

IE 492 PROJECT FINAL PRESENTATION

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Introduction & Problem Definition

CHALLENGE

Employee
Scheduling in
Service Industry

Why mostly in Service Industry?

- Continuous & Fluctuating Demand
- Flexible Shifts
 - Ex #1: Hospital Staff Scheduling
 - Ex #2: Airport Staff Scheduling → Our Case

PROBLEM

Explaining the
Schedule to
Stakeholders

Focus of the Project: Explaining the Schedule

- Answering Schedule-related FAQ
- Complaints, Requests, Objections, Clarifications
- Explaining the reasoning behind Schedule decisions

Project Scope

Step By Step

Step1: Generating a schedule for an airport staff

- Assigning to shifts and tasks such that # of uncovered tasks are minimized
- Subject to a list of given constraints

Step 2: Implementing the functions for answering FAQ

Query:

- Information Retrieval

Request/Objection/Reasoning:

- Rejection
 - Infeasible → Constraint Viol.
 - Feasible → Drastic Change in Objective or Schedule
- Acceptance
 - Feasible → Few changes in Schedule and Objective

Step 3: ChatGPT Integration & Streamlit User Interface

- Needed for the actualization of the Project
- Employees are not proficient with Python
- Natural Language processing
- To provide an **ergonomic** user experience

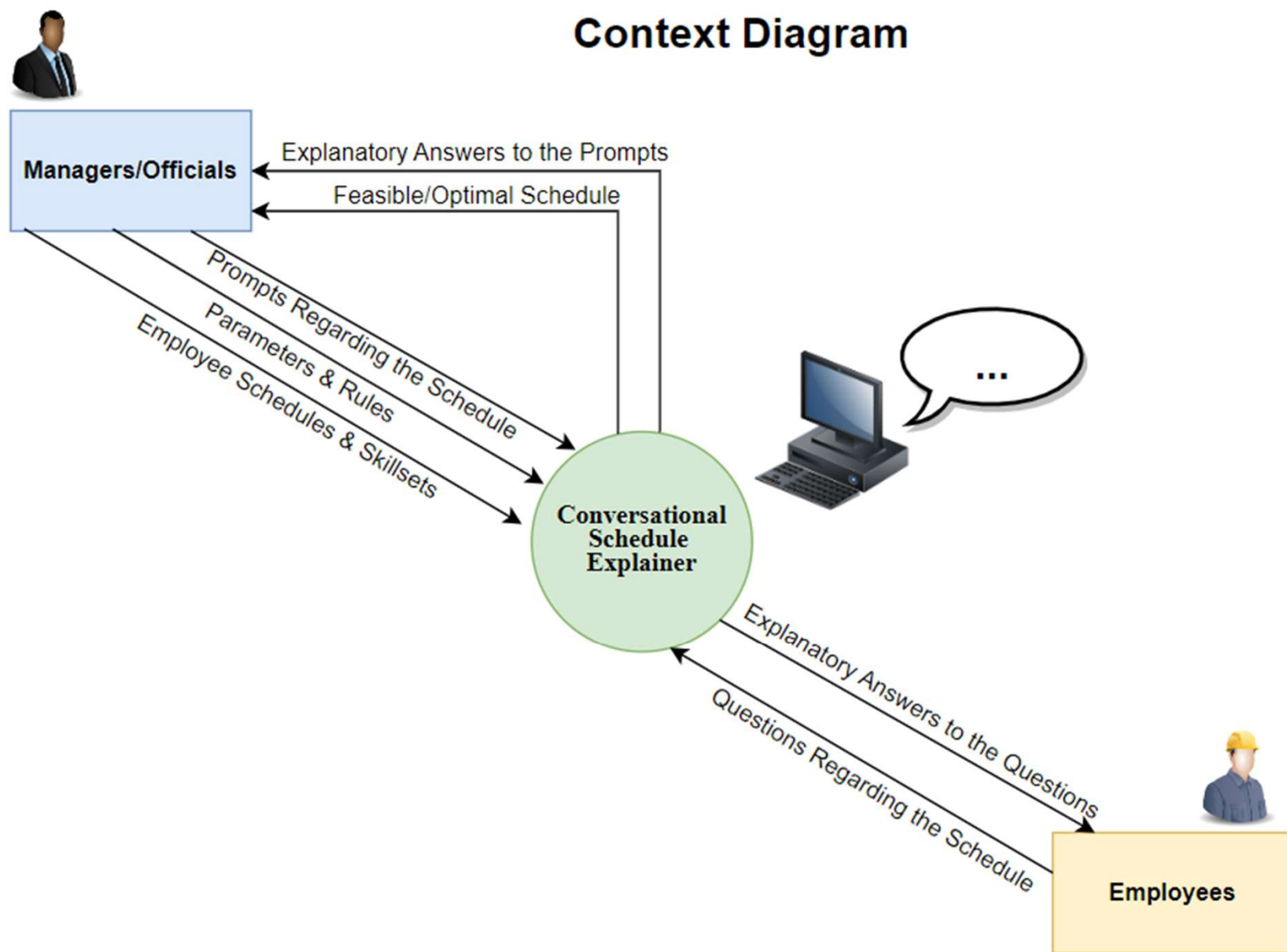
Project Objective

By implementing this Project, we aim to make stakeholders

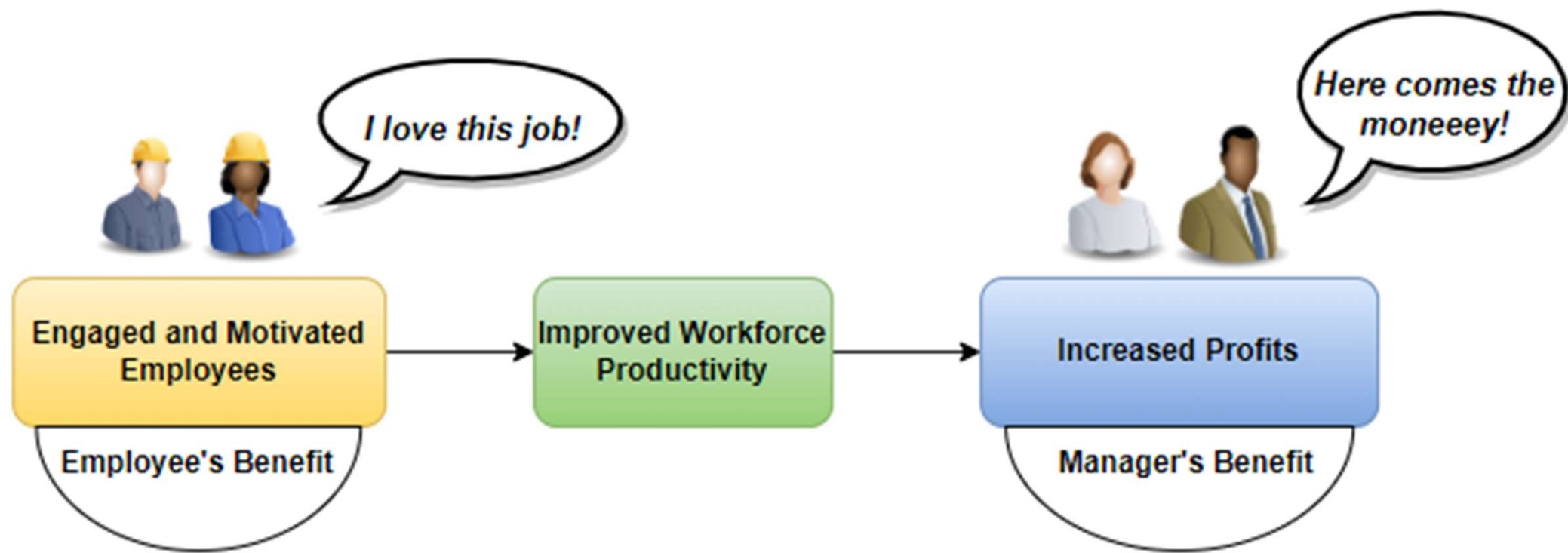
- Understand the reasoning behind the scheduling decisions.
- Check the feasibility of schedule related requests
- Retrieve info about schedule



Context Diagram



Benefits to Stakeholders



An Instance From the Schedule We Generated

Task ID	Required Skill	Task Start Time	Task End Time	Assigned Employee	Employee Skillset	Shift Index	Shift Start Time	Shift End Time
1	7	2023-07-10 15:15:00	2023-07-10 23:45:00	C0161	[3, 4, 5, 7]	11	2023-07-10 15:00:00	2023-07-11 02:00:00
10	6	2023-07-10 15:30:00	2023-07-10 19:00:00	C0129	[3, 4, 5, 6]	11	2023-07-10 15:00:00	2023-07-11 02:00:00
13	6	2023-07-11 02:00:00	2023-07-11 03:20:00	C0307	[3, 4, 5, 6]	22	2023-07-11 02:00:00	2023-07-11 13:00:00
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15	6	2023-07-11 04:15:00	2023-07-11 05:00:00	C0359	[3, 6, 7]	24	2023-07-11 04:00:00	2023-07-11 13:00:00

Objective:

- Minimizing the # of uncovered tasks

One can adjust these constraints as needed
These constraints are assumptions of our model

Constraints:

- Skill match
- No overlapping tasks to same employee
- Task's timeframe within shift's boundary
- Resting time between shifts
- 2 off days per week

FAQ



QUESTION



QUERY QUESTIONS

"Who is on the same shift as me on [date]?"

"Who else has the same skill set as me and is working on [shift time]?"

REQUEST & OBJECTION QUESTIONS

"I can't make it to my shift tomorrow. Can it be rescheduled?"

"Can I avoid being scheduled on [Date] for religious reasons?"

"Can I be scheduled for the opening shift during weekends? I prefer starting early."

"Can I be assigned to tasks that require my [skill] more frequently?"

"Can I avoid being scheduled with [Employee's Name] for a while due to personal reasons?"

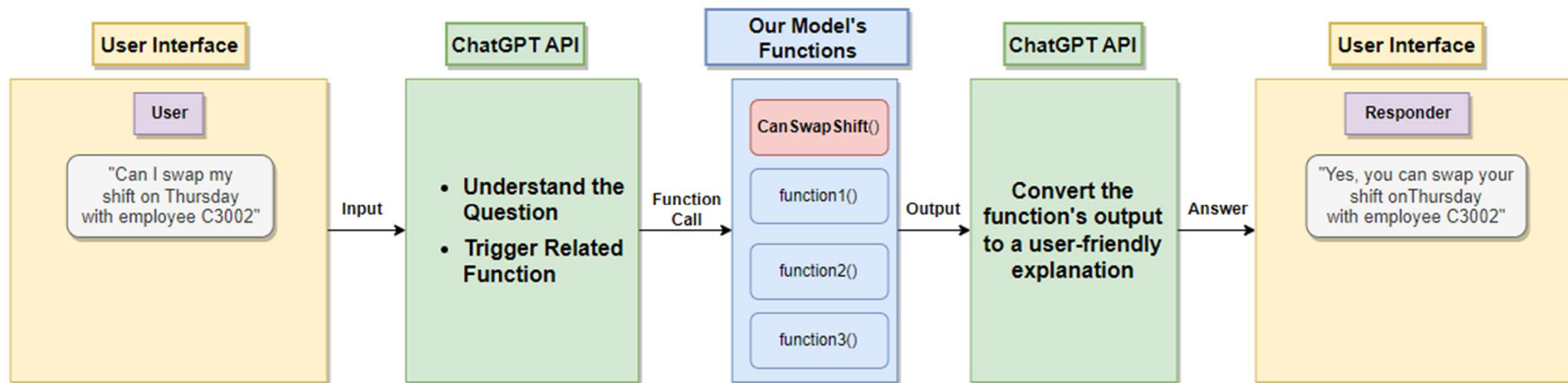
"Can I be scheduled for more shifts with [Employee's Name] since we coordinate well together?"

REASONING QUESTIONS

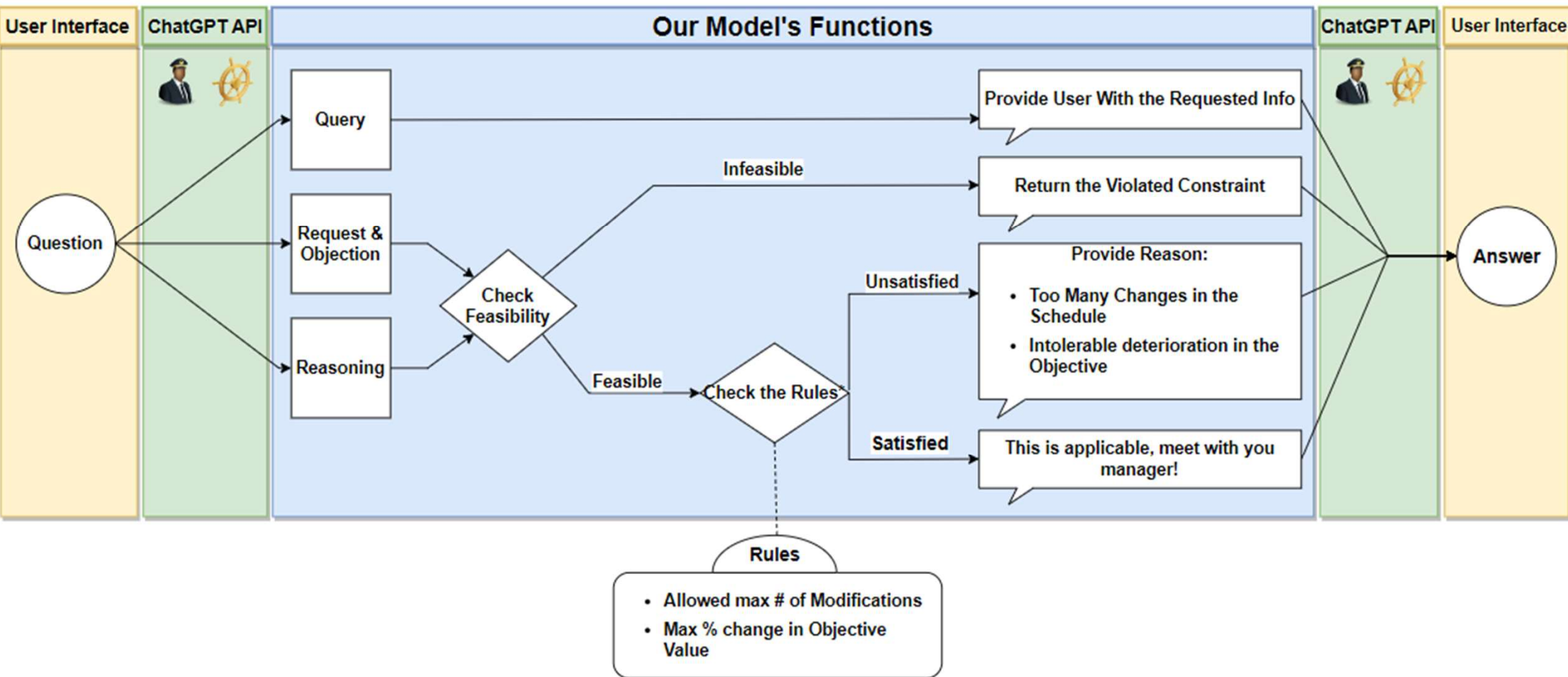
"Why am I not assigned to shift [ID]?"

"Why am I not assigned to Task [ID]?"

EXPLANATION GENERATION PROCESS



General Logic of the Model



Query-Type Questions: Function Logic & ChatGPT Example

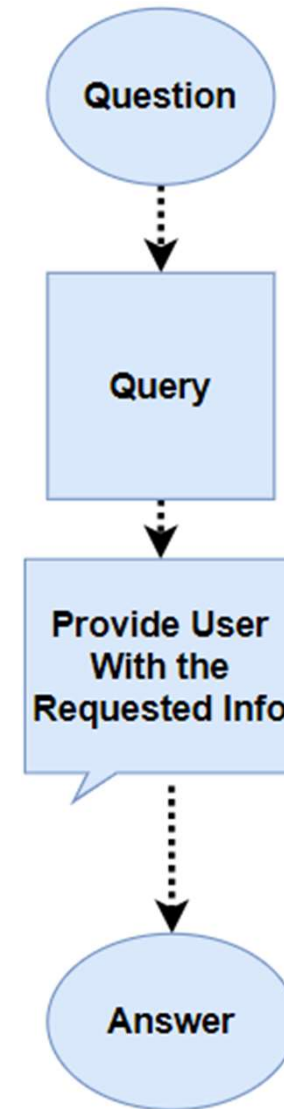
Conversational Schedule Explainer

Clear Conversation

Enter your input:

Who I can change my shift on 2023-07-10, I am C0001

Process



Request-Type Questions: Function Logic & ChatGPT Example

Conversational Schedule Explainer

Clear Conversation

Enter your input:

Can I change my shift with employee C0003 on 2023-07-10

Press Enter to apply

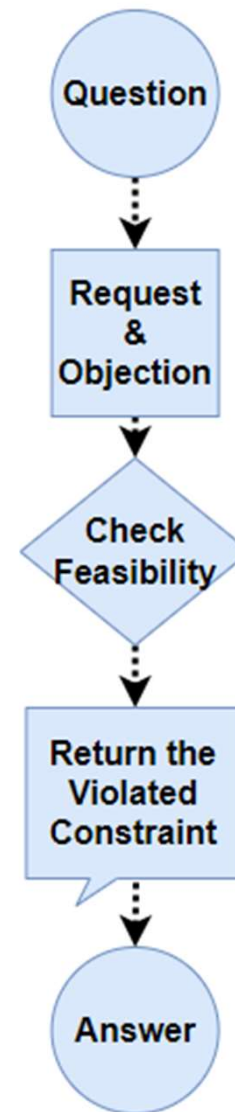
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Who I can change my shift on 2023-07-10, I am C0001



You can potentially swap shifts with the following employees on 2023-07-10: C0003, C0006, C0008, C0012, C0013, C0026, C0027, C0036, C0040, C0043, C0046, C0048, C0050.



Reasoning-Type Questions: Function Logic & ChatGPT Example

Enter your input:

I am C0002, why I am not assigned to task '18'

Process

Who I can change my shift on 2023-07-10, I am C0001

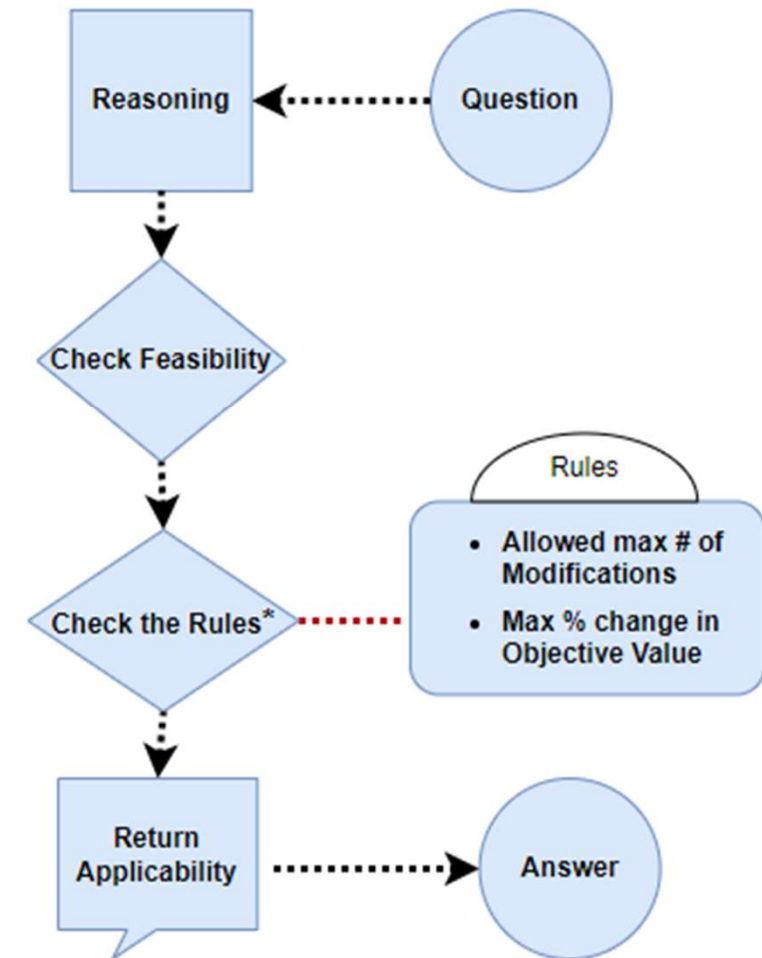
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Can I change my shift with employee C0003 on 2023-07-10

Yes, you can change your shift with employee C0003 on 2023-07-10. The swap request is feasible.

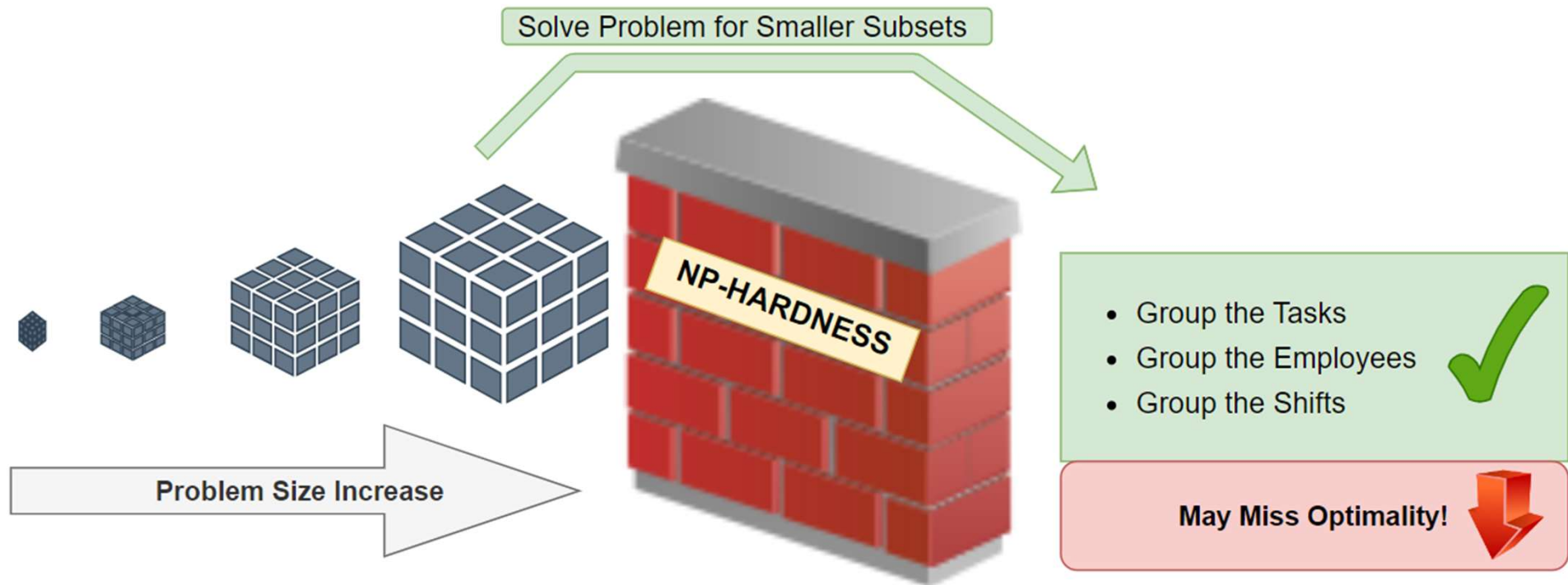
Can I change my task '1' with employee C0002's task '426'

No, you cannot change your task '1' with Employee C0002's task '426' because Employee 2 already has another task assigned during the same time period.



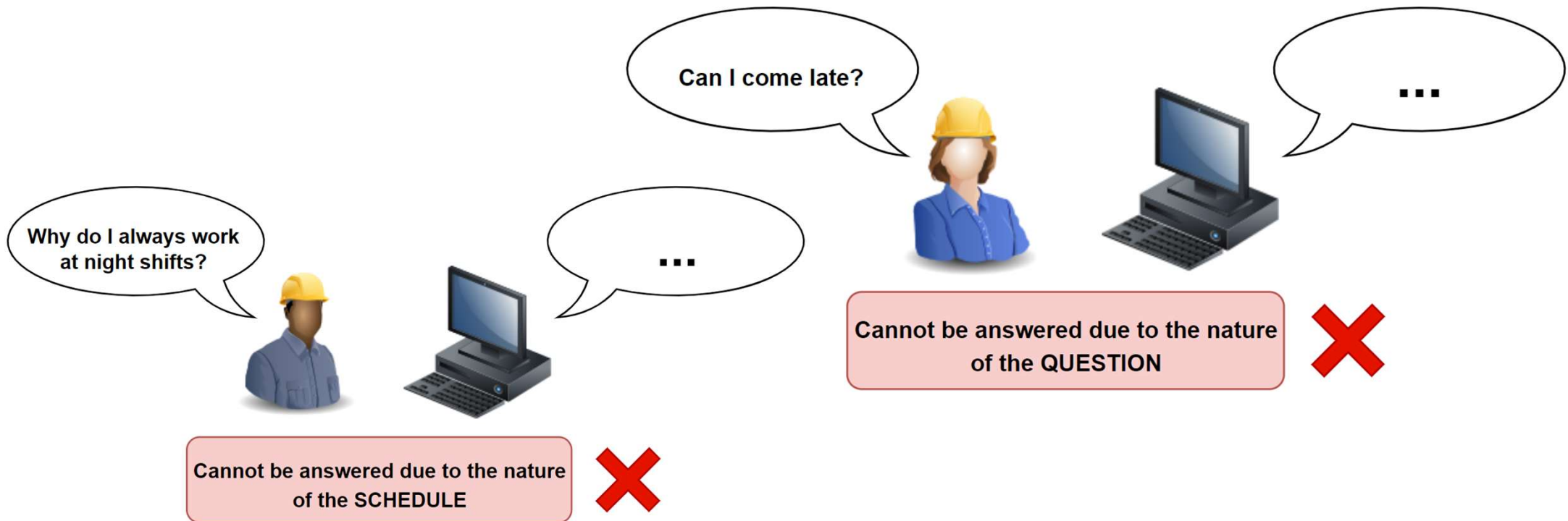
LIMITATIONS #1

NP-HARDNESS



LIMITATIONS #2

LACK OF CLARITY IN PROMPTS





Ethical Considerations



- Teach the model which data is **available to share**
 - **Consent of the employee** to share his/her schedule info is required
 - Some employees may have **private constraints** (e.g. Health related)
 - **Mis-use** of query functions must be prevented
 - System must be protected against **hacking threats**.



- Comply with **laws and regulations**
 - Model should be modified for the **particular region/country** it is used
 - Use a multidisciplinary team which consist of **ethicists, legal experts** and **representatives from the workforce** to guide developments of this tool according to **ethical principles** and **legal requirements**.



CONCLUSION & FINAL REMARKS

Our project stands at the intersection of advanced scheduling needs and the transformative potential of explainable AI.

ChatGPT Integration promises an even more interactive and user-friendly interface, introducing a new era where explainable AI becomes a standard in the industry.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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Sets:

- T : Tasks
- E : Employees
- S : Shift start times

Parameters:

- t_{start}^t : Start of task t
- t_{end}^t : End of task t
- skill^t : Required skill for task t
- skillset_e : Skills of employee e
- shiftEnd_s : End of shift at time s

Decision Vars:

- $x_{e,s}$: 1 if employee e starts at s , else 0
- $y_{e,t}$: 1 if employee e covers task t , else 0
- z_t : 1 if task t is uncovered, else 0

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

➤ *Python and Gurobi Optimizer are used for modeling and solving the problem.*

Objective:

Minimize $\sum_{t \in T} z_t$

Constraints:

1. $\sum_{e \in E} y_{e,t} + z_t = 1, \quad \forall t \in T$
2. $y_{e,t} \leq \sum_{s=t_{\text{start}}^t}^{\text{shiftEnd}_{t_{\text{end}}^t}} x_{e,s}, \quad \forall e \in E, t \in T$
3. $\sum_{s \in S} x_{e,s} \leq 5, \quad \forall e \in E$
4. $x_{e,s'} + x_{e,s''} \leq 1$ where $s' > s$ and $s' - s \leq 24, \quad \forall e \in E$
5. $y_{e,t} \leq 1$ if $\text{skill}^t \in \text{skillset}_e$, else 0, $\forall e \in E, t \in T$
6. $y_{e,t_1} + y_{e,t_2} \leq 1$ for overlapping $t_1, t_2, \forall e \in E$