

# Computer Science Chatbot

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## Overview

### Goal:

- Build a chatbot for the VCU Computer Science webpages
- The chatbot will answer FAQ's about the program for current or incoming undergraduate students.

### Why:

- Accurate information
- Main source for program information
- Saves faculty resources

Chatbot

## How

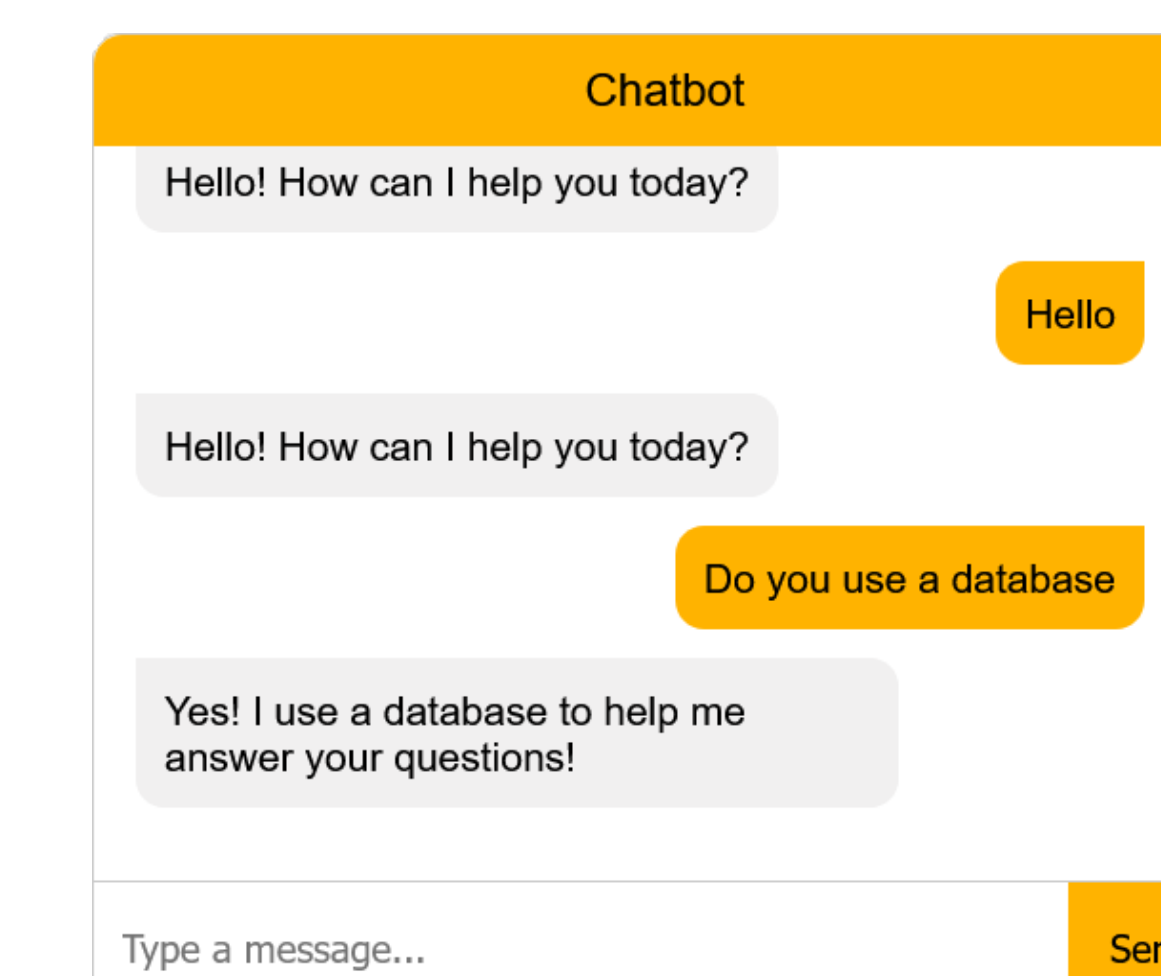
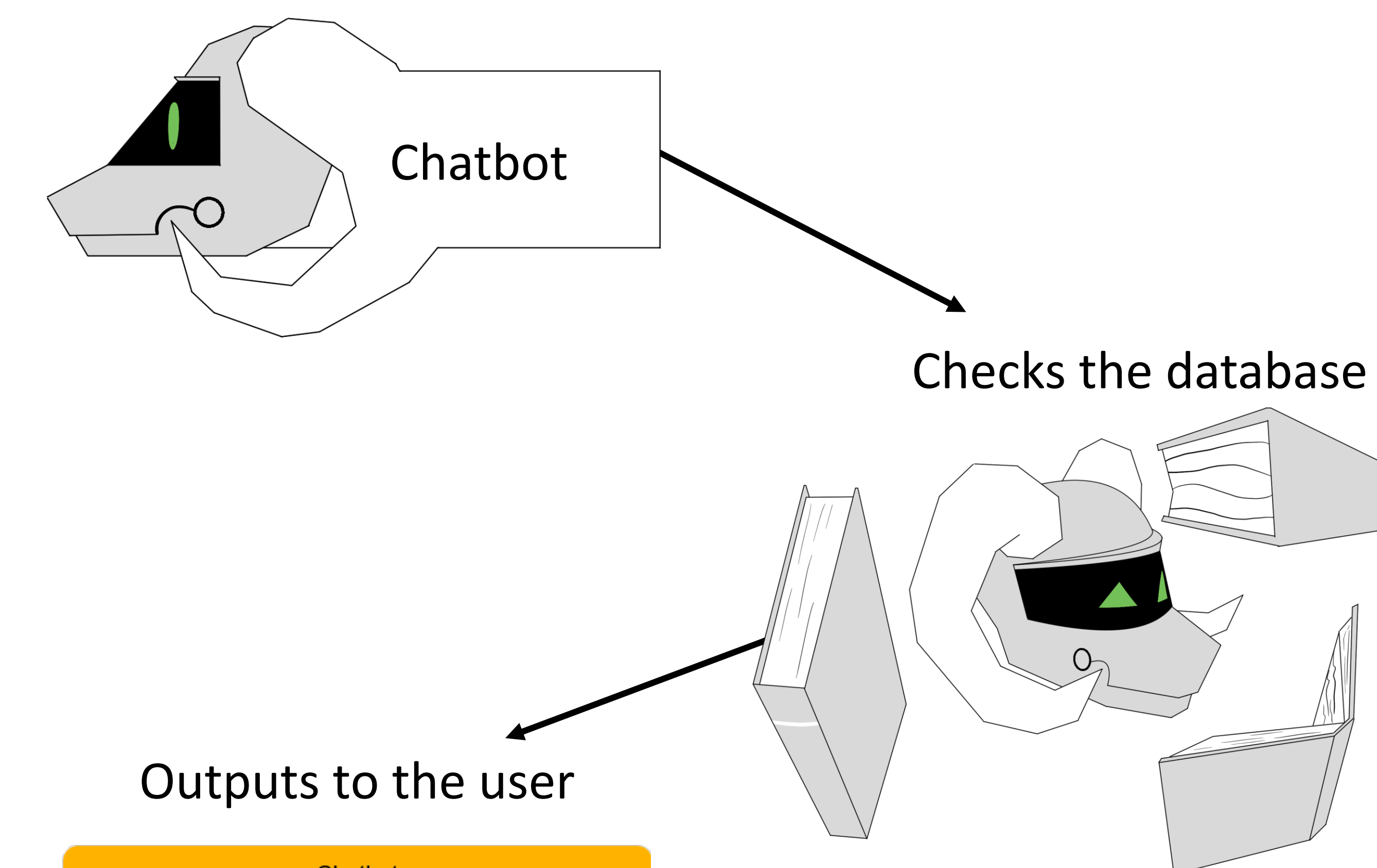
### Build a Database:

Database columns: keywords, data, response, resource

- Query the database using the keywords

### Python Program:

- Communicate with the front end to retrieve the question
- Send the question to the NLP for cleaning and keyword retrieval
- Receive the keywords and use them to query the database
- Send the response back to the chatbot



## Next Steps

- Continue building the database
- Testing
- Set up storage of database and program
- Implementation on site
- Determine access
- Determine maintenance

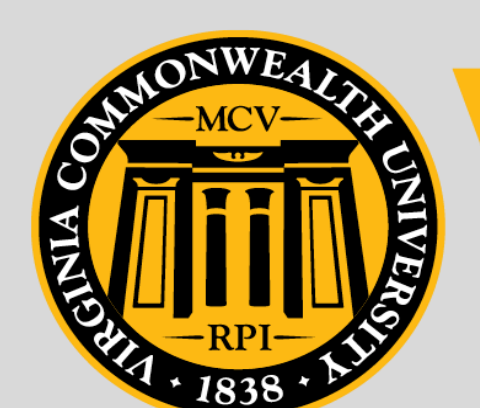
	keyword TEXT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY	data TEXT	response TEXT	resource TEXT
1	research	NULL	"There are several professors that oversee research labs..."	<a href="https://egr.vcu.edu/">https://egr.vcu.edu/</a>
2	Fall courses	NULL	"The following courses are generally offered in the Fall..."	<a href="https://egr.vcu.edu/">https://egr.vcu.edu/</a>
3	certificate requirements	NULL	"The student must have completed one semester of calculus..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
4	minimum credit certificate	NULL	"The minimum credit hours for this certificate is 30..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
5	software engineering requirements	CMSC 420, CMSC 425,...	"In addition to general education requirements, core degr..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
6	data science requirements	CMSC 435, CMSC 436,...	"In addition to general education requirements, core degr..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
7	when take cybersecurity	NULL	"The specific time you take a course depends on many fact..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
8	cybersecurity requirement	CMSC 413, CMSC 414,...	"In addition to general education requirements, core degr..."	<a href="https://bulletin.vcu.edu/">https://bulletin.vcu.edu/</a>
9	235 credit hours	NULL	"CMSC 235 counts for three credit hours..."	NULL
10	BA bachelor arts	NULL	"The Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science is a multidisci..."	NULL
11	BA bachelor arts ancillary	NULL	"The ancillary requirements for the BA degree are as foll..."	NULL

What can you show me?

I'm here to assist in answering questions about the Comp-Sci degree program!

So you can help me getting started? I have no idea what classes I need.

For Sure!



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