

OVERALL COMMENTS

We thank the reviewers for their careful and constructive feedback to improve our paper. Among the requested changes, we have incorporated the following revisions, which are enclosed below for your reconsideration, and we look forward to your final decision. In summary,

- We have added a paragraph to the introduction and conclusion to better position our work among existing voice assistants, indicating its closer relationship with software bots.
- We state clearly in the abstract the paper is an experience report rather than a case study.
- We have improved Section VI to specify the rationale behind WER, the version used for reproducibility and provide a more thorough discussion of the models' performance.

I. REVIEWER I

Although related, voice assistants like Siri are not configurable nor intended for programming. In this regard, we believe our tool is more akin to a programmable bot with audio I/O than a voice assistant, and have clarified its unique role in the introduction and related work.

As suggested, we have added an architectural overview of the plugin in Section II and have removed the paragraph identifying the geographic distribution of its users in Section VI.

Lacking a dataset of spoken programming commands, we opted to synthesize them instead. Whilst useful for integration testing purposes, synthetic voices do not faithfully represent the full distribution of human speech, a limitation that we now acknowledge under Threats to Validity.

II. REVIEWER II

Idiolect was originally conceived by the first author at a JetBrains hackathon under the name *Idear*. Neither that plugin nor the current one were previously submitted to an academic conference, journal or workshop. We drew lessons from our experience developing *Idear* to inform the design of *Idiolect*, which is a complete rewrite and otherwise shares very little in common aside from functionality and authorship. As the original plugin is now deprecated, we omit the link from our paper to avoid confusion: <https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/7910-idear>.

III. REVIEWER III

We have added a sentence to the introduction explaining the plugin's history. Downloads are later reported to show the plugin's original popularity, which fell shortly after its release due to lack of maintenance and configurability. Word-error-rate (WER) is a common metric for evaluating speech recognition systems that we use to measure the pretrained models' accuracy.