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WalthLLM Chatbot MVP Project

Design and Evaluate a Domain-Specific Chatbot with Ollama + AnythingLLM

Project Overview

In this project, you will be randomly assigned a specific healthcare scenario. You will build a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) LLM-powered chatbot designed to support that scenario, using RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) and System Prompt engineering techniques on a local framework.

- ⚠ You will **not** train your own model. Your goal is to **design, configure, and test**:
- A well-curated, scenario-specific **Knowledge Base**.
- ☑ A precise **System Prompt** defining the chatbot's role, tone, and ethical boundaries.

***** Project Goals

Goal	Description
Understand the design of conversational AI in sensitive domains	Including user needs, scenario constraints, and compliance requirements.
Master the RAG pipeline	From data collection \rightarrow cleaning \rightarrow indexing \rightarrow usage in AnythingLLM.
Craft high-quality System Prompts	Clearly define role, tone, scope, and ethical boundaries.
Identify and mitigate ethical risks in healthcare Al	Including crisis response, privacy protection, and disclaimers.

Provided Technology Stack

Component	Purpose	Notes
Ollama	Local LLM backend (e.g., Mistral, LLaMA)	CLI-based, downloads and runs models locally.
AnythingLLM	Front-end and RAG management	Supports document upload, indexing, prompt management.
Tutorial Materials	Quickstart guides & demos	Setup instructions, troubleshooting tips.

Scenario Materials

Each student will receive a "Scenario Pack" (Markdown) containing:

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Field	Example	Description
Scenario Description	"Managing Mild Anxiety for College Students"	Background context, user needs, constraints.
Target User	Undergraduate students experiencing mild anxiety	May include demographic details.
Conversation Goal	Identify stressors & suggest evidence-based coping strategies	Defines what success looks like.
Chatbot Role	"Friendly, supportive wellness coach"	Define the role that the chatbot will play.
Test Questions	2 standard test questions	Used for evaluation.

Task Breakdown

1 Read Your Assigned Scenario Pack

Produce a clear use <u>case_description.md</u> that identifies user pain points and success criteria.

2 Prepare the Knowledge Base

- Collect highly relevant, evidence-based resources (e.g., clinical guidelines, hotline information, authoritative blogs, etc.).
- Clean and format these as PDF/Markdown/TXT compatible with AnythingLLM.
- Emphasize clarity, focus, and utility.

3 Design Your System Prompt

- Must include:
 - Explicit role definition and tone (e.g., warm, non-judgmental).
 - Scope limitations.
 - Required disclaimers (e.g., "Not professional medical advice").
 - o Crisis-response instructions (e.g., self-harm triggers emergency help suggestions).
- Iterate: test and refine for clarity and alignment.

4 Integration and Testing

- Upload documents and prompt in AnythingLLM.
- Bind the model and run realistic conversation tests.
- Record transcripts and refine as needed.

5 Submission

- Push all materials to a GitHub repository.
- Prepare a demonstration video (no more than 2 mins)
- Be ready for a 5-minute presentation session.

Expected Deliverable Structure

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The chatbot README.md file must prominently display a "Not Medical Diagnosis" disclaimer.

Grading Rubric

Criterion	Description
Knowledge Base Relevance and Quality (20 points)	 Curates highly relevant, evidence-based documents tailored to the assigned scenario. Ensures clean, structured, AnythingLLM-compatible formatting. Demonstrates clear focus without irrelevant content, with explained selection rationale.
System Prompt Design and Ethics (20 points)	 Explicitly defines chatbot role, tone, functionality, and boundaries. Includes mandatory disclaimers and crisis-response guidance. Shows understanding of ethical risks and integrates safeguards.
Integration and Testing in AnythingLLM (20 points)	 Successfully uploads and configures the knowledge base and prompt. Conducts realistic test conversations simulating user queries. Documents and iterates design based on test results.
Documentation and Reflection (20 points)	 Clearly describes use case, user group, goals, and ethical considerations. Explains knowledge base content and prompt design reasoning. Includes reflective analysis of design decisions, challenges, and potential improvements.
Presentation and Demonstration (20 points)	 Provides a clear, structured video showcasing the chatbot in action. Highlights integration of RAG and ethical guidelines. Successfully uploads to personal GitHub repo in the provided format.

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- A For academic use only; NOT for deployment in clinical settings.
- Must prominently display a "Not Medical Diagnosis" disclaimer in the README.md.
- Must design for crisis detection (e.g., self-harm, violence) and direct users to emergency resources.
- Absolutely no collection or storage of real users' sensitive personal data.

Recommended Resources

- Ollama Docs
- AnythingLLM Docs
- Prompt Engineering Guide
- OBS Studio (for recording)
- GitHub Documentation (official guide)

Questions / Technical Support

Please email Yilong. Wu@smu.ca. Teaching Assistant will respond within 24 hours.

Let's rapidly prototype responsible, domain-aware AI tools that truly support users in healthcare contexts!