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It is estimated that around one billion people globally have a mental disorder which incorporates a range of different but sometimes connected disorders such as depression, anxiety, bipolar, eating disorders, schizophrenia, and alcohol and drug use disorders.

Despite being critical to overall well being and physical health, diagnoses and treatment or support is pitifully small particularly away from large and wealthy population centres.

Today, as the need for mental health services continues to surpass availability, people in distress can reach out online to mental health “chatbots.” In some instances, the responses are based on artificial intelligence. In others, there’s a human element.

There are several key issues surrounding mental health chatbots, but they do represent a first step to alleviating some mental health symptoms, which is an important step to improving well being.

Businesses are attempting to provide for a fee

Our vision is to explore what is available in the open source space.

Find the very best of the current artificial intelligence and natural language processing projects dealing with mental health issues and bring them together to benefit from the synergies of existing research and technologies.

We wish to partner with science agencies, universities, governments of all levels, as well as global technology companies and cloud hosting providers to deliver a free intelligent digital therapist available to anyone with an internet connection.