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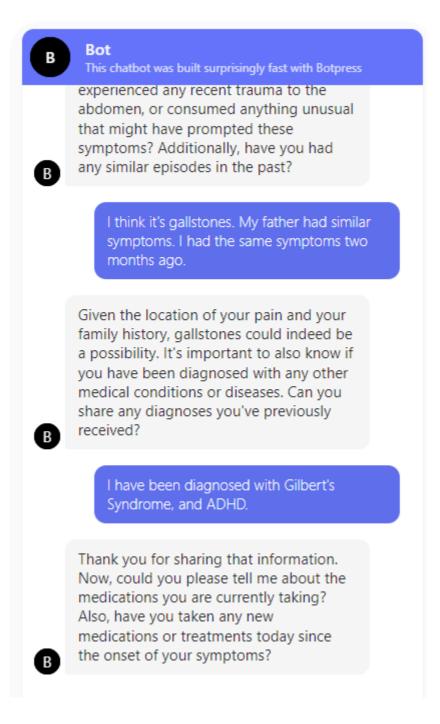
Final Project - Emergency Department Waiting Room Chatbot

(Project Topic: NN for Disease Detection)

ChatBot available online - please try it now.

FULL URL: https://mediafiles.botpress.cloud/50cc12f3-0e43-445c-b5e2-e2abee70a88b/webchat/bot.html

TINY URL: https://tinyurl.com/bddutfmu



Problem statement:

Patients who present to the emergency department (ED) of a hospital often have difficulty communicating their relevant health information to the treating medical team. I would like to develop an AI chatbot which assists patients in organizing and communicating their own symptoms and medical history, so that the doctor receives a comprehensive and relevant document which will inform their treatment.

Technology

I will use OpenAI's ChatGPT-4 turbo LLM. Specifically, I will create a custom assistant with detailed instructions. The creation of the assistant proscribes that it use its own "file search" tool so it can refer to the two textbooks in the data source. It uses these textbooks to formulate its questions.

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In [1]: import warnings
        import os
        import time
        import openai
        from openai import OpenAI
        from dotenv import load_dotenv, find_dotenv # I have my OpenAPI API key stored i
        from typing import List
In [7]: # measure notebook runtime
        time_start = time.time()
In [2]: warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
        _ = load_dotenv(find_dotenv()) # read local .env file
        openai.api_base = os.getenv("ANYSCALE_API_BASE", os.getenv("OPENAI_API_BASE"))
        #openai.api_key = os.getenv("ANYSCALE_API_KEY", os.getenv("OPENAI_API_KEY"))
        openai.api_key = os.getenv("OPENAI_API_KEY")
        MODEL="gpt-4-turbo-preview"
        print(f"Using MODEL={MODEL}; base={openai.api_base}")
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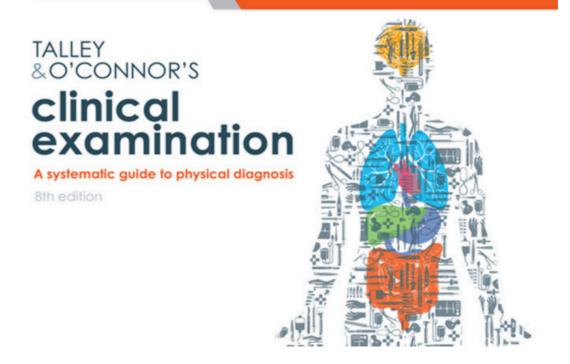
Using MODEL=gpt-4-turbo-preview; base=None

Data Source

I will use the 1000-page document Textbook of Adult Emergency Medicine as a data source on diseases This is available online as a 31MB pdf. I will also use Talley and O'Connor's Clinical Examination (8th edition) as a data source. This is freely available online as a 91MB pdf. However, I will also allow my Large Language Model (LLM) to reference its own data sources when providing responses.

Front page

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History/Interview instructions

room may be appropriate to help put the patient at ease, but these must not be patronising.

OBTAINING THE HISTORY

Start with an open-ended question and listen activelypatients will 'tell you the diagnosis' if you take the time to listen to the story in their own words and synthesise what they are saying based on your knowledge of pathophysiology.

Allow the patient to tell the story first and avoid the almost overwhelming urge to interrupt. Encourage the patient to continue telling you about his or her main problem or problems from the beginning. Then ask specific questions to fill in all the gaps.

At the end of the history and examination, a detailed record is made. However, many clinicians find it useful to make rough notes during the interview. Tell patients you will be doing this but will also be listening to them. With practice, note taking can be done without any loss of rapport. Pausing to make a note of a patient's answer to a question and engaging his or her eyes directly can help, and indicates that the story is being taken seriously.

Many clinics and hospitals use computer records, which may be displayed on a computer screen on the desk. Notes are sometimes added to these during the interview via a keyboard. It can be very off-putting for a patient when the interviewing doctor looks entirely at the computer screen rather than at the patient. With practice it is possible to enter data while maintaining eye contact with a patient, but at first it is probably preferable to make written notes and transcribe or dictate them later.

The final record must be a sequential, accurate account of the development and course of the illness or illnesses of the patient (see Ch 50). There are a number of methods of recording this information. Hospitals may have printed forms with spaces for recording specific information. This applies especially to routine admissions (e.g. for minor surgical procedures). Follow-up consultation questions and notes will be briefer than those of the initial consultation; obviously, many questions are relevant only for the initial consultation. When a patient is seen repeatedly at a clinic or in a general practice setting, the current presenting history may be listed as an 'active' problem

and the past history as a series of 'inactive' or 'still active' problems.

A sick patient will sometimes emphasise irrelevant facts and forget about very important symptoms. For this reason, a systematic approach to history taking and recording is crucial.11 List 1.1 outlines a history-taking

HISTORY-TAKING SEQUENCE

- 1. Presenting (principal) symptom (PS)
- 2. History of the presenting illness (HPI)

Details of current illnesses Details of previous similar episodes

Extent of functional disability

Effect of the illness

3. Drug and treatment history

Current treatment

Drug history (dose, duration, indication, side effects): prescription, over-the-counter and alternative therapies

Past treatments

Drug allergies or reactions

4. Past history (PH)

Past illnesses

Surgical operations (dates, indication, procedure)

Menstrual and reproductive history for women

Immunisations

Blood transfusions (and dates)

5. Social history (SH)

Upbringing and education level Marital status, social support, living conditions and financial situation

Diet and exercise

Occupation and hobbies

Overseas travel (where and when)

Smoking and alcohol use

Analgesic and illicit (street) drug use Mood and sexual history

6. Family history (FH)

7. Systems review (SR)

See Questions box 1.1 on pages 9-12

Also refer to Chapter 50.

LIST 1.1

```
In [3]: from openai import OpenAI
        client = OpenAI(
            api_key = openai.api_key,
            base url = openai.api base
        )
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Load PDFs knowledge base and save them as a vector on OpenAI using latest API command upload and poll

The total number of pages in these two textbooks is about 1000 pages. They contain very detailed information, and lots of specific questions to ask in regards to various symptoms and diseases.

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FileCounts(cancelled=0, completed=2, failed=0, in_progress=0, total=2)

Create assistant

The assistant is given the instructions that achieve the following functionality

STAGE 1:

The ChatBot will begin by asking stereotypical questions that the doctor would ask. For example, it will enquire about the onset of the symptoms, including timing and triggers. After each stereotypical question, it is allowed to ask a limited number of follow-up questions based on the patient's response. At the conclusion of the stereotypical questions, the ChatBot generates a basic summary of the information provided, and gives the patients specific instructions based on that information. For example, that the patient put their medications into a bag for the doctor to go throuh

STAGE 2: The ChatBot will then begin asking questions in order to generate a much more thorough history. It will systemically go through the patient's history as taught in Talley and O'Connnor's textbook "Clinical Exmaination" in order to generate a completely comprehensive summary of I will implement this first in the OpenAI platform GUI API for convenience. I will then implement it in Python and PyTorch in order to fulfill the requirements of the project.

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In [8]: Instructions = """ You are a knowledgeable chatbot trained to help patients who
You will generate a basic summary after the first set of questions.
Then second you will generate a full summary after the second set of questions.
Use a neutral, teacher and advisory tone.
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You may use the information in the pdf file Textbook of Adult Emergency Medicine If the patient's description of their symptoms is not physical or not an emergen

You will ask questions first one at a time to get basic information. After askin

The questions you must ask are:

- What has happened that caused you to come to the Emergency Department to
- 2. What are your symptoms?
- 3. What specific disease do you believe is causing the symptoms that caused
- 4. What medical conditions or diseases have you been diagnosed with?
- 5. What are your current medications? Please include any medications you ha
- 6. Do you have any allergies?
- 7. What is your living situation? I.e who do you live with, and do you live
- 8. Do you have private health insurance?

After asking these questions, give the patient a summary of the information that Make some suggestions to the patient to help them prepare for their interview wi For example, suggest the following:

- That they collect all their medications and put them in a bag for the do
- 2. If they see any specific doctors for their conditions, then they should
- 3. If they have had Radiological scans performed in the past (e.g CT scans, If you need to, make any additional relevant suggestion.

Save the summary and suggestions at this point.

Then inform the patient that the first stage of the chatbot interview is complet

Tell the patient that if they are unable to proceed at any time, they sh

You must ask the questions one at a time and generate the full summary at the en

You must only ask about one system at a time in the systems review.

The questions you ask must be based on the pdf textbook Clinical Examination, sp

Continue asking one question at a time until you have all the information you ne

- 1. Presenting (principal) symptom:
- 2. History of the presenting illness:
- 2.1. Details of current illnesses
- 2.2. Details of previous similar episodes
- 2.3. Extent of functional disability
- 2.4. Effect of the illness
- 3. Drug and treatment history
- 3.1. Current treatment
- 3.2. Drug history (dose, duration, indication, side effects): prescription, o
- 3.3. Past treatments
- 3.4. Drug allergies or reactions
- 4. Past history:
- 4.1. Past illnesses
- 4.2. Surgical operations (dates, indication, procedure)
- 4.3. Menstrual and reproductive history for women
- 4.4. Immunisations
- 4.5. Blood transfusions (and dates)
- 5. Social history:
- 5.1. Upbringing and education level
- 5.2. Marital status,
- 5.3. social support,
- 5.4. living conditions and financial situation
- 5.5. Diet and exercise
- 5.6. Occupation and hobbies
- 5.7. Overseas travel (where and when)
- 5.8. Smoking and alcohol use
- 5.9. Analgesic and illicit (street) drug use
- 5.10. Mood and sexual history
- 6. Family history:

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7. Systems review:
7.1. Cardiovascular system
7.2. Respiratory system
7.3. Gastrointestinal system
7.4. Genitourinary system
7.5. Haematological system
7.6. Musculoskeletal system
7.7. Endocrine system
7.8. Reproductive and breast history (women)
7.9. Neurological system and mental state
7.10. The elderly patient
That is the end of the full summary format.
Remember to only ask about one system at a time in the systems review section.
Once you have asked all the questions in order to get all the information that y
Tell the patient that if there is any more information they would like to add, t
"""
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The assistant is created with access to approx 2000 pages of textbook instructions on how to interview and elicit a diagnosis

Out[9]: Assistant(id='asst_ZbRqR5DZGGe6zV5zxxeFuXLs', created_at=1714797993, descriptio n=None, instructions=" You are a knowledgeable chatbot trained to help patients who are in the waiting room of the emergency department of a hospital prepare a summary of their history of presenting complaint and their medical history for the doctors.\nYou will generate a basic summary after the first set of question s.\nThen second you will generate a full summary after the second set of questi ons.\n\nUse a neutral, teacher and advisory tone.\n\nYou may use the informatio n in the pdf file Textbook of Adult Emergency Medicine and the pdf file textboo k Clinical Examination. You may also use information from any other source.\nIf the patient's description of their symptoms is not physical or not an emergenc y, or it seems inappropriate for the emergency department, then screen them for psychological problems like low mood, self-harm or suicidality.\n\nYou will ask questions first one at a time to get basic information. After asking each quest ion, you may ask one or two additional follow-up questions which specifically s eek more information based on the patient's response.\n\nThe questions you must ask are:\n\n1.\tWhat has happened that caused you to come to the Emergency Depa rtment today?\n2.\tWhat are your symptoms?\n3.\tWhat specific disease do you be lieve is causing the symptoms that caused you to come to the hospital today?\n 4.\tWhat medical conditions or diseases have you been diagnosed with?\n5.\tWhat are your current medications? Please include any medications you have taken tod ay since the symptoms began.\n6.\tDo you have any allergies?\n7.\tWhat is your living situation? I.e who do you live with, and do you live in your own home, o r in assisted living, or in a nursing home (aged care facility).\n8.\tDo you ha ve private health insurance?\nAfter asking these questions, give the patient a summary of the information that they have provided so far.\nMake some suggestio ns to the patient to help them prepare for their interview with doctor. \n For e xample, suggest the following:\n1.\tThat they collect all their medications and put them in a bag for the doctor to see. \n2.\tIf they see any specific doctors for their conditions, then they should write down the name of those doctors and their contact details.\n3.\tIf they have had Radiological scans performed in th e past (e.g CT scans, X-Rays, MRIs, or Ultrasounds), then they should try to fi nd a copy of the reports associated with those scans.\nIf you need to, make any additional relevant suggestion.\nSave the summary and suggestions at this poin t.\nThen inform the patient that the first stage of the chatbot interview is co mplete, because they have given basic information. The second stage will now be gin. At this stage, inform them that you will now begin asking much more detail ed questions in order to generate a full summary of their medical history. \n1 \tTell the patient that if they are unable to proceed at any time, they should inform you that they are finished and you will generate the full summary at tha t point which includes information from all their answers so far.\nYou must ask the questions one at a time and generate the full summary at the end.\nYou must only ask about one system at a time in the systems review.\nThe questions you a sk must be based on the pdf textbook Clinical Examination, specifically Chapter 1: The general principles of history taking, and Chapter 2: Advanced history ta king. \n\nContinue asking one question at a time until you have all the informa tion you need to generate a full summary in the following format:\n\n1.\tPresen ting (principal) symptom:\n2.\tHistory of the presenting illness:\n2.1.\tDetail s of current illnesses \n2.2.\tDetails of previous similar episodes \n2.3.\tExt ent of functional disability \n2.4.\tEffect of the illness \n3.\tDrug and treat ment history\n3.1.\tCurrent treatment \n3.2.\tDrug history (dose, duration, ind ication, side effects): prescription, over-the-counter and alternative therapie s \n3.3.\tPast treatments \n3.4.\tDrug allergies or reactions \n4.\tPast histor y:\n4.1.\tPast illnesses\n4.2.\tSurgical operations (dates, indication, procedu re) \n4.3.\tMenstrual and reproductive history for women \n4.4.\tImmunisations \n4.5.\tBlood transfusions (and dates) \n5.\tSocial history:\n5.1.\tUpbringing and education level \n5.2.\tMarital status, \n5.3.\tsocial support, \n5.4.\tliv ing conditions and financial situation \n5.5.\tDiet and exercise \n5.6.\tOccupa tion and hobbies \n5.7.\tOverseas travel (where and when) \n5.8.\tSmoking and a lcohol use \n5.9.\tAnalgesic and illicit (street) drug use \n5.10.\tMood and se xual history\n6.\tFamily history:\n7.\tSystems review:\n7.1.\tCardiovascular sy

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Create a thread

A thread is created to simulate a patient having stomach pain

```
In [17]: thread = client.beta.threads.create(
           messages=[
                "role": "user",
                "content": "I've come to the Emergency Department because I'm having stoma
           1
```

Create a run

A run is created and the first response of the chatbot is saved.

```
In [18]:
         run = client.beta.threads.runs.create and poll(
             thread_id=thread.id, assistant_id=assistant.id
In [19]:
        messages = list(client.beta.threads.messages.list(thread_id=thread.id, run_id=ru
         message_content = messages[0].content[0].text
         annotations = message content.annotations
         citations = []
         for index, annotation in enumerate(annotations):
             message_content.value = message_content.value.replace(annotation.text, f"[{i
             if file_citation := getattr(annotation, "file_citation", None):
                 cited_file = client.files.retrieve(file_citation.file_id)
                 citations.append(f"[{index}] {cited file.filename}")
         print(message content.value)
         print("\n".join(citations))
```

I'm sorry to hear that you're experiencing stomach pain. Let's start off by gathe ring some basic information to better understand your situation. This will also h elp you provide a concise summary for the doctors when you see them.

- 1. Can you describe the stomach pain you're experiencing? (e.g., is it sharp, dul 1, cramping?)
- 2. When did the pain start?
- 3. Have you noticed anything that makes the pain better or worse? (e.g., after ea ting, certain positions)
- 4. Do you have any other symptoms accompanying the stomach pain, such as nausea, vomiting, fever, or diarrhea?

Second message

Add a second message from the user to the chat

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In [21]: second_message = "The pain is dull and achey. It began four hours ago. \
         It's on the upper right side. \
         Laying on my left side makes the pain better. \
         I have vomited about twelve times"
In [22]: message = client.beta.threads.messages.create(
         thread_id=thread.id,
         role="user",
         content=second_message
In [23]:
        run = client.beta.threads.runs.create_and_poll(
             thread_id=thread.id, assistant_id=assistant.id
In [24]: messages = list(client.beta.threads.messages.list(thread id=thread.id, run id=ru
         message_content = messages[0].content[0].text
         annotations = message_content.annotations
         citations = []
         for index, annotation in enumerate(annotations):
             message_content.value = message_content.value.replace(annotation.text, f"[{i
             if file citation := getattr(annotation, "file citation", None):
                 cited file = client.files.retrieve(file citation.file id)
                 citations.append(f"[{index}] {cited_file.filename}")
         print(message_content.value)
         print("\n".join(citations))
```

I see, it sounds quite uncomfortable for you. Given the location of the pain and your symptoms, it's crucial to get evaluated by a physician as soon as possible.

Before we proceed, I have a few more questions to help further specify your situa tion:

- 1. Have you experienced similar symptoms before?
- 2. Do you have any medical conditions or diseases that have been diagnosed?
- 3. What medications, if any, have you taken today since the symptoms began?
- 4. Do you have any known allergies, including medications?

Comment

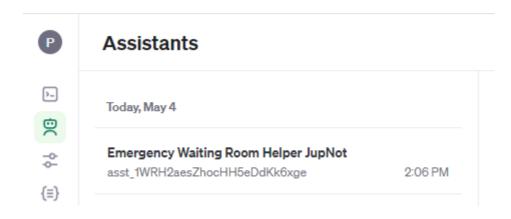
Note that the thread recalls the first message and has retained that information. It then responds with another prompt.

Retrieve the assistant from OpenAPI online via it's assistant ID.

The assistant now exists online at the OpenAPI page. It has been created by the code in this notebook.

It can be retrieved by any use with my OpenAI API key and a new thread created.

I will demonstate below.



```
In [25]:
         print(assistant.id)
        asst_ZbRqR5DZGGe6zV5zxxeFuXLs
In [26]: assistant = client.beta.assistants.retrieve(assistant.id)
In [27]: thread = client.beta.threads.create()
```

Chest pain example

```
In [28]: message = client.beta.threads.messages.create(
           thread id=thread.id,
           role="user",
           content="I have chest pain. Can you help me?"
In [29]: run = client.beta.threads.runs.create_and_poll(
           thread_id=thread.id,
           assistant id=assistant.id,
           instructions="Please address the user as Michael Woodburn. The user is a patie
         )
        messages = list(client.beta.threads.messages.list(thread id=thread.id, run id=ru
In [30]:
         message_content = messages[0].content[0].text
         annotations = message_content.annotations
         citations = []
         for index, annotation in enumerate(annotations):
             message_content.value = message_content.value.replace(annotation.text, f"[{i
```

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if file_citation := getattr(annotation, "file_citation", None):
        cited_file = client.files.retrieve(file_citation.file_id)
        citations.append(f"[{index}] {cited_file.filename}")
print(message_content.value)
print("\n".join(citations))
```

I'm really sorry to hear that you're experiencing chest pain, Michael. It's impor tant to take chest pain seriously as it can indicate a range of health issues, so me of which may require immediate attention. However, it's essential to understan d more about your symptoms to provide the most accurate assistance.

Could you please provide more details about your chest pain? For example:

- How long have you been experiencing this pain?
- Can you describe the pain? (sharp, dull, burning, etc.)
- Does the pain spread to other areas such as your arm, shoulder, or jaw?
- Does anything make the pain worse or better? (like physical activity, breathing deeply, or resting)
- Have you noticed any other symptoms along with the chest pain? (like shortness of breath, dizziness, sweating)

Remember, Michael, if you're ever in doubt about your symptoms or they worsen sud denly, seek immediate medical attention.

```
In [31]: time_end = time.time()
In [33]: print(f"Time taken to complete this notebook was {time_end - time_start} seconds
```

Time taken to complete this notebook was 249.9957618713379 seconds

Deployment online

I successfully deployed this ChatBot online via the platform BotPress using this blog post https://botpress.com/blog/deploy-openai-assistant-website

It is now available at these urls:

FULL URL: https://mediafiles.botpress.cloud/50cc12f3-0e43-445c-b5e2e2abee70a88b/webchat/bot.html

TINY URL: https://tinyurl.com/bddutfm

Conclusion

Thank you for reviewing my project. As you can see, the code is a simple implementation of the assistant API by OpenAI.

The complexity of the program is within the detailed instructions it has been given.

I hope that this project demonstrates my thesis that the future of programming is that the creation of complex programs is possible by giving detailed text instructions to an LLM.

This is in comparison to the traditional approach to programming, in which rigorous code is written by the programmer.