

Developing a Networking Guidance Agent Using Microsoft Copilot

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Introduction – The Student Networking Agent

Objective:

Helping students find relevant networking events, make meaningful connections, and prepare effectively – all while saving time.

Key Highlights:

- Built using Microsoft Copilot for intelligent interaction
- Smart agent filters events by city, category, date, etc.
- Crawls platforms like Eventbrite & Meetup via custom connector
- Identifies key speakers & company reps to connect with
- Assists in preparation, including how to approach & pitch yourself
- Future-ready: ATS resume builder, API integrations & tailored job applications

The Problem We're Solving

Key Challenges:

- Saturated job market with experienced professionals & referrals dominating
- Students face time crunch from assignments, part-time jobs, and lectures
- Attending random events is inefficient & draining
- Difficult to know who to talk to or how to make an impression
- Lack of preparation resources for effective networking

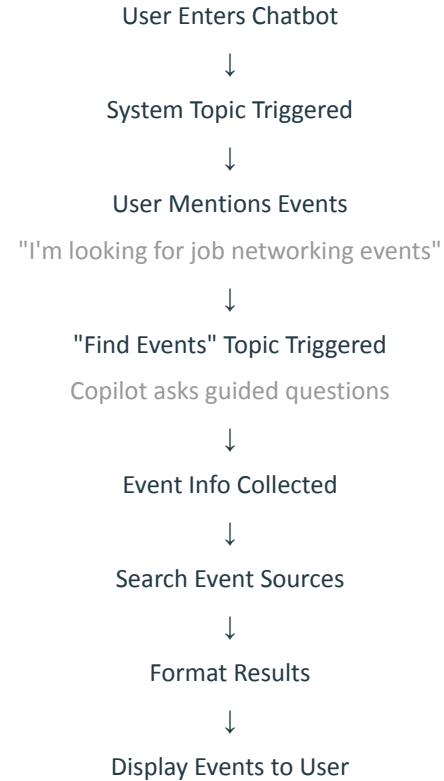
The Gap:

Students need a smart, time-saving tool to help them network strategically, not randomly.

Methodology



Microsoft Copilot Studio



Agent Outcomes

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Hello, I'm Student Networking Assistant 2, a virtual assistant. Just so you are aware, I sometimes use AI to answer your questions. If you provided a website during creation, try asking me about it! Next try giving me some more knowledge by setting up generative AI.

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Hi-I am Siying, a student doing master of analytics

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Hello, how can I help you today?

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I am looking for some networking events

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Hi there! I can help you find upcoming networking events like career fairs, company sessions, and mixers.

Let's start by getting a few details so I can suggest the best ones for you.

Ask a question or describe what you need

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1. Initiate Conversation

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Which industries are you most interested in?

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Technology, data, or AI

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When would you like to attend an event? (e.g., this week, next month, specific dates)

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June 2nd to June 6th

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Are you looking for events in Melbourne?

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Yes

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Here are some events for you:

Here are some upcoming networking events in Melbourne from June 2nd to June 6th that might interest you:

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2. Info Feeding

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Here are some upcoming networking events in Melbourne from June 2nd to June 6th that might interest you:

1. **IT Social Melbourne | Data, Technology, Cybersecurity, IT**

- **Date:** Friday, June 6
- **Time:** 5:30 PM
- **Location:** 215 Queen's Restaurant and Bar
- **Description:** A social event for professionals in data, technology, cybersecurity, and IT to network and share insights

2. **TechConnect: Global Virtual Job & Networking Event for Data, AI, and Tech Pros**

- **Date:** Friday, June 6
- **Time:** 9:00 AM UTC
- **Location:** Virtual Event
- **Description:** A global virtual event focused on job opportunities and networking for professionals in data, AI, and technology

Would you like more details or assistance with

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3. Return Results

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opportunities and networking for professionals in data, AI, and technology

Would you like more details or assistance with anything else?

3 references

- 1. Discover Information Tech...
- 2. Discover Artificial Intellige...
- 3. Find Events & Groups in...

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Any tips for preparing?

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Here are some tips for preparing for networking events:

1. **Research the Event and Attendees**

- Understand the event format and layout to prepare accordingly
- Look up the list of attendees or companies that will be present to tailor your approach.

2. **Prepare Your Introduction**

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4. Continue Interaction

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tailor your approach.

2. Prepare Your Introduction

- o Craft a concise and engaging introduction about yourself, including your background, interests, and what you are looking to achieve at the event.

3. Set Clear Goals

- o Determine what you want to accomplish, such as meeting specific people, learning about certain companies, or gaining industry insights. 2/3

4. Bring Necessary Materials

- o Ensure you have business cards, a notebook, and a pen for taking notes.
- o If applicable, bring a portfolio or copies of your resume.

5. Dress Appropriately

- o Choose professional attire that aligns with the event's dress code.

6. Practice Networking Activities

- o Engage in activities like shared

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5. Return Results

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6. Practice Networking Activities

- o Engage in activities like shared storytelling, speed-networking, and brainstorming goals to break the ice and foster connections. 2/3

7. Prepare Questions

- o Have a list of questions ready to ask other attendees or panelists to facilitate meaningful conversations. 2/3

8. Use Networking Apps

- o Utilize apps that help you connect with other attendees, such as those that integrate LinkedIn profiles. 2/3

9. Plan for Contingencies

- o Be prepared for any unforeseen issues or emergencies by having backup supplies and contingency plans. 3/3

10. Follow Up

- o After the event, follow up with the connections you made to maintain and build relationships. 2/3

By following these tips, you can effectively

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6. More Results

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By following these tips, you can effectively prepare for networking events and make the most out of the opportunities they present.

Would you like more information or assistance with anything else?

3 references

- 1 7 Event Room Layouts tha...
- 2 19 Networking Activities ...
- 3 The Ultimate 10-Step Mee...

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Cool, thank you!

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You're welcome.

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6. Close Conversation

Conclusion & Future development

- Project Impact: Helps students network smarter with tailored event suggestions, boosting career success.
- Resume Support: Copilot reviews resumes and offers tips to match job fair opportunities.
- Smart Networking: Suggests key people (e.g., recruiters, speakers) based on student goals and event details.
- Data Power: Uses Eventbrite, 10Times, and Meetup data via APIs for real-time event info.
- Next Steps: Add feedback loops and better query handling for enhanced usability.

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