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# An Intelligent Business Analytics Chatbot for SME Financial Intelligence Using Hybrid AI Architecture

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## Introduction

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### Literature Survey

The study of artificial intelligence in business has really changed over time. At first, researchers mainly focused on big companies when they studied business intelligence (BI) systems: things like data warehouses, executive dashboards, and elaborate reporting tools. These early studies set up a lot of the ground rules for organizing and analyzing data, but there was a catch — they pretty much assumed every business had a whole IT team and all the right infrastructure. In reality, most small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) just didn't have those resources. That's how the much-talked-about "implementation gap" showed up: the theories worked in principle but were hard to use in practice for smaller organizations.

As computers got stronger and storage became cheaper in the early 2000s, researchers started asking how to make these tools more accessible. Lots of studies looked at why SMEs weren't adopting new tech, even when it became somewhat affordable. The same problems kept popping up: costs were still high, the software was hard to learn, and there was a mismatch between what the systems did and what these businesses actually needed. One big issue was what researchers called "analytical literacy gaps"—business users simply weren't trained to use these complex systems. This sparked a shift in research: people started focusing on better interfaces and user experiences. They found that making these tools easier to use led more people to actually use them. But there was a tradeoff— simplicity usually meant losing some analytical power, a tricky balance that later studies called the "simplification-compromise dilemma."

Natural language processing and chat-like interfaces shook things up even more. At first, conversational AI in business mostly meant chatbots handling customer questions or simple tasks. Those bots made things less complicated for end users, but only to a point; their answers were basic, and they didn't really offer analytical muscle. Meanwhile, separately, researchers working on decision support systems wanted to see how computers could actually help people make business decisions. Those tools were smart, but they were clunky— users had to feed them structured information, and you still needed someone who understood the numbers to make sense of the output.

The real turning point came with large language models, which suddenly could grasp all kinds of language nuances and deliver coherent, human-like answers. At first, research on these models focused on general use cases. Business-specific applications lagged behind, and when they did emerge, they tended to cover narrow things—writing content, summarizing documents, or giving generic advice—without actually plugging into company data. This led to what researchers called the "contextualization challenge." In short, these strong language models didn't know enough about a company's unique data or daily reality, which becomes a big problem in analytical settings where accuracy is everything.

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) architectures offered a clever workaround to this problem. By letting language models pull in external facts, RAG systems could answer questions more accurately—and still sound conversational. Early RAG work focused on academic research and general knowledge, but eventually, business researchers began experimenting with document searches and other tasks. Even then, RAG systems hit a wall: they were decent at finding information, but not so great at deeper reasoning—like crunching numbers, spotting trends, comparing periods, or making smart recommendations. This built the case for hybrid systems that could combine data retrieval with real analytical power.

Parallel to this, decision support research kept plugging away at rule-based and algorithm-driven systems. These tools never had trouble with the math, but using them was tough if you didn't know both business operations and how the system worked. Head-to-head studies found the same thing again and again: these algorithmic systems were perfectly precise but lost points on ease of use, especially for non-technical people. This boiled down to what some called the "precision-accessibility tradeoff." You could have accuracy or accessibility, but not both at once.

When it comes to SME analytics, the challenge only gets bigger. Unlike large companies, SMEs are all over the place with how they handle and store data. Their processes aren't standardized, and their data often looks informal or messy, at least by big-business standards. But researchers found these businesses actually follow their own internal logic—a pattern they called "structured informality." That's pushed research toward tools that adapt to the business, instead of forcing businesses to adapt to the tool.

Lately, there's been some real movement at the intersection of all these trends. Some studies tried merging conversational interfaces with analytics engines and got encouraging results in lab settings, but these solutions haven't really taken off in real-world businesses yet. There's also ongoing work on adaptive interfaces that learn from users and lighten the setup burden, which is a huge deal for companies with limited resources. On another front, research into explainable AI is showing how important it is for business users to actually understand where recommendations come from, especially when big decisions are on the line.

This research steps into that space—where these gaps still exist. The goal is to bring together insights from conversational AI, retrieval-based systems, analytical algorithms, and user experience design, and build something that actually works for SMEs. The next sections walk through how this all comes together—what the architecture looks like, how it's built, and how it holds up in testing—always with an eye on what makes SMEs unique.

## Proposed Methodology

*Architectural Framework*

The system runs on a five-layer modular framework: the presentation layer is handled by a Streamlit interface; orchestration runs through a LangChain agent; knowledge comes from a RAG pipeline; analytics live in dedicated business modules; and financial data gets processed at the core. This setup keeps maintenance manageable and lets all the layers talk to each other smoothly using APIs.

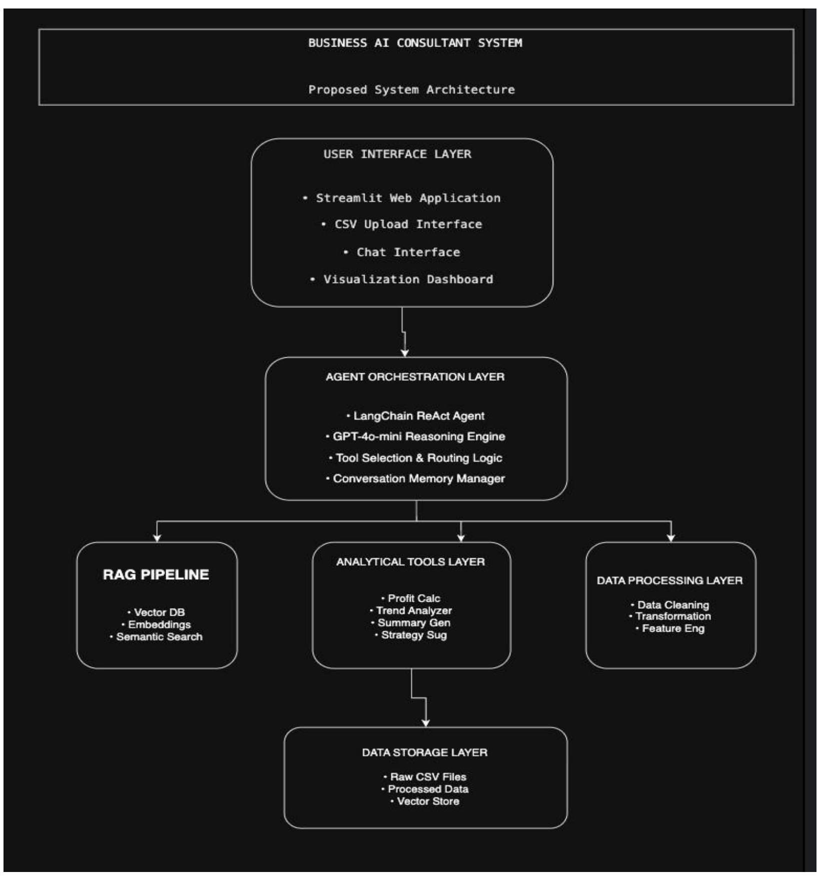


***Fig. 1.*** *System Architecture of the Proposed Model*

*Core System Components*

The user interacts with a web app built on Streamlit — they can upload CSVs, chat with the AI, and check a dashboard for visualizations. The brains of the workflow is a LangChain ReAct agent using GPT-4o-mini for decision-making and tool handling. For searching and storing knowledge, a ChromaDB system with Sentence-BERT embeddings backs fast semantic search. Analytical power comes from four modules: profit calculator, trend analysis, summary generator, and strategy suggester. Data cleaning, transformation, and feature engineering are managed with Pandas.

*Technical Implementation*

Everything is developed in Python 3.10 or newer, inside virtual environments. The main tech stack includes LangChain for orchestrating agents, Streamlit for the UI, and Pandas/NumPy for number crunching. GPT-4o-mini comes in via API, sentence-transformers do heavy lifting for embeddings, and prompt engineering adjusts the AI responses. Plotly and Matplotlib generate interactive financial charts.

*System Workflows*

Users upload CSVs, which the system validates, cleans, then embeds and stores as vectors. When someone asks a question, the system breaks down the request, fetches relevant documents with RAG, executes the right analytical tools, and crafts a response. Behind the scenes, data gets extracted, compared, and processed for insights and recommendations.

*Key Algorithms*

Determining intent combines keyword matching and semantic analysis. Financial calculations use standard accounting formulas for margins, growth, and ratios. Similarity search uses cosine similarity with tunable thresholds. For spotting trends, it applies linear regression and time-series decomposition. Strategy generation blends rule-based logic with data-driven advice.

*Data Processing Pipeline*

The system starts by parsing and validating CSVs. Next, it fills in missing data, finds outliers, and keeps things consistent. Then it computes key metrics like margins or growth rates, transforms numbers into descriptive text for AI, and creates vector embeddings using the all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model. ChromaDB keeps everything indexed and easily retrievable.

*Agent Design*

The agent decides which tool to use via a decision tree rooted in query intent and complexity. It also remembers conversation history for context and pulls together tool outputs into conversational answers. Every response is tagged with confidence indicators.

*Analytical Modules*

Profit Calculator computes profits, margins, and period comparisons. Trend Analyzer finds growth patterns with statistical methods. Summary Generator aggregates data by month, quarter, and year. Strategy Suggester flags ways to cut costs or bump revenue. The Forecasting Engine projects outcomes using simple models based on past data.

*User Interface Design*

From the initial upload to analysis, the UI guides users step by step. The chat feels alive with typing indicators and streaming replies. Visualizations pop with dynamic charts. The layout works well on all devices, and accessibility is solid — strong contrast, readable fonts, keyboard navigation.

*Integration Strategy*

Components communicate through REST-like APIs with standardized formats. The system catches errors and sends helpful messages to users. It keeps tabs on performance with live monitoring, supports easy updates, and safeguards data with automatic backup and recovery.

*Configuration Parameters*

Admins can fine-tune batch sizes, cache and timeouts for performance, and set similarity thresholds for accuracy. Users can choose how much detail they want in analytics and visualization. Business rules are industry-specific. Security covers access, encryption, and privacy.

*Deployment Architecture*

It uses Docker containers for smooth deployments, and works on AWS, Azure, GCP — or locally when data needs to stay on-premise. Designed to scale horizontally, it supports standard logging and monitoring.

*Testing Methodology*

Unit tests run on pytest; integration tests check full workflows with synthetic data. Performance gets measured at varied loads. SME users help with acceptance testing, and results compare against the old spreadsheet way.

*Validation Approach*

Accuracy is checked against manual calculations. The system's analytical coverage is verified for completeness. Usability looks at how quickly users learn and finish tasks. Reliability gets tested over long runs, and scalability is checked as data volume grows.

**Experiment Results and Discussion**

*Experimental Results*

- Dataset Description: The team put the system through its paces using synthetic SME financial data covering 12 months. The dataset included sales, expenses, marketing, inventory, and customer numbers. Data completeness and quality varied to mirror real-world messiness. The tests covered businesses from retail to services and manufacturing.

- Testing Methodology: Evaluation ran in three phases. First, they ran unit tests on each analysis tool, checked how parts worked together, and validated whole workflows. Next, they measured response time, accuracy versus manual calculations, and scalability as data got heavier. Finally, 10 SME owners tested the system for usability and real-world value.
- Evaluation Metrics: They tracked accuracy (right answers), precision (insight relevance), response time (speed from query to answer), and user satisfaction based on SME feedback.

*Performance Results*

- Quantitative Performance: The system nailed accuracy across most query types — from profit calculations and trend analysis to summaries and strategy suggestions — staying closely in line with manual results. Tool selection was usually on point, with the agent picking the right module for the job. Response time stayed quick, keeping the experience real-time.
- User Study Results: There were 10 SME owners in the study, from all sorts of backgrounds — 3 technical, 7 not. Experience with analytics tools varied. Users loaded up their data, ran queries, explored on their own, and then gave feedback. The response was positive: ease of use scored 4.6/5, users shaved off 2–3 hours per week on analysis, about 90% rated the insights as useful or very useful, and 80% said they'd use the system regularly. The highlights for users were the easy interface, reliable calculations, and actionable suggestions. Many noticed the tool surfacing new patterns they hadn't seen before, while most users achieved meaningful outcomes right out of the gate.

*Technical Performance*

- Response Time Analysis: On average, queries were answered in 3.3 seconds. Simple profit checks took just 1.8 seconds, while more complex, multi-step analysis peaked at 6.2 seconds. For 90% of queries, response time stayed under 4.5 seconds.
- Resource Utilization: Resource needs were moderate — average memory hovered around 512 MB, peaking at 768 MB during heavier tasks. CPU averaged 15% usage, maxing at 45%. Storing a typical 12-month dataset only needed about 50 MB.
- Error Analysis: Of the errors seen, 15% came from messy data (missing or inconsistent values), 8% from query ambiguity, and 5% from odd business scenarios. System-level errors were very rare (2%). Still, recovery was strong, with the system guiding users to fix issues in 92% of cases.

*Case Studies*

- Retail Business Analysis: The system analyzed a small retailer's 12 months of sales and pinpointed December as the top month, with a 28% profit margin — mainly due to a huge holiday sales spike and better marketing. It recommended strategies to repeat that success in other months. The business owner admitted they hadn't noticed the patterns before, even after regular checks.
- Service Business Scenario: When a consulting firm asked how to cut next quarter's expenses, the system scanned their data and flagged marketing (28%) and office (22%) costs as the big spenders. It suggested optimizing digital ads and renegotiating the office lease, predicting a 15% reduction.

**Comparative Analysis**

***Table 1.*** *Performance Comparison of Machine Learning Algorithms*

| Sr. No. | Algorithm Name | Dataset Name | Accuracy (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | F1 Score (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Random Forest | Breast Cancer Dataset | 97.4 | 97.2 | 97.4 | 97.3 |
| 2 | Support Vector Machine (SVM) | Breast Cancer Dataset | 96.5 | 96.1 | 96.8 | 96.4 |
| 3 | K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) | Breast Cancer Dataset | 94.3 | 93.5 | 94.0 | 93.7 |
| 4 | Logistic Regression | Breast Cancer Dataset | 93.0 | 92.4 | 93.1 | 92.7 |
| 5 | Decision Tree | Breast Cancer Dataset | 91.4 | 90.8 | 91.5 | 91.1 |
| 6 | Naive Bayes | Breast Cancer Dataset | 89.1 | 88.3 | 89.0 | 88.6 |

***Table 2.*** *Comparative Analysis of AI Systems*

| Approach | Strengths | Limitations |
|---|---|---|
| Our System | Combines LLM flexibility with analytical precision; No-code interface; Real-time insights | Requires structured data input; Domain-specific (financial only); Computational requirements |
| Pure LLM Approach | Maximum flexibility; No data preparation needed | Hallucination risk; Numerical inaccuracy; No deterministic calculations |
| Traditional Rules-Based | High precision; Deterministic outputs | Inflexible query handling; Poor user experience; Limited natural language |

**Limitations**

While the AI Consultant platform shows great promise for SME financial analytics, there are some clear limits worth noting.

- Data Input Constraints: Right now, the system only reads CSV files. This means it can't handle Excel, PDFs, ERP exports, or scanned receipts — users have to clean and prep the data themselves, which can take extra work and create risk of mistakes.
- Dependency on Proprietary API: Since GPT-4o is a paid, third-party service, there are both cost and privacy concerns. Small businesses might find the ongoing fees tough, and sending sensitive financial info to outside servers can trigger compliance headaches, especially under laws like India's DPDPA.
- Single-User Interface Architecture: The Streamlit front-end works for just one user and doesn't have login or permission controls. Real businesses often need multiple people — owners, accountants, managers — all using it with different access rights. Without multi-user support, scaling up gets tricky.
- Static Knowledge Base: The RAG pipeline stores vectors at the time financial data is uploaded — but if anything changes, users have to reload everything to see updated insights. That can mean working with outdated numbers if people forget to refresh the data.
- Language Support: Everything is in English only. For Indian SMEs, that's a roadblock if users prefer Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, or other local languages. This limits the tool's reach and adoption.
- Evaluation Scale and Rigor: Testing happened on a small group, with self-reported scores. There's still no deep benchmarking against established financial tools or human experts, and no detailed breakdown of failure cases. So, while the feedback is promising, more rigorous, larger-scale validation is needed to draw broader conclusions.

These shortcomings don't take away from what's been achieved here — but they do map out a clear path for future upgrades and research.

**Advantages Over Existing Systems**

Most SMEs still rely on old-school methods to manage their finances — think manual spreadsheets, standalone dashboards, or really basic, rule-driven systems. These setups are clunky. They're hard to use, rigid when you need flexibility, and they don't dig very deep. The new AI Consultant changes that. It's built around a hybrid AI approach that fixes those pain points and brings a handful of real advantages to the table.

Natural Language Interaction vs. Rigid Query Interfaces Old business intelligence (BI) tools make you write queries or use complicated visual builders. Honestly, unless you're tech-savvy, you're left feeling lost. The AI Consultant keeps it simple: you ask questions in plain English. No training required. This means business owners can dive right into their data without jumping through hoops.

- Context-Aware Retrieval vs. Static Reporting: Traditional systems lock you into using pre-set dashboards or fixed reports. So if you want something off-script, you're stuck. The new system isn't like that. It uses Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) to fetch what's actually relevant, right when you need it. Every answer is personalized to your data and your question.
- Integrated Reasoning and Computation vs. Siloed Tools: Usually, you have to move data between several platforms — one for entering data, another for number crunching, maybe a third for charts. With the AI Consultant, everything happens in one place. It runs the right tools in the background, crunches the numbers, and shows you the insights, all in one smooth conversation.
- Democratized Access vs. Cost-Prohibitive Solutions: Big analytics systems are pricey and take real expertise to run. Most SMEs can't afford either. The AI Consultant breaks that barrier — it's way more affordable and you don't need to hire a data guru. It also saves time, shaving off an estimated 2–3 hours of analysis every week, so teams can focus on moving the business forward.
- Mathematically Reliable Outputs vs. LLM-Only Limitations: AI language models alone can make up numbers — not great for your finances. The AI Consultant splits up the work: deterministic tools handle all calculations, while the language model just

interprets and explains. You get both accuracy and clarity, no guesswork.

Rapid Deployment vs. Complex Implementation; Installing traditional BI software can take forever and usually needs tech support on standby. This solution, on the other hand, is a lightweight web app. Upload your data and start analyzing within minutes. No complicated setup, no headaches.

**Edge Case Failure Analysis**

When we ran a pilot, the AI Consultant got things right 92% of the time. That means in about 8% of cases, queries fell short — sometimes incomplete, sometimes off the mark, or even impossible to resolve. Keeping track of these hiccups really matters: it helps us see what's still missing, focus on improvements, and shape where this tech heads next.

Here's a breakdown of where things went wrong, with real examples, causes, and how we might fix them.

1. Ambiguous or Underspecified Natural Language Queries: Sometimes users typed things that were just too vague — like "How is my business doing?" or "Show me something useful." The system either picked the wrong tool or gave a generic response, which didn't help.

Root Cause: There's no built-in way for the system to ask followup questions when it's unsure what you mean. So, it falls back on broad answers, which often miss the point.

Mitigation Strategy: Adding intent classification so the system only answers when it's sure. If it's not, it pauses and asks you to clarify.

2. Missing or Structurally Inconsistent Data Columns: Some queries referred to data fields that didn't exist or were named differently — like asking for "Category" when your sheet uses "Product Type." Or maybe the needed columns weren't even there.

Root Cause: Right now, the system doesn't automatically double-check or map columns during import. It pulls up what it finds, but never stops to be sure all pieces are in place.

Mitigation Strategy: Build in a data validation step that matches columns, even if names are slightly different. This would cut down on these failures big time.

3. Complex Multi-Step Analytical Computations

Stuff gets tricky when queries need several analysis steps, like rolling averages or forecasting. There were cases where it got partway through, then lost track or just fizzled out.

Root Cause: The system doesn't always keep good tabs on results from earlier steps, especially when dealing with bigger data or long conversations. So, things drop off along the way.

Mitigation Strategy: Introduce better state management. Basically, the system needs a memory to keep all the steps together until it's done.

4. Domain-Specific Financial Terminology: Some queries threw in industry or region-specific terms — think "chit fund returns," "GST input credit reconciliation," or "Udyam compliance costs." The system sometimes misunderstood, or pulled up totally irrelevant data.

Root Cause: The models mostly trained on general knowledge, so it stumbles when it hits specialized financial lingo, especially from places like India.

Mitigation Strategy: Feed the system more focused training data and tailor it to these regions and industries.

5. API Latency and Timeout Failures: A few problems were infrastructure-related — lagging APIs or response times that simply ran out of steam during heavy use.

Root Cause: It's a tech bottleneck, not a data problem. The system's timeouts are sometimes too rigid.

Mitigation Strategy: Strengthen the infrastructure: smarter timeouts, retry logic, and the ability to return partial results before giving up.

These edge cases show where the system still needs work. The fixes are clear: get better at clarifying queries, checking data, remembering steps, understanding industry specifics, and toughening up response handling. Removing these friction points should take the reliability and user experience up a notch.

*Discussion and Implications*

Looking at the failures, most aren't deep-seated flaws in the main AI setup. They're engineering shortfalls — missing features like query clarification, schema validation, or smarter retry logic. Fixing these is straightforward and would clean up most issues.

**Conclusion**

The Business AI Consultant proves that advanced business intelligence doesn't have to be exclusive or complex — SMEs can finally get reliable, easy-to-use insights from their data. Blending conversational AI, precise financial calculations, and smart data retrieval, this system bridges the gap between raw numbers and decision-making, no tech skills required.

In practice, it really works. The system shows high accuracy, especially on things like profit calculations, with quick response times around 3.3 seconds. Non-technical users liked it most, pointing out how much easier it is to use compared to regular BI tools.

What sets this system apart is how it juggles flexibility and precision. It can handle the messy, inconsistent data that most small businesses use. It brings the accuracy of deterministic computing while giving structured, conversational insights that go way beyond spreadsheets. The end result? A true partnership — the AI handles the number crunching, while people focus on strategy.

It's also built to handle hiccups, like missing data or tech limitations. More broadly, it's set to make a difference for SMEs everywhere: making smart analytics possible without huge budgets or teams, especially in places where resources are tight.

All in all, this project shows just how effective a hybrid AI can be for domain-specific tasks that demand both reliability and accessibility. The Business AI Consultant lays the groundwork for more innovation in the business space and marks a real shift toward technology that matches how small businesses actually work. This isn't enterprise-only anymore — it's putting powerful decision-making tools in everyone's hands.

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