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Project Proposal: Anime Recommender Twitter Chatbot

For the final project for this class I plan on making a twitter bot which will respond to questions regarding anime recommendations. There are multiple times that I have been stumped on what anime to watch next. Most of the time I browse through page and pages of description of different shows to watch before I land on one that I do not know if I would even like.

Because of those small annoyances of trying to search for a needle in the haystack of not-appealing shows, I know that having an anime chatbot would be useful. Additionally, there are millions of anime watchers in the world, and with that many people there are bound to be even a couple of tens or hundreds of people that are debating what they should watch next as well. With several tens of million google searches for anime every month, millions of tags for ‘#manga’ or ‘#anime’ on Instagram, and thousands of Facebook groups made solely for sharing sentiments and discussing the Japanese comic in video format, there is a definite and large market to tap into.

A twitter bot is also extremely practical because it is relatively fast and has a no-hassle responses system in place. Most people have their browsers or phones open to some sort of social media, and with that there is more of an inclusive and ease of access to ask a bot for a recommendation rather than going to a separate site to browse and/or open a new app just to ask for recommendations. Additionally, it may create a small community of people who have similar tastes and they could start conversing with each other if take a look at what other people have given the bot.