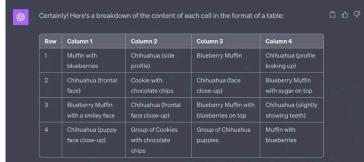
# ICS 31 - Project 1

## Chatbot

Due: 11/09/23 Project Assessment: 11/10/23





For this assignment, we're going to be developing a basic chatbot, which will respond to user questions. Making an actual chatbot, particularly one that is able to make good responses in a range of situations, is hard, so don't expect ours to be perfect!

## Introduction to our Movie Quotes

The key to our chatbot will be a dataset of over 300K spoken lines from 617 movies<sup>1</sup>. I've preprocessed this dataset to create a collection of 244K pairs of quotes from movies that contains a first quote by one character and then the response from a second character.

First, let's get access to the movies quotes:

- Open up VSCode and open the folder that you placed your project 1 files in.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The quotes are a processed version of the data from: https://www.kaggle.com/Cornell-University/movie-dialog-corpus

- Make a new Python file called project1.py. Add your name and the project number in comments to the top of this file.
- Download the project1.zip file from this directory and unzip it: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15bAql37qNZst2ZEvxTi8HJIK7gadwZxO?usp=share\_link
- Copy the files from that unzipped starter into the folder containing your project1.py file. To find that folder, you can right click your file in the explorer window and use the Reveal in Finder menu item, or you can just navigate there in your file browser.
- Delete the zip file. Your project folder should now have three files in it: project1.py,
   project1 quotes.py, and movie quotes.txt. If you're curious, you can open this last file and you can see the pairs of quotes.
- Finally, let's access the quotes in our program. Import the helper functions for this assignment by adding the following into your project1.py file below the header comments:

```
from project1_quotes import *
```

Run your program by clicking the play button or in the terminal and then test and make sure everything loaded correctly. There are two functions in the assign3 quotes module: get quotes() and get practice quotes(). The first returns the real quote data and the second returns some sample data that may be useful for debugging your programs.

In both cases, the functions return the quotes data as a *list* of *tuples* (specifically, a list of pairs). In each tuple/pair the first element represents the first quote and the second element the response quotes. For example, the practice data has five pairs:

We can look at the first pair of real quotes:

```
>>> quotes = get_quotes()
>>> quotes[0]
('they do to!', 'they do not!')
```

The first speaker said "they do to!" and then the second speaker responded "they do not!". Take a look at a few of the other pairs to get a feeling for what the data looks like. Make sure that you understand exactly how this data is being stored and what it represents.

Note: when you import the project1\_quotes module, python will create a directory called \_\_pycache\_\_ in your assignment directory. Just ignore this directory.

A word of warning: This data comes from real movies and some of those movies have adult (i.e., R-rated) content. If you think this will be problematic for you, I'm happy to work with you to find other content since the particular data isn't critical for the assignment.

### Movie Quotes Analysis

Before we write our chatbot, we're first going to do some analysis of the quotes.

To make grading easier, add the following to your file to delimit all of your work for this section

```
# ------
# Movie Quotes Analysis Section
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1. [2 points] Write a function called is\_question that takes as input a string and return True if that string is a question (i.e., ends in a question mark) or False otherwise.

```
>>> is_question("do you want some pie?")
True
>>> is_question("of, course!")
False
```

2. [3 points] Write a function called get\_first\_quotes that takes as input a list of tuples (i.e., our quotes data format) and returns a list of all of the first items in the tuples, i.e. the first quotes. Hint: you'll need to build your answer from scratch by iterating through all of the quote pairs and grabbing what you need as you go.

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> get_first_quotes(simple_quotes)
['quote1', 'first', 'first they said this', 'what?', 'what?']
```

3. [2 points] Write a function called get\_first\_questions that takes as input a list of tuples (i.e., quotes data) and returns a list of all of the first quotes that are questions.

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> get_first_questions(simple_quotes)
['what?', 'what?']
```

4. [1 points] Write a function called count\_question\_quotes that takes as input a list of tuples (i.e, quotes data) and returns the number of *first* quotes that are questions. *Hint:* this function can be written very simply using our previous functions.

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> count_question_quotes(simple_quotes)
2
```

In a comment right below your function, write how many first quotes there are in the real data that are questions.

5. [3 points] Write a function called get\_average\_question\_length that takes as input a list of tuples (i.e, quotes) and returns the average length (in characters) of all of the first quotes that are questions.

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> get_average_question_length(simple_quotes)
5.0
```

### Building a Chatbot

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#### # Chatbot Section

#### Chatbot Overview

Now that you're familiar with our quotes data, we're going to use it to build a very basic chatbot that will have a conversation by responding to questions. The key to the "intelligence" of our chatbot will be the quotes. In particular, the chatbot will try and find the question that the user asks as a first entry in the quotes data and then respond with the corresponding second entry.

The chatbot will have three types of responses:

- If the user enters something that isn't a question, then the chatbot will respond with ''I only respond to questions!''.
- If the user enters a question, but that question never occurs as a first quote in our quotes data, then the chatbot will respond with ''I don't know.''
- If the user enters a question and that question does occur one or more times as a first quote in our quotes data, then the chatbot will respond by *randomly* picking a response from the list of all second entries that had the question as the first entry.

Here is an example transcript. Note that because of the randomness, the responses will not be identical if you run the same questions.

```
>>> chatbot(0)
Welcome!
```

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When you're done, just type 'bye'
Ask me anything.
- who are you?
I am the Borg.
 - what is your name?
My name is Sir Launcelot.
 - where did you come from?
Do you believe in time travel, Donnie?
 - I don't understand.
I only respond to questions!
 - is that true?
Well, truth is for suckers, isn't it?.
 - come on now
I only respond to questions!
 - are you a robot?
I don't know.
 - are you a person?
I don't know.
 - what are you?
You know.
 - bye
```

### Implementing the Chatbot

When writing a program like this, it is important that you build up the functionality by writing smaller functions that do some of the work and then combining them to get the final program. For this assignment, we're going to help guide you through this process.

6. [3 points] Write a function called get\_responses that has two parameters: our quotes data (list of tuples) and a string representing a question. The function should return a list containing all of the second entries in the quotes data where the question exactly matches the first entry.

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> get_responses(simple_quotes, "what?")
["that's what", "now you've it!"]
>>> get_responses(simple_quotes, "what is your name?")
[]
```

7. [2 point] Write a function called get\_random\_from\_list that takes as input a list and returns a random element from that list. Don't forget that to access the random functions, you'll need to import the random module.

```
>>> get_random_from_list([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
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>>> get_random_from_list([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
3
>>> get_random_from_list(["apples", "bananas", "cranberries"])
'bananas'
>>> get_random_from_list(["apples", "bananas", "cranberries"])
'cranberries'
```

8. [3 points] Write a function called respond that has two parameters: our quotes data (list of tuples) and a string representing a question. If the question matches any first entry in the quotes data, then the function should randomly pick a response from the list of all second entries that had the question as the first entry. If there were no occurrences of the question in the quotes data, then the function should return "I don't know."

```
>>> simple_quotes = get_practice_quotes()
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what?")
"that's what"
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what?")
"now you've it!"
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what?")
"now you've it!"
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what is your name?")
"I don't know."
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what is your name")
"I don't know."
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "what is your name")
"I don't know."
>>> respond(simple_quotes, "banana")
"I don't know."
```

*Hint:* You've already done a lot of the work for this function with the previous two functions. Use them in this function!

9. [5 points] Write a function called chatbot that takes one parameter **version** and implements the chatbot behavior described above in "Chatbot Overview". **Version** == **0** for this chatbot. The function should first print out the user instructions. The function should then continue to prompt the user for a question (see transcript above) and respond appropriately until the user enters "bye". The response should be one of the three responses described above. Questions can be entered as any capitalization variants, even though the quotes data is all lowercased. To execute your chatbot program for testing, insert the following code at the bottom of the project1.py file. Change the argument to the version number when testing other versions.

- 10. [3 points] Add functionality for when **version** == **1**. Increase the number of questions your chat bot will respond to. Instead of checking for exact matches on the question, consider questions that are similar. One way to do is to calculate the % of matching words in the question and use a threshold to determine if a movie question is considered similar. Experiment with different % values and initialize a constant THRESH to what you think works best.
- 11. [3 points] Add functionality for when **version** == **2**. Improve the selection process of the answer when multiple quotes match the question. Assume mode 1 functionality is active for mode 2. Always select a quote with the highest % of matching words. Use random selection when there's a tie.

Advice:

- Build the behavior of this function incrementally, testing it as you go. There are many ways you might do this, but here's one approach:
- Write a version of the function that prints out the intro information and repeatedly
  - Add in checking for whether or not it's a question. You can just print out some generic response if it is a question for now.
  - Add in code to actually get an appropriate response and print it out.
  - Add in any additional functionality that you're still missing.
- All of the first quotes are lowercased, so make sure that you lowercase the user question before searching, otherwise, you won't get a match.
- When you're first testing it, use the practice quotes rather than the real quotes since it will allow you to test all of the three different response cases very easily. Once you're sure it's working, you can switch the code to read the real data.

## When you're done

Make sure that your program is properly commented:

- You should have comments at the very beginning of the file stating your name, course, assignment number and the date.
- You should have comments delimiting the two sections.
- Each function should have an appropriate docstring.
- Include other miscellaneous comments to make things clear.

In addition, make sure that you've used good *style*. This includes:

- Following naming conventions, e.g. all variables and functions should be lowercase.
- Using good variable names.
- Good use of booleans. You should NOT have anything like:

```
if boolean_expression == True:

or
  if boolean_expression == False:
instead use:
  if boolean_expression:

or
  if not (boolean_expression): # or some other way of negating the expression
```

- Proper use of whitespace, including indenting and use of blank lines to separate chunks of
- Make sure that none of the lines are too long.

code that belong together.

Survey: The release of chatGPT has alarmed universities as discussed in the attached article. To help us better understand the students' perspective, please fill out a chatGPT survey to be posted on Ed.

## When you're done

Submit your project1.py file ( and not any of the starter that you downloaded) on Gradescope and fill out the chatGPT survey. We encourage you to continue to improve your chatbot. You will take a project assessment on 11/10 in lab to show your understanding. This quiz will be 1/3 of your project grade.

## Grading

	points
Quotes analysis	11
Chatbot	19
Comments, style	3
Project assessment	17
total	50