FORCE: A Framework Of Rule-based Conversational REcommender System

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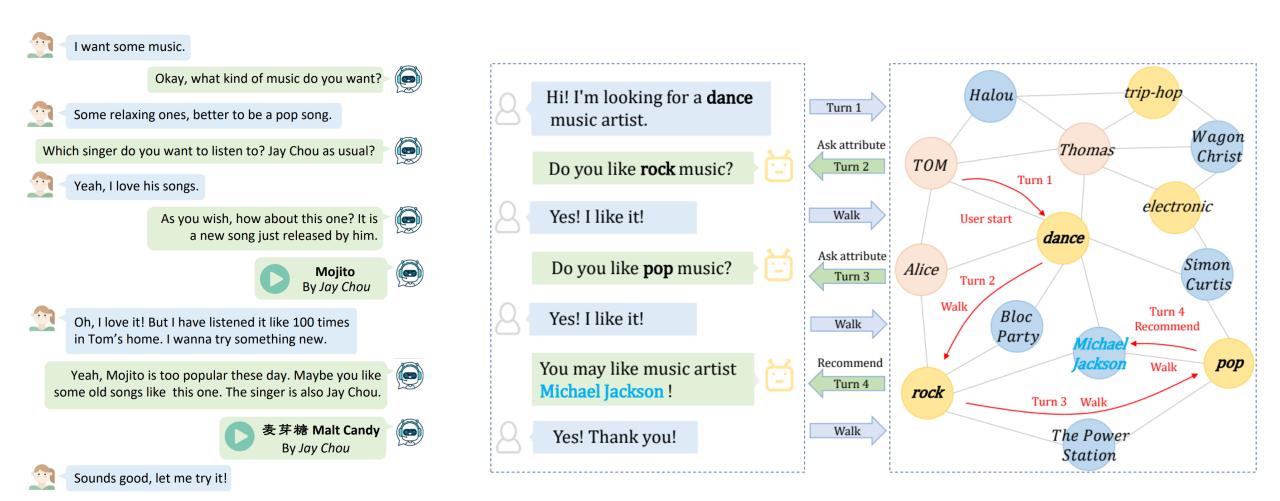


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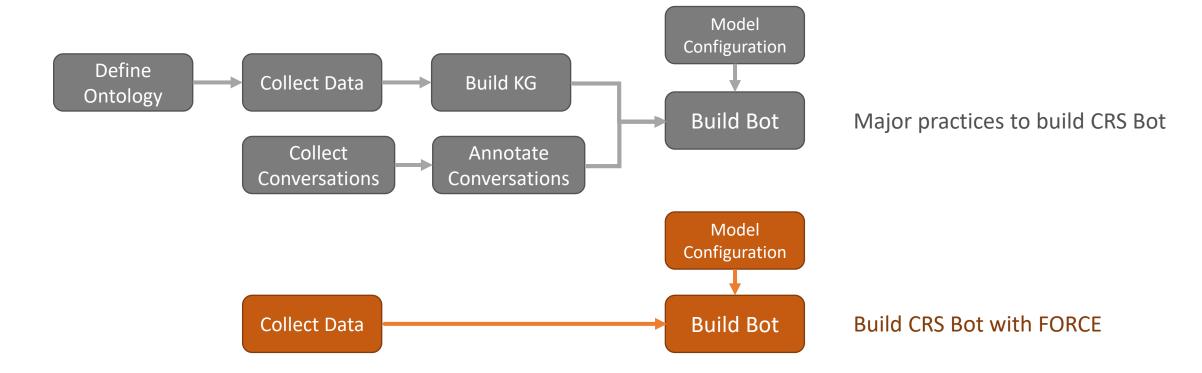
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Background



- Why Conversational ?
 - Capture users' real-time feedback through interaction and then make better recommendation.

- Why FORCE ?
 - 1. Deep learning methods require plenty of annotated data for each domain.
 - 2. Unbearable time and financial cost for industrial products.
 - Imagine building a shopping guider bot in e-commerce field.
 - 3. Need a low-cost and interpretable approach.
 - Data + Configuration = CRS Bot



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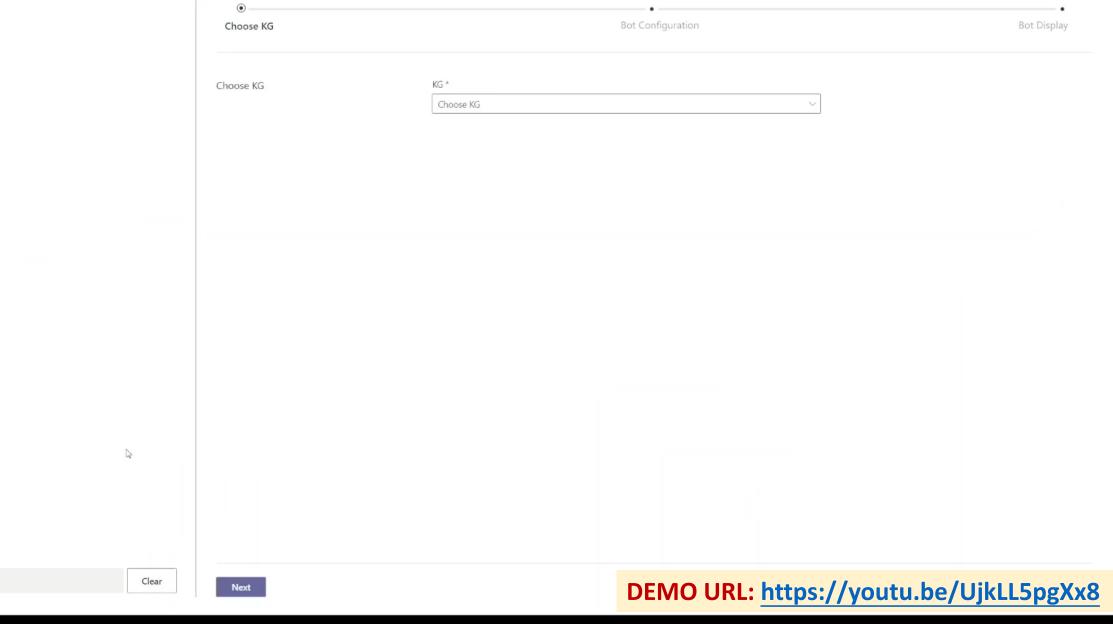


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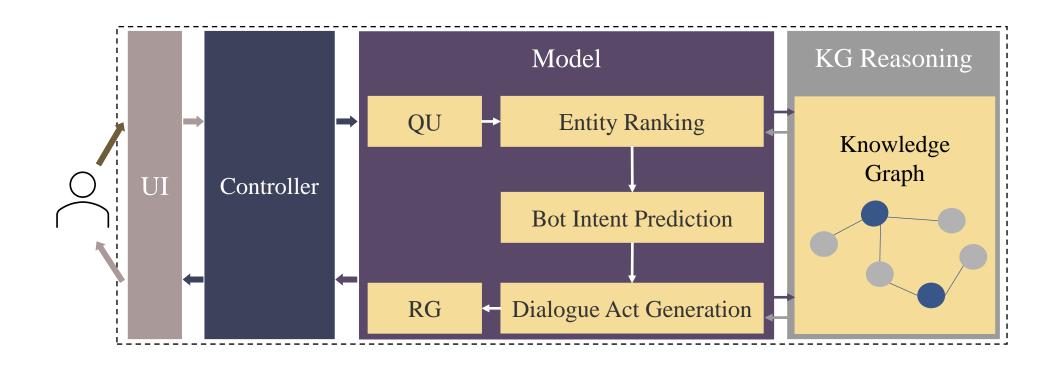
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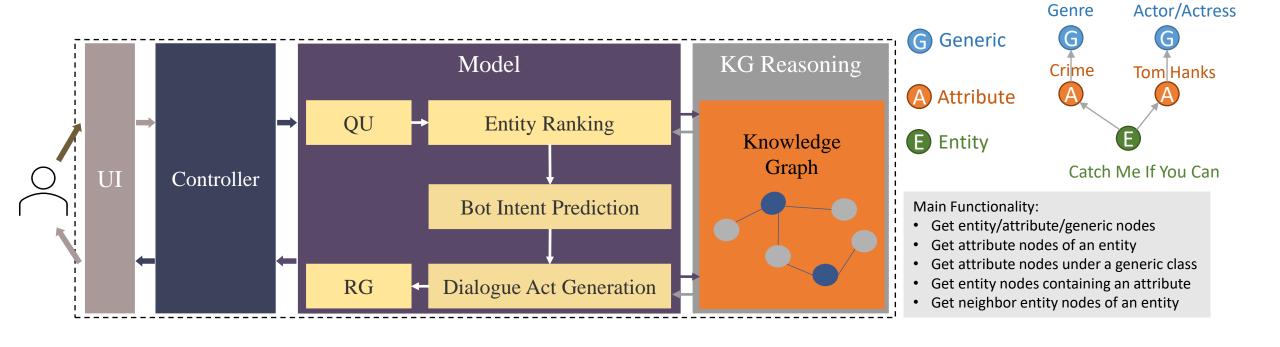
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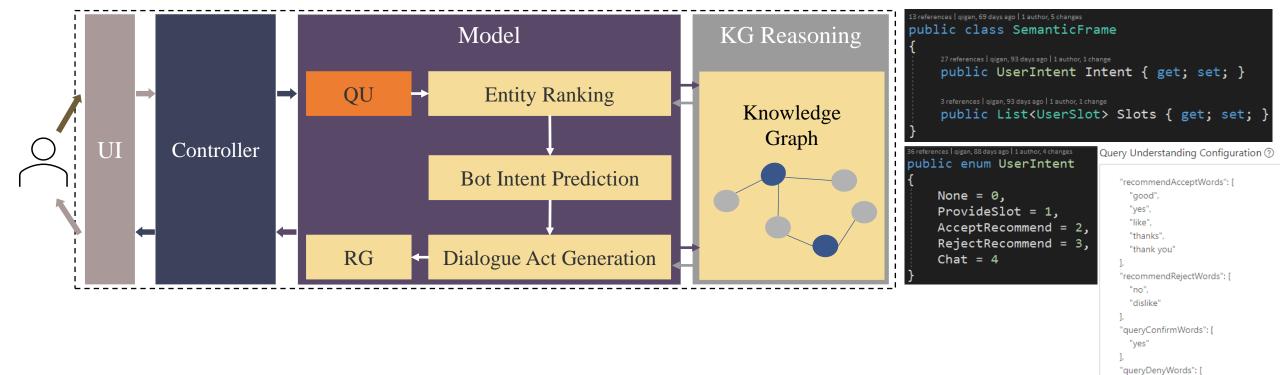
System Overview



Knowledge Graph Reasoning

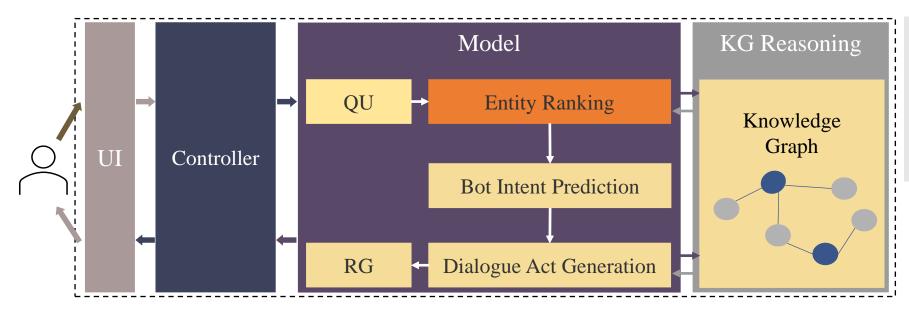


Query Understanding



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Entity Ranking



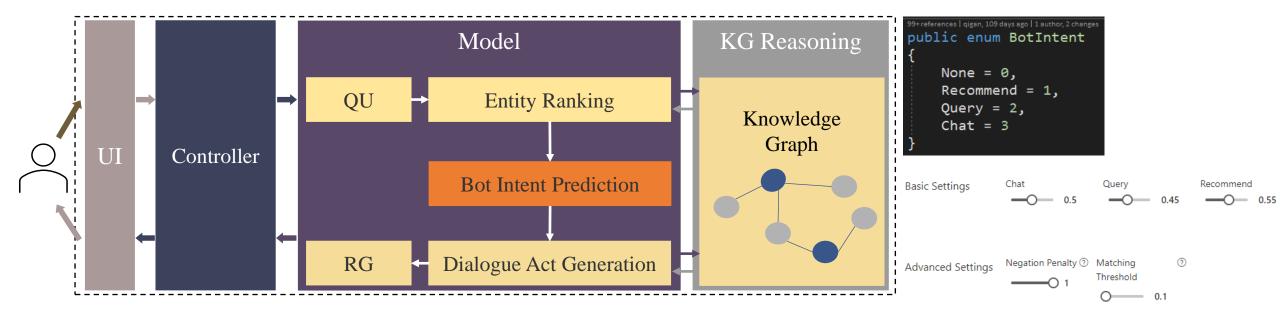
Positive score to an entity:

- 1. Attributes preferred by user
- 2. Share attributes with mentioned entity

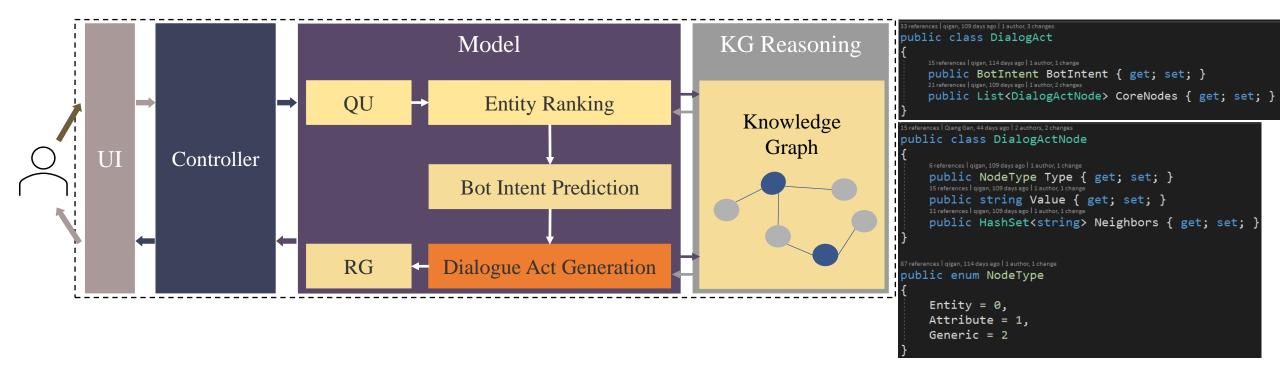
Negative score to an entity:

- 1. Attributes denied by user
- 2. Entity already mentioned by user
- 3. Entity already mentioned by bot

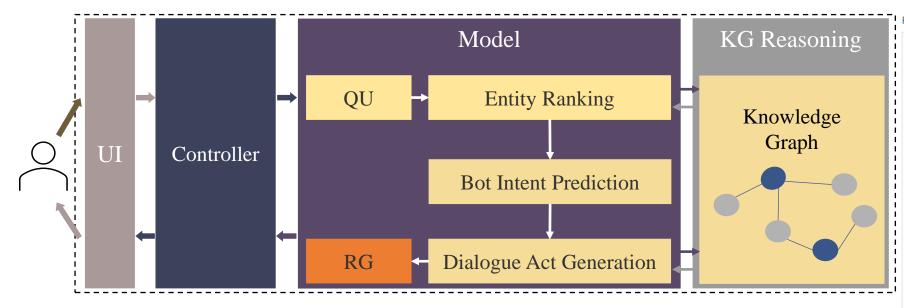
Bot Intent Prediction



Dialogue Act Generation



Response Generation



Response Generation Configuration ③

"queryTemplates": {

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"director": [

"Which director's movies do you like ? E.g. {attributes}"
],

"genre": [

"What kind of movie do you like ? Such as {attributes}"
],

"actor": [

"Are there any actors or actresses that you like ? E.g. {attributes}"
],

"subject": [

"Do you have preference on the movie subject ? E.g. {attributes}"
],

"time": [

"What's the release time of movies do you prefer ? E.g. {attributes}"
],

"recommendTemplates": [

"You can try {entity}, it's a {genre} movie starred by {actor} and directed by {director}."
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Dataset	Domain	Language	Dialogues	Turns	Knowledge Graph		
					Nodes	Edges	Entities
M-RD	Movie	English	54	324	2667	8908	246
DX	Medical	Chinese	527	1408	47	109	5

Movie domain

- We sample dialogues from ReDial dataset [1] to form the M-RD (Mini-ReDial)
- Sampling rule: 5-7 turn conversations with all Chat/Query/Recommend intent.

Medical domain

We reprocess a dataset on medical diagnosis named DX [2].

^[1] Li, Raymond, et al. "Towards deep conversational recommendations."

^[2] Xu, Lin, et al. "End-to-end knowledge-routed relational dialogue system for automatic diagnosis."

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Movie Medical

Method	Bot Intent Prediction	Entity Recommendation			
11201130	Accuracy (%)	R@1 (%)	R@10 (%)	R@50 (%)	
Random (cold-start)	33.33	0.41	4.1	20.3	
Ours	67.28	4.37	16.50	50.97	

Method	Bot Intent Prediction	Entity Recommendation			
1/20/11/0	Accuracy (%)	R@1 (%)	R@2 (%)	R@3 (%)	
Random (cold-start) Ours	33.33 66.34	20.0 79.51	40.0 92.98	60.0 97.15	

Table 2: Results on the movie dataset M-RD.

Table 3: Results on the medical diagnosis dataset DX.

^[1] Ma, Wenchang, et al. "Bridging the Gap between Conversational Reasoning and Interactive Recommendation."

[•] CR-Walker on ReDial Precision: 67.8%, Entity Recall: 3.1%(R@1) / 15.5%(R@10) / 36.5%(R@50)

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Summary

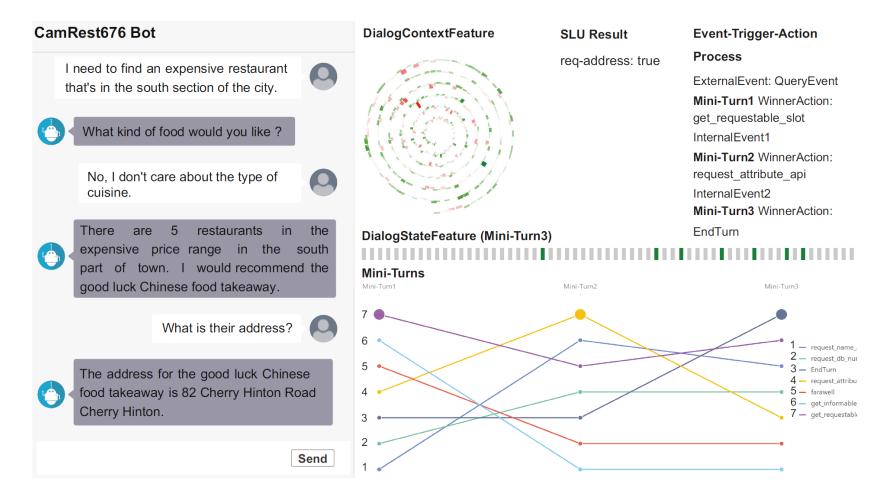
• We introduce FORCE, a framework to support developers in constructing cold-start CRS bots with good interpretability.

 We evaluate FORCE on two datasets in different languages and domains, which verified its effectiveness and usability.

CRS bots by FORCE can be used as a conversation collection tool.
 Developers can fine-tune each module later with deep learning models.

How to bridge the gap between academic research and industrial applications?

Integrating Pre-trained Model into Rule-based Dialogue Management (AAAI-2021 DEMO)



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THANKS

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may the FORCE be with you