ChatGPT - Using an AI-Based Conversational Model in a Traditional Programming Course

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Abstract

Traditional programming courses have relied on students learning coding syntax from examples and other textbook sources.

As students learn to write code, they become proficient in the syntax, logic, debugging, and documentation of their code.

ChatGPT is a revolutionary method that enables students to generate new code, fix bugs and errors, and learn and write programming languages and computational concepts.
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Introducing ChatGPT

We’ve trained a model called ChatGPT which interacts in a conversational way. The dialogue format makes it possible for ChatGPT to answer followup questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises, and reject inappropriate requests.
Final Exam 2022

Questions were all in text format and provided clear and concise instructions for students to write or fix code.

ChatGPT answered all questions with correct/elegant answers!
Write the HTML code for a simple form that requires a mandatory text input fields for username mandatory, a mandatory password type input field, and an optional text input type of Last Name. Ensure you have a placeholder with hints for every field and require input for uid and pwd.

```html
<form>
  <label for="username">Username:<br>
  <input type="text" id="username" name="username" placeholder = “Please enter your username” required><br>

  <label for="pwd">Password:<br>
  <input type="password" id="pwd" name="pwd" placeholder = “Please enter a valid password” required>

  <label for="lastname">LastName:<br>
  <input type="text" id="lastname" name="lastname" placeholder = “Please enter your last name” >
</form>
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Simple Form</title>
</head>
<body>
<form>
  <label for="username">Username:</label>
  <input type="text" id="username" name="username" placeholder="Enter your username" required>
  <br><br>
  <label for="password">Password:</label>
  <input type="password" id="password" name="password" placeholder="Enter your password" required>
  <br><br>
  <label for="lastName">Last Name:</label>
  <input type="text" id="lastName" name="lastName" placeholder="Enter your last name (optional)">
  <br><br>
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
Consider the following code that creates a Mongoose Schema:

```javascript
const postSchema = {
  title: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Title of Blog is required']
  },
  content: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Content of Blog is required']
  }
};
```

Extend the schema with the following four elements:

1. **Description** of type String but always in lowercase, required field
2. **PostDate** of type Date, with default of today’s date, not a required field
3. **Rating** of type Number, with a min rating of 1, not a required field
4. **isValid** is a Boolean, required field
const postSchema = {
  title: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Title of Blog is required']
  },
  content: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Content of Blog is required']
  },
  Description: {
    type: String,
    lowercase: [true],
    required: [true]
  },
  PostDate: {
    type: Date,
    default: Date.now
  },
  Rating: {
    type: Number,
    min: [1]
  },
  isValid: {
    type: Boolean,
    required: [true, "Need to enter True or False"]
  }
};
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
const { Schema } = mongoose;

const postSchema = new Schema({
  title: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Title of Blog is required']
  },
  content: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Content of Blog is required']
  },
  description: {
    type: String,
    required: [true, 'Description is required'],
    set: (value) => value.toLowerCase()
  },
  postDate: {
    type: Date,
    default: Date.now,
  },
  rating: {
    type: Number,
    min: [1, 'Rating must be at least 1']
  },
  isValid: {
    type: Boolean,
    required: [true, 'isValid field is required']
  }
});
ChatGPT (Generative Pre-Trained Transformer)

ChatGPT v3.5
Free!
Started using in March 2023
Students learned how to write clear and concise prompts and converse
Understand code snippets and examples from class
Used to generate sample code
Students used ChatGPT for homework and final exam

ChatGPT v4.0 - Plus
New - Code Interpreter and Plugins for coding etc.
Useful for an Instructor
Paid service for $20/month
More powerful engine for generating code and explanations
Assists instruction by providing an online coding “assistant”
Helpful for generating sample code for students based on existing documentation
Your AI pair programmer

GitHub Copilot uses the OpenAI Codex to suggest code and entire functions in real-time, right from your editor.
GitHub Copilot enables developers to

• **Get AI-based coding suggestions:** Get code suggestions that match a project’s context and style conventions, and cycle through different options to decide what to accept, reject, or edit.

• **Use your preferred environment:** Integrate GitHub Copilot with popular editors, including Neovim, JetBrains IDEs, Visual Studio, and Visual Studio Code as an unobtrusive extension.

• **Code confidently in unfamiliar territory:** Code in new languages or try something new, and let GitHub Copilot suggest syntax and code in dozens of languages—so you can spend more time learning by doing.
What can you do with GitHub Copilot?

Convert comments to code
GitHub Copilot uses a special version of GPT-3 that has been trained on a large body of public source code. It is as good at writing natural language as it is at writing code, so in fact it can complete your comments for you. In the example below, we first let it complete our explanation, and then, line by line, we tab through the code that does what we just said in English.

```javascript
//create javascript code for volume of a sphere
//create a function that calculates the volume of a sphere
//volume = 4/3 * pi * r^3
```

Create unit tests
An important use case of GitHub Copilot is to take some of the drudgery out of writing unit tests. Below, we already have an implementation of a function that computes the common prefix of two lists, and we want to test that. To do so, we import the unit test package, and then we start writing a test function to let Copilot generate the asserts which we accept just by hitting the Tab key.
GitHub Copilot v1.95.233

Your AI pair programmer

Get Code Suggestions in real-time, right in your IDE

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```javascript
//create javascript code for volume of a sphere
//create a function that calculates the volume of a sphere
//volume = 4/3 * pi * r^3
//r = radius of sphere
//pi = 3.14

function volumeOfSphere(r) {
    const pi = 3.14;
    const volume = (4 / 3) * pi * Math.pow(r, 3);
    return volume;
}

//usage
console.log(volumeOfSphere(5)); // radius = 5 units
```
Sure! Below is the JavaScript code for a function that calculates the volume of a sphere given its radius:

```javascript
function sphereVolume(radius) {
    // Check if the input is a number and it is not negative
    if (typeof radius !== 'number' || radius < 0) {
        throw new Error('Radius must be a non-negative number.');
    }

    const pi = Math.PI;
    const volume = (4 / 3) * pi * Math.pow(radius, 3);
    return volume;
}

// Example usage:
const radius = 5;
const volume = sphereVolume(radius);
console.log('Volume of the sphere:', volume);
```

This code defines a function called `sphereVolume` that takes the `radius` of the sphere as input and returns the volume calculated using the formula you provided. It also includes a check to ensure that the input radius is a non-negative number, and it throws an error if it's not. The function then calculates the volume and returns it. Finally, there's an example usage to demonstrate how to call the function.
Our most capable model, great for tasks that require creativity and advanced reasoning.
Available exclusively to Plus users

- **Default**

- **Code Interpreter** Beta

- **Plugins** Beta

ChatGPT PLUS

GPT-4 currently has a cap of 25 messages every 3 hours.
Code interpreter  Alpha

An experimental ChatGPT model that can use Python, handle uploads and downloads

We provide our models with a working Python interpreter in a sandboxed, firewalled execution environment, along with some ephemeral disk space. Code run by our interpreter plugin is evaluated in a persistent session that is alive for the duration of a chat conversation (with an upper-bound timeout) and subsequent calls can build on top of each other. We support uploading files to the current conversation workspace and downloading the results of your work.
ChatGPT plugins

We’ve implemented initial support for plugins in ChatGPT. Plugins are tools designed specifically for language models with safety as a core principle, and help ChatGPT access up-to-date information, run computations, or use third-party services.
Plugin store

Popular  New  All  Installed

AskYourCode
Install

Ask your code without having to copy-paste it. Works with most popular programming languages.

Code Runner
Install

Run and Save your code while creating visualizations (charts and graphs) supports upto 70 programming...

Code Runner
Install

Compile and save your code while creating visualizations (charts and graphs) supports upto 70 programmin...

CoderPad
Install

Run code in more than 30 different programming languages, and let us worry about setting up the environment!
Claude 2

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Talk to Claude
In addition, our latest model has greatly improved coding skills. Claude 2 scored a **71.2%** up from **56.0%** on the [Codex HumanEval](#), a Python coding test. On GSM8k, a large set of grade-school math problems, Claude 2 scored **88.0%** up from **85.2%**. We have an exciting roadmap of capability improvements planned for Claude 2 and will be slowly and iteratively deploying them in the coming months.
Here is a JavaScript function to calculate the volume of a sphere:

```javascript
function calculateSphereVolume(radius) {
    const PI = 3.141592653589793;
    return (4/3) * PI * Math.pow(radius, 3);
}
```

To use it:

```javascript
const radius = 5;
const volume = calculateSphereVolume(radius);
console.log(volume); // 523.5987755982989
```

The key aspects are:

- Use the constant PI for the value of pi
- The volume formula is \( \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \)
- Use `Math.pow()` to calculate the radius cubed
- Return the result of the volume calculation
- To find the volume, call the function passing in the radius of the sphere
Reflections - AI Tools as Programming Assistants

1. Extends the current toolsets and learning aids
   a. Intelligent IDEs, Stack Overflow, Online Docs, Google Search, GitHub etc.

2. Introductory Programming Courses
   a. HTML, CSS, Javascript, Python
   b. Students understand basic syntax
   c. Students learn to write comments/prompts -> generate code
   d. Students learn to test code

3. Intermediate Programming and Database Courses
   a. MERN Stack - MongoDB, Express, React, NodeJS
   b. Databases - MySQL, MongoDB, Mongoose
   c. Installation process, Code Generation, Test Scripts, GitHub Repo
   d. Group Projects where students work together

4. Integrate ChatGPT and other AI models like Claude 2 into the curriculum
Questions?
Comments?!

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