**EchoBot I**

Hello, World!

You'll begin learning how to build chatbots in Python by writing two functions to build the simplest bot possible: EchoBot. EchoBot just responds by replying with the same message it receives.

In this exercise, you'll define a function that responds to a user's message. In the next exercise, you'll complete EchoBot by writing a function to send a message to the bot.

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* Write a function called respond() with a single parameter message which returns the bot's response. To do this, concatenate the strings "I can hear you! You said: " and message.
* Store the concatenated strings in bot\_message, and return this result.

bot\_template = "BOT : {0}"

user\_template = "USER : {0}"

# Define a function that responds to a user's message: respond

def respond(message):

# Concatenate the user's message to the end of a standard bot respone

bot\_message = "I can hear you! You said: " + message

# Return the result

return bot\_message

# Test function

print(respond("hello!"))

<script.py> output:

I can hear you! You said: hello!

Excellent! Now to build a function to send a message to the bot.

**EchoBot II**

Having written your respond() function, you'll now define a function called send\_message() with a single parameter message which logs the message and the bot's response.

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* Use the user\_template string's .format() method to include the user's message into the user template, and print the result.
* Call the respond() function with the message passed in and save the result as response.
* Log the bot's response using the bot\_template string's .format() method.
* Send the message "hello" to the bot.

# Create templates

bot\_template = "BOT : {0}"

user\_template = "USER : {0}"

# Define a function that sends a message to the bot: send\_message

def send\_message(message):

# Print user\_template including the user\_message

print(user\_template.format(message))

# Get the bot's response to the message

response = respond(message)

# Print the bot template including the bot's response.

print(bot\_template.format(response))

# Send a message to the bot

send\_message("hello")

<script.py> output:

USER : hello

BOT : I can hear you! You said: hello

Boom! You just built your first chatbot!

**Chitchat**

Now you're going to leave the simple EchoBot behind and create a bot which can answer simple questions such as "What's your name?" and "What's today's weather?"

You'll use a dictionary with these questions as keys and the correct responses as values.

This means the bot will only respond correctly if the message matches *exactly*, which is a big limitation. In later exercises you will create much more robust solutions.

The send\_message() function has already been defined for you, as well as the bot\_template and user\_template variables.

**Instructions 1/2**

**50 XP**

* [1](javascript:void(0))
* [2](javascript:void(0))
* Define a respond() function which takes in a message argument, checks if the message has a pre-defined response, and returns the response in the responses dictionary if there is a match, or the "default" message otherwise.

# Define variables

name = "Greg"

weather = "cloudy"

# Define a dictionary with the predefined responses

responses = {

"what's your name?": "my name is {0}".format(name),

"what's today's weather?": "the weather is {0}".format(weather),

"default": "default message"

}

# Return the matching response if there is one, default otherwise

def respond(message):

# Check if the message is in the responses

if message in responses:

# Return the matching message

bot\_message = responses[message]

else:

# Return the "default" message

bot\_message = responses["default"]

return bot\_message

**Instructions 2/2**

**50 XP**

* [2](javascript:void(0))
* Well Done! Your bot is now able to answer some simple questions. Hit 'Run Code' and call send\_message() (which utilizes the new respond() function) in the IPython Shell with the following questions:
  + "what's today's weather?"
  + "what's your name?"
  + "what's your favorite color?"
* Hit 'Submit Answer' when you are done.

# Define variables

name = "Greg"

weather = "cloudy"

# Define a dictionary with the predefined responses

responses = {

"what's your name?": "my name is {0}".format(name),

"what's today's weather?": "the weather is {0}".format(weather),

"default": "default message"

}

# Return the matching response if there is one, default otherwise

def respond(message):

# Check if the message is in the responses

if message in responses:

# Return the matching message

bot\_message = responses[message]

else:

# Return the "default" message

bot\_message = responses["default"]

return bot\_message

In [3]: respond("what's today's weather?")

Out[3]: 'the weather is cloudy'

In [4]: respond("what's your name?")

Out[4]: 'my name is Greg'

In [5]: respond("what's your favorite color?")

Out[5]: 'default message'

**Adding variety**

It can get a little boring hearing the same old answers over and over. In this exercise, you'll add some variation. If you ask your bot how it's feeling, the likelihood that it responds with "oh I'm great!" or "I'm very sad today" should be equal.

Here, you'll use the random module - specifically random.choice(ls) - which randomly selects an element from a list ls.

A dictionary called responses, which maps each message to a list of possible responses, has been defined for you.

**Instructions 1/2**

**50 XP**

* [1](javascript:void(0))
* [2](javascript:void(0))
* Import the random module.
* If the message is in responses, use random.choice() in the respond() function to choose a random matching response.
* If the message is not in responses, choose a random default response.

# Import the random module

import random

name = "Greg"

weather = "cloudy"

# Define a dictionary containing a list of responses for each message

responses = {

"what's your name?": [

"my name is {0}".format(name),

"they call me {0}".format(name),

"I go by {0}".format(name)

],

"what's today's weather?": [

"the weather is {0}".format(weather),

"it's {0} today".format(weather)

],

"default": ["default message"]

}

# Use random.choice() to choose a matching response

def respond(message):

# Check if the message is in the responses

if message in responses:

# Return a random matching response

bot\_message = random.choice(responses[message])

else:

# Return a random "default" response

bot\_message = random.choice(responses["default"])

return bot\_message

**Instructions 2/2**

**50 XP**

* [2](javascript:void(0))
* Great job! Adding some variety makes your bot much more fun to talk to. Now, hit 'Run Code' and use send\_message() (which utilizes the new respond() function) to ask the bot "what's your name?" 3 times.
* Hit 'Submit Answer' when you're done.

# Import the random module

import random

name = "Greg"

weather = "cloudy"

# Define a dictionary containing a list of responses for each message

responses = {

"what's your name?": [

"my name is {0}".format(name),

"they call me {0}".format(name),

"I go by {0}".format(name)

],

"what's today's weather?": [

"the weather is {0}".format(weather),

"it's {0} today".format(weather)

],

"default": ["default message"]

}

# Use random.choice() to choose a matching response

def respond(message):

if message in responses:

bot\_message = random.choice(responses[message])

else:

bot\_message = random.choice(responses["default"])

return bot\_message

In [2]: send\_message("what's your name?")

USER : what's your name?

BOT : I go by Greg

In [3]: send\_message("what's your name?")

USER : what's your name?

BOT : I go by Greg

In [4]: send\_message("what's your name?")

USER : what's your name?

BOT : they call me Greg

**ELIZA I: asking questions**

Asking questions is a great way to create an engaging conversation. Here, you'll create the very first hint of ELIZA's famous personality, by responding to statements with a question and responding to questions with answers.

A dictionary of responses with "question" and "statement" as keys and lists of appropriate responses as values has already been defined for you. Explore this in the Shell with responses.keys() and responses["question"].

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* Define a respond() function which takes in message as an argument, and uses the string's .endswith() method to check if a message ends with a question mark.
* If the message does end with a question mark, choose a random "question" from the responses dictionary. Else, choose a random "statement" from the responses.
* Send the bot multiple messages with and without a question mark - these have been provided for you. If you want to experiment further in the Shell, be sure to first hit 'Run Code'.

import random

def respond(message):

# Check for a question mark

if message.endswith('?'):

# Return a random question

return random.choice(responses["question"])

# Return a random statement

return random.choice(responses["statement"])

# Send messages ending in a question mark

send\_message("what's today's weather?")

send\_message("what's today's weather?")

# Send messages which don't end with a question mark

send\_message("I love building chatbots")

send\_message("I love building chatbots")

<script.py> output:

USER : what's today's weather?

BOT : you tell me!

USER : what's today's weather?

BOT : I don't know :(

USER : I love building chatbots

BOT : oh wow!

USER : I love building chatbots

BOT : tell me more!

Nice! Asking the user questions is a great way to keep them talking.

**ELIZA II: Extracting key phrases**

The really clever thing about ELIZA is the way the program *appears* to understand what you told it by occasionally including phrases uttered by the user in its responses.

In this exercise, you will match messages against some common patterns and extract phrases using re.search(). A dictionary called rules has already been defined, which matches the following patterns:

* "do you think (.\*)"
* "do you remember (.\*)"
* "I want (.\*)"
* "if (.\*)"

Inspect this dictionary in the Shell before starting the exercise.

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* Iterate over the rules dictionary using its .items() method, with pattern and responses as your iterator variables.
* Use re.search() with the pattern and message to create a match object.
* If there is a match, use random.choice() to pick a response.
* If '{0}' is in that response, use the match object's .group() method with index 1 to retrieve a phrase.

# Define match\_rule()

def match\_rule(rules, message):

response, phrase = "default", None

# Iterate over the rules dictionary

for pattern , responses in rules.items():

# Create a match object

match = re.search(pattern , message)

if match is not None:

# Choose a random response

response = random.choice(responses)

if '{0}' in response:

phrase = match.group(1)

# Return the response and phrase

return response.format(phrase)

# Test match\_rule

print(match\_rule(rules, "do you remember your last birthday"))

<script.py> output:

Why haven't you been able to forget your last birthday

Well Done! You're putting your knowledge of regex to work!

**ELIZA III: Pronouns**

To make responses grammatically coherent, you'll want to transform the extracted phrases from first to second person and vice versa. In English, conjugating verbs is easy, and simply swapping "me" and 'you', "my" and "your" works in *most* cases.

In this exercise, you'll define a function called replace\_pronouns() which uses re.sub() to map "me" and "my" to "you" and "your" (and vice versa) in a string.

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* If 'me' is in message, use re.sub() to replace it with 'you'.
* If 'my' is in message, replace it with 'your'.
* If 'your' is in message, replace it with 'my'.
* If 'you' is in message, replace it with 'me'.

# Define replace\_pronouns()

def replace\_pronouns(message):

message = message.lower()

if 'me' in message:

# Replace 'me' with 'you'

return re.sub('me' , 'you' , message)

if 'my' in message:

# Replace 'my' with 'your'

return re.sub('my' , 'your' , message)

if 'your' in message:

# Replace 'your' with 'my'

return re.sub('your' , 'my' , message)

if 'you' in message:

# Replace 'you' with 'me'

return re.sub('you' , 'me' , message)

return message

print(replace\_pronouns("my last birthday"))

print(replace\_pronouns("when you went to Florida"))

print(replace\_pronouns("I had my own castle"))

<script.py> output:

your last birthday

when me went to florida

i had your own castle

Great! Your bot can now refer to itself! However, as you can see, one of the pitfalls of manually conjugating verbs is that they may not always be grammatically correct.

**ELIZA IV: Putting it all together**

Now you're going to put everything from the previous exercises together and experience the magic! The match\_rule(), send\_message(), and replace\_pronouns() functions have already been defined, and the rules dictionary is available in your workspace.

Your job here is to write a function called respond() with a single argument message which creates an appropriate response to be handled by send\_message().

**Instructions**

**100 XP**

* Get a response and phrase by calling match\_rule() with the rules dictionary and message.
* Check if the response is a template by seeing if it includes the string '{0}'. If it does:
  + Use the replace\_pronouns() function on phrase.
  + Include the phrase by using .format() on response and overriding the value of response.
* Hit 'Submit Answer' to see how the bot responds to the provided messages!

# Define respond()

def respond(message):

# Call match\_rule

response , phrase = match\_rule(rules , message)

if '{0}' in response:

# Replace the pronouns in the phrase

phrase = replace\_pronouns(phrase)

# Include the phrase in the response

response = response.format(phrase)

return response

# Send the messages

send\_message("do you remember your last birthday")

send\_message("do you think humans should be worried about AI")

send\_message("I want a robot friend")

send\_message("what if you could be anything you wanted")

<script.py> output:

USER : do you remember your last birthday

BOT : Did you think I would forget my last birthday

USER : do you think humans should be worried about AI

BOT : No chance

USER : I want a robot friend

BOT : Why do you want a robot friend

USER : what if you could be anything you wanted

BOT : Do you wish that me could be anything me wanted

In [1]: rules

Out[1]:

{'I want (.\*)': ['What would it mean if you got {0}',

'Why do you want {0}',

"What's stopping you from getting {0}"],

'do you remember (.\*)': ['Did you think I would forget {0}',

"Why haven't you been able to forget {0}",

'What about {0}',

'Yes .. and?'],

'do you think (.\*)': ['if {0}? Absolutely.', 'No chance'],

'if (.\*)': ["Do you really think it's likely that {0}",

'Do you wish that {0}',

'What do you think about {0}',

'Really--if {0}']}

Wow! You just built your own version of ELIZA, the most famous chatbot of all!