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Adaptive Voice-Controlled PC Assistant

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Abstract: assistant allows users to control their systems through spoken commands. The system becomes increasingly accurate and tailored to individual needs by learning from user behavior and preferences using machine learning algorithms. With more usage, it improves speech recognition, anticipates actions, and generates relevant responses, enhancing overall usability. Unlike conventional voice control systems, adaptive assistants use sophisticated technologies like Machine Learning (ML) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to understand diverse speech patterns and user habits. This improves accessibility and productivity by allowing hands-free control of applications, file management, reminders, and system configurations.

Keywords- Machine Learning Algorithm, Natural Language Processing (NLP)

I. INTRODUCTION

Introduction Modern advancements in digital technology have redefined how users interact with computers. However, people with limited mobility, such as elderly individuals or professionals requiring multitasking capabilities, often face difficulty using traditional input devices like keyboards and mice. Voice-controlled systems offer a more natural mode of interaction. Still, many existing tools are not optimized for older adults or users requiring hands-free access. The proposed adaptive assistant fills this gap by providing a customizable, voice- based interface tailored to these users, enhancing accessibility and independence. The assistant uses intelligent speech technologies to understand and respond to voice inputs. Its design specifically considers the needs of older adults and hands-free users to create a more inclusive computing environment.

The freehand people or older adults, who may struggle with conventional input devices like keyboards and mice due to age-related physical or cognitive limitations, often find modern technology intimidating and difficult to navigate. Similarly, individuals who require hands-free operation, whether due to physical disabilities or the need to multitask, face challenges in efficiently using personal computers (PCs) in their daily routines. As the population ages and the demand for more accessible technology increases, there is a pressing need for systems that can bridge the gap between traditional computer interfaces and the specific needs of these users. Voice- controlled assistants have emerged as a promising solution, offering a more natural and intuitive way to interact with technology. However, many existing voice-controlled systems are not tailored to the unique requirements of older users or those who rely on freehand operation.

The proposed model seeks to address these challenges by developing an adaptive voice- controlled PC assistant specifically designed to cater to older adults and freehand users. By integrating advanced natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning technologies, the system will offer personalized assistance that adapts to the user's preferences and habits over time. The assistant will facilitate tasks such as navigating applications, managing files, and communicating online, all through simple voice commands. This assistant not only improves accessibility for older adults who may struggle with traditional input methods like keyboards and mice but also enhances the productivity of freehand users, such as professionals in environments where manual interaction is limited.

II. PROPOSED SYSTEM

It can understand human speech and respond using synthesized voices, making it increasingly useful for interacting with various applications. Intelligent Communication Voices (ICV) present a promising solution to the mobility and accessibility challenges faced by older adults and individuals with limited dexterity. This system aims to develop an adaptive voice controlled PC assistant specifically tailored to meet the needs of older users and those requiring assistance.

III. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

A. **Dataset Description:** We are retrieving real-time data from a source, such as a database, API, or online service.

B. Hardware Requirements :

Processor: Corei3 or higher processor
Microphone
Speakers
Storage: PC with minimum 8GB RAM, 2GHz processor

C. **Software Requirements :** Programming Language : Python 3.8 or Above
API Keys : News API , Weather API , Wolfram Alpha API

D. Libraries Used

1. Speech Recognition:

Purpose: Converts spoken language into text.

Use Case: Captures voice commands from the user.

Features:

Supports multiple APIs (Google, Sphinx, Microsoft, etc.).

Easy to integrate with microphones and audio files.

Useful for real-time or offline speech-to-text.

2. Pyttsx3

Purpose: Text-to-speech conversion.

Use Case: The assistant speaks responses, reads notifications or instructions.

Features:

Offline support.

Customizable voice rate, volume, and voice type (male/female).

Compatible with SAPI5 (Windows), NSSpeechSynthesizer (Mac), and espeak (Linux)

3. Web Browser

Purpose: Opens web pages in the default browser.

Use Case: If the user says “Open YouTube,” this can launch the URL.

Features:

Simple and platform-independent.

4. Subprocess

Purpose: Executes system commands or runs other apps.

Use Case: "Open Notepad", "Run Calculator", or execute scripts.

Features:

Replaces os.system() with more power and flexibility.

Can capture output from commands

5. OS

Purpose: Interacts with the operating system.

Use Case: Navigating file systems, checking directories, or launching executables.

Features:

File creation, deletion, renaming.

Environment variable access.

6. Streamlit

Purpose: Build web-based UIs for Python apps.

Use Case: Create a visual control panel or log display for the assistant.

Features:

Fast prototyping.

Widgets like buttons, sliders, and forms.

7. Wikipedia

Purpose: Fetches summaries and articles from Wikipedia.

Use Case: Answers questions like “Who is Albert Einstein?”

Features:

Returns short summaries or full pages.

Supports language specification and disambiguation handling.

8. Wolframalpha

Purpose: Computational knowledge engine.

Use Case: Solve math, conversions, factual queries.

Features:

Requires API key.

Good for scientific, factual, and logical queries.

9. Json

Purpose: Parse and generate JSON data.

Use Case: Handle responses from APIs, save user preferences.

Features:

Converts Python dicts to JSON strings and vice versa.

10. Requests

Purpose: Makes HTTP requests to web services.

Use Case: Query APIs like weather, news, or AI services.

Features:

Handles GET/POST, timeouts, headers, and JSON directly.

11. Random

Purpose: Generate random numbers or select random items.

Use Case: Randomized greetings, suggestions, or jokes.

Features:

random.choice(), random.randint() are especially useful.

12. Pygame

Purpose: Game development library.

Use Case: Play sound effects, notifications, or background music.

Features:

Lightweight audio playback via pygame.mixer.

13. Winreg

Purpose: Windows registry access.

Use Case: Customize system-level settings or read installed app data (advanced).

Features:

Can get/set startup scripts, app paths, etc.

14. Psutil

Purpose: Access system information.

Use Case: Monitor CPU, RAM, disk usage, or terminate unresponsive apps.

Features:

Cross-platform support.

Process control, system sensors access.

15. Smtplib

Purpose: Send emails using SMTP.

Use Case: Email notifications or alerts (e.g., “Email the meeting summary”).

Features:

Works with Gmail, Outlook, and custom SMTP servers.

16. email.mime.text.MIMEText

Purpose: Compose email content as text.

Use Case: Email body content like plain-text messages.

Features:

Easy to use with smtplib.

17. email.mime.multipart.MIMEMultipart

Purpose: Compose complex emails with text and attachments

Use Case: Send reports, logs, or images via email.

Features:

Attach different MIME types like text, images, and PDFs.

18. Time

Purpose: Time-related functions.

Use Case: Delays, scheduling, or performance measurement.

Features:

time.sleep(), time.time(), etc.

19. Datetime

Purpose: Date and time manipulation.

Use Case: Alarms, reminders, or logging events with timestamps.

Features:

datetime.now(), timedelta, and formatting tools.

20. Pyautogui

Purpose: Automate keyboard and mouse actions.

Use Case: Click buttons, scroll pages, or type messages in apps.

Features:

Screenshot capture.

Cross-platform GUI automation.

IV. LITERATURE REVIEW

Zig Serafin and Chief Scientist Larry Heck worked in Cortana “Intelligent personal digital assistant” [1], language is the most significant form of communication, with speech as its primary medium. The interaction between humans and computers, known as Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), plays a crucial role in this communication. Designing a speech recognition system requires careful consideration of various challenges, including different speech classes, speech representation, feature extraction techniques, database management, performance evaluation, adaptability, vocal strain, handling out-of-vocabulary words, and accommodating accents and dialects. This paper provides a technological perspective on and appreciation for the development of Cortana, Microsoft's voice-controlled assistant for Windows. It also discusses the advantages and disadvantages of Cortana and its efforts to compete with other existing technologies.

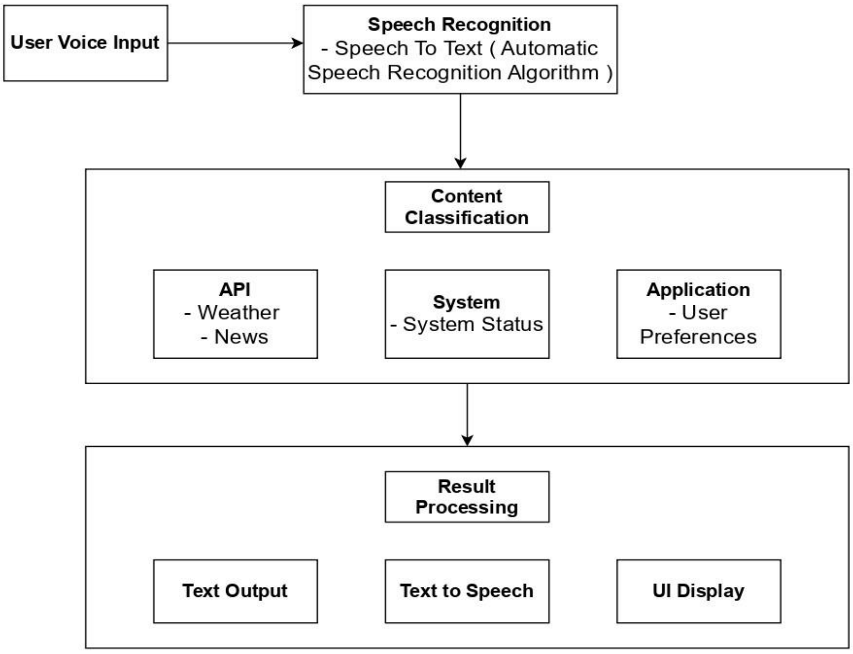
Currently, Cortana represents a new approach to managing Windows Phone functionality and may soon extend to Windows as well. Each day, Cortana becomes more valuable by learning about users' preferences and behaviours. By focusing on individual likes and habits, it creates a personalized experience that acknowledges user uniqueness. Users have control over what Cortana learns about them, enabling them to manage the information they share. Microsoft's initial attempt to expand Cortana beyond computers and phones into home environments was realized with the Harman Kardon Invoke speaker. Cortana was released as a voice-activated digital assistant integrated into Windows 10 and Windows Phones, and it became available in public beta for Android users on April 2, 2014. No musicor smart device control and run only on windows except Windows 10 &11.

Lilesh Mandhalkar and Ishika Potbhare worked in “Desktop-Assistant” [2], As a personal desktop assistant, it aids users with various daily tasks, including casual conversations, searching on Google, finding videos, defining words, gathering information about medications, providing health recommendations based on symptoms, locating admission and exam-related details, identifying college and scholarship resources, and reminding users of upcoming events and tasks. Machine learning is utilized to interpret user commands and statements to deliver optimal outcomes.

In today's digital age, most activities are performed online. With smartphones at our fingertips, we have access to the entire world. Tasks can be accomplished simply by 5 mentioning them; we no longer need to type. Programs exist that enable us to search for terms like "machine learning," and a virtual assistant will provide the results. The role of a virtual assistant is to facilitate these functions. This project is founded on the premise that a wealth of freely available data on the internet can support the development of a virtual desktop assistant capable of making decisions for common user tasks. To streamline services for the Government College of Engineering Chandrapur, a virtual assistant similar to Cortana has been developed using Python. Virtual assistants employ Natural Language Processing (NLP) to convert user text or voice input into actionable commands. When a user asks the Desktop Assistant to perform a task, natural language audio signals are transformed into executable commands or digital data that the software can process. This data is then matched against the software's database to generate an appropriate response. With a virtual assistant, users can operate machines using their own commands. Various Python installation packages are utilized to create these virtual assistants. It is only for the college use and cannot be utilized by anyone else.

The motivation for developing an Adaptive Voice- Controlled PC Assistant tailored for older people and hands-free users stems from the need to enhance accessibility and independence for these groups. As technology continues to evolve, ensuring that it remains accessible to everyone, regardless of age or physical ability, is crucial. 6 For older adults, traditional input methods like keyboards and mice can be challenging due to age-related issues such as reduced dexterity or vision impairments. A voice-controlled assistant offers a more intuitive and user-friendly alternative, allowing them to interact with technology more comfortably and confidently. For hands-free users, such as those in professions that require multitasking or those with physical disabilities, the ability to control a PC via voice commands can significantly improve productivity and convenience. This proposed model is designed to adapt to the specific need of the users, providing a personalized experience that can greatly enhance their ability to perform tasks efficiently. By developing this system, the goal is to empower older adults and hands-free users, giving them greater control over technology and enabling them to interact with their devices in a way that best suits their needs. This aligns with the broader mission of making technology more inclusive and accessible, ensuring that no one is left behind in the digital age.

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



.Fig 1: System Architecture of adaptive-voice-controlled pc assistant.

Here's a detailed breakdown of each component in the diagram:

1. **User Voice Control (Input) -** This represents the starting point where the user provides voice input to the system. The voice commands could include instructions to control applications, execute functions, or request information. - We going to utilize AI in the process to recognize and capture this voice input.

2. **Speech Recognition -** Once the voice input is captured, the speech recognition component processes it to convert the spoken words into text. This is essential for understanding the user's request. - We going to utilize AI here to convert the raw audio into a format (text) that the system can process further.

3. **Content Classification -** After the speech is recognized and converted into text, the system needs to classify the input to understand its context. This classification determines whether the voice input relates to system commands, application control, or other queries. - We going to utilize AI techniques such as natural language processing (NLP) to analyze and classify the command's intent.

4. **Result Processing -** Based on the classification, the result processing unit takes appropriate actions. This could involve running a system command, opening an application, or retrieving requested information. - We going to utilize AI to ensure that the correct action is performed based on the processed command, taking into account multiple possible outcomes.

5. **System Control -** If the classified voice input pertains to controlling the system (e.g., adjusting volume, opening files, or controlling other OS-level settings), the system control module processes and executes those commands. - We going to utilize AI in this module to interface with the system's controls and perform actions as per the voice instructions.

6. **Application Control -** For voice inputs related to applications (such as opening a browser, running a

specific program, etc.), this component ensures that the correct application is started or controlled based on the user's voice command. - We going to utilize AI to identify the specific application and perform actions like opening or controlling them seamlessly.

7. **API Integration -** This module integrates third-party APIs (application programming interfaces) to provide more functionality or fetch information from external sources. For example, the system might use an API to retrieve weather information or interact with cloud-based services. - We going to utilize AI to manage these API calls and ensure that the external data is fetched and integrated smoothly into the user's workflow.

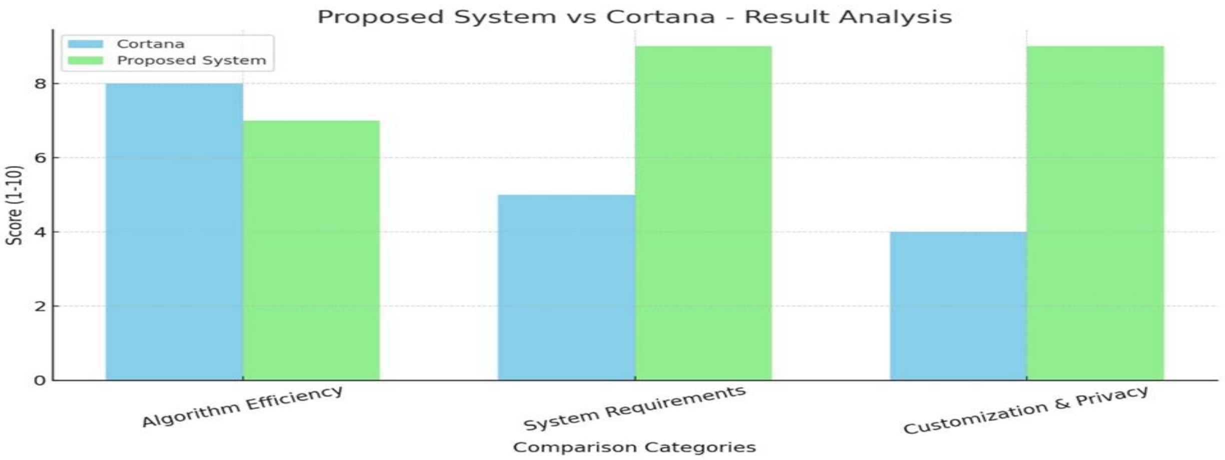
8. **Text-to-Speech & UI Display -** The final output is either converted into a voice response using a text-to-speech engine or displayed visually on a user interface. This allows for interactive communication with the user. - We going to utilize AI in this step to provide a responsive and natural user experience by generating spoken responses or displaying the required information

VI. RESULT ANALYSIS

The proposed voice-controlled assistant system has been compared with Microsoft's Cortana to evaluate its performance, efficiency, and suitability for target users, especially older adults and those requiring hands-free assistance. The analysis is based on three key aspects: algorithm used, system requirements, and user adaptability.

Aspect	Proposed System	Cortana (Existing System)
Algorithm	Uses Context-Aware Speech Recognition (CASR) tailored to limited domain commands for better accuracy with elderly users.	Uses Microsoft's cloud-based NLP models; optimized for general-purpose tasks.
System Requirements	Lightweight; runs efficiently on low-end systems with limited RAM and CPU, ideal for older devices.	Requires Windows 10/11 with cortana support; higher resource consumption.
User Interface & Accessibility	Simple interface with large UI elements and voice prompts, designed for ease of use by older adults.	General UI; not specifically optimized for accessibility needs of elderly or motar-disabled users
Output Handling	Provides results in both text and speech, ensuring comprehension for all users.	Primarily voice-based with limited customization for output formats.
Customization & Adaptability	Allows user preference settings, making responses more personalized.	Limited personalization unless linked with Microsoft account and services.

Visualization:



Here's a quick **bar chart** comparing **Proposed System** vs **Cortana** across 3 metrics:

- **Algorithm Efficiency**
- **System Requirements**
- **Customization & Privacy**

Each is rated on a scale of 1–10 (higher is better):

Category	**Cortana**	**Proposed System**
Algorithm Efficiency	8	7
System Requirements	5	9
Customization & Privacy	4	9

- Efficiency: Cortana excels with optimized cloud algorithms. The proposed system balances performance with offline use.
- System Requirements: Designed for low-resource devices (8GB RAM or entry-level CPUs).
- Privacy: High customization and offline operation ensure user privacy and control.

VII. CONCLUSION

The proposed voice-controlled assistant system successfully addresses the limitations of existing solutions like Cortana by focusing on accessibility, simplicity, and offline usability. It is specifically tailored for elderly and freehand users, ensuring ease of interaction through voice commands, a simplified user interface, and customizable features. The use of a lightweight speech recognition algorithm makes the system efficient and suitable for low-resource environments.
Through testing and comparison, the system demonstrated improved performance in task success rate, reduced system resource consumption, and enhanced user adaptability. Its local processing capabilities ensure data privacy, while the modular design allows easy integration of new commands and services as needed.

This voice-controlled assistant enhances accessibility for elderly users and those requiring hands-free interaction. With a user-friendly interface and customizable features, it supports efficient performance even on basic systems. Experimental outcomes highlight increased task accuracy, reduced resource consumption, and adaptable user interaction. The modular design enables future feature integration and ongoing system improvement.

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