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# CREATING A CHATBOT FROM SCRATCH

Bebot



Chatbot architecture  
and programming

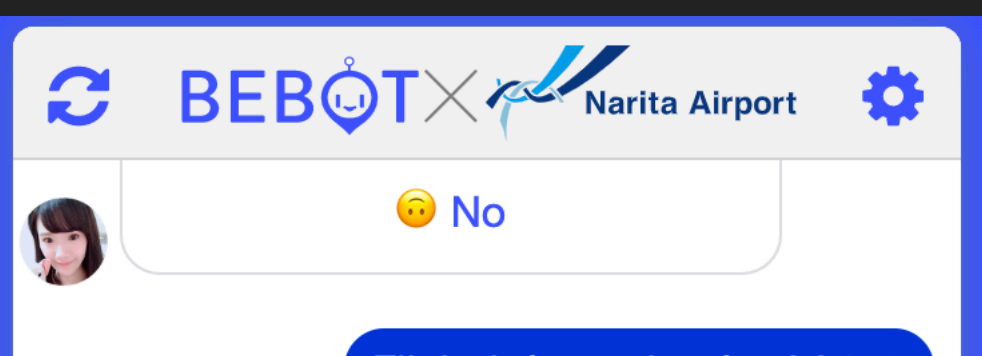
# Implement the guts of a chatbot!

With python and scikit-learn

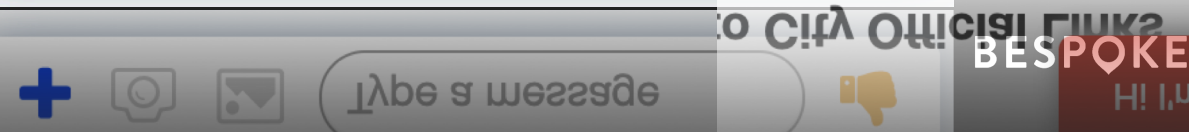
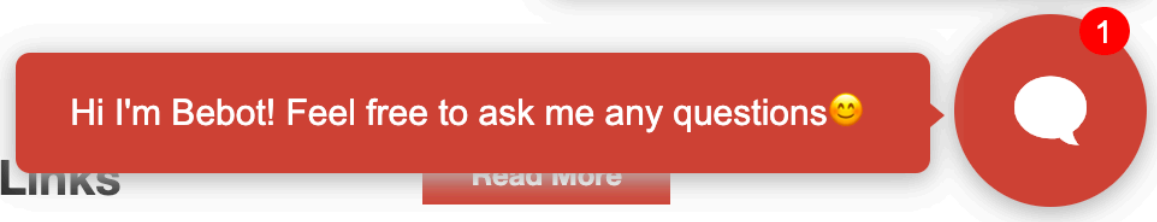
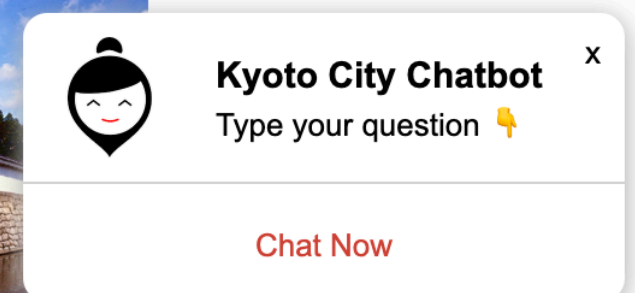
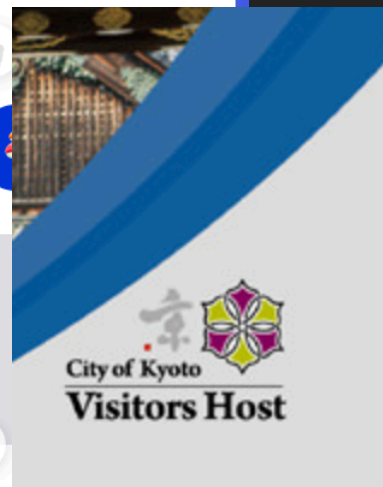
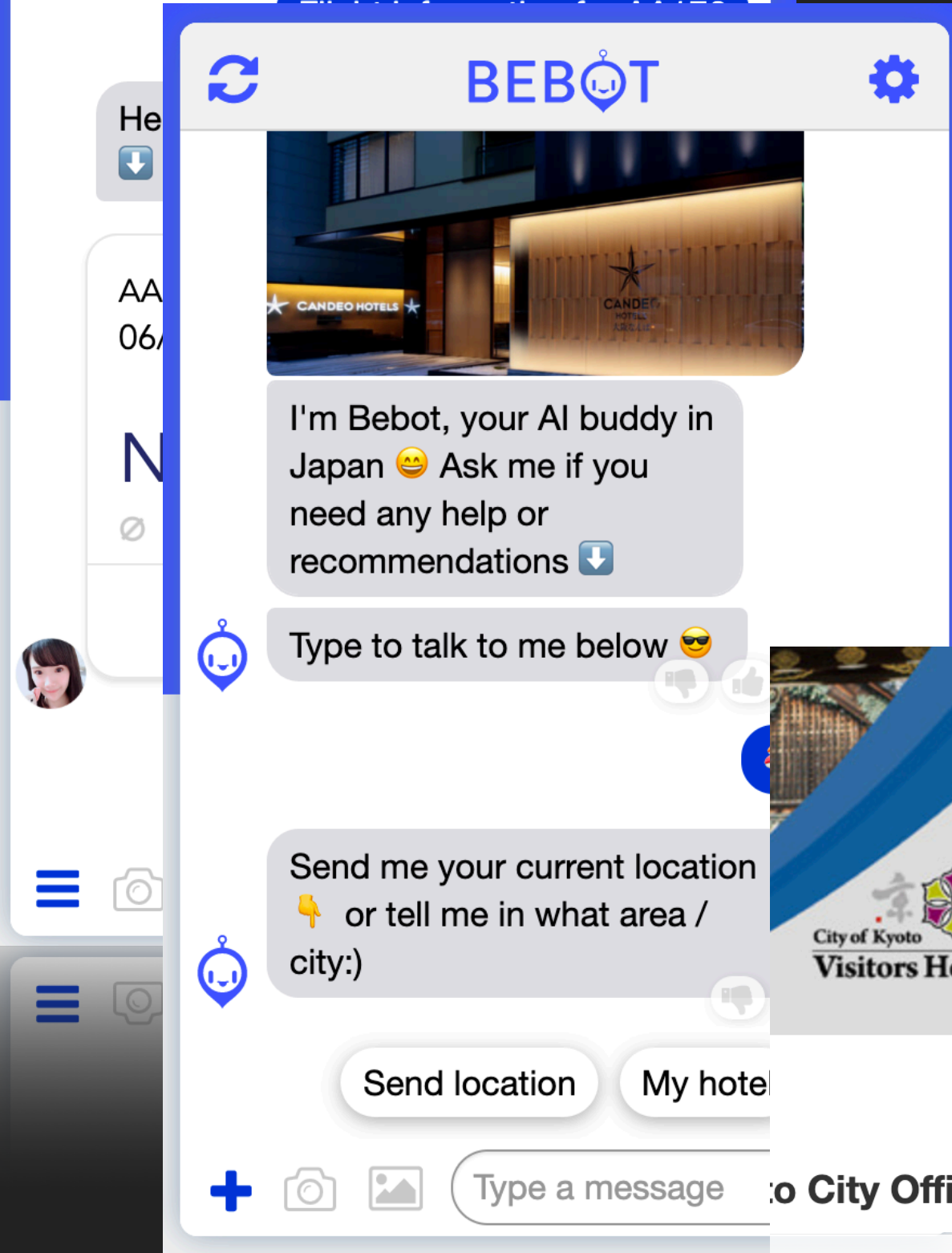
Deploy

# BEBOT

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- ▶ AI-powered chatbot
- ▶ Custom conversations, live support, and insights
- ▶ Clients include Narita airport, Tokyo station, hotels, Japanese Gov't for disaster relief
- ▶ ~30,000 users daily



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# CHATBOT ARCHITECTURE

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## OPTION 1: HUMANS



## OPTION 2: RULE-BASED

I'LL BE IN YOUR CITY TOMORROW  
IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT.

BUT WHERE WILL YOU BE IF  
I *DON'T* WANT TO HANG OUT?!

YOU KNOW, I JUST  
REMEMBERED I'M BUSY.



WHY I TRY NOT TO BE  
PEDANTIC ABOUT CONDITIONALS.

## OPTION 3: PREDICTIVE — RETRIEVAL-BASED

**IF MACHINE LEARNING IS THE  
ANSWER, THEN WHAT IS THE  
QUESTION?**



Shoham, Powers, Grenager 2006



# TRAINING

**"CLASS"**

The topic or question the user is asking about

**"LABEL"**

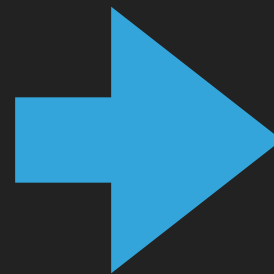
**"INTENT"**

**"MODEL"**


**"CLASSIFIER"**

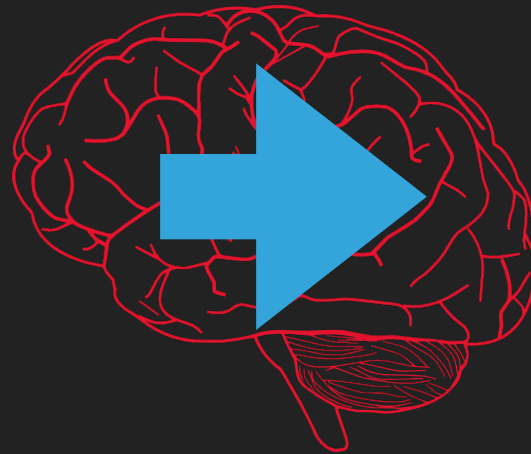
**where\_is\_my\_hotel :** [  
 'Where is my hotel?',  
 'Hotel location?',  
 'How do I get to the hotel?'  
]

**when\_is\_checkout\_time :** [  
 'When is checkout time?',  
 'When do I need to check out?'  
]



# PREDICTION AND RETRIEVAL

 "ohi how get 2 hotel  
kthx ㄟ\_(\_ツ)\_/"



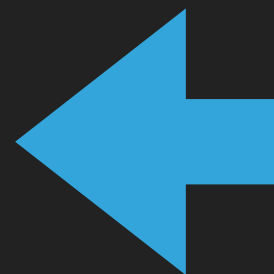
where\_is\_my\_hotel



"Your hotel is located across from  
Shibuya Station. Check out these  
directions:



<https://goo.gl/aoeu>"



# PREDICTION, ONE LEVEL DEEPER...

"DICT"

"HASH"

"VECTOR"

```
where_is_my_hotel : [  
  'Where is my hotel?',  
  'Hotel location?',  
  'How do I get to the hotel?'  
]
```

```
when_is_checkout_time : [  
  'When is check-out time?',  
  'When do I need to check out?'  
]
```

"ohi how get 2 hotel kthx  
 \\_(ツ)\_/"

```
[  
  'ohi' : 1,  
  'how' : 1,  
  'get' : 2,  
  'hotel' : 1  
  ...  
]
```

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```
where_is_my_hotel : [  
  'hotel' : 3,  
  'where' : 1,  
  'location' : 1,  
  'how' : 1  
  ...  
]
```

```
when_is_checkout_time : [  
  'when' : 2,  
  'check' : 2,  
  'time' : 1  
  ...  
]
```

MATH

THE TEST SET

accuracy, but not very granular



Query	Expected Label	Prediction Probabilities	Prediction Result
"Where hotel plz"	where_is_my_hotel	where_is_my_hotel: 0.72 when_is_checkout_time: 0.26	where_is_my_hotel ✓
"How can I go to the hotel?"	where_is_my_hotel	where_is_my_hotel: 0.95 when_is_checkout_time: 0.18	where_is_my_hotel ✓
"When is checkout?"	when_is_checkout_time	where_is_my_hotel: 0.14 when_is_checkout_time: 0.78	when_is_checkout_time ✓
"When do I go to the checkout location?"	when_is_checkout_time	where_is_my_hotel: 0.42 when_is_checkout_time: 0.37	where_is_my_hotel ✗

# PRECISION AND RECALL

where\_is\_my\_hotel

**Precision:** Ratio of true positive predictions to the total *predicted* positives

$$2 / 3 = 0.66$$

**Recall:** Ratio of true positive predictions to the total *expected* positives

$$2 / 2 = 1.00$$

	Expected	Predicted	
"Where hotel plz"	POS	POS	
"How can I go to the hotel?"	POS	POS	
"When is checkout?"	NEG	NEG	"TRUE NEGATIVE"
"When do I go to the checkout location?"	NEG	POS	"FALSE POSITIVE"



# PRECISION AND RECALL

CONTROLLING FALSE ALARMS

**Precision:** Ratio of true positive predictions to the total *predicted* positives

**Recall:** Ratio of true positive predictions to the total *expected* positives

High *precision* and low *recall*

	Expected	Predicted
"Where hotel plz"	POS	NEG
...	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	NEG
	POS	POS

make\_reservation  
(a lot of work, low risk if missed)

Low *precision* and high *recall*

	Expected	Predicted
"Where hotel plz"	NEG	POS
...	NEG	POS
	NEG	POS
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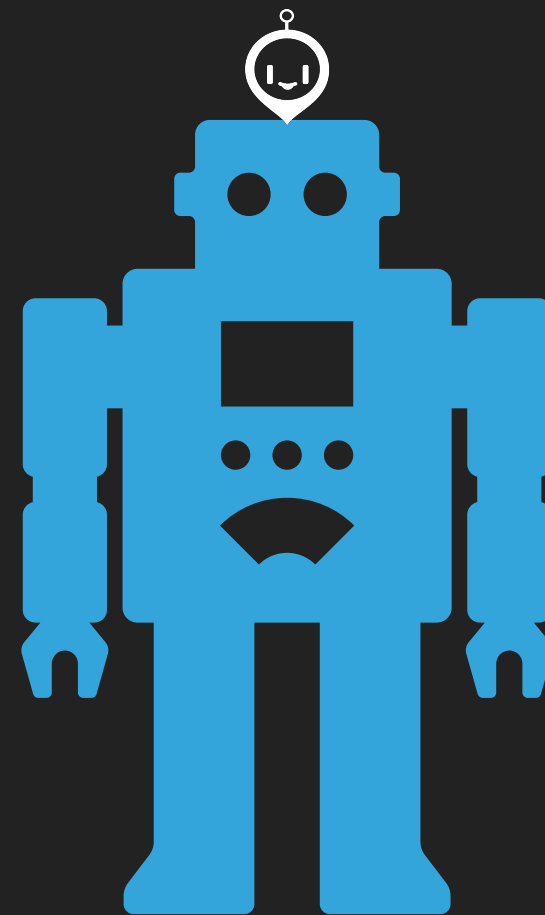
call\_hospital  
(high risk if missed)

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*(the guts of)*



# CREATE A CHATBOT

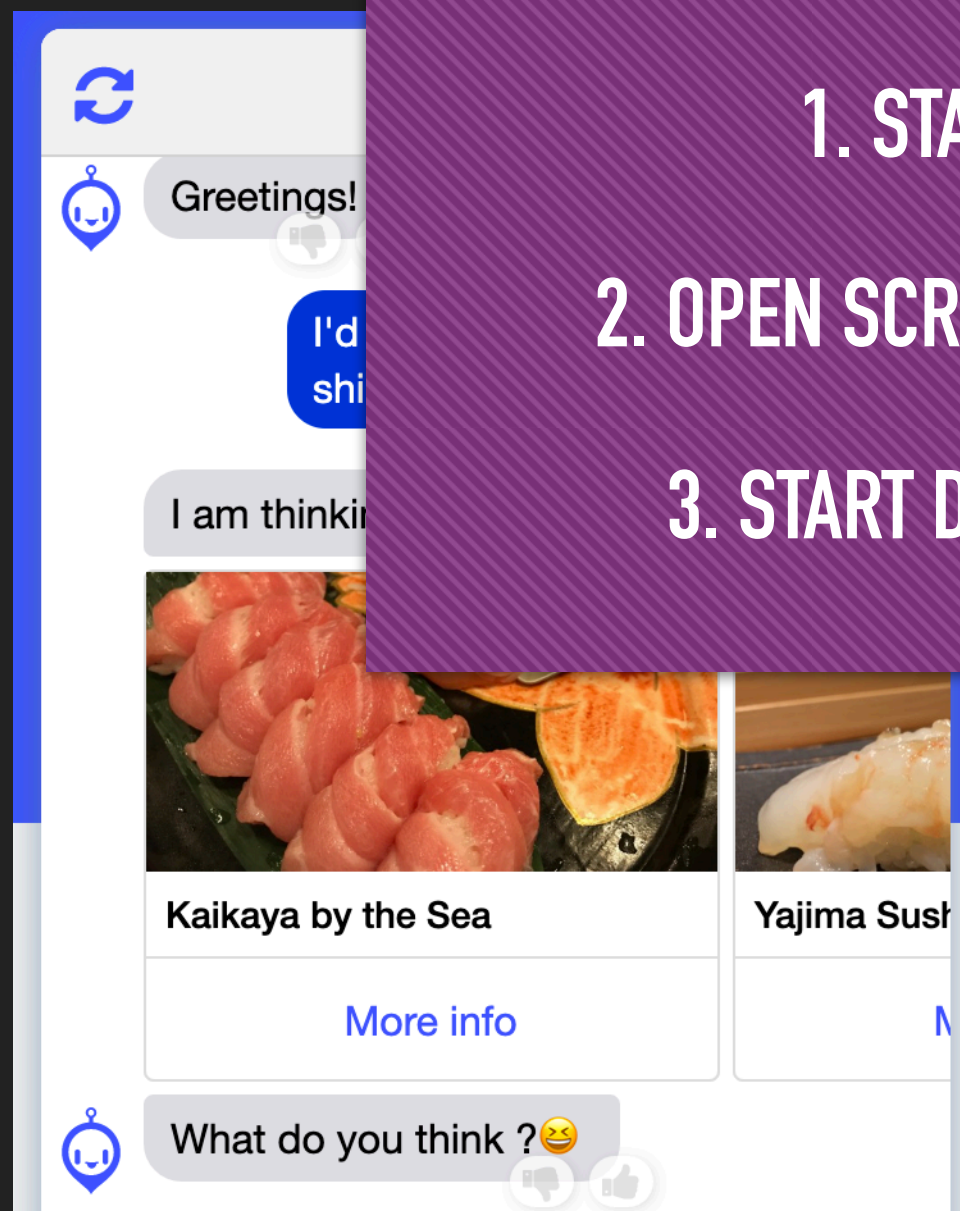


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# BE CREATIVE!

<https://www.facebook.com/NatGeoGenius/>

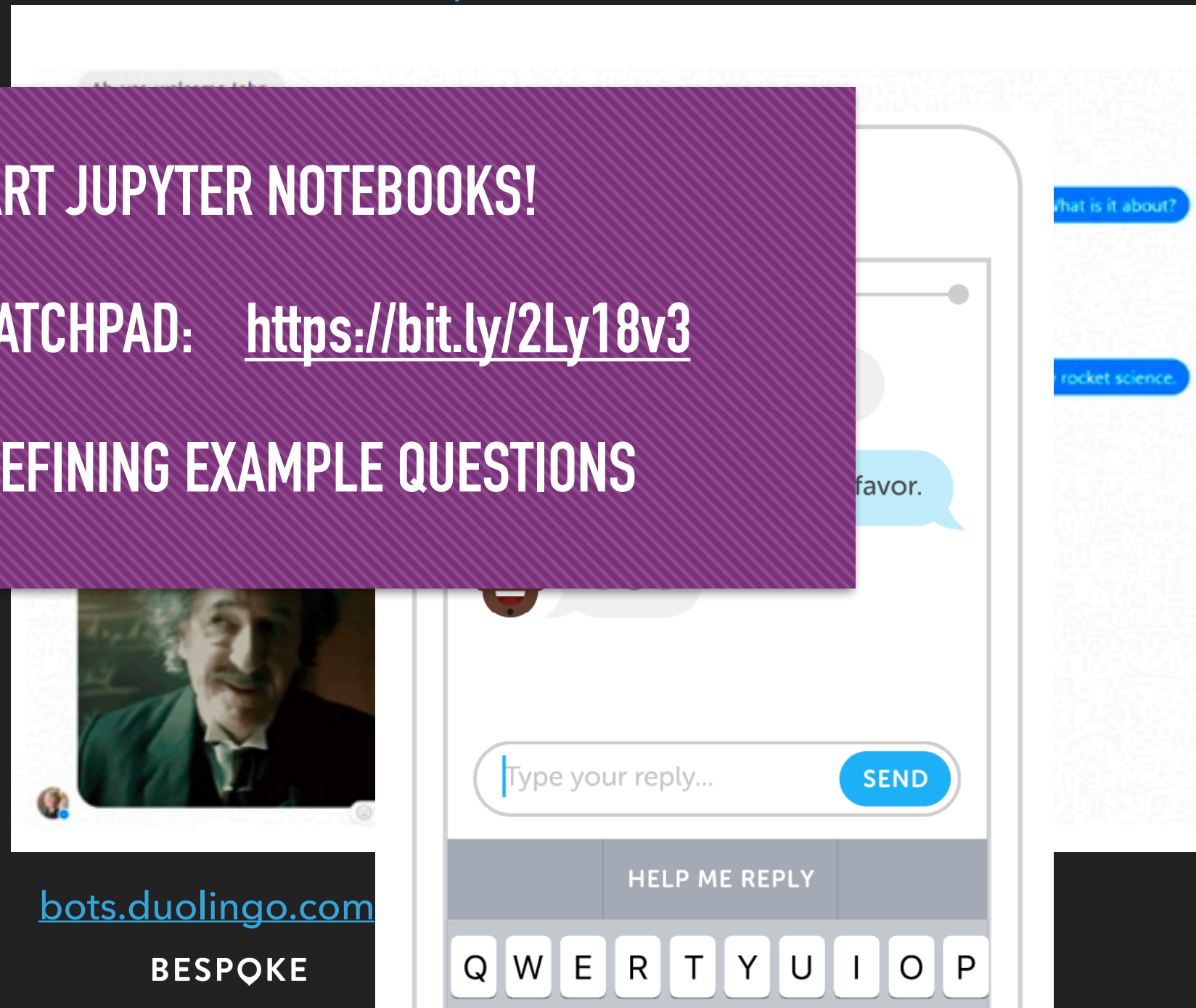
[bebot.io](http://bebot.io)



1. START JUPYTER NOTEBOOKS!

2. OPEN SCRATCHPAD: <https://bit.ly/2Ly18v3>

3. START DEFINING EXAMPLE QUESTIONS



[bots.duolingo.com](http://bots.duolingo.com)

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## WORKSHOP CHALLENGES

1. Return the answer
2. Exclude unimportant words ("stop words")
3. Handle synonyms (e.g. "lobby" = "front desk")
4. Handle typos
5. Return "unknown"
6. Handle a parameter ("set my check out time to 3pm")

## CHALLENGES LEFT TO THE READER

- ▶ Other languages
- ▶ Conjugation and punctuation
- ▶ Domination of frequent words or intents
- ▶ Conversation state
- ▶ Conversation design

# BEBOT



Amazon Lex



Dialogflow



# DEPLOY

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# AWS LAMBDA + API GATEWAY

Serverless App Repository:  
Microservice-http-endpoint-python3

Create a deployment package with sklearn

```
import json

print('Loading function')

def respond(err, res=None):
    return {
        'statusCode': '400' if err else '200',
        'body': err.message if err else json.dumps(res),
        'headers': {
            'Content-Type': 'application/json',
        },
    }

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    '''Demonstrates a simple HTTP endpoint using API Gateway. You have full
    access to the request and response payload, including headers and
    status code.
    '''
    #print("Received event: " + json.dumps(event, indent=2))

    operation = event['httpMethod']
    if operation == 'GET':
        query = event['queryStringParameters']['query']
        # To start, you could simply train the model on every run
        # Then, run the predict method here.
        return respond(None, "Hi! Your question was: {}".format(query))
    else:
        return respond(ValueError('Unsupported method "{}".format(operation)))
```

MyTestEvent ▼ Test

"httpMethod": "GET",  
"isBase64Encoded": true,  
"queryStringParameters": {  
 "query": "Where is the train?"  
},

API Gateway

chrisTestFunction-API

API endpoint: <https://execute-api.ap-northeast-1.amazonaws.com/default/chris-test>

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# THANKS!

(AND WE'RE HIRING!)

Current openings:

- ▶ Chatbot R&D Team Lead
- ▶ Junior NLP engineer (upcoming)
- ▶ Full-stack developers (upcoming)

[be-spoke.io/jobs](https://be-spoke.io/jobs)

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