

A Privacy-Focused Multilingual Chat Assistant for Android

Advanced Mobile Systems – Design, Development, and Evaluation

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Motivation & Problem

- Loss of tone and intent in multilingual messaging.
- Literal translation often results in misunderstandings.
- Cloud-based AI introduces privacy and latency concerns.
- Constraints of strict Android lifecycle and background limits.

Project Aim

Design a privacy-first mobile assistant that improves message understanding under modern Android system constraints.

Key Features

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| Real-time Translation | Tone Analysis |
| Reply Generation | Overlay Interface |
| Local Persistence | Visual Suggestions |

Design Principles

On-device Processing

Local execution with zero cloud dependency

Deterministic Behaviour

Predictable system state and outputs

Android 14 Compliance

Android 14 foreground service compliance

System Architecture

Layered Android architecture ensuring clear separation of concerns.



NLP & AI Approach

Text Normalisation → Intent Detection

Tone Classification → Reply Suggestion

"wassup dude, u free?"

01 Normalisation Slang → Formal

02 Intent Detect Query: Availability

03 Tone Classify Casual/Friendly

Suggested: "Hey! Yes, I am available. What's up?"

→ Future Enhancement

Hybrid on-device ML expansion

> Advanced Mobile Concepts

Lifecycle Management

Process lifecycle management

Foreground Services

Foreground service with persistent notification required for compliance

Overlay Permissions

SYSTEM_ALERT_WINDOW overlay permission

Background Constraints

Android 14 background execution constraints

Testing & Evaluation

RESPONSE TIME

Fast on-device response (tested)

STABILITY

Stable across Android lifecycle transitions (tested)

PRIVACY

Core NLP processed locally on-device

Limitations & Future Work

- Limited coverage of rule-based NLP algorithms
- Complexity in handling cultural nuances
- Future integration of on-device Machine Learning

Conclusion

This project demonstrates practical application of advanced mobile system design by balancing privacy, usability, and Android platform constraints.