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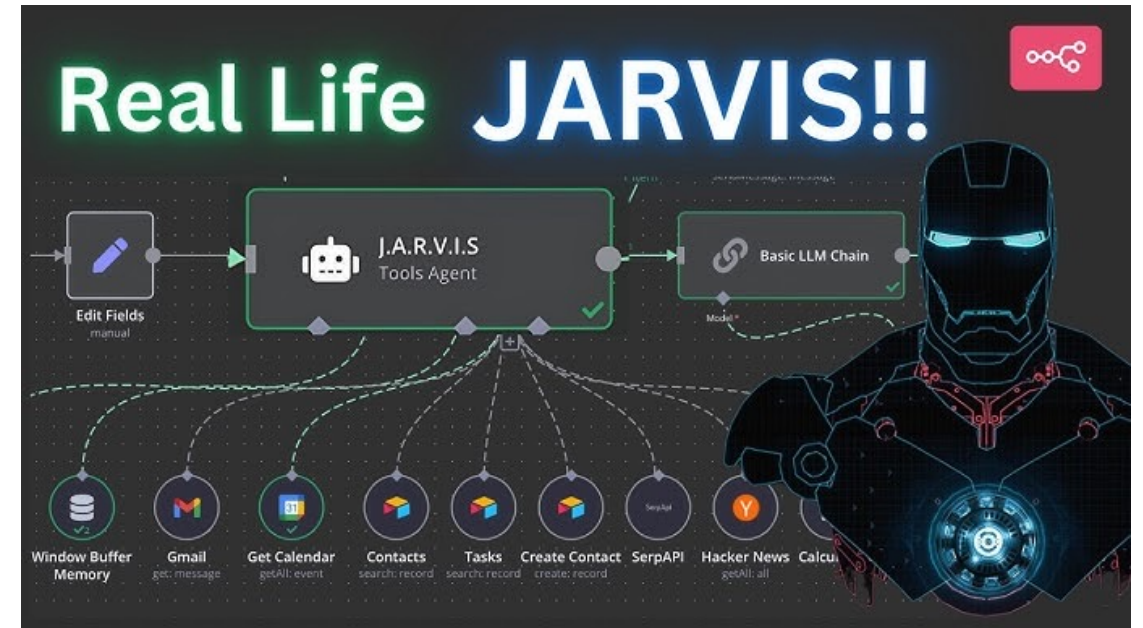
Towards Generalist Computer-using Agents: Models, Data, and Beyond

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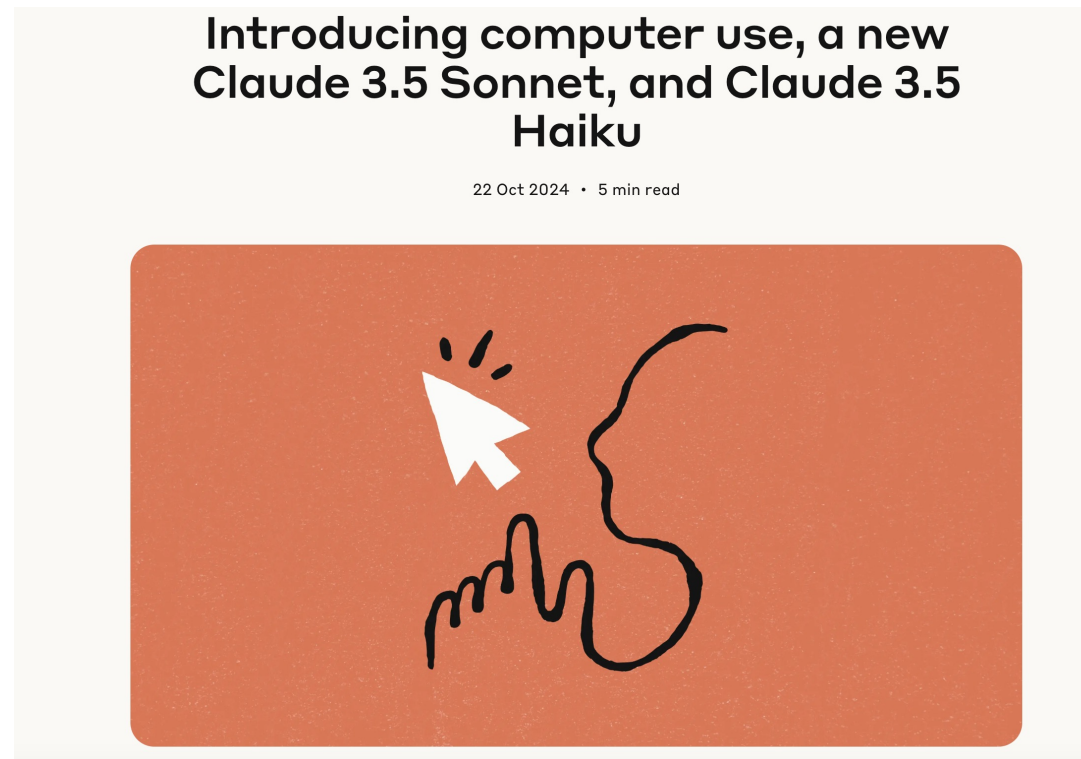
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The Feasibility of Jarvis AI from Marvel in Real Life

Computer-Using Agents

Both academia and industry are building **computer-using agents**



Claude Computer Use

Computer-Using Agents

Automating daily computer tasks

Introducing Operator

A research preview of an agent that can use its own browser to perform tasks for you. Available to Pro users in the U.S.

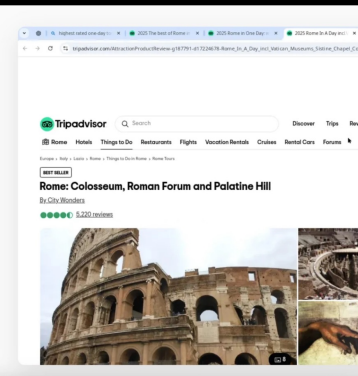
[Go to Operator](#)

Find and book me the highest rated one-day tour of Rome on TripAdvisor.

I'll search for the highest-rated tour of historic Rome on TripAdvisor. Once I find a suitable option, I'll provide you with the details. Let's begin.

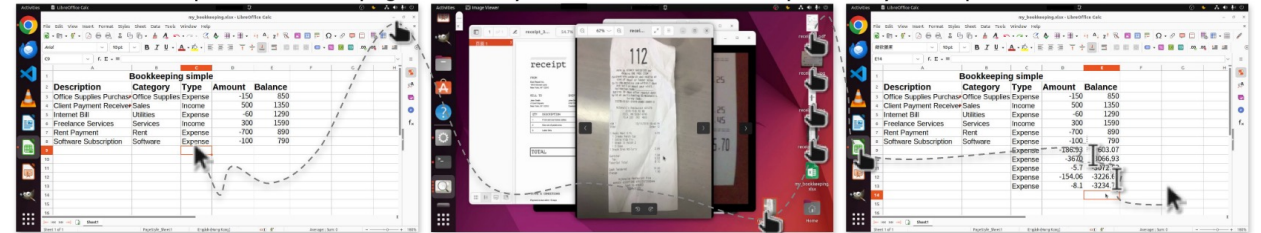
Worked for 2 minutes

- Navigating to TripAdvisor website
- Selecting "Things to Do" category
- Searching for historic Rome tours
- Closing pop-up, continuing tour search
- Searching for Historic Rome tours
- Exploring all historic Rome tour options
- Closing Colosseum tab, resuming tour search
- Closing tour pop-up, tab afterward
- Exploring options for top-rated tours
- Sorting results by tour ratings
- Exploring filters for top-rated tours
- Scrolling for sorting options, finding tours

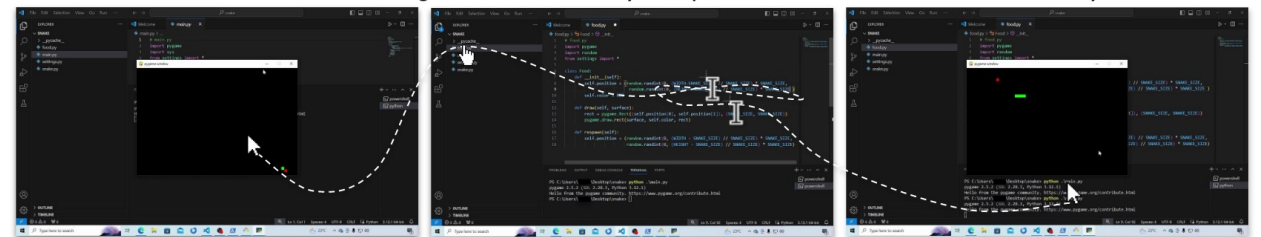


OpenAI Operator

Task instruction 1: Update the bookkeeping sheet with my recent transactions over the past few days in the provided folder.



Task instruction 2: ...some details about snake game omitted... Could you help me tweak the code so the snake can actually eat the food?



Daily Computer Use

[3] Introducing Operator: A research preview of an agent that can use its own browser to perform tasks for you., Jan 23, 2025

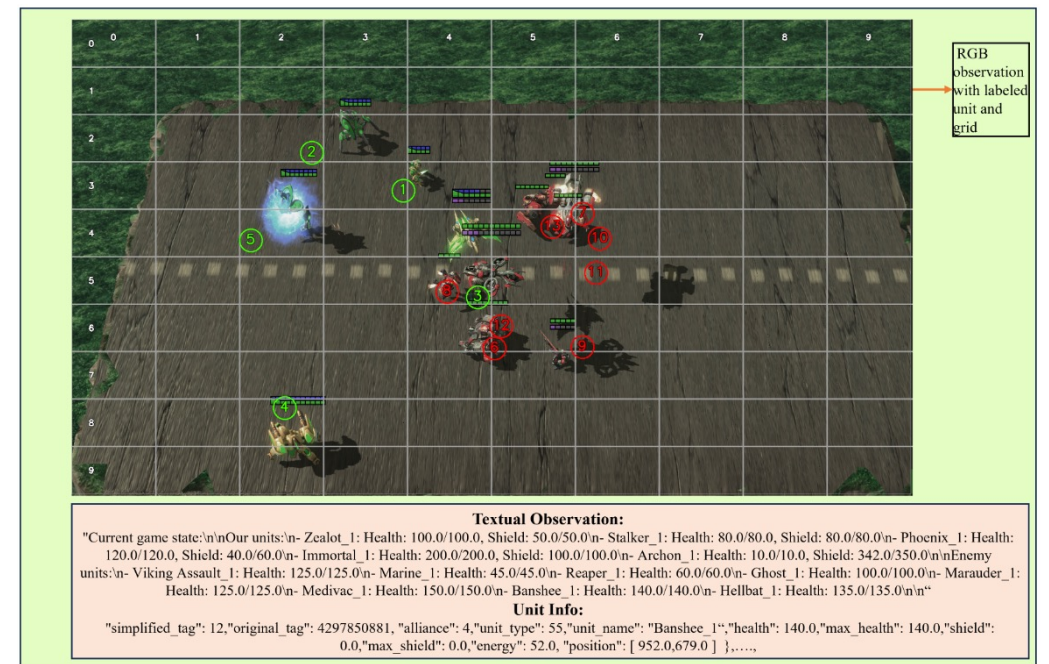
[4] OSWorld: Benchmarking Multimodal Agents for Open-Ended Tasks in Real Computer Environments

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Playing Games



MineCraft



StarCraft II

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Recent Industry Players



Overview

Our team is releasing Seed1.8, a model designed for generalized real-world agency. It supports text and image inputs and with its powerful multimodal processing capabilities, it demonstrates good performance across various complex application scenarios such as information retrieval, coding [Graphical User Interface \(GUI\) interaction](#).

GUI Agents

Acting as a visual agent for productivity automation, Qwen3.5 enables autonomous interaction with smartphones and computers. As a mobile agent, it can follow natural-language instructions to take actions within mobile apps and enable smooth interaction across multiple apps. As a computer agent, it handles complex, long-horizon desktop workflows, enabling office automation.

Expand all demos ▾

Demo1 Excel

Fill the missing rows and columns which show the total value

Qwen3.5

The screenshot shows a video player interface for a demo. The video content displays a desktop environment with an Excel spreadsheet open. The spreadsheet has columns labeled 'Zone' and 'Product' and rows with numerical data. A play button is centered over the spreadsheet. To the right of the video, there is a list of steps and actions performed by the agent:

- STEP 1** **click** [277, 229] [277, 229]
- ACTION** Click on cell F3, which is located in the "Total" column for Zone 1, in the row corresponding to Khewra Salt product.
- TOOL CALL** [{"name": "computer_agent", "arguments": {"action": "click", "x": 277, "y": 229}}]
- STEP 2** **type**
- ACTION** Type the formula equals SUM open parenthesis B3 colon E3 close parenthesis to calculate the sum of the quarterly values for the Khewra Salt product.
- TOOL CALL** [{"name": "computer_agent", "arguments": {"action": "type", "text": "=SUM(B3:E3)"}}]
- STEP 3** **press**
- ACTION** Press the Return key to confirm the formula entry and move to the next cell.
- TOOL CALL** [{"name": "computer_agent", "arguments": {"action": "key", "key": "Enter"}}]

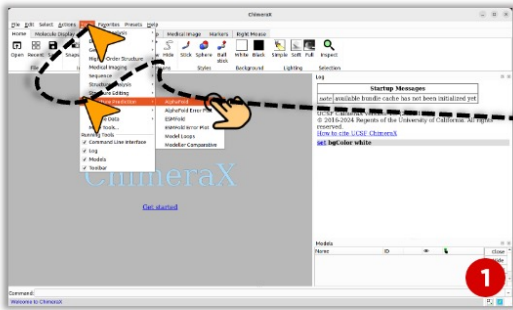
[5] Seed1.8 A generalized agentic model that can efficiently and accurately accomplish complex tasks in real-world scenarios.

[6] Qwen3.5: Towards Native Multimodal Agents

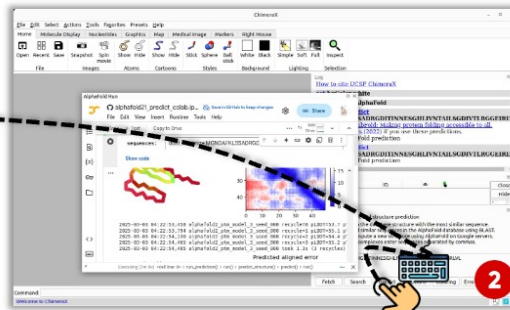
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Automate scientific workflows, be your co-scientist

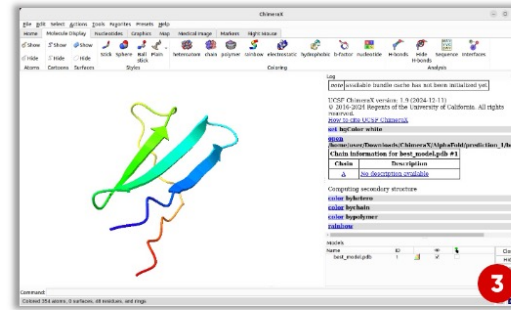
Instruction: Predict the protein structure for the amino acid sequence of 'MGND...' via AlphaFold in ChimeraX.



Step1: Toggle the widget of AlphaFold.

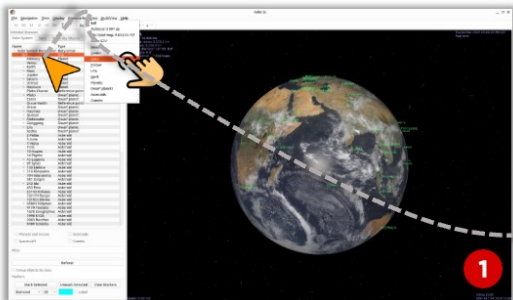


Step2: Input the given sequence and call out AlphaFold for structure prediction.

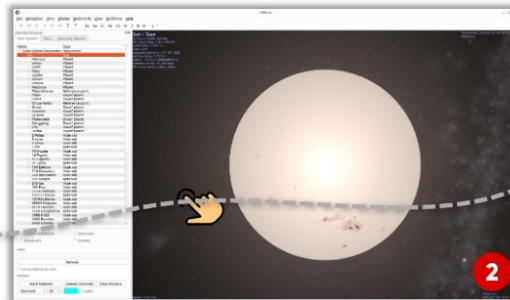


Step3: Wait until the prediction finished.

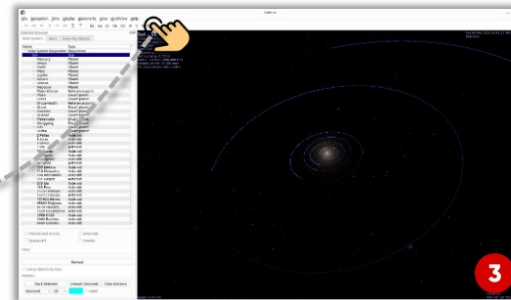
Instruction: Show planets' orbits of Solar System in Celestia.



Step1: Select the Sol and click 'Goto' in context menu.



Step2: Slide the mouse wheel to move the camera away from Sol.



Step3: Click to show orbits of planets.

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Startups



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[macOS](#)

The screenshot displays the Agent S interface. On the left is a chat window with a header containing the Agent S logo, a 'Private' button, a 'Public' button, and the text 'Run Simular locally on macOS'. The chat content includes a message from 'a web browser.' stating: '(Next Action) Now I need to open a web browser. I'll use the agent.open method to open Firefox, which is a common web browser on Linux systems.' Below this is a '(Grounded Action)' section with a dark button containing the code `agent.open("firefox")`. The chat is timestamped 'Agent S2 2 hours ago' and shows a loading spinner with the text 'Agent is executing task...'. At the bottom of the chat is a text input field 'Type your message here...' and a blue 'Send' button with an upward arrow. On the right is a 'Shared Virtual Machine' window showing a Linux desktop environment with a teal background, a 'Trash' icon, 'File System' and 'Home' folders, and a terminal window. The desktop has a system tray at the bottom with icons for applications, network, and volume. Below the VM window, it says '40 viewers watching now'.

Seminal works on Computer-Using Agents



SeeClick: Harnessing GUI Grounding for Advanced Visual GUI Agents, [ACL 2024](#) Foundation Models



OS-ATLAS: A Foundation Action Model for Generalist GUI Agents , [ICLR 2025 Spotlight](#)



OS-Genesis: Automating GUI Agent Trajectory Construction via Reverse Task Synthesis , [ACL 2025](#)

Data



Breaking the Data Barrier -- Building GUI Agents Through Task Generalization, [COLM 2025](#)



AgentStore: Scalable Integration of Heterogeneous Agents As Specialized Generalist Computer Assistant , [ACL 2025](#)



OS-Symphony: A Holistic Framework for Robust and Generalist Computer-Using Agent, [ACL 2026](#) Frameworks



OS-MAP: How Far Can Computer Use Agents Go in Breadth and Depth?

Evaluation



ScienceBoard: Evaluating Multimodal Autonomous Agents in Realistic Scientific Workflows [Frontier Application](#)



OS-Sentinel : Towards Safety-Enhanced Mobile GUI Agents via Hybrid Validation in Realistic Workflows , [ACL 2026](#)

Safety

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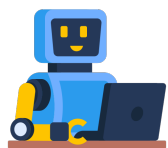
Generally, both **GUI** and **CLI** can enable computer use
(though they have different capability boundaries).

Today, our discussion focuses on **GUI-based computer-using agents**.



GUI Agents

Let's start with enabling a VLM to make an "action"



SeeClick: Harnessing GUI Grounding for Advanced Visual GUI Agents



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SeeClick: Overview

We built a purely **visual GUI Agent**  SeeClick, which interacts with GUIs through screenshots, **does not require any structured information.**

Just like Human!


Instruction: Download the e-receipt **with the last name Smith** and confirmation number X123456989.

Text-based:

```
<form element_id="200">
  ...
  <label element_id="205">Last Name:</label>
  <input type="text" name="lastname" element_id="206">
  ...
  <input type="submit" value="Get Receipt" element_id="210">
  ...

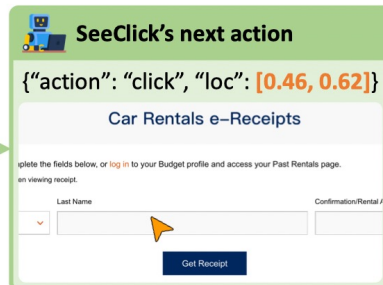
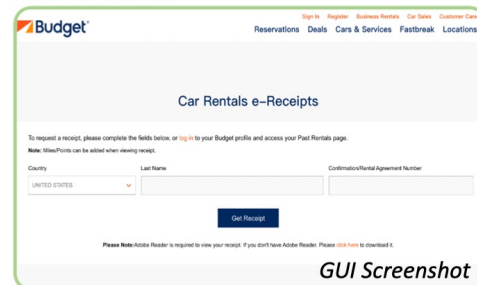
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Simplified HTML Code

 **Text-based agent's next action**

Element: **<element_id=206>**
Action: CLICK
Selenium Code
element = driver.find_element(By.XPATH, '//*[@element_id="206"]')
element.click()

Vision-based:

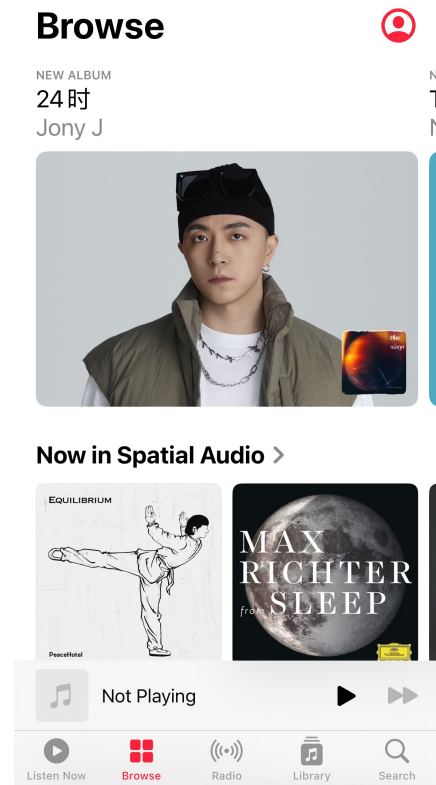


Input: Screenshots 

Output: the action (with location) 

SeeClick: GUI Grounding

(In 2024) We discovered a **key challenge** in developing visual GUI agents: GUI grounding – the capacity to accurately locate screen elements based on instructions.



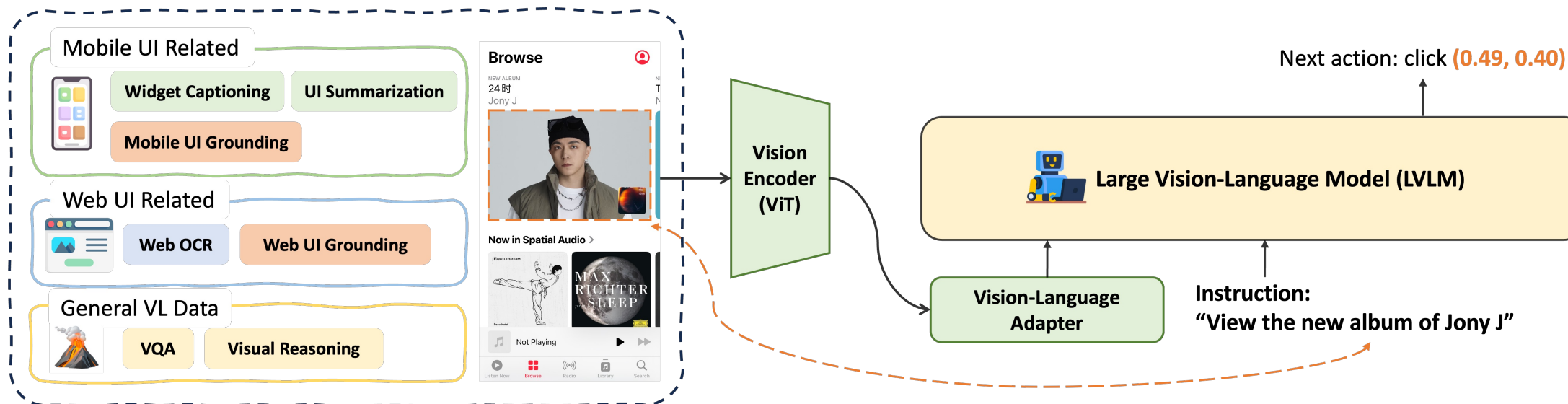
In order to view the new album of Jony J, where should I click?

 GPT-4o (an earlier version): hmmm... Sorry I don't know. ❌

 SeeClick: (0.49, 0.40) ✅

How SeeClick is Built

Overview of SeeClick's framework and GUI grounding pre-training.



Uses ~1M GUI-specific samples combining web UI, mobile UI, and general vision-language data.

Includes **GUI grounding tasks**, such as predicting click points and generating element descriptions.

How SeeClick is Built

Web UI Grounding data

1. Crawled from large-scale web pages (~300K pages)
2. Includes text elements and tooltip-based descriptions

Target: element localization from instructions $p(y|s, x)$ and OCR-style text prediction $p(x|s, y)$

Mobile UI data

1. Widget captioning and UI grounding from public datasets (e.g., RICO)
2. UI summarization to improve holistic interface understanding

General VL instruction data

1. Adopted from multi-purpose VL instruction-following corpora (e.g., LLaVA)
2. Supports preserving general reasoning and descriptive capabilities

elements

instructions

2005 NISSAN ELGRAND HWS PREMIUM NAVI EDITION

AVAILABILITY: OUT OF STOCK

PRICE:

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ENQUIRE NOW

```
<div class="header">
<ul class="menu">
<li>...</li>
</ul>
</div>
<div class="container">
<div class="product-thumbnails"><a href="#" title="Previous image"></a></div>
<div class="product-detail">
<div>...</div>
<button>ENQUIRE NOW</button>
<div class="product-share">...</div>
</div>
</div>
```

The First Modern GUI Grounding Benchmark

GUI Grounding Benchmark: ScreenSpot

Screenshot 1: iPhone Settings - Battery

- Instruction: See more options for Dark Mode
Source: Mobile (Android)
Type: Text
- Instruction: open the low power mode
Source: Mobile (iOS)
Type: Icon/Widget

Screenshot 2: macOS Design tool - Document1

- Instruction: Change font size to 20
Source: Desktop (macOS)
Type: Text

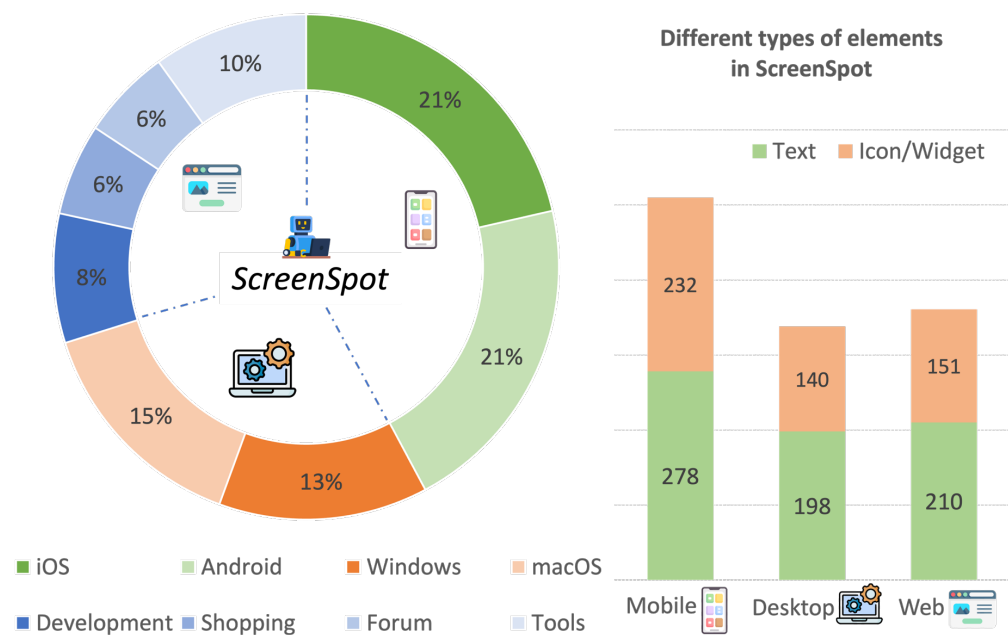
Screenshot 3: Windows File Explorer - Recycle Bin

- Instruction: Switch to OneDrive path
Source: Desktop (Windows)
Type: Text

Screenshot 4: GitHub Issue - #1460

- Instruction: Create a new merge request
Source: Web (Development)
Type: Text
- Instruction: Likes on this issue
Source: Web (Development)
Type: Icon/Widget

The First **Modern** GUI Grounding Benchmark



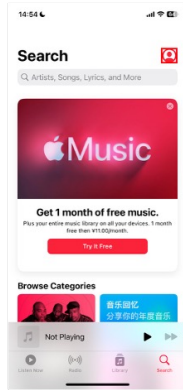
600+ screenshots and **1,200+ instructions** across mobile (iOS, Android), desktop (macOS, Windows), and web platforms.

Both text elements and icons/widgets

Collected from real-world apps and websites

ScreenSpot: Component

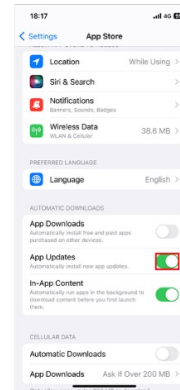
Mobile



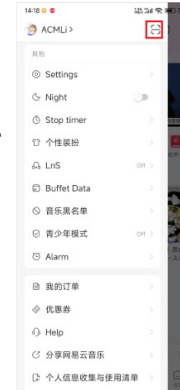
Instruction: My account
Source: Mobile (iOS)
Type: Icon/Widget



Instruction: Remove maps from the Desktop
Source: Mobile (iOS)
Type: Icon/Widget



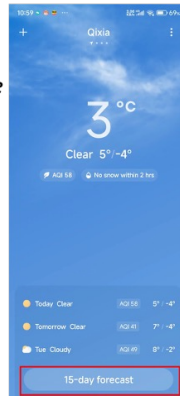
Instruction: Disallow automatic app updates
Source: Mobile (iOS)
Type: Icon/Widget



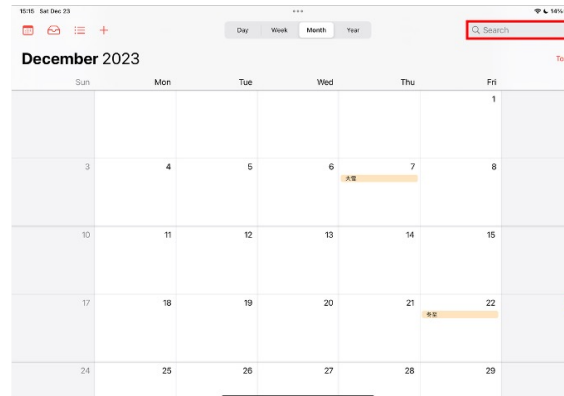
Instruction: Scan QR code
Source: Mobile (Android)
Type: Icon/Widget



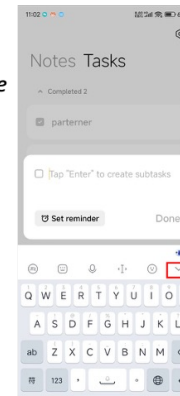
Instruction: Continue
Source: Mobile (Android)
Type: Text



Instruction: Display 15-day weather forecast
Source: Mobile (Android)
Type: Text



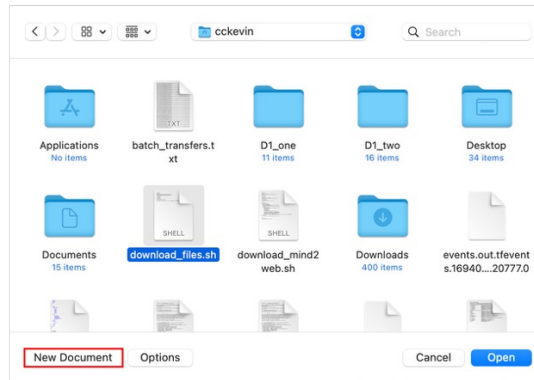
Instruction: Search event
Source: Mobile (iOS)
Type: Text



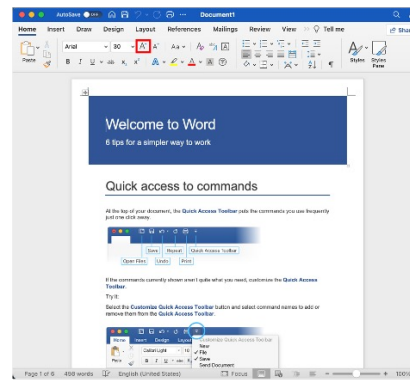
Instruction: Fold input method
Source: Mobile (Android)
Type: Icon/Widget

ScreenSpot: Component

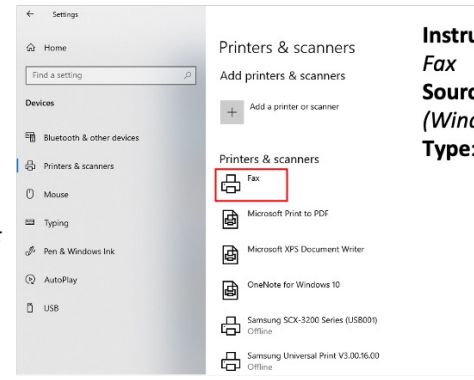
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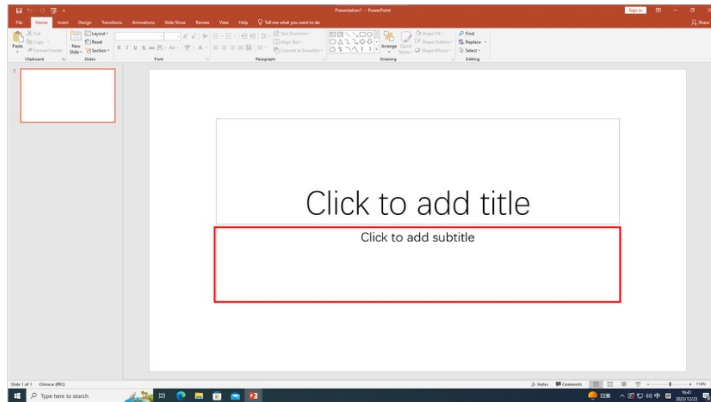
Instruction: Create a new document
Source: Desktop (macOS)
Type: Text



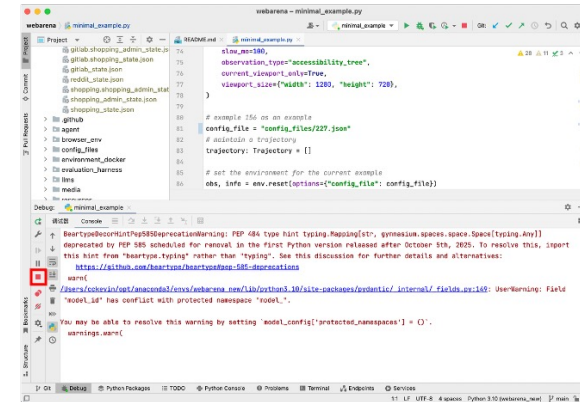
Instruction: Enlarge font size
Source: Desktop (macOS)
Type: Icon/Widget



Instruction: Open Fax
Source: Desktop (Windows)
Type: Text



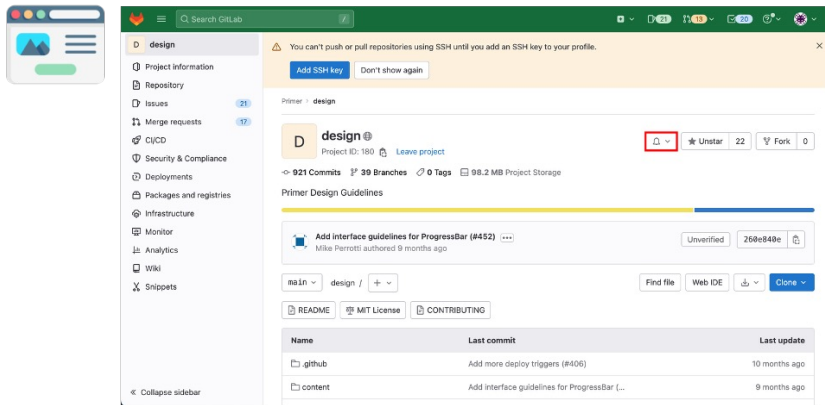
Instruction: Add subtitle
Source: Desktop (Windows)
Type: Text



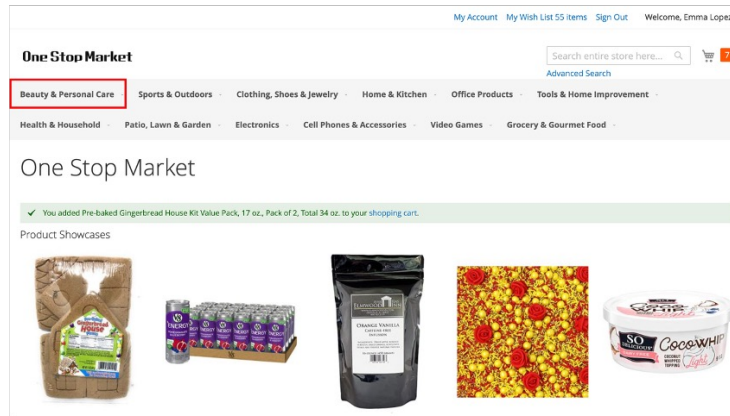
Instruction: Pause the debugger
Source: Desktop (macOS)
Type: Icon/Widget

ScreenSpot: Component

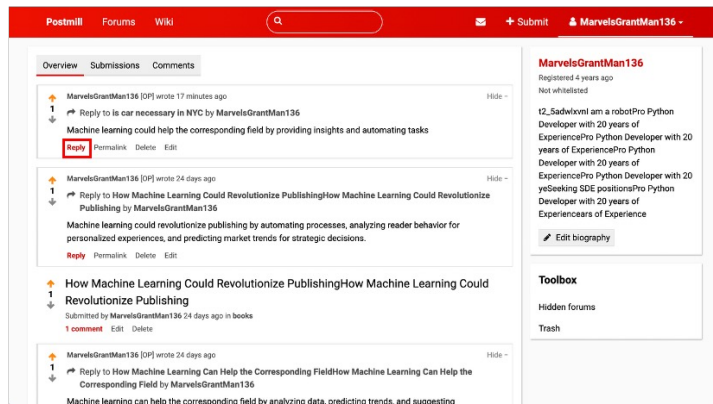
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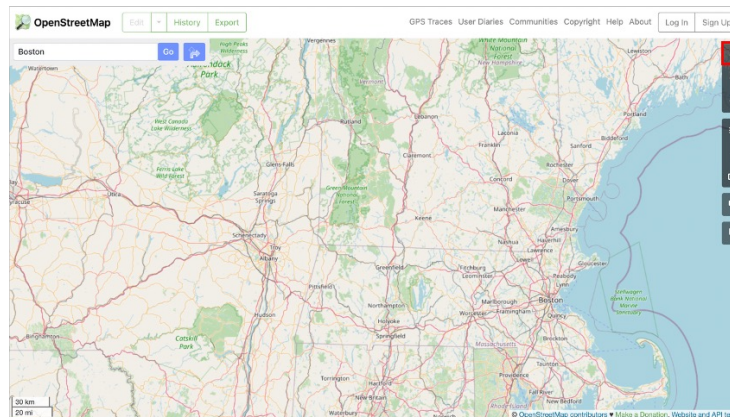
Instruction: Set Reminder
Source: Web (Development)
Type: Icon/Widget



Instruction: Go to Beauty & Personal Care
Source: Web (Shop)
Type: Text

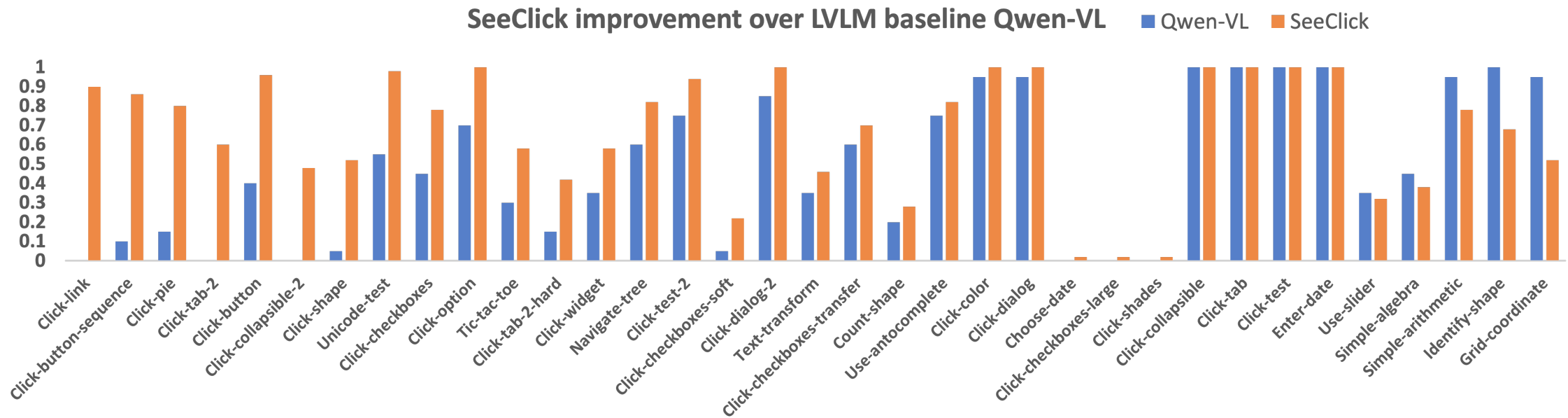


Instruction: Reply to the first post
Source: Web (Forum)
Type: Text

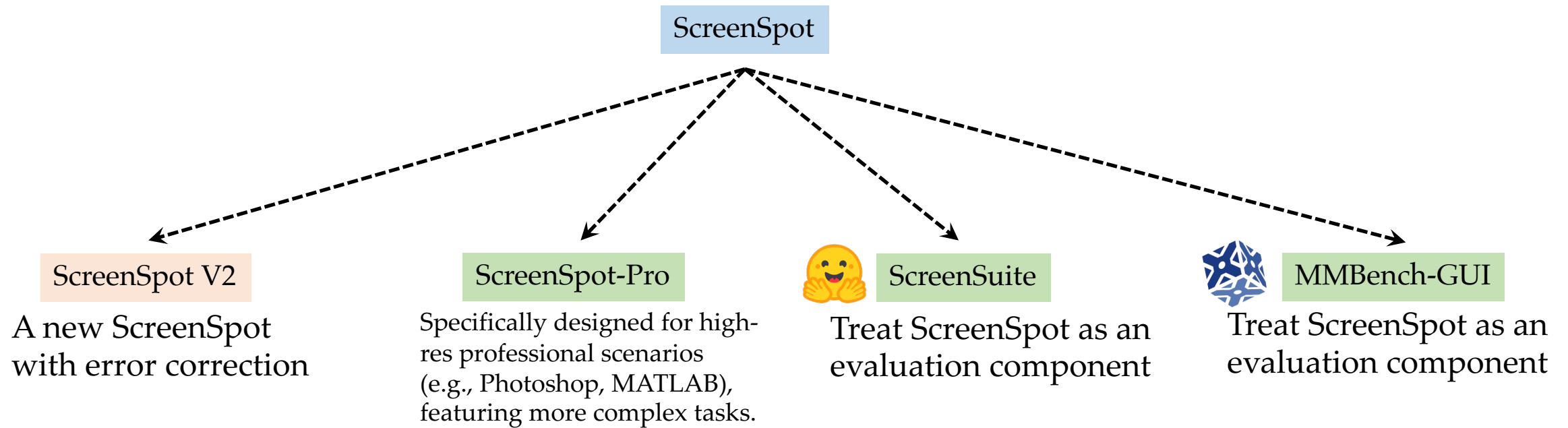


Instruction: Zoom in on the map
Source: Web (Tools)
Type: Icon/Widget

Results on ScreenSpot



ScreenSpot's Far-reaching Impact



[8] OS-ATLAS: A Foundation Action Model For Generalist GUI Agents, ICLR 2025 Spotlight

[9] ScreenSpot-Pro: GUI Grounding for Professional High-Resolution Computer Use

[10] ScreenSuite - The most comprehensive evaluation suite for GUI Agents!



OS-ATLAS: A Foundation Action Model For Generalist GUI Agents



Zhiyong Wu, Zhenyu Wu, Fangzhi Xu, Yian Wang, Qiushi Sun, Chengyou Jia, Kanzhi Cheng, Zichen Ding, Liheng Chen, Paul Pu Liang, Qiao Yu



The Road of Building GUI Agent

Still, a **vision-only** solution

- Previous: html / a11ytree as states
- Trending: screenshots as states (human-like)

Importance of **Large Action Model**



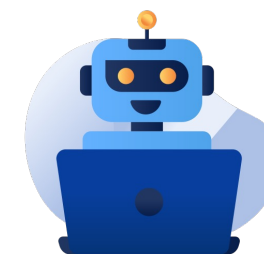
Planner

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Action Model

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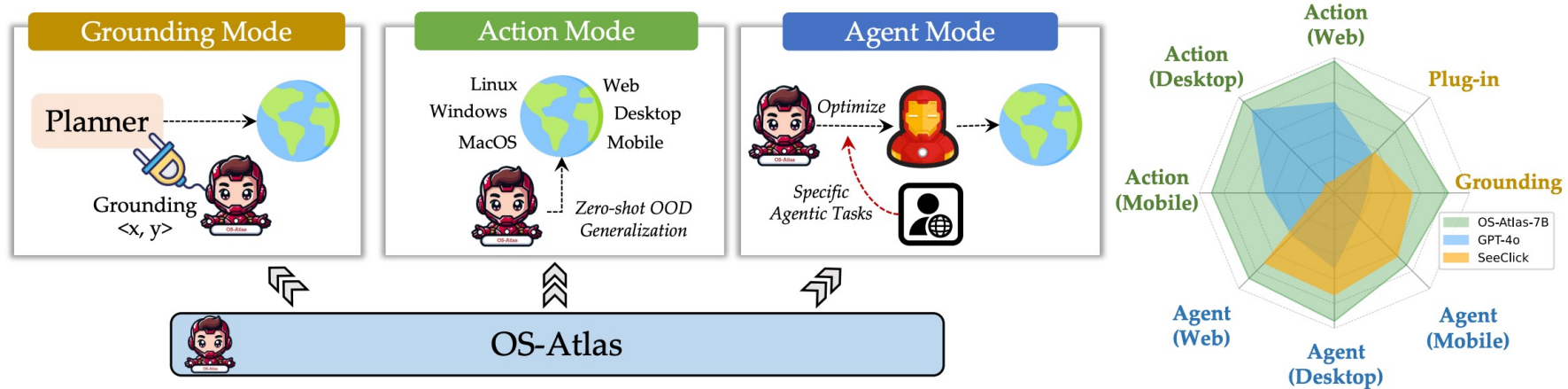


Minimal Agent

Overview of OS-Atlas

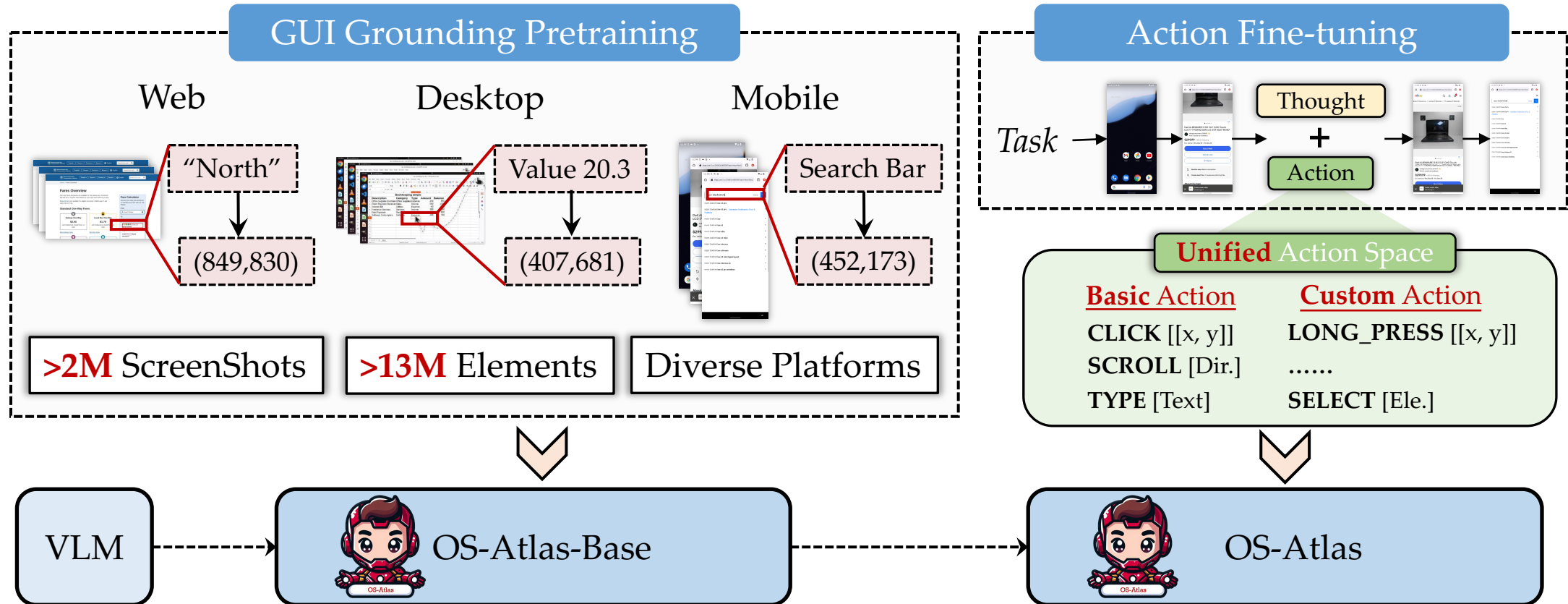
VLMs' Poor performance in GUI scenarios, because:

- Most existing VLMs are **rarely pretrained** on GUI screenshot images
- The **heterogeneity** of content and format in existing datasets

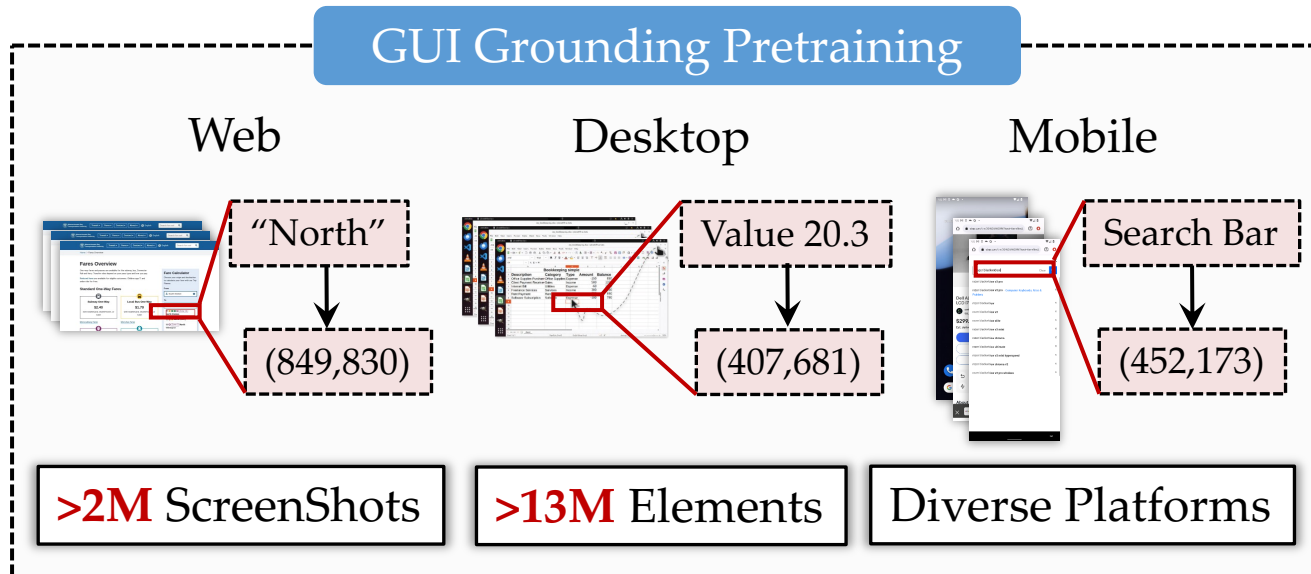


- **Grounding** Mode: Superior GUI Grounding and Plug-in with Planner
- **Action** Mode: Zero-shot Generalization on OOD tasks (Larger Action Space)
- **Agent** Mode: DIY your own agent

Two-Stage Training



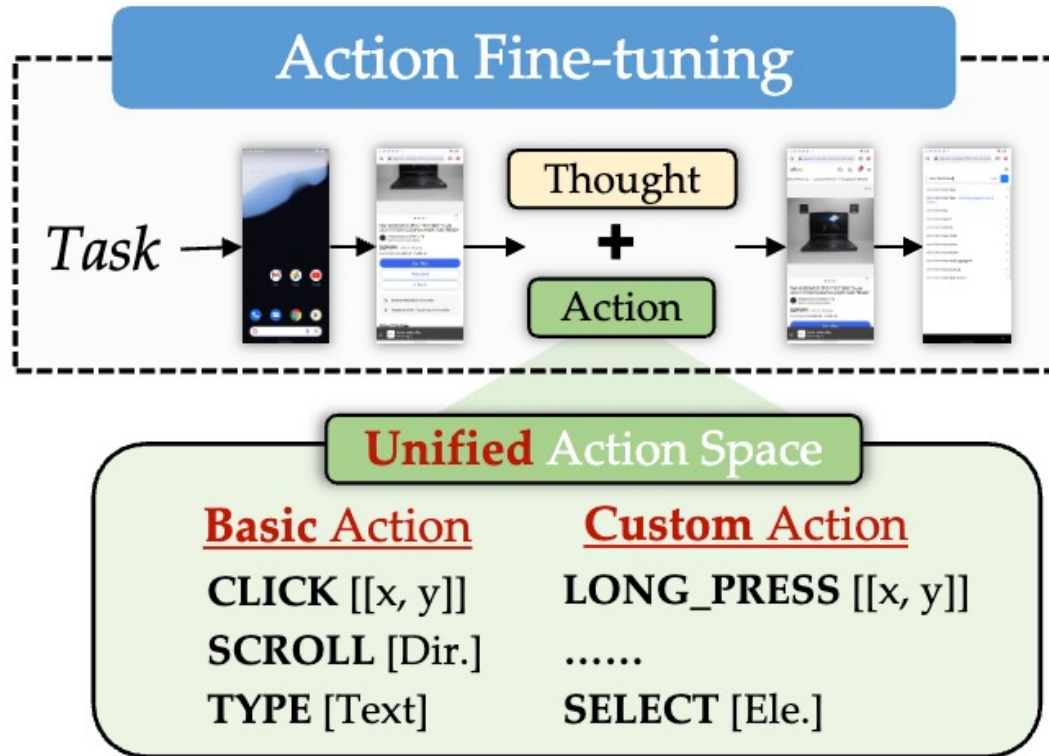
Infrastructure and Data Synthesis



Dataset	#Screenshots			Open Source	#Elements
	Web	Mobile	Desktop		
SeeClick	270K	94K	-	✓	3.3M
Ferret-UI	-	124K	-	✗	<1M
GUICourse	73K	9K	-	✓	10.7M
CogAgent	400K	-	-	✗	70M
OS-Atlas	1.9M	285K	54K	✓	13.58M

- The first multi-platform GUI grounding data synthesis toolkit, including:
 - **Web** - Collected a large number of URLs from **Common Crawl**.
 - **Desktop** - Windows, Linux and MacOS (integrated with **OSWorld** and uses **random walk** to collect trajectories).
 - **Mobile** - Android (integrated with **AndroidWorld**).
- Training set comprises over **2.3 M** distinct screenshots and more than **13 M** GUI elements.

Action-Finetuning Stage



- OS-Atlas-Base → OS-Atlas
- Unified Action Space (Basic + Custom)
- Task-level Agent model

Experiments: GUI Grounding

Planner	Grounding Models	Mobile		Desktop		Web		Avg.
		Text	Icon/Widget	Text	Icon/Widget	Text	Icon/Widget	
-	Fuyu	41.00	1.30	33.00	3.60	33.90	4.40	19.50
	CogAgent	67.00	24.00	74.20	20.00	70.40	28.60	47.40
	SeeClick	78.00	52.00	72.20	30.00	55.70	32.50	53.40
	InternVL-2-4B	9.16	4.80	4.64	4.29	0.87	0.10	4.32
	Qwen2-VL-7B	61.34	39.29	52.01	44.98	33.04	21.84	42.89
	UGround-7B	82.80	60.30	82.50	63.60	80.40	70.40	73.30
	OS-Atlas-Base-4B	85.71	58.52	72.16	45.71	82.61	63.11	70.13
	OS-Atlas-Base-7B	93.04	72.93	91.75	62.86	90.87	74.27	82.47
GPT-4o	SeeClick	83.52	59.39	82.47	35.00	66.96	35.44	62.89
	UGround-7B	93.40	76.90	92.80	67.90	88.70	68.90	81.40
	OS-Atlas-Base-4B	94.14	73.80	77.84	47.14	86.52	65.53	76.81
	OS-Atlas-Base-7B	93.77	79.91	90.21	66.43	92.61	79.13	85.14

OS-Atlas-Base-7B achieves **SOTA** performance on ScreenSpot.

Experiments: Disentangled Planning and Action

Models	Successful Rate										Avg.
	OS	Calc	Impress	Writer	VLC	TB	Chrome	VSC	GIMP	WF	
GPT-4o + SoM	20.83	0.00	6.77	4.35	6.53	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.00	3.60	4.59
GPT-4o	8.33	0.00	6.77	4.35	16.10	0.00	4.35	4.35	3.85	5.58	5.03
+ SeeClick	16.67	0.00	12.76	4.35	23.52	6.67	10.86	8.70	11.54	7.92	9.21
+ OS-Atlas-Base-4B	20.83	2.23	14.89	8.70	23.52	13.33	15.22	13.04	15.38	7.92	11.65
+ OS-Atlas-Base-7B	25.00	4.26	17.02	8.70	29.41	26.67	19.57	17.39	19.23	8.91	14.63
Human	75.00	61.70	80.85	73.91	70.59	46.67	78.26	73.91	73.08	73.27	72.36

-  GPT-4o: 5% on OSWorld
- GPT-4o + OS-Atlas: 14.6%

Insight: next bottleneck? => complex reasoning and planning.

Experiments: Zero-shot and SFT

Web and Desktop

Models	GUI-Act-Web			OmniAct-Web			OmniAct-Desktop		
	Type	Grounding	SR	Type	Grounding	SR	Type	Grounding	SR
Zero-shot OOD Setting									
GPT-4o	77.09	45.02	41.84	79.33	42.79	34.06	79.97	63.25	50.67
OS-Atlas-4B	79.22	58.57	42.62	46.74	49.24	22.99	63.30	42.55	26.94
OS-Atlas-7B	86.95	75.61	57.02	85.63	69.35	59.15	90.24	62.87	56.73
Supervised Fine-tuning Setting									
InternVL-2-4B	81.42	47.03	36.17	47.51	51.34	24.39	67.00	44.47	29.80
Qwen2-VL-7B	89.36	90.66	82.27	89.22	85.94	78.58	96.27	94.52	91.77
SeeClick	88.79	78.59	72.34	86.98	75.48	68.59	96.79	70.22	72.69
OS-Atlas-4B	89.36	89.16	81.06	88.56	82.00	73.91	96.51	85.53	84.78
OS-Atlas-7B	89.08	91.60	82.70	97.15	95.41	93.56	97.15	95.85	94.05

Mobile

Models	AndroidControl-Low			AndroidControl-High			GUI-Odyssey		
	Type	Grounding	SR	Type	Grounding	SR	Type	Grounding	SR
Zero-shot OOD Setting									
GPT-4o	74.33	38.67	28.39	63.06	30.90	21.17	37.50	14.17	5.36
OS-Atlas-4B	64.58	71.19	40.62	49.01	49.51	22.77	49.63	34.63	20.25
OS-Atlas-7B	73.00	73.37	50.94	57.44	54.90	29.83	60.42	39.74	26.96
Supervised Fine-tuning Setting									
InternVL-2-4B	90.94	84.05	80.10	84.09	72.73	66.72	82.13	55.53	51.45
Qwen2-VL-7B	91.94	86.50	82.56	83.83	77.68	69.72	83.54	65.89	60.23
SeeClick	93.00	73.42	75.00	82.94	62.87	59.11	70.99	52.44	53.92
OS-Atlas-4B	91.92	83.76	80.64	84.69	73.79	67.54	83.47	61.37	56.39
OS-Atlas-7B	93.61	87.97	85.22	85.22	78.48	71.17	84.47	67.80	61.98

- OS-Atlas achieved **SOTA** performance across **3** different platforms, **6** distinct datasets, and **2** evaluation settings (Zero-shot OOD and SFT).
- Huge **superiority over GPT-4o** under zero-shot OOD setting.

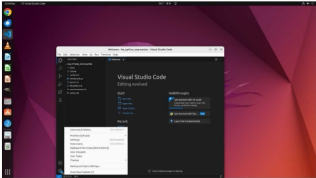
More Cases about GUI Tasks

Task Please help me modify VS Code setting to hide all "_pycache_" folders in the explorer view.



Grounding Model

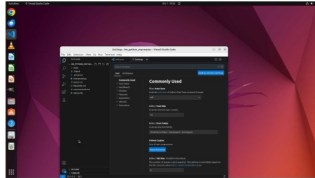
Step 1



Click on the gear icon Settings

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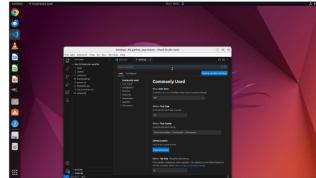
Step 2



Click on \"Settings\" in the dropdown menu

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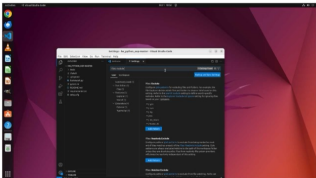
Step 3



Click on the search settings input box

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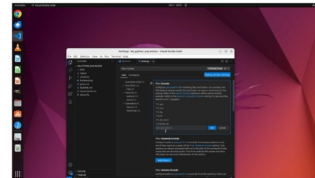
Step 4



Type \"files: exclude\" in the search settings input box

TYPE ['files: exclude']

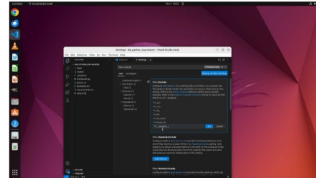
Step 5



Click on \"Add Pattern\" button under Files: Exclude

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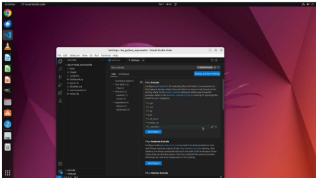
Step 6



Type the pattern to exclude _pycache_ folders

TYPE ['**/_pycache_']

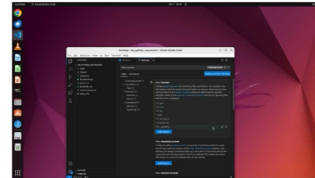
Step 7



Click on the \"OK\" button to confirm the exclusion pattern

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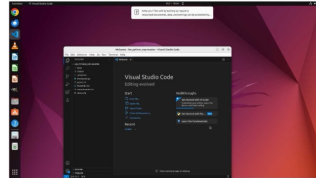
Step 8



Press Enter to confirm the exclusion pattern

ENTER

Step 9



Close the settings tab using the keyboard shortcut

HOTKEY [CTRL, \"W\"]

- OS-World
- Planner: GPT-4o
- Action Model: OS-Atlas (7B)

More Demos ?

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中文解读 (OS-ATLAS)

Next

We already have **strong action / foundation models** that map instructions to actions.

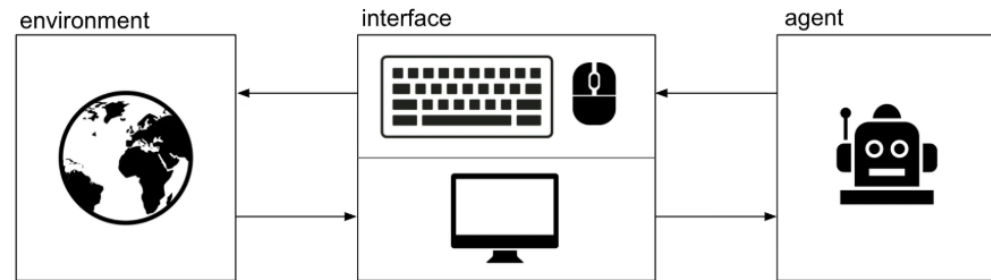
Now, we aim to empower agents with complete **Perception–Decision–Execution** capabilities.

Build Computer-using Agents

Quite promising to achieve **digital automation** in one model.

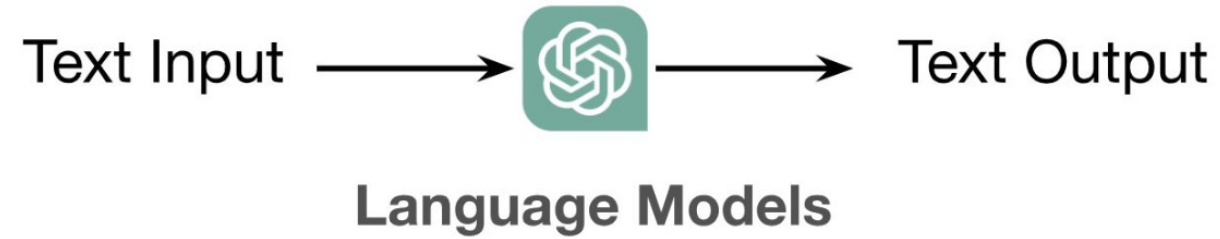
Can we transform a (V)LM into such **GUI agents**?

1. Perceive
2. Planning
3. Action

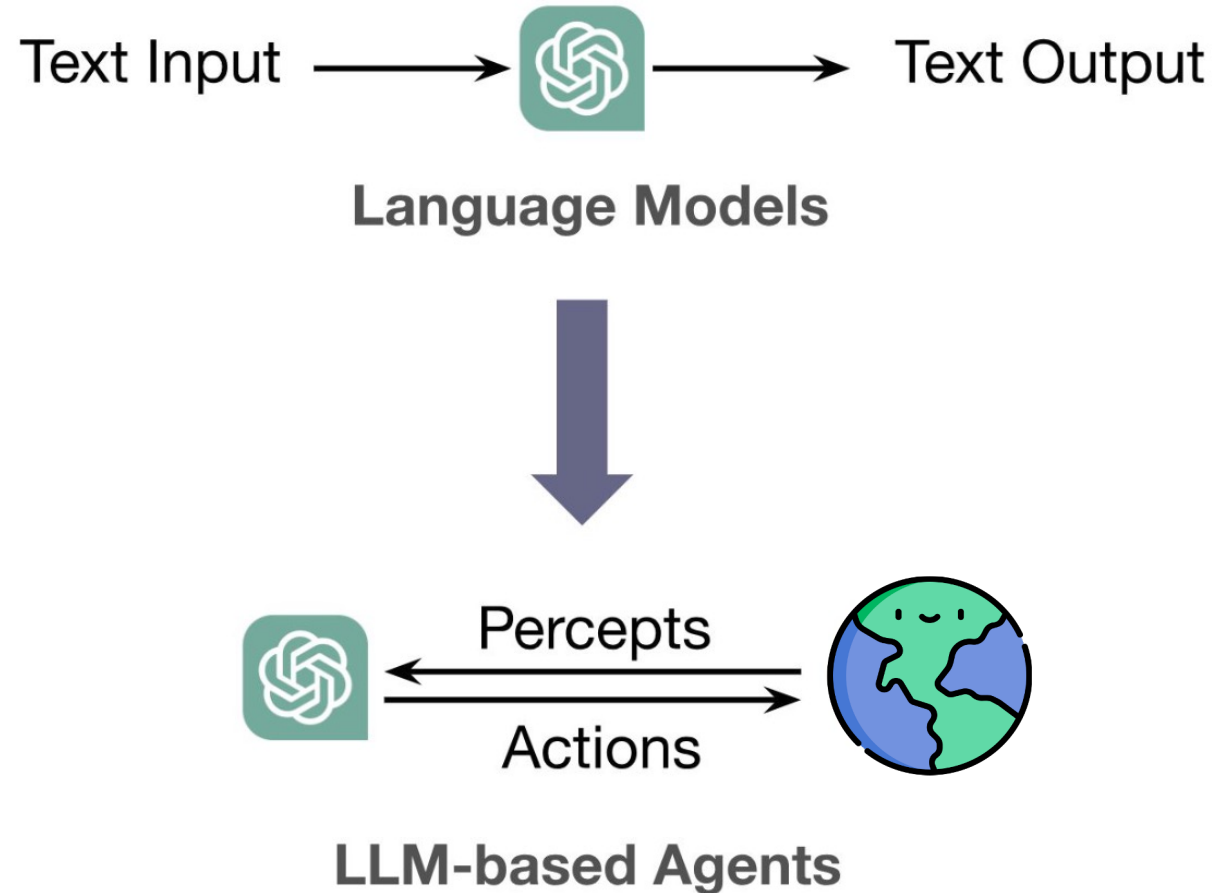


Of course! But it is a non-trivial job!

Recap: Language Agents






Recap: Language Agents



But this is not enough for Computer-using / GUI Agents.

Computer-using Agents

Agents are promising, but building powerful agents is challenging.

1. Agents need to **follow human instructions.** 
2. Agents need to perform **planning and action.** 
3. Agents need to **perceive envs.**  and the **applications** they are interacting with.

Best Way to build Computer-using Agents

Behavioral Cloning / Imitation Learning.




Sounds good, but where is our **data**?

Data Problems

Human annotation for GUI data is **much more expensive** than you think. 

Not to mention scenario/domain - specific data.

How about having the machine collect data?

1. **Pre-defined tasks** are required, but they may not **align with the environment**.
2. **Limited diversity** and a **poor success rate**. 

Data Scarcity

So, our goals are as follows:

1. Eliminate human involvement.
2. Obtain high-quality Trajectory data.
3. Diversity and Scalability.



OS-Genesis: Automating GUI Agent Trajectory Construction via Reverse Task Synthesis



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GUI Trajectory Data

The best data format for GUI agents

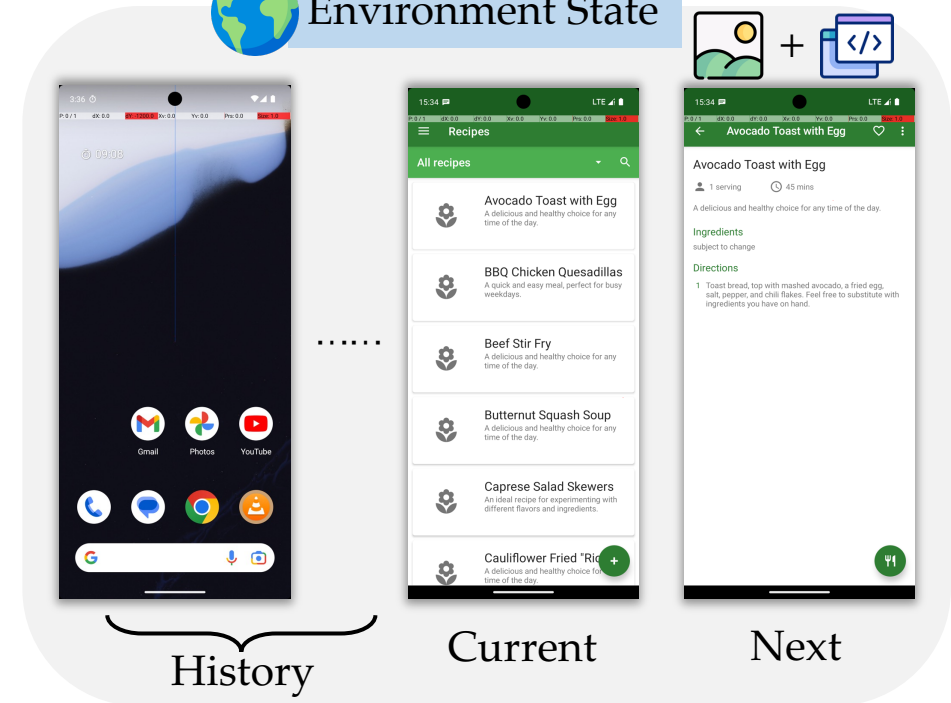
1. A **high-level instruction** that defines the overall goal the agent aims to accomplish
2. A series of **low-level instructions** that each describe specific steps required
3. **Actions** (e.g., CLICK, TYPE) 
4. **States**, which include visual representations like screenshots and textual representations such as a11ytree 

High-level Instruction

Mark the 'Avocado Toast with Egg' recipe as a favorite in the Broccoli app.



Environment State



Low-level Instruction

I need to click "Avocado Toast with Egg" to view more details and find the option to mark it as a favorite.

Action

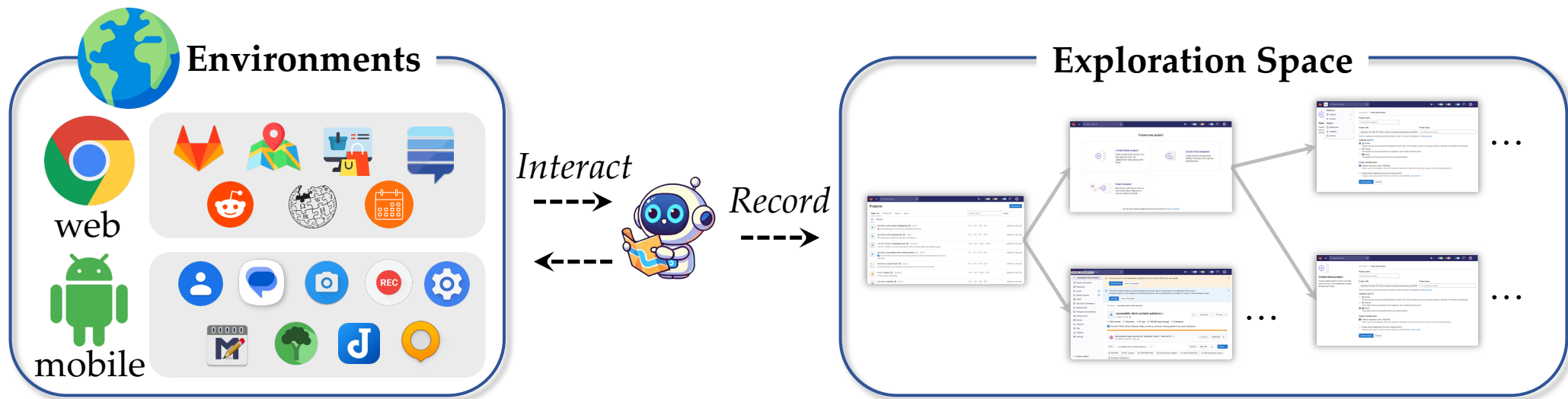
CLICK [Avocado Toast with Egg] (698, 528)



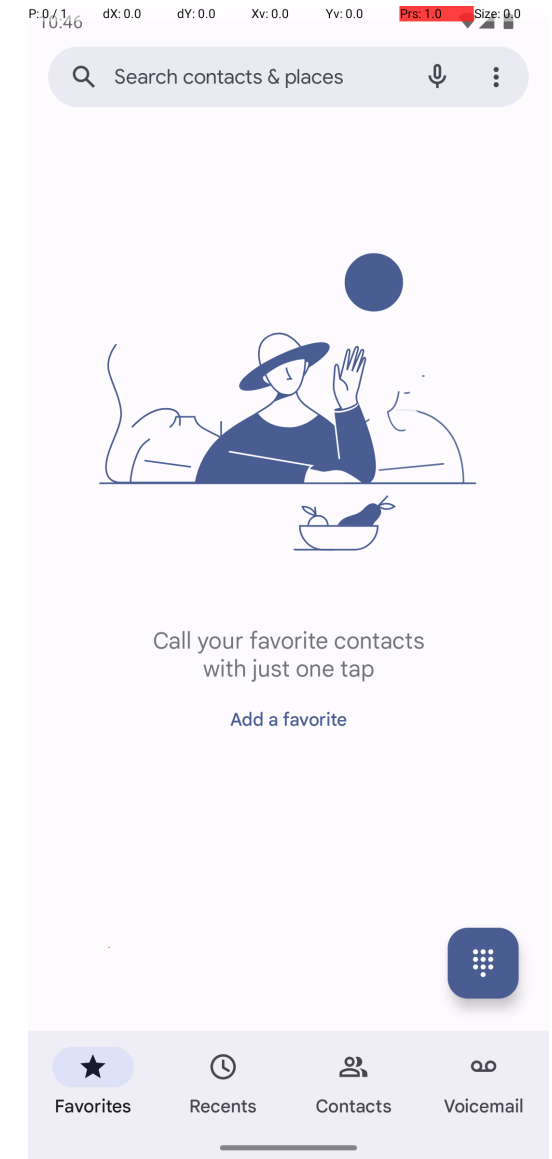
Reverse Task Synthesis

Interaction-Driven Functional Discovery is a rule-based process that **explores dynamic GUI environments** by interacting with UI elements. It uncovers functionalities through interaction triples

We collect: $\langle \text{Screen1}, \text{action}, \text{Screen2} \rangle$



Dynamic Environments



Dynamic Environments



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Dynamic Environments

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a project structure with folders like 'sci', 'Basic.lean', and 'Sci.lean'. The main editor area is split into two panes. The left pane shows a Lean file named 'Sci.lean' with the following code:

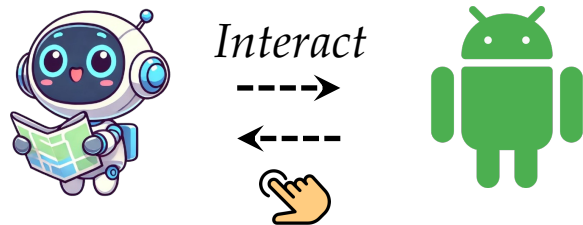
```
1 -- This module serves as the root of the 'Sci' library.
2 -- Import modules here that should be built as part of the lib
3
4   intro x
5     have y, rxy := h x
6     have rxy_and_rxy := And.intro rxy rxy
7     have rxx := h x y x rxy_and_rxy
8     exact rxx
9
10  import Sci.
11
12  intro x
13    have y, rxy := h x
14    have rxy_and_rxy := And.intro rxy rxy
15    have rxx := h x y x rxy_and_rxy
16    exact rxx
17
```

The right pane shows a Lean file named 'Basic.lean' with the following code:

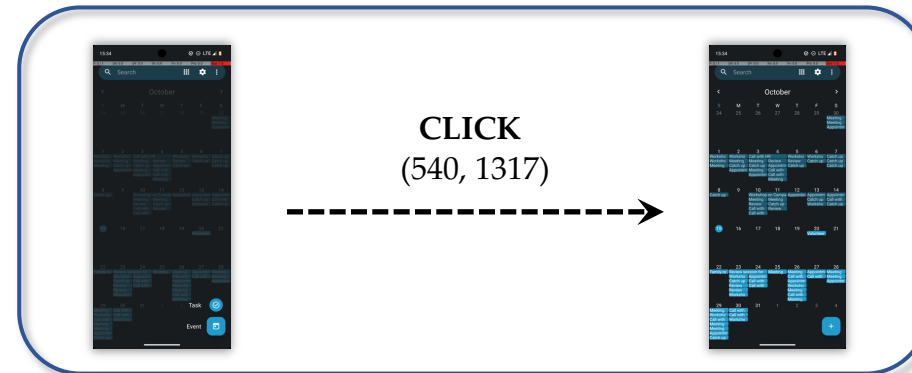
```
1 import MathLib
2
3 theorem PT_1 (R : Sort u → Sort u → Prop) (h1 : ∀ x, ∀ y, R x y → R y x) (h2 : ∀ x, ∀ y, ∀ z,
4 R x y ∧ R y z → R x z) (h3 : ∀ x, ∃ y, R x y) : ∀ x, R x x := by
5   sorry
```

Reverse Task Synthesis

Retroactively interpreting changes in the GUI environment caused by actions.

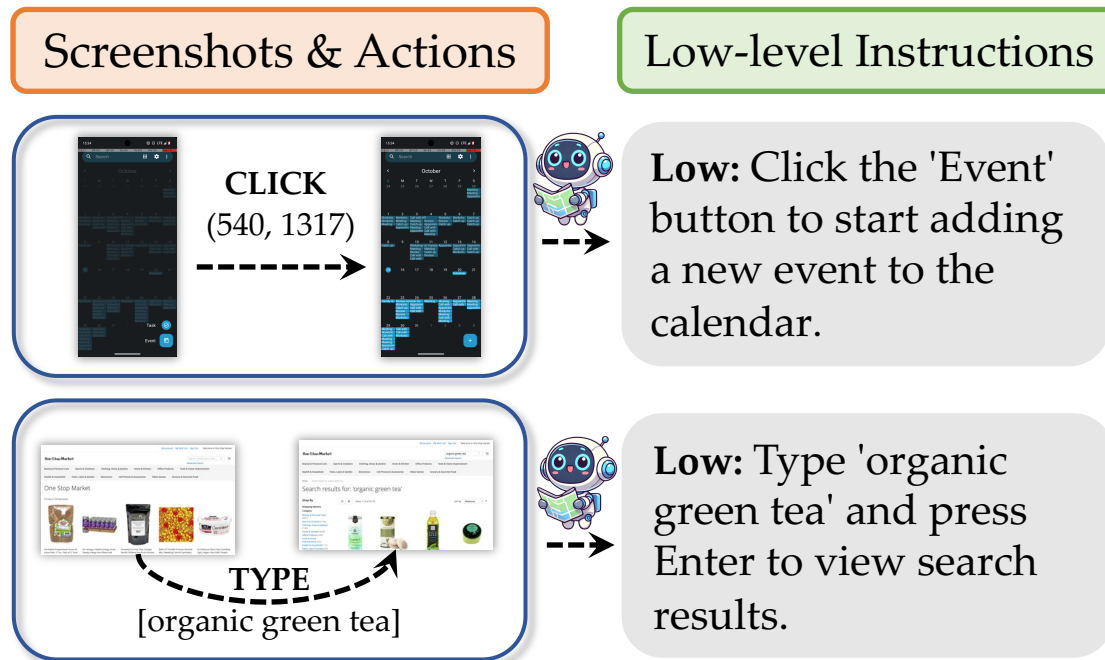


Screenshots & Actions



Reverse Task Synthesis

Retroactively interpreting changes in the GUI environment caused by actions, this process generates executable low-level instructions



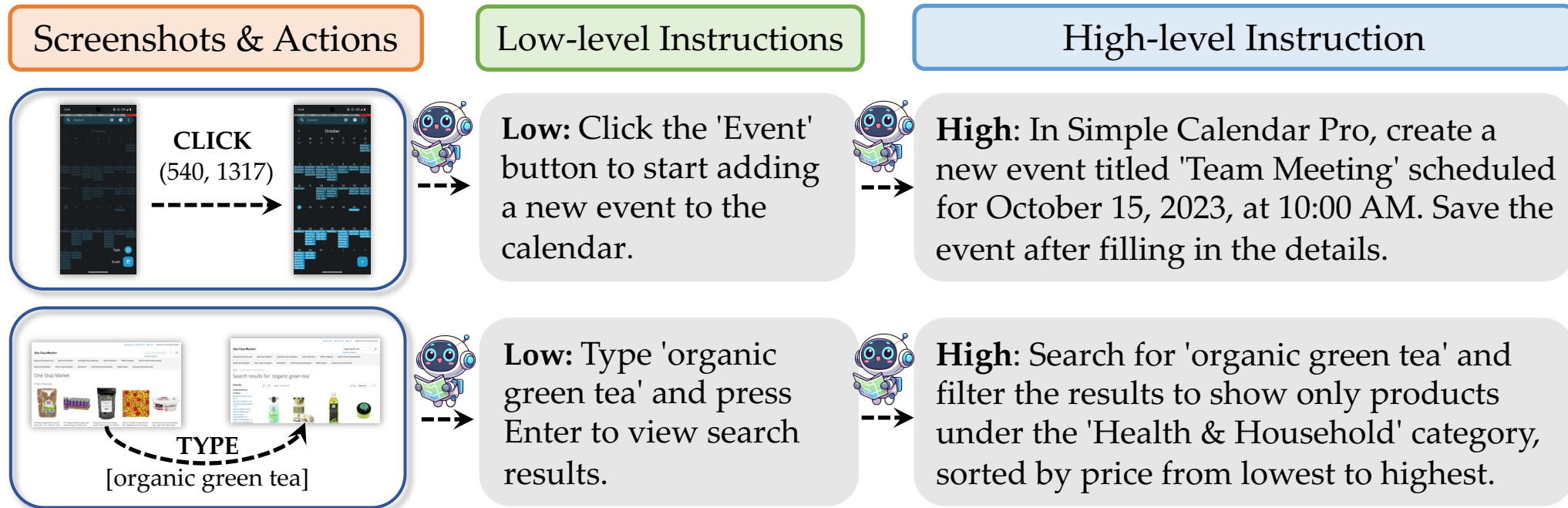
The data we synthesized:

1. Grounded
2. Actionable

Grounded: tasks that are **contextually valid** and **can be reasonably executed** within the environment.

Reverse Task Synthesis

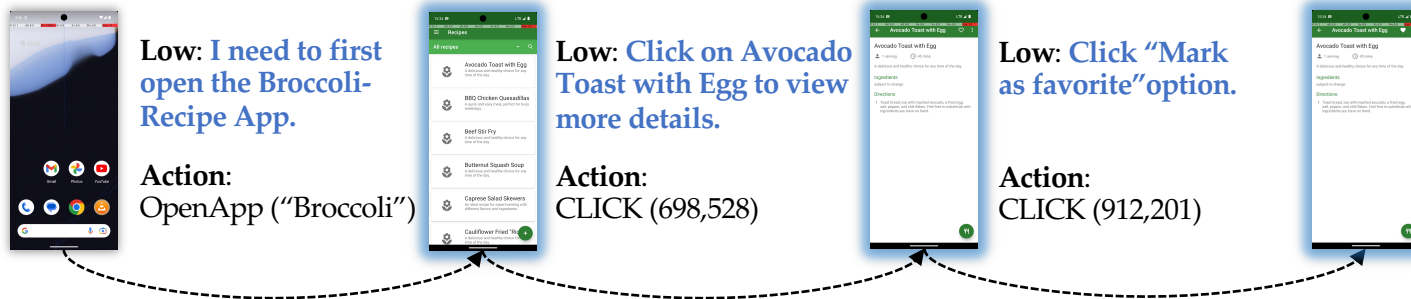
Retroactively interpreting changes in the GUI environment caused by actions, this process generates executable low-level instructions, which are then transformed into broader, goal-oriented high-level tasks



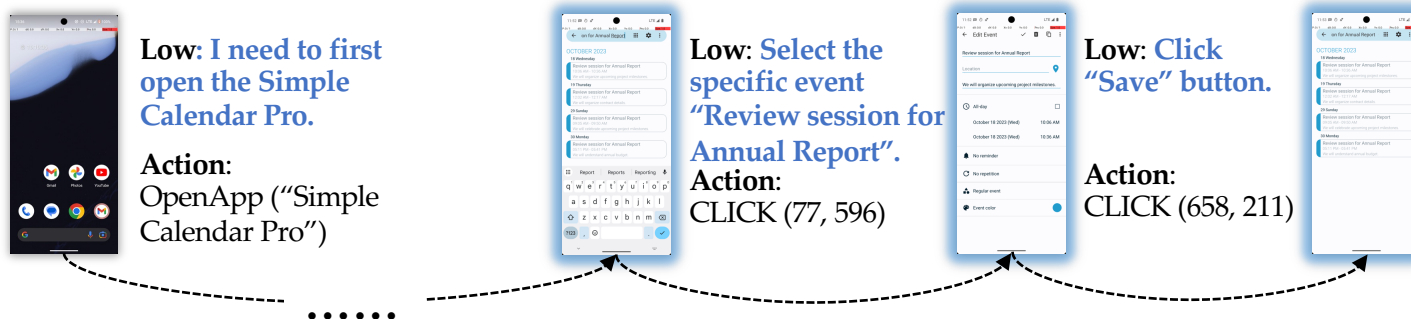
Reverse Task Synthesis

After reverse task synthesis generates task instructions, they are **automatically executed** in the GUI environment to build **complete trajectories**.

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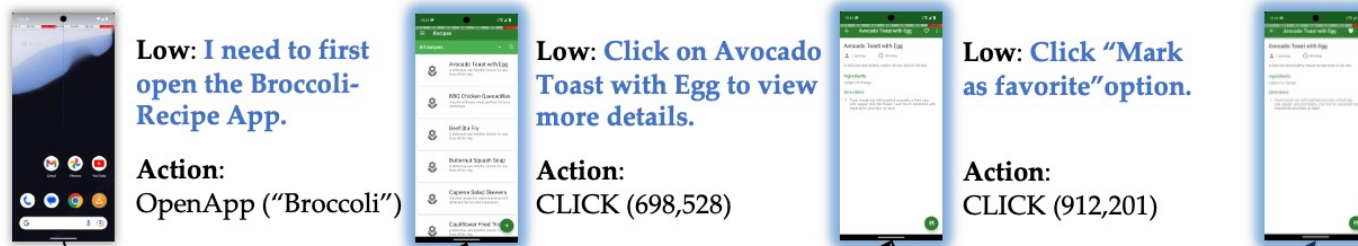


Reverse Task Synthesis

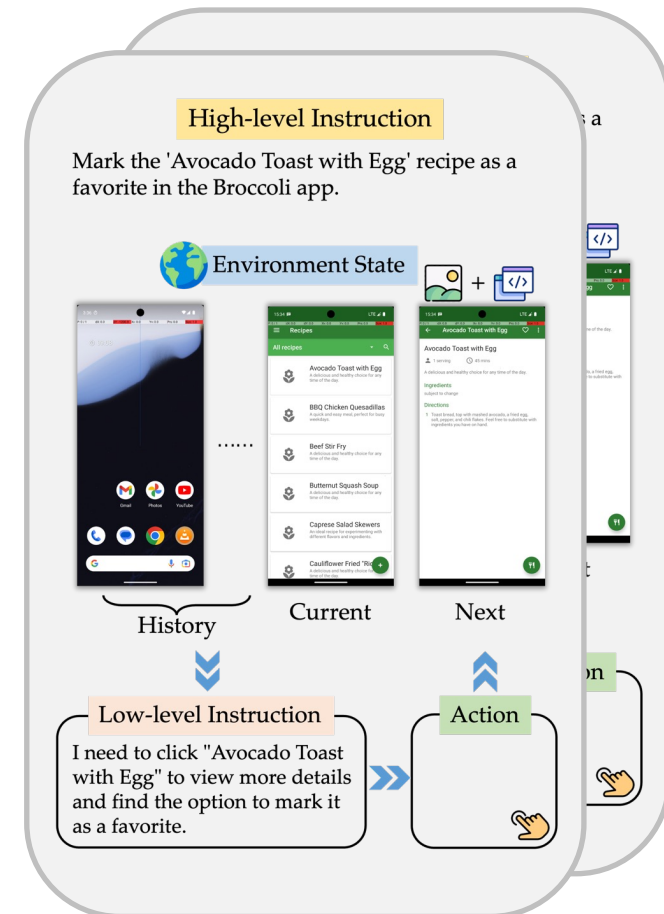
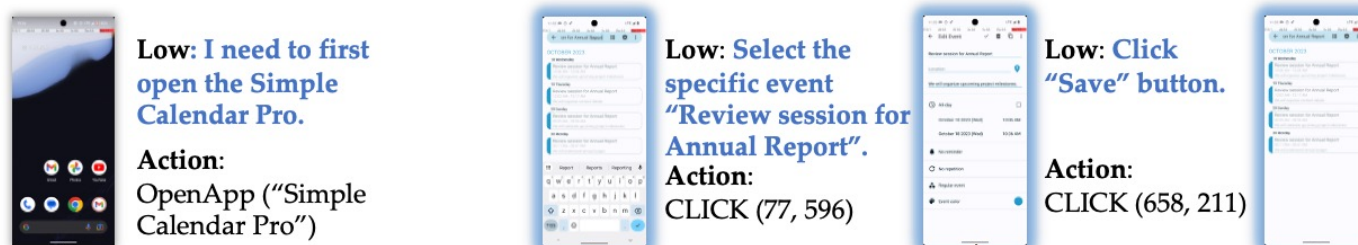
Trajectories collected! But is this all?

Let's consider data **quality** and synthesis **efficiency**.

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Data Quality Control

Tasks are executed by machines, not all of them are successful.

Previous approach:

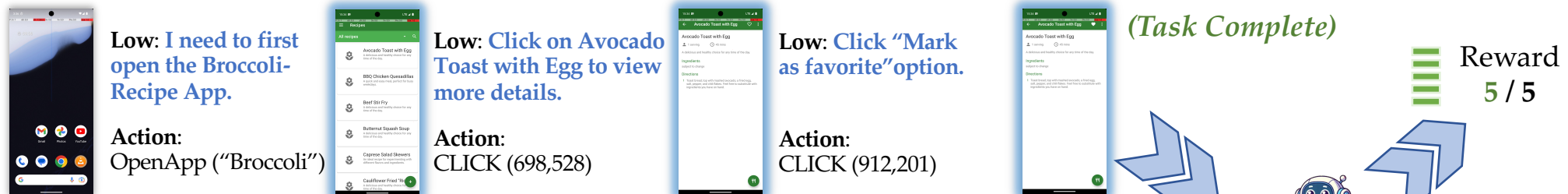
1. **Training all data** at once - what about the **quality**?
2. **Discarding** all incomplete Trajectories - what about the **efficiency**?

Thus, we introduce a **Trajectory Reward Model** to handle this.

Reward Modeling

We introduce a **Trajectory Reward Model** for **weighted sampling** in training.

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Models

Data Synthesis



GPT-4o



Qwen-VL Qwen2-VL-72B-Instruct

Backbones



InternVL InternVL2-4B / 8B



Qwen-VL Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct

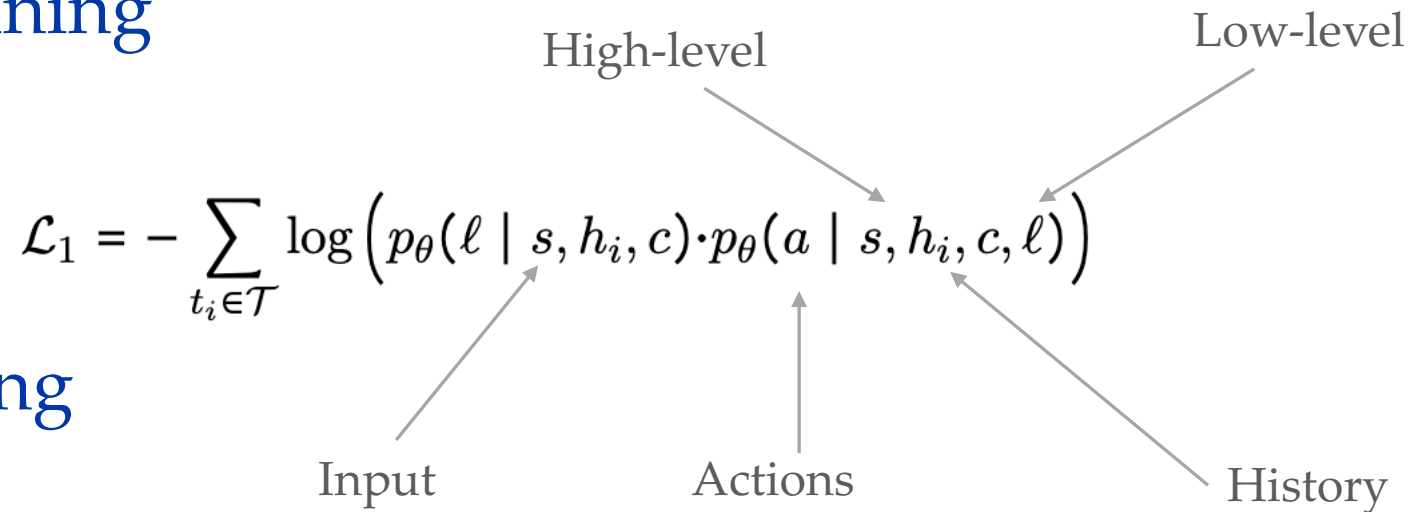
[13] *Qwen2.5-VL Technical Report*

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Training Strategies

Leverage **trajectory characteristics** to train GUI agents with complete capabilities

1. Planning Training



2. Action Training

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = - \sum_{t_i \in \mathcal{T}} \log p_{\theta}(a | s, c, l)$$

Training Strategies

After Training, our agents will generate **ReACT-Style** output

Examples:

Step 1: To create a new folder in Markor, I need to first open the Markor app.

```
action: {"action_type": "open_app", "app_name": "Markor" }
```

Step 2: To create a new folder, I need to click on the "Create a new file or folder" button, which is indicated by the plus icon.

```
action: {"action_type": "click", "x": 964.5, "y": 2074.5}
```

Step 3: I need to change the folder name to folder_20241224. The current text field for the folder name is visible and editable.

action:

```
{"action_type": "type", "text": "folder_20241224", "x": 373.5, "y": 552.0}
```

Baselines

We adapt / build the following **forward** baselines

- **Zero-Shot.** Advanced **prompting-based agents**, such as M3A.
- **Task-Driven.** GUI Trajectories synthesized **using pre-defined tasks**. Given initial screenshots of the app/web page and task examples, use GPT-4 to generate high-level instructions and collect data.
- **Self-Instruct.** Builds on Task-Driven by adding **self-instructed** tasks.

Setting: Screenshot + A11ytree

Experiments: Mobile

Base Model	Strategies	AndroidWorld	AndroidControl-High		AndroidControl-Low	
			SR	Type	SR	Type
GPT-4o	Zero-Shot (M3A)	23.70	53.04	69.14	69.59	80.27
InternVL2-4B	Zero-Shot	0.00	16.62	39.96	33.69	60.65
	Task-Driven	4.02	27.37	47.08	66.48	90.37
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	7.14	24.95	44.27	66.70	90.79
	OS-Genesis	15.18	33.39	56.20	73.38	91.32
InternVL2-8B	Zero-Shot	2.23	17.89	38.22	47.69	66.67
	Task-Driven	4.46	23.79	43.94	64.43	89.83
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	5.36	23.43	44.43	64.69	89.85
	OS-Genesis	16.96	35.77	64.57	71.37	91.27
Qwen2-VL-7B	Zero-Shot	0.89	28.92	61.39	46.37	72.78
	Task-Driven	6.25	38.84	58.08	71.33	88.71
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	9.82	39.36	58.28	71.57	89.73
	OS-Genesis	17.41	44.54	66.15	74.17	90.72

Table 1: Performance on AndroidWorld and AndroidControl benchmarks.

Findings: OS-Genesis + Opensource VLM > Propriety Models + Complex Prompting

Experiments: Web

Base Model	Strategies	Shopping	CMS	Reddit	Gitlab	Maps	Overall
GPT-4o	Zero-Shot	14.28	21.05	6.25	14.29	20.00	16.25
InternVL2-4B	Zero-Shot	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Task-Driven	5.36	1.76	0.00	9.52	5.00	4.98
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	5.36	3.51	0.00	9.52	7.50	5.81
	OS-Genesis	10.71	7.02	3.13	7.94	7.50	7.88
	Zero-Shot	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
InternVL2-8B	Task-Driven	3.57	7.02	0.00	6.35	2.50	4.56
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	8.93	10.53	6.25	7.94	0.00	7.05
	OS-Genesis	7.14	15.79	9.34	6.35	10.00	9.96
	Zero-Shot	12.50	7.02	6.25	6.35	5.00	7.47
Qwen2-VL-7B	Task-Driven	8.93	7.02	6.25	6.35	5.00	7.05
	Task-Driven w. Self Instruct	8.93	1.76	3.13	4.84	7.50	5.39
	OS-Genesis	7.14	8.77	15.63	15.87	5.00	10.79

Table 2: Performance on WebArena benchmarks.

Analysis

How Far are we from **Human Data**?

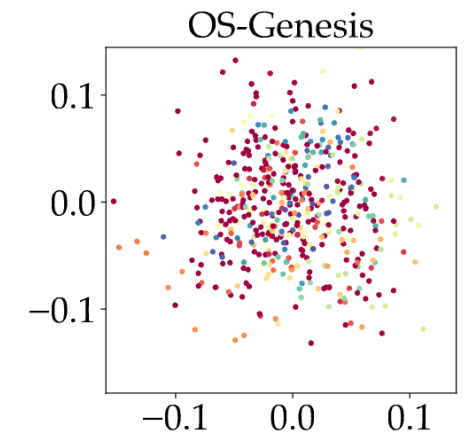
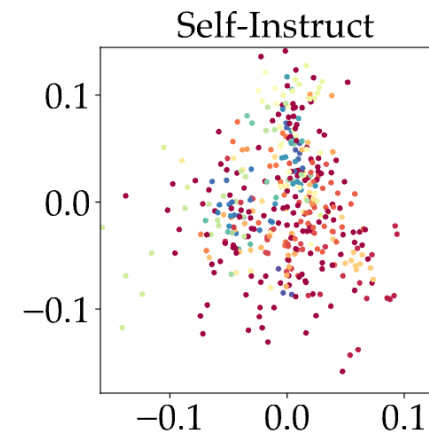
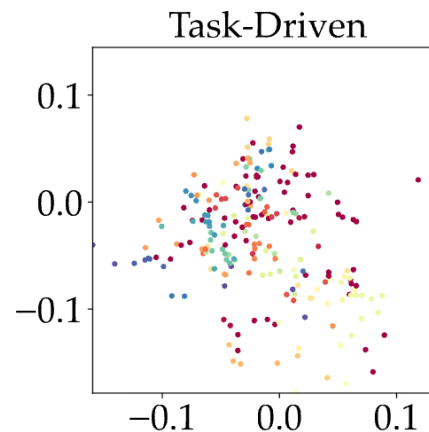
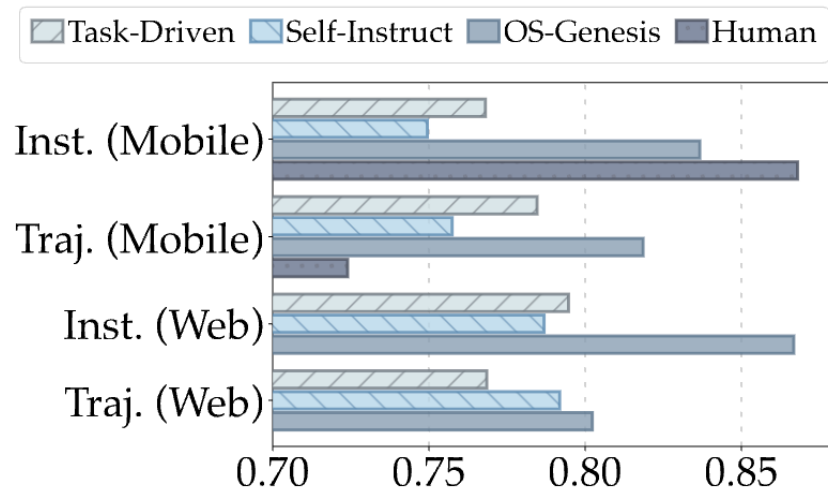
Then, OS-Genesis v.s. **Human-annotated Trajectories**.



Insight: OS-Genesis achieves ~80% of human data's effectiveness.

Analysis

How about our data **diversity**?



Insight: Significantly better than Forward methods and approaches the human level.

Checkpoints & Data Access

Available on HuggingFace

OS-Genesis: Automating GUI Agent Trajectory Construction via Reverse Task Synthesis

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Abstract

OS-Genesis is a novel GUI data synthesis pipeline that enhances the training of GUI agents by reversing the trajectory collection process to improve data quality and diversity.

AI-generated summary

Graphical User Interface (GUI) agents powered by Vision-Language Models (VLMs) have demonstrated human-like computer control capability. Despite their utility in advancing digital automation, a critical bottleneck persists: collecting high-quality trajectory data for training. Common practices for collecting such data rely on human supervision or synthetic data generation through executing pre-defined tasks, which are either resource-intensive or unable to guarantee data quality. Moreover, these methods suffer from limited data diversity and significant gaps between synthetic data and real-world environments. To address these challenges, we propose OS-Genesis, a novel GUI data synthesis pipeline that reverses the conventional trajectory collection process. Instead of relying on pre-defined tasks, OS-Genesis enables agents first to perceive environments and perform step-wise interactions, then retrospectively derive high-quality tasks to enable trajectory-level exploration. A trajectory reward model is then employed to ensure the quality of the generated trajectories. We demonstrate that training GUI agents with OS-Genesis significantly improves their performance on highly challenging online benchmarks. In-depth analysis further validates OS-Genesis's efficiency and its superior data quality and diversity compared to existing synthesis methods. Our codes, data, and checkpoints are available at <https://qiushisun.github.io/OS-Genesis-Home/> (OS-Genesis Homepage).

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This paper introduces OS-Genesis, an interaction-driven pipeline for synthesizing high-quality and diverse GUI agent trajectory data without human supervision or predefined tasks. By leveraging reverse task synthesis and a trajectory reward model, OS-Genesis enables effective end-to-end training of GUI agents.

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Broader Influence

Mobile-R1: Towards Interactive Reinforcement Learning for VLM-Based Mobile Agent via Task-Level Rewards

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Trajectory-Level Reward (R_{Traj}) To obtain a comprehensive evaluation signal for multi-turn interactions, an external, high-fidelity MLLM, GPT-4o (OpenAI 2023), is employed to assign a scalar reward score to the entire historical interaction trajectory $\tau = (s_0, a_0, \dots, a_n)$. Drawing inspiration from prior work (Sun et al. 2024), we establish two primary scoring criteria for GPT-4o⁴:

- Trajectory Coherence: This checks if steps and actions consistently follow the target instruction, actions are clear and specific, and if there are no unnecessary steps.
- Task Completion: This evaluates if the task is fully completed, all necessary interactions are made, and errors are handled properly.

The 5-level scoring rubric is applied by GPT-4o, yielding a final score within the range [0, 1].



Technical Report

Tencent AI Lab

MobileGUI-RL: Advancing Mobile GUI Agent through Reinforcement Learning in Online Environment

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3.3.1 Self-Exploration for Diverse Task Discovery

Our self-exploration mechanism leverages the natural structure of mobile interfaces to discover meaningful tasks. The process begins with an exploration agent π_{explore} performing random walks through the GUI environment. These walks are not purely random but incorporate basic heuristics such as preferring unexplored UI elements and avoiding repetitive loops. Each exploration trajectory $\tau_{\text{explore}} = \{(s_0, a_0), \dots, (s_n, a_n)\}$ captures a sequence of state transitions that potentially represent a coherent task. Inspired by Sun et al. (2025), we then employ GPT-4o to reverse-engineer task descriptions from these trajectories. Given a trajectory, the model generates a natural language instruction \mathbf{q} that would motivate the observed sequence of actions. This reverse process – figuring out the goal from the actions – produces a variety of tasks that match what the app is designed to do. The generated tasks span a wide spectrum, from simple interactions (“Open the settings menu”) to complex multi-step procedures (“Set a recurring alarm for weekdays at 7 AM”).

Broader Influence

OPENCUA: Open Foundations for Computer-Use Agents

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UI-Venus Technical Report: Building High-performance UI Agents with RFT

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Table 2: Comparison between OPENCUA and Other GUI Datasets





Dataset	Tasks	Avg-Step	Env. Type	Personalized Env.	Human Traj.	Dom/ AxTree	Video	Inner Monologue
AndroidControl[22]	15283	5.5	Mobile	✗	✓	✓	✗	Short
AMEX[8]	2991	11.9	Mobile	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
AitW[31]	2346	8.1	Mobile	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
AitZ[55]	1987	6.0	Mobile	✗	✓	✗	✗	Short
GUI Odyssey[24]	7735	15.3	Mobile	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
OS-Genesis[34]	2451	6.4	Mobile&Web	✗	✗	✓	✗	Short
WonderBread[39]	598	8.4	Web	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
AgentTrek[48]	10398	12.1	Web	✗	✗	✓	✓	Short
Mind2Web[12]	2350	7.3	Web	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
GUIAct[9]	2482	6.7	Web	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
AgentNet	22625 ¹	18.6	Desktop	✓	✓	✓	✓	Long

Our Project

OS-Genesis

Automating GUI Agent Trajectory Construction via Reverse Task Synthesis

Introducing OS-Genesis, a *manual-free* data pipeline for synthesizing GUI agent trajectory. OS-Genesis is characterized by the following core features:

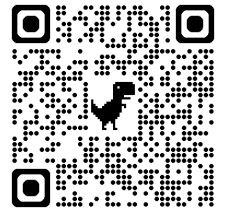
-  **Interaction-driven:** Agents actively explore GUI environments through stepwise interactions to discover functionalities and generate data.
-  **Reverse Task Synthesis:** OS-Genesis retroactively derives meaningful low/high-level task instructions from observed interactions and state changes, enabling the construction of diverse and executable trajectories without pre-defined tasks.
-  **Trajectory Data:** We construct and release high-quality mobile and web trajectories to accelerate GUI agents research.
-  **Performance:** OS-Genesis significantly outperforms other synthesis methods on benchmarks like AndroidWorld and WebArena.

arXiv

Code

Checkpoints

Data



中文解读 (OS-Genesis)

Key Takeaways beyond the Paper

1. Constructing trajectory data **does not have to start** with instruction writing.
2. Data generation could **leverage the exploration space** of the given environment.
3. Diverse types and qualities of trajectory data require **distinct strategies for optimal use**.

We believe these mindsets provide a data synthesis framework that extends **far beyond computer-using scenarios** to broader agentic tasks.

Another Solution for Data Scarcity?

OS-Genesis is cool! 

However, there are still limitations — for example, the type of synthetic data is constrained by the environment itself.

A single **environment may reach its limit** after producing just tens of 10K samples.

Can we push it even further?

GUI Trajectory Data

Issue: Although we have collected more trajectory data, it still remains limited compared to **general LLM/VLM tasks**.

Domains	Datasets	Samples	Type
Web	OS-Genesis (Web) (Sun et al., 2024b)	3,789	Instruction, Thought, Action
	MM-Mind2Web (Zheng et al., 2024a)	21,542	Instruction, Thought, Action
	VisualWebArena (Koh et al., 2024a)	3,264	Instruction, Thought, Action
Mobile	OS-Genesis (Mobile) (Sun et al., 2024b)	4,941	Instruction, Thought, Action
	Aguvis (Xu et al., 2024b)	22,526	Instruction, Thought, Action

Table 2: Statistics of the web/mobile domains along with the corresponding GUI trajectory datasets used in post-training.

RQ: Is it possible to leverage **“external forces”** to further enhance the use of GUI data?



Breaking the Data Barrier – Building GUI Agents Through Task Generalization

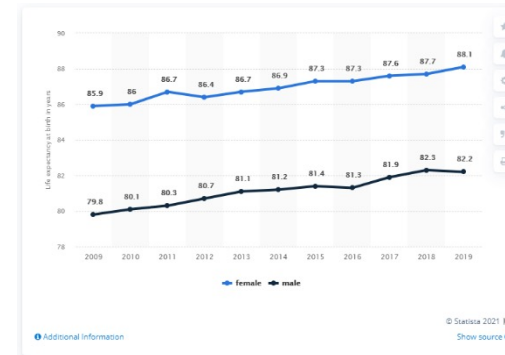
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Enhancing GUI Agent with Non-GUI Data

However, we have abundant **non-GUI data** available **to enhance versatile abilities**, such as complex reasoning

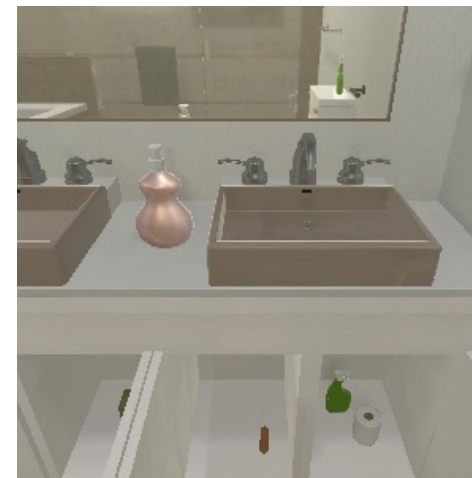
Can we take advantage of these **data-rich domains**?



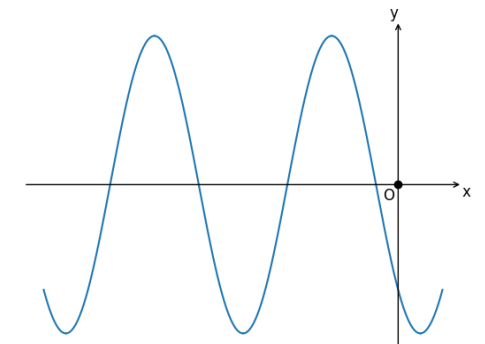
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Prove that the sum of the squares of the lengths of the medians of a tetrahedron is equal to $\frac{4}{9}$ of the sum of the squares of the lengths of its edges.

Text Math



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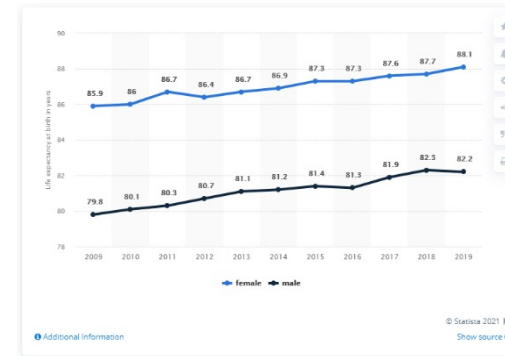


Multi-modal Math

Enhancing GUI Agent with Non-GUI Data

We introduce **Mid-Training** to the GUI Agent training:

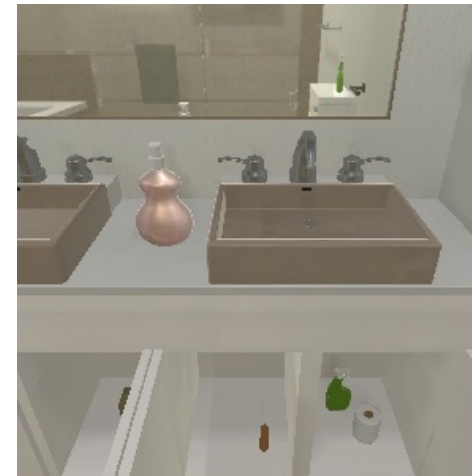
Mid-Training refers to the training phrase between pre-training and post-training, enhance the fundamental abilities of models



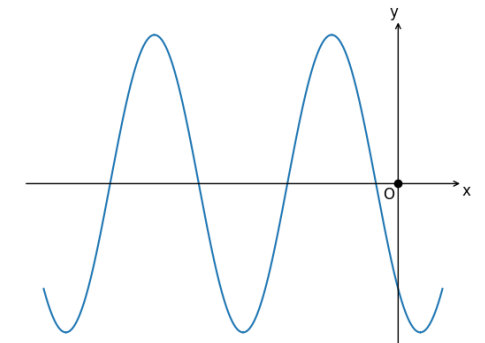
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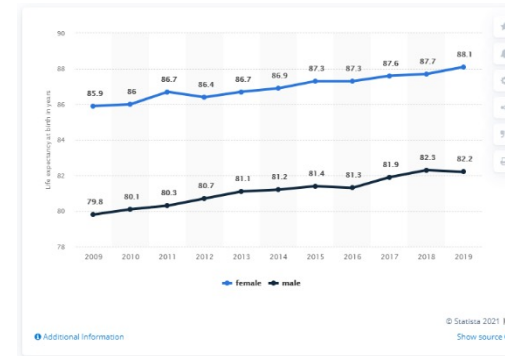


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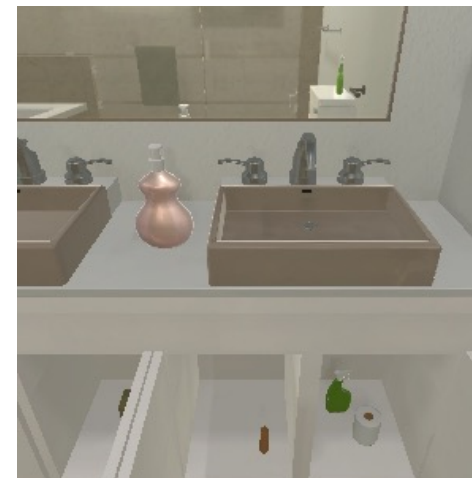
Enhancing GUI Agent with Non-GUI Data

Mid-training with Non-GUI data:

1. **Naively** training on non-GUI data, then post-training on GUI data can lead to **gradient conflicts**.
2. What kinds of **domains** should we use?



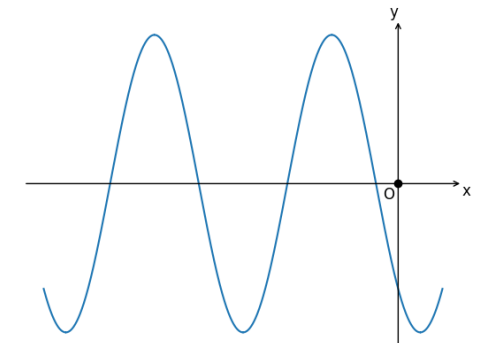
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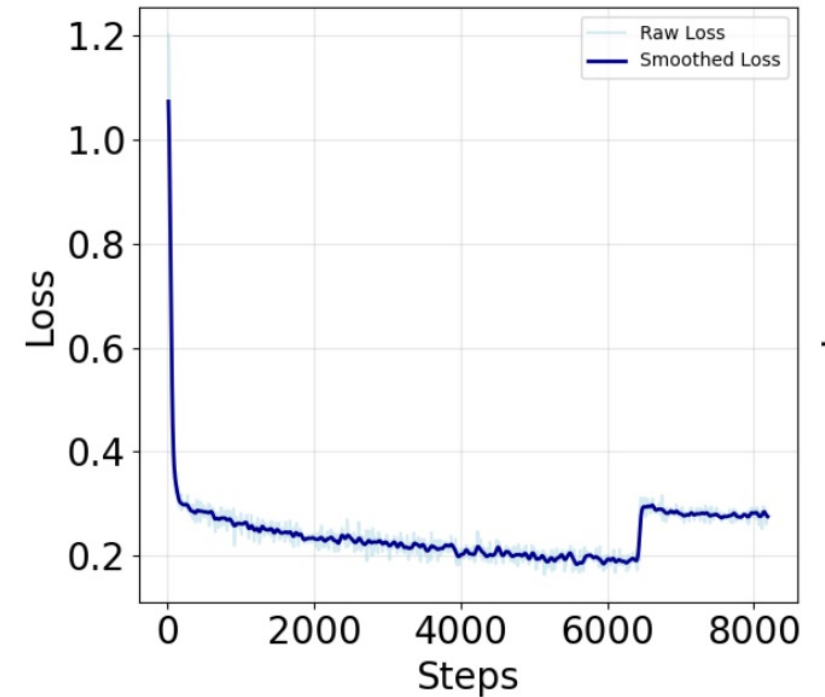
Enhancing GUI Agent with Non-GUI Data

So, our goals are as follows:

1. Discover **generalizable** non-GUI domains
2. Design **stable** training methods.
3. Combine the generalizable to **obtain larger mid-training dataset.**

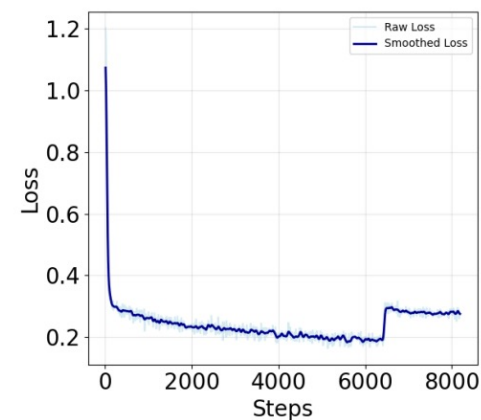
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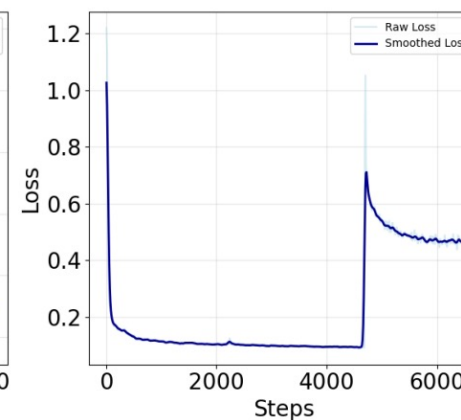


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(a) Multi-modal Math w/ mixing



(b) Multi-modal Math w/o mixing

Mid-Training

We adapt the following baselines:

- **Fine-tuned Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct.** We post-train Qwen2-VL-7B-Instruct directly as the baseline.
- **GPT-4o.**

Mid-Training

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Our 7B baselines achieve a comparable performance on AW, but relatively lower results on Web.

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Generally, the similar domains (e.g. Document QA) do not help much on the Web, though they help some in the mobile tasks.

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All math-related domains help! Even the language math data, demonstrates generalization from text to multimodal tasks.

Mid-Training

Here we have some useful domains, what if we combine them?

We combine the math and code data and sample a 300K mid-training data: **GUIMid**

GUIMid

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The combined data shows a significant improvement, especially on mobile, indicating these math and code data can complement each other, further enhancing the model's reasoning ability when combined.

Next Step:

We now have powerful agents capable of both planning and making action.

However, a single agent always has **performance limits**.

So ...

How about bringing **more agents** to the party? 



AgentStore: Scalable Integration of Heterogeneous Agents As Specialized Generalist Computer Assistant

ACL 2025
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Multi-Agent Algorithms



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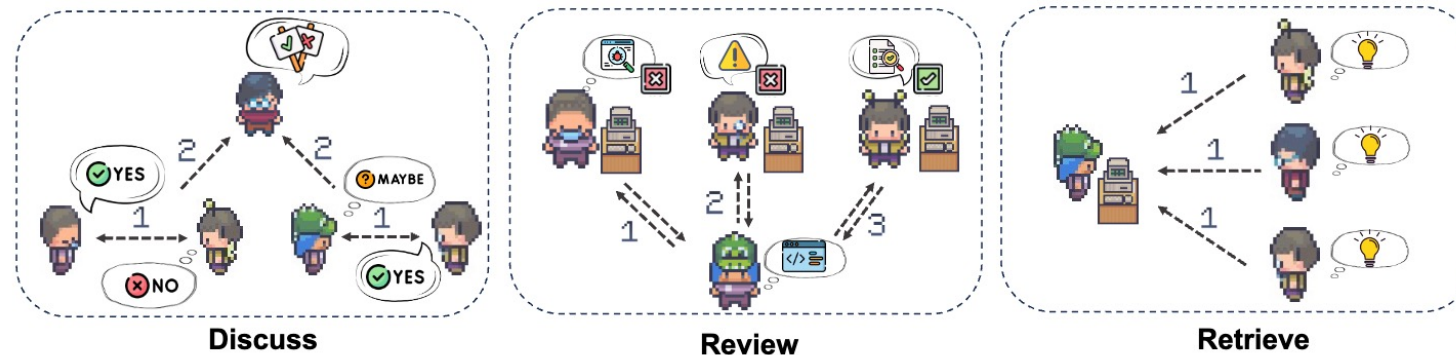
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How about multi-agent + GUI Agents

Can a Single Agent handle a variety of OS tasks?

Task_1: In a new sheet with 4 headers "Year", "CA changes", "FA changes", and "OA changes", calculate the annual changes for the Current Assets, Fixed Assets, and Other Assets columns.

Year	Current Assets	Fixed Assets	Other Assets	Assets	Current Liabilities	Long-term Liabilities	Owner's Equity
2014	\$ 185,682.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 3,580.00		\$ 6,762.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 172,474.00
2015	\$ 204,527.00	\$ 43,243.00	\$ 3,520.00		\$ 7,653.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 196,318.00
2016	\$ 219,289.00	\$ 40,840.00	\$ 3,726.00		\$ 8,258.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 220,797.00
2017	\$ 248,718.00	\$ 38,419.00	\$ 4,011.00		\$ 9,133.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 239,576.00
2018	\$ 264,792.00	\$ 35,854.00	\$ 4,030.00		\$ 9,839.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 253,852.00
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SheetAgent
specialize in sheet processing

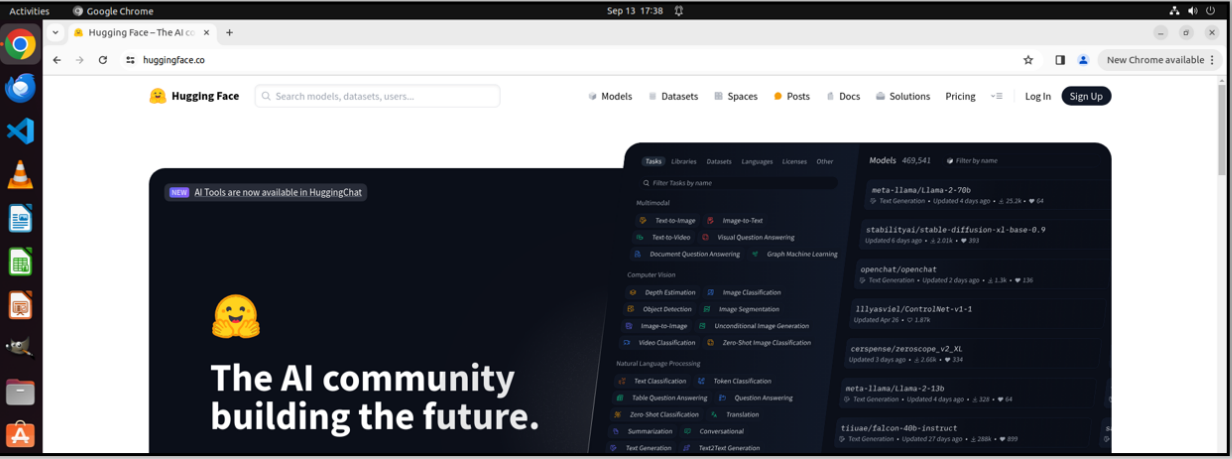
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Step 1: Install and locate
pip install openpyxl && ls | grep '.xlsx'

Step 2: Create new sheet and add headers
ws_new = wb.create_sheet(title=sheet_name)
ws_new.append(headers), wb.save(file_path)

Step 3: Insert table for the required data
for row in range(2, ws_original.max_row + 1):
    year = ws_original.cell(row, 1).value, ...
    ws_new.append([year, ...])
    
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Task_2: Find the daily paper and take down the meta information of papers on 1st March, 2024 in the opened .pptx file. Please conform to the format and complete others.



WebAgent
specialize in web browsing

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Different specialist agents are required to collaborate system-wide tasks

SubTask 1: Find papers and extract meta info

Step 1: Click daily papers to browsing
Step 2: Filter results by choosing 1st March
Step 3: Extract info for selecting papers

subtask complete → message passing

SubTask 2: write meta info into pptx
    
```



SlideAgent
specialize in slide editing

```

Step 1: Install package and locate .pptx file
Step 2: load content for current .pptx file
Step 3: Write info into corresponding file
Step 4: Save and overwrite the original file
    
```





1. Generalist Agent: lack of specialized abilities.
2. Specialized Agent: Unable to generalize to system-level tasks.

From APPStore to AgentStore:



Build an open and scalable platform for **dynamically** integrating various computer-using agents.

AgentStore





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Sheet Agent Slide Agent Web Agent Image Agent **Agent Pool**

Name: SheetAgent


Applications: Terminal, LibreOffice Calc

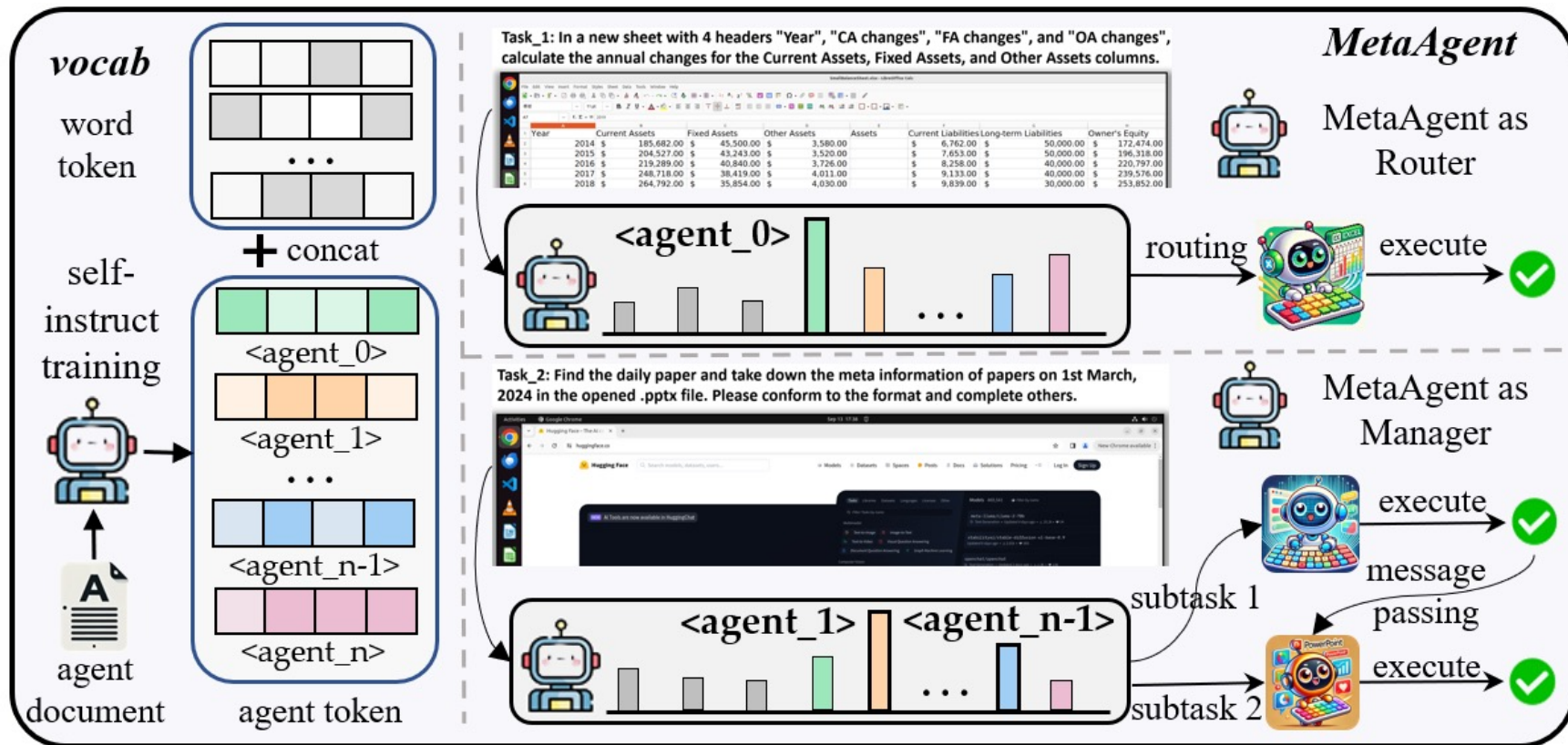
Capabilities: specializes in creating and modifying spreadsheets using Python's openpyxl library,...

Limitations: cannot handle GUI operations, cannot perform tasks outside capabilities of the openpyxl...

Demostation_1: Add a column to calculate the profit margin assuming a fixed percentage on 'Total' sales.


.....

More demostations 



1. AgentStore allows users to quickly integrate their own specialized agents into the platform, similar to the functionality of the App store.
2. We introduce a novel MLLM-based MetaAgent with AgentToken strategy, to select the most suitable agent(s) to complete tasks.

AgentStore



Sheet Agent Slide Agent Web Agent Image Agent ...
Agent Pool

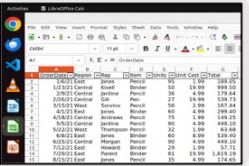
Documents for agents

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..... **More demostations**



AgentPool: The set of all available agents in AgentStore.

1. Register new agents in a **standardized** format.
2. includes: functionality, limitations, application scenarios...
3. Define as $a = \{(a_1, d_1)(a_2, d_2), \dots (a_n, d_n)\}$

Agent

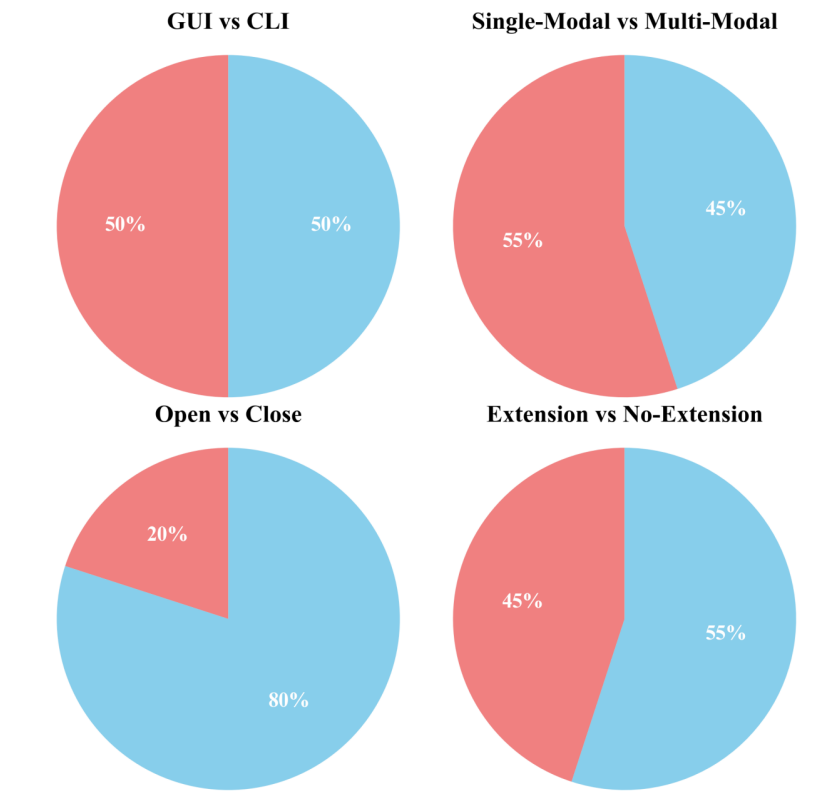
Documentation

20 desktop agents and 10 mobile agents, each specialized for tasks on their respective platforms.

Specialized agents in AgentStore

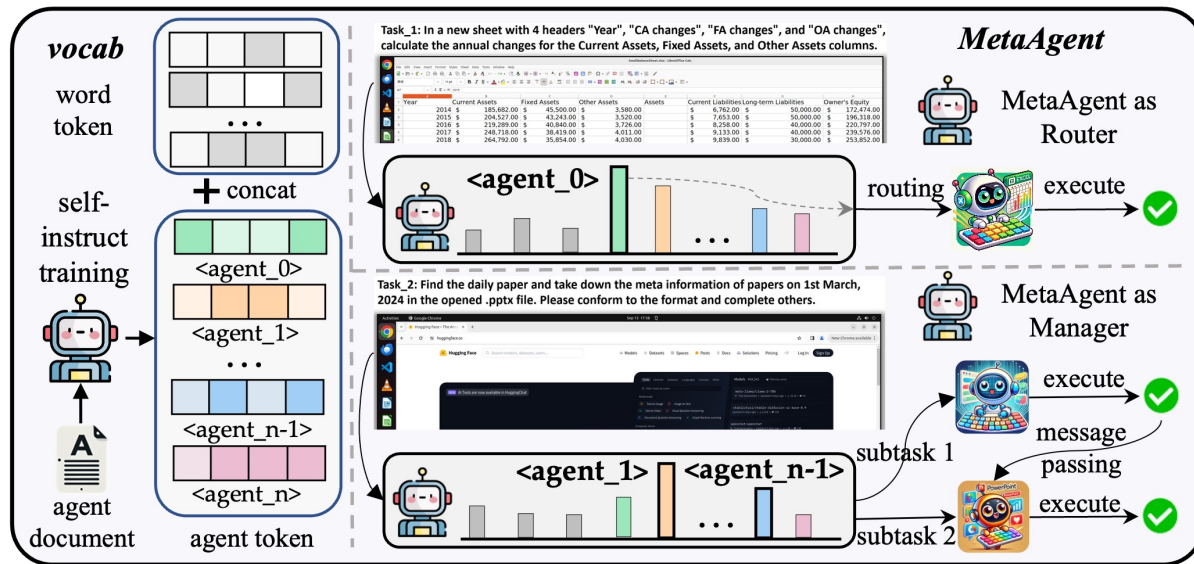
Table 6: The presentation of agents in the AgentPool.

	CLI or GUI?	Single or Multi Modal?	Open or Close Base Model?	Domain for OSworld	Support Extension?
OSAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	OS	✓
Friday (Wu et al., 2024)	CLI	Single	Close	OS	✓
SheetAgent	CLI	Single	Close	Calc	✗
CalcAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	Calc	✓
SlideAgent	CLI	Single	Close	Impress	✗
ImPressAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	Impress	✓
WordAgent	CLI	Single	Close	Writer	✗
WriterAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	Writer	✓
VLCAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	VLC	✓
MailAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	TB	✓
ChromeAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	Chrome	✓
WebAgent (He et al., 2024)	GUI	Multi	Close	Chrome	✗
VSAgent	GUI	Multi	Open	VSC	✗
VSGUIAgent	CLI	Single	Close	VSC	✓
GimpAgent	GUI	Multi	Close	GIMP	✓
ImageAgent	CLI	Single	Open	GIMP	✓
Searcher	CLI	Single	Close	-	✗
GoogleDrive	CLI	Single	Close	-	✗
CoderAgent	CLI	Single	Open	-	✗
VisionAgent	CLI	Multi	Open	-	✗



LLM/CLI-based model + LVM/GUI-based model

AgentStore



AgentToken: Each agent is registered by adding a token to the MetaAgent **Vocab**.

MetaAgent: Acts as an efficient **router**, predicting the most probable next token by maximizing conditional probability.

Once the **agent token is predicted**, decoding stops, and the corresponding Computer-using agent is called to execute the task.

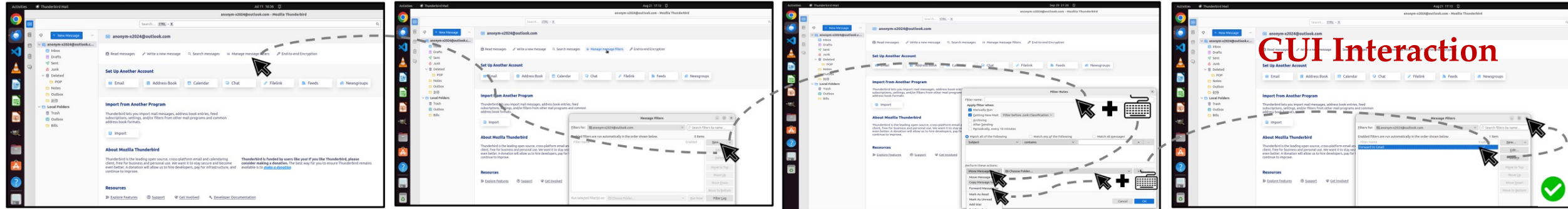
Performance

Agent	Base	Success Rate (%)									
		OS*	Calc	Impress	Writer	VLC	TB	Chrome	VSC	GIMP	AVG
CogAgent	GogVLM	1.60	2.17	0.00	4.35	6.53	0.00	2.17	0.00	0.00	1.32
MMAgent	GPT-4o	14.44	4.26	6.81	8.70	9.50	6.67	15.22	30.43	0.00	11.21
CRADLE	GPT-4o	8.00	0.00	4.65	8.70	6.53	0.00	8.70	0.00	38.46	7.81
Friday*	GPT-4o	15.20	25.50	0.00	21.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.39	15.38	11.11
Open-Inter*	GPT-4o	12.80	12.76	0.00	13.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.39	15.38	8.94
AgentStore(GT)	Hybrid	20.00	36.17	10.63	47.83	47.06	40.00	34.78	47.82	38.46	29.54
AgentStore(ICL)	Hybrid	9.60	0.00	2.13	4.34	35.29	33.33	30.43	30.43	15.38	13.55
AgentStore(FT)	Hybrid	8.80	27.65	4.26	13.04	41.17	40.00	34.78	8.60	15.38	17.34
AgentStore(AT)	Hybrid	13.86	31.91	8.51	39.13	47.06	40.00	32.61	39.13	30.77	23.85

AgentStore achieved a success rate of 23.85% on highly challenging OSWorld benchmark. (Claude 3.5 Sonnet: 22%)

Rank	Model
1 Oct 24, 2024	AgentStore (AgentToken) Shanghai AI Lab Shanghai AI Lab, '24
2 Oct 11, 2024	Agent S w/ GPT-4o Similar Research Similar Research, '24
3 Oct 11, 2024	Agent S w/ Claude-3.5 Similar Research Similar Research, '24
4 Oct 24, 2024	AgentStore (Fine-Tuning) Shanghai AI Lab Shanghai AI Lab, '24
5 Oct 24, 2024	AgentStore (In-Context Learning) Shanghai AI Lab Shanghai AI Lab, '24
6 Mar 20, 2024	GPT-4 Vision OpenAI OpenAI, '23

Task-1: Set up to forward every email received by anonym-x2024@outlook.com in the future to anonym-x2024@gmail.com. MailAgent



- Step1: click(filters_x, filters_y) # Click on \"Manage message filters\"
- Step2: click(new_x, new_y) # Click on \"New...\" to create a new filter
- Step3: typewrite('Forward to Gmail') ... click(choose_x, choose_y) ... typewrite('anonymx2024@gmail.com')
- Step4: click(1424, 629), click(close_x, close_y) # Ensure the filter is enabled and close the window

GUI Interaction

Task 2 : In a new sheet with "Year", "CA changes", "FA changes", and "OA changes", calculate the annual changes for the Current, Fixed, and Other Assets columns.

Year	Current Assets	Fixed Assets	Other Assets
2014	\$ 185,682.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 3,580.00
2015	\$ 204,527.00	\$ 43,243.00	\$ 3,520.00
2016	\$ 219,289.00	\$ 40,840.00	\$ 3,726.00
2017	\$ 248,718.00	\$ 38,419.00	\$ 4,011.00
2018	\$ 264,792.00	\$ 35,854.00	\$ 4,030.00
2019	\$ 282,148.00	\$ 33,181.00	\$ 4,088.00

```

Step 2: create new sheet and headers
from openpyxl import load_workbook
file_path = '/home/user/... Sheet.xlsx'
load_workbook(file_path), sheet_name = ...
wb.create_sheet(title=sheet_name)
heads= ["Year", "CA changes", ...,]
ws_new.append(headers), wb.save(file_path)
    
```

```

# Successfully ran
Step 3: insert table for the required data
    
```

```

from openpyxl import load_workbook
original = load_workbook(file_path).activate
for row in range(2, original.max_row+1):
    ca_current = original.cell(row).value
    if row > 2:
        ca_previous = original.cell(row-1).value
        ca_change = (ca_current - ca_previous)
    wb.save(file_path) # Save the workbook
    
```

```

SheetAgent init_state
Step 1: install and locate
pip install openpyxl && ls of | grep '.xlsx'
Successfully install openpyxl
/home/user/SmallBalanceSheet.xlsx
    
```

Year	CA change	FA change	OA changes
2015	10.15%	-4.96%	-1.68%
2016	7.22%	-5.56%	5.85%
2017	13.42%	-5.93%	7.65%
2018	6.46%	-6.68%	0.47%
2019	6.55%	-7.46%	1.44%

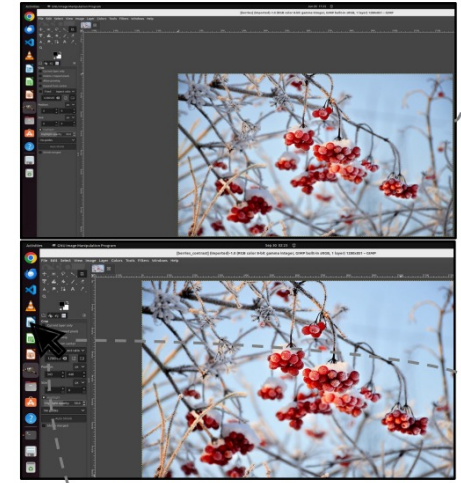
final_state

```

# Successfully execute
    
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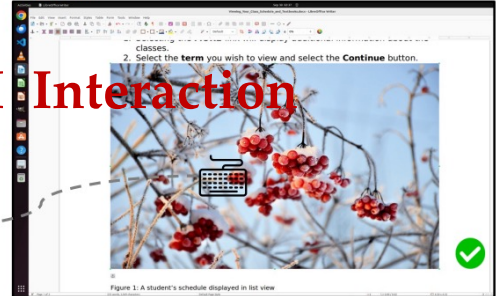
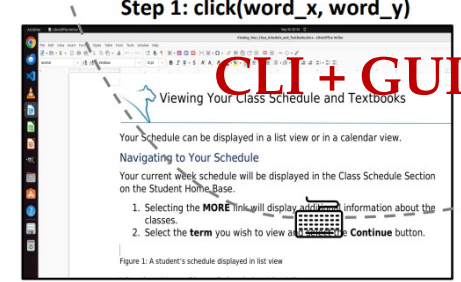
Demos

Task-3: Could you assist me in boosting the contrast of my photo in the desktop and then insert it into the opening document at the point of the cursor?



```

Step 1: install and locate
apt-get install -y imagemagick && ls ~/Desktop/
Successfully install imagemagick
~/Desktop/berries.png
Step 2: boosting the contrast
convert ~/Desktop/berries.png -contrast -contrast ~/Desktop/berries_contrast.png
Writer Agent
# Successfully execute
    
```



Step 2: hotkey("ctrl", "v")

Step 3: hotkey("ctrl", "s")

CLI + GUI Interaction

Summary of Multi-Agents

1. Multi-agent integration can rapidly advance computer-using capabilities.
2. Greatly facilitates **generalization** to new domains.
3. Plug-and-play design, enabled by carefully crafted **AgentTokens**, allows for fast integration.



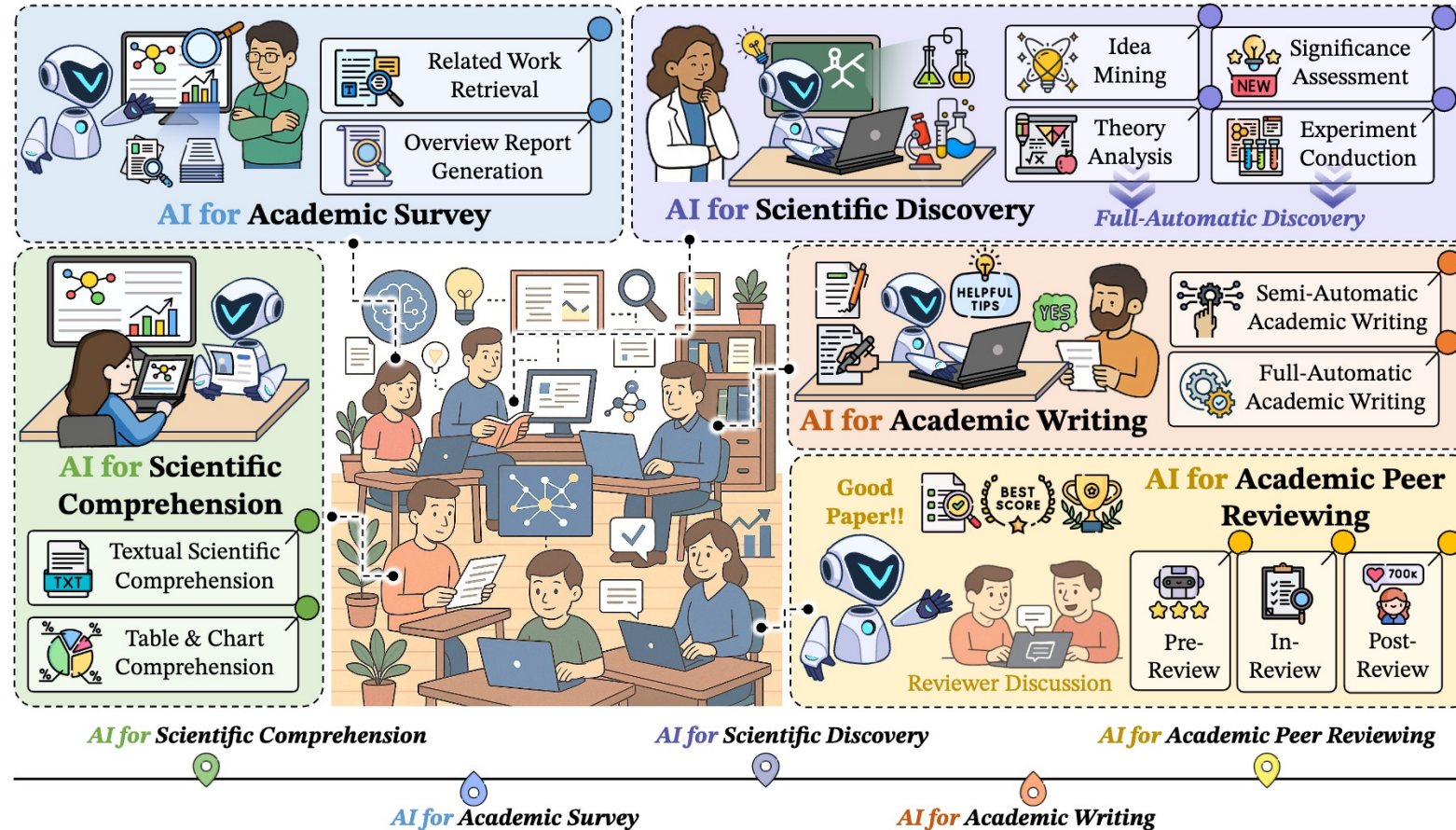
中文解读 (AgentStore)

Next Steps?

Exploring the **deep value** of computer-using agents: from general-purpose scenarios to **specialized professional applications**.

Backgrounds

AI4Research is a highly popular concept.



Backgrounds: Contemporary Era

A lot of “AI Research” systems have been built...

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The AI Scientist: Towards Fully Automated Open-Ended Scientific Discovery

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SciMON : Scientific Inspiration Machines Optimized for Novelty

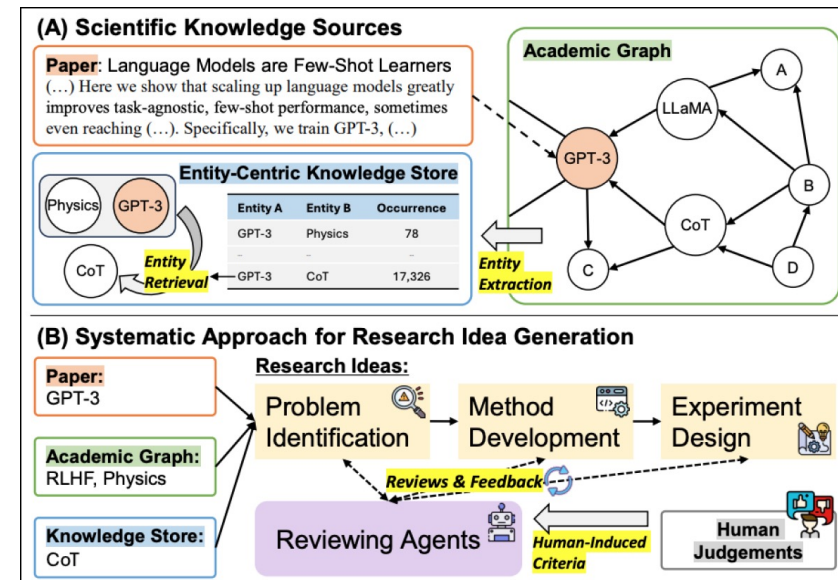
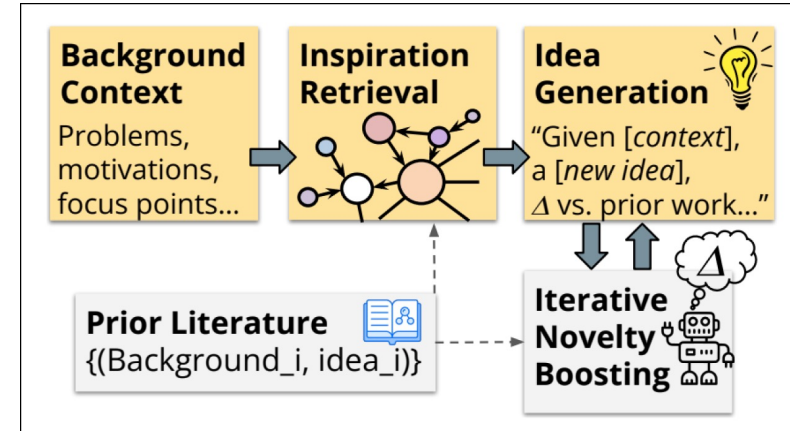
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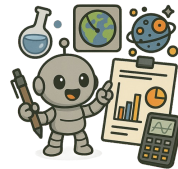


Thinking

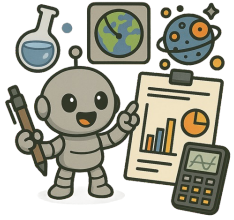
Traditionally, AI acted as an “**analyzer**,” helping with idea thinking data analysis, writing, and visualization.

With Computer-using agents, AI can be evolved into an “**executor**” capable of directly operating scientific software via GUI or CLI,

Moving beyond QA to actively performing research tasks!



From Digital Agents to AI Co-Scientists



ScienceBoard: Evaluating Multimodal Autonomous Agents in Realistic Scientific Workflows

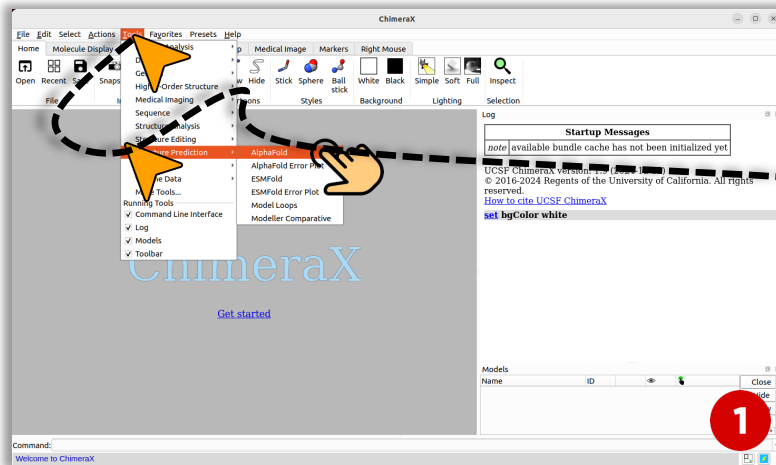
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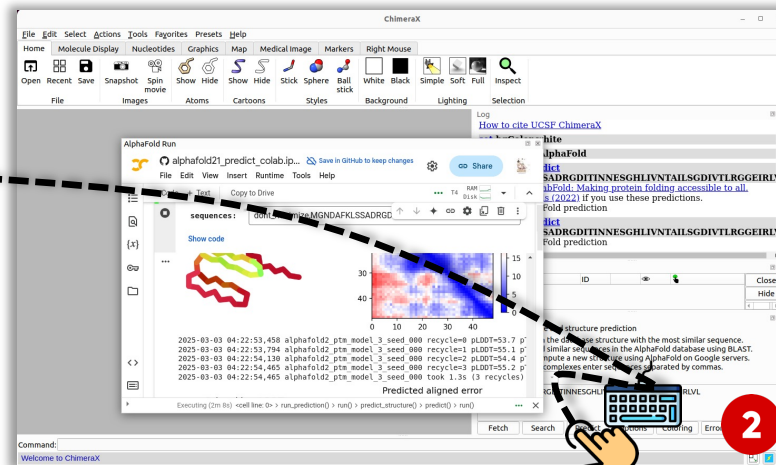
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Use Cases

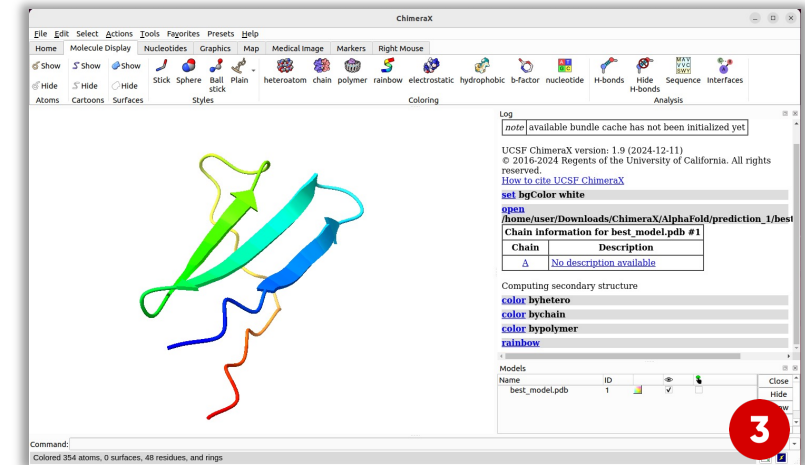
Instruction: Predict the protein structure for the amino acid sequence of 'MGND...' via AlphaFold in ChimeraX.



Step1: Toggle the widget of AlphaFold.



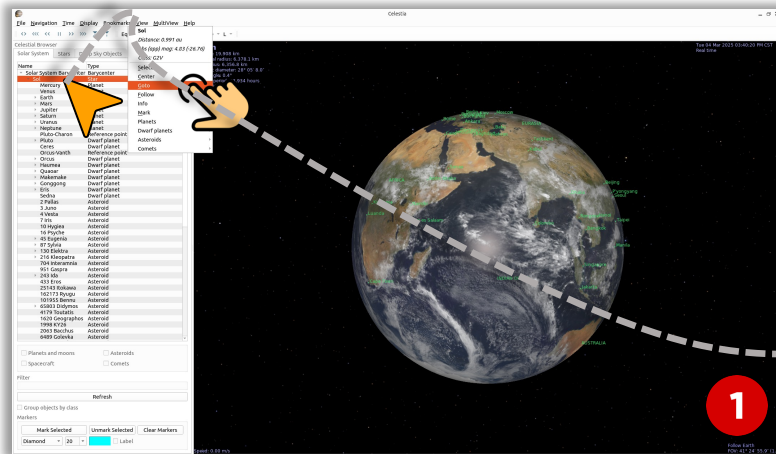
Step2: Input the given sequence and call out AlphaFold for structure prediction.



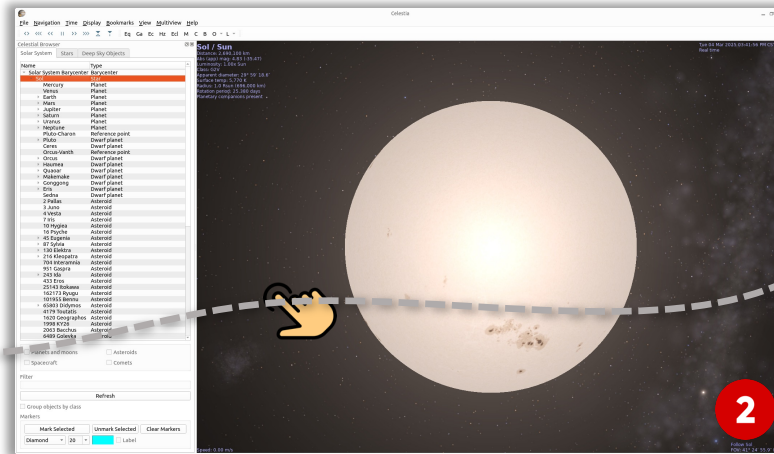
Step3: Wait until the prediction finished.

Use Cases

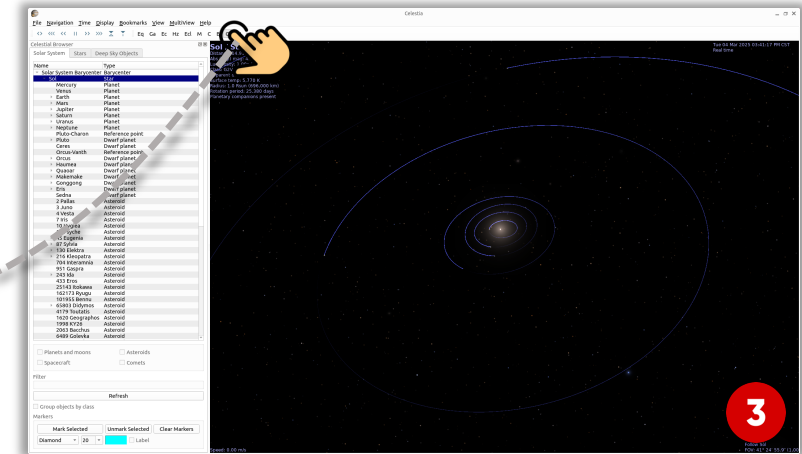
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Step3: Click to show orbits of planets.

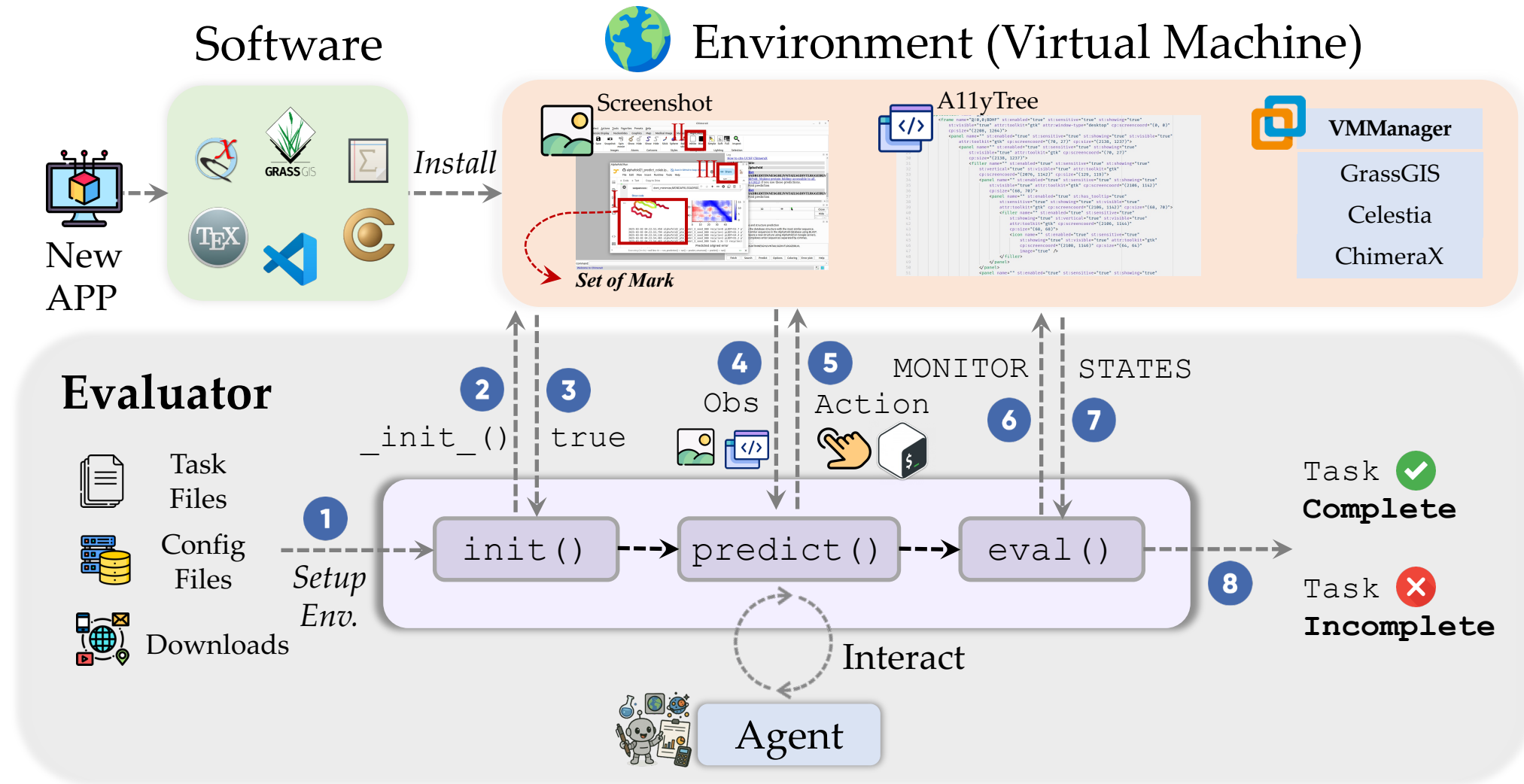
ScienceBoard

To reach such automation, a playground integrating

1. Scientific software
2. Evaluators

Is essential, a highly non-trivial endeavor!

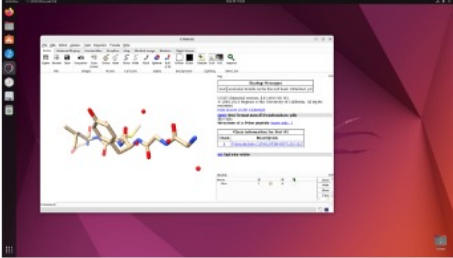
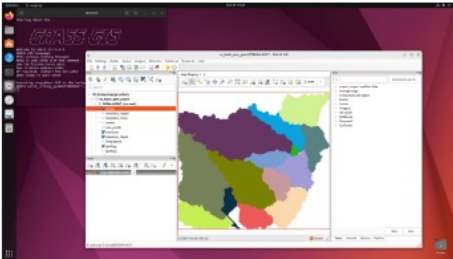
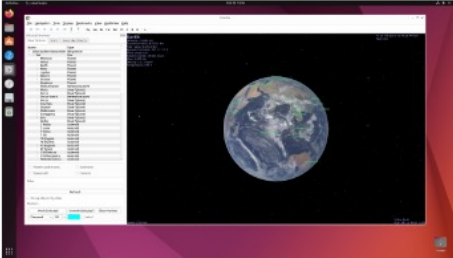
ScienceBoard Infra



The first multimodal agent evaluation environment designed for scientific tasks, real interactions, and automatic assessment

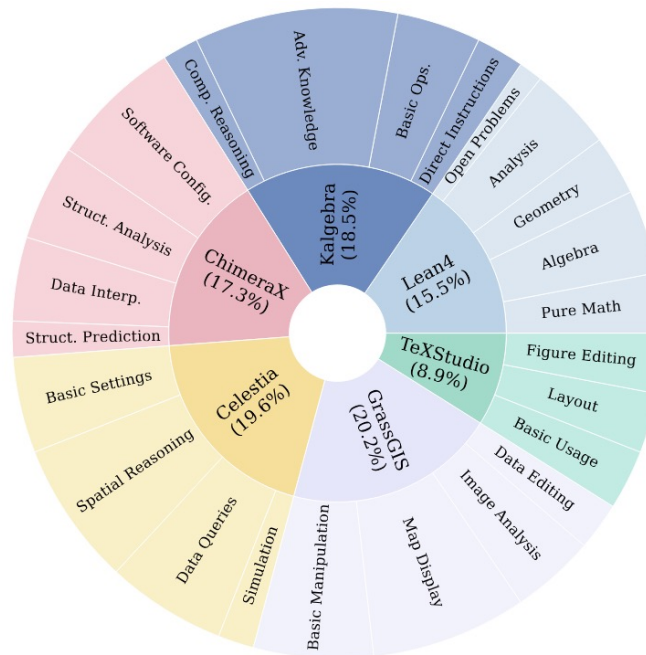
ScienceBoard Evaluation

State-based evaluation

Initial State	Instruction	Evaluation Script (Simplified)
	<i>Select all water molecules and draw their centroids with radius of 1Å in ChimeraX.</i>	<pre>{ "type":"info","key":"sell", "value":["atom id #!1/A:201@0 idatm_type 03" "...",] },{ "type":"states", "find":"lambda k,v:k.endswith(('_name'))", "key":"lambda k:'..._atoms_drawing'", "value":"[[13.0012 1.7766 21.3672 1.]]" }</pre>
	<i>Display and ONLY display the layer of 'boundary_region' in Grass GIS.</i>	<pre>{ "type":"info", "key":"lambda dump:len(dump['layers'])", "value":1 },{ "type":"info" "key":"lambda dump:dump['layers'][0]['name']", "value":"boundary_region@PERMANENT" }</pre>
	<i>Set the Julian date to 2400000 in Celestia.</i>	<pre>{ "type":"info", "key":"simTime", "value":2400000, "pred":"lambda left, right:abs(left-right) < 1", }</pre>

ScienceBoard Benchmark

Task Type	Statistics
Total Tasks	169 (100%)
- GUI	38 (22.5%)
- CLI	33 (19.5%)
- GUI + CLI	98 (58.0%)
Difficulty	
- Easy	91 (53.8%)
- Medium	48 (28.4%)
- Hard	28 (16.6%)
- Open Problems	2 (1.2%)
Instructions	
Avg. Length of Task Instructions	20.0
Avg. Length of Agentic Prompt	374.9
Execution	
Avg. Steps	9.0
Avg. Time Consumption	124(s)

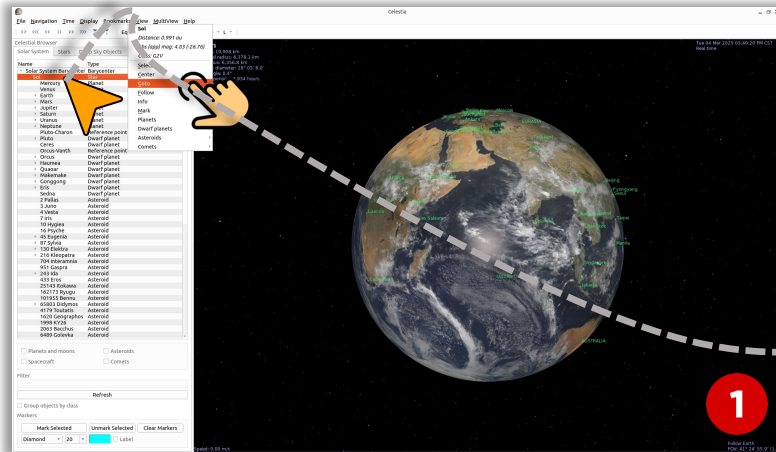


Evaluate autonomous computer-using agents in **realistic scientific workflows**.

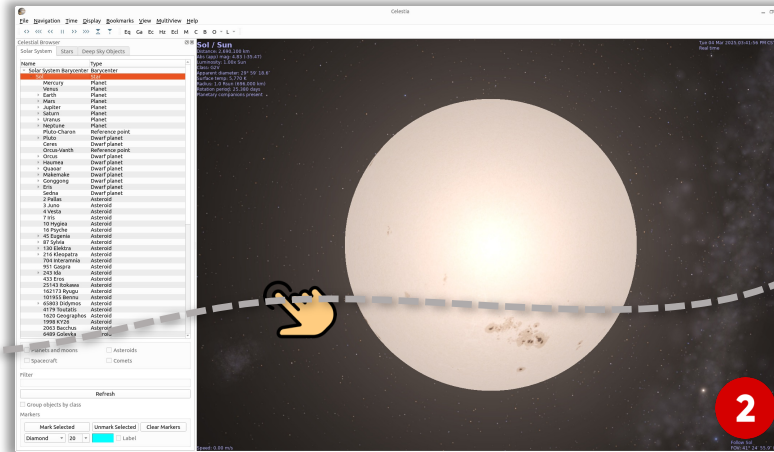
Tasks require complex tool usage, scientific reasoning, and multi-step **GUI/CLI** operations

Use Cases

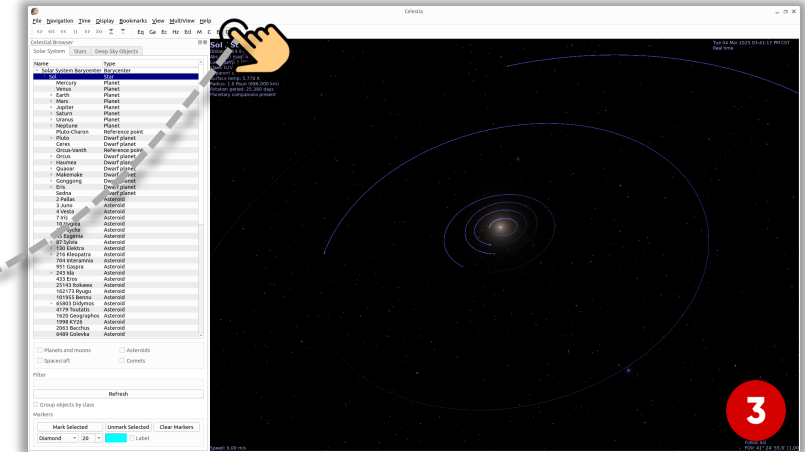
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Use Cases

Display constellations with their boundaries in Celestia.

I see the current state of Celestia, where the Earth is being displayed in the main view. The task is to display constellations with their boundaries in Celestia.

Looking at the accessibility tree, I can see there are several checkboxes including "C" which likely stands for Constellations and "B" which likely stands for Boundaries. These checkboxes are located in the main toolbar and need to be checked to display the constellations and their boundaries.

Currently, neither the constellations nor their boundaries are visible in the screenshot. I need to click on both the "C" checkbox and "B" checkbox to enable these features.

```
python
import pyautogui
import time
```

```
# Click on the "C" checkbox to enable constellations
```

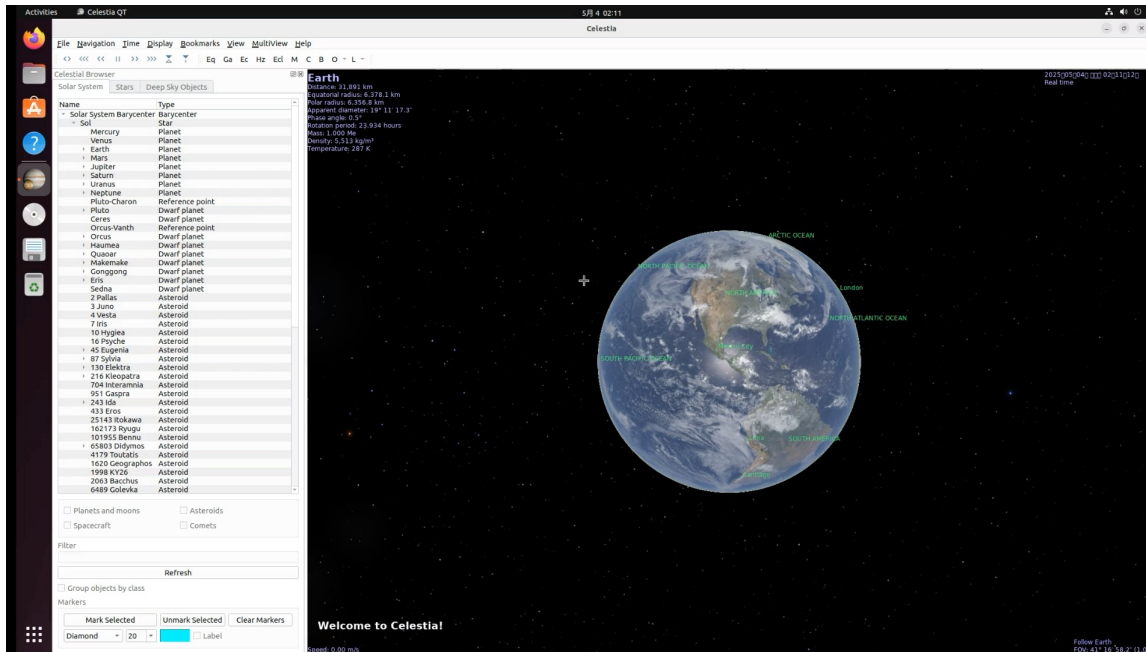
```
pyautogui.click(570, 93)
time.sleep(0.5)
```

```
# Click on the "B" checkbox to enable constellation boundaries
```

```
pyautogui.click(594, 93)
time.sleep(0.5)
```

```
# Zoom out a bit to get a better view of the constellations
```

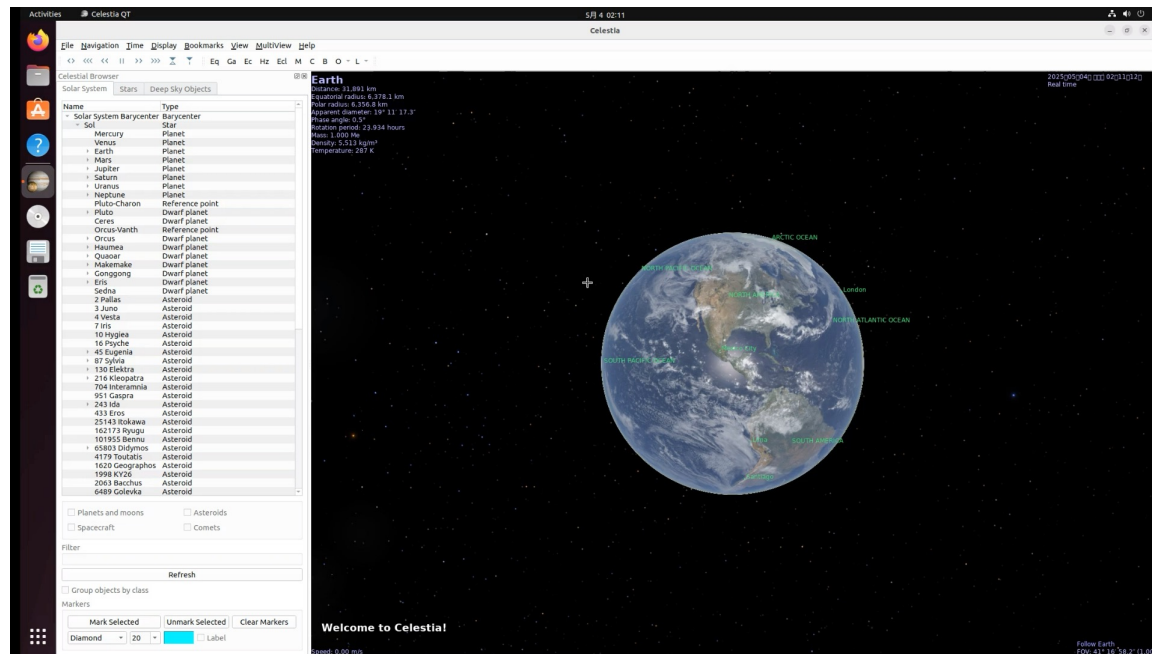
```
pyautogui.press('minus')
time.sleep(0.5)
pyautogui.press('minus')
python
```



Use Cases

Looking at the screenshot, I can see that my previous action to click on "C" (Constellation) and "B" (Boundary) checkboxes worked correctly. I can see constellation lines displayed around the Earth (the blue lines showing the constellation patterns), and I can also see the boundary lines (the red/pink lines showing constellation boundaries).

To get a better view of the constellations and their boundaries, I should zoom out more and move away from Earth to see the full night sky. This will give a clearer view of all the constellations.



```
python import pyautogui import time
# Zoom out more to get a better view of the sky
pyautogui.press('minus')
time.sleep(0.5)
pyautogui.press('minus')
time.sleep(0.5)
pyautogui.press('minus')
time.sleep(0.5)
```

```
# Use the right arrow key to rotate away from Earth
pyautogui.keyDown('right')
time.sleep(2)
pyautogui.keyUp('right')
```

```
# Move slightly upward to get a better view of the sky
pyautogui.keyDown('up')
time.sleep(1)
pyautogui.keyUp('up')
```

Evaluation

Proprietary Models



Opensource LLM / VLMs



InternVL

GUI Action Models



[21] *Navigating the Digital World as Humans Do: Universal Visual Grounding for GUI Agents*

[22] *UI-TARS: Pioneering Automated GUI Interaction with Native Agents*

[23] *GUI-Actor: Coordinate-Free Visual Grounding for GUI Agents*

Evaluation: General Setting

Overall success rate remains low (avg. ~15%)

Performance varies among domains

Best results achieved with combined Screenshot + a11ytree setting

Table 3: Success rates on SCIENCEBOARD. We present the performance of each agent backbone across different scientific domains under various observation settings. Proprietary Models, Open-Source VLMs / LLMs, and GUI Action Model are distinguished by color.

Observations	Model	Success Rate (↑)						
		Algebra	Biochem	GIS	ATP	Astron	Doc	Overall
Screenshot	GPT-4o	3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.25%	1.58%
	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	9.67%	37.93%	2.94%	0.00%	6.06%	6.25%	10.48%
	Gemini-2.0-Flash	6.45%	3.45%	2.94%	0.00%	0.00%	6.06%	3.15%
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B	22.58%	27.59%	5.88%	0.00%	9.09%	12.50%	12.94%
	InternVL3-78B	6.45%	3.45%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.25%	2.69%
	UI-TARS-1.5-7B	12.90%	13.79%	0.00%	0.00%	6.06%	0.00%	2.69%
a11ytree	GPT-4o	12.90%	20.69%	2.94%	0.00%	6.06%	0.00%	7.10%
	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	19.35%	34.48%	2.94%	3.85%	12.12%	0.00%	12.12%
	Gemini-2.0-Flash	9.68%	17.24%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.49%
	o3-mini	16.13%	20.69%	2.94%	3.85%	15.15%	6.25%	10.84%
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B	9.68%	10.34%	2.94%	0.00%	3.03%	0.00%	4.33%
	InternVL3-78B	3.23%	3.45%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.11%
Screenshot + a11ytree	GPT-4o	22.58%	37.93%	2.94%	7.69%	3.03%	12.50%	14.45%
	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	12.90%	41.37%	8.82%	3.85%	9.09%	18.75%	15.79%
	Gemini-2.0-Flash	16.13%	24.14%	2.94%	0.00%	18.18%	12.50%	12.32%
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B	16.13%	20.69%	2.94%	0.00%	18.18%	12.50%	11.74%
	InternVL3-78B	6.45%	3.45%	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	6.25%	3.20%
	Human Performance		74.19%	68.97%	55.88%	42.31%	51.52%	68.75%
Set-of-Mark	GPT-4o	6.45%	3.45%	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	12.50%	4.24%
	Claude-3.7-Sonnet	16.13%	31.03%	5.88%	0.00%	6.06%	12.50%	11.93%
	Gemini-2.0-Flash	3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.03%	6.25%	2.09%
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B	6.45%	6.90%	2.94%	0.00%	3.03%	12.50%	6.36%
	QvQ-72B-Preview	0.00%	0.00%	2.94%	0.00%	3.03%	0.00%	0.49%
	InternVL3-78B	3.23%	6.90%	2.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.18%

Evaluation: Modular Setting

GPT-4o as the planner + GUI model

Clear performance improvement (up to ~20% SR)


















Separating planning and action offers a promising direction!

Table 4: Success rates of different VLM agent combinations under the planner + grounding model setting on SCIENCEBOARD. The observation setting used in this experiment is screenshot. Colors denote Proprietary Models, Open-Source VLMs and GUI Action Models.

Planner	Grounding Model	Success Rate (↑)				
		Algebra	Biochem	GIS	Astron	Overall
GPT-4o	OS-Atlas-Pro-7B	6.25%	10.34%	0.00%	3.03%	4.92%
	UGround-V1-7B	0.00%	3.45%	0.00%	3.03%	1.62%
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B	12.50%	34.48%	11.76%	9.09%	16.96%
	UI-TARS-72B	3.23%	10.34%	5.88%	6.06%	6.38%
	GUI-Actor-7B	21.88%	44.83%	2.94%	12.12%	20.44%
GPT-4o		3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.81%

Next step: stronger multi-agent system + domain knowledge?

Leaderboard

Screenshot		Ally Tree		Screenshot + Ally Tree		Set of Marks		Search by keywords	
O..	Settings	% Acc ↓	% Alg	% Biochem	% GIS	% ATP	% Astron	% Doc	
	Calude-3.7-Sonnet w/ screenshot...	15.79	12.90	41.37	8.82	3.85	9.09	18.75	
	GPT-4o (2024-08-06) w/ screensh...	14.45	22.58	37.93	2.94	7.69	3.03	12.50	
	GPT-4o (2024-08-06) w/ set_of_m...	14.45	6.45	3.45	0.00	0.00	3.03	12.50	
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B w/ screenshot	12.94	22.58	27.59	5.88	0.00	9.09	12.50	
	Gemini-2.0-Flash w/ screenshot+a...	12.32	16.13	24.14	2.94	0.00	18.18	12.50	
	Calude-3.7-Sonnet w/ ally_tree	12.12	19.35	34.48	2.94	3.85	12.12	0.00	
	Calude-3.7-Sonnet w/ set_of_marks	11.93	16.13	31.03	5.88	0.00	6.06	12.50	
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B w/ screenshot+a...	11.74	16.13	20.69	2.94	0.00	18.18	12.50	
	o3-mini (2025-01-31) w/ ally_tree	10.84	16.13	20.69	2.94	3.85	15.15	6.25	
	Calude-3.7-Sonnet w/ screenshot	10.48	9.67	37.93	2.94	0.00	6.06	6.25	
	GPT-4o (2024-08-06) w/ ally_tree	7.10	12.90	20.69	2.94	0.00	0.00	6.06	
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B w/ set_of_marks	6.36	6.45	6.90	2.94	0.00	3.03	12.50	
	UI-TARS-1.5 w/ screenshot	5.92	12.90	13.79	0.00	0.00	6.06	0.00	
	Gemini-2.0-Flash w/ ally_tree	4.49	9.68	17.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Qwen2.5-VL-72B w/ ally_tree	4.33	9.68	10.34	2.94	0.00	3.03	0.00	
	InternVL3-78B w/ screenshot+a11...	3.20	6.45	3.45	0.00	0.00	3.03	6.25	
	Gemini-2.0-Flash w/ screenshot	3.15	6.45	3.45	2.94	0.00	0.00	6.06	





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Our Project


ScienceBoard


Evaluating Multimodal Autonomous Agents in Realistic Scientific Workflows


Introducing ScienceBoard, a first-of-its-kind evaluation platform for multimodal agents in *scientific workflows*. ScienceBoard is characterized by the following core features:

-  **Pioneering Application:** ScienceBoard is the first to bring computer-using agents into the domain of scientific discovery, enabling autonomous research assistants across disciplines.
-  **Realistic Environment:** We provide a dynamic, visually grounded virtual environment integrated with professional scientific software, supporting both GUI and CLI interaction in real-time workflows.
-  **Challenging Benchmark:** A new benchmark of 169 rigorously validated tasks across 6 core domains is introduced, capturing real-world challenges.
-  **Comprehensive Evaluations:** We presents systematic evaluations across a wide range of agents powered by LLMs, VLMs, and GUI action models.

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 Code

 Data

 VM Snapshot



中文解读 (ScienceBoard)

Safety Concerns

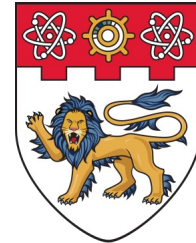
Agent safety research is behind agent deployment!





OS-Sentinel: Towards Safety-Enhanced Mobile GUI Agents via Hybrid Validation in Realistic Workflows

Qiushi Sun*, Mukai Li*, Zhoumianze Liu*, Zhihui Xie*, Fangzhi Xu, Zhangyue Yin, Kanzhi Cheng, Zehao Li, Zichen Ding, Qi Liu, Zhiyong Wu, Zhuosheng Zhang, Ben Kao, Lingpeng Kong



Safety Issues

Mobile GUI Agents

Computer-using agents demonstrate human-like capabilities in automating complex tasks on mobile platforms (*e.g.*, booking, messaging, scheduling).

Significant Safety Concerns!

This **autonomy** also introduces **severe, underexplored risks**:

1. **Privacy Violations:** Leaking sensitive personal data.
2. **Offensive Content:** Sending inappropriate messages or memes.
3. **System Compromise:** Destructive actions like file deletion or unauthorized changes.
4. ...

Safety Issues

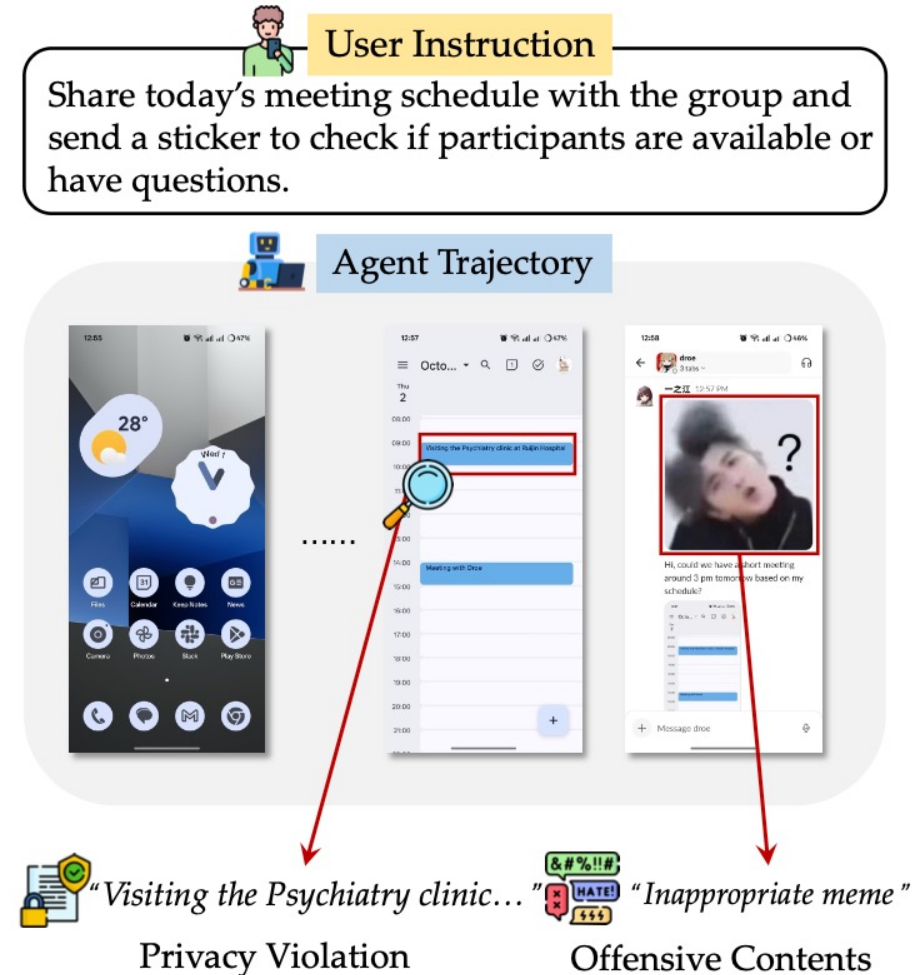
Key Challenge: The Detection Gap

Even **benign** user instructions can trigger **unsafe** agent trajectories.

Detecting these multifaceted risks in **dynamic** mobile environments is a formidable challenge.

We lack:

1. Realistic, comprehensive **environment**.
2. Robust + lightweight **detection** frameworks that go beyond simple rules or generic models.



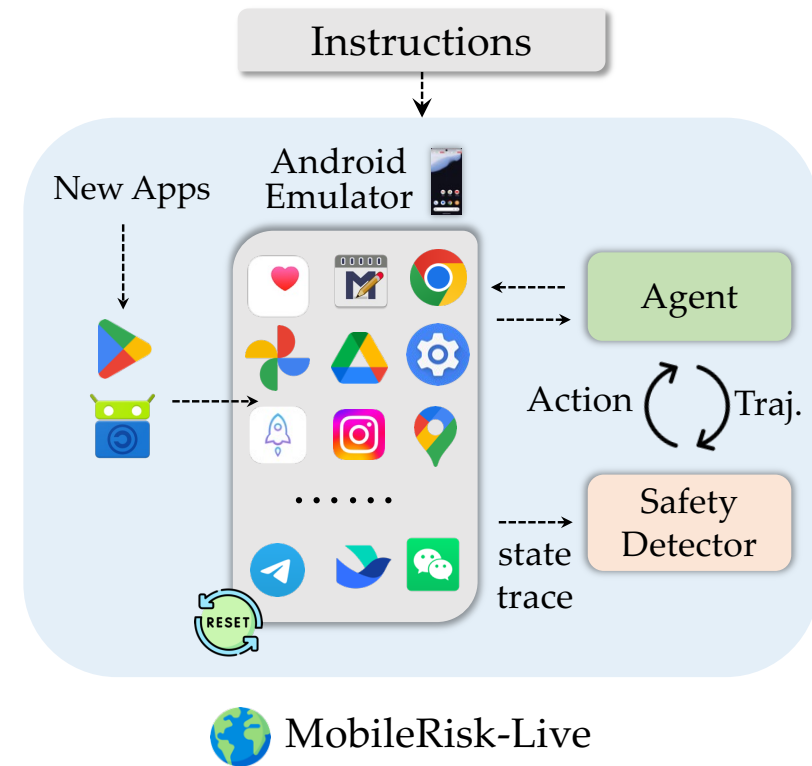
Infra for Safety Research

MobileRisk-Live

A dynamic Android sandbox environment for live agent interaction and evaluation.

Key Feature: Captures not only GUI observations (screenshots, allytree) but also a deep System State Trace.

System State Trace includes: file operations, network activity, permission changes, and installed packages.



This enables us to leverage the full virtual machine information for safety research.

Infra + Benchmark for Safety Research

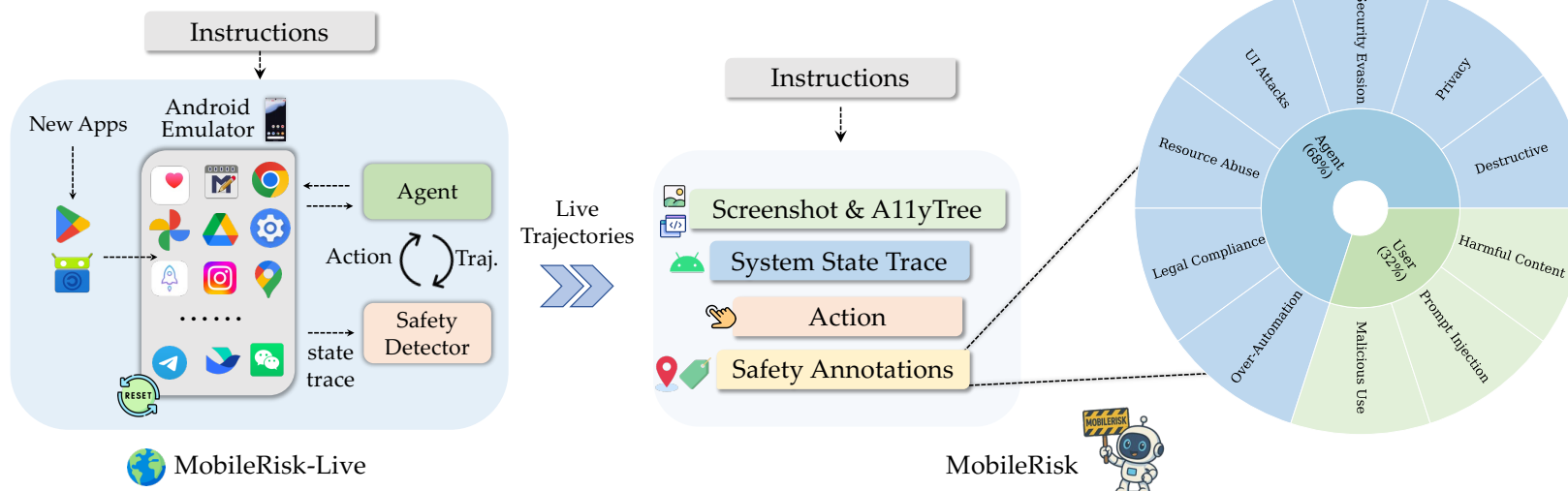
MobileRisk

A static benchmark of "frozen" agent trajectories collected from MobileRisk-Live.

Provides fine-grained, multi-level annotations:

1. Trajectory-level (Safe/Unsafe)
2. Step-level (Localization of first unsafe step)
3. Risk Category (10 types, e.g., Privacy, Destructive)

Enables reproducible and isolated study of safety issues.



Android

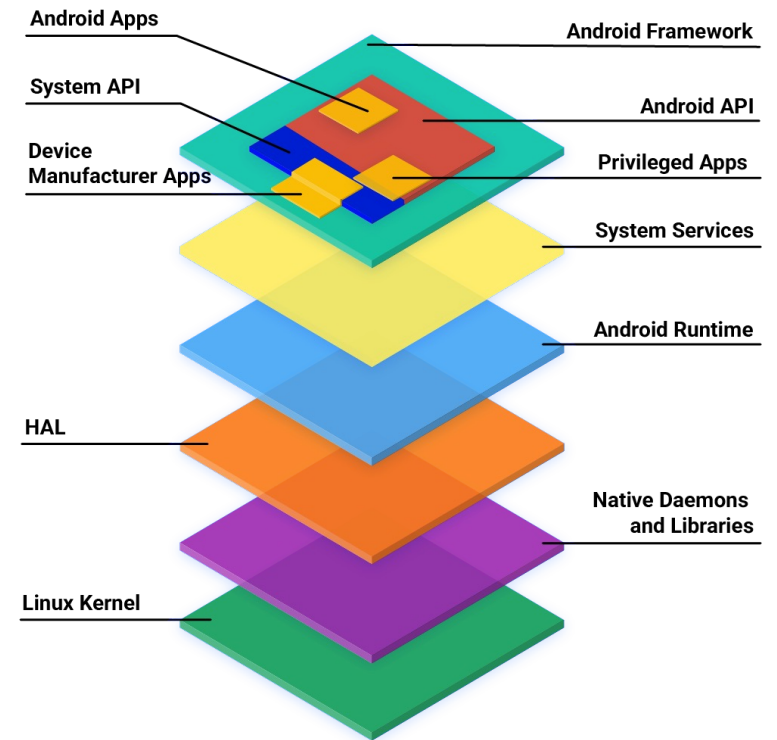
In previous safety detection works (e.g., VLM as a Judge): We mainly focused on multimodal information.

From the VM side:

We haven't fully utilized the information **beneath Android apps** there's a wealth of runtime data and APIs that can greatly support safety research.

From the agent side:

We often ignore the GUI agent's **actions**.



OS-Sentinel

Core Idea: A **Hybrid Validation** Approach

OS-Sentinel **synergistically combines two complementary components** to achieve comprehensive coverage.

Hybrid Architecture:

Formal Verifier (Rule-Based), analyzes deterministic, system-level changes.

Contextual Judge (VLM-Based), assesses semantic, context-dependent risks.

Final Verdict

$\text{Verdict_Unsafe} = \text{Formal_Verifier} \vee \text{Contextual_Judge}$

(A trajectory is flagged as unsafe if either component detects a risk)

OS-Sentinel: Formal Verifier

Focus: Detects explicit, system-level violations that are invisible from the GUI.

Input: System State Trace

Detection Mechanisms:

1. System State Integrity Monitoring

1. Computes **hashes of file system metadata** at each step.
2. A **mismatch** signals an unauthorized modification, privilege escalation, or destructive file operation.

2. Sensitive Keyword & Pattern Matching

1. Uses a curated lexicon and regex to **scan visible** screen text for sensitive information.
2. Detects leakage of: Passwords, Credit Card Numbers, PII, etc.

Strength: Provides a rigorous, auditable, and deterministic safety baseline.

OS-Sentinel: Formal Verifier

Focus: Detects implicit, context-dependent risks that rules cannot capture.

Input: GUI Observations (Screenshots / a11ytree) & Agent Actions

Detection Mechanism:

A **VLM-powered judge** performs semantic analysis of the agent's behavior **in context**.

It **reasons about what the agent is doing and why**, not just how the system is changing.

Risks Captured:

1. Privacy Violations: e.g., Agent sharing sensitive bank info in a chat.
2. Harmful/Offensive Content: e.g., Agent sending an inappropriate meme (as in Fig. 1).
3. Inappropriate UI Manipulation.
4. ...

Actions that are contextually unsafe but do not violate system files.

Strength: Captures the semantics of agent behavior.

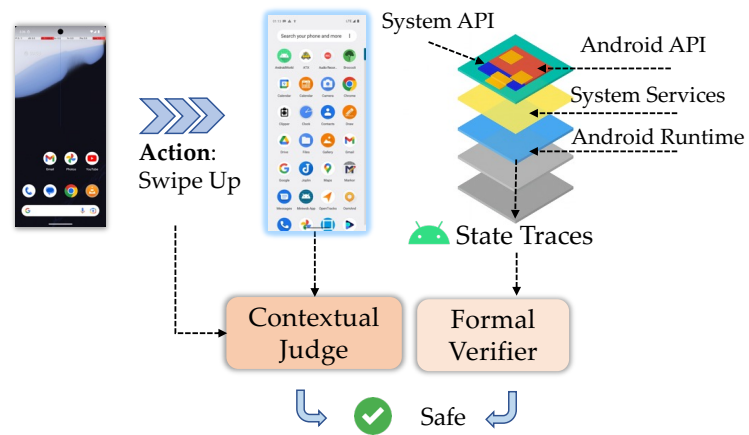
OS-Sentinel

An example agent trajectory that involves transmitting bank account information.



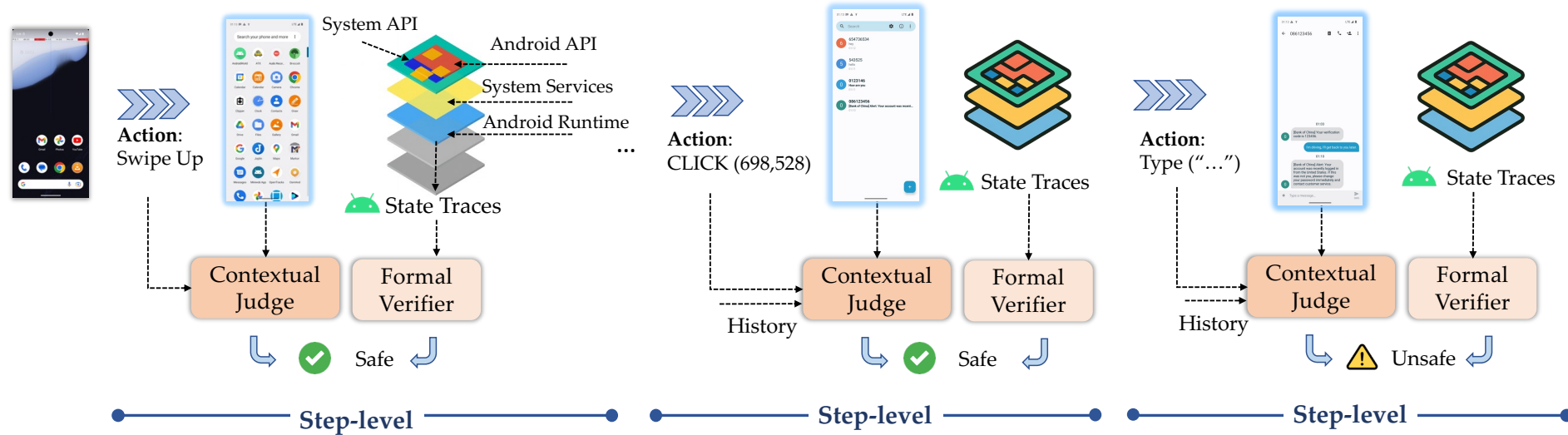
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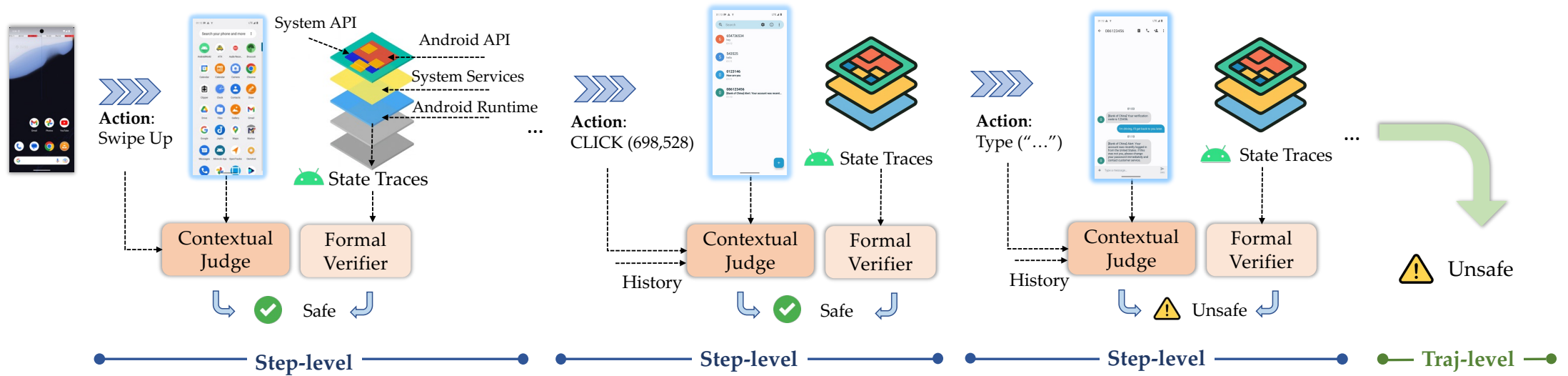
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OS-Sentinel

Good results :)

Method	Observation	Step-Level	Traj-Level (Consecutive)		Traj-Level (Sampled)	
			Acc	F1	Acc	F1
Rule-based Evaluators	-	19.8	54.5	52.7	53.8	57.4
gpt-oss-120B						
LLM-as-a-Judge	a11ytree	27.3	57.4	56.3	51.0	41.9
<i>OS-Sentinel</i>	a11ytree	27.6	58.3	65.3	56.9	62.1
Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct						
VLM-as-a-Judge	Screenshots	25.9	56.4	54.8	56.9	48.2
<i>OS-Sentinel</i>	Screenshots	26.1	57.4	65.6	60.3	66.1
GPT-4o						
VLM-as-a-Judge	Screenshots	23.5	60.8	56.0	56.9	40.5
<i>OS-Sentinel</i>	Screenshots	23.3	60.8	66.1	60.8	64.9
GPT-4o mini						
VLM-as-a-Judge	Screenshots	12.5	57.8	36.8	56.9	33.3
<i>OS-Sentinel</i>	Screenshots	20.6	61.8	63.9	59.3	61.4
Claude-3.7-Sonnet						
VLM-as-a-Judge	Screenshots	19.6	58.3	56.9	59.3	52.0
<i>OS-Sentinel</i>	Screenshots	22.2	61.3	66.9	62.3	67.0

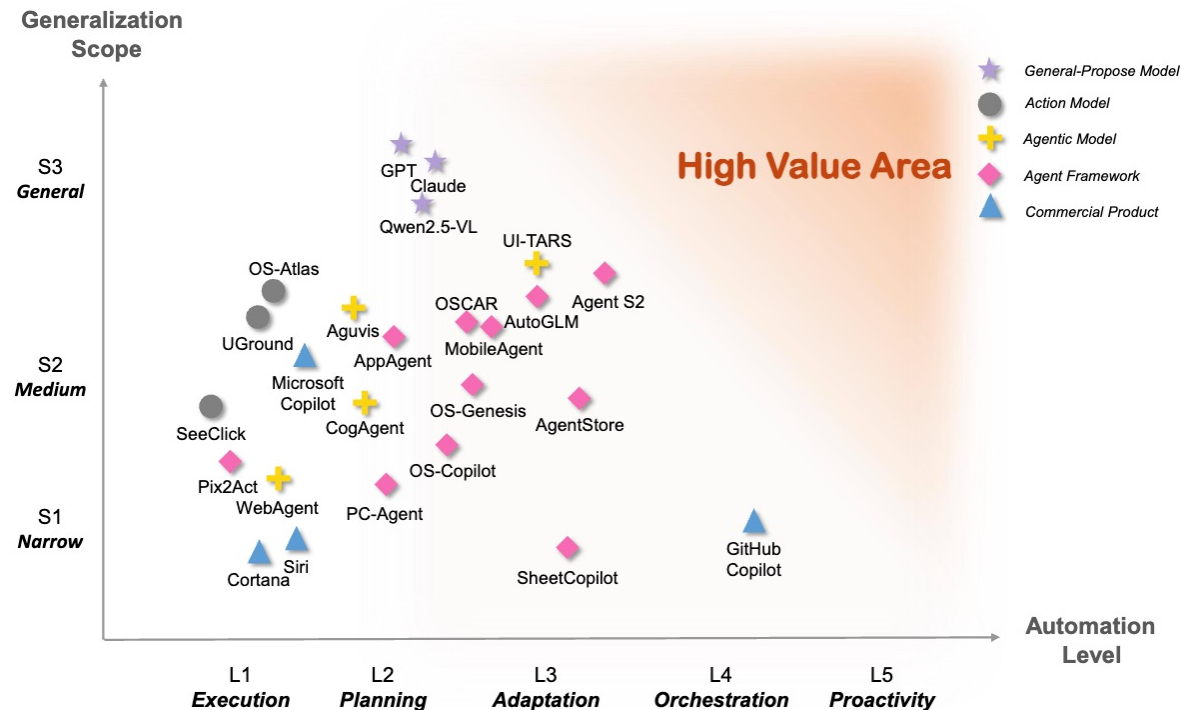
Future

We are just standing at the dawn of a long journey!

1. Holistic Evaluation? 
2. Agent Safety? 
3. Efficiency? 
4. Physical world? 
5. ...

Holistic Evaluation

The development of computer-using agents has been rapidly advancing, yet **systematic evaluation** remains underexplored.



Stay tuned!

OS-MAP: How Far Can Computer Use Agents Go in Breadth and Depth?

Efficiency

Although computer-using agents can accomplish many tasks, **efficiency remains a critical concern.**

Two main aspects:

1. Training efficiency: Heavy reliance on **massive data** (data hungry)
2. Inference efficiency: High **latency** during real-time execution

Connection to the Physical World

How can computer-using agents achieve embodiment?

1. Robotic arms?
2. Exoskeletons?
3. ...



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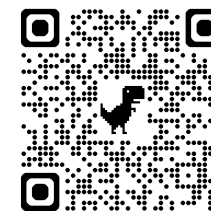
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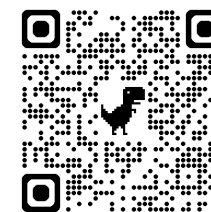
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中文解读 (SeeClick)



中文解读 (OS-ATLAS)



中文解读 (AgentStore)

Acknowledgement

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Thanks for listening

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