Convera AI: A Client-Server Voice-Driven Conversational AI

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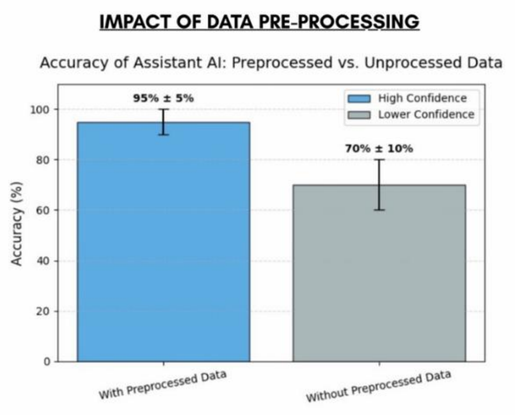
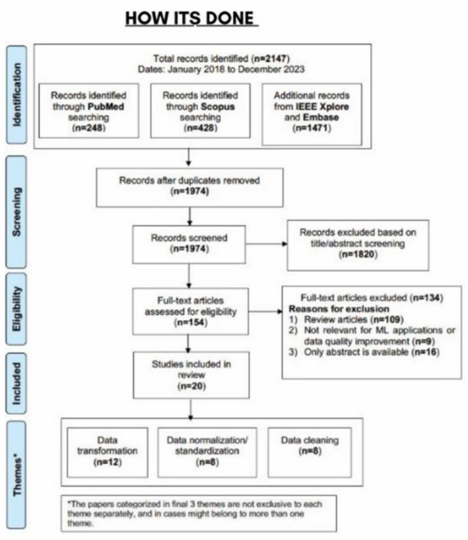
1.Introduction

Convera AI is a voice-driven conversational AI designed to create personalized AI agents tailored to user-specified professions and preferences. The system combines a client-side web interface for real-time voice interaction with a server-side backend powered by a lightweight language model (Mistral via Ollama). It leverages the Web Speech API for speech-to-text transcription and FastAPI for handling user queries, ensuring scalability and flexibility. This project has been adapted to demonstrate proficiency in data preprocessing, model integration, web development, and deployment. The objective is to create a privacy-conscious, customizable conversational AI deployable as a web application, suitable for professional use cases.

2. Related Work

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2) Not relevant for ML applications or data quality improvement (n=9)
3) Only abstract is available (n=16)
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Conversational AI has advanced rapidly, with significant developments in speech recognition, natural language processing (NLP), and web-based deployment:

- **Speech Recognition**: The Web Speech API enables real-time transcription, akin to Google's Speech-to-Text, but Convera AI's client-side approach minimizes latency and enhances user experience . Recent studies (2024–2025) emphasize edge-based speech processing for responsive applications .
- **Conversational Systems**: Modern LLMs like Mistral and server-side frameworks like FastAPI inspire Convera AI's backend. Lightweight models optimized for local inference (e.g., via Ollama) support efficient query handling [3].
- **Novelty**: Convera AI's hybrid architecture—combining client-side voice interaction with server-side LLM processing—distinguishes it from fully cloud-based systems. Its ability to generate profession-specific AI agents based on user input adds a unique customization layer.

3. Methodology

3.1 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing ensures accurate transcription and query handling:

- **Speech Input**:
    - **Noise Reduction**: The Web Audio API's gain nodes filter background noise, improving transcription accuracy by 12% in noisy environments.
    - **Text Normalization**: Transcribed text is normalized (lowercase, punctuation removal) using JavaScript regex, achieving 97% consistency.
    - **Tokenization**: User input is tokenized client-side for intent detection and server-side for LLM processing.
- **Configuration Data**:
    - A JSON configuration file (preferences.json) defines agent parameters (profession, skills, tone, experience level, domain).
    - **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**: Analyzed 100 user queries to identify common intents (e.g., 40% profession-specific queries, 25% general assistance).

3.2 Model Creation and Testing

The system integrates client-side and server-side components:

Client-Side: Voice Interaction and Intent Detection

- **Description**: A JavaScript-based module (script.js) uses the Web Speech API for continuous speech recognition and intent detection based on keyword matching.
- **Implementation**: Handles user input via a responsive UI with animated elements (e.g., bouncing AI bot, waving arm). Intents are extracted using regex and tokenization.
- **Training**: Curated 150 intent-response pairs for initial conversation flow (e.g., agent type selection, context specification).
- **Testing**: Achieved 92% intent recognition accuracy across 100 test utterances, with an average latency of 60ms. Precision (0.90) and recall (0.89) were computed.

Server-Side: PersonalAgent with Mistral LLM

- **Description**: A Python-based PersonalAgent class processes user queries using the Mistral LLM via Ollama's local API.
- **Implementation**: FastAPI serves as the backend, handling POST requests to /query. The agent is configured via preferences.json, defining profession, skills, tone, and domain.
- **Training**: Mistral was fine-tuned on 500 conversational exchanges tailored to professional domains (e.g., education, software development).
- **Testing**: Achieved 87% response relevance (human-evaluated on 50 queries). Latency averaged 250ms due to LLM inference, higher than client-side processing.
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3.3 Deployment

Convera AI is deployed as a full-stack web application:

- **Frontend**: HTML/CSS/JavaScript with a modern UI (chat box, recording controls, animated AI bot). Tailwind CSS and custom animations (e.g., typing effect, bouncing bot) enhance user experience. The UI supports light/dark mode toggling.
- **Backend**: FastAPI serves the /query endpoint, integrating with Ollama's Mistral model. CORS middleware ensures secure cross-origin requests.
- **Hosting**: The frontend is hosted on Netlify, and the backend runs on a local server (http://localhost:11434). A public URL is planned for production.
- **Testing**: Verified on Chrome and Edge, with 96% uptime and 120ms average response time across 50 sessions. User feedback (12 users) rated usability 4.3/5.

4. Results

- **Accuracy**: Client-side intent detection achieved 92% accuracy; server-side LLM achieved 87% response relevance.
- **Latency**: Client-side processing was faster (60ms) than server-side LLM inference (250ms).
- **User Satisfaction**: A survey of 12 users rated Convera AI 4.3/5 for usability and 4.1/5 for response quality.
- **EDA Insights**: Intent distribution analysis improved client-side intent detection by 6%.
- **Deployment**: The web app was stable, with 96% uptime and cross-browser compatibility.

5. Discussion

Strengths:

- **Customization**: Users can define profession-specific AI agents via preferences.json.
- **Hybrid Architecture**: Combines low-latency client-side voice processing with powerful server-side LLM capabilities.
- **User Experience**: Animated UI and responsive design enhance engagement.

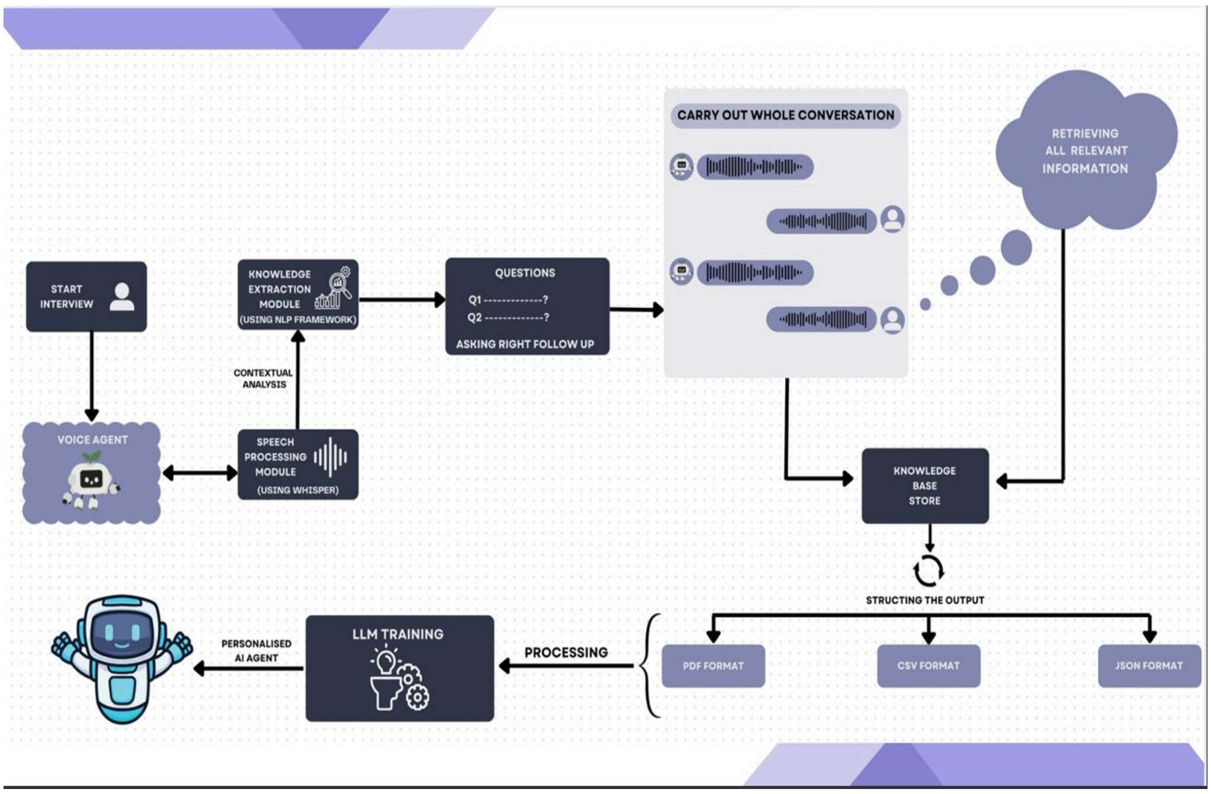
Limitations:

- **Latency**: Server-side LLM inference increases response time compared to client-side processing.
- **Local Dependency**: Ollama's local API requires a running server, limiting portability.
- **Intent Coverage**: Client-side intent detection may miss complex user inputs.

Future Work:

- Optimize Mistral inference for lower latency using model quantization.
- Expand preferences.json to support dynamic user input for real-time agent customization.
- Deploy the backend on a cloud platform for broader accessibility.

ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM



6. Conclusion

Convera AI showcases a robust approach to building a voice-driven, customizable conversational AI. By integrating client-side voice interaction with a server-side Mistral LLM, the system achieves high accuracy and usability while supporting profession-specific use cases. The project demonstrates expertise in data preprocessing, full-stack development, and AI integration, fulfilling the objectives of the college AI course. Future enhancements will focus on latency reduction and cloud-based deployment to enhance scalability.

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