

Gen AI Exchange Hackathon

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Problem Statement : Generative AI for Youth Mental Wellness

Brief about the prototype:

Our prototype is an **AI-powered mental health chatbot** designed for empathetic, safe, and context-aware conversations.

At its core, it uses the **Phi-3 Mini (instruction-tuned LLM)** as the **primary conversational model**, with **falcon-rw-1b** as a fallback. This LLM backbone is augmented with multiple intelligent layers:



Mood & Emotion Detection

Classifies user sentiment.



Crisis & Safety Filtering

Detects harmful content; redirects to helplines.



Empathetic Responses

Ensures supportive and varied tone.



Concern Analysis (ABSA)

Identifies key user issues.



Grounded Tips (RAG)

Provides safe and accurate advice.







Multimodal Interaction

Supports voice & visual interactions.

How different is it from existing solutions?

<div>Existing Solutions</div> <div>Scripted CBT or general-purpose LLMs (e.g., Wysa, Woebot).</div>	<div>Our Prototype</div> <div>Integrates Phi-3 Mini with safety, empathy, and grounding layers for safe, empathetic, and context-aware conversations.</div>
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How will it solve the problem?

<div></div> <div>24/7 Scalable Support</div> <div>Constant, accessible support for common mental health concerns.</div>	<div></div> <div>Adaptive & Empathetic</div> <div>Detects emotions and concerns, adapting responses for personalized support.</div>
<div></div> <div>Crisis Detection</div> <div>Flags unsafe content; guides users to appropriate helplines.</div>	<div></div> <div>Grounded Responses</div> <div>RAG ensures accurate, reliable, and evidence-based advice.</div>

USP of the proposed solution



Safety-First AI

Crisis-aware mental health chatbot



Empathetic & Context-Aware

Leverages sentiment, ABSA, and emotion-driven responses



Multimodal Interaction

Supports text, voice, facial and emotion recognition



Lightweight & Scalable

Deployable on cloud or mobile platforms

List of features offered by the solution



Text & Voice Interaction

Utilizes gTTS and SpeechRecognition for seamless communication.



Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis (ABSA)

Employs DeBERTa with a fallback to BERT for precise sentiment insights.



Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Integrated with a FAISS knowledge base for accurate and relevant responses.



Facial Emotion Recognition

Incorporates DeepFace and OpenCV for visual emotion detection.



Emotion & Sentiment Detection

Powered by RoBERTa and DistilBERT for nuanced understanding.



Crisis & Safety Filtering

Screens for unsafe keywords and leverages Toxic-BERT for user protection.



Deduplication & Empathy Management

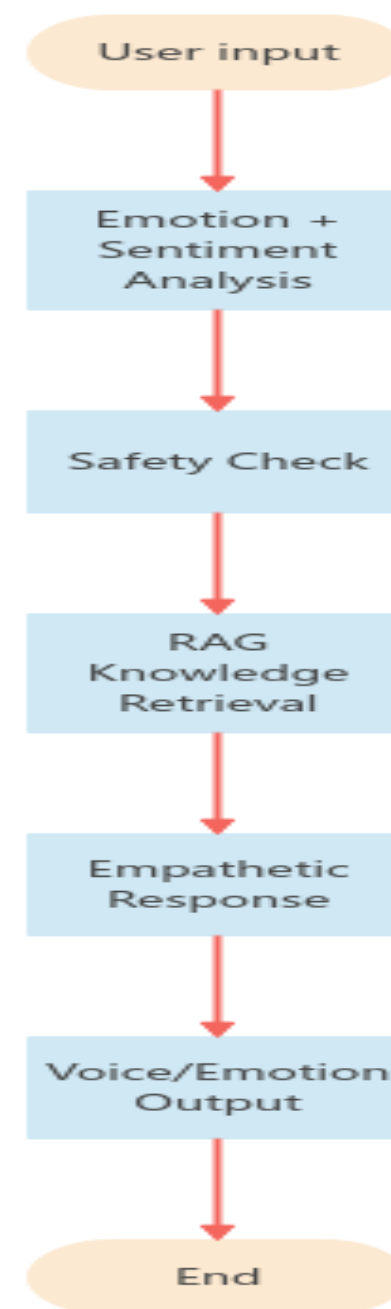
Avoids repetition and infuses warmth into every interaction.



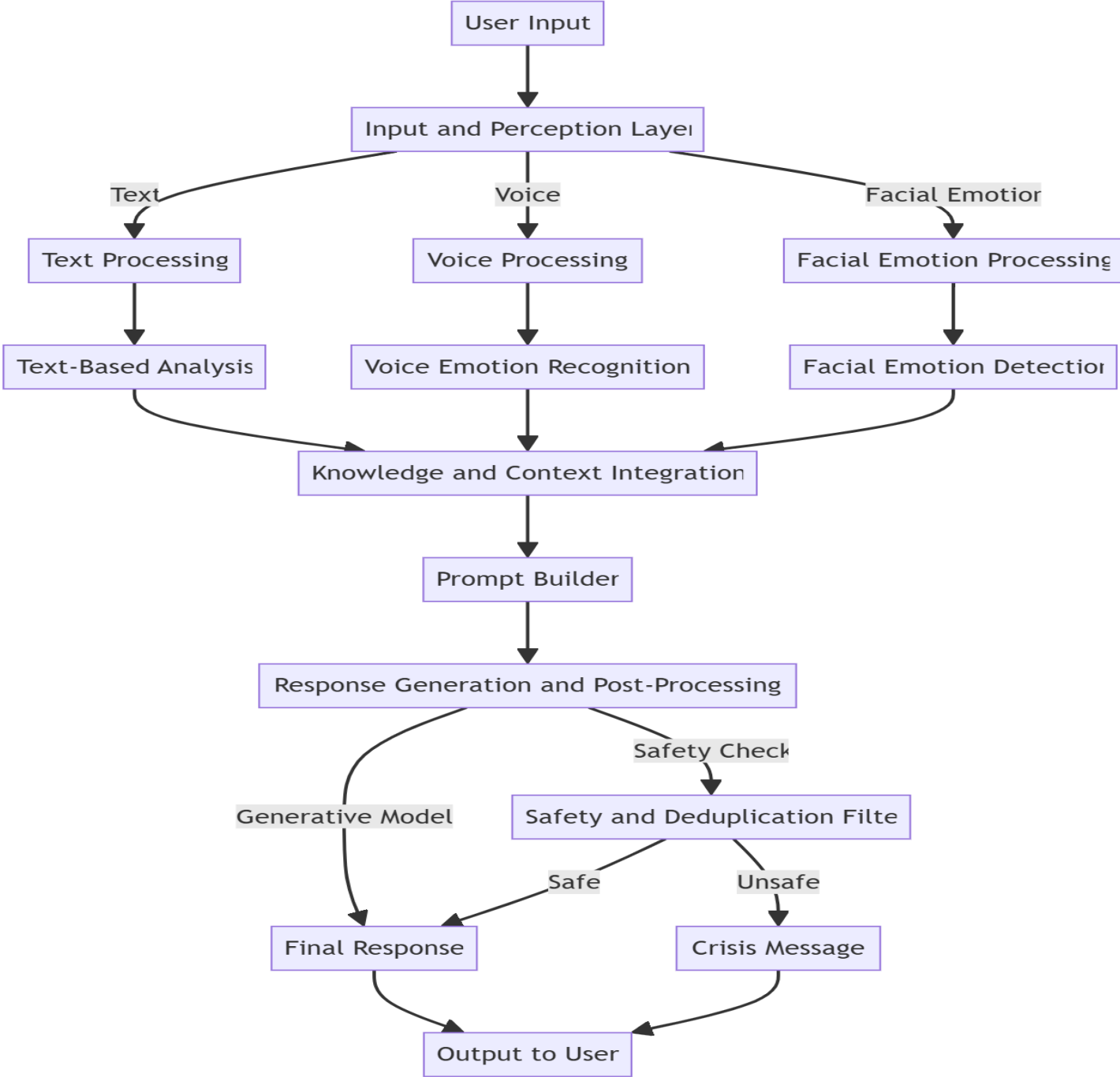
Cloud-ready & Scalable

Designed for easy deployment on cloud platforms like Colab / GCP.

Process flow diagram



Architecture diagram of the proposed solution



Technologies to be used in the solution:



Core Development

- **Python** (main language)
- **PyTorch** (deep learning)
- **HuggingFace Transformers** (LLMs, NLP)
- **SentenceTransformers + FAISS** (Embeddings & RAG)



Safety & Crisis Detection

- **Toxic-BERT** (toxicity filtering)
- **Custom keyword embeddings** (unsafe content)



Conversational Models

- **Phi-3 Mini** (primary LLM)
- **Gemma-2B** (fallback LLM)
- **RoBERTa / DistilBERT** (sentiment)
- **DeBERTa / BERT** (Aspect-Based SA)



Deployment & Tools

- **Google Colab** (prototyping, training)
- **Pandas, NumPy** (data preprocessing)
- **FAISS Indexing** (fast RAG retrieval)






Speech & Vision




- **gTTS & SpeechRecognition** (TTS, voice input)
- **DeepFace, OpenCV, Mediapipe** (facial emotion)

Estimated implementation cost:

Development & Training (Current Prototype)

-  Google Colab (Free + Pro) → \$0 – \$10/month
-  Pre-trained Models (HuggingFace) → Free (open-source)
-  Libraries & Frameworks → Free (PyTorch, Transformers, FAISS, etc.)

Future Scaling (If deployed in production)

-  Cloud Hosting (e.g., GCP/AWS/Azure) → \$50 – \$200/month (depending on user load & GPU usage)
-  Speech & Emotion APIs (if external services used) → \$20 – \$50/month
-  Custom Dataset Expansion → Variable (data sourcing, annotation costs)

Total Current Prototype Cost: ~ \$0 – \$20/month (sustainable for hackathon & testing).

Future Deployment Cost: ~ \$100 – \$300/month (for small-scale real-world pilot).

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Thank you

