

Arabic Autocomplete system with Transformers

NLP project presentation



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Understanding Autocomplete & Arabic Language

Autocomplete Purpose

Predict next word or phrase while typing

Enhances typing speed and accuracy

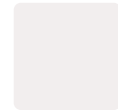
Why Focus on Arabic?

Rich morphological structure

Limited existing autocomplete solutions

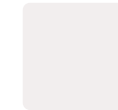


Project Objectives



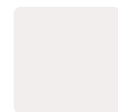
Model Development

Build Arabic autocomplete language model



Fine-Tuning

Use transformer-based models for better accuracy



Evaluation

Measure performance with NLP metrics

Dataset & Preprocessing

Data Source

Dataset Summary: **0 SCAR (Arabic Subset)**

Source: Extracted from Common Crawl and classified by language (Arabic).

Size Used: 1 % of the full Arabic dataset for faster training.

Content: Raw Arabic web data (news, blogs, forums); includes Modern Standard Arabic and dialects.

Preprocessing: Deduplicated and unshuffled; truncated to 128 tokens during tokenization.

Strengths: Large-scale, diverse, suitable for general Arabic language modeling.

Preprocessing Steps

- Tokenization using Hugging Face tokenizer
- Text cleaning and normalization



Model Architecture



Pretrained GPT-2 Model



Fine-Tuned on Arabic Data



Trainer API for Training

Parameters and Training Setup

Parameters

Trainer API from Hugging Face
Transformers.Training Arguments:

- Batch size: 4
- Learning rate: $5e-5$
- Epochs: 2
- Weight decay: 0.01
- Save strategy: Every 500 steps
- Logging: every 100 step

Optimization

AdamW optimizer with learning rate scheduler

Tracking

Weights & Biases (wandb.ai)
for experiment monitoring

Hardware

Google Colab GPU (14GB)

Evaluation Metrics

0.5

eval loss

87.3%

eval Accuracy

5.52

Perplexity

Perplexity is the preferred performance measure for generative tasks.



Challenges Encountered

Limited GPU Memory

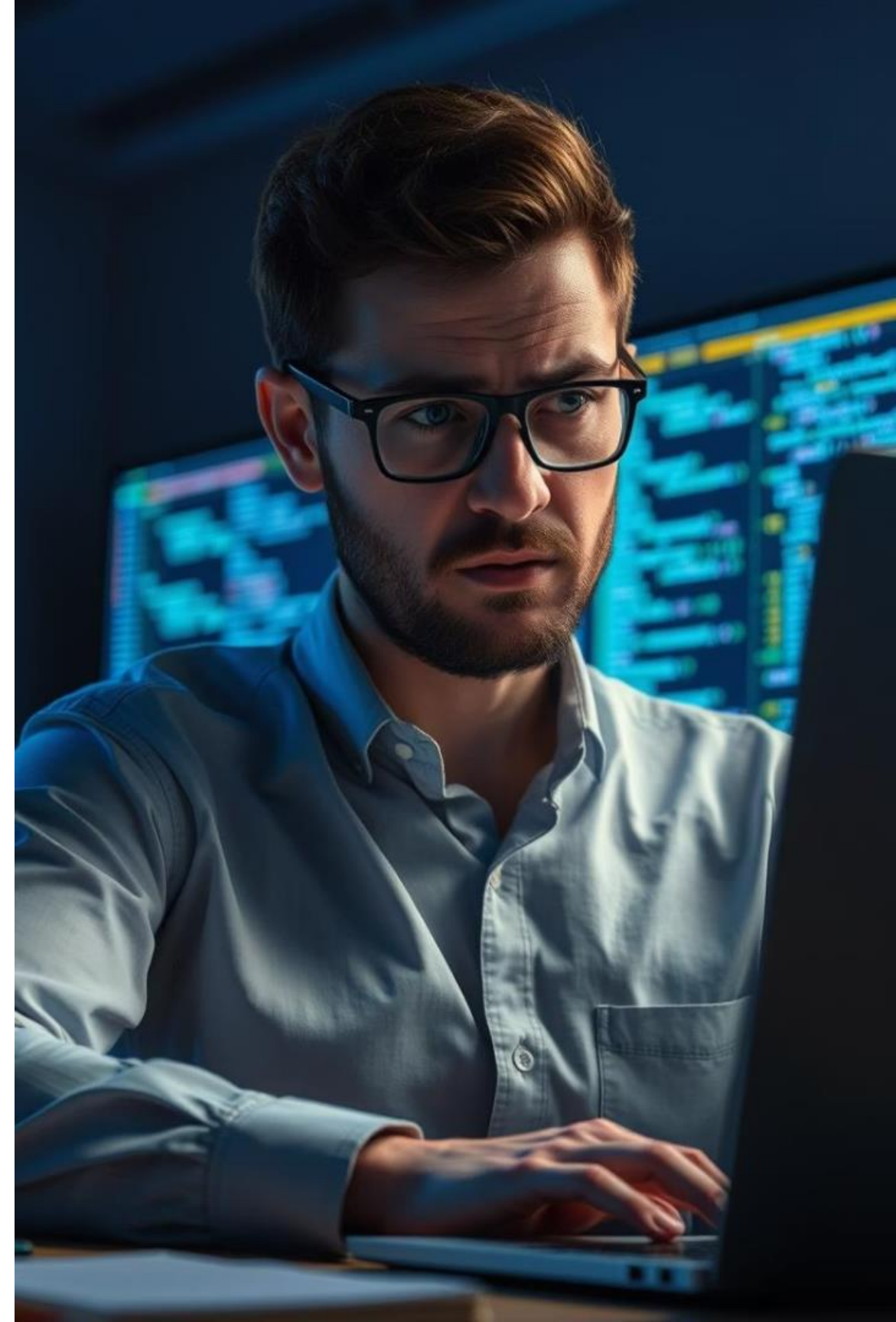
Constrains model size and batch processing

Model Complexity

Training and evaluation require significant resources

Evaluation Limitations

Token accuracy insufficient for overall performance



Demo Examples

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
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Use via API  · Built with Gradio  · Settings 

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Limitations & Future Work

- **Hardware Constraints**

Training and evaluation were limited by available GPU memory. Larger models, longer sequences, or batch sizes could not be explored due to OOM errors.

- **Limited Training Data**

You used only 1% of the OSCAR Arabic dataset, which limits language coverage and variety. It may underperform on dialects, uncommon phrases, or domain-specific vocabulary.

- **No Semantic Understanding**

The model is based on GPT-2, which predicts the next token based on surface patterns.

It doesn't truly understand meaning or context, which can result in grammatically correct but nonsensical completions

Achievement

Successfully trained Arabic autocomplete model

Improvement Areas

Larger datasets and enhanced model tuning

