

Alitha_Technical Analysis Document for ChatBot

(1) Chatbot Project Brief

Project Title:

In []: * AI-Powered Chatbot for Intelligent Assistance

Objective:

In []: * To design and develop an AI-driven chatbot capable of engaging in natural, human-like conversations to assist users with queries, provide information, and automate routine tasks efficiently.

Problem Statement:

In []: * Users often face delays or difficulties in accessing quick, accurate, and personalized responses.
* Manual support is time-consuming and resource-intensive.
* A chatbot can bridge this gap by delivering real-time assistance 24/7.

Scope:

In []: * Handle FAQs and repetitive queries.
* Provide personalized recommendations based on user input.
* Integrate with existing systems (website/app).
* Support text-based interactions (and potentially voice in the future).

Features:

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In [ ]: * Natural Language Understanding (NLU) to interpret user queries.  
  
* Context awareness to maintain conversational flow.  
  
* Multi-domain support (e.g., customer service, product inquiries, or data insights).  
  
* Scalable architecture for future expansion.
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Technology Stack (tentative):

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In [ ]: * Frontend: Web/App integration (React, Flutter, or HTML/CSS/JS)  
  
* Backend: Python / Node.js  
  
* AI/NLP: OpenAI GPT, spaCy, Rasa, or Dialogflow  
  
* Database: MySQL / MongoDB / Firebase
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Expected Outcomes:

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In [ ]: * Reduced support workload.  
  
* Faster response times and improved customer satisfaction.  
  
* Scalable foundation for future automation (voice, multilingual support).
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Deliverables:

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In [6]: * Functional chatbot prototype.  
  
* Integration with a platform (website/app).  
  
* Documentation & user guide.
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(2) Types of Chatbots

a) Rule-Based Chatbots

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In [ ]: * Follow pre-defined scripts and keywords.
        * Limited intelligence.
        * Example: "If user says Hello → Reply with Hi, how can I help you?".
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b) Retrieval-Based Chatbots

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In [ ]: * Use ML/NLP to retrieve the most relevant response from a database.
        * Models: TF-IDF, KNN, SVM, BERT, etc.
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c) Generative Chatbots

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In [ ]: * Use deep learning (RNN, LSTM, GRU, Transformers) to generate new replies.
        Example: ChatGPT, Google Bard.
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(3) How Does a Chatbot Work?

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In [ ]: * Input Processing - The chatbot reads user query.
        * Natural Language Understanding (NLU) - Identifies intent (what user wants) and
          entities (medical condition, drug name, etc.).
        * Response Generation - Either retrieves a pre-stored answer or generates a new
          one using ML/DL.
        * Output Delivery - Sends response back as text or voice.
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a) Applications of Chatbots

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In [ ]: * Healthcare: Medical Q&A, symptom checking, appointment booking.
        * Customer Support: Answer FAQs, troubleshoot issues.
        * Banking/Finance: Balance check, transaction queries.
        * Education: Student helpdesk, learning assistants.
        * E-commerce: Product recommendations, order tracking.
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(b) Benefits of Chatbots

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In [ ]: * 24x7 availability
        * Faster response time
        * Reduces human workload
        * Cost-effective
        * Scalable to millions of users
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(4) Problem Statement

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In [ ]: * People engage in daily conversations that include greetings, casual questions, and small
        talk (e.g., "Hi, how are you?", "What school do you go to?", "It looks like rain today").
        The challenge is to design a chatbot that can:
        * Understand such casual dialogues.
        * Generate or retrieve appropriate human-like responses.
        * Maintain conversation flow across multiple turns.
        * Simulate natural interaction similar to a human conversational partner.
        * Accurately match user queries to responses using NLP/ML/DL techniques.
        * Provide safe and relevant guidance instead of misleading answers.
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(5) Motivation

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In [ ]: |
        a) Human-like Interaction
        * Most chatbots focus only on task-oriented queries (e.g., booking, FAQs).
        * But real users also want friendly, casual conversation to feel natural.
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b) User Engagement

* Small talk (“Hi, how are you?”, “Nice weather today”) helps keep users engaged and comfortable before moving to serious queries.

c) Foundation for Advanced Chatbots

* Learning to handle greetings and small talk is the first step toward building more advanced conversational AI.
 * Once the chatbot can handle general dialogue, it can be extended to domain-specific tasks (e.g., medical advice, education).

d) Social Companion Role

* Such chatbots can be used as companions for lonely people, elderly users, or students practicing English conversation.

(6) Dataset Description

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In [ ]: * Dataset Overview (dialogs.txt)
* Total dialog pairs: 3725
* User length (tokens): mean=6.35, median=6
* Bot length (tokens): mean=6.52, median=6
* Sample pairs (first 5):
    User                                Bot
* hi, how are you doing?               i'm fine. how about yourself?
* i'm fine. how about yourself?        i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.
* i'm pretty good. thanks for asking.   no problem. so how have you been?
* no problem. so how have you been?    i've been great. what about you?
* i've been great. what about you?     i've been good. i'm in school right now.
* Distributions:
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Steps for Project:

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In [ ]: Step 1 – Imports, Configuration, and Seeding:
* Imports core libraries (NumPy, pandas, matplotlib, NLTK/TF/etc.) and sets random seeds for reproducibility.
* Establishes project-wide constants (paths, hyperparameters) used later.
* Expectation: No output besides library versions or seed confirmation logs.
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Step 2 – Load dialogs.txt and Quick Peek:

- * Reads the tab-separated file `dialogs.txt` into a DataFrame with columns: `user`, `bot`.
- * Prints dataset size and previews head rows to verify delimiter and encoding.
- * Observation: We verified 3,725 pairs and show the first few rows above.
- * Observation: Data successfully parsed with two columns (user, bot). See sample table above.

Step 3 – Text Cleaning (lowercase, punctuation/HTML removal):

- * Defines helper functions to remove HTML tags, punctuation, lowercase text, and normalize whitespace.
- * Produces `user_clean` and `bot_clean` columns for downstream modeling.
- * Observation: Cleaning reduces noise (e.g., punctuation) and standardizes casing; token counts typically shrink slightly.

Step 4 – Visualization:

- * Plots utterance length histograms and top word frequencies to understand distribution and vocabulary.
- * Observation: See embedded histograms and top-20 token bar chart; most utterances are short (under ~10 tokens).
- * Embedded visualizations generated from your dataset are shown earlier in the report.

Step 5 – Train/Test Split:

- * Splits the dataset into training and testing subsets, usually stratified or random shuffling with fixed seeds.
- * Observation: Expect printed sizes of train/test; typical split is 80/20 or similar.
- * Observation: With fixed seed, split is reproducible. Expect similar class/length distributions in both splits.

Step 6 – Retrieval: TF-IDF + Cosine Similarity:

- * This section contains supporting code and analysis as part of the overall chatbot pipeline.
- * Observation: The snippet above; outputs depend on execution context.

Step 7 – Retrieval: TF-IDF + KNN Classification:

- * Uses TF-IDF vectors with K-Nearest Neighbors classification to predict most likely response class/cluster.
- * Observation: Reports classification accuracy; K is tuned to balance bias/variance.

Step 8 – Retrieval: Linear SVM Classification (+ Top-3):

- * Trains a linear SVM over TF-IDF features to classify or rank responses (often stronger than KNN on sparse text).
- * Observation: Expect precision/recall/accuracy metrics and possibly Top-3 predictions.

Step 9 – (Optional) SBERT Semantic Retrieval:

- * (Optional) Uses Sentence-BERT embeddings to compute semantic similarity, improving retrieval beyond word overlap.
- * Observation: Better matching for paraphrases; requires pre-trained transformer models.

Step 10 – Deep Learning: Tokenization and RNN/LSTM/GRU Classifiers:

- * Converts text to integer sequences and pads to max length. Builds deep models (RNN/LSTM/GRU) over embeddings.
- * Observation: Model summaries show embedding and recurrent layers; training logs show loss/accuracy per epoch.

Using Bi_Directional:

- * Applies a Bidirectional wrapper to RNN/LSTM to capture both past and future context in sequences.
- * Observation: Often improves accuracy at the cost of more parameters.

Improving Accuracy:

- * Hyperparameter tuning (units, learning rate, dropout), architecture tweaks, or data augmentation to raise accuracy.
- * Observation: Expect incremental gains; track via validation accuracy curves.

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Step 11 – BLEU Evaluation (text quality proxy):

- * Computes BLEU, a machine translation style metric, to evaluate generated text quality vs. references.
- * Observation: BLEU provides corpus-level quality proxy; interpret with caution for dialog tasks.

Step 12 – Consolidated Report:

- * Collates metrics (accuracy, BLEU), confusion matrices, and example outputs into a final summary.
- * Observation: Presents overall performance comparison among approaches.

Creating Final Chatbot based on Model RNN, because it is Proving Maximum Accuracy of 67%:

- * Chooses the best-performing deep model (RNN-based) to build the final chatbot pipeline.
- * Observation: The notebook notes an accuracy of ~67% for the chosen model (as reported in

your notes).

* Observation: As per your notebook notes, final selected model achieved ~67% accuracy.

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First Approach:

* Baseline or initial approach pipeline (likely TF-IDF retrieval/classification), serving as a performance benchmark.

* Observation: Establishes reference accuracy and qualitative examples.

Second Approach:

* Enhanced approach (e.g., deep learning or semantic retrieval) improving upon the first baseline.

* Observation: Compares metrics against the first approach to demonstrate gains.

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Tokenization & sequence preparation:

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Build Sequence to Sequence Models:

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Training:

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Build inference models:

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