

Getting started with Conversational AI

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Artificial Intelligence refers to machines that mimic human intelligence to perform tasks and can iteratively improve themselves based on the information they collect.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

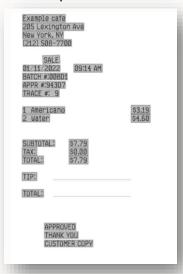
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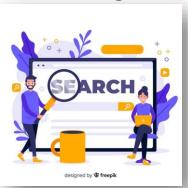
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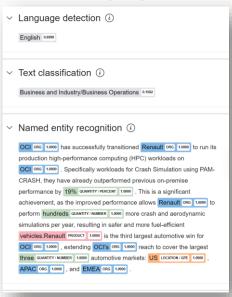
Receipt extraction



Search engines



Language



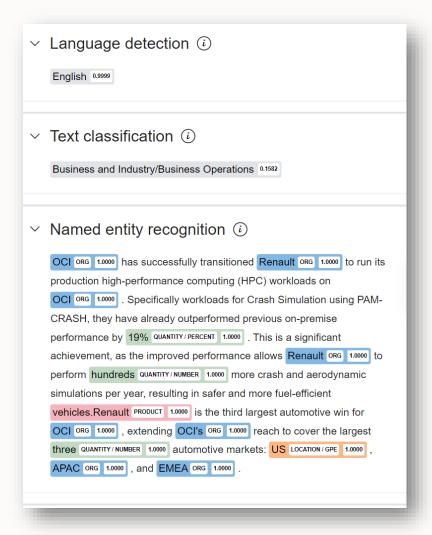
Face recognition





What is Artificial Intelligence?

Processing (NLP) tries to understand text or voice, in the same way that humans do!



What is Conversational Al

The Conversational Al is when we apply Al in a conversational interaction with a human.

Conversational AI is a subset of AI that focuses on a conversational interaction with a human.

Chatbots, digital assistants, virtual assistants are all forms of conversational Al.

It uses subdomains of AI, like NLP, Machine and Deep Learning, to create a conversational experience.

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Chatbot vs Digital Assistant

Chatbot

- Single purpose
- User initiated
- Simple interactions

Digital Assistant

- A Digital Assistant recommends or completes tasks beyond simple conversations
- Multipurpose
- Intelligent routing
- Complex cross-domain interactions
- Contextually aware
- Proactive, can initiate interactions

What does a waiter have in common with a digital assistant?

Welcomes guests and asks them what they want

Makes recommendations

Asks for needed information

Communicates with the backend services

kitchen and bar

Understands context

"Knowns what you like if you are a regular customer "

Proactive

Wine finished: "Would you like more?"



Is Artificial Intelligence all we need?

Artificial Intelligence and machine learning alone do not make a digital assistant

Application security

Backend integration

Conversation analytics

Conversation design

FAQ integration

Human agent integration

Model training

Multi channel support and integration

Multi language support

Structured data input

Quality testing for utterances and conversations

Utterance sourcing

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What is an intent?

Find a slot for a zoom meeting with Steve Bennett on Friday at 10 am

What is an intent?

something

somebody

sometíme

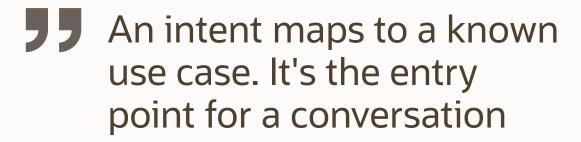
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Intent

User wants to set up a meeting



What is an intent?



An intent is resolved for a set of related messages that a machine has previously seen during training or sees for the first time

In natural language processing, intents are mapped to conversations a user wants to have

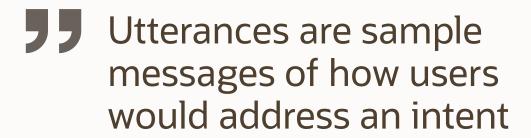
Identifying the intent is the first step in conversational Al

What are utterances?

Different ways to set up a meeting

Send a calendar invite for Wednesday 11 am to 12 pm for a meeting For January 12 2022 at 10 am for 2 hours create an invite for a zoom I want to meet Sarah Pa from 9 am to 2 pm to discuss sales forecast Invite Ben Sanders for annual 101 on Monday at 2 pm for 45 minutes I am meeting Mariah on Feb 10 2022 on zoom at 3 pm for 1 ½ hours Block my calendar on June 1 2022 from 8 am – 4 pm for an offsite

What are utterances?



Represent real user messages

Must be curated to avoid bias or blurring

Intents should be neither undertrained nor overtrained

What is an entity?

Entity DATE

Find a slot for a zoom meeting with Steve Bennett on Friday at 10 am



What is an entity?

Extracts information from user messages

Can be

- real-world objects like person, order, product, location, date, account etc.
- business domain specific like products, merchants, etc.

Have a name that is unique within the chatbot, as well as a type and optional properties to set

May be referenced by multiple values (synonyms)

NER (named entity extraction) is the process of finding entity values in a user message

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Conversation design

Practice of making Al assistants more helpful and natural when they talk to humans

Makes the conversation engaging

Reduces the chances of ambiguity

Guides the user in turn taking and expectations

Strategies for dealing with "falling off the happy path"



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