

## ***OD153MS - Read Aloud***

### **Team**

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## Problem Statement

- Modes of media consumption keeps changing. In many situations (e.g. working out, cooking) reading an article or a book is impractical, however listening to the same information is feasible.
- Existing solutions for listening to a body of text often require active user interaction and have limited features for navigating the text.
- Proposed solution – Read Aloud:
- Read Aloud enables a user to transition from reading a webpage or a local document to listening to it.
- It does so by leveraging voice assistant and on-device TTS support
- Using the voice assistant, the listener can
  - Utter voice commands to navigate through the webpage or the document.
  - request to repeat segments of text, or to pause or stop listening.
  - Ask for the text summarization (similar to skimming through the document)

### Additional Documentation:

- <https://bixbydevelopers.com/>
- <https://www.nltk.org/>
- <https://developer.android.com/reference/android/speech/tts/TextToSpeech>
- <https://developer.android.com/reference/android/graphics/pdf/PdfRenderer>

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## Expectations

- Solution with Android document reader app and a Bixby capsule which on user's request performs the following actions:
  - Obtain webpage URL/document filename (PDF, EPUB) from active application or directly given by user
  - Extract readable text from the requested parts of the webpage/document (e.g. specific section, chapter, page, entirety)
  - Read aloud the resulting text to user
  - Navigate the text based on user's voice interaction (e.g. previous line, skip the section, repeat last paragraph)
- Optional/Stretch goals
  - Summarise the text given specific constraints (e.g. summary in N sentences/seconds)
  - Optimise any required ML components to run on-device

## Training / Pre-requisites

- Android app development
- Good knowledge of text manipulation
- Optional/stretch goals:
  - Familiarity with ML applications in text domain

## Student Learning

- Bixby capsule development
- Text manipulation
- TTS solutions on Android
- Understanding relationships between required modules

**Kick Off < 1<sup>st</sup> Month >**

- Getting acquainted with the required APIs
- Sample solution to use TTS functionality to read aloud text

**Milestone 1 < 2<sup>nd</sup> Month >**

- Obtain text from a given URL/local document
- Extract specific portions of the text
- Obtain URL/document from active application

**Milestone 2 < 4<sup>th</sup> Month >**

- Navigate the text as per user interactions
- Summarise the text given time/length constraints

**Closure < 6<sup>th</sup> Month >**

- Optimisation for network payload/latency
- Optimise any ML solutions for on-device application

**Work-let expected duration – 6 months**

**Member**

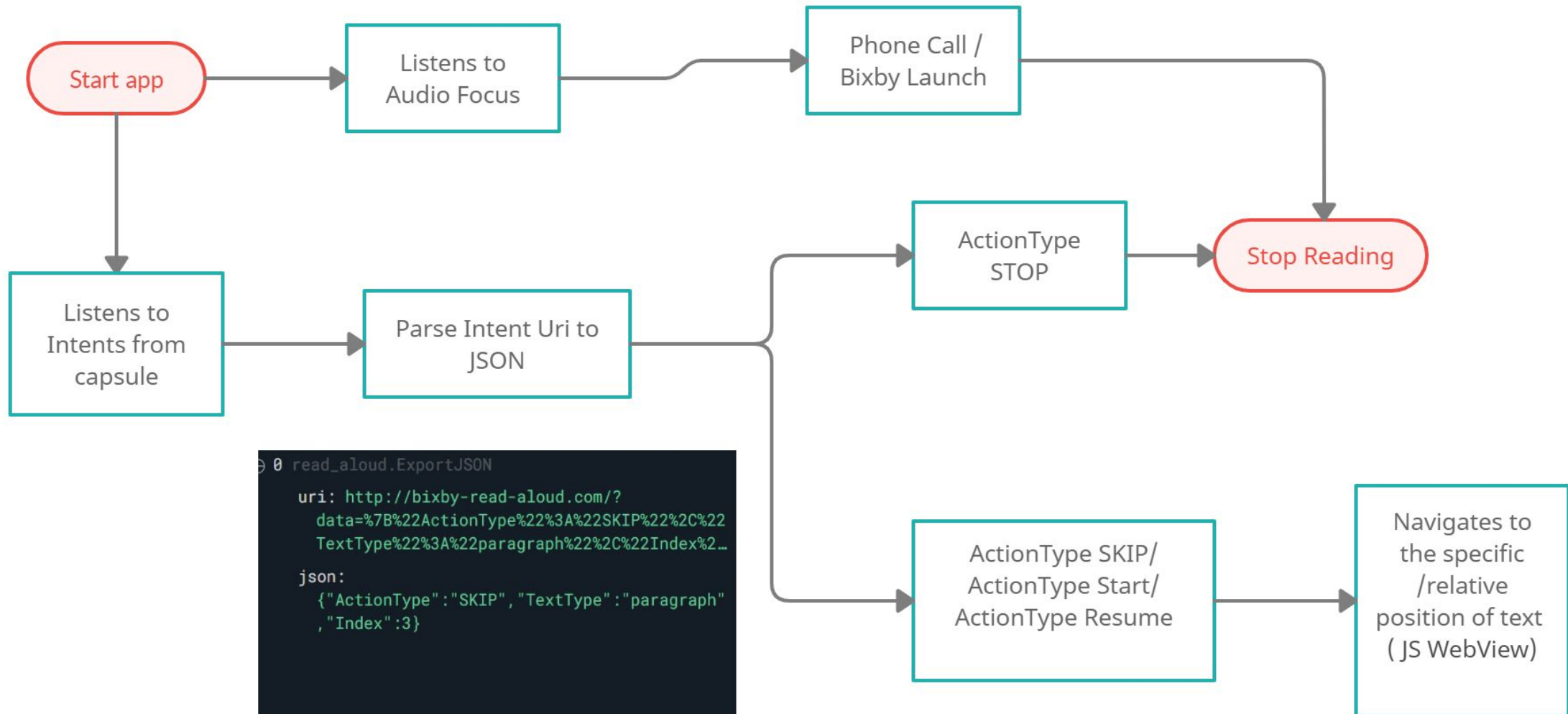
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**VOICE Assistant**

# Proposed Approach / Solution

- Concept Diagram :**

( Clear detailed schematic / block diagram / flow chart depicting the proposed concept / solution )



# Goal : ConvertRelativeActionToJson

Utterance	ActionType	Text type	NavigationInfo	CurParaIndex	CurSentenceIndex
Start Reading	START	PARAGRAPH	THIS	0	0
Read next paragraph	RESUME	PARAGRAPH	NEXT	+1	0
Repeat previous paragraph	RESUME	PARAGRAPH	PREVIOUS	-1	0
Repeat last sentence	RESUME	SENTENCE	PREVIOUS		-1
Go to next paragraph	RESUME	PARAGRAPH	NEXT	+1	0
Skip 3 sentences	SKIP	SENTENCE	Not applicable		(+3+1)
Skip 3 paragraphs	SKIP	PARAGRAPH	Not applicable	(+3+1)	
Stop Reading	STOP	Not applicable	Not applicable	SET TO NULL	Not applicable
Repeat this paragraph	RESUME	PARAGRAPH	THIS	No change (+ 0)	0

# Text Manipulation- Extracting Paragraph

```
function getRequestedText({curParaIndex, curSentenceIndex, getLastSentence}) {
  console.log("MY DATA!!", curParaIndex, curSentenceIndex);
  var selection = window.getSelection();
  var elements = document.body.querySelectorAll("h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,h6,title,p");
  var visibleText = "";
  selection.removeAllRanges();
  let range = document.createRange();
  if (curParaIndex <= -1 ) {
    getParaVisibleOnScreen();
    return;
  }

  if(curSentenceIndex<=-1){
    // when the user says "read previous sentence" and we are at the first line of paragraph
    getRequestedText({
      curParaIndex:curParaIndex-1,
      curSentenceIndex:0
    });
    return;
  }
}

// The user has selected a paragraph / flutterTts is running
let sentenceNodes = []

sentenceNodes = splitParaNodeIntoSentenceNodes(elements[curParaIndex]);

// read sentence wise
if (curSentenceIndex < sentenceNodes.length) {
  console.log("I CAN ENTER THIS !!!")
  // curSentenceIndex+=1;
  range.selectNode(sentenceNodes[curSentenceIndex]);
  selection.addRange(range);
  sentenceNodes[curSentenceIndex].scrollIntoView();
  visibleText = sentenceNodes[curSentenceIndex].textContent;
  console.log(visibleText);

  WebViewTextSelectionChannel.postMessage(JSON.stringify({
    visibleText,
    curParaIndex,
    curSentenceIndex: curSentenceIndex + 1
  }));
  return;
}
console.log("CURRENT SENTENCE INDEX" + curSentenceIndex);
console.log("CURRENT SENTENCE LENGTH" + sentenceNodes.length);

// Find the paragraph which is visible on screen
let indices = []
console.log("NO OF ELEMENTS - ", elements.length)

console.log(visibleText);
WebViewTextSelectionChannel.postMessage(JSON.stringify({
  visibleText,
  curParaIndex: curParaIndex + curSentenceIndex / sentenceNodes.length ,
  curSentenceIndex: curSentenceIndex % sentenceNodes.length
}));
}
```

We are extracting the paragraph as per curParaIndex, which is updated every time the user specifies the paragraph to be read  
Eg: Read Next Paragraph

# Text Manipulation- Extracting Paragraph

```
function getParaVisibleOnScreen() {
  var selection = window.getSelection();
  var elements = document.body.querySelectorAll("h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,h6,title,p");
  var visibleText = "";
  selection.removeAllRanges();
  let range = document.createRange();
  for (let i = 0; i < elements.length; i++) {
    let scrollTopIndex = elements[i].getBoundingClientRect().top;
    if (scrollTopIndex >= 0 && i < elements.length) {
      curParaIndex = i ;
      curSentenceIndex = 0;
      let sentenceNodes = splitParaNodeIntoSentenceNodes(elements[curParaIndex]);
      range.selectNode(sentenceNodes[0].firstChild);
      selection.addRange(range);
      sentenceNodes[0].scrollIntoView();
      visibleText = sentenceNodes[0].textContent;
      WebViewTextSelectionChannel.postMessage(JSON.stringify({
        visibleText,
        curParaIndex,
        curSentenceIndex: 1
      }));
      break;
    }
  }
}
```

We are extracting the paragraph as per curParaIndex, which is updated every time the user specifies the paragraph to be read

Eg: Read Next Paragraph



# Text Manipulation- Extracting Sentence

```
function splitParaNodeIntoSentenceNodes(paraNode) {
  var sentenceNodes = [];
  var text = paraNode.textContent;
  paraNode.textContent = "";
  console.log(text);
  var result = text.match(/^[^\.!?\?]+\.[^\.!?\?]+/g);
  if (result == undefined) {
    result = [text];
  }
  for (let i = 0; i < result.length; i++) {
    const sentencetag = document.createElement("span");
    sentencetag.appendChild(document.createTextNode(result[i]));
    sentenceNodes.push(sentencetag);
    paraNode.appendChild(sentencetag);
  }
  console.log("this is the length of my sentence nodes" + sentenceNodes.length);
  return sentenceNodes;
}
let sentenceNodes = []
sentenceNodes = splitParaNodeIntoSentenceNodes(elements[curParaIndex]);
```

We are extracting sentences from the current paragraph and storing that in an array

# Text Manipulation- Extracting pages

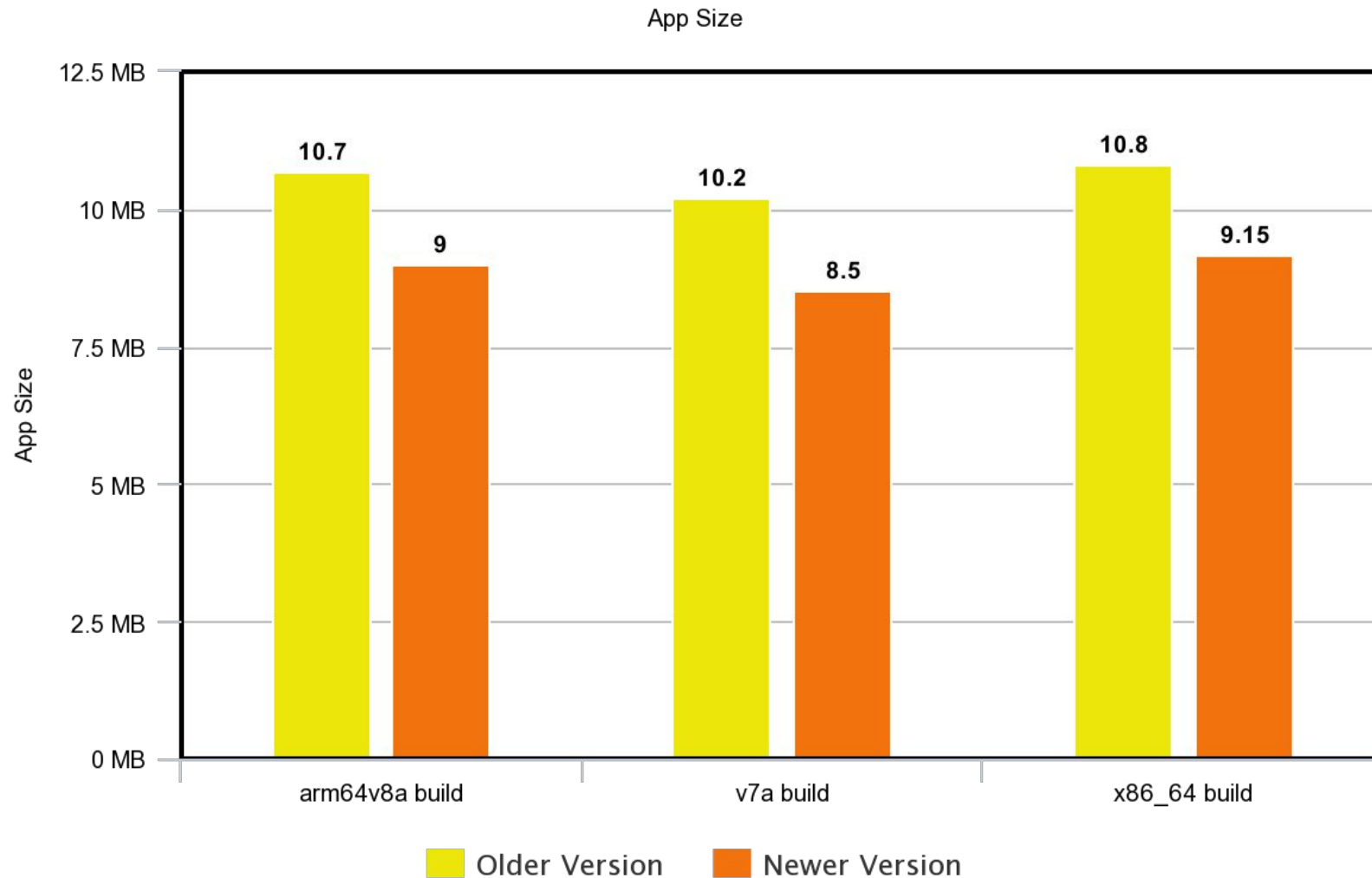
Using pdf.js to display the pdf in web view.



# Experimental Results / Simulations / Observations

- Results :**

(provide numerical data / bar charts / plots / images / videos / tabulated results etc. Use full slide or multiple slides up to max 3 slides to demonstrate the results)



Reduced App Sizes in different Application Binary Interfaces (ABI) After optimization of used storage space.

# Further Plan to Complete Project

- **Final Probable Deliverables :**

(Discuss in the form of bullets, what are the next steps to complete the solution, any road blocks / bottlenecks, any support needed from SRIB)

- Complete implementation of pdf navigation
- Testing
- Cleaning Code

- **IP Target / Plan :**

(Any possibility of papers / patentable ideas / innovative aspects that can lead to patentable ideas)

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