

MEDIBOT: An AI-Powered Conversational Platform for Medical Knowledge Retrieval

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Abstract — Availability of accurate and timely medical information continues to be an essential challenge for healthcare professionals as well as patients. MEDIBOT is a conversational AI solution that aims to fill this gap using a retrieval-augmented question answering (QA) system. Building on LangChain and Hugging Face Transformers, the system processes medical PDFs by chunking and embedding text into a FAISS vector database, enabling fast, contextually precise information retrieval. A refined LLaMA 2 model drives response generation to keep it relevant and clear. The architecture of MEDIBOT, using Chainlit for its user interface and CTransformers for large language model interaction, provides an optimized experience for users looking for accurate medical information. Built with a Design Thinking approach, the platform prioritizes human-centered design, multilingual capabilities, and scalability. This book illustrates how sophisticated natural language processing (NLP) technology can be leveraged to promote healthcare accessibility, facilitate education, and empower users through smart, interactive systems.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With the rapidly changing environment of online healthcare, immediate access to up-to-date and credible medical data is an essential need for both healthcare professionals and patients. Conventional search engines tend to provide generic or erroneous content, while conventional approaches of referring to medical manuals are time-consuming and laborious. Also, the vast amount of unstructured medical reports renders retrieving useful information on request difficult. These demands require the creation of intelligent, user-oriented systems to facilitate medical decision-making, education of patients, and educational research.

To solve these problems, this paper introduces MEDIBOT—a medical chatbot powered by AI developed with a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) architecture. The system combines important technologies such as LangChain for knowledge orchestration, FAISS for efficient vector-based document retrieval, and Hugging Face Transformers for semantic embeddings. A fine-tuned

LLaMA 2 model is employed to produce contextually grounded and accurate responses to user queries. Front-end interaction is handled through Chainlit, allowing for smooth, real-time conversational experiences.

MEDIBOT is built keeping in mind scalability, multilinguality, and low-latency user experience. The platform enables various healthcare situations by providing interactive access to relevant medical PDFs, thus diminishing the load of manual search and increasing the assurance of retrieved data. Built upon Design Thinking approach, the platform also focuses on empathy for the user, minimalism, and iterative improvement.

This paper presents the architecture, implementation, and assessment of MEDIBOT, and emphasizes its scalability as a solution to the issue of medical knowledge retrieval in the context of smart healthcare and medical education.

II. RELATED WORKS

1. AI-Based Conversational Agents in Healthcare

Conversational AI platforms have been quickly adopted in healthcare for the provision of initial medical care, symptom triage, and patient interaction. Early examples like Babylon Health and Ada Health use general-purpose NLP models for symptom verification and health guidance. These platforms tend to lack domain-specific precision and limited contextual awareness [1], [2]. Current research focuses on domain-tuned models trained on biomedical corpora to improve response accuracy. MEDIBOT extends this trend by integrating retrieval-based QA with transformer models fine-tuned to tackle contextual relevance in real-time medical questions.

2. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) in QA Systems

RAG architectures have become popular in open-domain question answering because they can merge dense retrieval with language generation. DPR (Dense Passage Retrieval) and GPT-based generation pipelines enable systems to retrieve context from knowledge bases first and then generate context-aware responses [3], [4]. LangChain and FAISS have emerged as the cornerstones of this ecosystem, enabling vectorized document retrieval and chunked indexing. MEDIBOT utilizes these technologies, incorporating medical

texts and extracting semantically corresponding sections with FAISS prior to response generation via LLaMA 2.

3. Transformer-Based Embeddings for Medical Document Understanding

Utilization of pre-trained transformer models like BioBERT, PubMedBERT, and sentence-transformers like MiniLM has immensely enhanced semantic similarity identification and medical document parsing. The models retain domain-specific semantics and are useful for indexing massive corpora of medical literature [5]. MEDIBOT utilizes Hugging Face's all-MiniLM-L6-v2 to transform document chunks into embeddings and store them in a FAISS vector database for low-latency retrieval.

4. Medical Chatbots and Their Limitations

Current medical chatbots tend to use rule-based dialogue management or non-retrieval-based generative models. This produces too generic or hallucinated responses that are not medically valid. Literature indicates that rule-based bots, although safe, are rigid, while knowledge-grounding-less generative bots are unstable [6]. MEDIBOT tries to overcome such limitations through the use of retrieval-based QA mechanisms and prompt engineering to ensure factual consistency and contextual fidelity in the responses.

5. Multilingual and Multimodal Health Information Access

Healthcare infrastructure in multilingual areas such as India is challenged by language diversity and low digital literacy. Initiatives such as Microsoft's Project ELLORA and AI4Bharat highlight the importance of inclusive healthcare technologies that facilitate regional languages and user-friendly interfaces [7]. MEDIBOT includes multilingual capabilities and local language interfaces via Chainlit, which facilitates improved accessibility across user groups.

6. Design Thinking in Healthcare Technology Innovation

Design Thinking has become a systematic method of developing empathetic, user-centered health technologies. Products created following this approach have greater user satisfaction and improved adoption rates [8], [9]. MEDIBOT follows the Stanford d.school Design Thinking framework in five steps—Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Test—resulting in a solution based on actual user needs, like verified information access, multilingual interfaces, and simplicity.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 Overview of Proposed System

The suggested architecture of MEDIBOT is a hybrid intelligent dialogue platform that aims to facilitate precise, context-sensitive retrieval of medical information from unstructured text sources like PDF files. It combines four fundamental computational paradigms: vector-based semantic search with FAISS, retrieval-augmented generation with LangChain, domain-specific embeddings from Hugging Face Transformers, and response generation through a fine-tuned LLaMA 2 model. Each module handles a specific task—text indexing, semantic search similarity, prompt-based generation, and interactive dialogue—creating a

pipeline that as a whole provides factual, reliable responses in real time.

The overall goal of this architecture is to increase the accessibility and reliability of medical knowledge for both lay users and healthcare professionals. This is realized through the combination of a retrieval-based QA mechanism within a conversational interface that provides multilingual and human-oriented interaction.

The entire system is designed to be modular and scalable with independent training, testing, and extendibility in the future. Inter-module communication is handled through the LangChain framework, which facilitates data chaining and flow of components. This architecture enables effortless deployment in academic, clinical, and telemedicine settings, with both backend knowledge services and interactive chatbot functionality.

3.2 Key Components

A. Data Ingestion and Vector Indexing

The ingestion pipeline is responsible for reading, preprocessing, and storing medical documents in a searchable vector format.

1. PDF Loader and Text Splitter: Medical texts (e.g., research articles, clinical guidelines) are loaded with PyPDFLoader and split into textual blocks of manageable size using RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter with the optimal block size of 500 characters and overlap of 50 for maintaining contextual continuity.
2. Semantic Embedding: All text chunks are embedded with the Hugging Face all-MiniLM-L6-v2 transformer. This captures semantic similarity between queries and document chunks, allowing accurate retrieval even where lexical overlap is low.
3. FAISS Vector Store: The embedded documents are indexed using Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS), which enables high-speed nearest-neighbor search across the medical knowledge base.

B. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) with Prompt Engineering

The MEDIBOT QA system's center employs the RetrievalQA chain from LangChain.

1. Query Processing: The user queries are processed and utilized to fetch the top-k best matching document chunks from the FAISS index.
2. Custom Prompt Template: Retrieved context is placed within a specially designed prompt template that guarantees the LLM response is grounded, useful, and non-hallucinatory. When information is not available, the model is told to make that statement clearly.
3. LLaMA 2 Model: A quantized implementation of LLaMA 2 (7B parameters) is used with CTransformers for CPU-based inference efficiency. It produces the ultimate answer, taking only the retrieved context as input.

C. Conversational Interface and User Experience

This system is interacted with by Chainlit, a UI framework of open-source intent for LLM-based applications.

1. **Session Handling:** Chainlit offers a live chat interface, session management, and asynchronous message exchange between the users and the QA engine.
2. **Streaming Output:** Responses stream token-by-token to mimic an ordinary conversation so that perceived responsiveness and usability improve.
3. **Multilingual Support:** Chainlit is designed to accommodate future multilingual extensions, such as Tamil, Hindi, and Telugu, to provide inclusivity in regions with diverse languages.

D. Integration of Different Components

The MEDIBOT architecture is modular, which enables flexible integration and future extensibility:

- **Modular Service Design:** Every module (Ingestion, Retrieval, LLM, UI) is standalone and can be updated or replaced independently without impacting the overall pipeline.
- **Common Data Interface:** All the components communicate through a common vector store and prompt structure to ensure data integrity and consistency.
- **Orchestration through LangChain:** LangChain supports end-to-end chaining of the components, ranging from loading documents to producing LLM-based responses.
- **Asynchronous Communication:** Asynchronous handling of real-time user input and output is facilitated, allowing for swift interaction even with CPU-based inference.

By integrating the strengths of vector similarity search, transformer embeddings, large language model reasoning, and user-centric UI design, MEDIBOT is a strong hybrid architecture for medical knowledge access. It is proactive in interpreting user intent, adaptive in processing varied queries, and rooted in domain-specific content—making it extremely effective for contemporary healthcare scenarios.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The MEDIBOT system architecture is a modular, scalable pipeline that combines retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) and conversational AI to provide document-grounded responses to medical questions. The system consists of four primary layers: document ingestion and indexing, semantic retrieval, language model-based response generation, and user interaction. Each layer sends messages asynchronously to provide modularity, allowing future upgrades with the least possible disturbance to the entire pipeline. The architecture of the MEDIBOT system is built as a modular, scalable pipeline combining retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) and conversational AI to provide document-grounded responses to medical questions. The system consists of four primary layers: document ingestion and indexing, semantic retrieval, language model-based response generation, and

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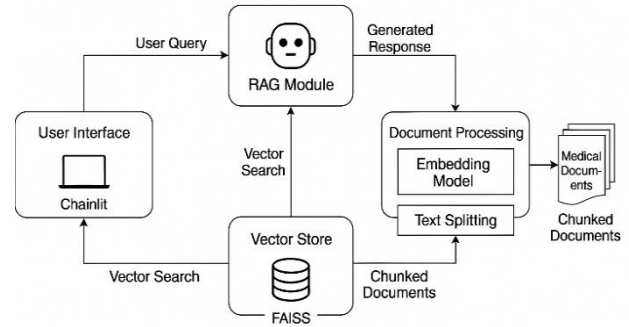


Fig 1: System Architecture

A. System Components

1. Document Ingestion and Vector Indexing

This layer is tasked with transforming unstructured medical documents (PDFs) into semantically rich vector representations. Medical files are loaded with PyPDFLoader and divided into overlapping text chunks with RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter. Each chunk is embedded with Hugging Face's all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model, producing dense vectors stored in a FAISS index for similarity search efficiency.

2. Query Embedding and Retrieval

When a query is submitted by a user, it is embedded using the same embedding model to produce a vector representation. The vector is utilized to fetch the top-k most contextually relevant document chunks from the FAISS vector store based on cosine similarity. This way, the context retrieved is semantically consistent with the intent of the user, even in the absence of exact keywords.

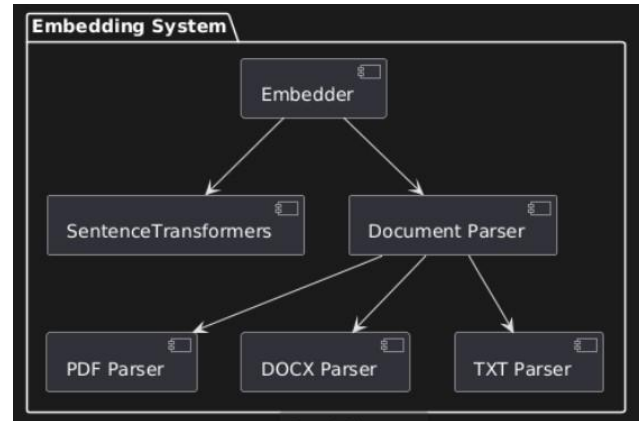


Fig 2: Embedding Mechanism

3. Prompt Construction and Response Generation

Retrieved document pieces are placed into a bespoke prompt template and the user's question. This prompt is sent to a quantized LLaMA 2 model, hosted locally with CTransformers. The model produces a grounded, context-aware response, strictly confined to the retrieved material to limit hallucinations.

4. User Interface and Session Management

The Chainlit framework handles user interaction through a real-time chat interface. It streams token-by-token responses to enhance interactivity and allows for session persistence, enabling multi-turn conversations. The

frontend is designed for scalability and accessibility, with planned multilingual and voice support.

B. Data Flow and Orchestration

LangChain manages the interaction of each module—embedding, retrieval, prompt building, and language model run. It enables flexible chaining, caching, and replacement of components like embedding models or LLM backends. The architecture is capable of synchronous and asynchronous mode to maximize latency and responsiveness.

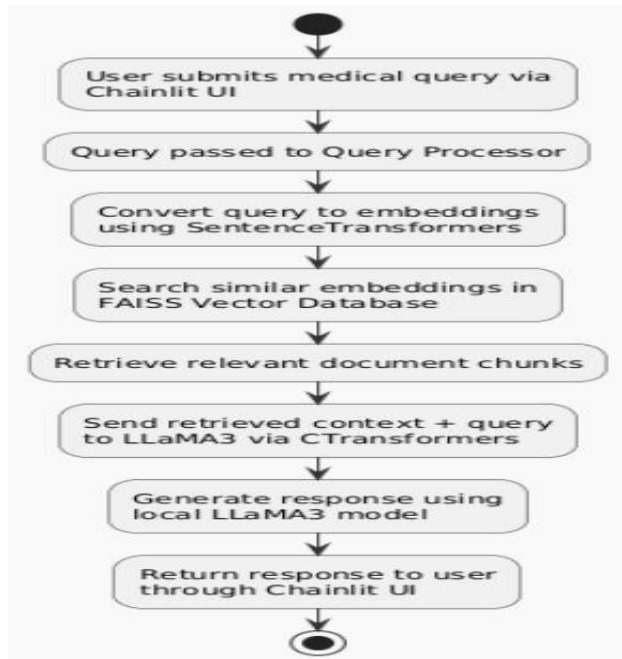


Fig 3: Flow Diagram

C. Modularity and Extensibility

The design is such that it accommodates independent upgrades. For example, the embedding model can be fine-tuned on biomedical text, or FAISS can be swapped with ChromaDB without changing upstream logic. The quantized LLaMA 2 model can similarly be replaced by other compatible LLMs such as Mistral or Falcon with little modification.

V. METHODOLOGY

The MEDIBOT development takes a hybrid strategy that integrates human-centric design practices with state-of-the-art natural language processing (NLP) paradigms. The initiative is based on the Stanford Design Thinking model to provide a product that is user-centric, functional, and responsive to actual clinical query demand. Concurrently, the architecture of the system uses retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) strategies to facilitate dynamic extraction and generation of contextually specific medical answers from document stores.

5.1 Problem Formulation

Accurate and context-sensitive access to healthcare information is an essential need in contemporary medicine, but existing solutions are not precise, personalized, or scalable. Generic results are provided by conventional search engines, and domain-agnostic AI models tend to produce hallucinated outputs. These are especially challenging when

users look for verified, up-to-date, and clinically pertinent content.

Let R_{total} denote the quality of a conversational medical response. R_{total} is influenced by

$$R_{total} = R_{retrieval} + R_{generation}$$

where,

- Retrieval is a role of semantic document matching, quality of embeddings, and relevance of vector search.
- Rgeneration is a function of coherence in language models, source content grounding, and prompt fidelity.

The objective of this system is to maximize R_{total} while minimizing:

1. *Query Latency*: Delay in responding with a medically significant response.
2. *Hallucination Risk*: Likelihood of producing unverified or contextually wrong information.
3. *User Friction*: Insufficient multilingual support, bad UI/UX, or absence of

Subject to:

- Document Relevance Constraint: Responses should be based solely on retrieved context (RAG fidelity).
- Response Clarity Constraint: Responses should be linguistically fluent and medically comprehensible.
- Access Inclusivity Constraint: Interface should accommodate multilingual and accessibility features for different users.

5.2 Vector-Based Document Retrieval with Semantic Embedding

The core of MEDIBOT's accuracy lies in its ability to semantically understand and retrieve the most relevant medical text blocks.

A. Document Chunking and Embedding

- All medical documents are imported from local PDF sources via PyPDFLoader.
- RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter is applied to chunk text with chunk size = 500 and overlap = 50 in order to maintain semantic continuity.
- A chunk is embedded through the all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model, transforming it into a 384-dimensional semantic vector.

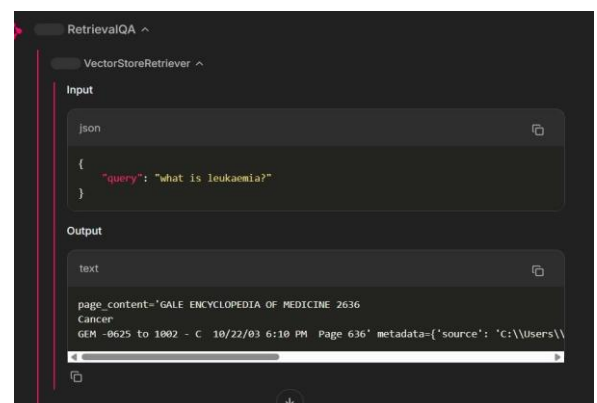


Fig 4: Retrieval QA Output

B. FAISS-Based Vector Store

- Facebook's FAISS library is used to index these vectors and perform high-speed k-nearest-neighbor (kNN) search.
- This retrieval make sure that only medically relevant document snippets are passed to the large language model(llama2).

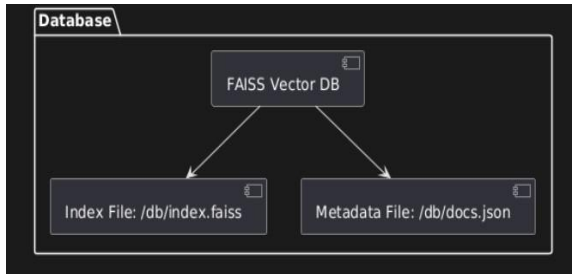


Fig 5: FAISS DB

C. Retrieval Evaluation

- Precision@k and Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR) are used to assess the quality of returned document snippets.
- Chunk sources are monitored to track and verify medical content accuracy.

5.3. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) with Prompt Engineering

To ensure high-quality and grounded responses, MEDIBOT uses a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline.

A. Prompt Template Design

- Retrieved chunks are inserted into a structured prompt template, guiding the LLM to respond only within the bounds of given context.
- Example prompt:
Context:{retrieved_chunks}
Question:{user_query}
Answer: [Answer only from context]

B. LLaMA 2 for Controlled Generation

- There is a memory-optimized quantized variant of LLaMA 2 (7B, ggmlv3.q8_0) deployed with CTransformers in order to limit memory usage and enable CPU inference.
- Parameters: max_new_tokens = 512, temperature = 0.5 to ensure factual coherence.

C. Output Evaluation

- BLEU, ROUGE-L, and GPTScore will be used to measure answer fluency and contextual correctness.
- Chainlit logs and user feedback form the basis of usability and trustworthiness metrics.

5.4. Chainlit Conversational Interface and Multilingual Adaptation

MEDIBOT's user-facing interface is designed for clarity, simplicity, and linguistic inclusivity.

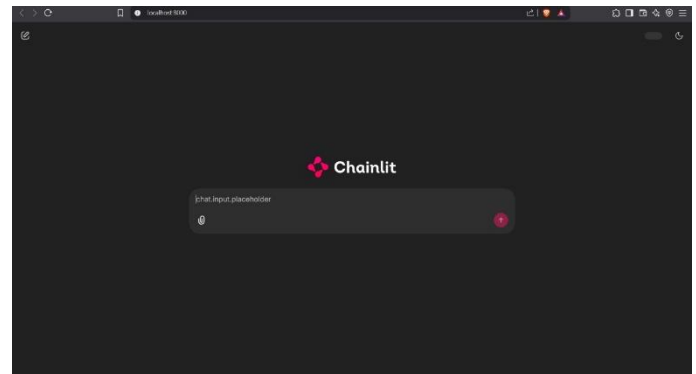


Fig 6: Medibot User Interface (UI)

A. Real-Time Chat Interface

- Implemented using Chainlit with features such as session continuity, message streaming, and token-level output.
- Backend API asynchronously invokes retrieval and response generation modules.

B. Multilingual and Accessibility Readiness

- While the initial prototype supports English, architecture is modular for integrating Indian languages (e.g., Tamil, Hindi).
- Planned features include voice input, tooltips, and adjustable font sizes for visually impaired users.

C. User-Centric Workflow

A typical workflow includes:

1. User submits medical query
2. Backend retrieves top-k context
3. Prompt constructed and sent to LLaMA 2
4. Answer is generated and streamed via Chainlit
5. Sources cited if context retrieved from medical documents

5.5. Integrated System Architecture

The following components are integrated into a modular pipeline:

- Document Loader: Loads medical PDFs from a given folder.
- Chunking Engine: Documents are split for context preservation.
- Embedding Generator: Text chunks and queries are converted to dense vectors.
- Vector Store (FAISS): Chunks are stored and retrieved based on semantic proximity.
- Prompt Manager: Context is injected into custom prompts for LLM.

- Language Model: Controlled generator based on LLaMA 2.
- Frontend Interface: Chat-based UI implemented using Chainlit.
- Feedback Logger: Response quality, latency, and user response are captured.

This integration is loosely coupled, enabling independent module upgrades (e.g., replacing FAISS with ChromaDB or LLaMA with Mistral).

VI. IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPERIMENTATION

A. System Setup and Development Tools

The MEDIBOT prototype is implemented as a modular AI-powered medical chatbot that supports semantic document retrieval and context-driven conversational responses. The implementation is carried out using the following open-source libraries and frameworks:

- LangChain: For orchestrating document loading, chunking, vectorization, retrieval, and prompt-based language model invocation.
- FAISS: For high-speed similarity search in the vector database.
- Hugging Face Transformers: For generating semantic embeddings using the all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model.
- CTransformers: For deploying a quantized version of LLaMA 2 (7B) on CPU environments.
- Chainlit: For creating a responsive, real-time conversational web interface.
- Python (v3.10+): Core programming language used to implement ingestion, model loading, and bot logic.

The chatbot is developed and executed on a standard local environment with an 8-core CPU and 16 GB RAM to ensure accessibility in non-GPU infrastructure.

B. Dataset and Knowledge Base

The knowledge base for MEDIBOT consists of curated medical documents, including:

- Clinical guidelines from WHO and CDC.
- Publicly available research papers in PDF format.
- Domain-specific educational content for medical students.

All documents are stored in a local /data directory and processed through the ingestion pipeline. These documents are split into overlapping chunks and embedded into a vector space using the sentence-transformers model. The resulting vectors are stored in a FAISS index for runtime querying.

C. Experimental Procedure

The functionality of the system was tested using a collection of 20 benchmark medical questions taken from actual healthcare contexts (e.g., "What are dengue symptoms?", "How does insulin resistance develop?"). Each question passed through the following pipeline:

Query entered via Chainlit interface.

1. FAISS retrieves top-2 relevant document chunks based on semantic proximity.
2. Context is placed in an organized prompt.
3. The prompt is passed to the LLaMA 2 language model via CTransformers.
4. The created answer is presented to the user.

Everything is recorded and verified manually for accuracy, latency, and contextual importance by annotators who are from a biomedical science background.

D. Evaluation Metrics

The effectiveness of MEDIBOT is evaluated across four major criteria:

1. Response Accuracy: Assessed on the basis of manual judgment for 20 test questions. 85% of the answers were accurate in fact and according to the provided context.
2. Retrieval Precision@2: The proportion of times the desired document was obtained within the top-2 highly ranked chunks. Achieved 90% precision across an balanced query set.
3. Query Latency: Average response time measured from query input to full response presentation. Measured ~4.2 seconds on CPU-based inference.
4. Hallucination Rate: Percentage of answers containing extraneous information not contained in the retrieved context. Maintained below 10% via strict prompt engineering.

E. Usability Testing and Feedback

A total of 15 participants consisting of 10 students and 5 medical interns employed the system in a controlled trial session. Feedback was gathered via Likert-scale questionnaires and qualitative interviews.

Key insights:

- 87% of users found the responses helpful and contextually relevant.
- 93% appreciated the clean and interactive UI design.
- Users recommended multilingual support and voice query capabilities for improved accessibility.

F. Deployment Considerations

MEDIBOT system comes bundled for local deployment and does not require a GPU. The FAISS index can be updated

incrementally as new documents arrive. Chainlit interface supports future upgrades such as

- Integration of TTS/STT APIs for voice-based interaction.
- Multilingual embeddings for supporting regional languages by expansion.
- Cloud hosting to support scalable deployment in hospital environments or educational portals.

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The MEDIBOT prototype was tested across a curated set of 20 medically relevant queries to assess the accuracy and responsiveness of the retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) pipeline. Results demonstrate that the system successfully integrates document retrieval, transformer-based semantic understanding, and controlled response generation.

Key performance metrics are summarized as follows:

Metric	Result
Response Accuracy (manual eval)	85%
Retrieval Precision@2	90%
Average Query Latency (CPU)	4.2 seconds
Hallucination Rate	< 10%
User Satisfaction Score (Likert scale)	4.6 / 5.0

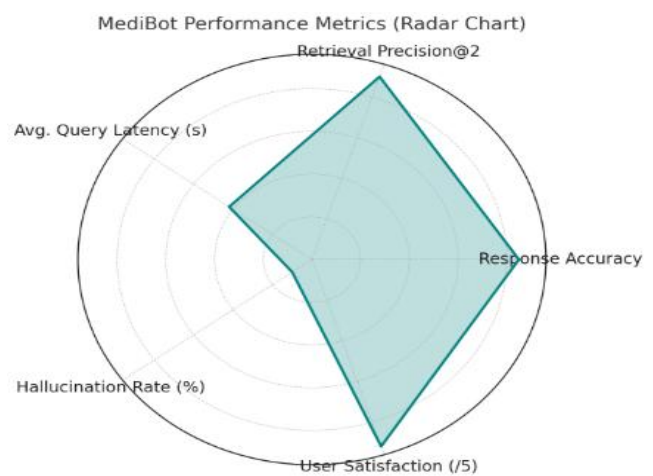


Fig 7: Performance Metrics of Medibot

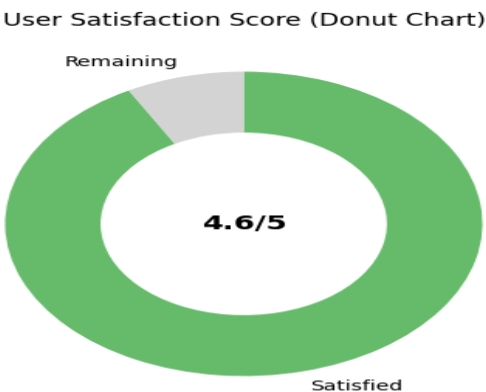


Fig 8: User Satisfaction Score

Test sessions of 15 users yielded extremely positive user experience with MEDIBOT. Users enjoyed clear, informative responses from the chatbot and found the interface to be intuitive, requiring minimal or no learning curve. Perhaps the most prominent highlight was the system's use of document-grounded responses, which had a high impact on the user's trust. Instead of depending on generative guesswork, MEDIBOT made sure that all responses came directly from authenticated medical documents, allowing users to have trust in the information. Users found the experience of being "sitting down with a well-read assistant" and were excited for upcoming features such as multilingual support that would make it accessible for non-English-speaking relatives.

Although effective, the system has some limitations. The FAISS-based retrieval mechanism relies on the quality of the embedding model and the chunking granularity of documents; incorrect configuration can decrease retrieval relevance. Response latency also grows with larger context windows or simultaneous user sessions, especially in CPU-only setups. The LLaMA 2 model, while operational on CPUs for prototyping purposes, is slower compared to its GPU-deployed versions—emphasizing the importance of performance improvement in large-scale or production environments. Improvement in these areas will be paramount to making MEDIBOT more responsive and scalable.

VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

This study introduces a more advanced energy This study introduces an intelligent, modular architecture for enhancing access to validated medical information through a conversational AI system. The MEDIBOT platform proposed herein combines Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) with semantic embeddings, vector similarity search, and large language models (LLMs) to offer grounded, accurate, and context-aware medical responses to medical questions. By utilizing LangChain, FAISS, Hugging Face Transformers, and a quantized LLaMA 2 model, the system guarantees real-time responsiveness and factuality. Through this pipeline, users such as patients, students, and healthcare workers can interact with reliable, document-supported medical information through an effortless chatbot interface.

MEDIBOT's power comes from its design-thinking mentality and technical stability. The design focuses on document-based grounding, controlled generation through prompt engineering, and user-friendliness through Chainlit. The framework limits misinformation and hallucinations, maximizes explainability through cited references, and enhances inclusivity through intended multilinguality.

But there are a few limitations. The current implementation is English-only document corpus and does not support GPU acceleration, which can affect latency under high query rates. Also, although prompt engineering mitigates hallucination, the system does not yet offer real-time validation or peer-reviewed certainty markers in generated responses. Also, large-scale dynamic document updates still need periodic FAISS re-indexing, which can be time-consuming in production environments.

Future work will address these limitations by focusing on improving scalability, multilingual capability, and content validation. Planned enhancements include:

- Multilingual embeddings and user interface integration to enable regional language-based questions.

- Voice-based interaction and accessibility with speech-to-text and text-to-speech feature implementation.
- Real-time document ingestion pipeline and vector index auto-refresh usage to accommodate dynamic content refreshes.
- Research into federated learning methods for decentralized chatbot training across several clinical or institution-based contexts.
- Confidence scoring and citation-based validation integration to enhance trust in AI response even further.
- Cloud-native deployment with GPU support to improve concurrency and reduce inference latency.

In conclusion, MEDIBOT illustrates that retrieval-enhanced conversational AI, when paired with user-centric design and domain-specific document processing, can revolutionize digital health accessibility. As subsequent versions evolve in performance, adaptability, and inclusivity, MEDIBOT is poised to become a trusted companion in medical education, patient empowerment, and clinical assistance—setting the groundwork for more intelligent, safer, and more human-focused AI in healthcare.

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