

Gift Idea Generator

Gifting made easy
Graded Miniproject

AI Foundations

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Introduction

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In this document we will describe the process of implementing the Miniproject required for the AI-Foundations module. It is expected to generate at least 3 ideas that make use of the GPT-assistant and build an application around that idea.

The first step will describe the generation and thinking process for the ideas and the selection of one idea based on evaluation. We will then continue on refining the idea and create specifications that the application must implement.
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We wanted to implement an idea that could actually have a practical usecase and one that we would personally use. We did some brainstorming together and came up with things that we struggle with regularly and where a Large Language Model could be of help. Within a short amount of time we came up with three ideas:

- Food recipe generator that returns recipes based on what kind of food you have at home (would be the user input)
- Since Christmas is arriving soon: gift idea generator based on what properties the gift receiver has
- Belt balancer generator for the game Factorio ¹

Immediately, we thought about the practicality and implementation side of things. All three of the ideas were well usable, however one stood out on the complexity and possibility of implementation. A belt balancer in factorio serves the use of distributing X number of input belts or conveyors (that transport materials) to Y number of outputs. In the game, you can import structures such as a belt balancer in the form of a blueprint string. This string looks like glibberish to the human eye because the game first decodes the string using base64 and afterwards uses zlib inflate to finally get the json representation of the individual structures that will be placed in the game to complete the balancer. To many, this will sound like an application where a Large Language Model will not work well to generate these complex and very error intolerant string, and you are correct! We generated such a string 10 times and not once did the string import work in the game itself. This idea was not going to work well so it is eliminated.

We decided on the following criterias for evaluating which idea to choose:

- practical use (weight 30)
- ease of implementation (weight 5)
- beneficial (weight 20)
- originality (weight 10)

idea	practical use	ease of implementation	beneficial	originality	total score
Recipe generator	5 * 30	8 * 5	7 * 20	5 * 10	400
Gift Idea Generator	7 * 30	8 * 5	9 * 20	8 * 10	510

Since the Gift Idea Generator received more points, this is what we chose for the project.

Before starting to implement the idea, we first decided on specifications that the application should meet. We discussed ideas and boundaries and agreed on the following: The application should take three parameters as inputs from the user: Gender, Age and personal interests It should be available on mobile to be easily useable when you are on your way out. When the user presses the button to generate the ideas upon entering the parameters, he should receive 5 gifting ideas in text form.

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Implementation: Backend

In order to make use of ChatGPT in your application so called "assistants" can be used by calling the OpenAI-API. We created our assistant under the name "fabio_silvan_giftassistant" and provided it with system instructions. It was instructed to provide 5 gift ideas and to parse the input as constraints accordingly. As a model we chose "gpt-4o-mini" as it is compatible with json_schema-formats (see A.1) and more than capable for our task. The json-schema helps control the output format which in turn makes parsing the returned message in our application a lot easier.

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Implementation: Frontend

To create an Application which can integrate into the daily lives of someone, we will use the Flutter Technology Stack to create Software which can be accessed from many different platforms. For Development, we focused on the usage of the Application on an Android Mobile Phone, however if we would like to expand our Application onto different plattformen, it would not require a lot of additional work.

Because we already defined the different Inputs which the user has access to, as described in Chaopter ??, we could immediately start with Implementation.

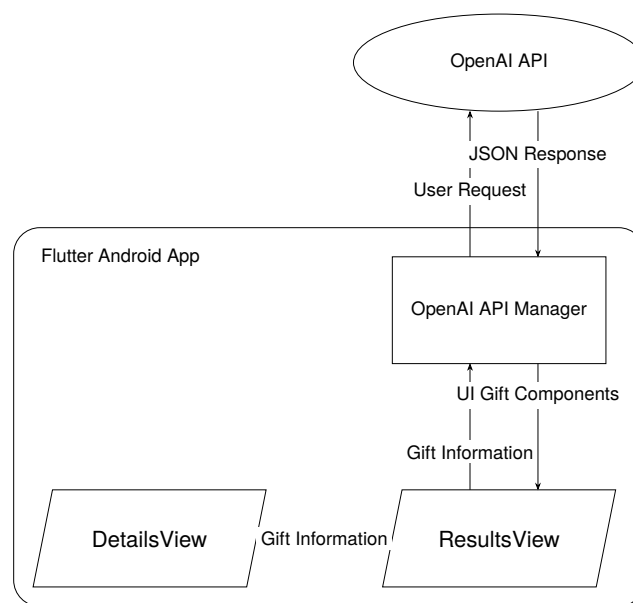


Figure 3.1: Planned architecture of the App

Figure 3.1 describes the planned architecture of the Flutter App. It has two main screens, which the User is guided through:

1. In the DetailsView, the User can specify different attributes about the Person they would like to gift something to (furthermore called the Recipient)
2. As soon as the User submits the Information, all Gift Information is Passed to the ResultsView.
3. The ResultsView passes the recieved Information to the API Manager, which converts it into a prompt, which is then sent to the OpenAI API.
4. The OpenAI Assistant processes the Request and returns a Response in Form of a JSON Object. (For more details see Section ??)
5. The API Manager recieves the JSON Object, extracts the relevant Information and sends it to the ResultsView in Form of prebuilt widgets, where they are displayed to the User.

OpenAI API Manager

The OpenAI API Manager is the backend logic which allows the Application to communicate with the OpenAI Assistant. It provides the functionality to convert User Input into a usable text prompt, as well as convert the recieved JSON into a nice Interface.

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1 factory GiftResponse.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> data) {
2   GiftResponse gr = GiftResponse();
```

(a) DetailsView

(b) ResultsView

Figure 3.2: Initial Version of the Application

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3      for (Map<String, dynamic> idea in data['presents']) { // Extract "present" objects
4          gr.ideas.add(Idea(idea["title"], idea['description'])); // Fill information into new Idea
              () Object
5      }
6      return gr; // Return a GiftResponse() Object containing Ideas()
7  }
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10     List<Widget> cards(Set<Idea> ideas) {
11         List<Widget> cards = List.empty(growable: true);
12         for (Idea idea in ideas) { // For all Ideas in the List
13             cards.add(Card( // Add a new widget (Flutter Card Widget in this Case)
14                 child: ListTile(
15                     title: Text(idea.title), // Title
16                     subtitle: Text(idea.description), // Description
17                     trailing: IconButton( // Shopping Bag Button
18                         onPressed: () {
19                             _launchUrl(
20                                 "https://www.galaxus.ch/de/search?searchSectors=0&q=${idea.title}");
21                             },
22                         icon: Icon(Icons.shopping_bag_outlined, color: Colors.green,)),
23                 ));
24         }
25         return cards;
26     }

```

User Interface

For the Design, we wanted a simple but clear User Interface. We used the Material Design Guidelines to ensure a consistent Design. At first, we created a simple UI which allows us to test the functionality of the app.

After building the First version of the app as shown in Figure 3.2, we proceeded to test the functionality of the API Manager, which provides the conversion from JSON Response to visually appealing Widgets.

Once the functionality has been confirmed, we focused on improving the UI. Although not our main focus of this project, we felt that a better UI can improve the overall impression of the Application significantly. We therefore implemented the following changes:

- A small infobox which instructs potential first-time users.

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Gift Idea Generator

Welcome to the Gift Generator
Please enter the following Information so we can find the perfect Gift for the recipient.

Gender

☒ Male

☐ Female

☐ Other

Age of the recipient

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Hobbies

#boats #fishing #water

Generate Ideas

(a) DetailsView

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Your Ideas

Fishing Gear Set
A comprehensive fishing gear set that includes a high-quality rod, reel, tackle box, and a variety of lures. Perfect for both beginners and experienced anglers.

Boat Model Kit
A detailed model kit of a classic boat that he can build and display. This kit offers a rewarding experience for those who enjoy hands-on projects and maritime history.

Waterproof Action Camera
A waterproof action camera that can be mounted on a boat or used while fishing to capture stunning footage of his adventures on the water.

Guided Fishing Trip
A voucher for a guided fishing trip with a professional angler. This experience will provide him with expert tips and the opportunity to catch a variety of fish in a new location.

Boating Safety Course
Enrollment in a boating safety course, which covers essential skills and knowledge for safe boating practices. Ideal for enhancing his confidence and safety on the water.

(b) ResultsView

Figure 3.3: Final Version of the Application

- Improved display of input fields age and hobbies.
- The option to specify the Gender when selecting "Other"
- Title for each Idea to improve overview
- A button to instantly search for a gift on `galaxus.ch`

This results in the final version of the App as seen in Figure 3.3.

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Conclusion

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Source Code Appendix

```
1 {
2   "name": "present_response_schema",
3   "strict": true,
4   "schema": {
5     "properties": {
6       "presents": {
7         "type": "array",
8         "items": {
9           "type": "object",
10          "properties": {
11            "description": {
12              "type": "string",
13              "description": "A detailed description of the present."
14            }
15          },
16          "required": [
17            "description"
18          ],
19          "additionalProperties": false
20        }
21      }
22    },
23    "additionalProperties": false,
24    "required": [
25      "presents"
26    ],
27    "type": "object"
28  }
29 }
```

Figure A.1: json schema