**Matchmaking Bot**

*Finds people with similar interests to chat with*

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*Description*

The database stores information about participants who are looking for a suitable companion. Each participant has a unique set of qualities, such as gender, age, hobbies, and more. Based on these characteristics, some range of "quality spread" is used, for example, to connect an 18-year-old participant with those whose ages range from 16 to 20.

When interacting with the bot, messages from one user are stored in a database and then forwarded to another user in their chat with the bot based on a unique identifier (ID). In addition, we are considering implementing additional functionality to improve the participant experience.

*Parts*

1. Set up a bot in Telegram:

- Create a new bot via BotFather and get a token.

- Create a new chat bot in Telegram.

2. Customize the development environment:

- Install the required packages such as python-telegram-bot, Pandas, etc.

- Create a new project in the selected IDE.

3. Create a data model for the questionnaire:

- Design a data structure to represent the completed questionnaire. For example, you can use a class or dictionary to store information about the questionnaire.

4. Create a database to store the questionnaires:

- Select and configure a database (e.g., SQLite or PostgreSQL) that will be used to store the questionnaires.

- Create a database schema that defines a table or collection to store the questionnaires.

5. Create and process bot commands:

- Create bot command handlers for registering, filling out a questionnaire, and joining a group chat.

- Customize the handling of messages from users so that the bot can receive and process data from the questionnaire.

6. Implement an algorithm for gathering like-minded users:

- Develop an algorithm that will compare user profiles to determine their similarities.

- Create functionality to find like-minded users based on given criteria and form a group chat for discussion.

7. Adding topics for discussion:

- Define a list of discussion topics for group chat.

- Implement functionality to select a random topic or provide a list of available topics to chat participants.

8. Implement commands to manage group chat:

- Create commands to add and remove participants from group chat.

- Implement functionality to check the activity of chat participants and remove inactive participants.

9. Testing and debugging:

- Test the functionality of the bot at different stages to make sure it works properly.

- Perform debugging to fix possible bugs or issues in the bot code.

10. Deploy and publish the bot:

- Set up a web server or hosting to host the bot.

- Publish the bot so that other users can use it and fill out surveys.