Problem Statement/ Bharat ChatBot

Source Code URL(Github/Openforge/etc.):

Video Url:

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Idea/Concept (max 1000 characters)*

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Algorithm Steps:

The app consists of following python modules.

Module 1: aichat_server.py

This module is responsible for creation of trained deep learning based model for given .json dataset. It uses python packages : nltk, tensorflow, tflearn, numpy, json, random, pickle.

First it reads intents.json file containing dataset containing patterns and responses with tags. It tokenizes each pattern into sequence of words and uses tags (total 11 unique tags present currently related to employee's grievance related topics as: greeting, goodbye, problem, name, contact, pension, salary, medical, training, facilities, hours) as corresponding labels for given pattern in intent. The read text is converted to lowercase. A word stemmer based on the nltk Lancaster stemming algorithm is used to convert all unique words detected in given patterns. For e.g. if word is 'saying' will be converted to basic form i.e. word 'say'. Both Words (total 120 unique words) and label vector are sorted alphabetically. Both the words and labels in our training data are then represented as one-hot vectors. Each word in the input is then represented as a vector of n=120 values (where n=number of unique

words in .json file), with all zeros except the subscript of the word from our corpus. For example, if pension is the 10th word in the corpus, the one hot vector for pension is represented as a vector of 120 values, all zeros except 10th index in the vector as 1. We save the values of intermediate data variables in data.pickle file which will be required at runtime later.

Deep learning Module uses tensorflow package and TFlearn - a modular and transparent deep learning library built on top of Tensorflow.. First it clears the default graph stack and resets the global default graph.

Following Table are details of tensorflow model:

Table 1: model_summary()

	Variables: name (type shape) [size]
net = tflearn.input_data(shape=[None, len(training[0])],name='Input_layer')	Hidden_layer_1/W:0 (float32_ref 120x8) [960, bytes: 3840]
net = tflearn.fully_connected(net, 8,activation='relu', name='Hidden_layer_1')	Hidden_layer_1/b:0 (float32_ref 8) [8, bytes: 32]
net = tflearn.fully_connected(net, 8,activation='relu', name='Hidden_layer_2')	Hidden_layer_2/W:0 (float32_ref 8x8) [64, bytes: 256]
net = tflearn.fully_connected(net, len(output[0]), activation="softmax",name='Output_layer')	Hidden_layer_2/b:0 (float32_ref 8) [8, bytes: 32]
net = tflearn.regression(net, optimizer='sgd',learning_rate=2, loss='mean_square')	Output_layer/W:0 (float32_ref 8x11) [88, bytes: 352]
model = tflearn.DNN(net)	Output_layer/b:0 (float32_ref 11) [11, bytes: 44]
	Total size of variables: 1139 Total bytes of variables: 4556

Train the model using training dataset. The number of epochs set=1000, batch_size=8. The model is evaluated against unseen test dataset. The training and testing accuracy achieved is greater than 95% and used for final deployment. Save the model in file model.tflearn for further prediction.

Module 2: aichat_server.py

This module uses python packages: flask, nltk, tensorflow, tflearn, numpy, json, random, pickle. The module uses Flask, a lightweight WSGI web application framework that runs FlaskServer hosted at local port no. 5000 (default). The application reads dataset files intents.json, data.pickle and model.tflearn to retrieve the trained model. First create virtual environment and do: pip install flask, you may need tensorflow 1.14 version. This will create api.py file. In api.py contains following routes are defined as shown in Table 2:

Table 2: app.route enrties in api.py file

@app.route('/', methods=['GET'])	Whenever user visits the default portal http://127.0.0.1:5000/ ,
def home():	home.html page will open
return render_template("home.html")	
@app.route('/message', methods=['POST'])	Whenever user types his query and enters on homepage, the route

def message():	calls chat method to get the response from trained model and sends
data = request.form	it to user on home.html.
messageret= chat(data['message'])	
print(data['message'])	
return render_template("home.html", messageret=messageret)	
@app.route("/about")	Whenever user clicks on about tab on the default portal
def about():	http://127.0.0.1:5000/, about.html page will open
return render_template("about.html")	
@app.errorhandler(404)	Just to display error code
def page_not_found(e):	
return " <h1>404</h1> The resource could not be found.",	
404	

The deep learning model based Bharat ChatBot App learns abstract feature of this .json dataset and later retrieves appropriate best marching response to the seen/unseen queries. The model returns a reply from the .json dataset by computing the most likely response to the current input utterance based on a scoring function. Hence the performance of system lies on the amount and accuracy of dataset on which the model is trained beside number of hidden layers/number of hyper parameters used.

Bharat ChatBot/conversational agent can 1) record grievance 2) route to appropriate department 3) answer user's question, 4) check status 5) give the user relevant information, 6) ask follow-up questions, and 7) continue the conversation in a realistic way.

This work is submitted as part of online Hackathon for inviting innovative solutions for the Citizen Grievance Redressal Mechanism in order to help the Citizens to resolve their common queries related to filing a Grievance in the CPGRAMS portal (https://pgportal.gov.in) and expedite smooth submission of grievances.

The model is deployed using a Flask server, and home.html page on Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System Portal is designed to interact with it. Following Figures 1-4 show the snapshots of the same.

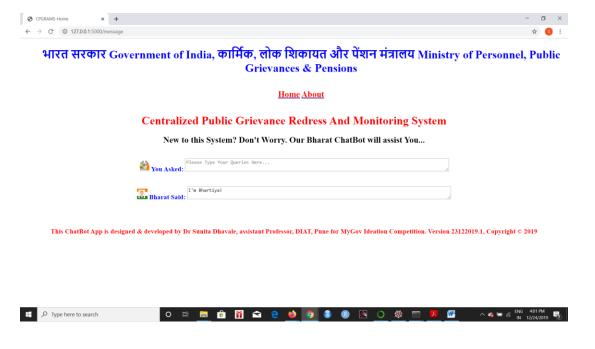


Figure 1: Home Page containing Bharat ChatBot Interface running at local FlaskServer hosted at local port no. 5000

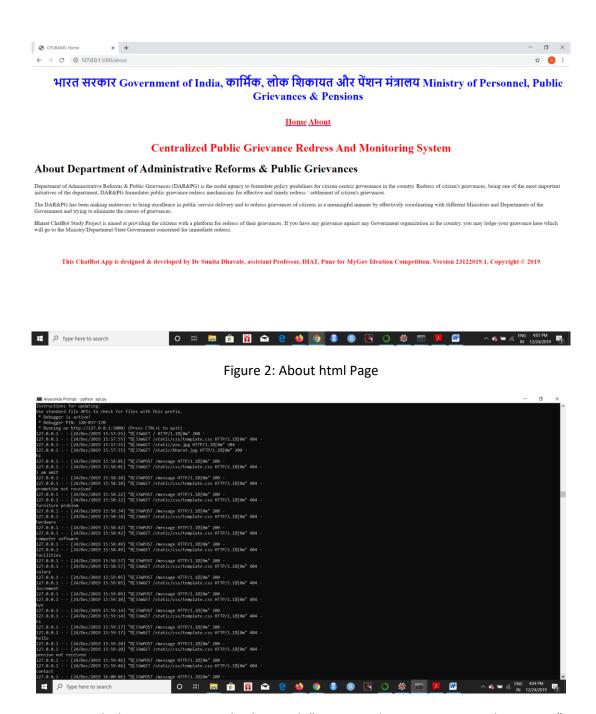


Figure 3: FlaskServer running at background. "At anaconda prompt type: python api.py"

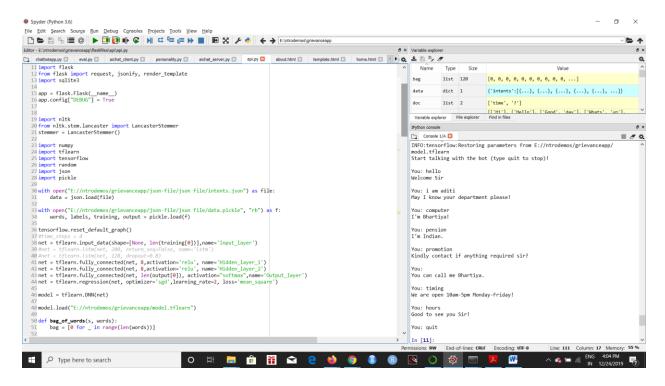


Figure 4: Spyder IDE used for development

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