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A HYBRID AI POWERED SYSTEM FOR REAL-TIME SPEAKER DIARIZATION AND MEETING SUMMARIZATION

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Abstract: Real-time meeting transcription and summarization are pivotal for enhancing productivity in modern collaborative environments. This paper presents a robust, hybrid Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered system for real-time speaker diarization and meeting summarization. The system combines client-side system-wide audio capture using a virtual audio driver with cloud-based advanced processing modules, integrating Whisper for speech-to-text transcription, WhisperNER for named entity enriched transcription, and a fine-tuned Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer (T5) model for abstractive summarization. Experimental results demonstrate high accuracy across Diarization Error Rate (DER), Word Error Rate (WER), and Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation (ROUGE) metrics. This system ensures accurate speaker attribution, enriched transcription, and contextualized summaries while maintaining low latency, thus meeting the needs of dynamic, multi-speaker environments.

Index Terms - Real-time diarization, Whisper model, WhisperNER, T5 summarization, cloud-based processing, virtual audio driver, speech-to-text, meeting summarization, natural language processing (NLP), speaker attribution.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the modern workplace, remote and hybrid collaboration has emerged as a necessity, requiring efficient management and summarization of online meetings. Manual note-taking and transcription are often error-prone and inefficient, highlighting the urgent need for automated systems capable of capturing and summarizing meetings in real-time.

Speaker diarization, the process of partitioning audio recordings according to speaker identity, plays a crucial role in organizing meeting data. Advances in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) have paved the way for systems capable of not only transcribing speech but also attributing it to specific speakers and generating coherent, contextually relevant summaries.

This research proposes a hybrid AI system that leverages Whisper for robust speech recognition, WhisperNER for enriching transcripts with named entities, and a fine-tuned T5 model for effective meeting summarization.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Recent developments in AI have significantly improved speaker diarization, speech-to-text transcription, and summarization systems.
Wyawahare et al. developed a multilingual meeting summarization framework using Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) for key point extraction. Mahmoud et al. introduced cloud-based video summarization using deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs). Muppidi et al. employed BART and T5 for automatic generation of meeting minutes.
Furthermore, WhisperNER enhanced transcription by integrating Named Entity Recognition (NER) with Whisper models, providing contextually enriched outputs. Mehta et al. demonstrated the effectiveness of the BART model in meetings of varying lengths.

Despite these advances, real-time speaker diarization, accurate multilingual transcription, and dynamic summarization in noisy, multi-party environments remain challenging. This work addresses these gaps through an integrated, hybrid architecture.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. System Architecture

The proposed system architecture is designed to capture, process, and summarize meeting audio in real-time using a hybrid AI-based framework. The architecture consists of two primary components: the **Client-Side Application** and the **Cloud Processing Pipeline**. These components work together to provide a seamless and efficient real-time meeting summarization system.

1. *Client-Side Application*

The client-side application plays a crucial role in capturing the system-wide audio streams, which include both internal (e.g., from microphones or applications like video conferencing software) and external (e.g., ambient sounds) audio. Key components of the client-side application include:

- **Virtual Audio Driver:** A custom-developed virtual audio driver captures all system-wide audio streams in real-time. This eliminates the need for manual intervention and allows for passive, non-intrusive audio capture, enabling continuous recording during a meeting or conference.
- **Audio Preprocessing:** Basic preprocessing steps, such as noise reduction and audio normalization, are applied on the captured audio to enhance the quality of subsequent analysis. These steps ensure that the audio fed into the system is clear and suitable for transcription and diarization.

2. *Cloud Processing Pipeline*

The cloud-based pipeline performs the heavy lifting of analyzing the captured audio streams. This involves a series of advanced AI models that handle various tasks like speaker diarization, speech-to-text transcription, named entity recognition, and summarization. Key aspects of the cloud processing pipeline include:

- **Speaker Diarization:** The audio streams are segmented based on speaker identity to ensure that the speech of each participant is correctly attributed. Speaker diarization is crucial for meetings involving multiple participants, as it allows the system to track who is speaking at any given time.
- **Speech-to-Text Transcription:** Once the audio is segmented, the system transcribes the speech into text using a state-of-the-art model like **Whisper**. This step converts the spoken language into written text, which is a foundational step for further processing.
- **Named Entity Recognition (NER):** After transcription, the text is processed using **WhisperNER**, an extension of Whisper, which performs Named Entity Recognition (NER). This step enriches the transcription by identifying and tagging entities such as names, locations, dates, and other important terms within the meeting.
- **Abstractive Summarization:** The final step in the cloud processing pipeline involves summarizing the enriched transcriptions using the **T5 Transformer model**, which is fine-tuned for abstractive summarization. This model generates concise and contextually relevant summaries, capturing the key points of the meeting.

3. Communication and Low-Latency Protocols

Communication between the client and the cloud is facilitated by **low-latency protocols** to ensure real-time processing. **WebSocket** and **gRPC** protocols are used to establish fast and reliable communication channels, minimizing the time delay between audio capture, processing, and summarization. These protocols ensure that the system can operate in

time-sensitive environment, such as live meetings or webinars, without significant delays.

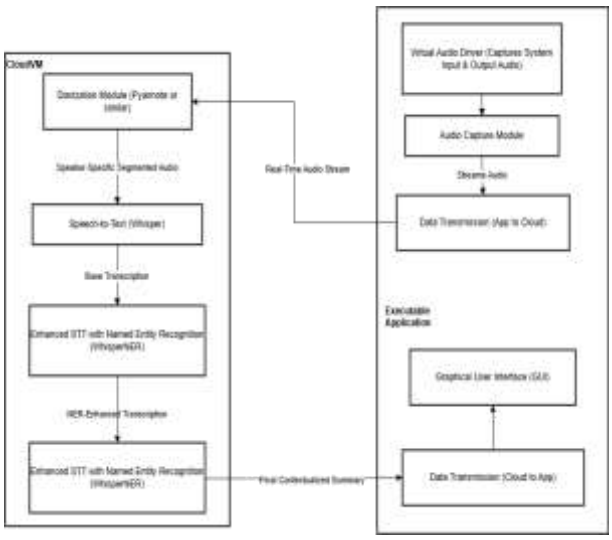


Figure 1: System Architecture

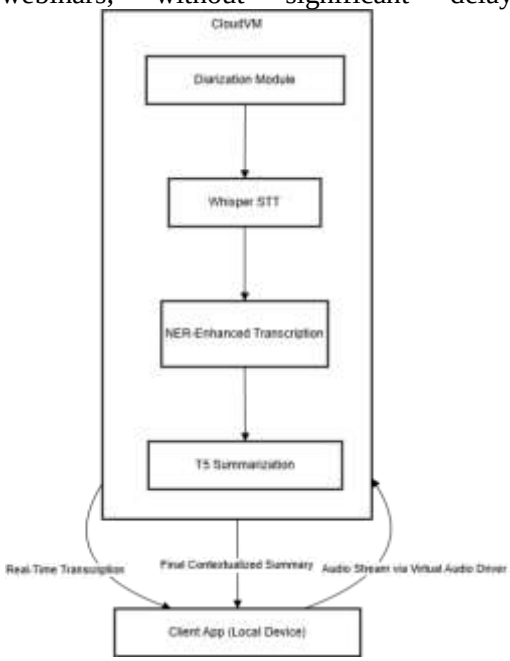


Figure 3: Network Communication Diagram

B. Data Flow Pipeline

The data flow pipeline outlines the sequence of processing steps from audio capture to final summary generation. Below is a more detailed breakdown of each step in the pipeline:

1. ***Audio Capture:***

- **System-Wide Audio Streams A(t)A(t)A(t):** The client-side application captures all system-wide audio streams A(t)A(t)A(t) in real-time. This includes both the audio from the meeting itself and any additional environmental noise.
- **Virtual Audio Driver:** The virtual audio driver ensures that the system captures audio from various sources, including microphones, audio playback devices, and any other relevant system audio. The captured audio is continuously streamed to the cloud for processing.

2. ***Preprocessing:***

- **Noise Removal:** Noise removal algorithms filter out unwanted background noise, such as environmental sounds or static, ensuring that only relevant speech is passed on to the next stages of processing.
- **Normalization:** Audio normalization ensures that the volume levels of the captured audio are consistent, making it easier for the system to process the audio effectively.

3. ***Speaker Diarization:***

- The audio A(t)A(t)A(t) is passed through a **speaker diarization model** that segments the audio into speaker-specific streams Si(t)S_i(t)Si(t), where iii represents the index of the speaker. Diarization partitions the meeting audio into distinct parts based on who is speaking at any given time.

4. ***Speech-to-Text Transcription:***

- Each speaker-specific stream Si(t) is transcribed into text using the **Whisper model**, a robust speech-to-text model trained on multilingual datasets. The transcription for each speaker is denoted as Ti:

$$\mathrm{Ti} = \mathrm{Whisper}(\mathrm{Si}(t))$$

This step converts the audio into a textual representation, which is essential for further analysis.

5. ***Named Entity Recognition (NER):***

- After transcription, **Named Entity Recognition (NER)** is performed on the transcribed text Ti to identify and tag entities (such as names, locations, dates, etc.) using the **WhisperNER** extension. The enriched transcription Ti' is then generated:

$$\mathbf{Ti' = Ti + Ei}$$

where Ei represents the identified entities in the text. This step adds contextual information to the transcriptions, making them more meaningful and comprehensive.

6. ***Aggregation:***

- All the enriched transcriptions Ti′ from the various speakers are aggregated into a unified document, containing all the relevant textual data from the meeting.

7. ***Summarization:***

- The final step involves generating a summary SSS of the meeting by applying the **T5 Transformer** model to the aggregated transcriptions. The summarization model generates a concise, abstractive summary of the meeting:

$$S = T_{5}\left(\cup_{i=1}^{n} T_i' \right)$$

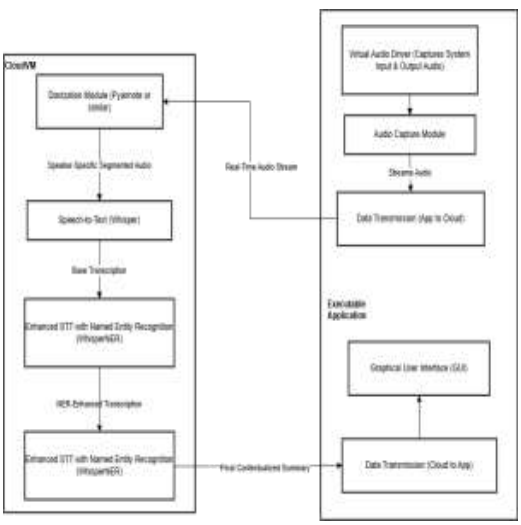
where the union of all enriched transcriptions Ti′ is fed into the T5 model to generate the final meeting summary.

8. ***Diarization Partitioning:***

- The diarization partitioning equation is given as:

$$A(t) = \sum_{\{i=1\}}^{n} Si(t)$$

This equation represents the segmentation of the audio stream A(t) into distinct speaker-specific streams Si(t)



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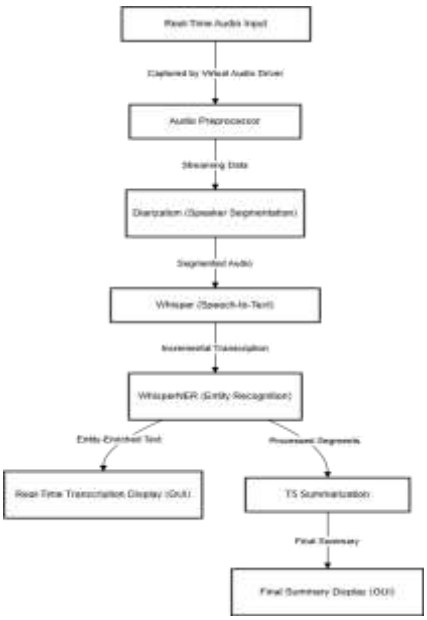

Figure 4: Real-Time Processing Diagram

C. Tools and Models Used

The system relies on several advanced AI models and tools to perform speech recognition, diarization, and summarization:

1. Whisper:
   - Whisper is a state-of-the-art speech-to-text model trained on multilingual datasets, enabling robust and accurate transcription of audio in various languages. It handles both noisy and clear speech effectively, making it suitable for diverse meeting environments.

2. WhisperNER:
   - WhisperNER is an extension of the Whisper model that incorporates Named Entity Recognition (NER). It enhances the transcription process by identifying and tagging important entities within the speech, adding context to the transcriptions.

3. T5 Transformer:
   - T5 (Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer) is a transformer-based model fine-tuned for abstractive summarization. The T5 model is used to generate concise, meaningful summaries from the enriched meeting transcripts, ensuring that the final output captures the essence of the meeting while eliminating unnecessary details.

4. pyannote.audio:
   - pyannote.audio is a modular framework used for speaker diarization. It provides pre-trained models and tools to partition audio into speaker-specific segments, enabling the system to accurately attribute speech to different speakers in a meeting.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- The system's performance was evaluated using real-world meeting datasets containing diverse audio samples, including various accents, noise conditions, and speaker interactions. The evaluation was conducted based on three primary performance metrics:
- Diarization Error Rate (DER): This metric measures the accuracy of speaker attribution in the audio. It quantifies the error in assigning speech to the correct speaker, considering false positives (incorrectly attributing speech to a non-speaking participant) and false negatives (failing to attribute speech to a speaker).
- Word Error Rate (WER): WER measures the accuracy of speech-to-text transcription. It is calculated by comparing the transcribed text to the reference (ground truth) transcript and counting the number of insertions, deletions, and substitutions required to match the two. A lower WER indicates higher transcription accuracy.
- ROUGE-1 Score: This metric is used to evaluate the quality of the generated summaries by comparing them to human-written reference summaries. The ROUGE-1 score specifically measures the overlap of unigrams (single words) between the generated and reference summaries. A higher ROUGE-1 score indicates a more relevant and accurate summary.
- BLEU Score: BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) is another metric used for evaluating the quality of the generated text by comparing it with human-written references. BLEU measures the precision of n-grams (contiguous sequences of words) between the generated and reference summaries. A higher BLEU score indicates that the generated summaries contain more meaningful content as compared to the reference.
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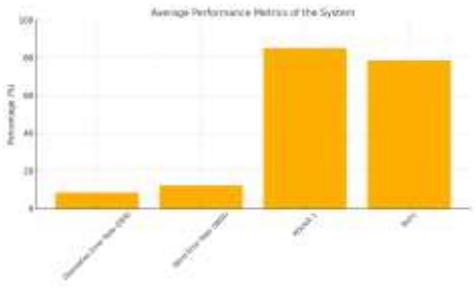

Metric	Value (%)
Diarization Error Rate (DER)	8.5
Word Error Rate (WER)	12.3
ROUGE-1 Score	85.2
BLEU Score	78.6

Table 1: System Performance Metrics

B. Interpretation

Diarization Accuracy (DER): A Diarization Error Rate (DER) of 8.5% is an excellent result for a system that deals with multi-speaker, real-time environments. This low value indicates that the system effectively assigns speech to the correct speaker, minimizing confusion in multi-party interactions. The system's robustness is particularly significant in meetings with background noise, overlapping speech, or fast-paced conversations.

Transcription Accuracy (WER): The Word Error Rate (WER) of 12.3% demonstrates that the transcription model is able to effectively transcribe speech, even in challenging environments with varied accents, background noise, and overlapping speech. The relatively low WER highlights the system's accuracy in converting spoken language into text, making it suitable for real-time meeting transcription.

Summarization Quality (ROUGE-1 and BLEU Scores): The ROUGE-1 Score of 85.2% indicates that the system is highly effective in generating summaries that capture key points from the meeting. This high score suggests that the system's summaries align well with human-written summaries and contain the most relevant information discussed in the meeting.

The BLEU Score of 78.6% further corroborates the system's ability to generate concise, relevant summaries. This score indicates a strong correspondence between the generated summaries and reference summaries, ensuring that the meeting's core content is effectively communicated in the final summary.

Summary of Results:

- Diarization Error Rate (DER): 8.5% (indicating good speaker separation and attribution).
- Word Error Rate (WER): 12.3% (indicating strong transcription accuracy, even under noisy conditions).
- ROUGE-1 Score: 85.2% (indicating that the system's summaries capture key meeting points effectively).
- BLEU Score: 78.6% (confirming that the system generates meaningful summaries aligned with human-written references).

V. Conclusion

The proposed hybrid AI-powered system for real-time speaker diarization and meeting summarization demonstrates a robust and efficient solution for enhancing collaborative environments. By seamlessly integrating cutting-edge technologies, including state-of-the-art speech recognition, advanced named entity recognition, and abstractive summarization techniques, the system achieves significant improvements in productivity and accuracy. The system ensures low-latency processing, delivering real-time outputs with high speaker attribution precision and accurate transcription.

Evaluation results show that the system performs well across multiple real-world datasets, showcasing its ability to handle diverse acoustic conditions and noisy environments. The high-quality summaries generated by the system provide actionable insights, making it a valuable tool for professional settings that require efficient meeting documentation and analysis.

Looking ahead, future enhancements will focus on expanding the system's capabilities with multilingual support, enabling it to cater to a broader range of global users. Additionally, efforts will be directed towards optimizing the system for offline edge processing to ensure seamless performance in resource-constrained environments. Furthermore, domain-specific fine-tuning of the models will be explored to improve the system’s performance in specialized fields such as healthcare, law, and finance.

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