

# ConversationBufferWindowMemory

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`ConversationBufferWindowMemory` keeps a list of the interactions of the conversation over time. It only uses the last K interactions. This can be useful for keeping a sliding window of the most recent interactions, so the buffer does not get too large

Let's first explore the basic functionality of this type of memory.

```
from langchain.memory import ConversationBufferWindowMemory
```

```
memory = ConversationBufferWindowMemory( k=1)
memory.save_context({"input": "hi"}, {"ouput": "whats up"})
memory.save_context({"input": "not much you"}, {"ouput": "not much"})
```

```
memory.load_memory_variables({})
```

```
{'history': 'Human: not much you\nAI: not much'}
```

We can also get the history as a list of messages (this is useful if you are using this with a chat model).

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```
{'history': [HumanMessage(content='not much you', additional_kwargs={}),
              AIMessage(content='not much', additional_kwargs={})]}
```

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# Using in a chain

Let's walk through an example, again setting `verbose=True` so we can see the prompt.

```
from langchain.llms import OpenAI
from langchain.chains import ConversationChain
conversation_with_summary = ConversationChain(
    llm=OpenAI(temperature=0),
    # We set a low k=2, to only keep the last 2 interactions in memory
    memory=ConversationBufferWindowMemory(k=2),
    verbose=True
)
conversation_with_summary.predict(input="Hi, what's up?")
```

> Entering new ConversationChain chain...

Prompt after formatting:

The following is a friendly conversation between a human and an AI. The AI is talkative and provides lots of specific details from its context. If the AI does not know the answer to a question, it truthfully says it does not know.

Current conversation:

Human: Hi, what's up?

AI:

> Finished chain.

" Hi there! I'm doing great. I'm currently helping a customer with a technical issue. How about you?"

```
conversation_with_summary.predict(input="What's their issues?")
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Human: Is it going well?

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" Yes, it's going well so far. We've already identified the problem and are now working on a solution."

```
# Notice here that the first interaction does not appear.
conversation_with_summary.predict(input="What's the solution?")
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AI: Yes, it's going well so far. We've already identified the problem and are now working on a solution.

Human: What's the solution?

AI:

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