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| BOT  PLATFORMS | |  | DISTRIBUTION SERVICES | | | | |  | CREATION SERVICES | | | |
| Userbase | | Interaction  Mechanisms | Discovery | Monetization  (Collecting Payment from Users) | Software Foundations | | | Developer Community |
| Size | Cost for Users | Cost / License | Tools / Technologies | Platforms |
| SLACK  (https://slack.com/) | | 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  (https://teams.microsoft.com) | 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  (https://www.skype.com) | 3M monthly users (2017) | Free  Paid | Speech  Text Commands  GUI | ✓ |
| HIPCHAT  (https://www.hipchat.com/) | | 90,000 paid users (2017) | Paid | Text  Commands | Marketplace | ? | X | | | |
| MESSENGER  (https://www.messenger.com/) | | 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  (https://web.wechat.com/) | | 889M monthly users (2016) | Free | Speech  Text  Commands GUI | QR Codes | ✓ | X | | | |
| TELEGRAM  (https://telegram.org/) | | 100M monthly users (2017) | Free | Text  Commands  GUI | Bot Store | ✓ | OSS | Bot API  Telegram API  BotFather | Telegram | X |
| KIK  (https://www.kik.com/) | | 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  MindMeld.com | *(Bot Directories)*  BotList.co  ChatBottle.co  BotMakers.org | *(Payment SDKs)*  Paypal.com  Stripe.com |  | *(Bot Building Tools)*  Api.ai  PandoraBots.com  ChatFuel.com  Rebotify.com  BotKit.ai  Gupshup  Squel  FlowXo  Botsify  MockBot.com |  | *(Online Communities)*  BotMakers  PandoraBot  Chatbots.org  ChatbotsMagazine.com  Stack Overflow |