

Personal Career Manager Software Agent Chatbot Project Report

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1. Executive Summary

The team has successfully implemented a Personal Career Manager Software Agent which is deployable on Facebook Messenger platform. The Software Agent can help professionals develop a personalised career roadmap as well as recommending suitable jobs and training opportunities. It is also able to answer questions regarding jobs available in the market. The Software Agent takes a persona-based approach in its interaction with its users. A context management approach has been implemented to allow the Software Agent to hold the context of the conversation from start to end and to allow flexibility for the user to branch away from the predefined conversation flow.

2. Project Scope

a. Opportunity Statement

According to a Mckinsey&Company Report¹, it was estimated that globally between 400 million and 800 million individuals could be displaced by automation and need to find new jobs by 2030. And according to a separate Linkedin Report², by 2020, it is expected that 42 percent of the core skills required for a job will change.

This makes it timely to empower individual with a Personal Career Manager Software Agent which will help with managing their career by recommending training courses to acquire market demanded competency and to constantly look out for better job opportunities.

b. Value Proposition

The Personal Career Manager Software Agent provides personalised career management and answers questions regarding jobs available in the market. When deployed live, it is accessible 24/7 and it constantly works in the background to help clients look out for high relevancy training courses and better job opportunities. The conversational user interface provides a personified representation of a human career manager which makes it more natural for the user to interact with.

c. Capabilities

The Personal Career Manager has the below capabilities:

- i. Answers queries on jobs available in the market
- ii. Elicit user employment details
- iii. Elicit career preferences
- iv. Determine career aspiration
- v. Develop personalised career road map
- vi. Elicit user competency
- vii. Recommend training courses

¹ Jobs Lost, Jobs Gained: Workforce Transitions in a Time of Automation December 2017, Mckinsey Global

² Future of Skills 2019: Anticipating what's next for your business, Linkedin Talent Solutions

- viii. Recommend jobs
- ix. Answers FAQ on the services provided
- x. Sign up new clients

3. Solution Design

a. Goal of Software Agent

The software agent is designed with two end goals. The first goal is to guide the user to develop a personalised career roadmap while recommending jobs and courses that are relevant for his current or future jobs in the roadmap. The second goal is to encourage the user to sign up an account so that the software agent can follow up on new job and training opportunities.

b. Persona-Based Approach

A persona-based approach has been taken to better address individual latent needs. The below 5 personas has been identified. Users will be categorised into a persona type based on the statements or questions they posted.

Persona Type	Profile Description	Latent Needs
Jaded Employee	In mid-thirties, has been working for 5 to 8 years in the same company and does not feel appreciated by his boss. Has been passed for promotion in the recent 1 to 2 years.	A career road map that can guide him on how to progress in this career and a new job that can set him up in the right career path.
Unemployed Job Seeker	Have been looking for job for the past 3 to 6 months to no avail. Becoming increasingly disappointed as the day goes by without receiving job offers.	Urgently needs to find a job.
Eager Learner	In mid-twenties, has been working for 4 to 5 years. Enjoys learning new things and has completed several online courses.	Suitable training courses to upgrade himself.
Go Getter	Driven and ambitious young working professional. Has a clear career goal and regularly performs self-reflection on his work performance.	A career road map that can guide him on how to reach his career goals.
Curious Explorer	Generally happy with his career. Just looking around to explore the services that the software agent can provide.	Interested to see the available training courses and job opportunities.

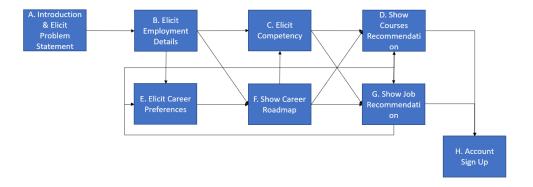
c. Engagement Tactics

The following engagement tactics were implemented to maximise the success rate of the software agent achieving its goals.

- Lead the conversation The software agent will lead the conversation by asking appropriate follow up questions based on the context of the conversation.
- ii. **Give users (a bit of) what they want first** if user do not get what they want fast enough, they may not have the patience to continue the conversation. The user needs will be based on their identified persona type and will be addressed first before the software agent leads the conversation to other areas.
- iii. **Show empathy** it is expected that some of the users are currently having some frustration in their career. Where applicable, empathetic tones will be used to make the user feel better.

d. Conversation flows

Pre-defined conversation flows have been designed for each persona type to sequence addressing their needs from most pressing to least pressing.



Conversation flow for each persona type:

Jaded Employee	Α	>	В	>	Е	>	F	>	C	>	G	>	D	>	Ι
Unemployed Job	Α	>	В	>	С	>	G	>	Е	>	F	>	D	>	Н
Seeker															
Eager Learner	Α	>	В	>	С	>	D	>	Ε	>	F	>	G	>	Н
Go Getter	Α	>	В	>	F	>	С	>	G	>	D	>	Н		
Curious Explorer	Α	>	В	>	Ε	>	F	>	C	>	D	>	G	>	Н

e. Context Management

The context of the conversation is managed by differentiating global context and local context. Global context is defined as the overall context of the conversation and the context is maintained by using data variables in the backend system. Local context is defined as context in the recent interaction (e.g. would you like to find out more? Answer can be yes or no). Local context is implemented using DialogFlow's built-in

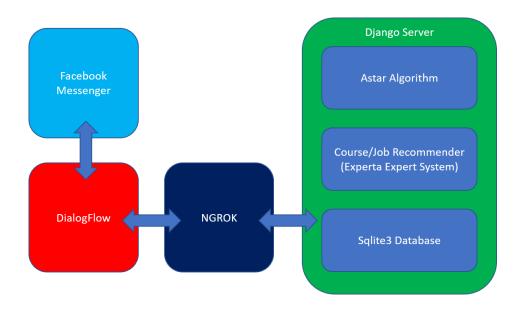
follow up intents. Such a structure has given the flexibility for the user to branch out of any pre-defined conversation flow and continue interacting with the Software Agent.

f. Robustness

- i. **Synonym for Entity** Synonyms are defined to handle acronym and the different terms used to refer to a job title.
- ii. **Required Entities** Required Entities feature in Dialogflow is utilised to prompt users for missing entity inputs.
- iii. **Persistent Entities** In case of network timeouts, we have created persistent storage for entity values within our database to prevent the conversation flow from breaking.

4. System Architecture

The overall system architecture includes a Django server backend consisting of a Sqlite 3 database (Course, Job, Career data, etc), a Courses and Job Recommender and a search module (Astar search) for searching career paths³. All intent's fulfilments are managed by the Django server, webhook connection between Dialogflow and the Django server is handled by tunnelling with ngrok. Lastly, Dialogflow is integrated with Facebook messenger for the front end.



³ The Courses and Job Recommender and the search module (Astar search) for searching career paths is developed for the IRS MS-RS project.

5. Data Source

Data was sourced from the public websites and was pre-processed before being stored in the database.

- i. **Data Transformation** Curriculum Vitae and course data obtained from the public website were unstructured and had to be transformed to fit into a structured format before being stored in the system.
- ii. **Data Selection** Low frequency words were removed from the job description data while high frequency words were filtered against an IT bag of words to select only related words for job competencies.

6. Conclusion

The team has overcome a few technical challenges to successfully delivered the agreed scope of the project and has gained much experience and confidence in implementing a chatbot application. User testing was carried out with a few classmates and the feedbacks were generally positive. Below are a listing of the limitations and future enhancements.

Limitations

i. Given limited time and resources, the current dataset only contains traditional Information Technology jobs

Future Enhancements

- i. Expand the dataset to cover jobs in all major industries
- ii. Enhance user interface with buttons for yes/no questions

Annex A – Dialogflow Intents

S/N	Intent Name	Intent Description	
1	A_GetCareerRoadMapInfo	Ask for information on what is a career road map and how is it	
		generated	
2	A_GetHighestDemandJob	Ask for information on what is currently the most highly	
		demanded job	
3	A_GetJobCompetency	Ask for information on competencies required for a specific job	
4	A_GetJobDifference	Ask for information on the difference between 2 different jobs	
5	A_GetJobEducation	Ask for information on the required education level for a	
		specific job	
6	A_GetJobPath	Ask for information on a career path given a specific career end	
		goal	
7	A_GetJobSalary	Ask for information on salary amount for a specific job	
8	A_GetJobScope	Ask for information on job description for a specific job	
9	A_GetJobYears	Ask for information on the minimum number of years of	
		experience for a specific job	
10	A_GetServiceInfo	Ask for information on what services the Personal Career	
		Manager Software Agent offers	
11	A_LookforCareerPath	Look for Career Path	
12	A_LookforJob	Look for Job	
13	A_LookforJobChange	Look for Change in Job	
14	A_LookforSelfImprovement	Look for Training Courses	
15	D_ElicitEmployDetails	Captures the user's response on job details in various Persona	
		and to lead them on towards their respective paths	
16	D_GetAspiration	We use this intent to capture user's Aspiration to act as a goal	
		for our A*Search algorithm in finding the user's career	
		roadmap	
17	K_GetCareerPref	Should the user has no current Aspiration, we ask the user	
		about his preference on job type he prefers to work on to	
		suggest the user's career roadmap	
18	Wang_elicit_comp	This intent captures the competencies of the users to help in	
		providing relevant jobs and course recommendations based on	
		their current skill set and missing skills to fulfil their career	
10		roadmap	
19	K_signup	Captures user's intent to signup and get their full name and	
		email address for our response	

Annex B – Utility Functions

S/N	Function Name	Function Description
1	getJobCompetency(jobtitle)	Query database and return list of competencies
		required for input job title
2	getHighestDemandJob()	Query database and return the job title with
		the highest count
3	getJobEducationLevel(jobtitle)	Query database and return the minimum
		education level for input job title
4	getJobSalary(jobtitle)	Query database and return the salary range for the input job title
5	getJobDescription(jobtitle)	Query database and return the job description
	Beneat company (control)	for the input job title
6	getJobMinYearsExperience(jobtitle)	Query database and return the average
		minimum working years required to achieve
		the level for input job title
7	getCareerPath(currentjobtitle,	Perform an Astar search across a knowledge
	aspiredjobtitle)	graph of career position and their next
		available career progression position until the
		aspired career position is reached.
		Returns a list of all career positions between
		input current job title and aspired job title.
8	elicit_competence_with_endgoal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle, aspiredjobtitle)	competencies for the input aspired job title
		which are not included in the list of
		competencies for the input current job title.
9	elicit_competence_without_endgoal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle)	competencies for all next immediate career
		position for input job title which are not
		included in the list of competencies for the
		input job title.
10	jobsrecommendation_with_endgoal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle, aspiredjobtitle,	recommended jobs for their next available
	userCompetence)	career progression position which required
		skillset from the list of user competencies.
11	Jobrecommendation_without_endgoal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle, userCompetence)	recommended jobs for all next available career
		progression position which required skillset
		from the list of user competencies.
12	courserecommendation_with_endgoal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle, aspiredjobtitle,	recommended courses for their next available
	userCompetence)	career progression position which required
		skillset from the list of user competencies.
13	courserecommendation_without_endgal(Query database and return a list of
	currentjobtitle, userCompetence)	recommended courses for all next available
		career progression position which required
		skillset from the list of user competencies.

Annex C – Example Conversations for each Personal Type

