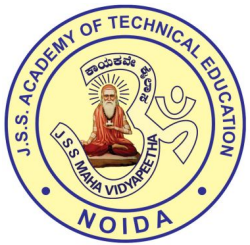
Project Progress Presentation

CHAT BOT



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Project Objective:

To create a working model of Conversational Chatbot for business purposes. Further to create a service-to-service chatbot, using IoT for real time information responses.

Introduction:

A Chatbot is an intelligent piece of software that is capable of communicating and performing actions similar to a human. Chatbots are used a lot in customer interaction, marketing on social network sites and instantly messaging the client.There are hundreds if not thousands of chatbot solutions in the market. Most companies have chatbot enabled to handle customer services.Yet, most chatbots are not even close to intelligent but need human interference or can't perform without being acknowledged as bots.With advancement of technology, we aim to create conversational AI chatbot, that feel like human and even be able to replace human beings.

What Have We Achieved

1. We have created a integrable chatbot service,which can providing answer to **dynamic questions**
2. It requires minimal effort to integrate the chatbot service in any website
3. Our aim is to successfully and resourcefully respond to any question that is asked

How it Works

1. An AWS EC2 service provides, API platform that can be access from anywhere
2. Our frontend module calls API to fetch replies to the user’s message
3. No changes in the website code is required, only one import is required to run the chatbot service a website

Our Approach

Our approach to solve any problem has been multifaceted. The project has been broken into small problems, to create **n tier architecture**. The various tiers are listed below:

NLP MODEL

1. To understand the format of data, i.e. information to be learned by the NLP model
   a. Tokenizers
   b. Stemmers
2. Data preprocessing methods
   a. Word Embedding
   b. Bag Of Word
3. Create model, that provides acceptable performance, with less computational time and resources
   a. LSTMs
   b. Neural Networks

DEVOPS

1. Communication protocols
   a. Websocket
   b. Rest
2. Server architecture
   a. AWS Lambda
   b. AWS API Gateway
   c. AWS EC2
3. Individual api
   a. flask
4. Deployment strategy
   a. Heroku
   b. Pythonanywhere
   c. AWS
5. Robustness and Failover

CLIENT

1. Create frontend
2. Work on User Interface and user experience problems
3. To call api
   a. AJAX
   b. CURL
   c. FETCH
4. Make the module callable with just one line of code
5. Host the client side website

Technology Stack

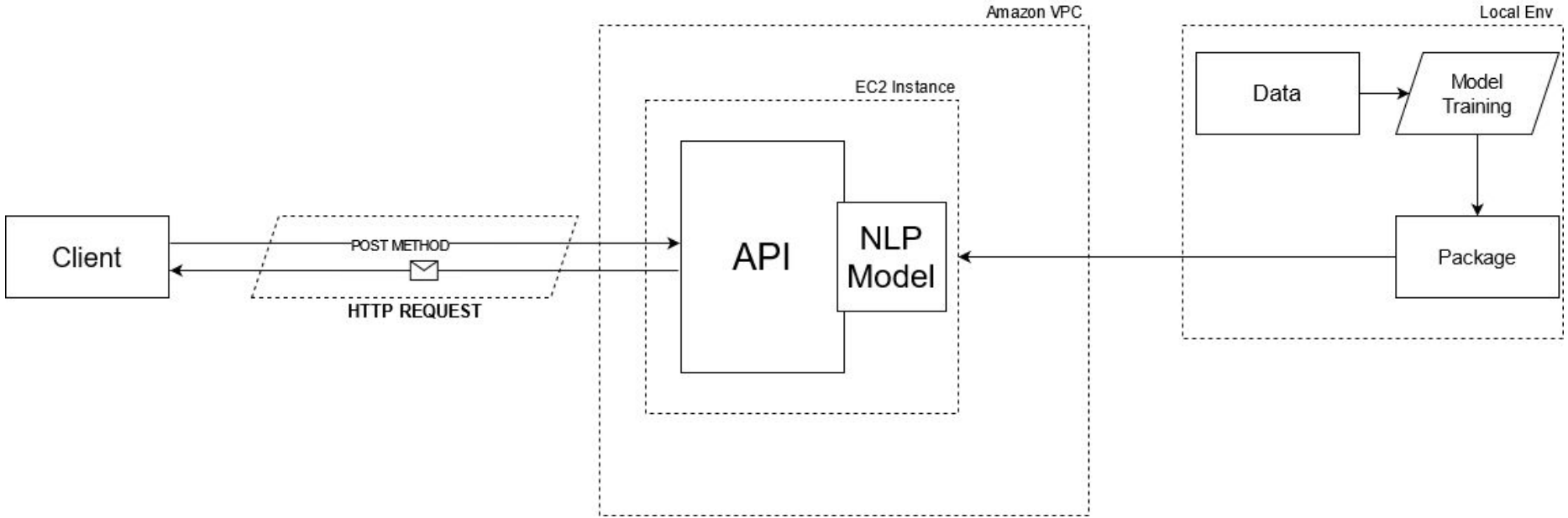
Server Side

1. Cloud Computing (Amazon Web Services)
    a. Amazon EC2
    b. Amazon S3
2. TCP IP, Http Server
3. Natural Language Processing
    a. Neural Networks
    b. LSTM Networks
    c. Bag Of Word Model
    d. Word Embedding
4. Python Frameworks
    a. Flask
    b. Tensorflow and Keras
    c. NLTK
    d. Spacy

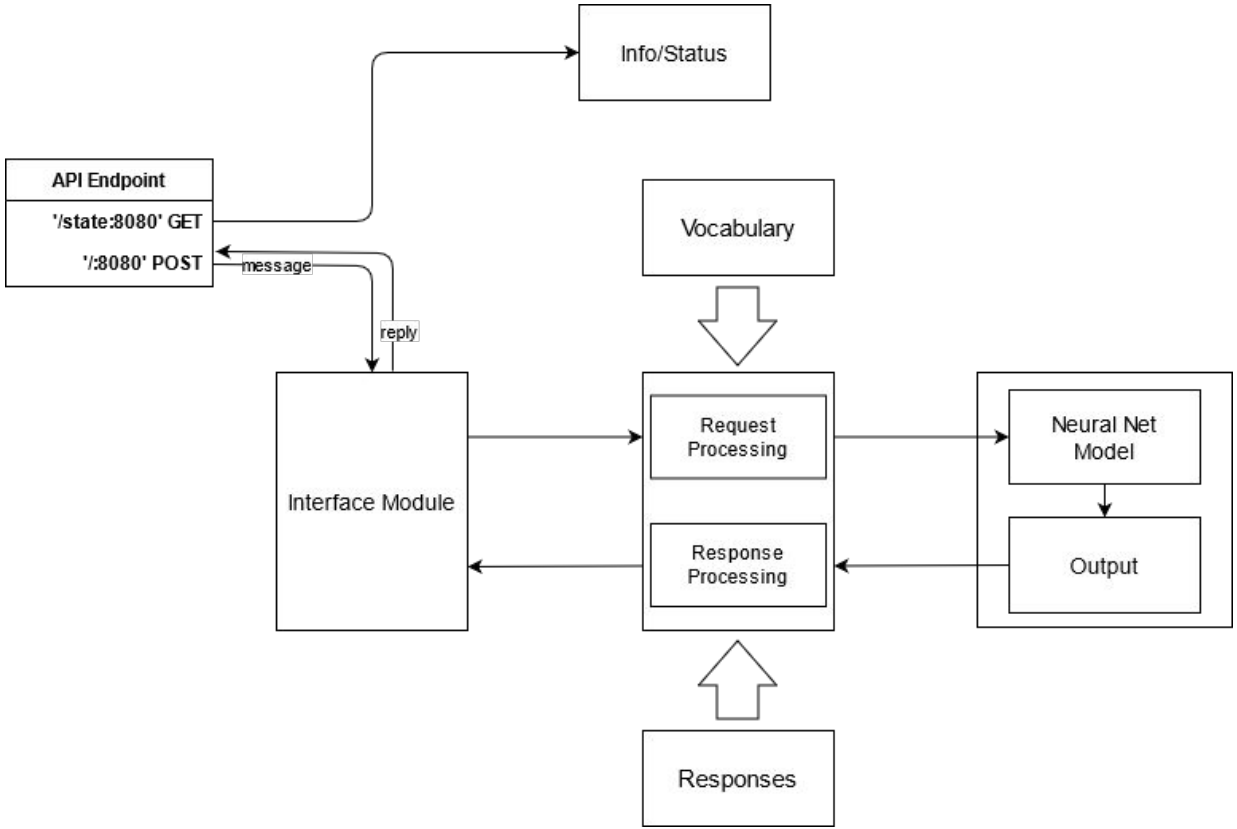
Client Side

1. Web Client
    a. Php
    b. Java Script
    c. AJAX
    d. CURL
    e. REST API
    f. Socket
2. Frontend
    a. HTML, CSS
    b. BootStrap

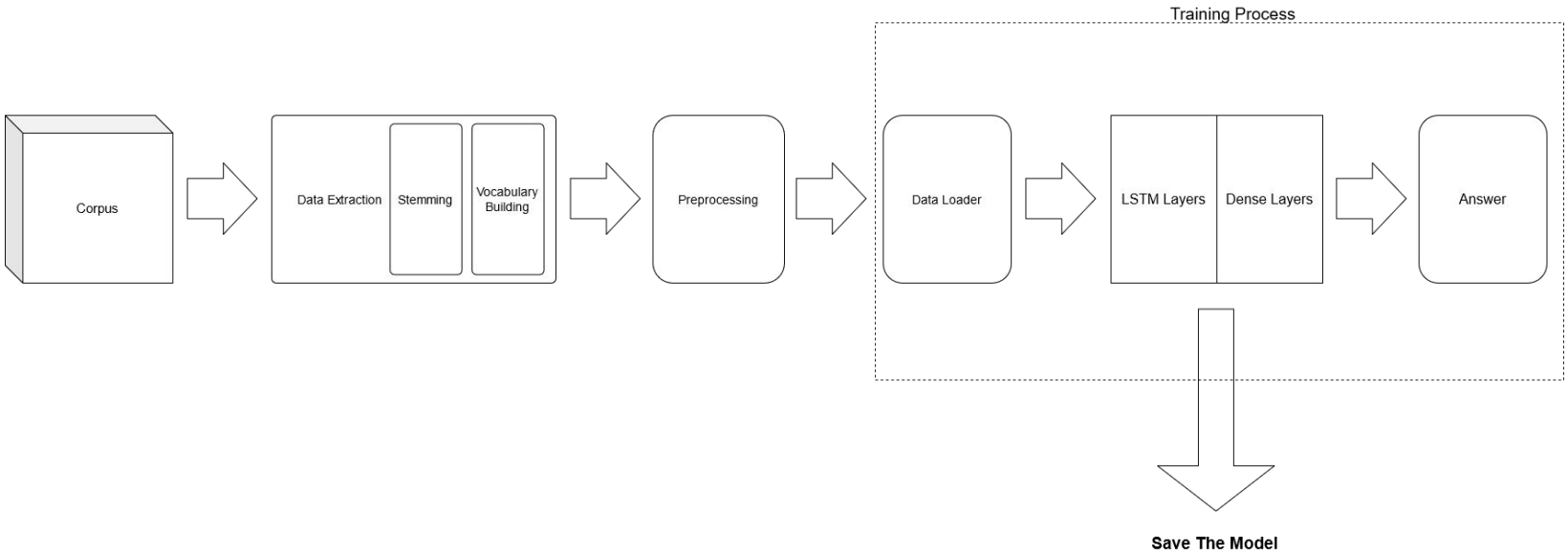
Project Architecture



API Flow


Info/Status
API Endpoint
'/state:8080' GET
'/:8080' POST
message
reply
Vocabulary
Interface Module
Request Processing
Response Processing
Neural Net Model
Output
Responses

Data Preprocessing And Training



Deep Learning Model Architecture

1. **LSTM**; Width = 256, Shape = “Input Shape”
2. **Dense**; Width = 256, Activation = relu
3. **Dropout** = 0.2
4. **Dense**; Width = 256, Activation = relu
5. **Dropout** = 0.2
6. **Dense**; Width = “Output Shape”, Activation = softmax

Loss - Categorical Cross Entropy
Optimization - Stochastic Gradient Descent

Integration

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<!-- Template Custom JavaScript File -->
<script src="JSS%20Academy%20of%20Technical%20Ed
<script>
    $(window).load(function(){
        $('#onload').modal('show');
    });
    $('.carousel').carousel({
interval: 20;})
</script>


</body>
<?php include "chatbot1.html"?>
</html>
```

Features

1. **Loosely Coupled Architecture**
   We have created a microservice that can be accessed from endpoints. This makes it easy to debug errors and one system failure won't affect other systems

2. **Efficient NLP Model with low computation resources**
   Enables us to run our API inexpensively on third-party Services

3. **Extremely easy to Integrate**
   As the chatbot.html can be imported, into existing websites, it encapsulates all other complexity related to chatbot service

Our WorkFlow

1. Started by creating NLP model - Sept, 2020
2. Created Frontend - Nov, 2020
3. We Experimented with different techniques to call our model - Nov, 2020
4. Created Locally working code with AJAX call - Dec, 2020
5. To bring improvements, we used replace AJAX by Websockets - Jan, 2021
6. Once completed with local development, Our Next Step was to deploy - Feb, 2021
7. We experimented with heroku and pythonanywhere, finally concluding to use Cloud Service - April, 2021
8. Our choice was AWS, we tried AWS lambda with API Gateway, followed by AWS Sagemaker, followed by EC2 Instance - May, 2021
9. We refactored our code to create microservice architecture with REST API used to make calls - June, 2021
10. We refactored our fronted code to call remote api while working as separate integrable entity in a website - June, 2021
11. We Reworked our NLP model and preprocessing to decrease the latency of models - June, 2021

Challenge

1. Setting up Communication Protocols
2. Deployment Options
3. Problems required multiple domain knowledge
4. To create models that can work in real time, with less latency and low computational complexity

Future Prospects

Present version of chatbot has limitations and we haven't achieved **our vision** of product **yet.** We intend to make multiple changes and upgrades in future. As our past approach, our future plan has been divided into three parts:

1. NLP Model
2. DevOPs
3. Client-Side

Future Plans for NLP Model

1. To increase contextual understanding of the model, as an upgrade to present model - 3 months
2. To create new Question/Answer systems, that can will automatically find answers from paragraph - 10 months
    a. https://towardsdatascience.com/question-answering-with-a-fine-tuned-bert-bc4dafd45626
    b. https://arxiv.org/pdf/1810.04805.pdf
3. To create conversation models - 2 years
    a. https://blog.google/technology/ai/lamda/
    b. https://towardsdatascience.com/building-a-conversational-ai-chatbot-with-aws-lambda-function-and-amazon-efs-615fddb4d55
4. To create universal chatbot service, that can actually handle any argument in human like fashion, while providing services - 2 years

Future Plans for Deployment

1. Increase robustness and failover for present solutions - 2 months
2. Create auto scaling groups for EC2 instances - 3 months
    a. https://docs.aws.amazon.com/autoscaling/ec2/userguide/AutoScalingGroup.html
3. Create secure Api - 6 months
    a. https://aws.amazon.com/api-gateway/
4. Implement Application Load Balancers into place - 1 year
    a. https://aws.amazon.com/elasticloadbalancing/application-load-balancer/
5. Experiment with scaling with different service
6. Explore different low cost deployment options

Future Plans for Client Side

1. To understand and explore problems with hosted websites - 3 months
2. To expand I/O operations, with buttons, options, links and forms - 1 year
3. To create online platform, to provide data remotely by anyone trying to use the service - 1 year

Service-to-Service Chatbot

1. We are on our way to create realtime information service-to-service chatbot, communicating to IoT systems remotely installed within the organizations.

2. Our approach is to create ‘No Database’ system directly connected to IoT devices, collecting realtime data.

3. This is an initiative to work with new paradigm technologies, where AI directly works with Electronic devices.

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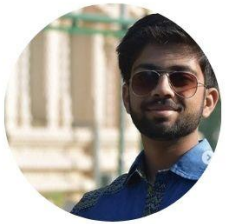

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