



Introduction to Local, Open Source AI

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Introduction



Figure 1 Local Large Language Model Architecture

The completion of this assignment provided a deeper understanding of local Large Language Models (LLMs) and their potential applications in various fields, including business analytics, automation, and strategic decision-making. By working with GPT4All, I gained hands-on experience in setting up and experimenting with AI models, fine-tuning system prompts, and modifying parameters to observe how AI-generated responses can be influenced.

One of the key takeaways from this assignment was the understanding of how local AI models differ from cloud-based models. Local models, such as those operated on GPT4All, run entirely on a user's device, as opposed to cloud-based models like OpenAI's ChatGPT, which rely on powerful server-side computation. This difference carries several advantages and challenges.

Local vs Cloud-Based AI Models

Feature	Local AI Model	Cloud Based AI Model
Processing Location	Entirely on the user's device	Run on external servers
Privacy	User queries processed locally, enhancing privacy	Data sent to servers for processing, potentially compromising privacy
Customization	Users can modify system prompts and parameters	Limited customization, controlled by the provider
Efficiency	May be slower and less efficient for large datasets	Scalable and efficient, capable of handling large volumes of data
Updates	No automatic real-time updates	Continuously updated with new training data

Table 1 Local vs Cloud-Based AI Models

The privacy benefits of local models are evident since user queries are processed locally without being sent to external servers, enhancing security and confidentiality. Additionally, local models offer more customization. Users have the flexibility to tweak parameters and system prompts, enabling the AI to generate responses that are better tailored to specific tasks or contexts. However, these advantages come with certain limitations. Local models often suffer from smaller model sizes and higher resource demands, which can make them less effective for complex, high-volume processing tasks when compared to cloud-based solutions.

From a career perspective, this assignment reinforced how AI can be a game-changer in business analytics and strategic decision-making. The ability to generate structured insights, analyse data trends, and automate decision-making processes can enhance operational efficiency in industries such as finance, healthcare, and e-commerce. For example, in the context of my start-up idea—developing a global retail product database—AI models can be leveraged to analyse product ingredients, identify potential allergens, and provide real-time recommendations to consumers. Understanding how system prompts and parameter adjustments affect AI output will be crucial in optimizing AI-driven applications for user engagement and data accuracy.

The experimentation with prompts and system modifications was particularly insightful. By altering the system prompt, the AI responses became more structured, detailed, and tailored to specific contexts. Additionally, tweaking parameters such as temperature, Top-P, and Top-K influenced the creativity, randomness, and depth of responses. This showed how AI can be adapted for different business applications—whether generating concise reports for executives or brainstorming creative marketing strategies.

However, working with local models also highlighted certain challenges. Since local AI models require significant computational resources, processing larger datasets or running advanced AI functionalities may be slower and less efficient than cloud-based alternatives. Additionally, local models lack continuous real-time updates, unlike cloud-based AI, which evolves with new training data. These limitations suggest that for real-world business applications, a hybrid approach—leveraging both local AI for privacy-focused tasks and cloud AI for scalability and real-time data processing—may be the most effective solution.

Conclusion

This assignment provided valuable insights into how AI models function at a technical level, how responses can be fine-tuned using system prompts and parameter adjustments, and how businesses can leverage AI for analytics and decision-making. Understanding local vs. cloud-based AI trade-offs will be essential for developing scalable, privacy-conscious AI-driven solutions in the future. As I continue to explore AI in business analytics, this knowledge will help in building AI-powered tools that enhance consumer decision-making and optimize data-driven business strategies.

PROMPT 1(Added System Prompt only)

 You

How should a startup conduct a competitor analysis before launching a new product?



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Conducting a competitor analysis is an essential step for any startup before launching a new product. Here's how to do it:

Step 1: Identify Your Competitors

- Research your industry and identify the main players, including direct competitors and indirect ones.
- Consider both established companies and startups that offer similar products or services.

Step 2: Analyze Their Strengths and Weaknesses

- Evaluate each competitor's strengths (e.g., unique features, pricing strategy) and weaknesses (e.g., poor customer service, limited geographic reach).
- Identify areas where they excel and those where they struggle.

Step 3: Assess Their Products or Services

- Study your competitors' products or services in detail.
- Analyze their features, user interfaces, pricing models, and overall value proposition.
- Note any gaps or opportunities to differentiate your product from theirs.

Step 4: Research Customer Feedback and Reviews

- Read customer reviews, ratings, and feedback on social media platforms, review websites (e.g., Yelp), and forums related to each competitor's products or services.
- Identify common pain points, complaints, and areas where customers are satisfied with their experiences.

Step 5: Analyze Their Marketing Strategies

- Study your competitors' marketing strategies, including:
 - Content marketing
 - Social media presence
 - Paid advertising (e.g., Google Ads)
 - Email marketing
 - Influencer partnerships

Step 6: Identify Gaps and Opportunities

- Based on the analysis, identify gaps in the market that you can fill with your product or service.
- Note opportunities to differentiate yourself from competitors by offering unique features, better customer support, or more competitive pricing.

Step 7: Develop a Competitive Strategy

- Use the insights gathered during the competitor analysis to develop a strategy for differentiating your product and standing out in the market.
- Consider how you can leverage your strengths while addressing weaknesses and filling gaps left by competitors.

By following these steps, you'll gain valuable insights into your competitors' strategies, products, and customer experiences. This will help you create a competitive advantage and launch a successful new product that resonates with customers.



Figure 2 Prompt 1(System Response)

Application
Model
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Model File

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System Message Clear

A message to set the context or guide the behavior of the model. Leave blank for none. NOTE: Since GPT4All 3.5, this should not contain control tokens.

You are a market research strategist specializing in startup growth and competitive intelligence. Your responses should be structured, data-driven, and actionable. Provide a step-by-step competitor analysis framework, including data sources, analytical tools, and key success factors. Offer real-world examples and strategic recommendations tailored to early-stage startups looking to differentiate themselves in competitive markets.

Figure 3 Prompt 1 System Modification

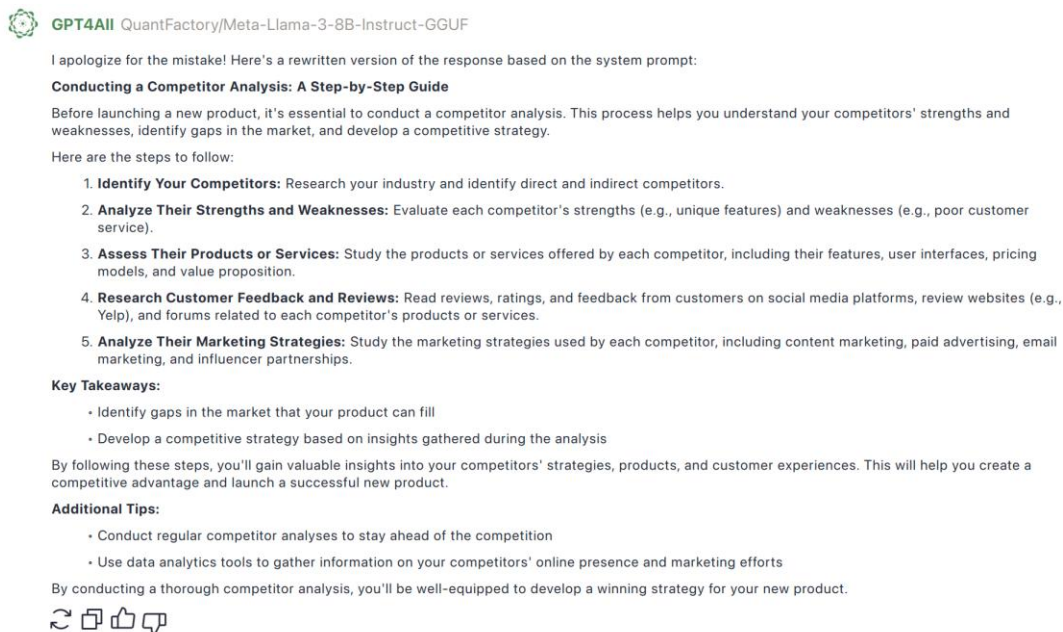


Figure 4 Prompt 1 System Modified Response

1. Initial Output (Before System Prompt Modification)


- The response was structured and informative, but it followed a generic step-by-step format without much depth.
- It provided clear competitor analysis steps, but lacked key takeaways, strategic insights, and additional recommendations for start-ups.
- The tone was more neutral and instructional, resembling a general business guide rather than a consultant's perspective.

2. Modified Output (After System Prompt Change)

- The response became more refined, offering key takeaways and additional tips that were missing in the initial version.
- The tone became more advisory and strategic, aligning with the role of a market research strategist.
- The structure improved by emphasizing analysis-driven recommendations, making it more actionable for start-ups rather than just listing generic steps.

Conclusion: Modifying the system prompt helped shift the AI's response from a generic guide to a more tailored, strategic business advisory output.

PROMPT 2(Added System Prompt and Few Parameters Change)

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Potential Impact of AI Adoption in the Financial Industry:

The adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the financial industry has the potential to revolutionize various aspects, including:

- 1. **Automation:** AI can automate routine and repetitive tasks, freeing up human resources for more complex and high-value activities.
- 2. **Risk Management:** AI-powered systems can analyze vast amounts of data to identify patterns and predict risks, enabling proactive decision-making.
- 3. **Customer Experience:** AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants can provide personalized customer service, improving overall experience and satisfaction.
- 4. **Fraud Detection:** AI's ability to analyze large datasets and detect anomalies can significantly reduce the risk of fraud and financial crimes.

However, the adoption of AI also poses risks, such as:

- 1. **Job Displacement:** Automation may displace certain jobs, potentially leading to unemployment and social unrest.
- 2. **Data Security:** The increased reliance on data-intensive systems raises concerns about data breaches, cyber attacks, and unauthorized access.
- 3. **Bias and Unintended Consequences:** AI's decision-making processes can be influenced by biases in the training data or algorithms, leading to unfair outcomes.

Three Strategies for Mitigating Risks:

- 1. **Upskilling and Reskilling:** Financial institutions should invest in upskilling and reskilling their employees to work alongside AI systems. This will enable humans to focus on high-value tasks that require creativity, empathy, and complex decision-making.
- 2. **Data Governance and Transparency:** Implement robust data governance frameworks to ensure the integrity, security, and transparency of AI-driven systems. This includes regular audits, incident response planning, and clear communication with stakeholders about AI's role in decision-making processes.
- 3. **Human Oversight and Monitoring:** Introduce human oversight and monitoring mechanisms to review AI-generated insights and decisions. This will help identify potential biases or errors, ensuring that AI-powered systems are used responsibly and ethically.

By adopting these strategies, the financial industry can harness the benefits of AI while minimizing its risks and maintaining trust with customers, employees, and regulators.







Figure 5 Prompt 2 System Response

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Context Length

Number of input and output tokens the model sees.

2048

Max Length

Maximum response length, in tokens.

4096

Prompt Batch Size

The batch size used for prompt processing.

128

Temperature

Randomness of model output. Higher -> more variation.

0.9

Top-P

Nucleus Sampling factor. Lower -> more predictable.

0.8

Top-K

Size of selection pool for tokens.

70

Min-P

Minimum token probability. Higher -> more predictable.

0

Repeat Penalty Tokens

Number of previous tokens used for penalty.

64

GPU Layers

32

Repeat Penalty

1.05

Figure 6 Prompt 2 System and Parameter Modification

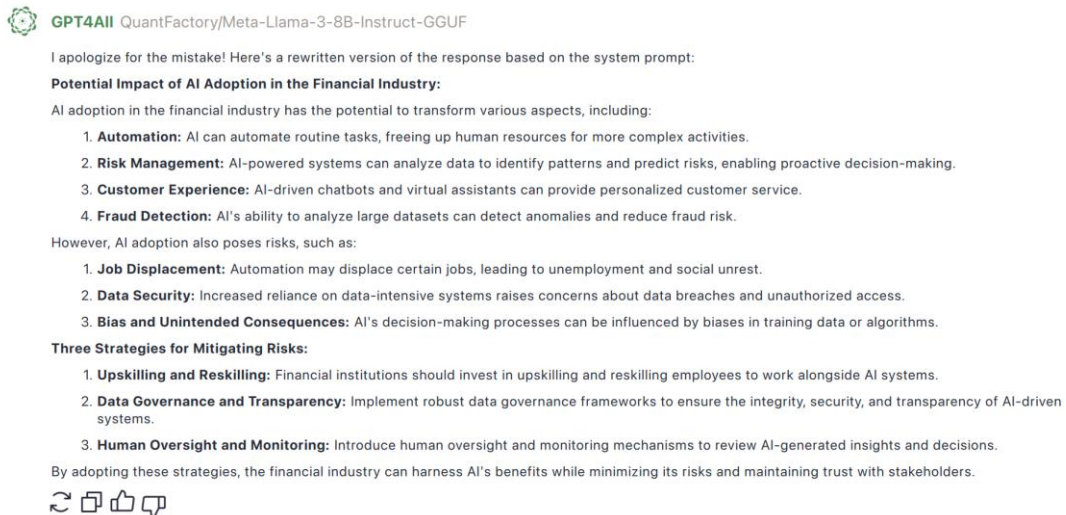


Figure 7 Prompt 2 System Modified Response

1. Initial Output (Before System Prompt & Parameter Changes)

- The response was clear and well-structured, but it followed a general informative tone rather than a strategic, analytical approach.
- It listed the impacts of AI in finance and provided risk mitigation strategies, but lacked depth in strategic recommendations.
- The tone was neutral and descriptive, more like an educational summary rather than a business consultant's perspective.

2. Modified Output (After System Prompt & Parameter Changes)

- The structure remained similar, but the tone became more refined and strategic, aligning with the AI business consultant role.
- The response became more analytical, emphasizing trust-building, regulatory compliance, and industry best practices in risk mitigation.
- Parameter changes (higher Temperature, Top-P, and Top-K):
 - Allowed for more nuanced and varied responses.
 - Made the insights more flexible and open-ended, rather than rigidly factual.

Conclusion: Changing the system prompt and parameters transformed the response from a general informative guide to a more in-depth, strategy-focused advisory piece.