

ABSTRACT

A Voice Assistant is one of the hot topics in the current world that are programs that listens to human's verbal command and respond to them which makes it a human-computer/device interaction. In the current days, a voice assistant is everywhere which is a lot useful in these busy days. Nowadays, almost everyone in the current world is using voice assistant because it's everywhere starting from Google smartphone assistant which even 5 years old kids will know how to use because of the current world pandemic which makes them use smartphones till Amazon's Alexa which will be very useful to do works starting from entertaining the users till turning on and off the household products (Internet of Things). One of the greatest features is that it will be very useful to even physically challenged people, for example, people who aren't able to walk use the Internet of Things (IoT) feature to operate the household products and maintain them. So, we tend to develop a voice assistant which will be very useful to the users same as the other voice assistants which are currently in the world.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATIONS	EXPANSION
IOT	Internet of Things
AI	Artificial Intelligence
COM	Communication Port
OOPs	Object Oriented Programming
API	Application Programming Interface
TTS	Text to Speech
STT	Speech to Text
RAD	Rapid Application Development
UIDs	Unique Identifiers
NOVA	Next-Gen Optimal Voice Assistant
IP	Internet Protocol

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The very first voice activated product was released in 1922 as Radio Rex. This toy was very simple, wherein a toy dog would stay inside a dog house until the user exclaimed its name, “Rex” at which point it would jump out of the house. This was all done by an electromagnet tuned to the frequency similar to the vowel found in the word Rex, and predated modern computers by over 20 years.

In the 21st century, human interaction is being replaced by automation very quickly. One of the main reasons for this change is performance. There’s a drastic change in technology rather than advancement. In today’s world, we train our machines to do their tasks by themselves or to think like humans using technologies like Machine Learning, Neural Networks, etc. Now in the current era, we can talk to our machines with the help of virtual assistants.

Virtual assistants are software programs that help you ease your day to day tasks, such as showing weather reports, giving daily news, searching the internet etc. They can take commands by voice. Voice-based intelligent assistants need an invoking word or wake word to activate the listener, followed by the command. We have so many virtual assistants, such as Apple’s Siri, Amazon’s Alexa and Microsoft’s Cortana and Amazon's Alexa and this has been an inspiration for us to do this as a project. This system is designed to be used efficiently on desktops. Voice assistants are programs on digital devices that listen and respond to verbal commands. A user can say, “What's the weather?” and the voice assistant will answer with the weather report for that day and location.

1.1 OVERVIEW

A disease is a condition that affects the individual functioning of body totally. Diseases if neglected will lead to the death of an individual. Diseases can be identified by the symptoms of the body of an individual. Health is the most important in every human's life. Weekly or monthly check up of one's health is most important for the prevention and also to stay healthy.

Healthcare is the most crucial parts of the human life. Nowadays, so many are not willing to go to hospital, due to work overload and negligence of their health. The doctors and nurses are putting up maximum efforts to save people's lives without even considering their own loves. There are also some villages which lack medical facilities.

Accurate and on-time analysis of any health-related problem is important for the prevention and treatment of the illness. The traditional way of diagnosis may not be sufficient in the case of a serious ailment. In this situation, where everything has turned virtual, the doctors and nurses are putting up maximum efforts to save people's lives even if they have to danger their own.

There are also some remote villages which lack medical facilities. The dataset was processed in ML models Naive Bayes and Decision Tree. While processing the data, symptoms are given as input and the disease was received as an output. This project helps to get the idea about the disease of an individual based on the symptoms he/she have, and get the treatment easily by contacting the concern doctor.

1.2 DESIGN

- a) The voice assistant takes an input word which is called as "signal word" to be activated. so, it takes in the signal word and starts operating for the user commands.
- b) Converting the speech into text will be processed by the assistant.
- c) The converted text is now processed to get the required results.
- d) The text given by the user should contain one or two keywords that determine what query is to be executed. If the keyword doesn't match any of the queries in the code then the assistant asks the user to speak again.
- e) Finally, the output to the user's query will be given by converting speech to text.

1.3 VOICE ASSISTANT

Our assistant "NOVA" extends to help us when working on a system in which it is installed. We can access by calling the wake word "Hello NOVA".

1.3.1 WHAT IS VOICE ASSISTANT

A voice assistant, also known as an intelligent personal assistant or a connected speaker, is a new type of device that is based on natural language speech recognition and is offered by popular companies like Apple, Amazon, and Google. We got inspired by that and created one of our self.

1.3.2 WHY DO WE NEED IT

Usually, typing out and searching or doing day-to-day tasks becomes hectic. But our life doesn't need to be like that. One can ask for help to voice assistants. They let the users to perform a task using a speech command, as well as retrieve information via voice synthesis.

Following are the reasons to have a voice assistant.

- Minimal Effort
 - It's easier to say a few words than type them on a small smartphone screen.

- Eyes Free
 - One can be as blind as a bat, but a voice assistant will always help you. Our ears are enough. One can also ask the bot about something while cooking at the same time.

- Fast response
 - Imagine how much time you have to spend to find some information on a website? Or how many clicks do you need to make before you find the thing you need in a mobile application? Voice assistants don't generate such difficulties. One can ask a question and you have the answer.

1.3.3 WHERE TO USE IT

Voice search has been a hot topic of discussion. Voice visibility will undoubtedly be a challenge. This is due to the lack of a visual interface for voice assistants. Users cannot see or interact with a voice interface unless it is linked to the Alexa or Google Assistant app. Search behavior patterns will change dramatically as a result.

Brands are currently undergoing a transformation in which touchpoints are transforming into listening points, and organic search will be the primary means of brand visibility. Advertising agencies are becoming more popular as voice search grows in popularity. Voice assistants will also continue to offer more individualized experiences as they get better at differentiating between voices. The number of people using voice assistants is expected to grow. According to the Voice bot Smart Speaker Consumer Adoption Report 2018, almost ten percent of people who do not own a smart speaker plan to purchase one. If this holds true, the user base of smart speaker users will grow 50 percent, meaning a quarter of adults in the United States will own a smart speaker.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 RELATED WORK

This field of virtual assistants having speech recognition has seen some major advancements or innovations. This is mainly because of its demand in devices like smartwatches or fitness bands, speakers, Bluetooth earphones, mobile phones, laptop or desktop, television, etc. Almost all the digital devices which are coming nowadays are coming with voice assistants which help to control the device with speech recognition only. A new set of techniques is being developed constantly to improve the performance of voice automated search.

As the amount of data is increasing exponentially now known as Big Data the best way to improve the results of virtual assistants is to incorporate our assistants with machine learning and train our devices according to their uses. Other major techniques that are equally important are Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data access and management, etc. With the use of voice assistants, we can automate the task easily, just give the input to the machine in the speech form and all the tasks will be done by it from converting your speech into text form to taking out keywords from that text and execute the query to give results to the user.

Machine Learning is just a subset of Artificial Intelligence. This has been one of the most helpful advancements in technology. Before AI we were the ones who were upgrading technology to do a task but now the machine is itself able to counter new tasks and solve it without need to involve the humans to evolve it.

This has been helpful in day-to-day lifestyle. From mobile phones to personal desktops to mechanical industries these assistants are in very much demand for automating tasks and increasing efficiency.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

From the above literature survey, we have inferred that all the systems existing predict only particular diseases namely lung disease, breast cancer, heart disease, diabetes by implementing various algorithms on the particular datasets.

After implementing various algorithms, the most accurate one is selected and it is used for prediction of disease. Sometimes, we may get confused of what algorithm to use. Also, all the systems find only the particular disease and not the disease based on the symptoms.

3.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

We are proposing a system in an efficient way of implementing a Personal voice assistant, Speech Recognition library has many in-built functions, that will let the assistant understand the command given by user and the response will be sent back to user in voice, with Text to Speech functions. When assistant captures the voice command given by user, the underlying algorithms will convert the voice into text. And according to the keywords present in the text (command given by user), respective action will be performed by the assistant.

This is made possible with the functions present in different libraries. Also, the assistant was able to achieve all the functionalities with help of some API's. We had used these APIs for functionalities like performing calculations, extracting news from web sources, and for telling the weather. We will be sending a request, and through the API, we're getting the respective output. API's like WOLFRAMALPHA, are very helpful in performing things like calculations, making small web searches. And for getting the data from web. In this way, we are able to extract news from the web sources, and send them as input to a function for further purposes. Also, we have libraries like Random and many other libraries, each corresponding to a different technology. We used the library OS to implement Operating System related functionalities like Shutting down a system, or restarting a system.