

WorkEase

An Agentic Unified Intelligent Multi-Platform Communication System

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Introduction

Before

- Managing multiple apps (Gmail, Slack, terminal) separately.
- Frequent context switching reduces focus and productivity.
- Repetitive communication and task handling done manually.
- Notifications scattered and unmanageable.

After

- Unified intelligent workspace integrating all tools.
- Voice-enabled automation streamlines workflows.
- Smart agents summarize, reply, and prioritize automatically.
- Centralized, configurable notification hub with smart alerts.

Motivation

- Users waste time switching between multiple apps and notifications.
- Existing assistants lack context awareness and real workflow integration.
- Need for automation that responds to voice, events, and personal context.
- Growing demand for privacy-first, on-device intelligent assistants.
- Clear gap for a unified, user-centric automation system improving productivity.

Defence Jury Remarks

| Project Short title | Proposal title | Dr. Nauman Azam Comments | Ms. Iqra Rehman Comments |
|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| AutoNOVA | Novel Agentic Work-flow Automation for Operating System | Workflow not clear, should not use batch files | No clarity on workflow |

Investigation (Research Analysis Overview)

The following criteria were used to investigate the current apps. Each application was evaluated against these standards to assess market positioning and competitive advantages.

1. Impact Of The Application
2. Core Communication Features
3. AI & Automation Features
4. Voice & NLP Features
5. Business Model
6. Market Dynamics

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Investigation (Impact Of The Application)

| Competitor | Target Market | Revenue | Founded | HQ Location | Employees |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | Developers, Freelancers | <\$500K | 2019 | Open Source | 5–10 |
| Rambox | Teams, Freelancers | \$2M | 2015 | Buenos Aires, Argentina | 11–50 |
| Wavebox | Remote Teams, Professionals | \$10M | 2016 | UK | 11–50 |
| Beeper | General Users | \$25M | 2021 | Palo Alto, CA | 11–50 |
| Shift | Professionals | \$15M | 2016 | Vancouver, Canada | 51–100 |
| Respond.io | Teams, Enterprises | \$18M | 2015 | Hong Kong | 101–250 |
| Front/Hiver/Missive | Teams/Support | \$50M | 2013 | San Francisco, CA | 101–250 |
| Chatwoot | SMEs, Support Teams | \$5M | 2017 | India | 11–50 |
| Crisp Chat | Businesses | \$10M | 2015 | France | 11–50 |
| Superhuman | Professionals | \$35M | 2014 | San Francisco, CA | 51–100 |
| BrowserOS | Developers | N/A | 2021 | Open Source | 1–10 |
| Comet (Perplexity) | General | N/A | 2023 | San Francisco, CA | 1–10 |
| Opera Neon | General | N/A | 2017 | Oslo, Norway | Part of Opera |
| Fellow | Teams | N/A | 2020 | Unknown | 1–10 |

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Investigation (Core Communication Features)

| Competitor | Gmail | Slack | Multi-App | Unified Inbox | Smart Draft | Auto Reply | Follow-up | Notifications | Quiet Hours | File Access |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Partial | No |
| Rambox | Partial | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Partial | No |
| Wavebox | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partial | No | No | Partial | Partial |
| Beeper | Yes | Partial | Partial | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partial | No | No | No |
| Shift | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Respond.io | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Partial |
| Front/Hiver/Missive | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partial | No | No |
| Chatwoot | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Partial | Partial | No | Partial |
| Crisp Chat | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Partial |
| Superhuman | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| BrowserOS | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Partial | No | No | Yes |
| Comet (Perplexity) | No | No | No | No | No | Partial | No | No | No | No |
| Opera Neon | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Partial | No | No | No |
| Fellow | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| WorkEase | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Core Communication Features Analysis

Most Common Features

- Multi-app integration (11/15 competitors)
- Unified inbox (13/15 competitors)
- Gmail support (10/15 competitors)
- Smart drafting capabilities (11/15 competitors)

Competitive Advantages

- Complete feature coverage (10/10)
- Only solution with all communication features
- Quiet hours functionality (rare feature)
- Comprehensive follow-up system

Most competitors excel in 3-5 features. WorkEase is the only platform offering complete coverage of all core communication capabilities.

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Investigation (AI & Automation Features)

| Competitor | Task Extract | Priority Rules | Sentiment Analysis | Local LLM | Workflow Automation | Meeting Prep |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Rambox | No | No | No | No | No | No |
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| Fellou | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| WorkEase | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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Investigation (Voice & NLP Features)

| Competitor | Voice Commands | STT | TTS | Voice Reply | NLP Processing |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | No | No | No | No | No |
| Rambox | No | No | No | No | No |
| Wavebox | No | No | No | No | No |
| Beeper | No | No | No | No | Partial |
| Shift | No | No | No | No | No |
| Respond.io | Partial | No | No | No | Yes |
| Front/Hiver/Missive | No | No | No | No | Partial |
| Chatwoot | No | No | No | No | No |
| Crisp Chat | No | No | No | No | No |
| Superhuman | No | No | No | No | No |
| BrowserOS | No | No | No | No | No |
| Comet (Perplexity) | Partial | Partial | No | No | Yes |
| Opera Neon | No | No | No | No | No |
| Fellou | No | No | No | No | No |
| WorkEase | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Voice & NLP Features Analysis

Voice features represent a massive untapped opportunity. WorkEase is pioneering voice-first developer productivity tools.

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Investigation (Business Model)

| Competitor | Pricing Model | Free Tier | Price Range | Team Plans | Enterprise | Open Source |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | Free/Donation | Yes | Free | No | No | Yes |
| Rambox | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$12/mo | Yes | No | No |
| Wavebox | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$20/mo | Yes | Yes | No |
| Beeper | Subscription | Limited | \$10/mo | No | No | No |
| Shift | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$149/yr | No | No | No |
| Respond.io | Freemium | Yes | \$79-\$499/mo | Yes | Yes | No |
| Front/Hiver/Missive | Subscription | Trial only | \$19-\$99/user/mo | Yes | Yes | No |
| Chatwoot | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$99/agent/mo | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Crisp Chat | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$95/workspace/mo | Yes | Yes | No |
| Superhuman | Subscription | Trial only | \$30/mo | Yes | Yes | No |
| BrowserOS | Free | Yes | Free | No | No | Yes |
| Comet (Perplexity) | Free Beta | Yes | Free (Beta) | No | No | No |
| Opera Neon | Free | Yes | Free | No | No | No |
| Fellow | Freemium | Yes | \$0-\$15/mo | Yes | No | No |

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Investigation (Market Dynamics)

| Competitor | Growth Rate | Market Share | User Base | Funding | Partnerships | Market Trend |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Ferdi/Ferdium | Slow | 2% | 50K+ | None | Community | Stable |
| Rambox | Medium | 5% | 500K+ | \$2M | Few | Growing |
| Wavebox | High | 8% | 1M+ | \$15M | Several | Expanding |
| Beeper | High | 6% | 500K+ | \$30M | Many | Rapid growth |
| Shift | Low | 7% | 800K+ | \$20M | Some | Declining |
| Respond.io | High | 4% | 200K+ | \$25M | Many | Growing |
| Front/Hiver/Missive | Medium | 10% | 10K+ teams | \$100M+ | Enterprise | Mature |
| Chatwoot | Medium | 3% | 100K+ | \$8M | Growing | Growing |
| Crisp Chat | Low | 2% | 50K+ | \$5M | Few | Stable |
| Superhuman | Medium | 1% | 100K+ | \$110M | Few | Niche leader |
| BrowserOS | Unknown | <1% | <10K | None | None | Emerging |
| Comet (Perplexity) | Unknown | <1% | Beta users | Unknown | Few | Early stage |
| Opera Neon | Dead | 0% | Discontinued | N/A | None | Defunct |
| Fellow | Unknown | <1% | Unknown | Unknown | None | Unknown |

SWOT Analysis

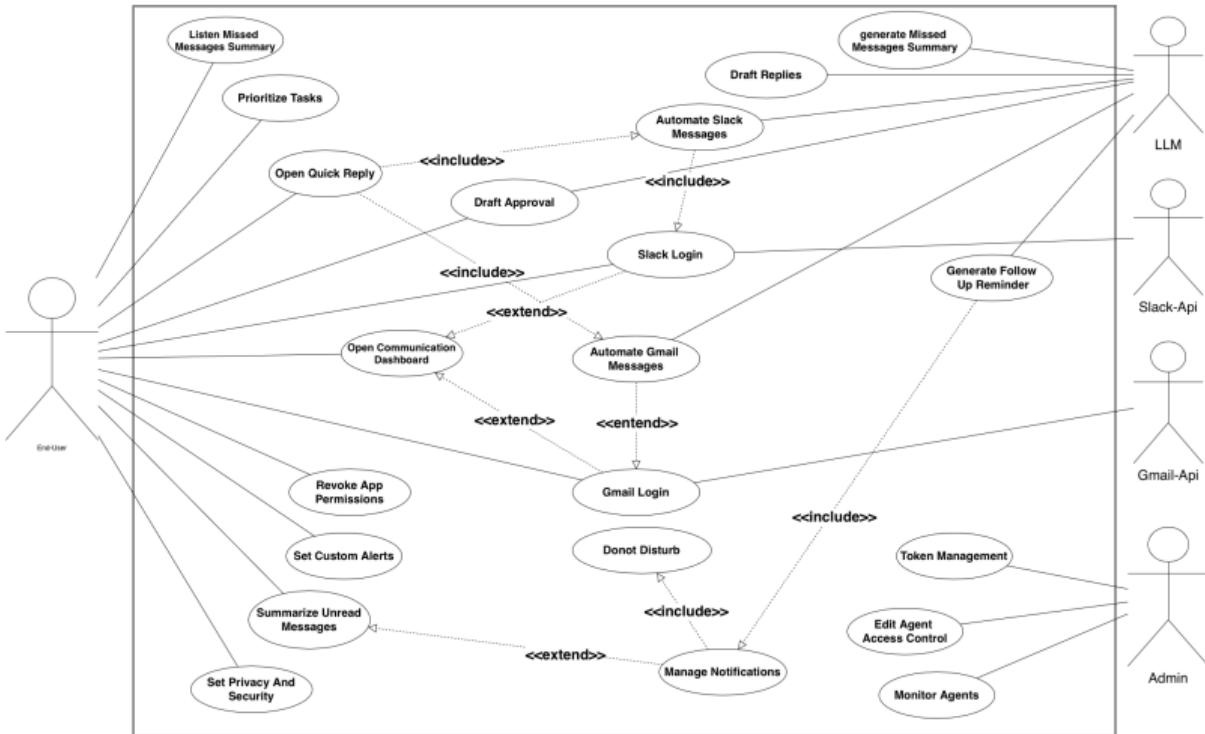
| Strengths | Weaknesses |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete feature coverage across all categories- Unique OS-level integration capabilities- Local-first AI processing for privacy- Voice-first design with custom wake words- Developer-friendly with marketplace potential- Strong technical differentiation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pre-revenue with unproven business model- Small team vs. established competitors- No existing customer base- Requires technical expertise to implement- Limited marketing resources- Dependency on third-party APIs |
| Opportunities | Threats |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Growing remote work market (\$500B+ by 2028)- AI automation becoming mainstream- Enterprise demand for unified tools- Partnership opportunities with SaaS providers- International expansion potential- M&A exit opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Big tech (Google, Microsoft) could replicate- Privacy regulations may limit functionality- Economic downturn affecting IT budgets- Open source alternatives emerging- Rapid technology changes- Cybersecurity risks |

Problem Statement

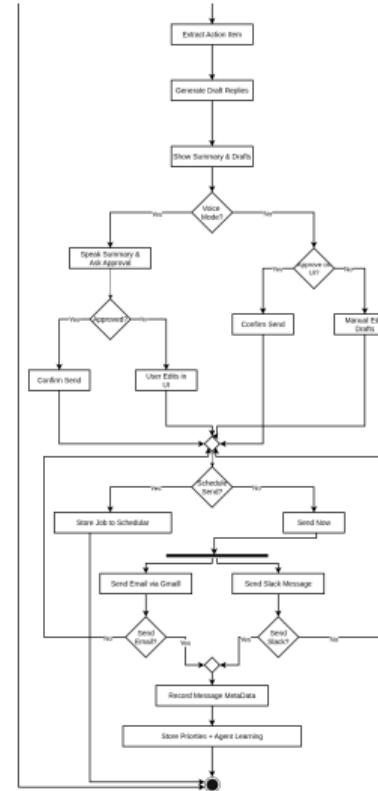
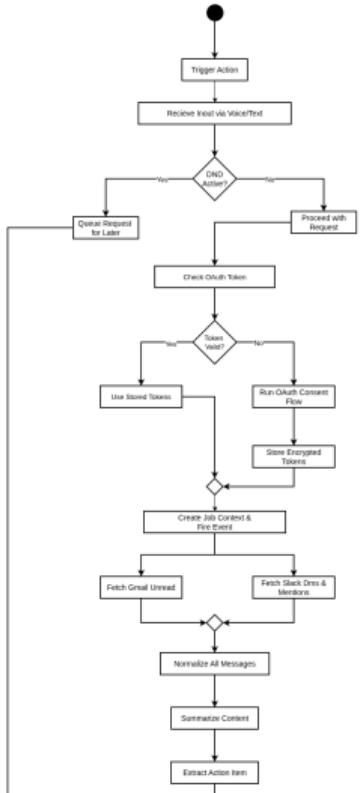
Refined Problem Statement

The absence of an integrated, voice-driven automation platform causes inefficiency and fragmented user experiences.

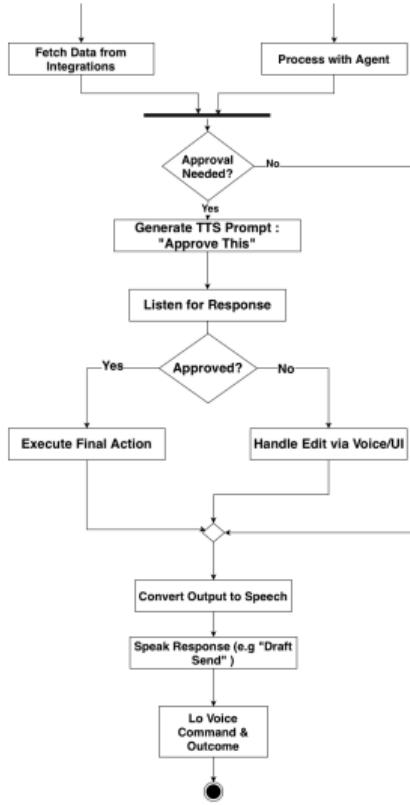
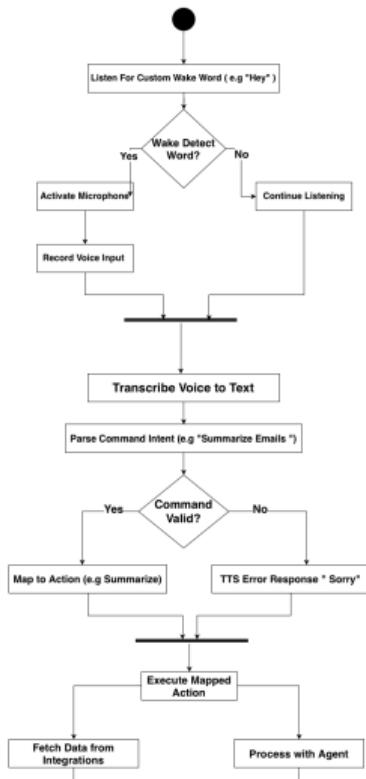
Use Case Diagram



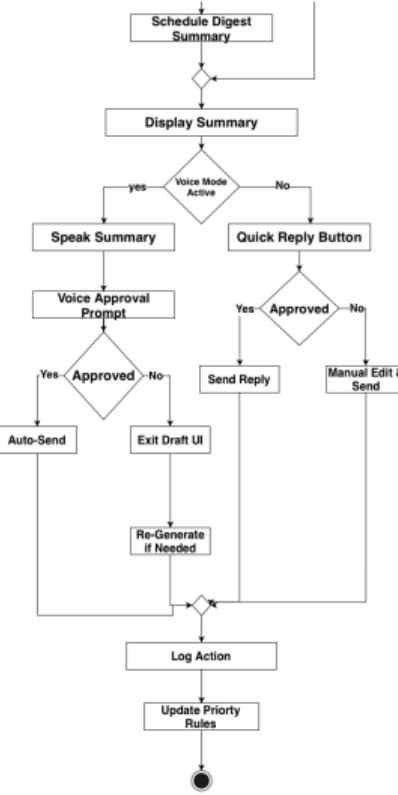
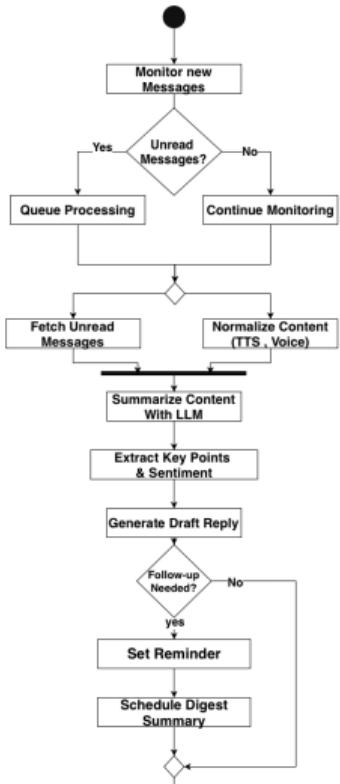
Activity Diagram 01 (Full system)



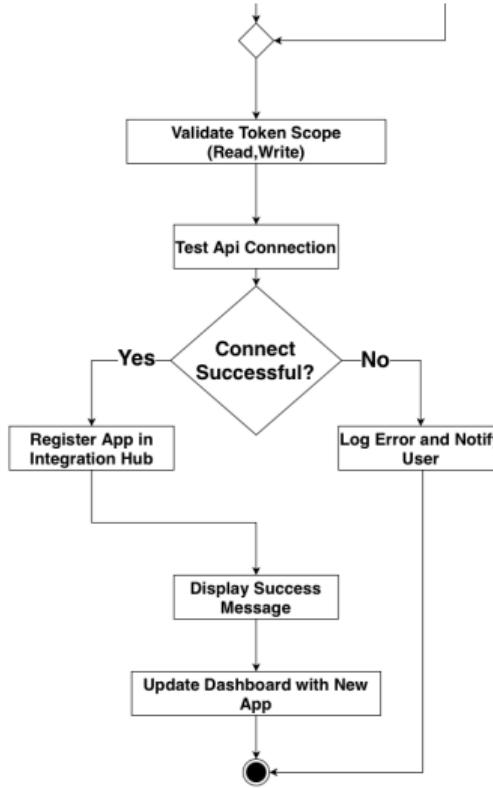
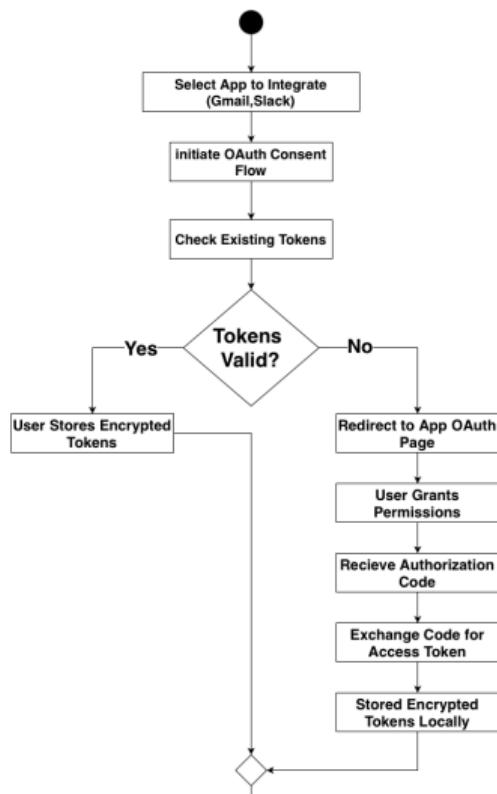
Activity Diagram 02 (Voice Based Interaction)



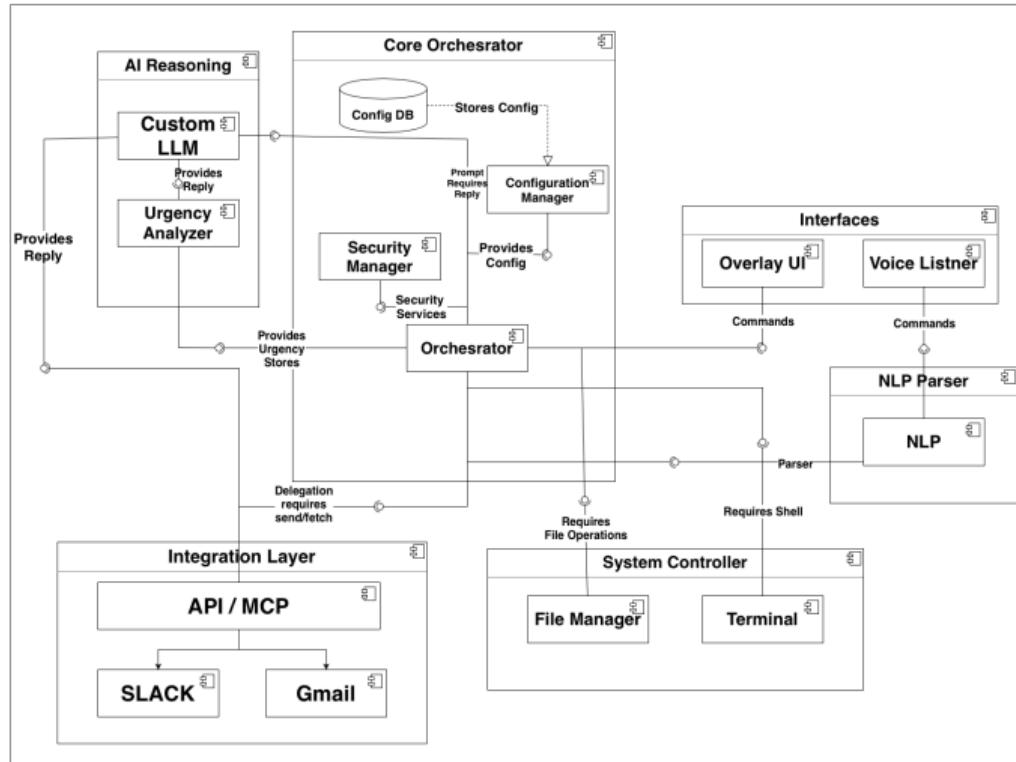
Activity Diagram 03 (Email/Message Automation)



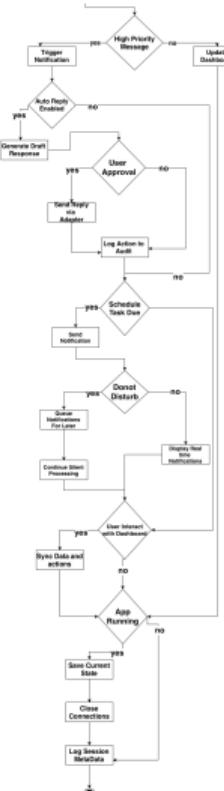
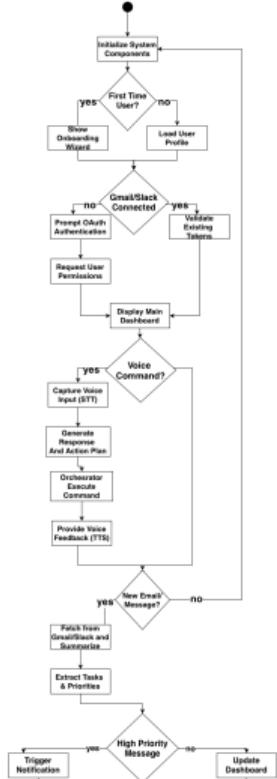
Activity Diagram 04 (Multi Application Integration)



Component Diagram



Flow Diagram



Test Cases - Part 1

| ID | Test Scenario | Objective | Pre-Conditions | Test Steps | Test Data | Expected Results |
|--------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| TC_INT_01 | Verify multi-app integration (Slack + Gmail) | Ensure APIs connect and retrieve user data | Valid OAuth tokens | 1. Launch system. 2. Connect Gmail and Slack. 3. Fetch inbox | Gmail + Slack credentials | Messages fetched and displayed in unified dashboard |
| TC_DASH_01 | Test unified inbox dashboard | Validate aggregated notifications display | Both integrations active | 1. Trigger new messages. 2. Open dashboard | Sample events message | Dashboard displays combined notifications accurately |
| TC_AUTO_01 | Test auto email summarization | Verify NLP engine summarizes correctly | Gmail API connected | 1. Run auto-summary agent. 2. Check accuracy | 5 unread Gmail messages | Concise and contextually correct summaries |
| TC_TASK_01 | Test task extraction | Ensure agent identifies and prioritizes tasks | Gmail + Slack active | 1. Input sample messages. 2. Run extraction module | "Complete report by 5 PM" | Extracted task with correct deadline and priority |
| TC_NOTIF_01 | Test configurable notifications | Validate user-defined alerts | Notification rules defined | 1. Add rule. 2. Simulate trigger message | Subject: "Interview call invitation" | Pop-up or voice alert generated |
| TC_STATUS_01 | Verify Slack status control via voice | Ensure status updates work through voice | Microphone and API access | 1. Say "Mute Slack for 1 hour." 2. Observe status | Voice: "Mute Slack for 1 hour" | Slack status updated, mute begins |
| TC_AUTH_01 | Test secure authentication | Ensure OAuth tokens safely stored | Internet connectivity active | 1. Initiate authentication. 2. Verify encryption | User credentials | Tokens securely stored; expiry handled |
| TC_DRAFT_01 | Test smart drafting and voice approval | Verify draft generation and approval | Gmail connected, NLP active | 1. Generate draft. 2. Say "Send first draft" | Email: "Meeting at 3 PM?" | Draft generated, approved, and sent |

Test Cases - Part 2

| ID | Test Scenario | Objective | Pre-Conditions | Test Steps | Test Data | Expected Results |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| TC_REMIND_01 | Test follow-up reminder system | Ensure reminders trigger correctly | Gmail + Slack active | 1. Set reminder for 3 hours. 2. Wait or simulate delay | Reminder time = 3 hours | Reminder notification generated at correct time |
| TC_SENTI_01 | Test sentiment and urgency analysis | Validate emotion and urgency detection | NLP model active | 1. Analyze message with strong tone. 2. Observe classification | "URGENT! Project failed" | System marks as high urgency |
| TC_LOG_01 | Verify audit trail and logs | Ensure all actions are logged | Admin access granted | 1. Perform multiple tasks. 2. Open audit log | Log entries | Accurate logs for all actions displayed |
| TC_ACCESS_01 | Test access revocation | Ensure user can revoke permissions | Active authenticated session | 1. Revoke Gmail access. 2. Try Gmail task | Gmail integration | Agent loses access, shows "permission revoked" |
| TC_EVENT_01 | Test quiet hours mode | Verify only urgent messages shown | Quiet hours set by user | 1. Set quiet hours 10 PM–7 AM. 2. Trigger messages | Timestamps = 11 PM | Only urgent messages generate alerts |
| TC_SUM_01 | Test automated daily digest | Ensure agent compiles low-priority messages | Gmail + Slack connected | 1. Trigger digest summary. 2. Review result | 10 new messages | Daily summary generated accurately |
| TC_RISK_01 | Verify recovery from API failure | Ensure system handles disconnections | Internet connection unstable | 1. Disconnect mid-operation. 2. Observe recovery | Slack API timeout | System retries or shows clear error |

Project Timeline

| Phase | Duration | Status | Semester |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Phase 1: Research & Requirement Analysis | 0-3 Weeks | Completed | Semester 1 |
| Phase 2: System Design & Architecture | 3-6 Week | Completed | Semester 1 |
| Phase 3: API Research & Integration Testing | 6-12 Weeks | In Progress | Semester 1 |
| Phase 4: Backend & Core System Development | 12-18 Weeks | Pending | Semester 1,2 |
| Phase 5: Desktop App (Frontend) | 18-22 Weeks | In Progress | Semester 1,2 |
| Phase 6: Smart Automation & Features | 22-26 Weeks | Pending | Semester 2 |
| Phase 7: Testing, Evaluation & Finalization | 26-28 Weeks | Pending | Semester 2 |

Thank you!

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Appendix

Research Review

| No. | Author(s) & Year | Title / Source | Core Focus / Methodology | Relevance to FYP |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|
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| 2 | Cao, J. (2024) | <i>Deploying Large Language Models as Agents</i> , MIT CSAIL. | Connects LLMs to external APIs through autonomous agents. | Blueprint for local LLM agent layer. |
| 3 | Vijay Kumar, G., Jayanthi. (2024) | <i>Real Time Text and Speech Recognition System</i> | Proposes a real-time text and speech recognition framework using GTTS and Python for natural voice interaction. | Supports speech-based automation module (STT/TTS) for unified communication system. |