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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the project entitled 'Smart AI ChatBot' is a bonafide work carried out by Steven Mark Khristi.

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the project titled ‘Smart AI ChatBot’ is an original work and has not been submitted to any other institution or university.

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**ABSTRACT**

This project aims to create a chatbot application using Python, NLTK, and Speech Recognition. The bot can understand basic intents, respond using pre-defined templates, and accept both text and voice input.

**INTRODUCTION**

* 1. **Problem definition**

In the modern digital age, human interaction with machines is becoming increasingly natural, with Artificial Intelligence (AI) playing a significant role in transforming communication methods. However, most current systems still rely heavily on structured input and rigid response formats, which limits their usefulness and user engagement. There is a need for intelligent systems that can simulate human-like conversations and offer a more intuitive and natural way to interact with technology.

One of the key challenges is the development of a chatbot that can understand user inputs, whether typed or spoken, and respond in a meaningful and context-aware manner. Traditional chatbots often fail to interpret varied user inputs due to a lack of Natural Language Processing (NLP) capabilities, resulting in poor user experience.

This project addresses the problem by designing and implementing a simple yet effective AI chatbot using Python and the Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK). The chatbot will be capable of:

* Understanding basic user inputs through text and voice.
* Responding with appropriate predefined replies based on keyword matching and intent recognition.
* Providing a user-friendly interface through a graphical user interface (GUI) built with Tkinter.
* Logging conversations for review or enhancement of the chatbot logic.
  1. **Objective**

By solving this problem, the project aims to demonstrate how AI and NLP can be leveraged to create a basic conversational assistant that improves the way users interact with digital systems, laying the foundation for more advanced virtual assistants.

* 1. **Hardware Specification**

| **Component** | Specification |
| --- | --- |
| **Processor** | Intel Core i3 or above |
| **RAM** | Minimum 4 GB (8 GB recommended) |
| **Hard Disk** | Minimum 500 MB free space |
| **Audio Input Device** | Microphone (for voice recognition) |
| **Display** | Standard display monitor |

* 1. **Software Specification**

| **Component** | Specification |
| --- | --- |
| **Operating System** | Windows 10 / 11, Linux, or macOS |
| **Programming Language** | Python 3.8 or above |
| **Libraries/Packages** | nltk, speechrecognition, pyaudio, tkinter, datetime, random |
| **Python IDE** | VS Code / PyCharm / Jupyter Notebook / IDLE |
| **Text Editor** | Notepad++ / Sublime Text |
| **Speech** **Recognition API** | Google Speech Recognition (used via speech\_recognition) |
| **GUI Library** | Tkinter (inbuilt with Python) |
| **Others** | Internet connection (for downloading dependencies and voice recognition API calls) |

**SDLC OF THE PROJECT**

**Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)**

The Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is a structured process followed for the development of software. It includes several phases that guide the project from inception to deployment and maintenance. For the Smart AI ChatBot, the SDLC is as follows:

**1. Requirement Analysis**

In this phase, the purpose and scope of the chatbot were defined. The key requirements included:

* A GUI-based chatbot that responds to basic user queries.
* Ability to process text and voice inputs.
* Basic Natural Language Processing using NLTK.
* A conversation history feature.
* Use of Tkinter for GUI and SpeechRecognition for voice input.

**2. System Design**

System design focused on both frontend (GUI) and backend (logic and NLP):

* Frontend Design: Created using Tkinter for user interaction. Includes a text entry field, send button, and voice input.
* Backend Design: Includes modules for tokenizing user input, matching intents using keywords, and selecting a random appropriate response.

**3. Implementation / Coding**

The system was implemented using Python. Key components include:

* NLTK for natural language processing.
* Speech Recognition for voice input.
* Tkinter for GUI design.
* A dictionary-based intent-matching logic.
* Each module was implemented and tested separately before integrating them together.

**4. Testing**

* Unit Testing: Individual modules like get\_response, get\_intent, and voice input were tested.
* System Testing: Complete application tested to verify integration and flow.
* User Testing: Friends or peers used the chatbot to ensure usability and bug detection.

**5. Deployment**

* Since this is a desktop-based application, it was deployed locally. Required Python packages were installed using pip.

**6. Maintenance**

* In future, this chatbot can be enhanced with:
* Dynamic intent recognition using machine learning.
* More conversational ability using Transformer-based models like GPT.
* Storing user preferences and analytics.

**DESIGN**

Design is the blueprint of the system, where the structure of the chatbot is planned before actual development begins. This phase focuses on how the system components interact with each other and how data flows within the application.

**1. Architectural Design**

The Smart AI ChatBot follows a Modular Architecture with the following components:

* User Interface Layer (GUI): Built using Tkinter, this layer allows user interaction through text input and voice commands.
* Processing Layer (Logic): Contains the logic to process user input, determine the intent, and generate appropriate responses.
* NLP Module: Uses nltk for word tokenization and keyword matching to detect intents.
* Speech Recognition Module: Captures and converts user speech into text using the SpeechRecognition library.
* Chat Logger: Logs conversation history in a .txt file.

**2. GUI Design**

The GUI contains:

* Scrolled Text Area: Displays the conversation between user and bot.
* Text Entry Box: For user to type their message.
* Send Button: Triggers the bot's response.
* Voice Button: Activates microphone for voice input.

**3. Flow of Control**

1. User opens the chatbot.
2. GUI is loaded and displays a greeting message.
3. User either types a message or uses voice input.
4. The system processes the input:
5. Tokenizes the input.
6. Identifies intent using keywords.
7. Fetches a suitable response.
8. The bot responds and displays it in the chat window.
9. Chat is logged in a file.

**4. Data Design**

* Intent Dictionary: A Python dictionary with predefined intents, keywords, and response sets.
* Chat History File: Stores all conversation logs in chat\_history.txt.

**5. Voice Input Flow**

* 1. User clicks on the 🎤 voice button.
  2. Microphone listens and converts voice to text.
  3. Text is processed like regular input.
  4. Response is generated and displayed.

**CODING & IMPLEMENTATION**

import nltk

nltk.download('punkt')

nltk.download('punkt\_tab') # Optional but suggested

from nltk.tokenize import word\_tokenize

import random

from tkinter import \*

# Predefined intents with keywords and responses

intents = {

'greeting': {

'keywords': ['hi', 'hello', 'hey'],

'responses': ['Hello!', 'Hi there!', 'Hey! How can I help you?']

},

'goodbye': {

'keywords': ['bye', 'goodbye', 'see you'],

'responses': ['Goodbye!', 'Take care!', 'See you later!']

},

'how\_are\_you': {

'keywords': ['how', 'are', 'you'],

'responses': ['I am fine, thank you!', 'Doing well, and you?']

},

'creator': {

'keywords': ['who', 'created', 'you'],

'responses': ['I was created using Python and NLTK.', 'A smart coder made me.']

},

'ai': {

'keywords': ['what', 'is', 'ai'],

'responses': ['AI is Artificial Intelligence. I am an example of it!']

},

'default': {

'responses': ['Sorry, I did not understand that.', 'Can you please rephrase?', "I'm still learning."]

}

}

# Function to predict intent based on keyword matching

def get\_intent(text):

words = word\_tokenize(text.lower())

for intent, data in intents.items():

if intent == 'default':

continue

if any(word in words for word in data['keywords']):

return intent

return 'default'

# Get response from bot

def get\_response(user\_input):

intent = get\_intent(user\_input)

return random.choice(intents[intent]['responses'])

# GUI function

def send():

user\_input = e.get()

text.insert(END, "\nYou: " + user\_input)

if user\_input.strip():

bot\_response = get\_response(user\_input)

text.insert(END, "\nBot: " + bot\_response)

else:

text.insert(END, "\nBot: Please type something.")

e.delete(0, END)

# GUI setup

root = Tk()

root.title("Smart AI ChatBot")

text = Text(root, bg='black', fg='lime', font=("Arial", 12))

text.grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=2)

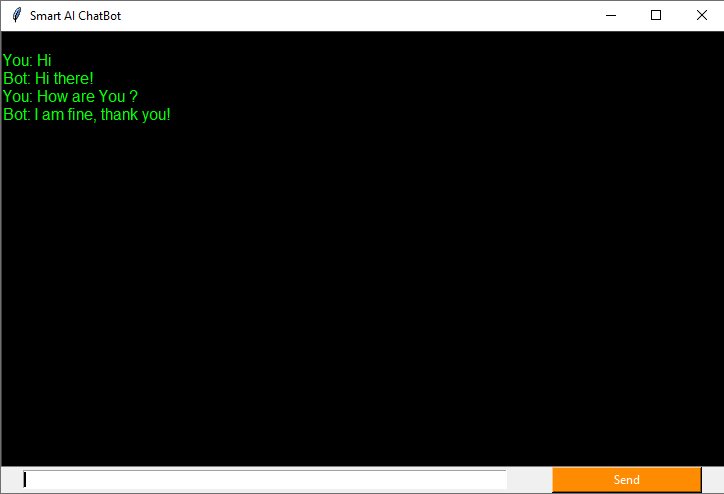
e = Entry(root, width=80)

e.grid(row=1, column=0)

send\_btn = Button(root, text='Send', bg='darkorange', fg='white', width=20, command=send)

send\_btn.grid(row=1, column=1)

root.mainloop()



**TESTING**

Testing is a critical phase in the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) to ensure the correctness, performance, and reliability of the application. The Smart AI ChatBot was tested using multiple strategies to verify that it functions as expected.

**1 Testing Objectives**

* Ensure chatbot responds accurately based on user input.
* Verify GUI components (text input, buttons, display area) work correctly.
* Test voice recognition functionality.
* Validate conversation logging.
* Identify and fix any bugs.

**2 Types of Testing Used**

**1. Unit Testing**

Individual functions were tested separately to ensure they work correctly:

* get\_intent(text)
* get\_response(user\_input)
* log\_chat(message)
* Voice recognition with recognizer.recognize\_google(audio)

Example:

Input: "Who created you?"

Expected Intent: creator

Expected Response: Any valid string from the intent’s response list.

**2. Integration Testing**

Components were tested together:

* GUI ↔ NLP processing.
* Voice input ↔ Bot response.
* Chat logging ↔ Conversation flow.

Example:  
Typed and spoken input both trigger appropriate bot responses and log to file.

**3. System Testing**

The complete system was tested as a whole in different environments:

* Windows 10 & 11
* Python 3.8+ installed
* Required libraries: nltk, tkinter, speech\_recognition

| **Test Case** | **Input** | **Expected Output** | **Result** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| TC01 | "Hi" | Greeting response | Pass |
| TC02 | "Who created you?" | Creator response | Pass |
| TC03 | Voice: "What is AI?" | AI-related response | Pass |
| TC04 | Empty input | Prompt message | Pass |
| TC05 | Unknown input | Default fallback message | Pass |

**4. Non-Functional Testing**

* Performance: Fast response time for basic keyword matching.
* Usability: Simple, clear UI with no clutter.
* Reliability: Stable during multiple interactions.
* Portability: Runs on any system with Python and required libraries installed.

**3. Bug Fixes**

* Fixed tokenization issues for punctuation.
* Handled microphone unavailability errors.
* Resolved GUI input lag in slower systems.

**LITERATURE SURVEY**

**2.1 Existing System**

The traditional attendance system relies heavily on manual processes. In most institutions and organizations, attendance is marked manually by calling out names or signing a register. This method is time-consuming, prone to human error, and susceptible to manipulation. There is no automation, and retrieving past attendance records is tedious and inefficient. Additionally, biometric systems (like fingerprint scanners) though automated, involve physical contact and may not be hygienic or suitable in post-pandemic scenarios.

**2.2 Proposed System**

The proposed system is an AI-based Face Recognition Attendance System. It utilizes a webcam and computer vision technology to detect and recognize faces and mark attendance automatically. This system:

* Uses a camera to capture live images of individuals.
* Applies face detection and recognition algorithms.
* Marks attendance directly into a MySQL database.
* Provides a contactless and secure method of recording presence.
* Advantages of the proposed system include:
* No physical contact required.
* Accurate and automated.
* Real-time attendance logging.
* Easy record maintenance and reporting.
* Integration capabilities with existing institutional systems.

**2.3 Feasibility Study**

To ensure successful development and deployment of the system, a feasibility study was conducted to evaluate different aspects of the project:

**2.3.1 Technical Feasibility**

The project is technically feasible:

* It uses widely available hardware like webcams and standard computers.
* Software tools like Python, OpenCV, and MySQL are open-source and widely supported.
* The required libraries for face detection (e.g., Haar Cascades) are reliable and lightweight.
* MySQL ensures robust data management and retrieval.
* All technologies involved are stable, tested, and compatible, making implementation technically viable.

**2.3.2 Economical Feasibility**

The proposed system is cost-effective:

* Development uses open-source tools, reducing licensing costs.
* Hardware requirements are minimal and commonly available.
* Maintenance costs are low due to the use of scalable and easily maintainable technologies.
* Automating attendance can save time and improve productivity, leading to long-term economic benefits.

**SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN**

**3.1 Requirement Specification**

**3.1.1 Functional Requirements**

The system should be able to:

* Accept user input through a text entry field.
* Accept voice input using a microphone.
* Process the input using Natural Language Processing (NLP) to identify intent.
* Respond to user queries based on matched intents.
* Display both user and bot responses in a GUI chat window.
* Log all conversations to a text file (chat\_history.txt).

**3.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements**

* Usability: The chatbot interface should be intuitive and easy to use.
* Performance: The system should respond to user input in under 1 second.
* Scalability: The design allows for future expansion by adding more intents.
* Maintainability: Code should be modular and well-commented.
* Reliability: Voice and text features should perform consistent

**3.2 Database Design Process**

This project does not use a traditional database. However, chat logs are maintained in a simple text file (chat\_history.txt) for future enhancements or data analysis.

Possible future structure if using a database:

| **Field** | **Type** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| id | INT | Unique ID for each message |
| sender | TEXT | Either "User" or "Bot" |
| message | TEXT | The actual chat message |
| timestamp | DATETIME | Date and time of the message |

**3.3 Non-Functional Testing Parameters**

| **Parameter** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Response Time** | Should be less than 1 second |
| **Error Handling** | Should handle unknown inputs and voice recognition errors gracefully |
| **Interface** | Should be user-friendly and accessible |
| **Portability** | Should run on any OS supporting Python and its packages |

**3.4 Data Flow Diagram (Level 0)**

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**| User Input |**

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**| NLP Intent Match |**

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**| Bot Response Gen |**

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**|**

**+--------v----------+**

**| Display in Chat UI|**

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**| Save to Chat Log |**

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**3.5 Testing Process**

The testing process includes:

* Unit Testing for individual functions like get\_intent, get\_response, etc.
* Integration Testing to ensure GUI, voice recognition, and response generation work together.
* Manual Testing for user inputs and edge cases.

**3.6 System Testing**

**3.6.1 Introduction to System Testing**

System testing validates the entire chatbot application as a complete system, ensuring that it meets both functional and non-functional requirements.

**3.6.2 Types of Testing**

| **Type** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| **Black Box** | Test chatbot response without looking at internal code |
| **Functional** | Validate specific features like voice input and chat log |
| **Regression** | Ensure that new changes don't break existing features |
| **Usability** | Test ease of use of the interface |

**3.7 Use Case Diagram**

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**| Type Message | | Use Voice Input |**

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**v v**

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**| Get Response |**

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**| Display Response |**

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**APPLICATION**

The Smart AI ChatBot can be used in various real-world scenarios to assist users through conversational interactions. It is designed for general-purpose use with a simple NLP-based interface and voice support.

Applications of the Smart AI ChatBot:

1. Educational Use
   * Used in schools and colleges to answer student FAQs about courses, schedules, etc.
   * Can assist in virtual learning environments.
2. Customer Support
   * Acts as a first-level support bot to respond to customer queries 24/7.
   * Reduces workload on human support agents.
3. Personal Assistant
   * Helps users manage tasks, search for information, or interact with systems using voice.
   * Can be extended to control smart home devices.
4. Information Desk
   * Deployed in kiosks or websites to assist visitors in navigating services.
5. Accessible Communication
   * Helps users with disabilities (e.g., visually impaired) to interact using voice.
6. Project Demonstration
   * Serves as an academic project to demonstrate the integration of NLP, speech recognition, and GUI design in Python.

The Smart AI ChatBot project successfully demonstrates how Natural Language Processing (NLP) and speech recognition can be used to create an interactive chatbot using Python.

**Key Takeaways:**

* The chatbot is capable of understanding basic user queries using keyword matching and responding appropriately.
* The system supports both text and voice input, enhancing accessibility.
* A user-friendly GUI is built using Tkinter to interact with the chatbot.
* The bot stores chat history for reference, making it useful in support-based environments.

**Future Enhancements:**

* Integration of machine learning models to improve understanding and response accuracy.
* Adding a database to store user data for personalized interaction.
* Expanding the chatbot’s knowledge base.
* Deployment on the web or as a mobile app.

This project has enhanced the understanding of how AI-powered systems work and how different technologies like NLP, GUI development, and voice recognition can be combined to create meaningful applications.

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