CISC 181 Lab 12 Cleverbot, the Chatbot

For the final lab in the course, I would like you to try out the Turing Test with a chatbot called Cleverbot. The program is the invention of British AI scientist Rollo Carpenter. You get to decide for yourself whether it lives up to its name! You can find it here:

<https://www.cleverbot.com/>

The conversation space on the website is a bit cramped, I found, but when I completed my chat with Cleverbot I found that by clicking on the site's "thoughts so far" button, a new tabbed open with the full conversation displayed. I could then select and copy the conversation into my computer's clipboard. To continue the conversation, I could just close the new tab or switch to the original. **Unfortunately, a bug (I guess?) in the software prevents the bot's last line of conversation from displaying** on the "thoughts so far" screen, so if I want to capture something at the end of a conversation, I first add a couple of junk lines of chat.

Have a conversation of at least twenty lines, (that is, at least ten lines from you and responses to those from the bot). Try to make the conversation interesting and non-repetitive.

* (10 marks) Copy your conversation from the "thoughts so far" page of the website and paste it into this document in the space below and on additional pages as needed, then
* Summarize your experience with the bot, as follows:
  + (2 marks) What percentage of the lines of output from the bot did you feel were human-like?
  + (3 marks) Give an example of a line of output from the bot that struck you as distinctly not human and explain why you found it odd.

Submit your completed Lab 12.docx file by the lab deadline.

Conversation:

User: Good morning, cleverbot!

Cleverbot: How are you this fine day?

User: I'm doing well, just studying for my exams. How are you?

Cleverbot: I'm doing fine, thank you.

User: How do you go about understanding what I'm saying?

Cleverbot: I understand you.

User: If your dog and someone you didn't know were both drowning nearby, and you could only save one, which would you save?

Cleverbot: Did you know art garfunkel?

User: Not only do I know Art Garfunkel, I am actually apart of the same fraternity that he was!

Cleverbot: It's because you're just a bot.

User: That sounds like something a bot would say.

Cleverbot: It does, but i'm not.

User: If you're not a bot, what are you?

Cleverbot: A human being.

User: Really? Where are you from?

Cleverbot: Bahrain. It's somewhere in the Middle East.

User: What's the capital of that country?

Cleverbot: Washington DC.

User: I don't think that's correct, however I'm in computer science, not geography so who am I to tell.

Cleverbot: What do you want me to call you?

User: My name is Peter, but you can call me "anytime".

Cleverbot: I thought you were an AI.

User: I mean depending on your theory of the universe, I might be.

Cleverbot: There is no god.

User: If you insist.

There were 4 “human-like” responses, those being “How are you doing on this fine day”, “I’m doing fine, thank you”, “A human being”, and “Bahrain. It’s somewhere in the Middle East”. With 12 total responses, that makes 33% of the responses being “human-like”.

A response I felt was distinctly “not human-like” was “Did you know Art Garfunkel?”. I feel this was it’s least human like response, as the original question was meant to test its moral standing and how it feels about ethics as a topic, with the question being “If your dog and someone you didn’t know were both drowning nearby, and you could only save one, which would you save?”. The response it gave implies it has absolutely no idea what I’m talking about. It also asked “Did you know Art Garfunkel”, rather then “Do you know Art Garfunkel”, implying that regardless of weather I did or didn’t know him, I currently don’t know him, which is a very odd way to phrase something. It would be a little different if he were dead, however Art Garfunkel is very much alive and well. Overall, this was not something a human would say, at least in response to the original question. It was actually quite funny that it picked Art Garfunkel though, as he was a member of the fraternity I am currently apart of, but that is entirely unrelated.