MEX Assistant

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Problem Statement

The goal is to develop an intelligent, chat-based AI assistant that proactively provides merchant-partners with valuable insights, personalized guidance, and operational alerts. The solution should:

• Provide real-time analytics and business insights

- Automate timely delivery of sales and inventory reports
- Highlight critical issues and opportunities for merchant attention

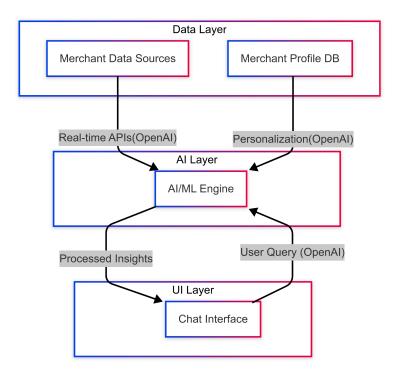
• Deliver personalized, actionable recommendations

- Cater specifically to merchant characteristics (type, region, size)
- Suggest improvements and identify growth opportunities

• Support diverse communication needs

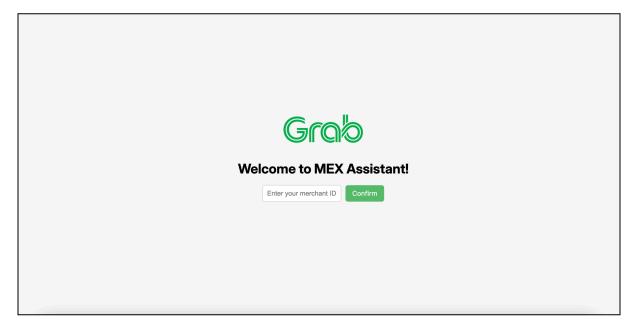
- Manage multilingual, colloquial, and straightforward interactions
- Ensure easy-to-understand and practical dialogues that drive merchant engagement

1. Solution Architecture

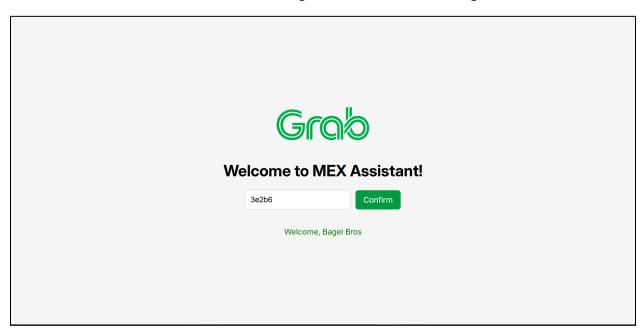


Prototype:

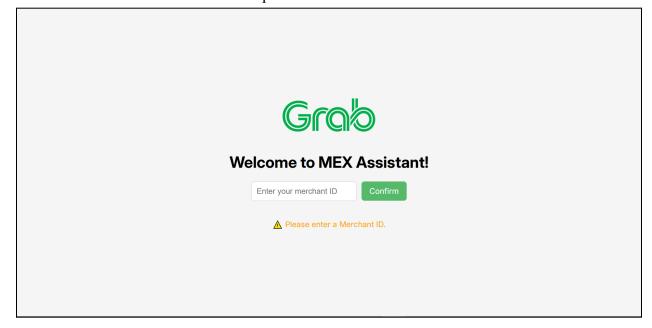
1. Login page. Users are prompted to enter their own merchant ID.



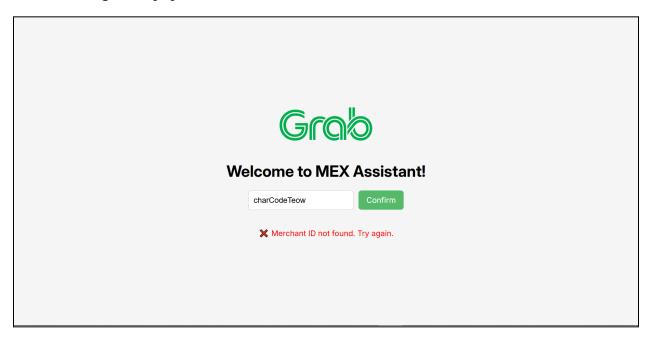
2. If the merchant ID entered is valid and exists in the database, the corresponding merchant name will be shown along with a Welcome message.



3. If the Confirm button is clicked without entering merchant ID, a message will pop out to indicate the users to input the merchant ID.

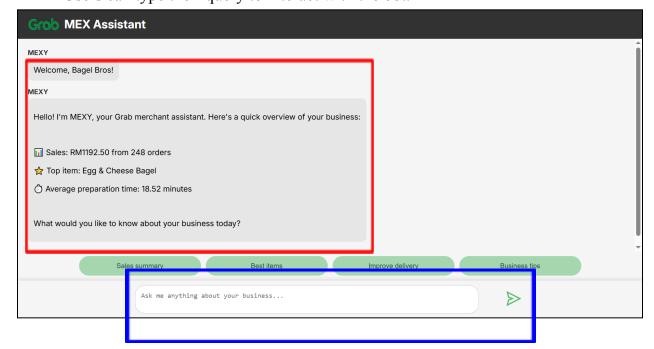


4. If the merchant ID entered is not valid or does not exist in the database, an error message will pop out.

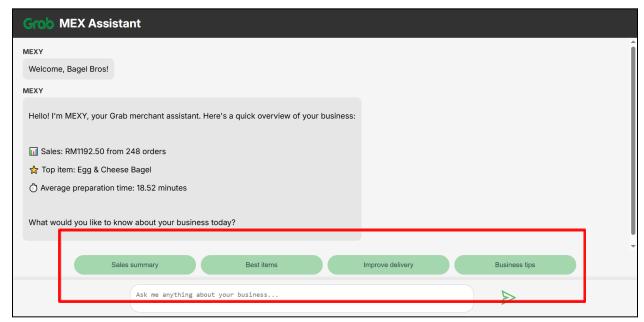


5. After a valid merchant ID is entered, the user will be directed to this page. This is a chatbox between a merchant and the Grab merchant assistant. There is a **default message** shown without users' input, which provides an overview of the business metrics clear at a glance.

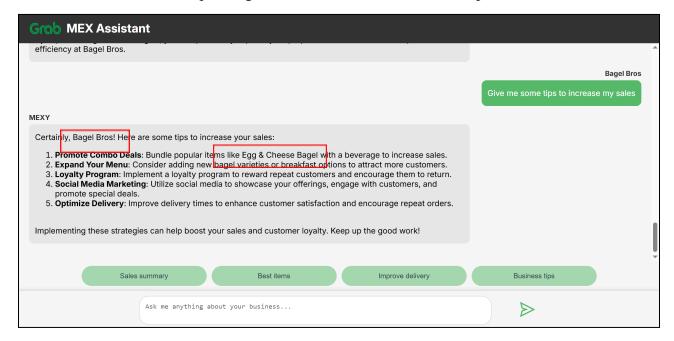
Users can type their query to interact with the bot.



6. Without typing out the query, users can also click on the quick prompt choices available to retrieve desired business data.



7. For example: After clicking the "Business tips" quick prompt, the merchant assistant will directly display possible business techniques that might be helpful to the merchant. The tips are generated based on the merchant profile and items sold.



2. Data Utilization

A. Data Sources

Our team has utilised datasets provided by Grab to generate trend insights and forecasts.

- Merchant Profile Data merchant id, merchant-name, join date, city id
- Items Data item_id, cuisine_tag, item_name, item_price, merchant_id
- **Keywords** keyword, view, menu, checkout, order
- Transaction Items order id, item id, merchant id
- **Transaction Data** order_id, order_time, driver_arrival_time, driver_pickup_time, delivery_time, order_value, eater_id, merchant_id

B. Data Processing

We utilized the datasets provided by Grab and merged them into a new, insightful dataset named updated_order. This dataset includes the following columns: order_id, order_time, order_value, item_id, item_name, item_price, merchant_id, driver_arrival_time, driver_pickup_time, delivery_time, cuisine_tag, and total_order_value. Using this consolidated dataset, we proceeded to generate meaningful insights.

- Trend Analysis Algorithms: Identify current sales trends and patterns.
- Overview of latest items sold and transactions successfully made.

3. Personalization Strategies

A. Personalization Using OpenAI API

- Integrated **OpenAI API** for natural language generation.
- Prompts are dynamically built using merchant data provided by Grab.
- Generates context-aware, personalized responses based on the merchants' input.
- Adapts tone and language based on merchant profile and digital literacy.
- Delivers relevant insights and guidance tailored to each merchant.
- Supports natural, multilingual interactions for diverse merchants, meeting the requirement to fulfill Southeast Asia merchants' needs.

Example:

Language changes according to the merchant's input.

