

Artificial Intelligence APIs

Workshop n°2 - Chatbots

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~~12th February~~

– ~~AI APIs 101~~

5th March

– Chatbots

19th March

– Natural Language
Processing

9th April

– Visual Recognition

Before we start...



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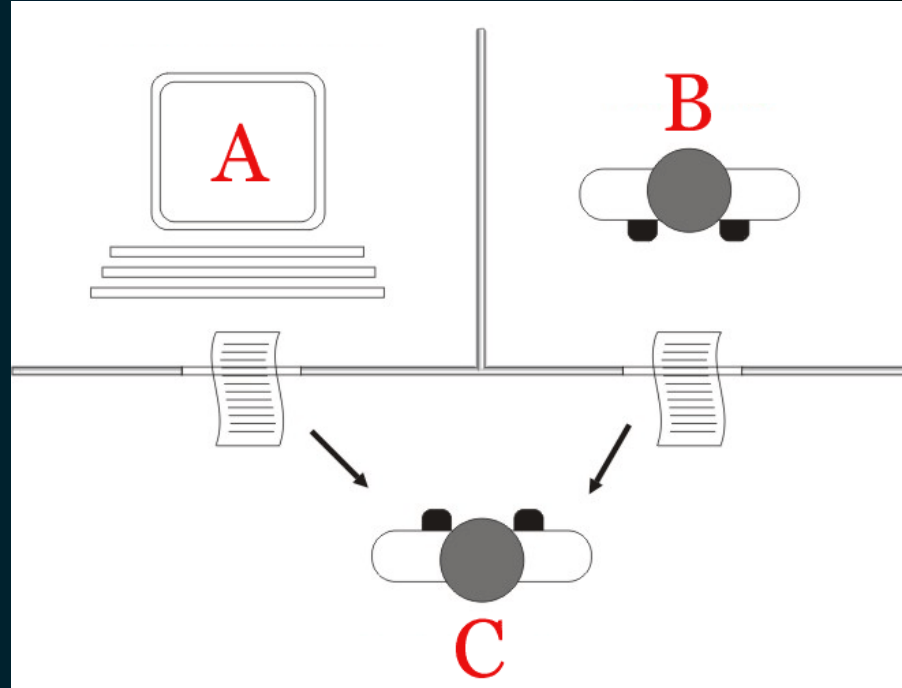
I. What's a chatbot?

aka talkbot, chatterbot, Bot, IM bot, conversational agent, interactive agent...

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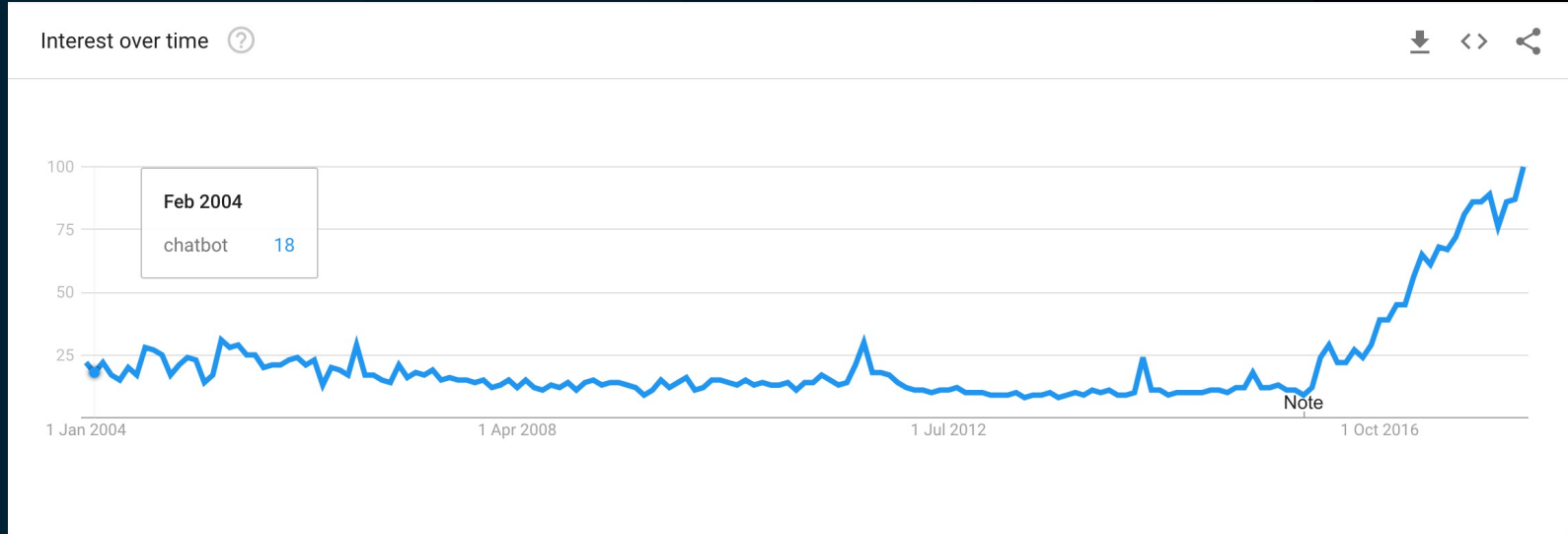
“A computer program designed to simulate conversation with human users, especially over the Internet.”

Turing test



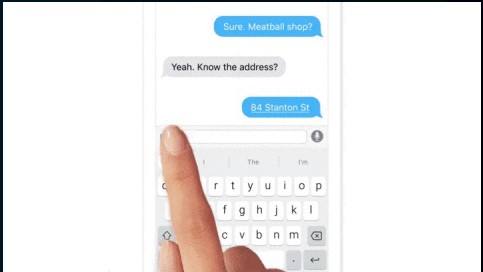
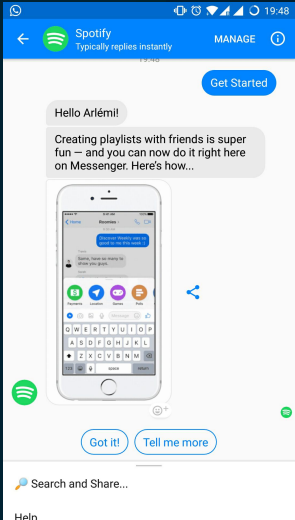
Source: [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turing_test)

And suddenly... they're everywhere!





Source: [Google Trends](#)

Examples





Examples

  00:56
There's a **MetricBot** haunting the grid (seems to be enjoying the public channels only). It's unclear what triggered its appearance.



 **MetricBot**  00:56
Can you reword your statement? I'm not understanding.

 1  1

 [1 reply](#) 3 days ago

 **MetricBot**  01:02
I didn't understand. You can try rephrasing.

 1  1

  01:05
@MetricBot, you haven't done your ML/DL homework. Bad bot! 🤖

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 **MetricBot**  01:05
Can you reword your statement? I'm not understanding.

 3  2  2

II. Best practices

based on Holly Cummins article: [Chatbot Best Practices](https://www.ibm.com/blogs/bluemix/2018/01/chatbot-best-practices/)

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Think about your users

- Do they even want a chatbot?
- Keep the scope well-defined
- Provide human-like behaviour

Conversational patterns

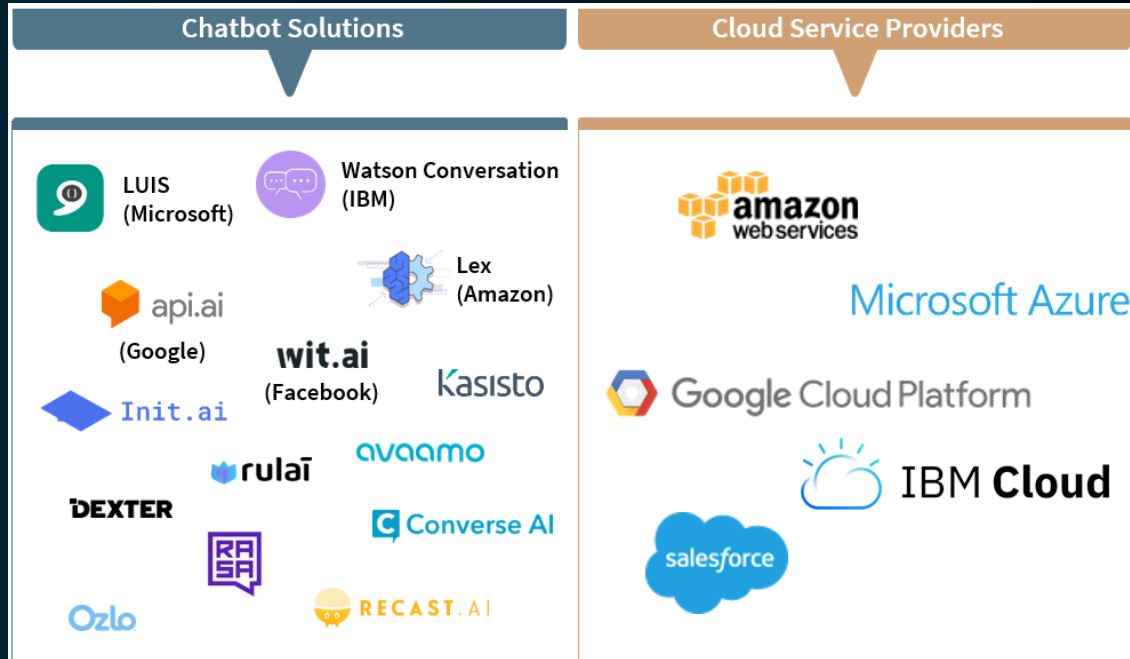
- Don't be afraid to say “I don't know”
- Avoid repetition
- Detect frustration, hand off to a human if necessary
- Slow down responses

Observe

- User-test before launch
- Monitor and tune accordingly
- Get user feedback

III. How to build a chatbot

Chatbot platforms



What defines your chatbot

1. Intents

ex: greetings – *hi, hello, hey, hello there...*

2. Entities

ex: cities – *Tel Aviv, Berlin, New York, Tokyo*

3. Dialog flow

Hands-on Workshop

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Questions?



Source: giphy.com

Thank you

Useful links:

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