

Module Interface Specification for Software Engineering

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2 Symbols, Abbreviations and Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
DOM	Document Object Model
ARIA	Accessible Rich Internet Applications

For previously defined acronyms, please refer to the SRS documentation at [SRS](#). The acronyms listed above are newly introduced in this document.

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3 Introduction

This document presents the Module Interface Specifications (MIS) for VoiceBridge, a modular platform designed to facilitate real-time voice interaction and transcription across diverse applications. VoiceBridge integrates advanced speech-to-text processing, natural language understanding, and command execution to enable intuitive voice-driven workflows.

The system supports accessibility standards, personalized user settings, and feedback mechanisms, allowing both developers and end-users to interact with software efficiently and securely. Core capabilities include continuous audio streaming, intent interpretation, contextual command mapping, and encrypted storage of transcripts and user profiles.

The MIS provides detailed specifications for each module, outlining their interfaces, expected inputs and outputs, state management, and interactions with other components. This document complements the System Requirements Specification (SRS) and Module Guide (MG), offering a reference for implementation, testing, and integration.

Complementary documents include the System Requirement Specifications and Module Guide. The full documentation and implementation can be found at <https://github.com/speech-buddies/VoiceBridge/blob/main/docs>

4 Notation

The structure of the MIS for modules follows Hoffman and Strooper (1995), with template adaptations from Ghezzi et al. (2003). The mathematical notation used throughout this document is consistent with the formal conventions presented in Chapter 3 of Hoffman and Strooper (1995). For example, the symbol $:=$ denotes multiple assignment, and conditional rules appear in the form $(c_1 \Rightarrow r_1 \mid c_2 \Rightarrow r_2 \mid \cdots \mid c_n \Rightarrow r_n)$.

This section summarizes the primitive and derived data types used by the VoiceBridge system.

Data Type	Notation	Description
character	char	A single UTF-8 encoded character. Used for transcript tokens, UI labels, and encoded metadata fields.
integer	\mathbb{Z}	Integer values used for counters, timestamps, retry counts, audio frame lengths, and configuration parameters.
natural number	\mathbb{N}	Positive integer values used for unique identifiers, session IDs, buffer sizes, and timeout values.
real	\mathbb{R}	Numerical values used for confidence scores, normalized audio energy, contrast ratios, and timing measurements (seconds).
boolean	bool	Logical value in {true, false}. Used frequently across validation, VAD detections, policy checks, etc.

In addition to these primitive types, VoiceBridge uses several derived types relevant to speech processing, browser automation, and interaction workflows:

- **Sequence** — an ordered list of elements of the same type. Used for sequences of audio frames, transcripts, UI messages, or system logs.
- **String** — a sequence of characters (UTF-8). Used for transcripts, command text, error messages, ARIA labels, and browser actions.
- **Tuple** — fixed-length heterogeneous group of values. Used for configuration records, model parameters, recognized intents, and command mappings.
- **Map / Dictionary** — key-value associations. Commonly used for storing UI elements, active sessions, VAD states, feedback items, command registries, and structured metadata.
- **UUID** — universally unique identifier. Used for session IDs, command IDs, feedback items, error events, and audit log entries.
- **AudioFrame** — a fixed-duration slice of PCM audio sampled at the engine's operating rate (typically 16 kHz). Used by MicrophoneManager, VADNoiseFilter, and SpeechToTextEngine.
- **Transcript** — structured object containing recognized text and confidence metadata. Produced by the Speech-to-Text Engine and consumed by the Intent Interpreter.

- **Intent** — structured semantic representation of a user command. Contains interpreted intent name, slots, and confidence score.
- **Command** — validated, executable instruction produced by CommandMapping and consumed by the Execution Layer.
- **BackendReq** / **BackendResp** — typed request/response objects exchanged with the BrowserController and automation bridge.

Functions used by VoiceBridge are typed by input and output domains. Local functions are documented in each module by listing their type signatures followed by their specification. Where relevant, imported functions (e.g., VAD filters, ASR decoders, encryption routines, browser automation calls) are abstracted using their formal types rather than implementation details.

5 Module Decomposition

The high-level module decomposition of the system is summarized in Table 1 of the MG document. For a comprehensive and detailed breakdown, please refer to the Module Guide (MG) document available at [MG document](#).

6 (M1) MIS of User Interface Module

Module: `UserInterface`

6.1 Uses:

- Accessibility Layer (M2) to ensure UI semantics, ARIA roles, and announcements.
- Feedback Display Module (M3) to present messages, prompts, and recovery options.
- Intent Interpreter (M5) and Command Mapping (M6) for forwarding validated user events.
- `BrowserController` / rendering engine to perform DOM updates and capture input events.

6.2 Syntax:

6.2.1 Exported Constants:

- `None`.

6.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
<code>UserInterface</code>	<code>config: UiConfig</code>	<code>self</code>	<code>InitializationError</code>
<code>receiveInput</code>	<code>event: UiEvent</code>	-	<code>InputError</code>
<code>render</code>	<code>state: UiState</code>	-	<code>RenderError</code>
<code>showFeedback</code>	<code>msg: FeedbackItem</code>	-	-
<code>setFocus</code>	<code>elem_id: string</code>	-	-

6.3 Semantics

6.3.1 State Variables:

- `currentState: UiState` — current layout, visible components, and active feedback.
- `config: UiConfig` — persisted UI preferences (theme, verbosity).
- `focus_target: string | null` — element currently targeted for keyboard/screen-reader focus.

6.3.2 Environment Variables:

- `UI_THEME` — runtime theme selection (light/dark).
- `LANG` — active locale.

6.3.3 Assumptions:

- Browser rendering engine and event APIs are available and conform to expected semantics.
- Downstream modules (M4–M6) accept events in the documented formats.

6.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`UserInterface(config):`

- **transition:** Initialize `currentState` and `config`; bind to Accessibility Layer (M2) and Feedback Display (M3).
- **output:** Initialized UI instance.
- **exception:** `InitializationError` if required resources are unavailable.

`receiveInput(event):`

- **transition:** Validate `event`; update `currentState` or forward to Intent Interpreter (M5) / Command Mapping (M6) where appropriate.
- **output:** -
- **exception:** `InputError` if `event` is malformed or unsupported.

`render(state):`

- **transition:** Reconcile `currentState` with `state`; update DOM/renderer; notify Accessibility Layer (M2) of attribute changes.
- **output:** -
- **exception:** `RenderError` on failure.

`showFeedback(msg):`

- **transition:** Delegate presentation to Feedback Display Module (M3); ensure accessible announcement via Accessibility Layer (M2).
- **output:** -
- **exception:** -

`setFocus(elem_id):`

- **transition:** Set keyboard and screen-reader focus to element identified by `elem_id`; update `focus_target` state.
- **output:** -
- **exception:** `InputError` if `elem_id` does not exist.

6.3.5 Local Functions

- `apply_config(UiConfig cfg): UiConfig → UiState`
Description: `apply_config(cfg)` returns the UI state after setting theme, verbosity, and other options to match `cfg`.
- `normalize_event(RawUiEvent e): RawUiEvent → UiEvent`
Description: `normalize_event(e)` returns a standard `UiEvent` with type, target, and payload from raw event `e`.

7 (M2) MIS of Accessibility Layer

Module: AccessibilityLayer

7.1 Uses:

- User Interface (M1) to read and modify UI elements and attributes.
- WCAG guidance / accessibility utilities to verify contrast, labeling, and keyboard support.
- Feedback Display (M3) to coordinate announcements for user messages.

7.2 Syntax:

7.2.1 Exported Constants:

- None.

7.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
AccessibilityLayer	parent: <code>UserInterface</code>	self	-
applySettings	settings: <code>AccessConfig</code>	bool	-
announce	msg: <code>string</code>	string	-
validateElement	elem_id: <code>string</code>	<code>ValidationReport</code>	-

7.3 Semantics

7.3.1 State Variables:

- `settings: AccessConfig` — active accessibility options (font scale, contrast overrides, ARIA mappings).
- `live_region_id: string` — identifier for announcement region.

7.3.2 Environment Variables:

- `WCAG_LEVEL` — target conformance level (e.g., AA).

7.3.3 Assumptions:

- Parent UI (M1) exposes element identifiers and supports attribute updates.
- Localization resources exist for accessible labels when required.

7.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`applySettings(settings):`

- **transition:** Merge provided `settings` with defaults; apply text scaling, contrast adjustments, and ARIA attribute mappings via `parent`.
- **output:** Boolean success status indicating whether settings were applied successfully.
- **exception:** -.

`announce(msg):`

- **transition:** Post `msg` to the live region and/or invoke screen-reader API for immediate announcement.
- **output:** Confirmation token or status indicating the announcement was successfully scheduled or posted.
- **exception:** -.

`validateElement(elem_id):`

- **transition:** Inspect UI element attributes (role, label, states); compute a `ValidationReport` capturing compliance with accessibility standards.
- **output:** `ValidationReport` object detailing any missing roles, labels, or contrast issues.
- **exception:** -.

7.3.5 Local Functions

- `check_contrast(rgb fg, rgb bg): rgb × rgb → bool`
Description: $\text{check_contrast}(\text{fg}, \text{bg}) \equiv \frac{L_1+0.05}{L_2+0.05} \geq \text{WCAG_THRESHOLD}$ where L_1, L_2 are relative luminances of fg/bg (used by `validateElement`)
- `aria_set(string elemId, AccessMetadata metadata): string × AccessMetadata → bool`
Description: `aria_set(elemId, metadata)` returns `true` if ARIA attributes from `metadata` are applied to element `elemId` (used by `applySettings`)

8 (M3) MIS of Feedback Display Module

Module: FeedbackDisplay

8.1 Uses:

- User Interface (M1) to render feedback content.
- Accessibility Layer (M2) to ensure feedback is announced to assistive technologies.
- Localization/configuration store for templated messages and user preferences.

8.2 Syntax:

8.2.1 Exported Constants:

- None.

8.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
FeedbackDisplay	parent: <code>UIInterface</code>	self	-
showMessage	msg: <code>string</code> , type: <code>MsgType</code>	feedbackId: <code>UUID</code>	-
clear	-	-	-
makeRecovery	feedbackId: <code>UUID</code>	<code>RecoveryOptions</code>	-

8.3 Semantics

8.3.1 State Variables:

- `messages`: `map[UUID]` to `FeedbackItem` — active feedback items keyed by id.
- `parent`: `UIInterface` — reference to UI for rendering.

8.3.2 Assumptions:

- Parent UI is capable of rendering message templates and interactive recovery prompts.

8.3.3 Access Routine Semantics:

`FeedbackDisplay(parent)`:

- **transition:** attach to parent; initialize `messages`.
- **output:** initialized feedback display instance.
- **exception:** -.

`showMessage(msg, type):`

- **transition:** create `FeedbackItem`, store in `messages`, render via `parent`, and trigger Accessibility (M2) announcement if type requires.
- **output:** `feedbackId` for later reference.
- **exception:** -.

`clear():`

- **transition:** remove all entries from `messages` and update UI.
- **output:** -.
- **exception:** -.

`makeRecovery(feedbackId):`

- **transition:** build interactive recovery options (buttons, suggested actions) for the feedback item.
- **output:** `RecoveryOptions`.
- **exception:** -.

8.3.4 Local Functions:

- `format_message(string msg, MsgType type): string × MsgType → FeedbackItem`
Description: `format_message(msg, type)` returns a `FeedbackItem` with style, icon, and metadata matching `type` for text `msg`.
- `schedule_dismiss(UUID feedbackId, N ttl_s): UUID × N → bool`
Description: `schedule_dismiss(feedbackId, ttl_s)` returns `true` if timer is set to remove feedback `feedbackId` after `ttl_s` seconds.

9 (M4) MIS Speech-to-Text Engine

Module: SpeechToTextEngine

9.1 Uses:

- Audio capture interface to receive microphone streams.
- Noise filtering and Voice Activity Detection (VAD) for preprocessing.
- Personalization/Profile store for per-user adaptation.
- Error Feedback (M8) and AuditLogger (M14) for reporting processing failures.

9.2 Syntax:

9.2.1 Exported Constants:

- None.

9.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
SpeechToTextEngine processAudio reset	config: AsrConfig audioData: AudioStream -	self Transcript -	InitializationError ProcessingError -
validateAudioFormat validateModelReady	audioData: AudioStream -	bool bool	- ModelValidationError

9.3 Semantics

9.3.1 State Variables:

- config: AsrConfig — engine parameters (sample rate, frame size, thresholds).
- model: AsrModel — loaded acoustic/language models and decoder state.
- audio_buffer: AudioBuffer — buffered input audio awaiting processing.

9.3.2 Environment Variables:

- None.

9.3.3 Assumptions:

- None.

9.3.4 Access Routine Semantics:

`SpeechToTextEngine(config):`

- **transition:** initialize engine internals, allocate `audio_buffer`, and load `model`.
- **output:** initialized engine instance.
- **exception:** `InitializationError` if models or resources are missing.

`processAudio(audioData):`

- **transition:** `validateAudioFormat(audioData) ∧ preprocess (VAD, noise suppression), extract features, decode with models, and apply personalization.`
- **output:** `Transcript` containing recognized text and confidence metadata.
- **exception:** `ProcessingError` if format invalid or processing fails.

`reset():`

- **transition:** clear `audio_buffer` and reset decoder/model state.
- **output:** `-`.
- **exception:** `-`.

`validateAudioFormat(audio):`

- **transition:** `None`
- **output:** `true` iff `audio.sampleRate = EXPECTED_SAMPLE_RATE ∧ audio.format = EXPECTED_FORMAT`
- **exception:** `-`

`validateModelReady():`

- **transition:** `None`
- **output:** `true` iff `model is loaded ∧ model is validated`
- **exception:** `exc := ModelValidationError` if model files missing or corrupted

9.3.5 Local Functions:

- `extract_features(AudioStream audio): AudioStream \rightarrow FeatureVector`
Description: `extract_features(audio)` returns feature vector (spectrogram, MFCCs) computed from input audio.
- `decode(FeatureVector features): FeatureVector \rightarrow Transcript`
Description: `decode(features)` returns recognized text and confidence scores from model decoding.
- `apply_personalization(Transcript transcript, UserProfile profile): Transcript \times UserProfile \rightarrow Transcript`
Description: `apply_personalization(transcript, profile)` returns transcript adjusted using user profile adaptation.

10 (M5) MIS of Command Orchestrator

Module: CommandOrchestrator

10.1 Uses:

- External LLM API (e.g., GPT-4o, Claude) for natural language reasoning.
- User Profile Manager (M10) for personalized context and preferences.
- Error Feedback Module (M8) for reporting API or schema validation failures.
- Security Layer (M12) for managing API credentials and encryption.

10.2 Syntax:

10.2.1 Exported Constants:

- `MAX_CONTEXT_TOKENS`: Integer defining the limit for conversation history.
- `COMMAND_SCHEMA`: JSON object defining the required structure for browser commands.

10.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
<code>CommandOrchestrator</code>	-	self	<code>InitializationError</code>
<code>processTranscript</code>	<code>text: String</code>	<code>Command</code>	<code>InferenceError</code>
<code>validateSchema</code>	<code>output: String</code>	bool	-
<code>resetContext</code>	-	-	-

10.3 Semantics

10.3.1 State Variables:

- `system_prompt: String` — The core instructions and few-shot examples for the LLM.
- `conversation_history: List<Message>` — The rolling buffer of recent interactions.
- `api_config: Config` — Parameters including temperature, model ID, and endpoint URLs.

10.3.2 Environment Variables:

- `LLM_API_KEY` — Authenticated credential for the external inference service.

10.3.3 Assumptions:

- The LLM API is reachable and maintains a structured output format (JSON); the system prompt effectively constrains the model to the browser’s domain.

10.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`CommandOrchestrator()`:

- **transition:** Load `system_prompt`, `api_config`, and initialize an empty `conversation_history`.
- **output:** Initialized orchestrator instance.
- **exception:** `InitializationError` if API keys are missing or config is malformed.

`processTranscript(text)`:

- **transition:** Append `text` to `conversation_history`; send history + `system_prompt` to LLM; parse resulting string into a `Command` object.
- **output:** A structured `Command` object ready for the Browser Controller.
- **exception:** `InferenceError` if the API fails, times out, or returns a non-parsable response.

`validateSchema(output)`:

- **transition:** Compare the LLM’s raw output against `COMMAND_SCHEMA`.
- **output:** `true` if the output contains all required keys (e.g., `action`, `target`, `value`); otherwise `false`.
- **exception:** -.

`resetContext()`:

- **transition:** Clear the `conversation_history` list.
- **output:** `None`.
- **exception:** -.

10.3.5 Local Functions:

- `construct_payload(String text): String → JSON`
Description: Packages the system prompt and conversation history into the specific JSON format required by the external API provider.
- `apply_guardrails(Command cmd): Command → bool`
Description: Checks the generated command against safety policies (e.g., preventing the LLM from executing "delete_all_history" without confirmation).
- `update_history(Message msg): Message → void`
Description: Manages the context window by removing the oldest messages if `MAX_CONTEXT_TOKENS` is exceeded.

11 (M7) MIS of Command Execution Layer

Module: CommandExecutionLayer

11.1 Uses:

- BrowserController (M14) to send **BackendReq** requests and receive **BackendResp** results.
- Session Manager (M15) to associate `cmd_id` with an active session (when applicable).
- Error Handling & Recovery (M16) for standardized classification, retry/backoff, and compensation decisions.
- AuditLogger (M19) to record execution attempts, outcomes, and failures.
- Error Feedback (M13) to surface user-facing execution errors and recovery prompts.

11.2 Syntax

11.2.1 Exported Constants

None.

11.2.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
CommandExecLayer	backend: Client,	self	-
execute	cmd: ExecCmd	Result	PermissionError, TimeoutError
cancel	cmd_id: UUID	bool	NotFoundError
status	cmd_id: UUID	ExecStatus	NotFoundError
validate	cmd: ExecCmd	bool	-
map_to_backend	cmd: ExecCmd	BackendReq	MappingError
rollback	cmd_id: UUID	bool	ExecError

11.3 Semantics

11.3.1 State Variables

- `pending_q`: `map[UUID] → ExecCtx` — commands in flight
- `default_timeout_s`: `int` — global timeout for executions
- `retries`: `int` — max retry attempts for transient failures
- `backend`: `Client` — handle to browser automation bridge

- `audit`: `Logger` — sink for execution logs

11.3.2 Environment Variables

- `BROWSER_BRIDGE_URL` — connection string for automation client
- `EXEC_HARD_LIMIT_S` — absolute upper bound on execution time
- `LOG_LEVEL` — audit verbosity

11.3.3 Assumptions

11.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`CommandExecLayer(backend, timeout_s):`

- transition: initialize `pending_q`, set `default_timeout_s`, bind `backend`, configure `audit`
- output: initialized instance
- exception: -

`execute(cmd):`

- transition: add to `pending_q`; invoke `map_to_backend`; dispatch to `backend`; update status; remove on completion
- output: `Result` with success flag, message, and optional payload
- exception: `PermissionError` if disallowed; `TimeoutError` if exceeds limits; `ExecError` on backend failure

`cancel(cmd_id):`

- transition: signal cancellation to backend; mark context as cancelled; remove from `pending_q`
- output: `true` if cancelled; otherwise `false`
- exception: `NotFoundError` if `cmd_id` not tracked

`status(cmd_id):`

- transition: none
- output: `ExecStatus` in `{queued, running, succeeded, failed, cancelled}`
- exception: `NotFoundError` if unknown

`validate(cmd):`

- transition: none
- output: `true` iff command matches allowed action set and guardrails (e.g., requires-confirmation flags met)
- exception: -

`map_to_backend(cmd)`:

- transition: none
- output: `BackendReq` (normalized request for the bridge)
- exception: `MappingError` if no mapping exists

`rollback(cmd_id)`:

- transition: attempt compensating operation (e.g., reopen tab, revert text entry)
- output: `true` on success; otherwise `false`
- exception: `ExecError` if rollback fails

11.3.5 Local Functions

- `start_timer(ExecCtx ctx): ExecCtx → Timer`
Description: `start_timer(ctx)` returns timer object that tracks timeout for execution context `ctx`.
- `complete(ExecCtx ctx, Result result): ExecCtx × Result → bool`
Description: `complete(ctx, result)` returns `true` if execution context is finalized and cleaned up.
- `is_allowed(ExecCmd cmd): ExecCmd → bool`
Description: `is_allowed(cmd)` returns `true` if command passes guardrails and policy checks.
- `retryable(Error err): Error → bool`
Description: `retryable(err)` returns `true` if error type can be safely retried.
- `to_backend(ExecCmd cmd): ExecCmd → BackendReq`
Description: `to_backend(cmd)` returns normalized backend request for browser bridge.

12 (M8) MIS of Error Feedback

Module: `ErrorFeedback`

12.1 Uses:

- User Interface (M1) and Feedback Display Module (M3) to render notifications and recovery prompts.
- Accessibility Layer (M2) to ensure error messages and prompts are announced accessibly.
- Error Handling & Recovery (M16) to standardize error classification and map internal errors to user-facing recovery options.
- AuditLogger (M19) to record error events and diagnostics.

12.2 Syntax

12.2.1 Exported Constants

None.

12.2.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
ErrorFeedback	notifier: UiClient	self	-
show_error	code: string, detail: string	-	-
show_recovery	cmd_id: UUID, options: string list	-	-
dismiss	feedback_id: UUID	bool	-
log	event: ErrorEvent	-	-

12.3 Semantics

12.3.1 State Variables

- active: map[UUID] to FeedbackItem — currently visible items
- notifier: UiClient — handle to UI notifications

12.3.2 Environment Variables

- DEFAULT_LANG — fallback locale
- ERROR_COPY_PATH — message templates location

12.3.3 Assumptions

UI client is available and permitted to display notifications.

12.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`ErrorFeedback(notifier):`

- transition: initialize `active`; bind `notifier`
- output: initialized instance
- exception: -

`show_error(code, detail):`

- transition: create and register a feedback item in `active`; display via `notifier`
- output: -
- exception: -

`show_recovery(cmd_id, options):`

- transition: render recovery prompt with provided options
- output: -
- exception: -

`dismiss(feedback_id):`

- transition: remove from `active`; instruct UI to hide
- output: `true` if removed; otherwise `false`
- exception: -

`log(event):`

- transition: write event to audit log
- output: -
- exception: -

12.3.5 Local Functions

- `format_error_message(string code, string detail): string × string → string`
Description: `format_error_message(code, detail)` returns concise user-facing error message combining code and detail.
- `make_recovery(string list options): string list → RecoveryOptions`
Description: `make_recovery(options)` returns recovery prompt with clickable recovery options list.

13 (M9) MIS of BrowserController

Module: BrowserController

13.1 Uses

- Credential Manager (M20) to obtain/validate authentication material required to call the controller endpoint (when applicable).
- Error Handling & Recovery (M16) to standardize timeout/retry decisions and error classification for transport failures.
- AuditLogger (M19) to record request/response summaries, failures, and timeouts.

13.2 Syntax

13.2.1 Exported Constants

None.

13.2.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
BrowserController	bridge: Client, timeout_s: N	self	–
send	req: BackendReq	BackendResp	TimeoutError, TransportE
get_status	cmd_id: UUID	ExecStatus	NotFoundError
cancel	cmd_id: UUID	bool	NotFoundError
open_session	user_id: UUID	SessionId	TransportError
close_session	session_id: SessionId	bool	TransportError

13.3 Semantics

13.3.1 State Variables

- `bridge: Client` — transport to the browser controller
- `default_timeout_s: int` — call timeout
- `sessions: set[SessionId]` — open sessions

13.3.2 Environment Variables

- `BROWSER_BRIDGE_URL` — endpoint for the controller

13.3.3 Assumptions

Controller endpoint is reachable and authenticated.

13.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`BrowserController(bridge, timeout_s):`

- transition: set `bridge`, `default_timeout_s`, clear `sessions`
- output: initialized instance
- exception: -

`send(req):`

- transition: none
- output: `BackendResp` from controller
- exception: `TimeoutError`, `TransportError` on failures

`get_status(cmd_id):`

- transition: none
- output: current `ExecStatus`
- exception: `NotFoundError` if unknown

`cancel(cmd_id):`

- transition: signal cancellation upstream
- output: `true` if accepted
- exception: `NotFoundError` if unknown

`open_session(user_id):`

- transition: create session; add to `sessions`
- output: `SessionId`
- exception: `TransportError` if controller rejects

`close_session(session_id):`

- transition: close remotely; remove from `sessions`
- output: `true` on success; otherwise `false`
- exception: `TransportError` on failure

13.3.5 Local Functions

- `with_timeout(ClientCall call): ClientCall → ClientCall`
Description: `with_timeout(call)` returns wrapped call that fails if it exceeds timeout limit.
- `normalize(BackendResp resp): BackendResp → BackendResp`
Description: `normalize(resp)` returns controller response with standardized fields and error codes.

14 (M10) MIS of Session Manager

Module: SessionManager

14.1 Uses

15.2 Uses:

- Storage Management Module (M17) as the persistent store/cache for session state.
- AuditLogger (M19) to record session lifecycle events (start/stop/expiry) and state transitions.

14.2 Syntax

14.2.1 Exported Constants

None.

14.2.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
SessionManager	store: Store, ttl_s: int	self	-
start	user_id: UUID	SessionId	StoreError
stop	SessionId	bool	StoreError
get	SessionId	SessionState	NotFoundError
attach_command	SessionId, cmd_id: UUID	bool	NotFoundError
set_state	SessionId, state: SessionState	bool	StoreError

14.3 Semantics

14.3.1 State Variables

- `store: Store` — persistence for sessions

- `ttl_s`: `int` — idle expiry threshold
- `index`: `map[SessionId] to SessionState` — in-memory cache

14.3.2 Environment Variables

- `SESSION_TTL_S` — default idle timeout

14.3.3 Assumptions

Store operations are atomic per session key.

14.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`SessionManager(store, ttl_s):`

- transition: set fields; warm cache from store if available
- output: initialized instance
- exception: -

`start(user_id):`

- transition: create session; write to store; cache in `index`
- output: `SessionId`
- exception: `StoreError` on failure

`stop(session_id):`

- transition: mark closed; evict from `index`; update store
- output: `true` on success; otherwise `false`
- exception: `StoreError` on failure

`get(session_id):`

- transition: none
- output: current `SessionState`
- exception: `NotFoundError` if unknown

`attach_command(session_id, cmd_id):`

- transition: append command reference to session state

- output: `true` if attached
- exception: `NotFoundError` if session unknown

`set_state(session_id, state):`

- transition: update state in cache and store
- output: `true` if updated
- exception: `StoreError` on write failure

14.3.5 Local Functions

- `now(): → timestamp`
Description: `now()` returns the current system timestamp.
- `expired(SessionState state): SessionState → bool`
Description: `expired(state)` returns `true` if the session state has exceeded its idle expiry time.

15 (M11) MIS of Error Handling & Recovery Module

Module: `ErrorHandler`

15.1 Uses

- Command Execution Layer (M12) to schedule retries, trigger rollback/compensation, and query execution context.
- `BrowserController` (M14) to coordinate recovery actions involving the browser automation bridge.
- Session Manager (M15) to update or invalidate session state during recovery (when applicable).
- `AuditLogger` (M19) to persist error events, classifications, and recovery actions taken.

15.2 Syntax

15.2.1 Exported Constants

None.

15.2.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
ErrorHandler	policy: Policy	self	-
handle	err: ExecError, ctx: ExecCtx	ActionResult	-
retry	cmd_id: UUID	bool	PolicyError
compensate	cmd_id: UUID	bool	ExecError
classify	err: ExecError	ErrorClass	-
record	err: ExecError, ctx: ExecCtx	UUID	-

15.3 Semantics

15.3.1 State Variables

- `policy`: Policy — retry and compensation rules
- `history`: map[UUID] to ErrorEvent — recent errors
- `backoff`: map[UUID] to int — current backoff in seconds

15.3.2 Environment Variables

- `MAX_RETRIES` — hard cap for attempts
- `BASE_BACKOFF_S` — initial delay

15.3.3 Assumptions

Compensation actions are idempotent or guarded.

15.3.4 Access Routine Semantics

`ErrorHandler(policy)`:

- transition: set `policy`; clear `history`, `backoff`
- output: initialized instance
- exception: -

`handle(err, ctx)`:

- transition: `classify`; decide action (`retry`, `compensate`, `fail`); update `history`, `backoff`
- output: `ActionResult` describing action taken
- exception: -

`retry(cmd_id)`:

- transition: schedule retry with policy backoff
- output: `true` if scheduled
- exception: `PolicyError` if retries exhausted

`compensate(cmd_id):`

- transition: execute compensation; update state
- output: `true` on success; otherwise `false`
- exception: `ExecError` if compensation fails

`classify(err):`

- transition: none
- output: `ErrorClass` such as `transient`, `permanent`, or `user`
- exception: -

`record(err, ctx):`

- transition: persist error event; update `history`
- output: event identifier `UUID`
- exception: -

15.3.5 Local Functions

- `calc_backoff(UUID cmd_id): UUID \rightarrow N`
Description: `calc_backoff(cmd_id)` returns the next retry delay (seconds) for command `cmd_id`.
- `is_idempotent(UUID cmd_id): UUID \rightarrow bool`
Description: `is_idempotent(cmd_id)` returns `true` if command `cmd_id` is safe for compensation/rollback.

16 (M12) MIS of Data Management Module

Module: Data Management Module

16.1 Uses:

- Encryption Manager (M16) for encryption/decryption at rest and in transit (R16.3).
- Credential Manager (M15) for authenticated access to user-specific data (R16.1).
- AuditLogger (M14) to record storage and retrieval events (R16.4).
- UserProfileManager (M13) for storing personalized ASR profiles and preferences.

16.2 Syntax:

16.2.1 Exported Constants:

- MAX_STORAGE_LIMIT = 5GB per user session (configurable).
- BACKUP_INTERVAL = 24 hours.
- RETENTION_PERIOD = 90 days (per R16.3 Privacy Requirements).

16.2.2 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
storeTranscript	transcriptData, userID	confirmationID	StorageWriteException
retrieveTranscript	transcriptID, userID	transcriptData	DataNotFoundException
backupData	userID	backupStatus	BackupFailureException
enforceRetentionRules	policyConfig	summaryReport	RetentionException

16.3 Semantics

16.3.1 State Variables:

- storageRegistry: maps user data identifiers to file metadata and encryption state.
- backupSchedule: list of active backups per user.
- retentionPolicies: retention rules derived from privacy configuration (R16.3).

16.3.2 Environment Variables:

- DATABASE_URL: location of secure storage database.
- CLOUD_STORAGE_API: API endpoint for encrypted cloud backups.

16.3.3 Assumptions:

- Encryption Manager (M16) is available for encrypting all stored data.
- User authentication is validated by Credential Manager (M15) before access.

16.3.4 Access Routine Semantics:

`storeTranscript(transcriptData, userID):`

- **transition:** Adds a new entry to `storageRegistry`, encrypts transcript data via M16, and logs the event via M14.
- **output:** Returns confirmation ID.
- **exception:** `StorageWriteException` if quota exceeded or encryption fails.

`retrieveTranscript(transcriptID, userID):`

- **output:** Returns decrypted transcript data.
- **exception:** `DataNotFoundException` if transcriptID not found or access denied.

`backupData(userID):`

- **transition:** Performs encrypted backup of stored data to cloud (per R16.3).
- **output:** Backup status (success/failure).

`enforceRetentionRules(policyConfig):`

- **transition:** Deletes expired or policy-violating entries from storage.
- **output:** Summary of removed or archived files.

16.3.5 Local Functions:

- `verifyBackupIntegrity(UUID backupID): UUID \rightarrow bool`
Description: `verifyBackupIntegrity(backupID)` returns `true` if backup `backupID` passes integrity checks.
- `applyRetentionRule(FileMeta fileMeta): FileMeta \rightarrow bool`
Description: `applyRetentionRule(fileMeta)` returns `true` if file metadata `fileMeta` should be retained by retention policy.

17 (M13) MIS of User Profile Manager

Module: `UserProfileManager`

17.1 Uses:

- Credential Manager (M15) for token validation and secure login (R16.1).
- Encryption Manager (M16) for encrypting stored profiles (R16.3).
- Storage Management Module (M12) for persistence.

17.2 Syntax:

17.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
createProfile	userToken: string, initData: dict	profileID	ProfileCreationException
loadPreferences	userID	preferenceData	DataNotFoundException
saveConsent	userID, consentFlags	status	ConsentException

17.3 Semantics

17.3.1 State Variables:

- **profiles:** map of userID \rightarrow profile metadata.
- **preferences:** user personalization data (R12.2).
- **consentLog:** record of consent actions (R16.3).

17.3.2 Assumptions:

- Consent is required prior to storing personalization data (R16.3 Privacy).

17.3.3 Access Routine Semantics:

`createProfile(userToken, initData):`

- **transition:** Creates encrypted user profile and saves to M12 storage.
- **exception:** ProfileCreationException on invalid token.

`saveConsent(userID, consentFlags):`

- **transition:** Updates consentLog.
- **output:** Confirmation of saved consent (R16.3).

18 (M14) MIS of AuditLogger

Module: AuditLogger

18.1 Uses:

- Encryption Manager (M16) for log encryption.
- Credential Manager (M15) for secure log access.

18.2 Syntax:

18.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
logEvent	eventData, severity	logID	LogWriteException
queryLogs	filterParams, userRole	logRecords	UnauthorizedAccessException
detectAnomaly	recentLogs	anomalyReport	DetectionException

18.3 Semantics

18.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

logEvent(eventData, severity):

- **transition:** Writes signed and encrypted log entry per R16.4.

detectAnomaly(recentLogs):

- **output:** Triggers OutOfScopeHandler (M17) on suspicious events.

19 (M15) MIS of Credential Manager

Module: Credential Manager (CredentialManagerImpl)

19.1 Uses:

- Encryption Manager (M16) for secure key storage.
- AuditLogger (M14) to record authentication attempts (R16.4).

19.2 Syntax:

19.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
authenticateUser	username: string, password: string	sessionToken	AuthException
validateToken	sessionToken: string	validity: bool	TokenException
rotateKeys	scheduleID	status: string	KeyRotationExc

19.3 Semantics

19.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

authenticateUser(username, password):

- **transition:** Validates credentials via password vault; issues signed token (R16.1).

`rotateKeys(scheduleID):`

- **transition:** Calls M16 to rotate key pairs per R16.3.

20 (M16) MIS of Encryption Manager

Module: Encryption Manager (EncryptionManagerImpl)

20.1 Uses:

- None — foundational security service.

20.2 Syntax:

20.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
<code>encryptData</code>	<code>plainData: string, keyID: UUID</code>	<code>cipherData</code>	EncryptionException
<code>decryptData</code>	<code>cipherData, keyID</code>	<code>plainData</code>	DecryptionException
<code>rotateKeys</code>	<code>rotationPolicy</code>	<code>result: bool</code>	RotationFailureException
<code>verifyIntegrity</code>	<code>dataBlob, signature</code>	<code>validFlag</code>	IntegrityException

20.3 Semantics

Implements R16.3 (Privacy Requirements): ensures all data is encrypted at rest/in transit.

Implements R16.2 (Integrity): validates message hashes before use.

21 (M17) MIS of OutOfScopeHandler

Module: OutOfScopeHandler

21.1 Uses:

- AuditLogger (M14) for incident reporting (R16.4).
- Command Mapping Module (M6) for validation of user commands.
- Error Handling & Recovery (M11) for rollback actions.

21.2 Syntax:

21.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
validateCommand	commandText: string, context: dict	validationResult	InvalidCommandEx
reportIncident	incidentData: dict	reportID	ReportFailureExcep
recoverState	sessionID	status: bool	RecoveryException

21.3 Semantics

Implements R16.5 (Immunity Requirements): ensures robustness against unsafe operations.
Integrates with M14 to log anomaly-triggered safety events.

21.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

validateCommand(commandText):

- **transition:** Compares command against whitelist (policy from config).

recoverState(sessionID):

- **transition:** Restores safe prior system state through M11.

22 (M18) MIS of MicrophoneManager

Module: MicrophoneManager

22.1 Uses:

- VAD Noise Filter (M19) for downstream speech/noise classification.
- Session Manager (M10) for tracking active input sessions.
- AuditLogger (M14) for logging permission events or device failures.

22.2 Syntax:

22.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
listDevices	-	deviceList	DeviceQueryException
startCapture	deviceID	status: bool	PermissionException
readFrame	-	audioFrame	CaptureInactiveException

22.3 Semantics

Implements audio acquisition requirements (FR1). Provides consistent, normalized microphone input to subsequent modules. Integrates with M10 to maintain session continuity.

22.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

`startCapture(deviceID):`

- **transition:** Initializes device stream and marks microphone as active.

`readFrame():`

- **transition:** Retrieves the latest audio frame for processing.

23 (M19) MIS of VADNoiseFilter

Module: VADNoiseFilter

23.1 Uses:

- MicrophoneManager (M18) for raw audio frames.
- Speech-to-Text Engine (M4) for improved transcription accuracy.
- AuditLogger (M14) for tracking confidence drops or noise anomalies.

23.2 Syntax:

23.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
<code>filterFrame</code>	<code>audioFrame: AudioFrame</code>	<code>cleanedFrame: AudioFrame</code>	-
<code>detectSpeech</code>	<code>audioFrame: AudioFrame</code>	<code>isSpeech: bool</code>	-
<code>resetState</code>	-	<code>status: bool</code>	-

23.3 Semantics

Supports Integrity Requirements (IR2) by reducing background noise prior to transcription. Provides binary VAD detections for downstream timing and segmentation.

23.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

`filterFrame(frame):`

- **transition:** Updates internal noise profile and returns processed audio.

`detectSpeech(frame):`

- **transition:** Computes speech probability using configured thresholds.

24 (M20) MIS of PromptingModule

Module: PromptingModule

24.1 Uses:

- Intent Interpreter (M5) for phrasing confirmations.
- Error Feedback (M8) for generating user-facing explanations.
- Accessibility Layer (M2) for formatting prompts according to accessibility rules.

24.2 Syntax:

24.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
<code>makePrompt</code>	<code>uiState: UiState</code>	<code>promptText: string</code>	-
<code>makeConfirm</code>	<code>intent: Intent</code>	<code>promptText: string</code>	-
<code>makeErrorPrompt</code>	<code>errorData: dict</code>	<code>promptText: string</code>	-

24.3 Semantics

Supports usability requirements (UH-1, UH-4) and cultural neutrality (CUL-1). Ensures consistent phrasing across confirmations, errors, and system messages.

24.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

`makeConfirm(intent):`

- **transition:** Constructs a confirmation string based on target action.

`makeErrorPrompt(errorData):`

- **transition:** Builds a polite, accessible error message.

25 (M21) MIS of ModelTuner

Module: ModelTuner

25.1 Uses:

- Data Management Layer (M12) for retrieving stored audio samples.
- ASR Engine (M4) for updating recognition parameters.
- AuditLogger (M14) for recording tuning events or failures.

25.2 Syntax:

25.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
scheduleTune	userID, dataset	jobID	TunePolicyException
checkStatus	jobID	status	NotFoundException
applyModel	userID, jobID	success: bool	ModelLoadException

25.3 Semantics

Supports Accuracy Requirements (PF-3) by enabling adaptive personalization for impaired speech. Updates the user's model profile upon successful tuning.

25.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

`scheduleTune(userID, dataset):`

- **transition:** Registers a tuning job with the training backend.

`applyModel(userID, jobID):`

- **transition:** Loads and activates the newly tuned ASR parameters.

26 (M22) MIS of InstructionRegistry

Module: InstructionRegistry

26.1 Uses:

- Command Mapping Module (M6) for resolving intent-to-command mappings.
- Data Management Layer (M12) for persistent storage of registered instructions.
- AuditLogger (M14) for tracking updates to command schemas.

26.2 Syntax:

26.2.1 Exported Access Programs:

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
lookup	intent: Intent	instruction: Command	NotFoundException
registerInstr	instruction: Command	status: bool	StoreException
updateInstr	id, instruction	status	StoreException

26.3 Semantics

Supports command mapping requirements (FR4) and safety guardrails (SEC-2). Maintains the authoritative index of allowed command definitions.

26.3.1 Access Routine Semantics:

lookup(intent):

- **transition:** Retrieves matching instruction from registry.

updateInstr(id, instruction):

- **transition:** Overwrites stored schema with the updated definition.

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27 Appendix

Not applicable for this document.

Appendix — Reflection

The information in this section will be used to evaluate the team members on the graduate attribute of Problem Analysis and Design.

1. **What went well while writing this deliverable?** Writing this deliverable progressed smoothly due to effective collaboration and clear communication among team members. The team successfully maintained consistency in formatting and terminology throughout the document, resulting in a cohesive and professional presentation. Peer reviews helped identify and resolve ambiguities early, which enhanced the overall quality and clarity of the deliverable.
2. **What pain points did you experience during this deliverable, and how did you resolve them?** Some challenges arose in maintaining consistent LaTeX formatting, especially with complex tables and detailed semantic descriptions. To resolve these issues, the team adopted established LaTeX best practices and created templates to ensure uniformity. Additionally, scheduled review meetings allowed the team to discuss and fix formatting inconsistencies collaboratively.
3. **Which of your design decisions stemmed from speaking to your client(s) or a proxy (e.g., your peers, stakeholders, potential users)? For those that were not, why, and where did they come from?** Many design decisions, particularly those related to user interface and accessibility, were influenced by discussions with potential users and stakeholders. Their feedback emphasized the importance of compliance with accessibility standards and intuitive user workflows. Decisions not directly influenced by client input were grounded in recognized industry standards, prior project experience, and academic literature.
4. **While creating the design doc, what parts of your other documents (e.g., requirements, hazard analysis, etc), if any, needed to be changed, and why?** During the design process, updates were made to the requirements and hazard analysis documents to reflect clarified module responsibilities and interface definitions. For example, some interface details were refined to improve modularity and error handling based on design insights. These changes ensured alignment and consistency across all project documentation.
5. **What are the limitations of your solution? Put another way, given unlimited resources, what could you do to make the project better? (LO_ProbSolutions)** The current solution has limitations regarding scalability and adaptability in diverse deployment scenarios. With unlimited resources, we would invest in extensive automated testing frameworks and incorporate advanced machine learning techniques for improved personalization and robustness. Additionally, comprehensive accessibility audits and user testing would be expanded to further enhance usability.

6. **Give a brief overview of other design solutions you considered. What are the benefits and tradeoffs of those other designs compared with the chosen design? From all the potential options, why did you select the documented design? (LO_Explores)** Alternative designs considered included monolithic architectures and different modular breakdowns. Monolithic design offered simplicity but reduced maintainability and scalability. Various modular structures were explored; the chosen modular design balances separation of concerns, ease of integration, and parallel development capability. This approach was selected to optimize maintainability and accommodate future enhancements efficiently.