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➤ Introduction

Voice-Controlled Shell is a personal assistant to execute bash commands/scripts from voice. It is a web application connected to a Google Compute Engine VM that will listen to your commands and perform them in the Linux-based terminal. Voice Controlled Shell is implemented using python script with following libraries:

- speech recognition
- PyQt5
- os
- sys
- gtts

Voice is recognized through Google API and different mp3 files are played to ask user for further details of commands (if required). UI part of Voice Controlled Shell is designed with QT designer and converted to python using Python 2.x/3.x, PyAudio libraries.

➤ Methodology

In computing, a shell is a user interface for access to an operating system's services. In general, operating system shells use either a command-line interface (CLI) or graphical user interface (GUI), depending on a computer's role and particular operation. Our project is a new take on the traditional methods to use shells. Our voice-controlled shell uses voice commands to run bash scripts that perform at least 30 various tasks like

- Informing the user of the time, date, day, and weather.
- Listing the files, creating new files, deleting files.
- Creating new directory, changing directories, file type.
- Opening web browsers, links through url, send emails.
- Shutting the machine down, rebooting, etc.

We are using a Google API for Speech-to-text (STS) and different python libraries for conversion of Speech-to-text such as gtts, speech_recognition, etc.

➤ Configuration steps

Our project is implemented using python. We have utilized the Google Speech-to-text (GSTT) and multiple python libraries in order to decode our voice commands to run and perform task in bash/shell script.

Moreover, we have used the py audio, webbrowser, subprocess, and system libraries that are built-in in python. The purpose of the pyaudio library is to detect the microphone and capture the sound effectively. The purpose of the subprocess and system library is to run bash commands. The purpose of webbrowser library is to open the different links in a web browser through url format.

Basically, there are four different .py file in our project named formatting.py, modules.py, voice.py and main.py. The functions/coding implemented in these .py files are as follow:

- **formatting.py** contains formatting required for our code for example headings, table of content, and the main list of our source programs.

```
29 #this function will add the heading of a table
30 def table_head(itemNo, left_text, right_text, left_size = 20, right_size = 50):
31     size = 5 + left_size + right_size + 7
32     line(size)
33     print('|' + itemNo.center(3, ' ') + '|' + left_text.center(left_size, ' ') + '|' + right_text.center(right_size, ' ') + '|')
34     line(size)
35     return
36
37 #this function will add the contents of the table
38 def table_content(itemNo, left_text, right_text, left_size = 20, right_size = 50):
39     size = 5 + left_size + right_size + 7
40     print('|' + itemNo.ljust(3, ' ') + '|' + left_text.ljust(left_size, ' ') + '|' + right_text.ljust(right_size, ' ') + '|')
41     line(size)
42     return
43
44
45 #this function will print out the welcome window
46 def show_list():
47     table_head('No', 'Command', 'Description')
48     table_content('1', 'Send Email', 'Can send mails to several receivers')
49     table_content('2', 'Weather Update', 'Will display the current weather Report')
50     table_content('3', 'List Files', 'Will List files of current Directory')
51     table_content('4', 'Date', 'Today's date will be displayed')
52     table_content('5', 'time', 'Shows current time')
53     table_content('6', 'What is the Day', 'Shows the name of the day')
54     table_content('7', 'Calender', 'Shows Calender')
55     table_content('8', 'Shutdown', 'The computer will be powered off')
56     table_content('9', 'Reboot', 'The computer will restart')
57     table_content('10', 'Create File', 'New file will be created in the current folder')
58     table_content('11', 'Create Folder', 'New folder will be created in the current folder')
59     table_content('12', 'File type', 'The file information will be displayed')
60     table_content('13', 'Create User', 'The new user will be created.')
61     table_content('14', 'Delete User', 'Deletes the user.')
```

- **modules.py** contains the actual definition/coding of all 30 system commands.

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77 def list_files():
78     list = os.listdir('.')
79     formatting.head('Files in current Directory')
80     for i in range(len(list)):
81         formatting.text_box(list[i])
82     return
83
84 def today_date():
85     from datetime import date
86     months = ['January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July', 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December']
87     today = date.today()
88     day = str(today.day)
89     month = months[int(today.month) - 1]
90     year = str(today.year)
91     formatting.text_box("Today's date is " + day + " " + month + " " + year)
92     return
93
94 def shutdown_now():
95     formatting.text_box("Shutting down the computer...")
96     subprocess.call(["shutdown", "-h", "now"])
97     return
98
99 def reboot_now():
100     print("Rebooting the computer...")
101     subprocess.call(["shutdown", "-r", "now"])
102     return
103

```

- **voice.py** is importing all the python libraries such that speech_recognition, gtts, sys, os, that can convert Speech-to-text and can decode the voice in order to perform the tasks in bash script. It will detect clear voice and will return RequestError or UnknownValueError if some strange value is called.

```

1 from time import sleep
2 import sys
3 import speech_recognition as sr
4 from gtts import gTTS
5 import formatting
6 import subprocess
7 import os
8 import formatting
9 import subprocess
10 import concurrent.futures
11
22
23 def recognize_audio(r, audio, result):
24     result[0] = r.recognize_google(audio)
25     return
26
27
28 #this function converts speech to text
29 def speech_to_text(flag = 0):
30     r = sr.Recognizer()
31     with sr.Microphone() as source:
32         if(flag == 1):
33             subprocess.call(['clear'])
34             formatting.show_list()
35             formatting.text_box('Listening...')
36             audio = r.listen(source)
37     try:
38         subprocess.call(['clear'])
39
40     with concurrent.futures.ThreadPoolExecutor(max_workers=1) as executor:
41         future = executor.submit(r.recognize_google, audio)
42         # Loading
43         i = 0
44         stages = ['Processing.', 'Processing..', 'Processing...']

```

- **main.py** is importing all .py files used in this project. The output screen of the project **Voice Controlled Shell** are generated from *main.py*.

```

9
10 def welcome_message(msg):
11     voice.text_to_speech(msg)
12
13 def welcome_heading():
14     formatting.line(86)
15     sleep(0.3)
16     for x in '| Hi, I am your Virtual Assistant and you can ask me to perform the following tasks. |\n':
17         print(x, end='')
18         sys.stdout.flush()
19         sleep(0.07)
20
21     formatting.line(86)
22     return

```

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125
126 if __name__ == '__main__':
127     flag = 1
128     welcome_window()
129     input('Press Enter to continue...')
130     subprocess.call(['clear'])
131     while 1:
132         #
133         if(flag == 1):
134             mytext = voice.speech_to_text(1)

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138
139         # Checking Errors
140         if(voice.error_status(mytext)):
141             formatting.text_box('Please, try again!')
142             continue
143         # Checking exit
144         elif(mytext == 'exit'):
145             formatting.text_box('Good Bye!')
146             voice.text_to_speech('Good Bye!')
147             exit()
148         # calling the functionality
149         else:
150             subprocess.call(['clear'])
151             execute(mytext)
152             input('Press Enter to continue...')
153             subprocess.call(['clear'])

```

➤ Procedure

The procedure of voice-controlled shell is as follows:

- PC has a microphone and a speaker connected to it which is always listening.
- Firstly, after compilation it will display a welcome message along with a voice command.
- Next the user will speak one of the valid commands from the list of commands that we have programmed.
- The program will verify if the command is valid and then find the action to be performed.
- In order to repeat this process, you just need to press Enter and continue.
- To stop the process, you have to call 'EXIT'.

➤ Code Link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gMRn63vaaMQTYxti_0GiBu8YoCR54q1?usp=sharing

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➤ Output:

It is the output of main screen and the list of system commands. Rest of the outputs will be displayed at the time of evaluation.

```
=====
|                               ✨ Voice Controlled Shell ✨                               |
=====
| Hish: 1: mpg321: not found
| , I am your Virtual Assistant and you can ask me to perform the following tasks. |
=====
Press Enter to continue...
```

No	Command	Description
1	Send Email	Can send mails to several receivers
2	Weather Update	Will display the current weather Report
3	List Files	Will List files of current Directory
4	Date	Today's date will be displayed
5	time	Shows current time
6	What is the Day	Shows the name of the day
7	Calender	Shows Calender
8	Shutdown	The computer will be powered off
9	Reboot	The computer will restart
10	Create File	New file will be created in the current folder
11	Create Folder	New folder will be created in the current folder
12	File type	The file information will be displayed
13	Create User	The new user will be created.
14	Delete User	Deletes the user.
15	Root User	Login as Root User
16	Current Directory	Current working Directory will be displayed

17	Create Directory	New Directory will be created
18	Go Back	Move to the previous directory
19	Change Directory	Move to the specified directory
20	Delete file	Deletes the specified file
21	Delete Directory	Deletes the specified directory
22	Open Youtube	Opens youtube in Web browser
23	Open Google	Opens google in Web browser
24	Open Facebook	Opens facebook in Web browser
25	Open Firefox	Opens firefox in Web browser
26	Close Firefox	Close firefox in Web browser
27	Username	Shows current Username
28	Who is your Owner	Shows name of the Owners
29	Clear	Clear Screen
30	Exit	Exit the program
	Listening...	