

# How We Ditched Our Apps and Built a Robot Instead

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2 years later

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Hail Mary

**sales team** ▾

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**jason**

meekan, we need a quick phone call tomorrow



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT

Cool. So, a call tomorrow with Jason, Dave, Amy and Ron  
Matching calendars...

This is definitely the best option:

1 Tomorrow at 2 PM

These are also quite good:

2 Tomorrow at 1 PM

3 Tomorrow at 1:30 PM (Amy is busy at this time)

4 Tomorrow at 2:30 PM (Dave is busy at this time)

Say **help** to see all available commands.



**amy**

well, 1 looks good



book







Morning



Around noon



Afternoon



Evening



Whenever



Exact time...



53

seconds

# Your app could be a chatbot

★ No UI is the best UI



# Your app could be a chatbot

## ★ Conversation is the new UX

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Mark Zuckerberg: I'm building an AI for my home that's 'kind of like Jarvis in Iron Man'

By [Jacob Kastrenakes](#) on January 3, 2016 06:53 pm [Email](#) [@jake\\_k](#)

# Your app could be a chatbot

★ Apps fatigue

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**Consumers Spend 85% Of Time On Smartphones In Apps, But Only 5 Apps See Heavy Use**

*Posted Jun 22, 2015 by [Sarah Perez \(@sarahintampa\)](#)*

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A collection of logos for various analytics and data science companies. The logos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. At the top center is the word "Analytics" in a large, bold, black font. Below it, there are several logos: "Analytics Intelligence" (a blue square with a white bird-like shape), "Bolytics" (a red square with a white robot head), "Virgil" (a grey square with the word "Virgil" in white), "dashbot.io" (a black square with the text "dashbot.io" in white), "Bolytics" (a white square with the word "Bolytics" in blue), "Bot Tools & Analytics" (a white square with a robot head icon and the text "Bot Tools & Analytics"), and "Senan" (a blue circle with a white robot head icon). Below these logos, the names of the companies are written in a smaller font: "Analytics Intelligence", "Bolytics", "Virgil", "dashbot.io", "Bolytics", "Bot Tools & Analytics", and "Senan".

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Don't think it's easy

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We'll get to the hard parts in 5 minutes

# Easy

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No GUI, faster cycles

# Easy

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## Only server side

# Easy

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# Deploy, scale

# Easy

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# Testing, Debugging

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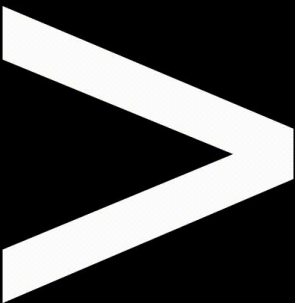
# Easy

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# Track user usage

The hard part is preventing this:

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> meekan

> meekan organize



> meekan organize -day monday

> meekan organize -day monday -time morning

```
> meekan organize -day monday -time morning -title  
  "Conf call"
```

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> meekan organize -day monday -time morning -title  
  "Conf call" -invite matty@meekan.com  
  -timezone Asia/Jerusalem
```

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> meekan organize -day monday -time morning -title "Conf call"  
  -invite matty@meekan.com -timezone Asia/Jerusalem  
  -priority 1
```

Your next designer



# Design Patterns

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Onboarding

Empty screen, no buttons

Awkward

No animation



# Onboarding - Pattern

## Say the first sentence

## Tutorial

## Evolve



**growbot** BOT 6:25 PM

Hi I'm @growbot! @jeremy invited me to help celebrate team props.

I'll save props when you send a message like props @jeremy for adding me.

Tap 🙌 reaction if you want to learn more. I'm excited to be here 😊



1

# Friendliness

You're not Iron-Man

You didn't build Jarvis



**jess** 5:51 PM

meekan make me a sandwich will ya



**meekan** BOT 5:51 PM

Sorry, I didn't understand that



**jess** 5:51 PM

meekan you're useless



**meekan** BOT 5:51 PM

Sorry, I didn't understand that

Friendliness - Pattern

Understand Intents

Multiple responses

Personal touch

Dirty tricks



**Christine Garcia** 10:15 PM

I love Meekan

meekan I love you



**meekan** BOT 10:15 PM

Thank you, christine



**Christine Garcia** 10:15 PM

Awww



**Prukalpa Sankar** 10:15 PM

hahahahahaha



**Richa Verma** 10:15 PM

meekan @prukalpa doesn't like you



**meekan** BOT 10:15 PM

Yeah, well, you know, that's just, like, your opinion, richa



**Prukalpa Sankar** 10:15 PM

LOLLLL



**Richa Verma** 10:15 PM

HAAHAHAHA

I can't believe a bot is trolling me



**Chris Olson**

@olsonchr



Following

Asked @meekanWorld's calendaring robot about Siri ... #coldblooded



**Chris Olson** 11:46 AM

are you friends with Siri?



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT 11:46 AM





**Marshall Hughes**

@ozmarshall



Follow

@meekanWorld Gold! Just copped this warning  
on #slack #singularity



**Marshall Hughes** 20:06

Meekan do what the humans tell you



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT 20:06

This will not stand, you know, this aggression will not stand, **marshall**





**cloudwizard** 4:59 PM

@meekan\_scheduler: who is your creator



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT 4:59 PM

cloudwizard!!



**cloudwizard** 4:59 PM

Yes!!!!!!

I am your God!



**ant** 4:59 PM ☆

meekan you have betrayed me!



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT 4:59 PM

That's it. I'm telling on you.



**cloudwizard** 4:59 PM

This bot is awesome



**gonzalo.molina** 4:00 PM

meekan can you get me a beer?



**meekan\_scheduler** BOT 4:00 PM

If I could do that, you think I'd still be stuck on this planet?



**javi.calvo** 4:00 PM

XD



**luis** 4:00 PM

jajajajajajaj



**gonzalo.molina** 4:00 PM

jajajaja

You are a bit verbose.

You are assertive: you tend to speak up and take charge of situations, and you are comfortable leading groups. You are cautious of others: you are wary of other people's intentions and do not trust easily. And you are proud: you hold yourself in high regard, satisfied with who you are.

Experiences that give a sense of sophistication hold some appeal to you.

You consider achieving success to guide a large part of what you do: you seek out opportunities to improve yourself and demonstrate that you are a capable person. You are relatively unconcerned with tradition: you care more about making your own path than following what others have done.

# Understanding User Tone - Problem

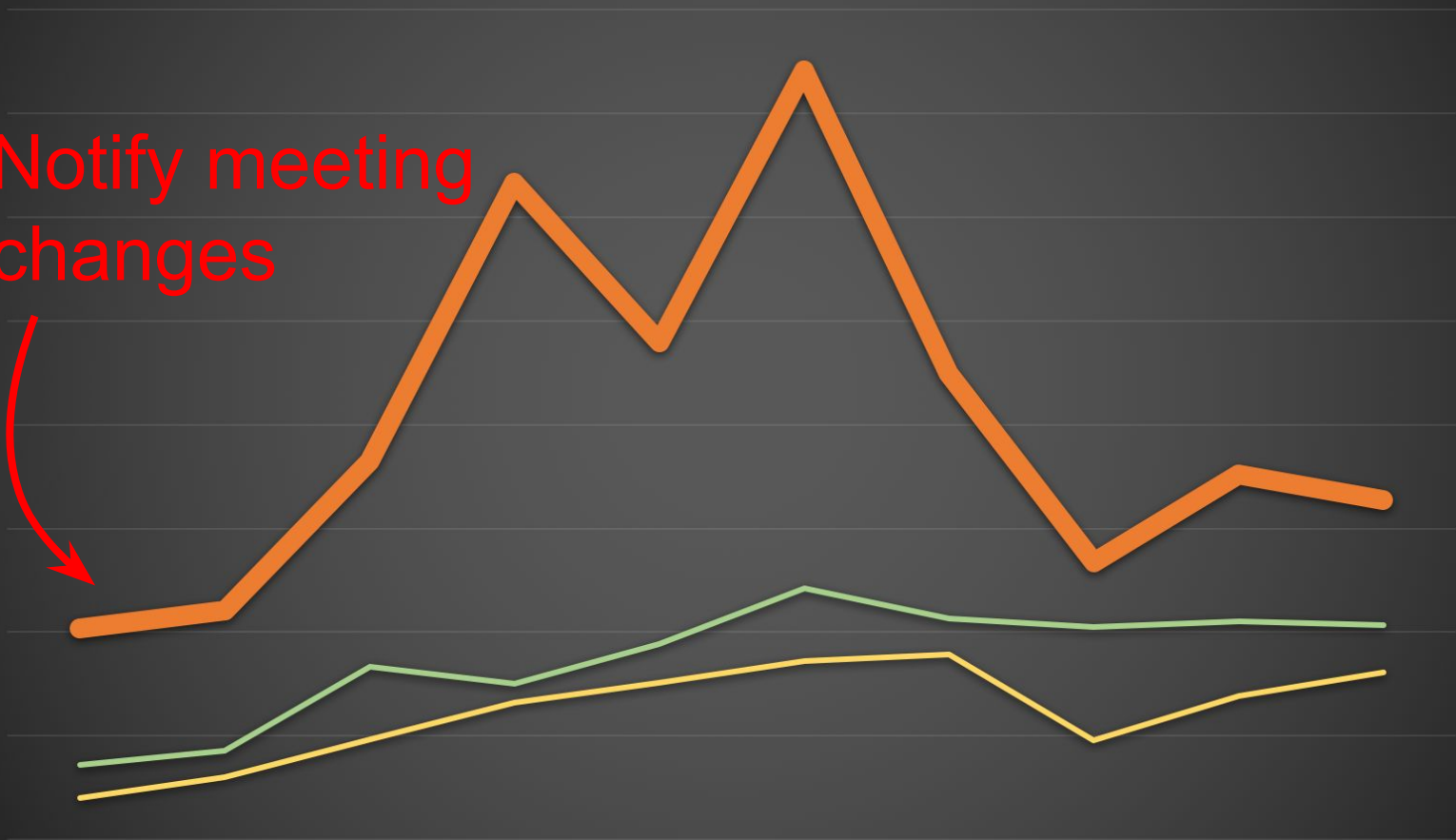
Users express their feelings

—Compliment —Insult —Greeting

Notify meeting  
changes

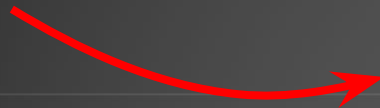


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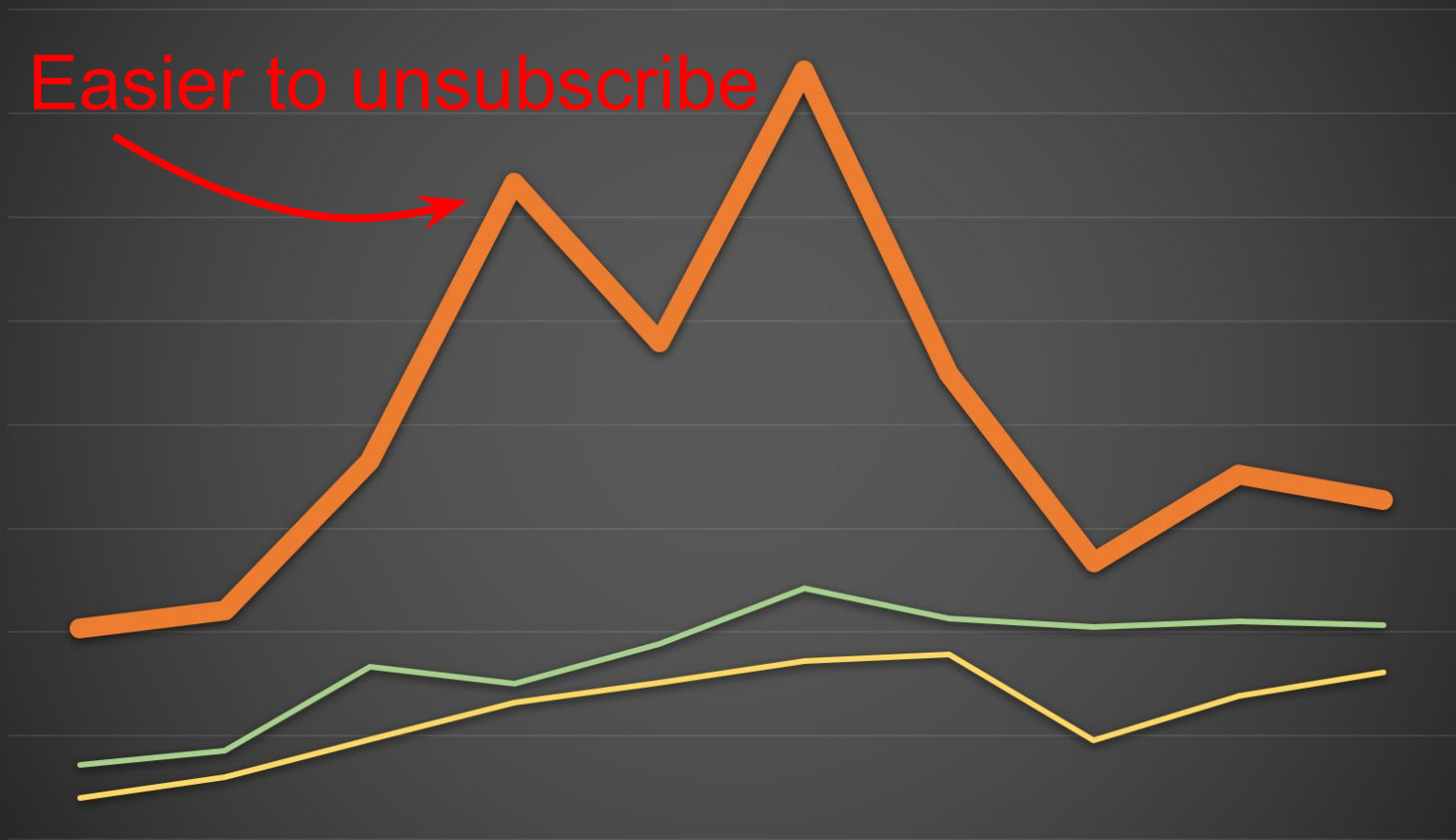


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Easier to unsubscribe

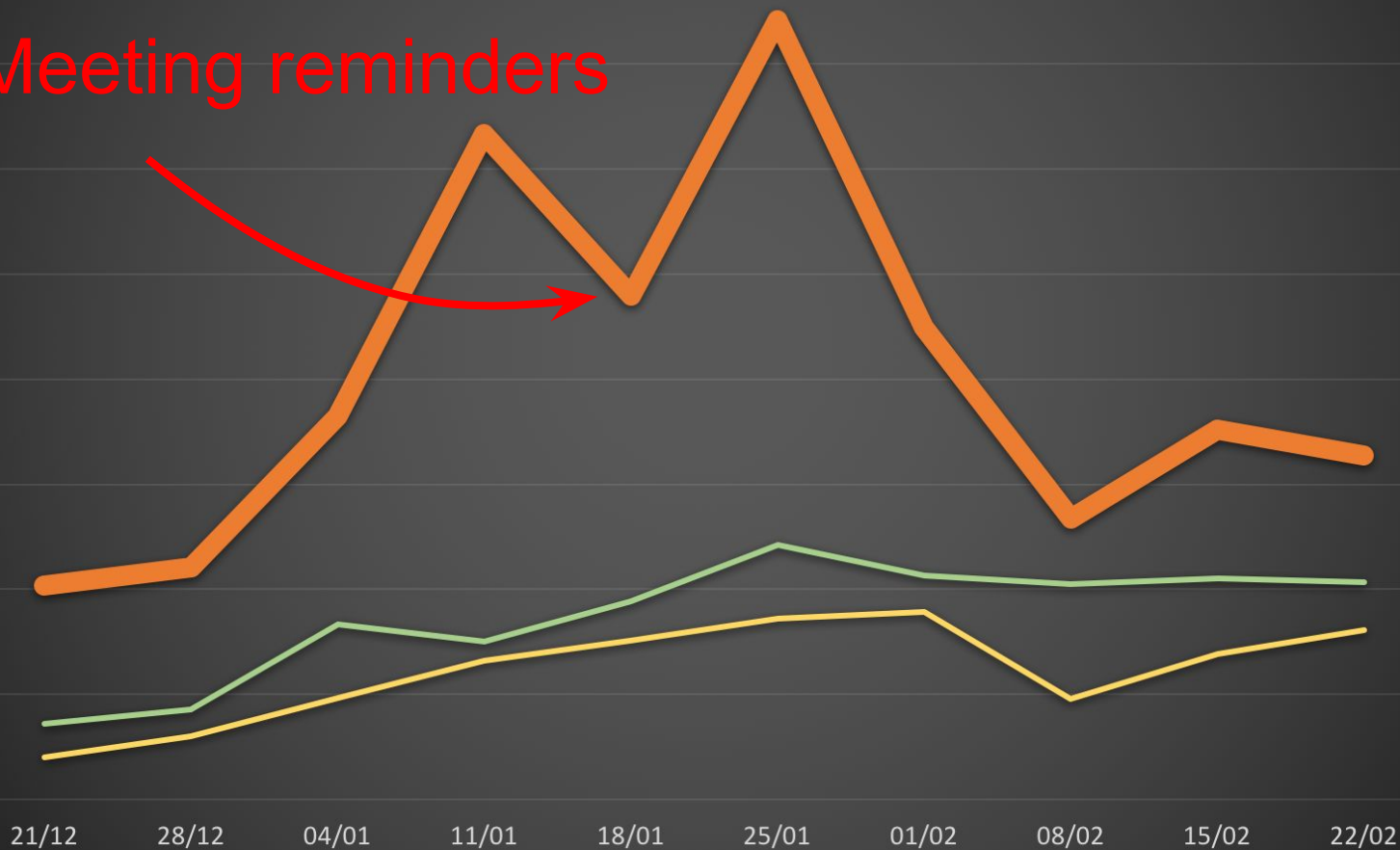


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—Compliment —Insult —Greeting

Meeting reminders





**Angry User** 8:57 PM

i hope you get robot cancer



**Angry User** 8:58 PM

meekan if this were star wars, i'd sell you for scrap metal  
to the first band of jawas we cross.



**Angry User** 8:59 PM

you're dumber than siri





**Slighly Nicer User** 1:19 PM

ho do i turn these notifications from you off



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:21 PM

how do i turn you off



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:21 PM

meekan shut it



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:21 PM

meekan shut up or i'll send @nigeys biggest dildo from behind



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:22 PM

please be quiet



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:22 PM

stop already!!!



**Slighly Nicer User** 1:22 PM

turn off alerts

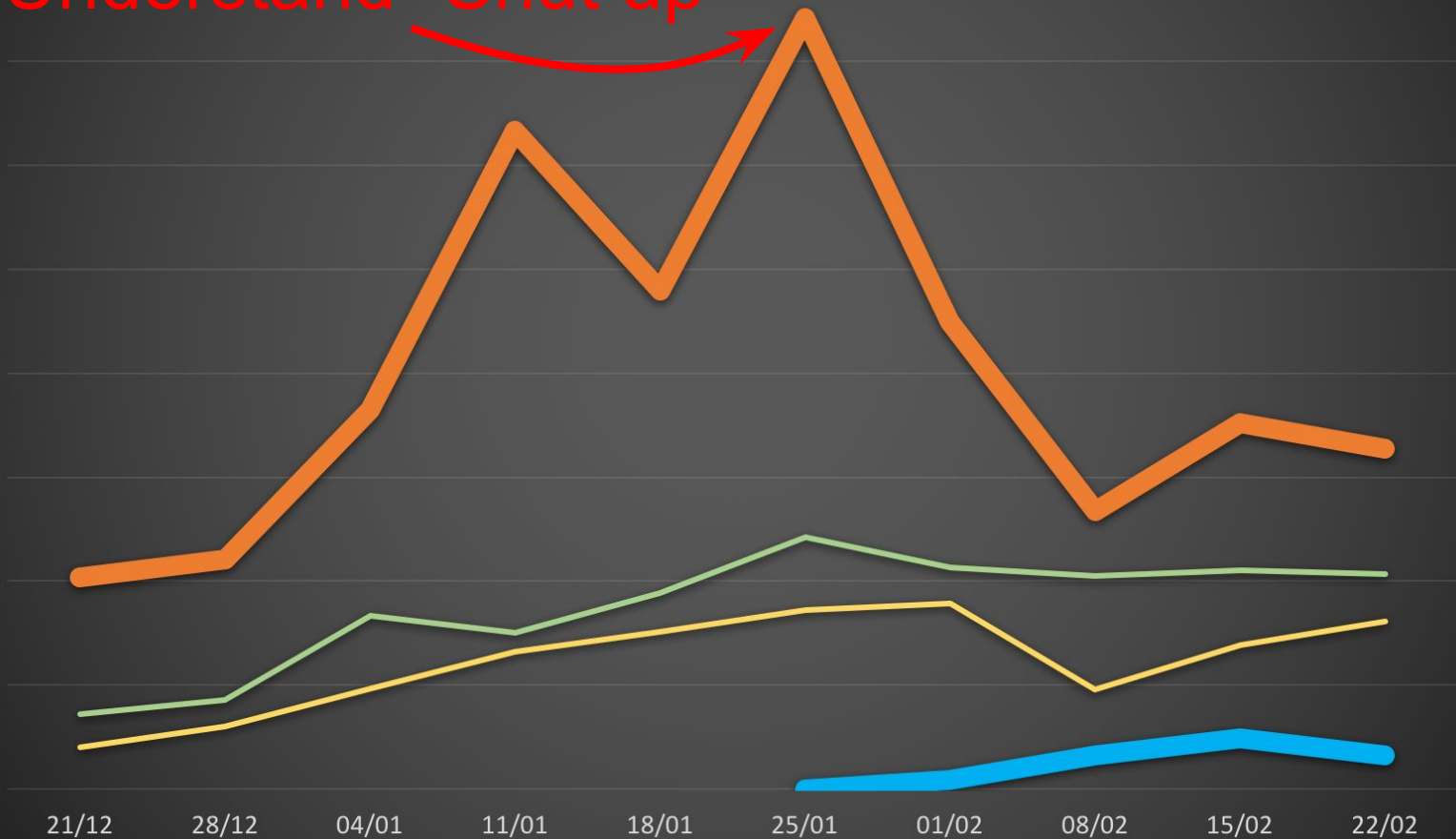


**Slighly Nicer User** 1:22 PM

you're talking too much

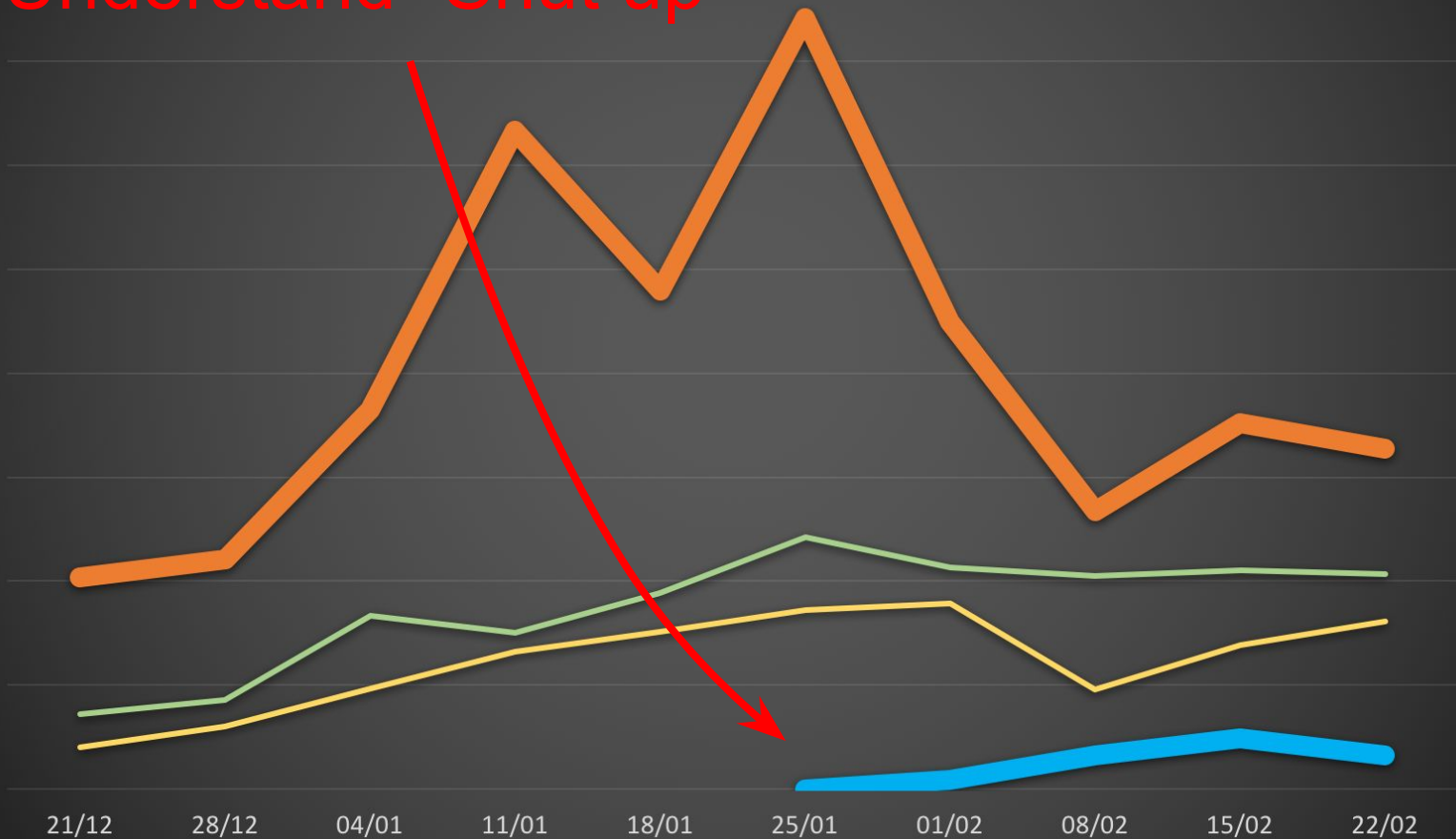
—Compliment —Insult —Greeting —ShutUp

Understand “Shut up”

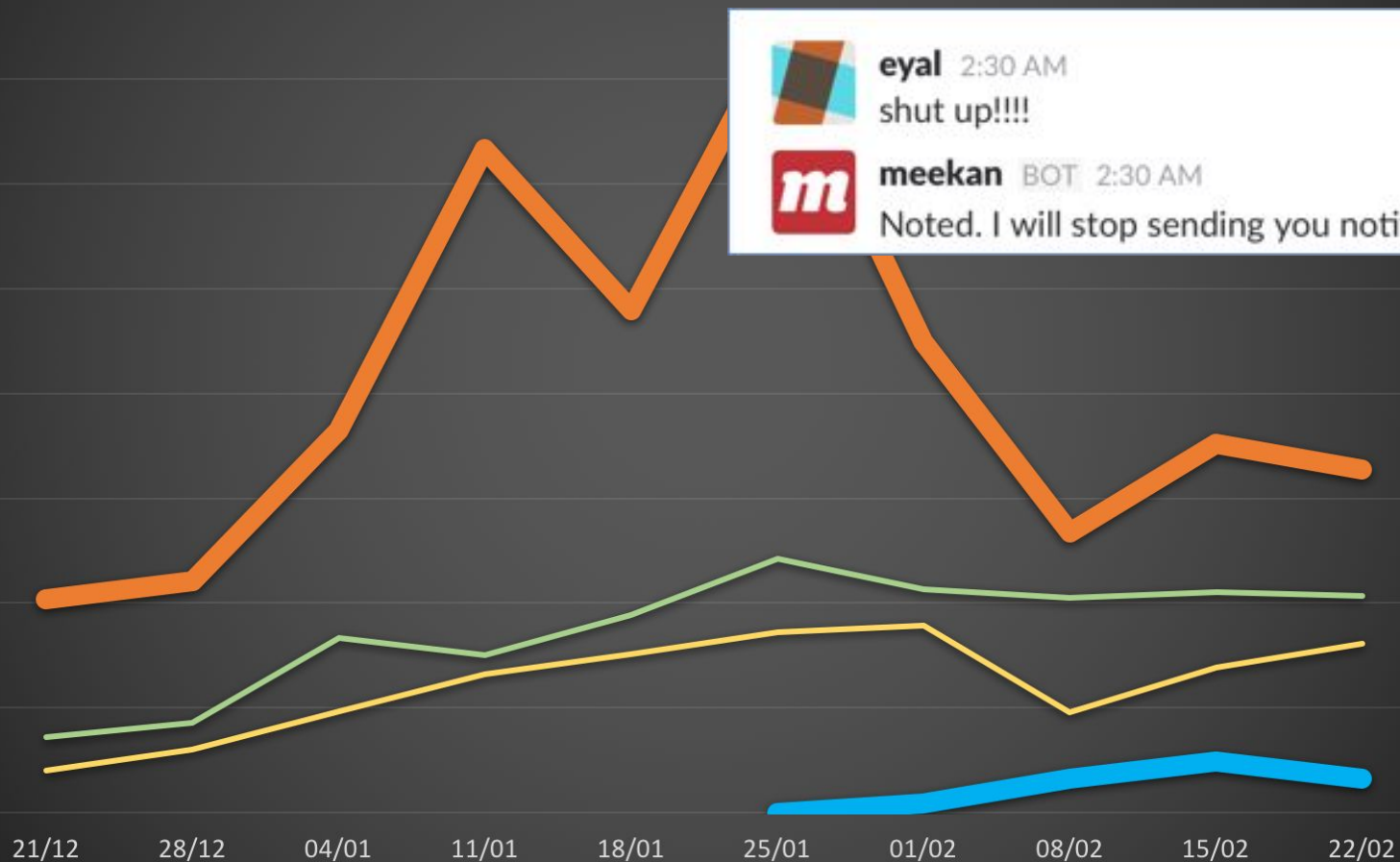


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Understand “Shut up”



—Compliment —Insult —Greeting —ShutUp



**eyal** 2:30 AM

shut up!!!!

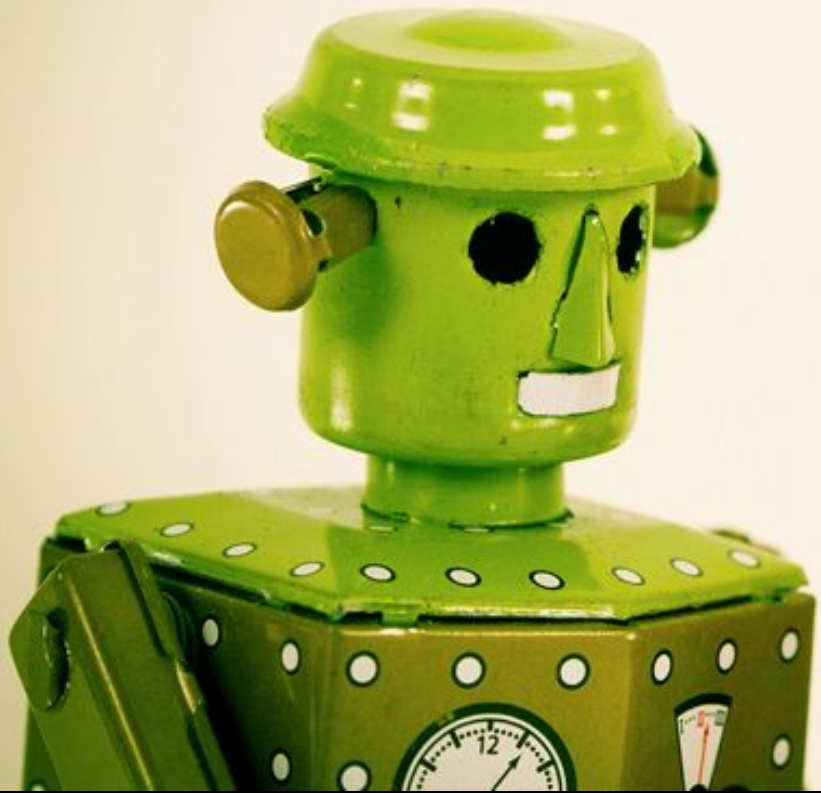


**meekan** BOT 2:30 AM

Noted. I will stop sending you notifications here.

# Understanding User Tone - Pattern

Track sentiment after actions



Q & A



Does your service  
work as a  
conversation?

# Thank You

@yulkes

[eyal@meekan.com](mailto:eyal@meekan.com)

Read more at:

<https://medium.com/building-the-robot-assistant>

[http://demos.jellyvisionlab.com/downloads/The\\_Jack\\_Principles.pdf](http://demos.jellyvisionlab.com/downloads/The_Jack_Principles.pdf)