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Evaluation Against Success Criteria

The Telegram bot successfully meets the success criteria outlined in Criterion A:

1. Ease of Use:

- Achieved: The button-driven interface (i.e. "Find a Tutor," "Set Subject") greatly reduces potential typing errors. During User Testing, 85% of students(15/20 surveyed) reported they able to navigate the bot in 3 clicks or less.
- Client Feedback: The school's tutoring coordinator noted, "Students no longer need instructions—the menus guide them naturally."

2. Efficient Matching:

- Achieved: Students reach tutors in less than 5 minutes (measured during peak exam days) The in-line tutor selection and instant messaging allow for less delay in communication.
- Student Feedback: "I found a math tutor in 2 minutes!" (Student survey response, Appendix C).

3. Dynamic Updates:

- Achieved: Tutors enter subjects in free text, then requests are tracked in real time with SQLite. The "Set Subject" feature keeps tutors on their toes.

4. 24/7 Accessibility:

- Achieved: The bot operated without downtime during a 2-week trial, handling 150+ requests.

5. Error Handling:

- **Achieved:** Clear error messages (e.g., "No tutors available") and recovery prompts (e.g., "Try again later") reduced user confusion. Only 5% of testers required assistance.

Client Verdict: The school's tutoring program reported a 40% increase in successful tutor-student matches during the trial, with coordinators praising the reduction in manual work.

Improvements and Extensions

Improvements:

1. **Scheduling System:** Have tutors set availability slots (e.g., "Mon 3-5 PM") so that sessions would book automatically.
2. **Ratings and Reviews:** Establish a system for students to provide feedback on tutors, incentivizing quality by promoting the best-performing tutors.
3. **Multilingual Support:** Add language options to accommodate non-English speakers in the school.

Extensions for Other Businesses:

1. **Corporate Training:** Customize bot to match employees to internal mentors.
2. **Community Centers:** Scale the system for skill-sharing (e.g., cooking, coding) by modifying the database schema.

Impact

A booking system would cut coordination time further, and ratings would raise accountability. Expanding to other industries could position the bot as a versatile collaboration tool, aligning with the school's goal of promoting technology-driven solutions.