

Zero-Shot Prompting for Implicit Intent Prediction & Recommendation with Commonsense Reasoning



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<https://github.com/MiuLab/ImplicitBot/>

Motivation

- ✓ High-level intention may span several domains
- ✓ Users interact via high-level descriptions and the system learns how to plan the dialogues

User High-Level Intention Utterance

I want to plan a trip to Seattle.

EVA Airline Bot can book a flight ticket for you. When will you travel there?

Sure. I want to fly on

Here are the flights: ...

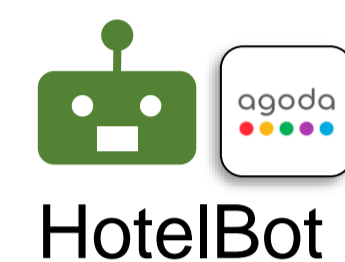
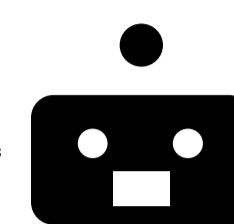
Agoda Bot can reserve a room for you. Do you want to specify your preference?

Oh, yes. I want 5-star for 2 people.

Here are the 5-star hotels with available rooms: ...

Implicit Tasks/Intents

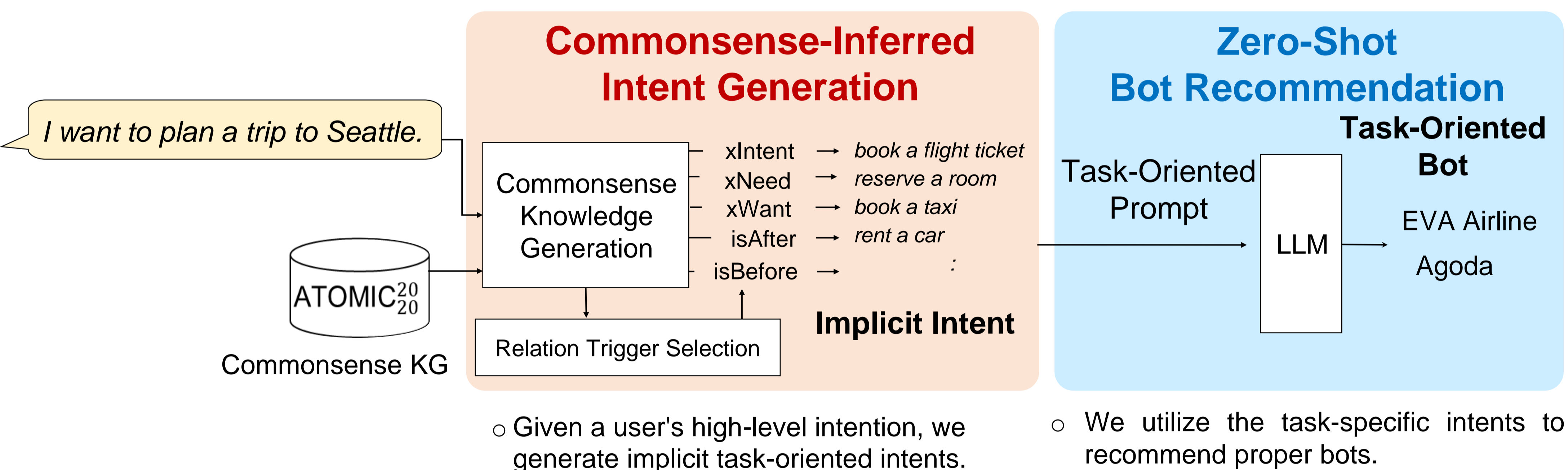
Flight Ticket Booking; Room Reservation



Idea: utilize implicit intents to bridge a high-level description and task-specific bots

Proposed 2-Stage Framework

1) Commonsense-Inferred Intent Generator & 2) Zero-Shot Bot Recommender



Q1: Is adding implicit intents (2-stage) for bridging useful?

A1: YES

Method	P	R	F1	Human Score
1-Stage Baseline	30.3	20.6	23.7	1.73 ± 1.03
2-Stage GPT-3 Prompting	28.6	41.7	31.8	2.11 ± 0.46
Our 2-Stage Commonsense	36.0	35.7	32.9	2.18 ± 0.34

(1) Irrelevant
(2) Acceptable
(3) Useful

Q2: Is commonsense KG better than GPT-3 prompting?

A2: YES

Method	Win	Lose	Tie
Ours vs. 2-Stage GPT-3 Prompting	57.6	40.2	2.2
Ours vs. Ours w/o Reasons	55.1	38.8	6.1

Q3: Is adding reasons more convincing for recommendation?

A3: YES



We are planning to celebrate friend's birthday at a restaurant in [City].		Score
1-Stage Prompting	Tinder (Lifestyle), Grindr (Lifestyle)	1.83
2-Stage Prompting	Zomato can help to book the restaurant in advance. WhatsApp can find out about their contact information.	2.00
Ours	WhatsApp can help have a good time and to celebrate a friend's birthday. OpenTable can help book a table at the restaurant and go to the restaurant.	2.67
Ours w/o Reasons	WhatsApp (Communication), OpenTable (Food & Drink)	2.17