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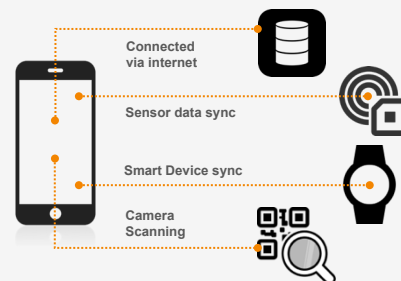
The Hyper Connected World

Past Apps vs Current Apps

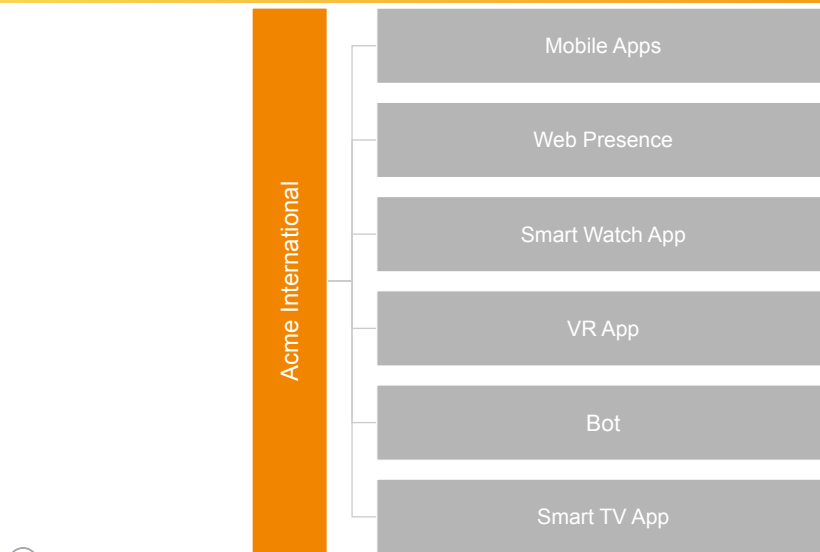
Standalone App or Limited Connected App



Hyper Connected App



Omni Channel Offerings by Enterprises



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App Connected with BLE Smart Device

Peripheral Devices or Triggers



Syncing Data with BLE Smart Device

- Connect, Disconnect, Broadcast, etc.
- Sync Data
- Determine certain actions

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App extracting text from image

Peripheral Devices or Triggers



Using Mobile Camera Scanning Book

- Intelligent Image Capturing Algorithm
- OCR enabled

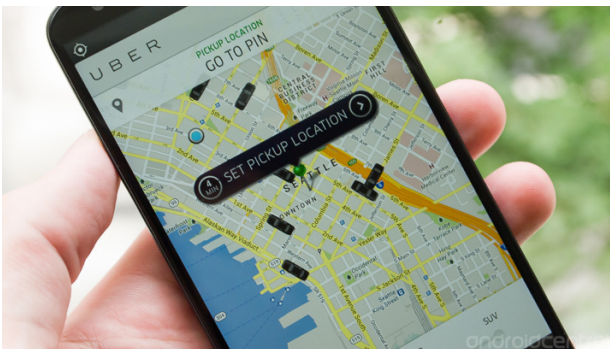
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App Determining Location & Triggering Actions

Peripheral Devices or Triggers



Using Mobile Device Location

- Current Location
- Map rendering
- Identify nearest object & notify (e.g. Cab)

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App Relying on Device Locale for Date & Time

Peripheral Devices or Triggers



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Notifying Relevant Info to Customer

- Get Device Local Date & Time
- Determine and trigger notification for user's action

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App Relying on Biometric Authentication

Peripheral Devices or Triggers

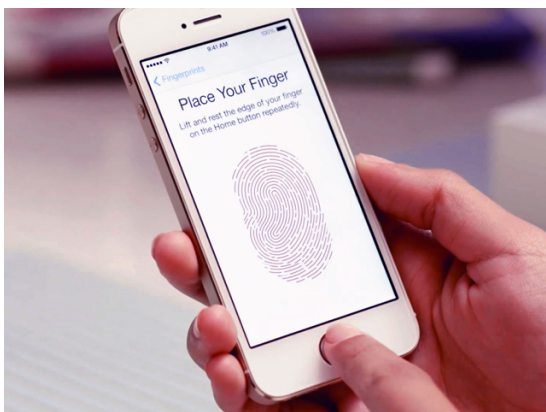


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Authenticate User & Provide Info

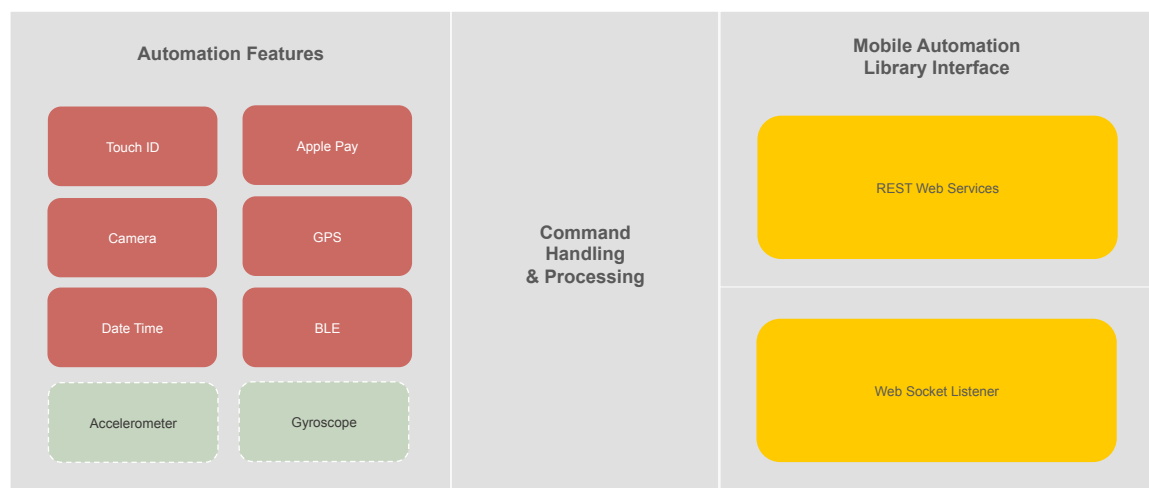
- Fingerprint Scanning
- Authenticate & Trigger Action

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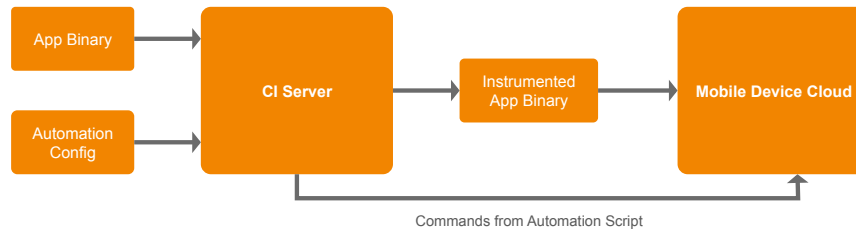
Mobile App Test Automation Challenges

- Existing popular tools like Appium do not support automation of device hardware testing (Camera, TouchID)
- Hardware level access for automation necessitates the need for code level instrumentation
- Testing use cases around interruptions are important but complex.

Automation Library Approach



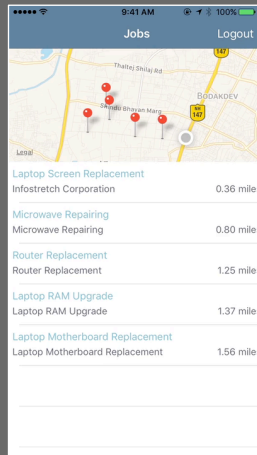
Automation Approach



Use Case: Automate the testing of location

- A field staff needs to initiate the job that is assigned to him
- Condition is – person can initiate only if he is actually at that location
- Manual approach is costlier
- Traditional approaches can't spoof the location
- Using Infostretch's Mobile Automation Framework, we can spoof the location based on test data and can verify the scenario in less than 20 secs

Demo



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Channel | Bots



Types of Bots

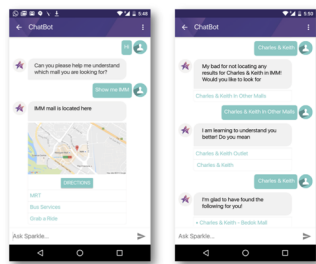
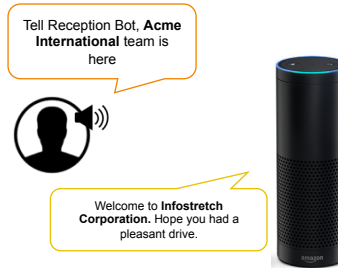


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Chat Bot



Voice Bot

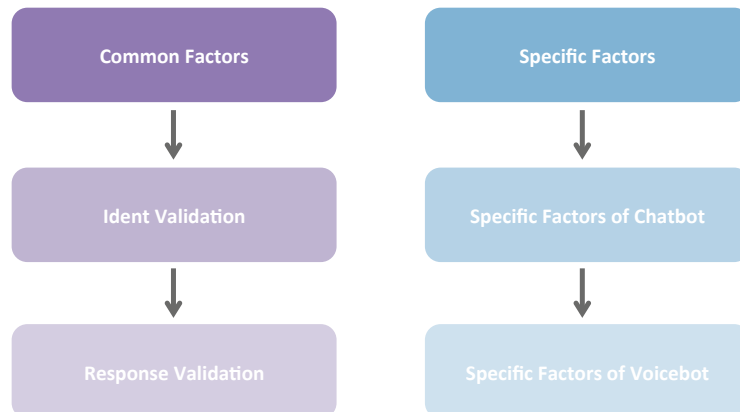
Conversational UI



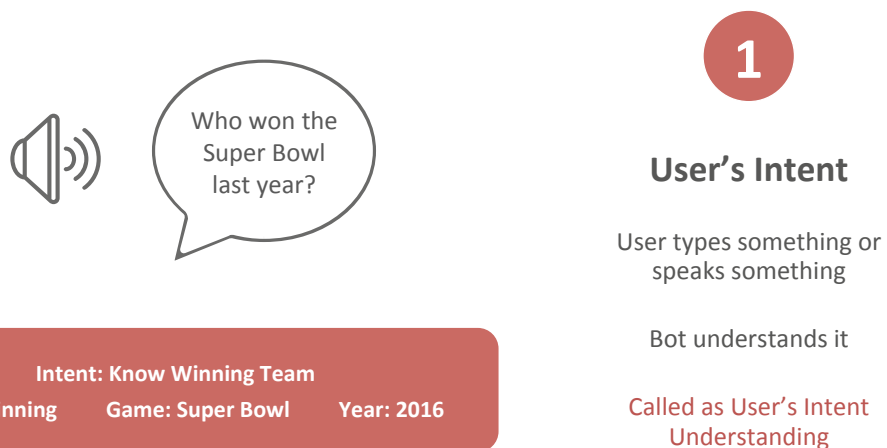
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Big shift happening in the industry for the conversational interfaces or Zero UI interfaces.
Need different approach to test Non-UI elements

Nuances of Bot Testing



User's Intent Validation



Bot's Response Validation

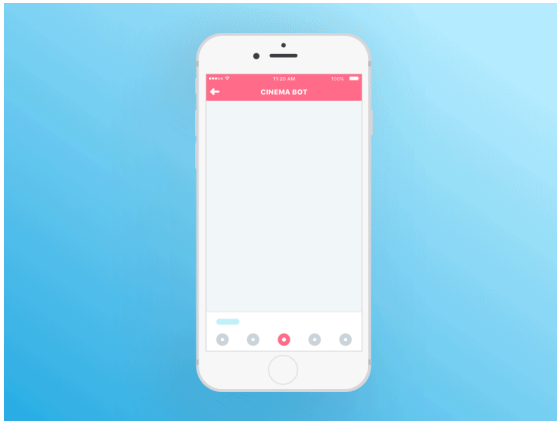


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Bot's Response

Based on Intent understanding, bot can:

- Either call specific web service, or
- Reply based on intelligence embedded in the bot itself

Without user's entry, bot can push information (e.g. Weather updates)

Factors to be tested for Chatbot

Different Response – Same Query

Smart bots would react differently to the same query. When a user mentions "thanks" it would reply as – "Welcome" or "My Pleasure" or "No problem"

Response time from bot

How much time your bot is taking to respond back to your user's queries. Timeout defined for the bot response must also be aligned to that during automation

Bot's understanding of intents

Different users ask the same query in different ways. User 1 asks – "Growth of my portfolio"
User 2 asks "percentage change in my portfolio"

Multiple Queries in single sentence

How does your bot handle the multiple queries in single statement? User asks – Show me the suspicious transactions value and total loss in 2017

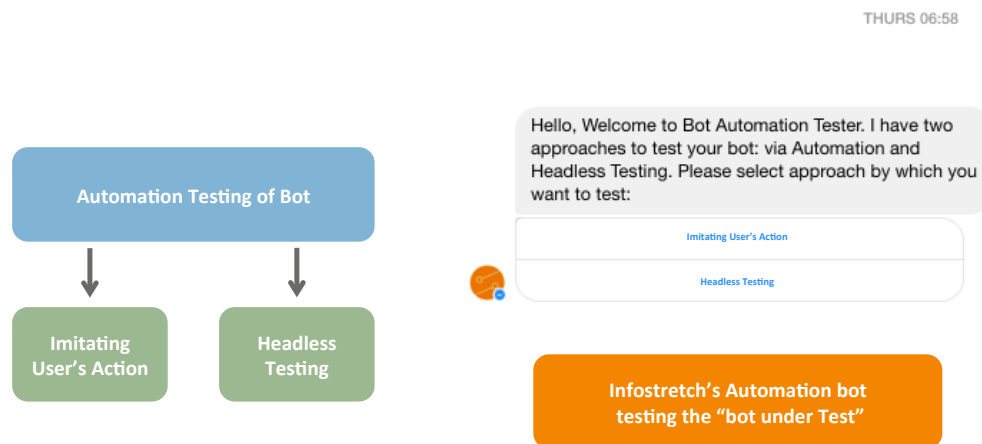
Typo Errors Understanding

How far a bot can understand the typo error from a user without polluting with other intent.

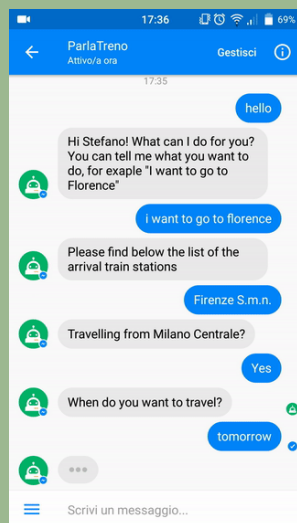
Mixed Languages Query

Can your bot understand the multiple languages that has been asked? User may write - Combien avez-vous facturé pour mon POS system?

Approaches



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Imitating User's Actions

Imitating User's Action - Approach

Upload Test Data using Excel/CSV



- ✓ Infostretch Framework allows to test the bot's flow end-to-end per Test Scenario
- ✓ It imitates user's action and interacts with bot
- ✓ Captures the response of the bot and compares with the response data mentioned in Test Data Excel/CSV

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Headless Testing

Headless Testing - Approach

Upload Test Data using Excel/CSV



- ✓ Infostretch Framework spoofs and directly connects to bot server of “Bot under Test”
- ✓ User’s actions are sent directly bypassing the bot channel
- ✓ Captures the response of the bot and compares with the response data mentioned in Test Data excel/CSV

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Test Data Options

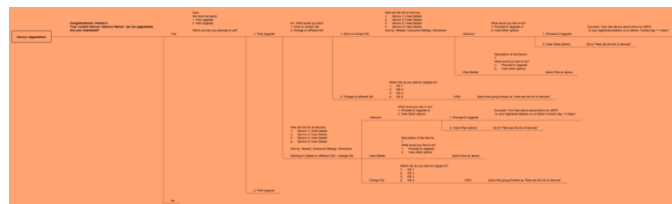
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Upload Test Data using Excel/CSV

- Create specific format from Mind Map diagram and push into bot Automation Framework
- It helps in **reducing the maintenance time** by managing the requirement changes in mind map itself



Automated Testing of Voicebot



Factors to be Tested for Voicebot

Different accents, gender

How does bot behaves for different accents & gender combinations - American female, British Male

Punctuations

How bot interprets the punctuations:
Tools, without any, skill is helpless – vs -
Tools, without any skill is helpless ?

Same meaning different utterance

Yes, yeah, true, exactly, certainly, etc. can be used interchangeably. Bot must understand them.

Background Noise

Check for the effect of noise on the bot's capability to understand user's intent.

Different pronunciations

People often pronounce accessory instead of accessory – does your bot understands the essence of user's intention?

User speaking at distance

Effect of user speaking from distance, or in case of listening device being stationary (e.g. Echo) and user is moving and speaking – how does that impact bot's behavior?

Approach

Intent Testing



Ask Automation Bot,
Run Test Suite for
Diagnosis



Test Suite with Test
cases running in
sequence



Utterances as input
(pre-recorded/run-
time generated using
third-party TTS API)



Change distance using
Turtlebot, add Noise, etc.



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