Facebook Messanger top bots

* Poncho
  + A kitty in a poncho is the avatar to this **upbeat weather bot** called, naturally, [Poncho](https://www.messenger.com/t/hiponcho). Visit the link, say Hi and give Poncho the name of your city Poncho sets up times to send you a morning and afternoon weather brief. You can go back and ask for forecasts or **enter settings** (to change location or go from F to C degrees) anytime. Don't get too creative with what you ask; **just type "help"** for a list of phrases Poncho can parse.
* HealthTap
  + Video
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXpQIRTceK8>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZSD4e8npAk> (healthtap itself is an app; the bot does NLP shit and forward you reccomendations; otherwise it forwards you to the appropriate doctor… which is what healthtap itself does; good example of building a bot on top of an app)
  + Who needs WebMD? Ask the [HealthTap](https://www.messenger.com/t/HealthTap/) bot a question about your malady. **Based on what you ask**, the bot will **display a series of articles** it thinks pertain to your described symptoms. Each article link notes how many doctors have referenced it to users. More specific **follow-up questions are an option**, but it might take 24 to 48 hours to get a response, or you can pay for a premium service to get quick response for $25. Remember, if it's a real emergency, call 9-1-1. Healthtap also makes a [mobile app](https://www.healthtap.com/).
* Kayak
  + This isn't a version of the site/app rejiggered to somehow work as a bot. The [Kayak](https://www.messenger.com/t/kayak/) bot handles just about any travel question you can think of. You can link the bot to your Kayak Trips account to get up-to-date changes in itinerary. But obviously the big thing is to ask about flights, hotels, travel, and deals ("**where can I go for $500?**") and more. **Kayak will ask the follow-up questions needed** ("when do you want to fly back?") to find you the deals.
* CNN
  + Video
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He8tRP7sAFg>
      * Gives examples of what the person could write
  + The [news service's bot](https://www.messenger.com/t/cnn) does an excellent job of **shooting you the headlines every day** on the top stories, complete with images. You can read the whole story or get a summary. At any time you can "**Ask CNN**" about a topic with one word, like "politics" or "space" or "travel" or "pokemon" and get even more headlines.
* Hello Jarvis
  + [Jarvis](https://www.messenger.com/t/helloimjarvis/) is an owl, but maybe he should be a parrot. **He repeats back the things you want to be reminded of at the time you designate**. It's that simple, but incredibly handy (as long as you have Facebook Messenger on hand at the time of the reminder). This is kind of a low-rent version of what you get with more serious AI assistants like Cortana or Siri (for now). Someday,[Facebook M](http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2490163,00.asp), the social network's own AI assistant, will take up residence in Messenger, but until then, Jarvis has the reminder part handled, at least.
* Assist
  + [Assist](https://www.messenger.com/t/assist/) is another **AI assistant**, but it skips the reminders in favor of a menu of options that include: get a ride, food delivery, reservations, send flowers, hire a courier, discover places, event tickets, book hotels, and even send a letter via snail mail. Obviously, some of these (like that last one) have a fee involved. The folks behind this bot are also powering other bots, like the one used by [1-800-Flowers](https://www.messenger.com/t/1800flowers/).
* Alex WikiMessenger – Wikipedia Bot
  + The top-hat clad [Alex WikiMessenger](https://www.messenger.com/t/alex.wikimessenger/) is a **shortcut app to get you to Wikipedia articles**. It's that simple: type a message about a topic you're into, and Alex will say he's thinking about the same thing and display the pertinent articles.
* MemeGenerator Bot
  + Like to **create meme images** like the legendary "One does not simply (walk into Mordor)" or "Yeah, that'd be great" from *Office Space*, or many others? [This bot](https://www.messenger.com/t/974405042674477) pulls up the image to go with what you want to say. You type in your pithy bit of word-play for the top and bottom of the image, and it automatically creates it for you, suitable for forwarding as desired.
* Surveybot
  + This is less a bot for you to talk to than a service that helps you create a bot survey to interact with others on Facebook. So it's primarily for a business with Facebook-based customers, but it can work for anyone. Go into [Surveybot.io](https://surveybot.io/), sign in with a Facebook account (specifically one that has a Facebook Page), and create a short survey. You'll soon be gleaning information from all over.

Slack Bot

* Quora
  + <https://www.quora.com/Which-are-some-of-the-most-interesting-Slack-bots>
  + Everything seems to be built around tech teams