

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and User Experience (UX) of Prompting

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Abstract - The growth of Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT and Gemini is changing the way people interact with computers through natural-language prompts. These systems allow users to perform various tasks such as information searching, content generation, problem solving, summarization, and programming. However, writing clear, specific, and effective prompts can be difficult, especially for users with limited experience in prompt engineering. Poorly structured or incomplete prompts may result in irrelevant responses, repeated prompt revisions, and reduced user satisfaction. This study examines the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and User Experience (UX) aspects of prompting and proposes an HCI-guided approach to help users create more effective prompts.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Human Computer Interaction is about making sure computers are easy to use for people. In the past people used computers by clicking on pictures and buttons. Now with Large Language Models people can talk to computers using language. This is why prompts are so important when people interact with intelligence. A prompt is like a message that can have a question, an instruction or some examples. If the prompt is good the computer will give an answer. Just because we can talk to computers does not mean it is always easy to use them. People may know what they want. They may not know how to ask for it in a way that the computer understands. Beginners may write prompts that are too short or confusing or they may forget to add important information. So they have to try again until they get a good answer.

This is a problem for Human Computer Interaction. Usually when we use a computer we can see buttons and menus that help us.. When we use prompts it is like a blank piece of paper and we have to figure out what to do. So, User Experience is very important when we use prompts. A good prompt system should help people understand how to talk to the computer. It should make it easy for them to get a good answer. It should also help people fix their mistakes and try again. Some studies have shown that when people get help with prompts, they can use the computer easily and understand what is going on. Artificial intelligence can also help people write prompts. This can make it easier for people to work with computers. This research is about making a system that helps people write prompts in a way that's easy and useful. The goal is to see if this system can make it easier for people to use computers and if it can make people happier with the answers they get from the computer. The main focus is on Human Computer Interaction and User Experience. How these can be used to make Large Language Models more useful, for people.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Human-Computer Interaction and Generative AI

The rise of language models has changed how people work with computers. Of using buttons and menus people now talk to AI using normal language. This makes it easier to connect with technology. Also brings new problems when it comes to making things easy to use. Studies about how people feel when using language models have looked at what users want how happy they are, what worries them and how they act during conversations. These studies show that looking at how right the AI is, like its accuracy is not enough. It is also important to think about how satisfied people are how useful they think it is how they interact and how easy it is to talk to the AI.

2.2. Prompt Engineering

Prompt engineering is about creating and organizing the instructions given to a language model to get the results you

want. Some popular ways to prompt include zero-shot prompting, few-shot prompting, role-based prompting, contextual prompting and structured prompting. There are prompting frameworks that have been created to make it easier to work with language models. These frameworks help people use the models without needing to be experts, in engineering. Structured prompting gives users a way to explain what they need.

2.3. UX of Prompting

The UX of prompting includes several important factors: 1. Ease of use. 2. Learnability. 3. Interaction efficiency. 4. User satisfaction. 5. Response relevance. 6. Transparency. 7. Error recovery. Prompt guidance can be particularly useful for inexperienced users. By providing information about context, constraints, and procedures, the system can reduce the difficulty of prompt construction.

2.4. AI-Assisted Prompting

AI assisted prompting is a change from when users had control over creating prompts. Now it is a mix of what people do. What AI does. Of users having to make the whole prompt, on their own the system can offer words to use, show samples point out things that are missing or fix the way the prompt is written. AI assisted prompting can help make it easier for people to create prompts. It also lets users stay in charge by choosing to take the AI ideas not take them or change them if needed.

2.5. Research Gap

Although a lot of research has looked at how to create prompts and how large language models work there is still a need to look at how prompts are used in the whole process of human computer interaction and user experience. Just making prompts better technically doesn't solve problems that users face like not knowing what to do not getting help changing prompts too much and not understanding why a certain prompt gave a certain answer. The research that is being suggested tries to fill this gap by bringing help with creating prompts checking if prompts are good giving ideas based on the situation looking at the answers and improving things step, by step in a way that puts people first.

Research Area	Existing Research / Problem	Proposed Research Approach
Prompt Creation	Users may find it difficult to create clear and effective prompts.	Provides guidance and suggestions to help users create better prompts.
Prompt Validation	Unclear, incomplete, or ambiguous prompts may be submitted to the AI system.	Checks the prompt before submission and identifies possible issues.
User Guidance	Users may not receive sufficient help while writing prompts.	Provides contextual suggestions based on the user's requirements.
Prompt Revision	Users may need to repeatedly modify prompts to obtain suitable responses.	Supports step-by-step refinement to reduce unnecessary prompt revisions.
Response Evaluation	Users may not understand whether the generated response meets their requirements.	Allows users to evaluate responses and provide feedback for improvement.
Human-Computer Interaction	Prompting is often considered mainly a technical activity rather than a complete interaction process.	Integrates HCI principles throughout the prompting process.
User Experience	Technical prompt improvement alone may not address usability and user satisfaction.	Focuses on ease of use, user control, satisfaction, and overall interaction quality.

Table 1. Research Gap Comparison

3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Users who work with language models often have trouble making good questions. People might know what they want but don't know how to write the question with the details, limits, examples or what kind of answer they need. Written questions can lead to answers that don't make sense are missing parts are unclear or are not correct. Current interfaces for language models usually don't help much when people are trying to write their questions. Because of this user often have to try ways and change their questions over and over until they get a good answer. The issue this study looks at is: How can user experience and design principles be added to question-based language model interfaces to help people write questions make the process easier and make the whole experience, between people and AI better and more satisfying?

4. OBJECTIVES

The main goals of the research we are planning to do are:

1. We want to look at how people interact with computers when they are given prompts.
2. We need to figure out what makes it hard for people to use computers when they are talking to language models.
3. We have to find out what makes a work well.
4. We want to create a way of giving prompts that's easy for people to use.
5. We want to help people by giving them ideas for prompts and suggesting what to say.
6. We need to check that the prompts make sense before we send them to the language model.
7. We want to reduce the number of times people have to try to get the prompt right.
8. We are trying to get the computer to give answers and make people happier.
9. We will see how well our idea works by looking at how easy it's to use and how well it performs.
10. We want to compare what happens when people are given prompts in the way, with what happens when we give them more help with the prompts.

5. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The new system has a layer that helps people talk to the Large Language Model. This layer is based on how humans and computers interact with each other. The main parts of the system are described below.

5.1. User Interface

The user enters a task or requirement through a prompt-based interface. The interface provides suggestions, examples, and guidance when necessary.

5.2. Prompt Guidance Module

This module looks at what the user wrote and finds things that are not clear. It can help by asking for details. It might tell the user to add background say what role they want, set limits give examples or decide how the answer should be shown.

5.3. Prompt Validation Module

The validation module looks at the prompt to see if it is clear and has all the information. It finds out if the prompt is confusing if something is missing if the instructions do not match or if there is not background information, about the prompt. The validation module does this to make sure the prompt is good enough for the validation module to work properly with the prompt.

5.4. Context Analysis Module

The module analyses the purpose of the prompt and determines relevant contextual information required for generating a useful response

5.5. Prompt Optimization Module

The system takes the users words. Changes them around so that the user's original idea is still there. This is done to make the users words easier to understand and better for the language model to work with. The system does this to help the language model get what the user is trying to say.

5.6. Large Language Model

The optimized prompt is given to a language model, which makes the response that is asked for. The large language model is what generates the requested response.

5.7. Response Evaluation

The generated response is presented to the user. The user can evaluate the response using feedback options such as relevant, partially relevant, or irrelevant.

5.8. Iterative Refinement

If the response is unsatisfactory, the system assists the user in modifying the prompt and submitting a refined version.

6. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system follows the interaction sequence: User → Prompt-Based UI → HCI and UX Support Layer → Prompt Processing Module → LLM → AI-Generated Response → User Evaluation → Prompt Refinement The HCI and UX Support Layer has some helpful things like

- * Prompt Guidance to show you what to do
 - * Context Suggestions to give your ideas
 - * Feedback Support to let you know how you are doing
 - * Usability Assistance to make things easier for you
- The Prompt Processing Module is important because it
- * Checks to make sure your prompt is good
 - * Looks at the context to understand what you mean

* Tries to make your prompt

This system is set up so that a person is always involved. The AI helps the user. The user is still, in charge of what happens. The HCI and UX Support Layer and the Prompt Processing Module work together to make this possible. The HCI and UX Support Layer provides support and the Prompt Processing Module processes the prompts.

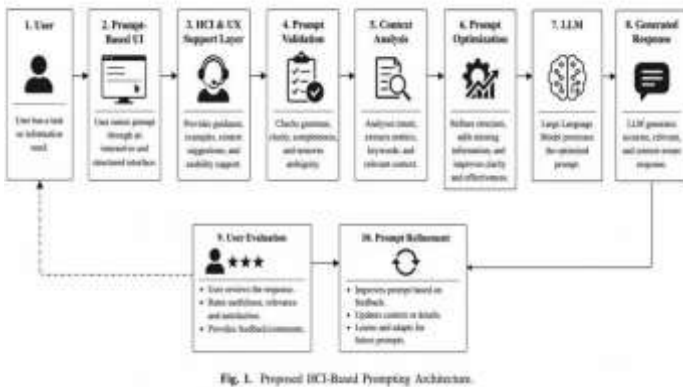


Fig. 1. Proposed HCI-Based Prompting Architecture

7. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Algorithm 1: HCI-Based Prompt Optimization Input: Users prompt P Output: Improved AI response R Step 1: Start. Step 2: Accept the initial prompt P from the user. Step 3: Analyse P for task, context, constraints, examples and desired output format. Step 4: Check whether the prompt is clear and complete. Step 5: If important information is missing generate suggestions, for the user. Step 6: Allow the user to accept, reject or modify the suggestions. Step 7: Construct the optimized prompt P'. Step 8: Send P' to the selected LLM.

Step 9: Receive the generated response R. Step 10: Display R to the user. Step 11: Collect user feedback regarding relevance and satisfaction. Step 12: If the user is satisfied terminate the interaction. Step 13: If the user is not satisfied identify improvements. Step 14: Refine P' based on user feedback. Step 15: Repeat the process until the user obtains a response or reaches the maximum number of iterations. Step 16: End.

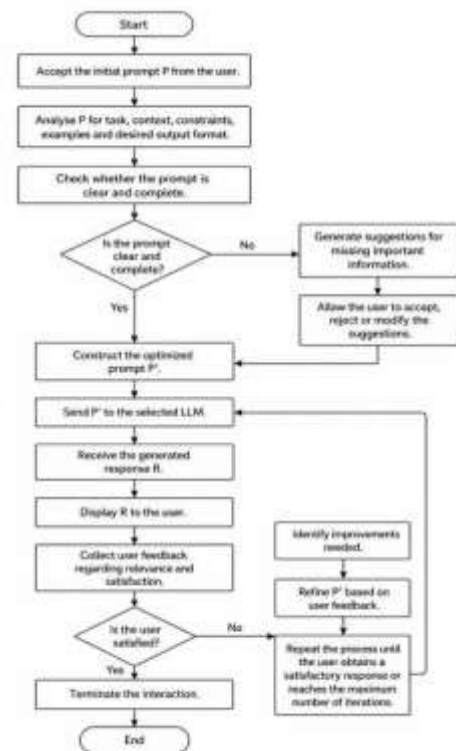


Fig. 2. Flowchart of the Proposed HCI-Based Prompt Optimization Algorithm

8. DATASET

To see how things work we can make a set of prompts for testing. This set can have lots of kinds of prompts in it. We can put the prompts people think of in this set and also some better prompts that people come up with later. The set is like a collection of tasks that people have to do. We can use it to test how well our system works with the experimental evaluation task. We are talking about a task-based prompting datasets that contains prompts from categories so the task-based prompting datasets is very useful, for this purpose. 1: Proposed Prompt Dataset Categories Category is like a group of things. Here are some examples:

- * Education is a category. In Education you have to explain something that's very technical. This task is pretty easy to do.
- * Programming is another category. In Programming you have to find a mistake in some code. This task is not so easy it is medium.
- * Writing is also a category. In Writing you have to write an email. This task is easy.
- * Summarization is a category where you have to summarize something you read in an article. This task is medium.
- * Research is a category. In Research you have to come up with some goals for a research project. This task is medium.

- * Data Analysis is a category. In Data Analysis you have to explain some data. This task is hard to do.
- * Creative is a category. In Creative you have to come up with an idea for an advertisement. This task is medium.
- * Planning is a category. In Planning you have to make a plan, for studying. This task is easy to do.

The Education category and the Writing category and the Planning category are all tasks. The Programming category and the Summarization category and the Research category and the Creative category are all tasks. The Data Analysis category is a task. Each task can be checked based on how relevant the response's how complete it is how clear it is, how useful it is and how satisfied the user is. For an experiment, at the student level 50 to 100 tasks can be used, with people split into two groups one using conventional prompting and the other using guided prompting.

9. EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY

This experiment is looking at two ways that people interact with each other. The experiment compares two interaction conditions. It wants to see how people behave in these two interaction conditions.

9.1. Group A: Conventional Prompting

People work directly with the Language Model. Make their own prompts without any help, from the system. They use the Language Model to create these prompts on their own. The Language Model is what they interact with to make this happen.

9.2. Group B: HCI-Guided Prompting

People use the interface that we made. The system gives them ideas checks their work helps them understand what to do and makes their questions clearer. Each person does a number of tasks that we already planned out. The following metrics are recorded:

1. How well do tasks get done
2. How good are the responses
3. How good are the prompts
4. How times do prompts need to be changed
5. How long does it take to complete tasks
6. How happy are the users
7. How easy is it to use
8. How useful do users think it is

A five-point Likert scale can be used for subjective measurements: 1 – Strongly Disagree 2 – Disagree 3 – Neutral 4 – Agree 5 – Strongly Agree

10. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The proposed experimental analysis is designed to determine whether HCI-guided prompting improves interaction compared with conventional prompting. Important: The following values are illustrative prototype results based on the previously prepared paper. They should be replaced with actual measurements before submission to IRJET.

Metric	Conventional Prompting	HCI-Guided Prompting
Task Completion Rate	76%	91%
Response Relevance	72%	88%
Average Prompt Revisions	3.4	1.8
Average Task Time	6.8 min	4.9 min

Table 2: Comparison of Conventional and HCI-Guided Prompting

11. DISCUSSION

The proposed framework shows how Human Computer Interaction principles can be used for interaction that is based on prompts. Usually, people who make prompts focus on making the input for a

Large Language Model. The new approach thinks of prompting as a process that is interactive and related to User Experience. The system does not think that users need to be experts at making prompts. It helps users when they are making prompts. This is important because users know what they want but they have a time putting it into a prompt that works. Getting help with prompts can also make things clearer. When users get explanations about what's missing or what would be good to add they can understand better how the system is understanding what they are asking for. It is also important that users are in control. If the system automatically rewrites prompts it might make something that looks good but is not what the user meant. So, the proposed system lets users decide if they want to use the suggestions or not. At the time prompts are not perfect. Even when prompts are made carefully the answers from the Large Language Model can still be different each time. The model can make things up be unclear or have limits that affect the result. So, making the User Experience better with help is not a guarantee that the AI will always give the right answer. It is like a way to make it easier, for humans and AI to work together.

12. ADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The new system that uses Human Computer Interaction to help with prompts has a lot of things about it. Here are some of the advantages of this Human Computer Interaction system:

1. It is easier for people to use because the Human Computer Interaction system helps with prompts.
2. The Human Computer Interaction system is not as hard on the brain for people who use it.
3. The Human Computer Interaction system gives answers because it knows more about what people are talking about and what they want.
4. People do not have to change what they are asking the Human Computer Interaction system much.
5. People are happier when they use the Human Computer Interaction system.
6. The Human Computer Interaction system is really good for people who are just starting out.
7. The Human Computer Interaction system still lets people be, in charge.
8. The Human Computer Interaction system lets people talk to it back and forth and make their prompts better.

13. LIMITATIONS

The proposed approach has some problems. It does not always work well because the effectiveness of the guidance given to the Large Language Model depends on what task we're doing and which Large Language Model we are using. The Large Language Model may not always understand what we want it to do. Sometimes the system that helps the Large Language Model might change what we originally meant to say so someone needs to check it to make sure it is correct. The system also needs power to work because it has to look at the prompts and maybe rewrite them before it sends them to the Large Language Model. When we ask people how they like using the system they might give answers because they have different experiences with artificial intelligence and they know different things, about technology and how to talk to computers. The Large Language Model still has problems even if we give it prompts like giving wrong information or being biased and it does not always give the same answers to the same questions.

14. FUTURE SCOPE

Future research can expand the framework that was suggested in ways.

First systems that change prompts can adjust the amount of help based on how familiar a user. New users might get help while people who know a lot might get just a few hints. Second prompts can use more than text. People could add images, sounds, drawings or files of only using words. Third, systems that explain their choices can be made. Users would see why certain changes were suggested. Fourth interfaces that change to fit each user can be created. These systems

would learn how people like to see information how they write and how they work. Fifth more tests can be done with people and different large language models to make sure the results work in many situations. Finally, research in human computer interaction can look at ways to interact besides just using prompts. These could include things, like pictures talking with an agent form that are set up changing things directly and ways that mix types of interaction.

15. CONCLUSION

Human Computer Interaction and User Experience are really important when we design applications for Large Language Models. People are starting to use prompts to talk to these machines but it is not always easy for everyone to do this. Some people know what they want but have a time telling the Large Language Model what that is. This paper is about a way to help people make prompts. It is called a Human Computer Interaction based prompting framework. This framework gives people help with making prompts suggests context checks if the prompt is good makes it better looks at the response and then refines it. The goal is to make it easier for people to make prompts and get responses from the Large Language Model. To see if this works, we tried it out. Looked at how well people could finish tasks how relevant the responses were, how long it took how many times they had to fix their prompts and if people thought it was easy to use and were happy with it. We think that prompting is not a technical problem but also a Human Computer Interaction and User Experience problem. A good Large Language Model system should not make people become experts, at making prompts. The system should help people say what they mean and still let them control what is happening. If we focus on the people using the system we can make Language Models that are easier to use can be used by everyone are clear and honest and actually work well.

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