



# HybridBERT4Rec: A Hybrid Recommender System Based on BERT

**Sequential Content-Based and Collaborative Filtering**

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Figure 2: Example history for Alice in sequential CBF [1]

- Considers the **order** of historical interactions
- Allows the modelling of “temporary spikes” of interests, as well as the general preferences [2]

# HybridBERT4Rec Architecture

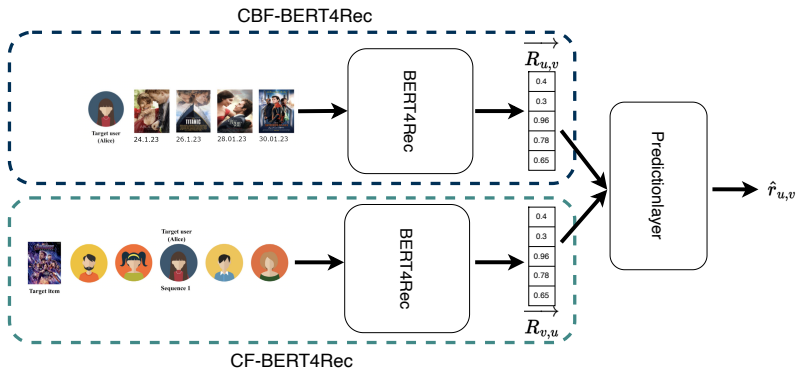


Figure 3: High level overview of HybridBERT4Recs Architecture. [1]

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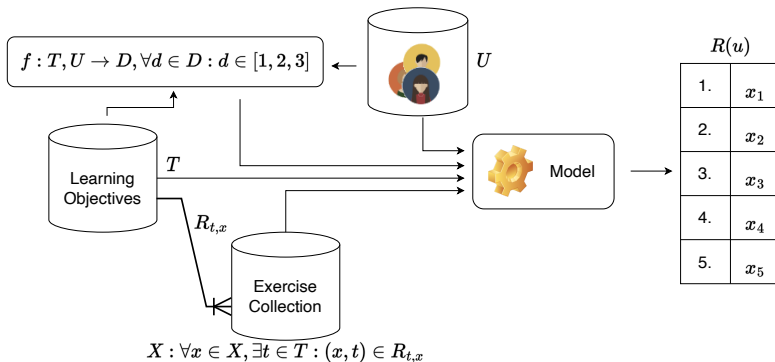


Figure 4: The Setting, consisting of a user collection  $U$ , a collection of learning objectives  $T$  and a collection of exercises  $X$ , which can be used to predict a ranking  $R(u)$  for a given user  $u$ .

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