



Perfumer

— Comprehensive Scent Expert

Code Project Repository:

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Video Presentation:

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Data Science in the Creative Industries

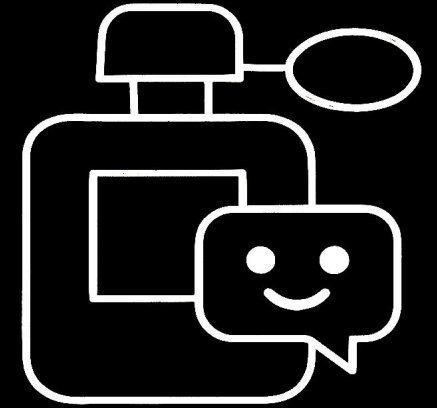
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Project Overview

Two Core Modules

- IntentChatbot: Parses user input, applies VADER sentiment analysis and rule patterns to detect mood and intent (greetings, recommendations, jokes, etc.).
- PerfumeChatbot: Filters and ranks perfumes based on scent keywords or zodiac signs using a predefined JSON dictionary and CSV dataset.



Core Features (“Comprehensive” and “Professional”)

- Rule-based + lightweight NLP perfume recommendations
- VADER sentiment analysis for adaptive tone
- Zodiac suggestions, brand trivia & playful jokes



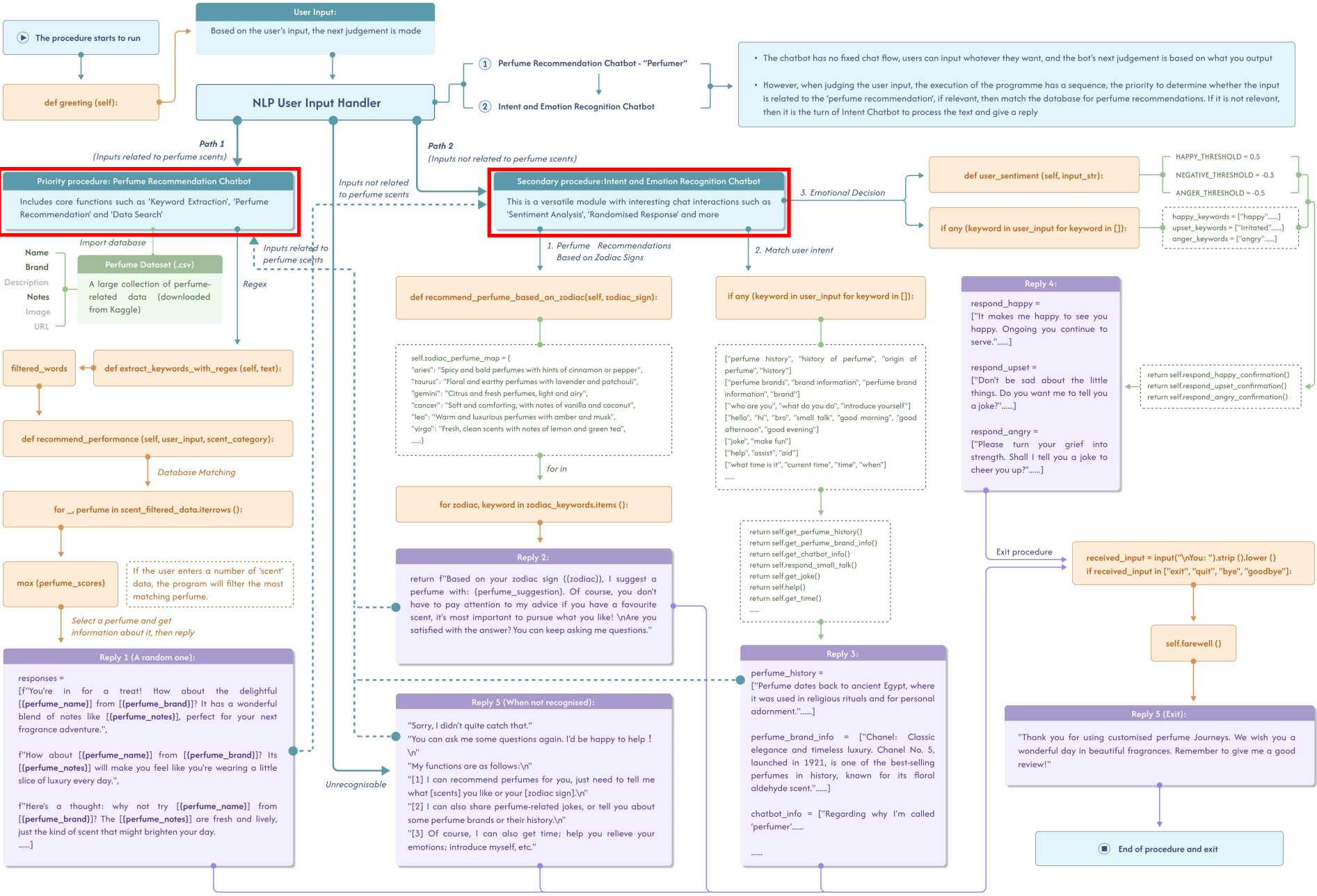
Flow Chart

User input parsing

Index to the corresponding core module

Emotion and intention recognition

Userflow:



Why Push This Project Further?



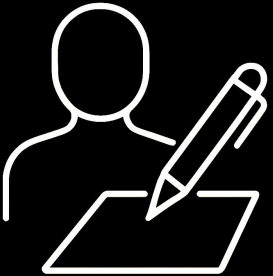
User Perspective:

- Traditional filters rely on fixed formats and keywords, and are unable to capture users' true feelings.
- Perfumer offers a more fluid and emotionally intelligent interaction, lowering the barrier for fragrance discovery.



Brand Perspective:

- Most perfume brands lack online interactive recommendation tools.
- Perfumer can become a 'conversational recommendation' gateway, enhancing user engagement.



Creator Perspective:

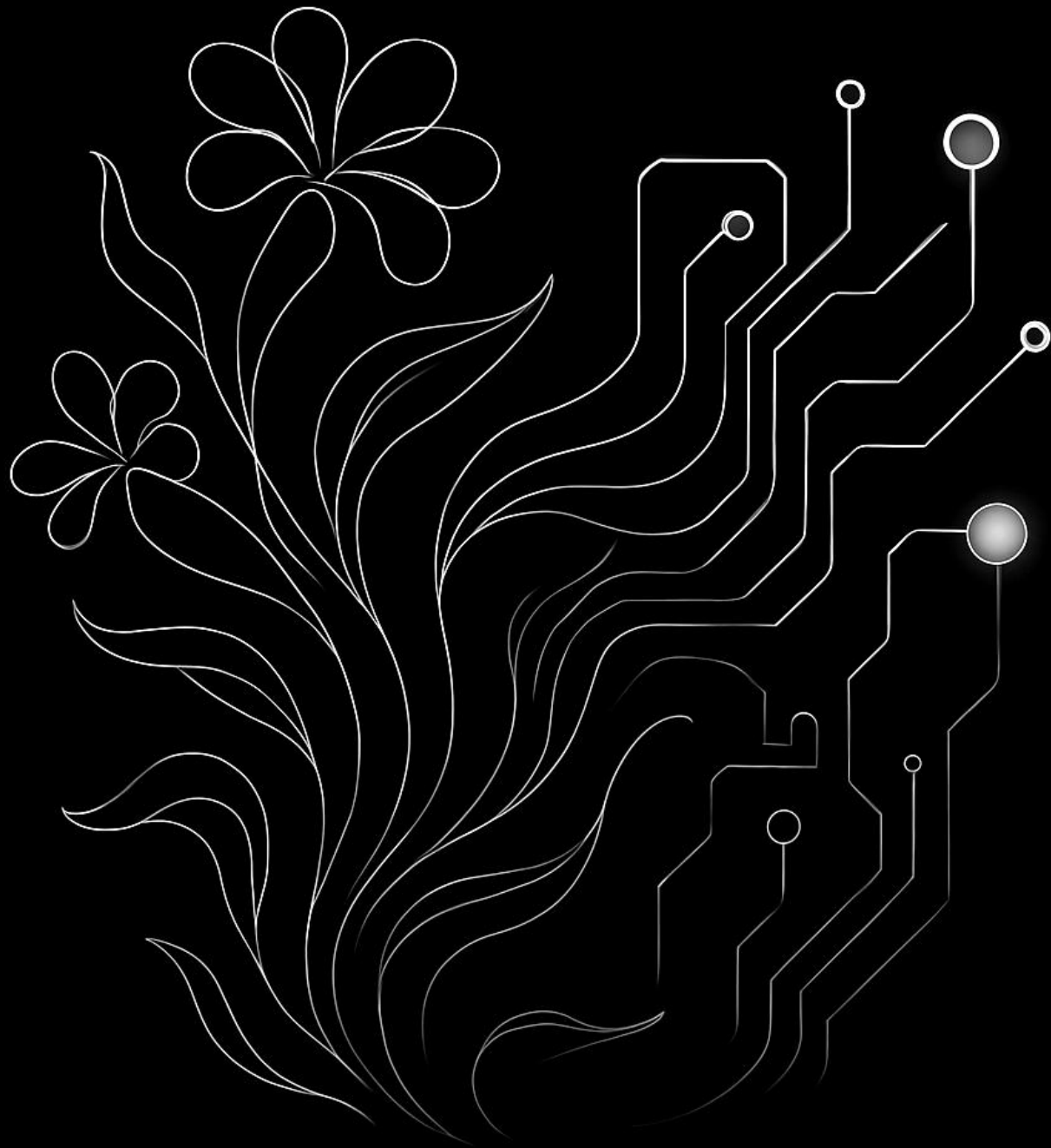
- As a perfume enthusiast, I want this to grow from a course prototype into a useful tool.
- It blends my passion and technical skills, and reflects long-term personal interest.

Vision & Cultural Motivation

‘**Perfumer**’ explores how AI can support sensory experiences — not just to pick scent, but to feel it.

It’s a comprehensive, user-friendly space for expressing personal preferences and discovering the emotional and cultural richness of fragrance.

Not a tool for selling, but for sparking curiosity, growing knowledge, and offering a deeply satisfying journey into scent.



How to Take the Project Further

Technical Enhancements

Existing Programme • *Direction of improvement* →

Based on simple keyword matching and rule-based intent detection



Ambiguous or context-dependent expressions are prone to misinterpretation without nuanced language understanding.

While the codebase is already separated into classes like *IntentChatbot* and *PerfumeChatbot*, their dependencies are still tightly coupled.

Future Programme

Integrating Lightweight NLP Models (e.g DistilBERT)



Improve the chatbot's ability to understand natural, nuanced user inputs.

Modular Architecture Upgrade



Decouple the core components for better scalability and maintainability.

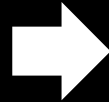
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Productization



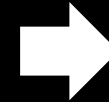
Web Prototype

Intuitive UI for accessible recommendations



Multi-platform Access

Integrate with ins and social apps



Feedback Loop

“Like/Dislike” buttons for user-driven tuning

Strategy



- **Agile Workflow:** Scrum-based, deliver demo every 2 weeks

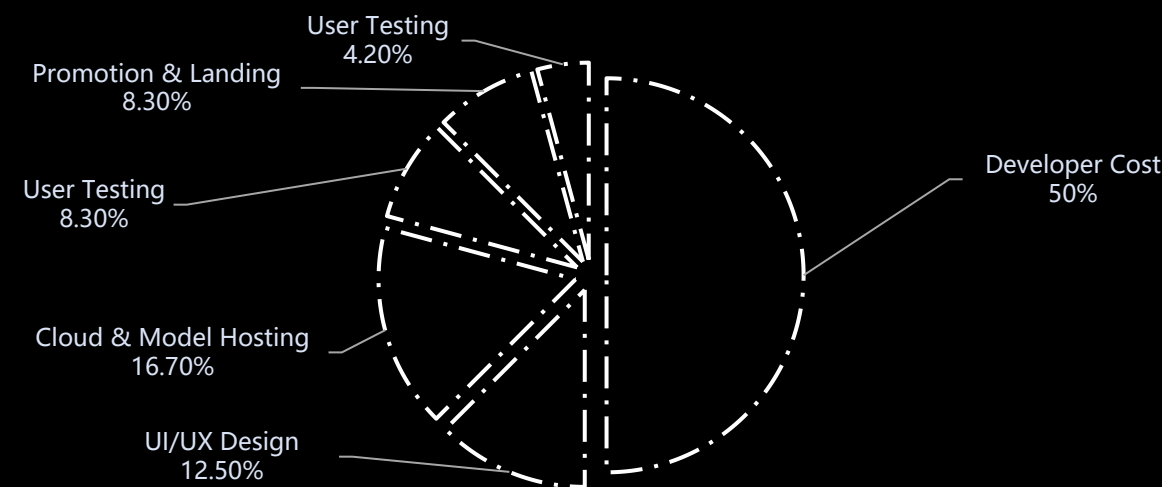


- **Test & Iterate:** Combine unit tests with user feedback



- **Light Deployment:** Locally runnable, scalable to low-resource setups

Project Requirements & Estimated Budget



| Category | Details | Estimated Cost (GBP) |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Developer Cost | 2 part-time developers for 2 months | £12,000 |
| UI/UX Design | Web prototype + visual assets | £3,000 |
| Cloud & Model Hosting | Lightweight NLP model + server (3 months) | £4,000 |
| User Testing | Incentives, surveys, micro-interviews | £2,000 |
| Promotion & Landing | Website, content design, basic SEO | £2,000 |
| Tools & Licenses | Prototyping, monitoring, versioning tools | £1,000 |

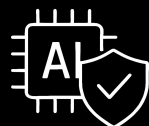
Legal & Ethical Considerations

Data & Privacy (GDPR)



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| • No personal data collected | —————→ | The chatbot does not store names, emails, or identifiers |
| • Anonymous feedback only | —————→ | "Like/Dislike" used to improve recommendations, not user profiling |
| • Local-first processing | —————→ | Runs locally or on GDPR-compliant cloud services |
| • Scalable compliance | —————→ | Ready to implement consent forms and data access policies if scaled |

Ethical Use of AI



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| • Tone adaptation, not emotional manipulation | —————→ | Sentiment analysis adjusts replies gently, without exploiting mood |
| • No behavioral tracking | —————→ | Inputs like zodiac are symbolic; no personal traits are inferred |
| • Transparent rules | —————→ | Clear explanation of how recommendations are generated |

‘Perfumer’ respects user privacy and values, aiming to enhance discovery — not data collection.

Development Timeline

Jul - Aug
2025

Sep - Oct
2025

Nov
2025

Dec
2025

Core NLP Development

- Multi-turn conversation
- Intent classification
- Context tracking

Productization & UI

- Web UI prototype
- Modular backend
- Multi-platform prep

User Testing

- Feedback collection
- Like/dislike system
- Early iteration

Beta Launch & Evaluation

- Publish landing page
- Monitor usage
- Final evaluation