# Al Project - Chatbot

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### Overview

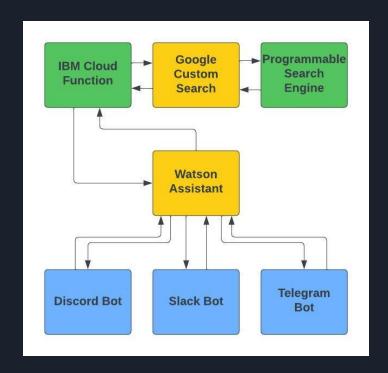
<u>Issue</u>: Many college students face challenges accessing textbooks due to their high costs.

- Financial barriers such as this can hinder students from achieving academic success and limits their learning opportunities.
- The internet has revolutionized information accessibility, but despite the vast amounts of online resources, finding free textbook alternatives remains a significant challenge for students

<u>Solution</u>: We created a chatbot powered by natural language processing to empower students to discover and access textbooks in PDF format seamlessly

## Tech Stack

- 1. Language: Python
- 2. Chatbot Platforms: Discord, Slack, Telegram
- 3. APIs: Watson Assistant, Google Custom Search
- 4. Serverless Computing: IBM Cloud Function
- 5. Google Programmable Search Engine



## Watson Assistant

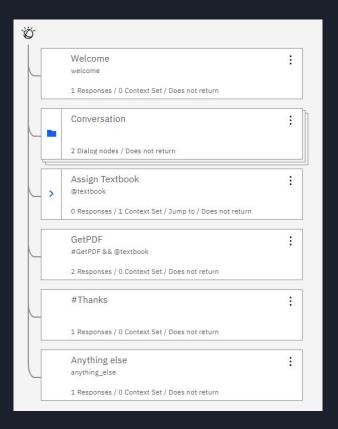
#### Intents:

#### Webhooks:

- #Greeting IBM Cloud Function
- #GetName
- #GetPDF
- #Thanks

#### **Entities:**

- @authors
- @textbook
- @username



## Limitations

#### Google Custom Search:

- Free: 100 searches per day

#### IBM Cloud Function:

- Deprecation: Will not be supported October 2024

## Future Improvements

#### **Better Search Queries:**

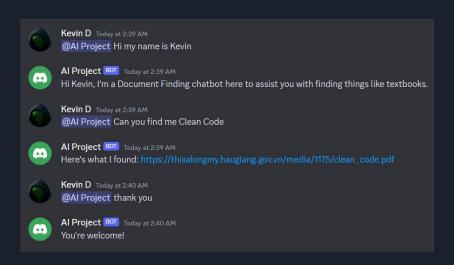
- Watson Assistant only passes the @textbook entity as a parameter
- For better results, we may also add the @author entity to the parameters

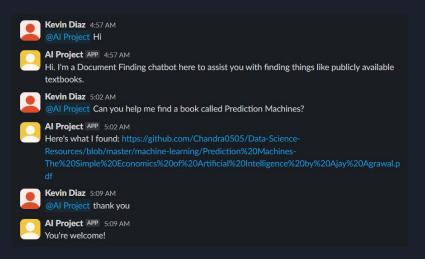
#### More Functionality:

- Google Custom Search API has more capabilities beyond finding links on the web:
  - Images
  - Specific File Types
  - Search results ranking
  - Search within specific websites

# Bot Functionality

Users would be able to mention the bot's name within the channel and use natural language to ask for the textbook / document that they are searching for.





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