



Adapting Visual LLMs for gameplay in Pokémon Fire Red

Some thoughts on our works.

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Dataset Creation

Stuff we
have to do

Dataset Creation

- ✓ Pull Youtube videos
- ✓ Figure out format
- ✓ Figure out how to caption
- ❑ Actually caption

Toolset

What tools were used?

- ❑ Qwen3vl-8B-Thinking
- ❑ yt-dlp
- ❑ Whisper
- ❑ Docker

Diagram



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Problems

Some problems we faced

- ❑ Models are too big / slow
- ❑ Auto generated captions are undownloadable
- ❑ Have 219 videos with 100s to 600s clips

Fine Tuning

Stuff we
have to do

Fine Tuning

- ❑ Actually finalize the dataset
- ✓ Setup Supercomputer
- ✓ Figure out trainer
- ❑ Train!

Toolset

What tools were used?

- ❑ Qwen3vl-8B-Thinking / Instruct
- ❑ Ray
- ❑ Unsloth
- ❑ Docker

Diagram



Problems

Some problems we faced

- ❑ ParkPoint is double NATed
- ❑ Ray introduced a bug while setting up
- ❑ Random packet drops
- ❑ Setting up Unsloth is a pain

Implementation

Stuff we
have to do

Implementation

- ❑ Integrate Letta with the Framework
- ❑ Prompt Engineering
- ✓ Memory Setup
- ❑ Swap to Fire Red?

Toolset

What tools were used?

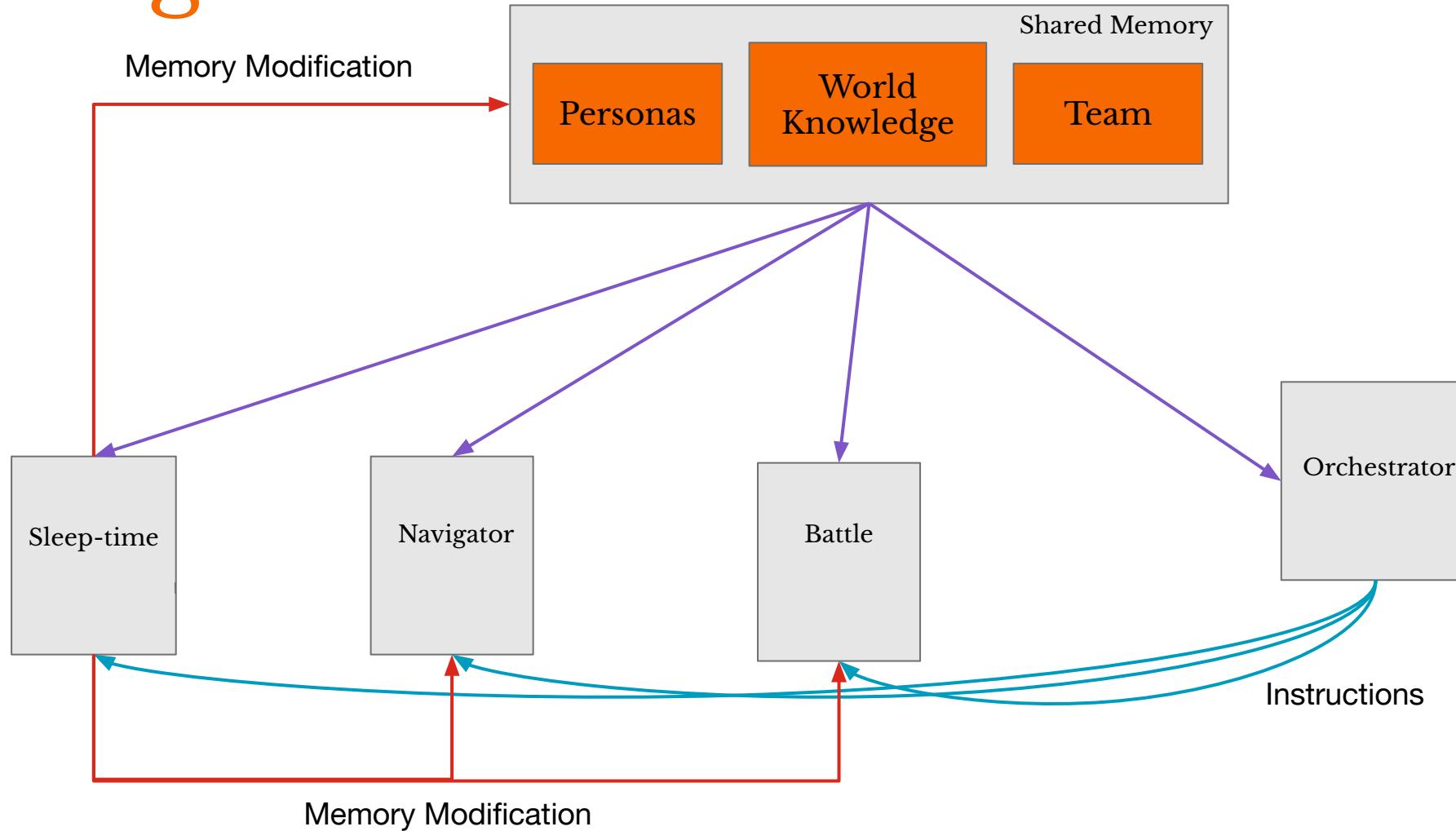
- ❑ Letta
- ❑ pokeagent-speedrun
- ❑ Qwen3-vl-8B-Thinking
- ❑ Qwen3vl_tools

Toolset

Our AI Agents

- ❑ Orchestrator Agent
- ❑ Navigator Agent
- ❑ Battle Agent
- ❑ Sleep-time Agent

Diagram



Examples



The title screen is showing copyright information. To begin playing, I need to advance past this sequence.

ACTION: A



The screen displays 'Pokemon Emerald Version'. To move forward, I should interact with the logo.

ACTION: A



The game is now showing the main menu with 'NEW GAME' option visible. To start playing, I need to select this.

ACTION: A



The player has entered 'A' as their name but hasn't confirmed it yet.

To proceed with character creation, I need to press START to finalize the name selection.

ACTION: START

Getting here took 44.19k context!

Examples



10x speed
23min



200x speed 1hr
The big 30min to look left

Problems

Some Problems we've faced

- ❑ Getting stuck
- ❑ Too much context
- ❑ Input validation
- ❑ Not following prompts

Reminder of research questions

Research Questions

- ❑ How can a VLLM be adapted to play Pokémon Fire Red?
- ❑ Can fine-tuning on multimodal, game-specific data improve long-term planning and contextual reasoning?
- ❑ Are the learned strategies transferable to other interactive or sequential decision-making tasks?



Questions?