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| BOT  PLATFORMS | |  | DISTRIBUTION SERVICES | | | | |  | CREATION SERVICES | | | |
| Userbase | | Interaction  Mechanisms | Discovery | Monetization | Software Foundations | | | Developer Ecosystem |
| Size | Cost for Users | Cost / License | Tools / Technologies | Platforms |
| SLACK | | 6M daily &  2M paid users  (2017) | Free  Paid | Text  Commands GUI | App Directory | X | Free | Web Api  RTM Api | Slack | ✓ |
| M  I  C  R  O  S  O  F  T | TEAMS | 125,000 teams  (2017) | Paid | Text Commands GUI | Bot Directory | X | MICROSOFT BOT FRAMEWORK | | | |
| OSS | Bot Builder  Bot Connector  Azure Bot Services  .Net (C#),  Node.js,  Rest SDKs | Multiple | ✓ |
| SKYPE | 3M monthly users (2017) | Free  Paid | Speech  Text Commands  GUI | ✓ |
| HIPCHAT (ATLASSIAN) | | 90,000 paid users (2017) | Paid | Text  Commands | Marketplace | ? | X | | | |
| MESSENGER  (FACEBOOK) | | 1.2B monthly users (2017) | Free | Text  Commands GUI | FB Pages  Bot Explorer  QR Codes | ✓ | Free | Webhooks  APIs  Design Kit  Wit.ai | Facebook | X |
| WECHAT / WEIXIN | | 889M monthly users (2016) | Free | Speech  Text  Commands GUI | QR Codes | ✓ | X | | | |
| TELEGRAM | | 100M monthly users (2017) | Free | Text  Commands  GUI | Bot Store | ✓ | OSS | Bot API  Telegram API  BotFather | Telegram | X |
| KIK | | 15M monthly users (2017) | Free | Text  Commands GUI | Bot Shop  QR Codes | X | Free | API | Kik | X |
| OTHER TECHNOLOGIES | | *(Bot Hosting Platforms)*  Alexa  Echo  Cortana  Line  Android  Discord  Cisco Spark  Messages  Viber  Intercom  Allo  Twilio  SMS  Web | | *(Extending Interactions)*  Cloud Platform Speech + NL,  Watson Conversation,  Alexa Voice Service,  Luis  Cognitive Services | *(Bot Directories)*  BotList  ChatBottle  BotMakers | *(Payment SDKs)*  Paypal  Stripe |  | *(Bot Building Tools)*  Api.ai  PandoraBots  ChatFuel  Rebotifyl  BotKit  Automat  MindMeld  Gupshup  Squel  FlowXo  Botsify |  | *(Online Communities)*  BotMakers  PandoraBot  Chatbots.org  Chatbots Magazine  Stack Overflow |