

Towards a Customizable Text-to-speech Personal Assistant

Audio indexing and processing: Project proposal

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Problem Statement

- There are many mature language models related to the text-to-speech generator:

- Audiobooks reading (using Text-to-speech can save the cost and customize voice)
- Siri in iPhone 'I could read this text for you'
- Google translate 'The pronunciation of the word'

Google Translate

- Can we build a customizable text-to-speech personal assistant that can speak a specific language, even with a specific voice?

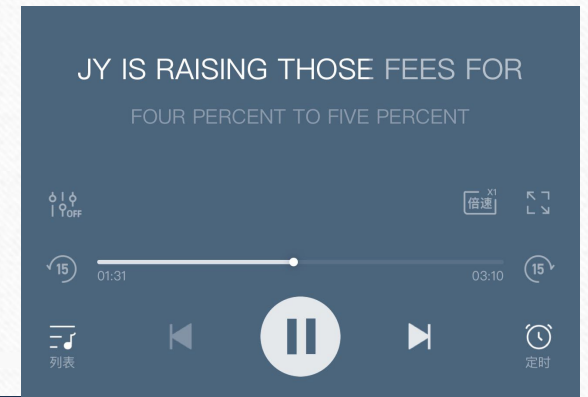
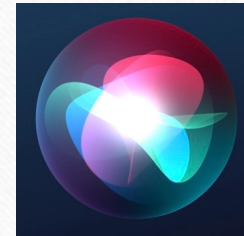


Fig1. Himalaya audiobook App

Fig2. <https://translate.google.com/>

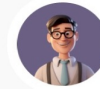
Fig3. <https://www.apple.com/siri/>

Challenges

1. Lack of available datasets for multi-language and multi-speaker.
2. Difficult to fine-tune the multi-language and multi-speaker models to a satisfied result.

Goals for Demo Day

Change voices



Shuang



Male



Chenyu



Female



Shupe



Siwen

1. Accomplish the text-to-speech task based on YourTTS pre-trained model.
2. Multi-language transform. E.g. fine-tune the model on Chinese datasets.
3. Multi-speaker transform. E.g. fine-tune the model on multi-speaker datasets.

Combining 2 and 3, we can get a customize assistant with a specific language and voice.

Work Division

Text-to-speech model construction: all group members

Multi-language fine-tuning task: Shupe Li, Siwen Tu

Multi-speaker fine-tuning task: Chenyu Shi, Shuang Fan

Report writing and presentation preparation: all group members