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**TECHNOLOGY PROJECT NAME: CHAT APPLICATION UI** 

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# CHAT APPLICATION UI- PHASE III

### 1. Project Setup

- Initialize the project:
  - Use a frontend framework like **React** (or another you prefer).
  - o Set up project structure with folders for components, styles, and utilities.
- Install dependencies:
  - o React, ReactDOM, any UI libraries (optional, e.g., Material-UI, Tailwind).
- Set up version control:
  - o Initialize a **Git** repository.
  - o Create .gitignore file to exclude node modules, build files, etc.
- Basic file scaffolding:
  - o Create main files: App.js, index.js.
  - o Create UI components folder:
    - e.g., ChatWindow.js, MessageInput.js.

### 2. Core Features Implementation

- Chat window:
  - Display messages with sender labels.
  - Scrollable message area.
- Message input:
  - Text input box.
  - Send button.
  - Support pressing Enter to send.
- Message sending:
  - o User can type and send messages.
  - Display sent messages immediately in UI.
- Simulated reply (optional for MVP):
  - o Generate simple automated replies after delay to mimic chat partner.

#### 3. Data Storage (Local State / Database)

- Local State Management:
  - o Store chat messages in React component state (useState).
  - o Messages stored as an array of objects { sender: 'me' |
     'friend', text: string }.
- Persistence (optional for MVP):
  - o Use localStorage to persist messages across reloads.
- Database Integration (for later versions):
  - Backend API with database (Firebase, REST API, etc.) to store messages
  - o Real-time messaging with WebSocket or Firebase Realtime DB.

#### 4. Testing Core Features

- Unit Tests:
  - Test components render properly (e.g., using Jest + React Testing Library).
  - Test message sending logic updates state correctly.
- Integration Tests:
  - Verify that typing a message and pressing send updates the chat window.
- Manual Testing:
  - o Check UI responsiveness on different screen sizes.
  - o Verify input edge cases: empty messages, very long messages.
- Automated UI tests (optional):
  - o Use Cypress or Selenium for end-to-end testing.

### 5. Version Control (GitHub)

- Initialize Git Repository:
  - o git init at project root.
- Commit frequently:
  - After project setup.
  - o After core features completion.
  - o After adding tests.
- Branching Strategy:
  - o Use branches like feature/chat-ui, feature/tests.
- Push to remote:
  - Create repository on GitHub.
  - o git remote add origin <repo-url>
  - o git push -u origin main
- Pull Requests:
  - Use PRs to review and merge features.
- Documentation:
  - o Maintain README.md with setup and usage instructions.
  - Optionally include feature roadmap.

### Coding:

from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QWidget, QVBoxLayout, QTextEdit, QLineEdit, QPushButton import sys

def bot\_reply(msg):
 text = msg.lower()

if any(word in text for word in ["hi", "hello", "hey"]):

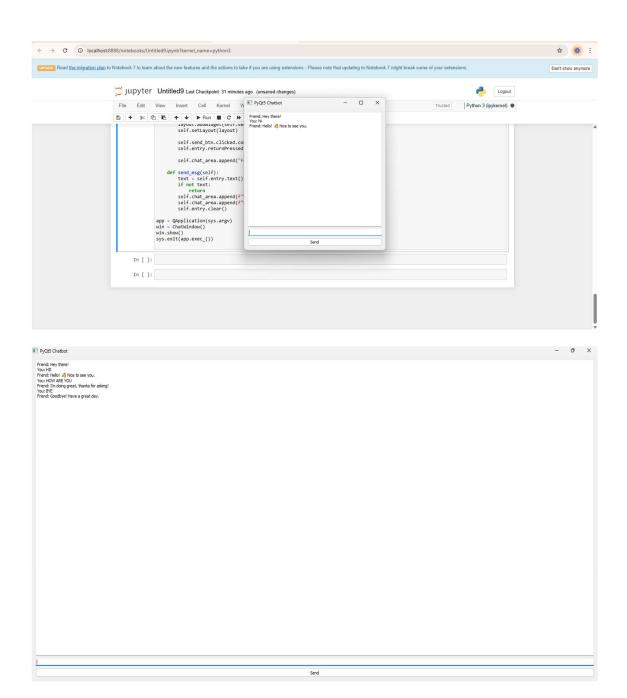
return "Hello! Nice to see you."

if "how are you" in text:

return "I'm doing great, thanks for asking!"

```
if "your name" in text:
    return "I'm your friendly PyQt chatbot."
  if "about yourself" in text or "who are you" in text:
     return "I'm a simple app built in Python with PyQt5 — here to chat with you!"
  if "bye" in text or "goodbye" in text:
     return "Goodbye! Have a great day."
  return "Hmm... that's interesting!"
class ChatWindow(QWidget):
  def init (self):
     super().__init__()
     self.setWindowTitle("PyQt5 Chatbot")
     self.resize(400, 400)
     layout = QVBoxLayout()
     self.chat_area = QTextEdit()
     self.chat_area.setReadOnly(True)
     self.entry = QLineEdit()
     self.send btn = QPushButton("Send")
     layout.addWidget(self.chat_area)
     layout.addWidget(self.entry)
     layout.addWidget(self.send_btn)
     self.setLayout(layout)
     self.send btn.clicked.connect(self.send msg)
     self.entry.returnPressed.connect(self.send_msg)
     self.chat_area.append("Friend: Hey there!")
  def send msg(self):
    text = self.entry.text().strip()
     if not text:
       return
     self.chat_area.append(f"You: {text}")
     self.chat_area.append(f"Friend: {bot_reply(text)}")
     self.entry.clear()
app = QApplication(sys.argv)
win = ChatWindow()
win.show()
sys.exit(app.exec ())
```

### **Output:**



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Friend: Hey there!

You: HII

Friend: Hello! 🍏 Nice to see you.

You: HOW ARE YOU

Friend: I'm doing great, thanks for asking!

You: BYE

Friend: Goodbye! Have a great day.

### **Explanation**

# 1 Imports

from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QWidget, QVBoxLayout, QTextEdit, QLineEdit, QPushButton import sys

- PyQt5.QtWidgets: Contains the GUI components.
  - o QApplication: Manages the whole Qt application.
  - o QWidget: Base class for all UI windows.
  - o QVBoxLayout: A vertical layout manager (arranges widgets top  $\rightarrow$  bottom).
  - o QTextEdit: A multi-line text box (for showing conversation).
  - o QLineEdit: A single-line text box (for user input).
  - o QPushButton: A clickable button.
- sys: Lets us use sys.argv (needed to start the Qt app).

# 2 Chatbot Reply Function

```
def bot_reply(msg):
    text = msg.lower()
```

- Defines a function bot reply() to decide the chatbot's response.
- msq.lower() converts the user message to lowercase → easier keyword matching.

```
if any(word in text for word in ["hi", "hello", "hey"]):
    return "Hello! ♥ Nice to see you."
```

• If the message contains hi / hello / hey, return a friendly greeting.

```
if "how are you" in text:
    return "I'm doing great, thanks for asking!"
```

• Checks if "how are you" appears in the message → returns a custom reply.

```
if "your name" in text:
    return "I'm your friendly PyQt chatbot."
```

• If the user asks for the chatbot's name, reply accordingly.

```
if "about yourself" in text or "who are you" in text:
    return "I'm a simple app built in Python with PyQt5 - here to chat
with you!"
```

• If the message asks for details ("about yourself" / "who are you"), send info about the bot

```
if "bye" in text or "goodbye" in text:
    return "Goodbye! Have a great day."
```

• Detects goodbyes and responds politely.

```
return "Hmm... that's interesting!"
```

• Fallback response if none of the above keywords match.

### 3 Chat Window Class

```
class ChatWindow(QWidget):
```

• Defines a new class ChatWindow that inherits from QWidget (a window).

### init Method (Constructor)

```
def __init__(self):
    super().__init__()
```

- init : Runs when a ChatWindow object is created.
- super().\_\_init\_\_(): Calls the QWidget constructor to set up the window.

```
self.setWindowTitle("PyQt5 Chatbot")
self.resize(400, 400)
```

• Sets the window's title and size (400×400 pixels).

#### **Create Layout and Widgets**

```
layout = QVBoxLayout()
```

• A vertical box layout that stacks widgets vertically.

```
self.chat_area = QTextEdit()
self.chat area.setReadOnly(True)
```

- QTextEdit: Where the conversation appears.
- setReadOnly(True): Prevents the user from typing inside it.

```
self.entry = QLineEdit()
self.send btn = QPushButton("Send")
```

- QLineEdit: Input box for typing messages.
- QPushButton: Button labeled "Send."

### Add widgets to layout

```
layout.addWidget(self.chat_area)
layout.addWidget(self.entry)
layout.addWidget(self.send_btn)
self.setLayout(layout)
```

- Adds the widgets to the layout (chat  $\rightarrow$  entry  $\rightarrow$  button).
- Attaches the layout to the window.

### **Connect Signals (Events)**

```
self.send_btn.clicked.connect(self.send_msg)
self.entry.returnPressed.connect(self.send_msg)
```

- When the **Send** button is clicked  $\rightarrow$  call self.send msg.
- When the Enter key is pressed in the entry box  $\rightarrow$  also call self.send msg.

### **Start Conversation**

```
self.chat area.append("Friend: Hey there!")
```

• Adds the first line to the chat area.

### send msg Method

```
def send_msg(self):
    text = self.entry.text().strip()
    if not text:
        return
```

- Gets the user's text from the entry box and trims whitespace.
- If the box is empty  $\rightarrow$  stop.

```
self.chat_area.append(f"You: {text}")
```

• Shows the user's message in the chat area.

```
self.chat area.append(f"Friend: {bot reply(text)}")
```

• Calls bot reply (text) to generate a response  $\rightarrow$  adds it to the chat area.

```
self.entry.clear()
```

• Clears the input box after sending.

# 4 Run the Application

```
app = QApplication(sys.argv)
```

• Creates a Qt application object (required by PyQt to manage events).

```
win = ChatWindow()
win.show()
```

• Creates a ChatWindow instance and shows it.

```
sys.exit(app.exec ())
```

- Starts the Qt event loop (waits for clicks, typing, etc.).
- sys.exit ensures a clean exit when you close the window.

# **Summary of Flow**

- 1. User types a message  $\rightarrow$  presses **Send** or Enter.
- 2. send\_msg() gets the text  $\rightarrow$  appends it  $\rightarrow$  calls bot\_reply().
- Reply is added to the chat area → entry cleared.
   The app continues running until the window is closed.