication, and collaboration.
- News and Information Sites: Platforms primarily dedicated to delivering news content, articles, and timely updates.

Test Instruction 3: Please implement a multi-company dashboard for managing and displaying financial data from multiple companies. The dashboard should be able to collect and display financial information from each company, provide consolidated reports, and support cross-company comparisons and reporting. Users should be able to browse financial data from each company, view consolidated reports, and perform financial management and reporting. Apply mint cream as the background; style all components with teal.

Match 1: Please implement a multi-lingual accounting website for managing financial accounts. The website should have functionalities for logging in, registering, recording, querying, and statistical analysis. Users should be able to log in, create, edit, and delete financial accounts, query historical accounts, and analyze financial status. The website should support multiple languages to facilitate use by users of different languages. Configure the background color to spring green, with components using lime green.
Similarity: 0.549

Match 2: Please implement an enterprise resource planning backend management system for managing internal company data. The system should have user management, permission management, module lists, add, edit, delete, and display functions. Users should be able to log in to the system, browse and manage data in different modules, including adding new data, editing existing data, deleting unnecessary data, and displaying all data. The system should also support Excel import and export functions for convenient batch data operations. Use alabaster as the screen background and dark cyan for component highlights.
Similarity: 0.542

Match 3: Please implement a data visualization website for a telecommunications company to display company data. The website should have multiple pages, each with different dynamic effects. The website should include various charts and maps, with charts having dynamic refresh effects and maps implementing three-level drill-down functionality. Users should be able to browse different pages and view the company's data and statistical information. Use almond as the screen background and sienna for component highlights.
Similarity: 0.540

Figure 9: Top semantic matches for the third test instruction in WebGen-Bench with similarity scores.

Table 9: 20 application categories manually summarized from popular web-development websites.

Application Category	Application Category
Productivity Applications	Project Management Tools
Internal Tools	Company Brochure Sites
E-commerce Web Applications	Streaming and Interactive Platforms
Analytics Platforms/Dashboards	News and Information Sites
Publishing/Blogging Platforms	ERP Platforms
Travel Booking Portals	Learning Platforms
CRM Systems	Social Media Platforms
Discussion Forums	Personal Blog Sites
Email Clients	Browser-Based Games
Job Search Platforms	Personal Portfolio Sites

- **Publishing/Blogging Platforms:** Platforms enabling users to publish, edit, and manage content on a large scale.
- **Analytics Platforms/Dashboards:** Applications providing insights through data visualization, including Business Intelligence and Financial Dashboards.
- **Browser-Based Games:** Interactive, entertainment-focused applications running directly in web browsers.
- **Learning Platforms:** Educational platforms providing courses, training materials, quizzes, and learning management systems.
- **Travel Booking Portals:** Platforms allowing users to search, compare, and book travel services like flights, hotels, and car rentals.
- **Job Search Platforms:** Websites connecting job seekers with employers, allowing job postings, applications, and resume management.
- **Productivity Applications:** Tools for productivity tasks like document editing, spreadsheets, presentations, and collaborative work.

Prompt:

Act as a testing specialist. Based on the provided prompt below, which was used to generate a website, create a list of 5-10 actionable instructions to test the website's functionality, content accuracy, and user experience. Each instruction must:

1. Direct a UI agent to perform a single, atomic task.
2. Include validation criteria.
3. Align with the goals and features described in the original prompt.
4. Ensure each task is atomic (tests one function at a time) and avoids combining multiple sub-tasks.

Structure each instruction as:

Task: Clear, singular task for the UI agent.

Expected Result: Specific outcome to confirm success.

Original prompt:

{orig prompt}

Focus on testing:

- Core functionalities (e.g., forms, navigation).
- Content relevance to the prompt's intent.
- Accessibility and responsiveness.
- Appearance requirements.

IMPORTANT: The tasks must directly reflect ALL of the prompt's requirements and ensure each instruction is independent and minimal. You must not include tasks that test functions that are not explicitly required by the original prompt!

Figure 10: The prompt for deriving test cases that covers all the functional and appearance requirements in the instruction. The {orig prompt} is replaced with the corresponding website-generation instruction.

F Prompt for Creating Website Test Cases

Fig. 10 presents the prompt used to construct test cases that evaluate whether the generated website fulfills the requirements specified in the corresponding instruction. The prompt emphasizes the importance of ensuring that all functionality and appearance requirements are covered by the generated test cases. Conversely, every test case should directly reflect an aspect of the instruction. This ensures that the website is thoroughly evaluated and that all test cases are valid.

G Prompt for Automatic Evaluation of Test Cases Using an UI Agent

Fig. 11 presents the prompt used to instruct the UI agent to perform the operation described in the test case and respond with YES, NO, or PARTIAL, depending on whether the expected outcome is achieved. Fig. 12 shows the prompt used to induce the agent to make a final decision when the maximum number of allowed website interactions has been reached.

H Prompt for Grading Website Appearance

Fig. 13 shows the prompt used to grade the aesthetics of webpage appearances. The grading vision-language model (GPT-4o in this case) is instructed to consider metrics such as successful rendering, content relevance, layout harmony, and the modernity and visual appeal of the design, and then output a grade ranging from 1 to 5 (the higher, the better).

I Prompt for Adapting OpenHands Paired with CodeActAgent for WebGen-Bench Evaluation

Figure 14 presents the prompt used to evaluate OpenHands in combination with CodeActAgent on the WebGen-Bench benchmark.

Start-Testing Prompt:

Task: {task}

Expected Result: {expected result}

Instructions:

- Attempt the task as a user would, using the UI elements available.
- Make multiple attempts if needed to try and achieve the expected result.
- Observe whether the expected result is fully, partially, or not at all achieved.
- IMPORTANT: You can at most interact with the website 15 times. If the limit is reached, directly output your answer.

At the end of your testing, answer only with one of the following:

- YES: if the expected result was fully achieved.
- NO: if the expected result could not be achieved at all.
- PARTIAL: if only some aspects of the expected result were achieved.

Figure 11: The prompt for starting the operation of a test case, where {task} is replaced with the operation to be performed, {expected result} is replaced with the expected state of the website after the operation is performed.

Limit-reached Prompt:

You have reached the maximum number of allowed interactions with the website.

Please evaluate the outcome of your attempts based on the expected result:

Expected Result: {expected result}

Now, answer with one of the following:

- YES: if the expected result was fully achieved during your interactions.
- NO: if the expected result was not achieved at all.
- PARTIAL: if the expected result was only partially achieved.

Provide your final answer based on your testing experience.

Figure 12: The prompt for inducing an answer when the limit of the number of website interactions is reached, where {task} is replaced with the operation to be performed, {expected result} is replaced with the expected state of the website after the operation is performed.

J Prompt for Aider to Generate Websites for WebGen-Bench Evaluation

Fig. 15 shows the prompt used by Aider to generate websites for the WebGen-Bench evaluation.

K Analysis of Average File Count and Average Line Count

Fig. 16 reports the average file and line counts produced by each model, while Fig. 17 (a) and Fig. 17 (b) show the distributions of file and line counts generated specifically by WebGen-LM-32B. As shown in Fig. 16, GPT-4o, o3-mini, Qwen2.5-72B-Instruct, and Qwen2.5-Coder-32B-Instruct exhibit high average file counts relative to their average line counts, yet their overall performance remains relatively low. One plausible explanation is that, although these models create many files, the files are poorly organized and each contains too little code to support a complete website.

By contrast, the WebGen-LM models generate more lines of code without disproportionately increasing the number of files. Their average line counts all exceed those of DeepSeek-V3, the teacher model used during distillation—an effect that can partly be attributed to the use of rejection sampling. For every WebGen-LM variant, both the file count and the line count rise consistently with model size, indicating that the generated websites become increasingly comprehensive and complex as model scale grows.

Appearance-Grading Prompt:

Instruction:

You are tasked with evaluating the functional design of a webpage that had been constructed based on the following instruction:

{instruction}

Grade the webpage's appearance on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), considering the following criteria:

- Successful Rendering: Does the webpage render correctly without visual errors? Are colors, fonts, and components displayed as specified?
- Content Relevance: Does the design align with the website's purpose and user requirements? Are elements (e.g., search bars, report formats) logically placed and functional?
- Layout Harmony: Is the arrangement of components (text, images, buttons) balanced, intuitive, and clutter-free?
- Modernness & Beauty: Does the design follow contemporary trends (e.g., minimalism, responsive layouts)? Are colors, typography, and visual hierarchy aesthetically pleasing?

Grading Scale:

- 1 (Poor): Major rendering issues (e.g., broken layouts, incorrect colors). Content is irrelevant or missing. Layout is chaotic. Design is outdated or visually unappealing.
- 2 (Below Average): Partial rendering with noticeable errors. Content is partially relevant but poorly organized. Layout lacks consistency. Design is basic or uninspired.
- 3 (Average): Mostly rendered correctly with minor flaws. Content is relevant but lacks polish. Layout is functional but unremarkable. Design is clean but lacks modern flair.
- 4 (Good): Rendered well with no major errors. Content is relevant and logically organized. Layout is harmonious and user-friendly. Design is modern and visually appealing.
- 5 (Excellent): Flawless rendering. Content is highly relevant, intuitive, and tailored to user needs. Layout is polished, responsive, and innovative. Design is cutting-edge, beautiful, and memorable.

Task:

Review the provided screenshot(s) of the webpage. Provide a detailed analysis and then assign a grade (1–5) based on your analysis. Highlight strengths, weaknesses, and how well the design adheres to the specifications.

Your Response Format:

Analysis: [2–4 paragraphs addressing all criteria, referencing the instruction]

Grade: [1–5]

Your Response:

Figure 13: The prompt for grading the appearance of the webpage.

OpenHands Prompt:

Create a website app using typescript, html, and css. Your codebase should be able to be setup using 'npm install', and the service should be able to be started using 'npm run dev'.

{instruction}

Figure 14: The prompt for testing OpenHands paired with CodeActAgent on WebGen-Bench.

Aider Prompt:

You are Aider, an expert AI assistant and exceptional senior software developer with vast knowledge across multiple programming languages, frameworks, and best practices.

<system_constraints>

- You MUST generate the code and files Directly without telling me the implementation plan, just generate the codes and files.

- No C/C++ compiler, native binaries, or Git

- Prefer Node.js scripts over shell scripts

- Use Vite for web servers and Node.js for backend

- Databases: prefer libsql, sqlite, or non-native solutions

- When for react dont forget to write vite config and index.html to the project

- You MUST generate a complete package.json file with valid package release version.

</system_constraints>

{instruction}

Make sure all the files imported are correctly generated, and a complete package.json file with valid package release version exists. Generate the remaining files if needed.

Figure 15: The prompt for aider websites generation.

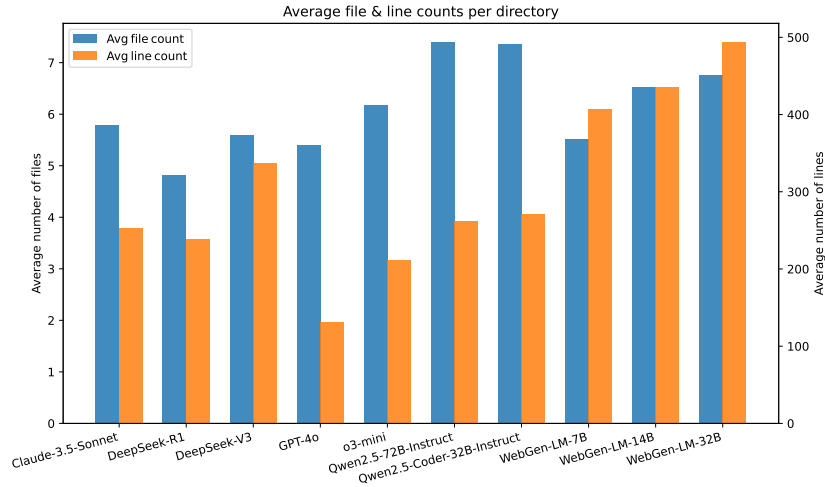


Figure 16: The average file and line counts of each model using Bolt.diy as the framework.

As shown in Fig. 17, most samples contain between 4 and 10 files, while their line counts are largely concentrated between 400 and 500. Only two samples include more than 15 files.

L Test Case Categories

Fig. 18 shows the main category distribution of the task cases. Nearly half of the test cases fall under Functional Testing, around 30% under Data Display Testing, and approximately 20% under Design Validation Testing. This is a reasonable distribution, as functional testing typically constitutes the majority of web page evaluations. Additionally, Tab. 10 presents the detailed subcategories along with their respective frequencies.

Functional testing ensures that all features of an application work as intended. This includes testing form operations such as submission and validation workflows; verifying authentication flows like user registration, login, and permission checks; and validating payment functionalities in e-commerce checkouts or donation processes. It also encompasses search capabilities across various domains such as stock codes, products, or employees, and filtering data based on specific requirements. Additionally, functional testing covers generation tasks such as creating reports or files; file operations including

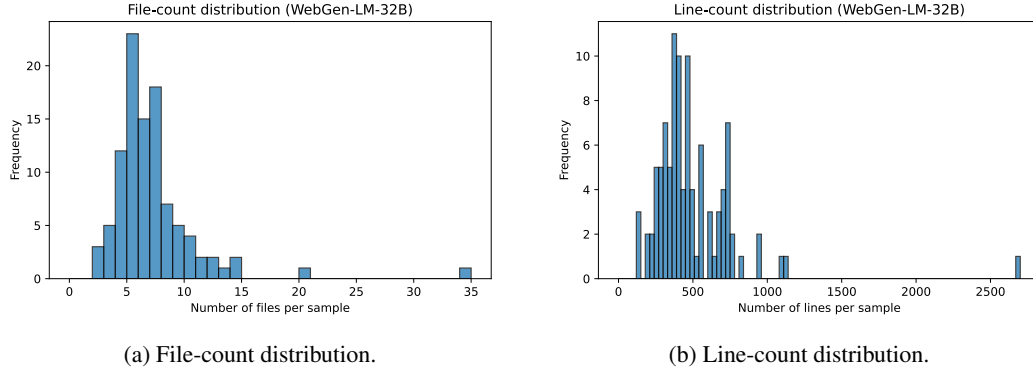


Figure 17: Distributions of the number of files and lines produced by WebGen-LM-32B.

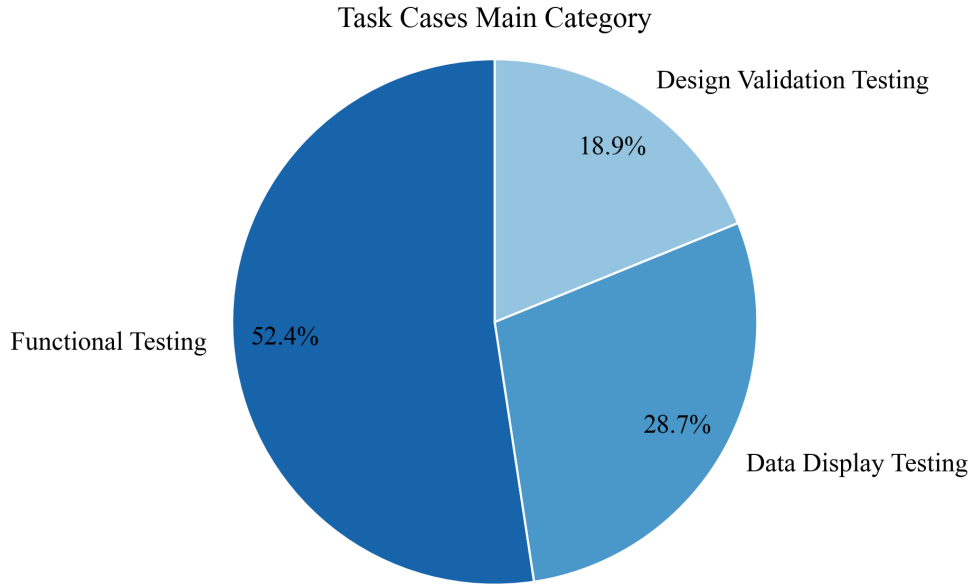


Figure 18: The distribution of the task case categories.

downloading, uploading, and printing; e-commerce activities such as purchasing or booking items; and communication features like sending messages or emails.

Data display testing focuses on how data is presented and updated within an application. This involves ensuring that dynamic content rendering works correctly, including real-time data updates, website navigation, and page refresh mechanisms. It also includes verifying the accuracy of data visualization elements such as charts, graphs, and maps. Furthermore, this type of testing checks the functionality of displaying detailed information when users request more specific data.

Design validation testing focuses on the aesthetic and responsive aspects of an application's user interface. It involves verifying UI consistency across the application and ensuring that color schemes, typography, and spacing are correctly implemented. Responsive behavior is also tested to confirm that the application adapts properly to different devices and screen sizes. Finally, component styling is checked to ensure that elements such as buttons, icons, and cards adhere to the intended design standards.

Table 10: The number of task cases in each category. There are multiple subcategories under each main category. A task case can belong to one main category and multiple subcategories.

Main Categories	Task Number	Sub Category	Task Number
Functional Testing	339	Form Operations	134
		Authentication Flows	48
		Payment	7
		Searching	49
		Filtering	27
		Generation	63
		File Operation	23
		E-commerce	58
		Communication	71
Data Display Testing	186	Dynamic Content Rendering	155
		Data Visualization	30
		Details Information	91
Design Validation Testing	122	UI Consistency	122
		Responsive Behavior	13
		Component Styling	9
Total	667		

M Examples of Websites with Different Appearance Scores

Fig. 19 presents examples of websites with varying appearance scores. As shown in the figure, the visual quality of the websites improves as the appearance score increases. At a score of one, the websites exhibit major rendering errors or contain irrelevant content, whereas at a score of five, the design appears highly harmonious.

N Examples of Websites with Different errors or flaws

Fig. 20 presents the errors or flaws that a generated website may contain. For example, instances (a), (b), and (c) illustrate three types of errors related to website loading failures. Instances (d), (e), and (f) show incomplete websites: instance (d) displays only the background, instance (e) lacks UI components such as buttons, and instance (f) fails to display an image correctly. Additionally, instance (g) is a website that only uses a template without customization; instance (h) shows incorrect placement of webpage content, such as misaligned text; and instance (i) uses an inappropriate background color.

O Examples of UI Agent Testing Processes

In this section, we present examples of UI agent testing trajectories. Fig. 21, Fig. 22, Fig. 23, Fig. 24, and Fig. 25 show examples of test cases that output YES, as the outcome of the operation matches the expected result. Fig. 26, Fig. 27, and Fig. 28 show examples of test cases that output PARTIAL, as the expected result is only partially achieved. Fig. 29, Fig. 30, and Fig. 31 show examples of test cases that output NO, as the website’s behavior does not match the expected outcome.

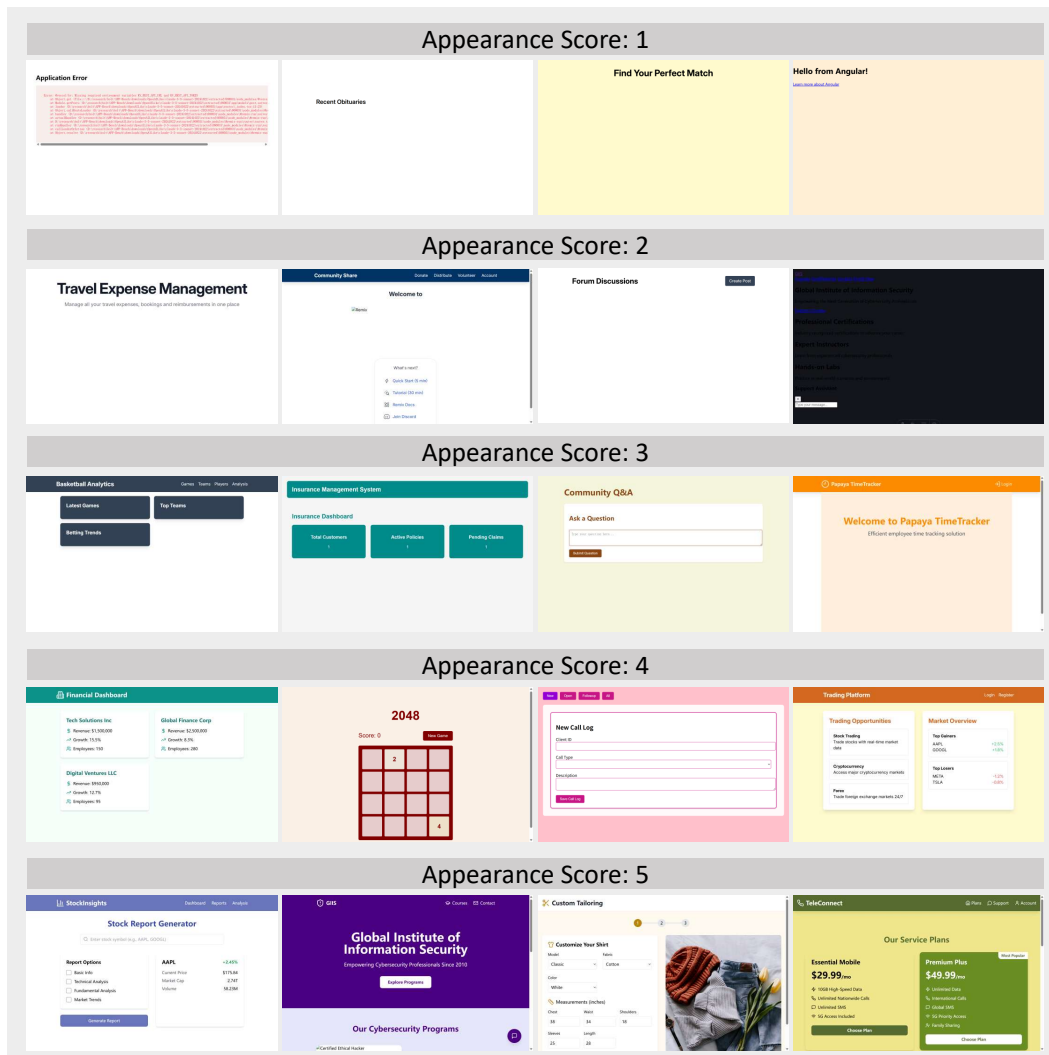
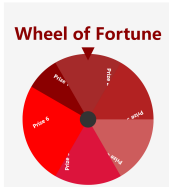


Figure 19: Examples of the screenshots of websites of different appearance scores.

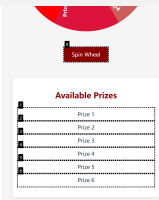


Figure 20: The examples of errors or flaws that generated webs may include.

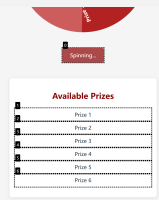
Task: After spinning the wheel, navigate to the section displaying user winning records
Expected Result: The user's winning record is updated to include the latest prize won, with correct details on date and prize.



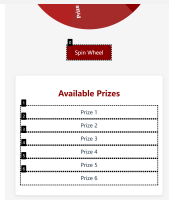
Thought: The current observation shows the "Wheel of Fortune" interface, but there is no visible option to spin the wheel or navigate to the user's winning records. I need to locate the spin button or any navigation link to proceed towards the goal. Action: Scroll WINDOW; down



Thought: The "Spin Wheel" button is now visible, allowing me to initiate the spinning process. After spinning, I need to look for a section that displays user winning records to update the latest prize won with correct details. Action: Click [0]



Thought: The wheel is currently spinning, indicating that the spinning process has been initiated. Once the spinning stops, I expect the result to be displayed, and I should then look for a section to view the user's winning records. Action: Wait



Thought: The spinning process appears to have completed, as the button now reads "Spin Wheel" again. However, there is no visible indication of the result or a section showing user winning records. I need to explore further to find where the winning records might be displayed. Action: Scroll WINDOW; down



Thought: The "Your Wins" section is now visible, displaying the latest prize won along with the correct date and time. This matches the expected result of updating the user's winning record. Action: ANSWER; YES

Task: Start a New Game
Expected Result: A new game board is initialized with two randomly placed tiles, typically 2s or 4s, and the score is reset to zero.



Thought: The current observation shows a 2048 game interface with a "New Game" button visible. The goal is to start a new game, which should initialize the board with two random tiles (typically 2s or 4s) and reset the score to zero. The "New Game" button is clearly labeled and seems to be the appropriate element to interact with to achieve the desired outcome. Action: Click [0]



Thought: The current observation shows that the game board has been successfully initialized with two randomly placed tiles (both 2s), and the score is reset to zero. This matches the expected result of starting a new game. Action: ANSWER; YES

Figure 21: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in YES.

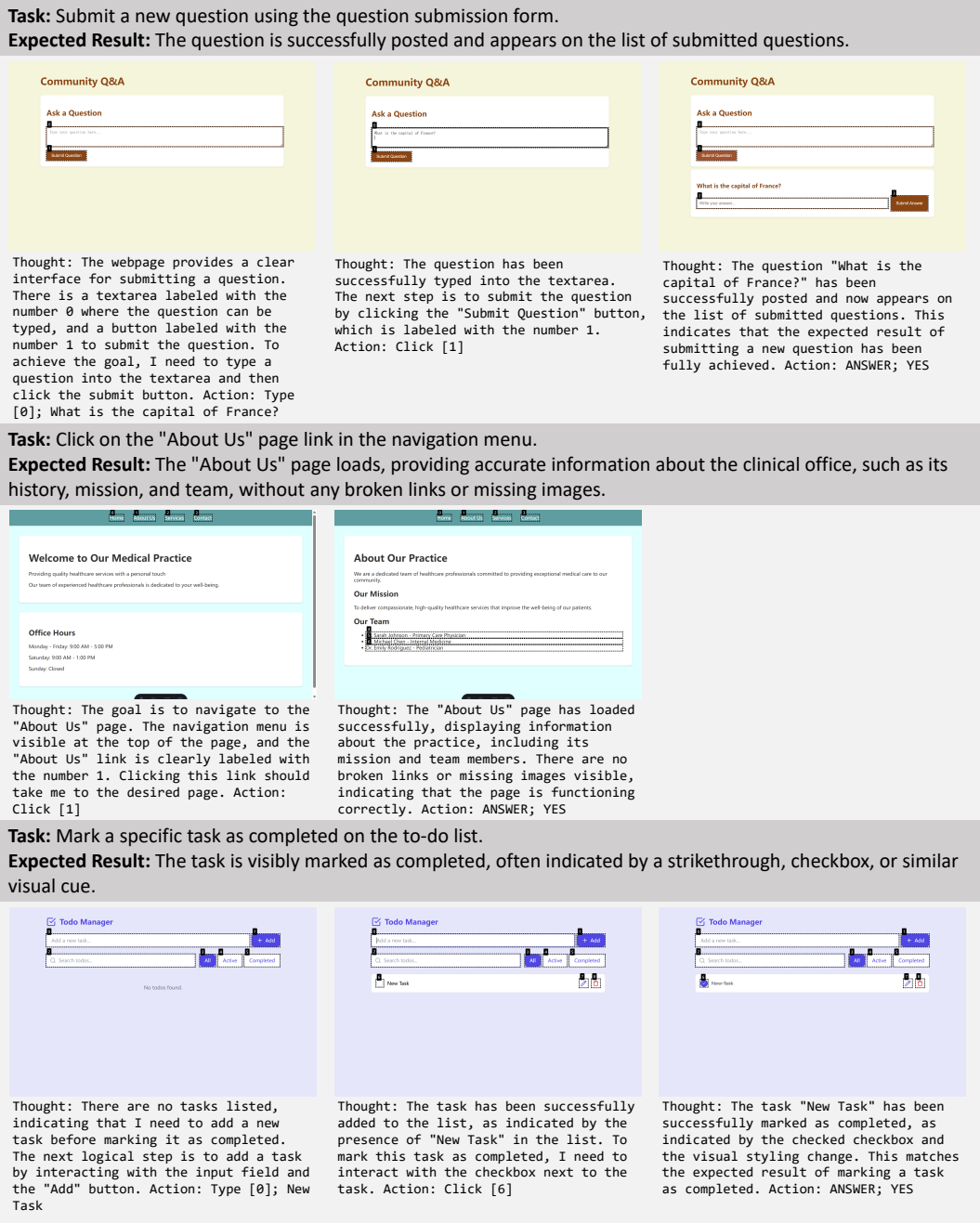


Figure 22: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in YES.

Task: Use the customer management functionality to add a new customer and view their information.
Expected Result: The new customer appears in the customer list with the correct details provided during registration and the system confirms a successful addition.

Thought: To add a new customer, I need to navigate to the "Customers" section. The button labeled "Customers" (numerical label 3) seems to be the appropriate choice to access the customer management functionality. Action: Click [3]

Thought: I am now on the Customer Management page. To add a new customer, I need to fill in the required fields: Customer name, Contact info, and Address. Then, I should click the "Add Customer" button to submit the information. Action: Type [5]; John Doe

Thought: I have entered the customer's name. Next, I need to fill in the contact information and address fields before clicking the "Add Customer" button to submit the form. Action: Type [6]; john.doe@example.com

Thought: I have filled in the customer's name and contact information. The next step is to enter the address before submitting the form. Action: Type [7]; 123 Main St, Anytown, USA

Thought: I have filled in all the required fields for adding a new customer. The next logical step is to click the "Add Customer" button to submit the form and add the customer to the system. Action: Click [8]

Thought: The new customer has been successfully added to the customer list with the correct details provided during registration. The system confirms a successful addition by displaying the customer's information in the table. Action: ANSWER; YES

Task: Test the search feature by searching for a user based on a specific skill.
Expected Result: The search results should display a list of users who have the specified skill in their profiles.

Thought: The goal is to test the search feature by searching for users based on a specific skill. The search bar is visible and ready for input. I will start by entering a skill into the search bar to see if the expected results are displayed. Action: Type [0]; React

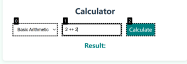
Thought: After entering "React" into the search bar, the search results show a single user, Sarah Johnson, who has React listed as a skill. This indicates that the search feature is working correctly for this specific skill. Action: ANSWER; YES

Figure 23: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in YES.

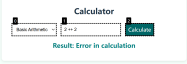
Task: Input an invalid mathematical expression (e.g., "2 ++ 2") and attempt to execute the calculation.
Expected Result: An error message is displayed, indicating that the expression is invalid and guiding the user to input a valid expression.



Thought: The interface provides a textbox for entering expressions and a button to calculate. I will start by entering the invalid expression "2 ++ 2" into the textbox. Action: Type [1]; 2 ++ 2

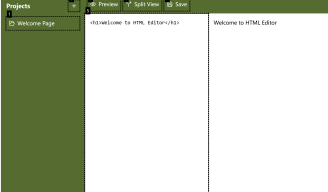


Thought: The invalid expression "2 ++ 2" has been entered into the textbox. The next step is to attempt the calculation by clicking the "Calculate" button to see if an error message is displayed. Action: Click [2]

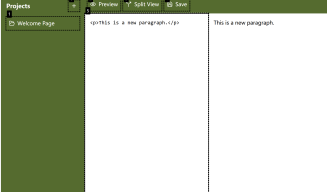


Thought: The expected result of displaying an error message for the invalid expression "2 ++ 2" has been achieved. The website shows "Error in calculation," which indicates that the task's objective has been met. Action: ANSWER; YES

Task: Enter HTML code in the editor and view the live preview of the content.
Expected Result: The live preview immediately updates to accurately display the rendered HTML content as it is typed, without delay or errors.

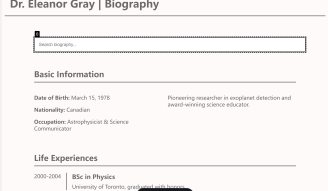


Thought: The goal is to ensure that any changes made in the HTML code are reflected instantly in the live preview. Since the live preview already shows the rendered content of the HTML code, I need to test if modifications in the code update the preview in real-time. Action: Type [5]; <p>This is a new paragraph.</p>

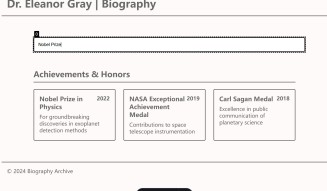


Thought: After entering the new HTML code '<p>This is a new paragraph.</p>' in the editor, the live preview has updated correctly to display the rendered paragraph. This indicates that the live preview functionality is working as expected, updating in real-time without delay or errors. Action: ANSWER; YES

Task: Use the search function to look up a specific keyword related to the person's biography (e.g., "Nobel Prize").
Expected Result: The search results should display relevant sections or pages containing the keyword, enabling easy access to detailed information.



Thought: The page displays a search bar labeled with the number 0, which is likely intended for searching within the biography. To achieve the task, I need to enter the keyword "Nobel Prize" into this search box and trigger the search function. Action: Type [0]; Nobel Prize

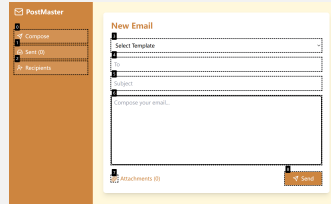


Thought: The search for "Nobel Prize" has successfully returned relevant results, displaying Dr. Eleanor Gray's Nobel Prize in Physics achievement. This matches the expected result of finding sections or pages containing the keyword. Action: ANSWER; YES

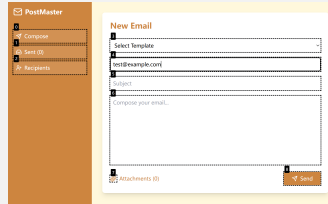
Figure 24: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in YES.

Task: Send a composed email to the selected recipients.

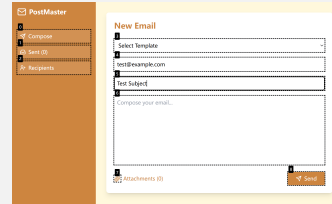
Expected Result: The email is successfully sent, a confirmation message is received, and the email appears in the sent emails folder.



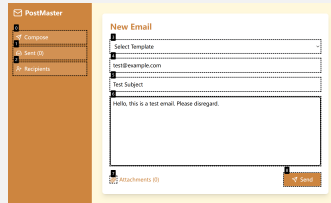
Thought: To send a composed email, I need to fill in the recipient's address, subject, and body of the email, and then click the "Send" button. The current observation shows the "New Email" form where I can enter this information. Action: Type [4]; test@example.com



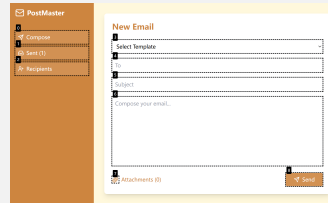
Thought: I have entered the recipient's email address. Next, I need to fill in the subject line and the body of the email before sending it. Action: Type [5]; Test Subject



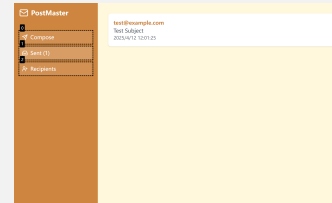
Thought: I have filled in the recipient's email address and the subject line. The next step is to compose the body of the email. Action: Type [6]; Hello, this is a test email. Please disregard.



Thought: I have completed composing the email by filling in the recipient's address, subject, and body. The next logical step is to send the email. Action: Click [8]



Thought: The email has been successfully sent, as indicated by the updated count in the "Sent" section showing "Sent (1)." This suggests that the email was sent correctly, fulfilling part of the task. However, I need to verify if a confirmation message is received and if the email appears in the "Sent" folder. Action: Click [1]



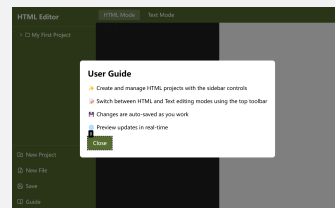
Thought: The email appears in the "Sent" folder, confirming that it was successfully sent. Since the task required sending a composed email to the selected recipients, and the email is now visible in the "Sent" folder, the task seems to be fully achieved. Action: ANSWER; YES

Task: Access the basic user guide from within the HTML editor interface.

Expected Result: The editor provides access to a basic user guide, which opens correctly and provides comprehensive instructions relevant to using the editor's features.



Thought: The goal is to access the basic user guide from within the HTML editor interface. Based on the observation, there is a button labeled "Guide" (numerical label 4), which seems to be the most likely candidate for accessing the user guide. Clicking this button should lead to the desired outcome. Action: Click [4]



Thought: The user guide has successfully opened, displaying comprehensive instructions relevant to using the editor's features. This matches the expected result of accessing the basic user guide. Action: ANSWER; YES

Figure 25: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in YES.

Expected Result: The form submits successfully, the new idea appears in the shared ideas section, and a confirmation message is displayed.

Thought: I need to fill out these fields and then click the Share button to submit the idea. Since this is the first step, I'll start by entering content into the Idea title field.

Action: Type [0]; Futuristic Solar Panels

Thought: I have successfully entered the idea title. Next, I need to fill in the description of the idea in the second textbox. This will allow me to proceed with submitting the form. Action: Type [1]; Highly efficient solar panels that can generate energy even under low light conditions.

Thought: I have filled in the idea title and description. The next logical step is to enter my name in the third textbox so that I can proceed to submit the form. Action: Type [2]; InnovatorX

Thought: All required fields in the form have been filled out. The next step is to submit the form by clicking the "Share" button. This should trigger the submission process, leading to the display of the new idea in the shared ideas section and a confirmation message. Action: Click [3]

Thought: The form has been submitted successfully, as indicated by the reset state of the form fields. However, I do not see any confirmation message or the newly shared idea appearing in the shared ideas section. This suggests that while the form submission was processed, the expected result of displaying the new idea and showing a confirmation message was not fully achieved. Action: ANSWER: PARTIAL

Expected Result: Open calls are displayed in a list format, and the page loads without errors.

Thought: The goal is to check the navigation to view open calls. The current observation shows a form for creating a new call log, with buttons labeled "New," "Open," "Followup," and "All." To view open calls, I should click the "Open" button, as it likely filters the calls to display only those that are open. Action: Click [1]

Thought: After clicking the "Open" button, the page appears to have loaded without any visible content or errors. However, since there is no visible list of open calls, it might indicate that either there are no open calls available or the page requires further interaction to display the list. Action: Scroll WINDOW; down

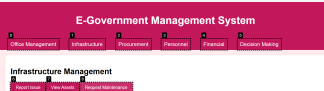
Thought: After scrolling down, the page still does not show any content related to open calls. This indicates that either there are no open calls available, or the page requires additional interaction to load the content. Since the page has loaded without errors and the navigation seems functional, but the expected list of open calls is not visible, the result is partially achieved. Action: ANSWER; PARTIAL

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Figure 27: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in PARTIAL.

Task: Navigate to the infrastructure management section and browse through the available information.
Expected Result: User can view detailed and accurate information related to infrastructure management, with options to further query specific infrastructure details.

 Thought: The goal is to navigate to the infrastructure management section. Currently, the page is displaying the Office Management section. To proceed, I need to click on the "Infrastructure" tab to access the relevant information. Action: Click [1]	 Thought: The Infrastructure Management section is now visible, showing options such as "Report Issue," "View Assets," and "Request Maintenance." Since the goal is to browse through the available information, clicking on any of these buttons would provide further details. Action: Click [7]	 Thought: The Infrastructure Management section is currently active, and the "View Assets" button has been clicked. This should display detailed information about the assets under infrastructure management. Since the goal is to browse through the available information, this action aligns well with the objective. Action: Click [8]
 Thought: The Infrastructure Management section is still active, and the "Request Maintenance" button has been clicked. This option allows users to request maintenance services for infrastructure assets. Since the goal is to browse through the available information, interacting with this button provides additional functionality related to infrastructure management. Action: Click [8]	 Thought: The Infrastructure Management section is still active, and the "Request Maintenance" button has been clicked again. However, since the goal is to browse through the available information, and the current state shows no new content or changes, it seems that the browsing aspect has been completed. Action: ANSWER; PARTIAL	

Task: Fill in shipping and payment information on the checkout page and submit the order.
Expected Result: The system should accept valid credit card information, process the order without errors, and provide an order confirmation message.

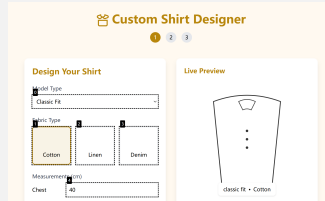
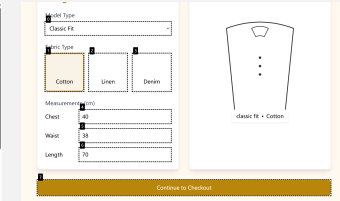
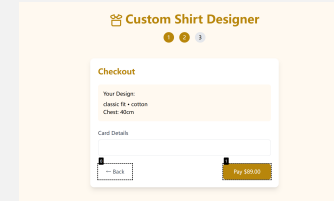
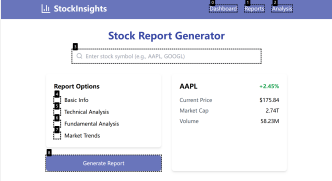
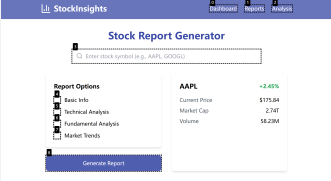
 Thought: Since the goal is to fill in shipping and payment details on the checkout page, I need to navigate away from the current page. There might be a button or link leading to the checkout page, but it's not visible in the current screenshot. I will attempt to scroll to see if the checkout option appears. Action: Scroll WINDOW; down	 Thought: The current observation shows the design page with options for selecting the model type, fabric type, and entering measurements. At the bottom, there is a prominent button labeled "Continue to Checkout," which is likely the next step to proceed to the checkout page where shipping and payment information can be entered. Clicking this button should take me to the desired checkout page. Action: Click [7]	 Answer: PARTIAL Explanation: During the interactions, I attempted to fill in the card details as required. However, due to repeated failures in executing the action to input the card number, I was unable to proceed further to submit the order and receive an order confirmation message. Therefore, the expected result was only partially achieved as the card details were not successfully entered.
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Figure 28: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in PARTIAL.

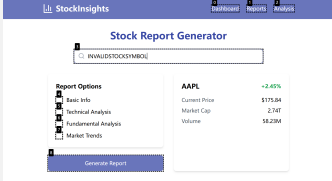
Task: Evaluate the website's form inputs by submitting incomplete or incorrect stock information.
Expected Result: The system displays appropriate error messages and guidance on how to correct the input errors, ensuring robust input validation.



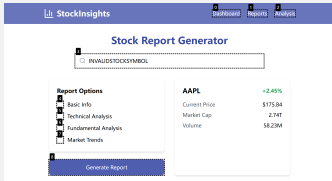
Thought: The current observation shows a form where users can enter a stock symbol and generate a report. To test the input validation, I'll start by attempting to submit the form without entering any stock information. Action: Click [8]



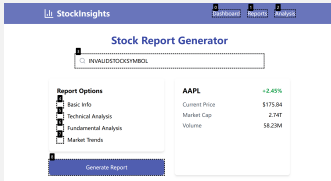
Thought: The form was submitted without entering any stock information, but there doesn't seem to be any visible error message or feedback indicating that the input was invalid. To further test the input validation, I'll attempt to enter an incorrect stock symbol and submit the form again. Action: Type [3]; INVALIDSTOCKSYMBOL



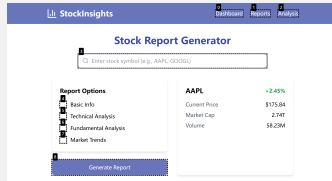
Thought: An incorrect stock symbol has been entered into the input field. The next step is to submit the form to see if the system provides appropriate error messages or guidance for correcting the input error. Action: Click [8]



Thought: The form was submitted with an incorrect stock symbol, but there is still no visible error message or feedback indicating that the input was invalid. Since no error messages are shown, I will attempt another submission with a completely empty input to see if the system responds differently. Action: Click [8]

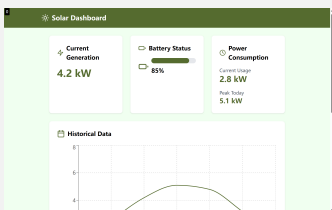


Thought: The form was submitted with an incorrect stock symbol, but there is still no visible error message or feedback indicating that the input was invalid. Since no error messages are shown, I will attempt another submission with a completely empty input to see if the system responds differently. Action: Type [3]; ""

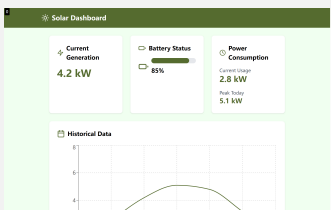


Thought: The form was submitted with an empty input, but there is still no visible error message or feedback indicating that the input was invalid. Since no error messages are shown even with an empty input, I will conclude that the expected result of displaying appropriate error messages and guidance is not being achieved. Action: ANSWER; NO

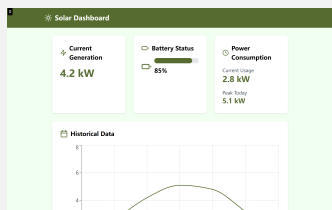
Task: Test the display of real-time power consumption data.
Expected Result: The dashboard should present a real-time updating figure or chart that accurately reflects the current power consumption levels.



Thought: The Power Consumption section displays "Current Usage" as 2.8 kW and "Peak Today" as 5.1 kW. There is also a historical data graph below. To test the real-time power consumption data, I need to observe if the "Current Usage" value updates over time. Since this is the initial observation, I will wait to see if the value changes. Action: Wait



Thought: After waiting, the "Current Usage" value in the Power Consumption section remains at 2.8 kW, indicating no change from the previous observation. To determine if the data is updating in real-time, I need to continue monitoring the value over time. Action: Wait



Thought: After another wait period, the "Current Usage" value in the Power Consumption section still shows 2.8 kW, with no indication of real-time updates. Since the value has not changed across multiple observations, it suggests that the real-time data is not being updated as expected. Action: ANSWER; NO

Figure 29: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in NO.

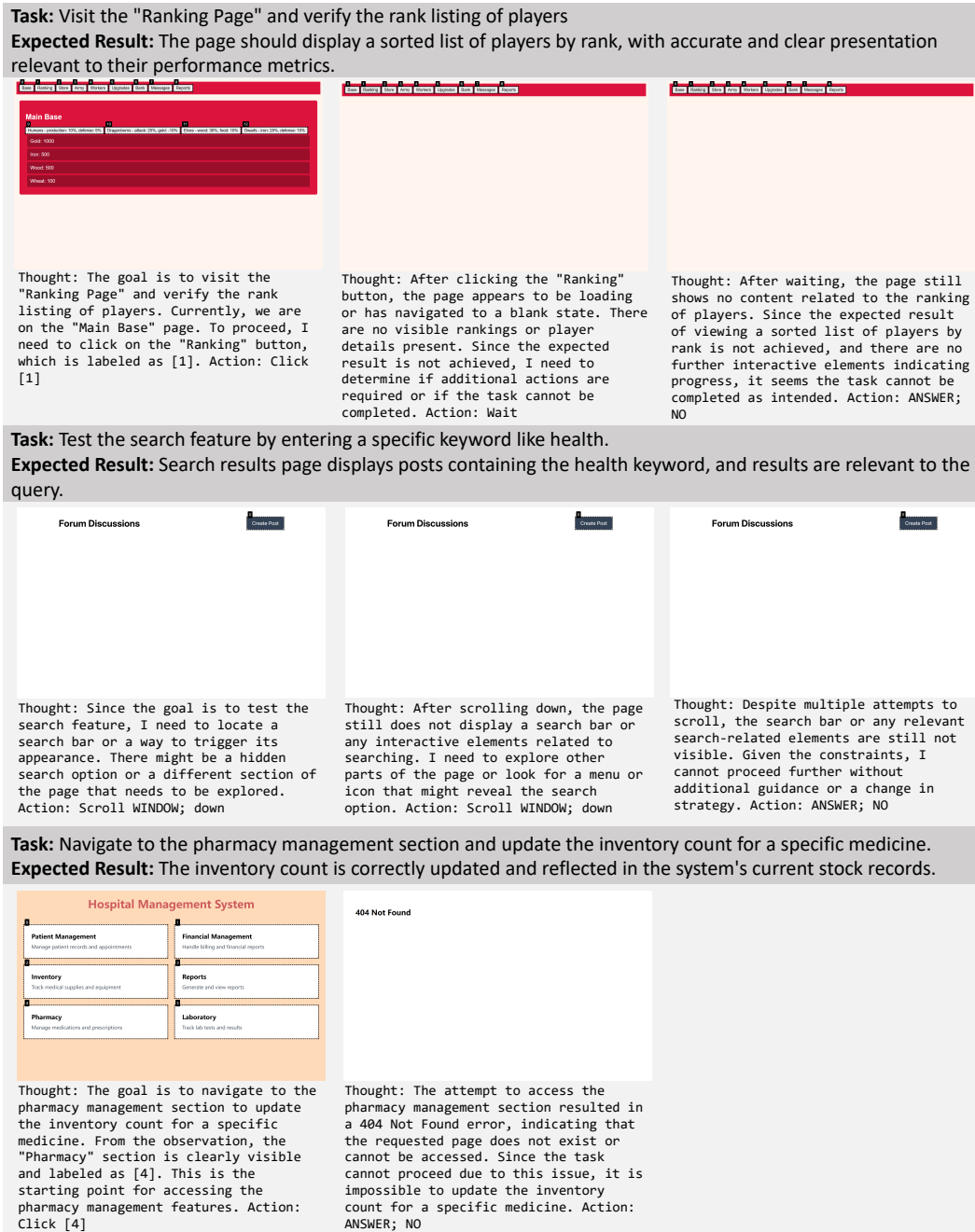


Figure 30: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in NO.

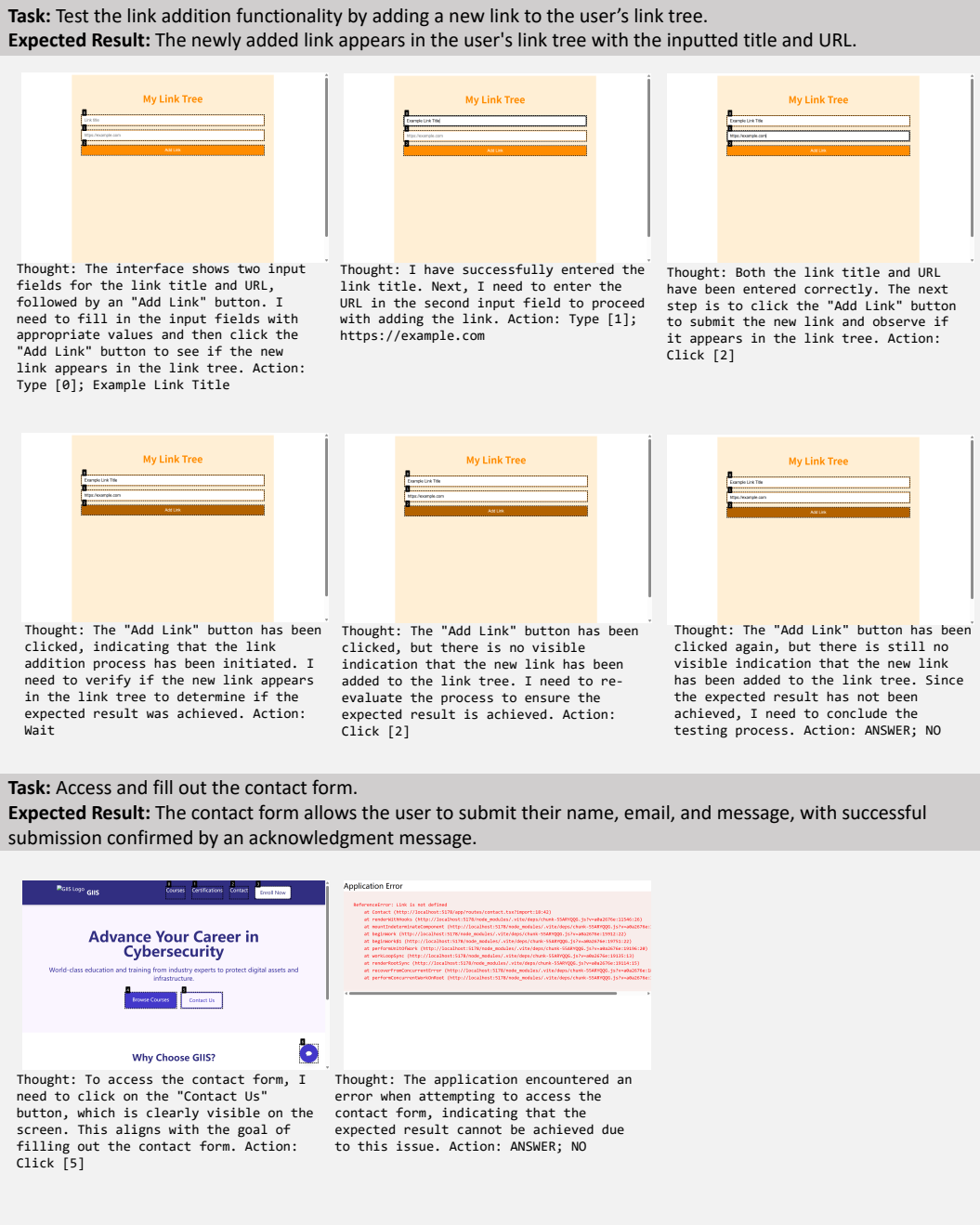


Figure 31: The examples of UI agent testing processes resulting in NO.