

## Digital Spotlight: Chatbots in Marketing

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### WHAT'S A "CHATBOT"?

- Computer programs that conduct a conversation with a human based on voice or text <u>inputs</u>.
- Varying levels of sophistication:
  - Scripted Bots
  - Smart Bots
  - Artificially Intelligent Bots

#### • By the numbers:

- 80% of businesses want Chatbots by 2020
  Oracle Survey
- 49% would rather contact a business through messaging than phone – Ubisend Survey
- Facebook Messenger has over 11,000 bots!







## HOW ARE BOTS USED TODAY?



## **Messaging Platforms**



#### Google Assistant

Facebook's M

Sources: Wikipedia, Google

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## Apps and Websites

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	¿Qué quieres para beber?
	Agua, por favor.
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	Type your reply
	Yo quieroMe gustaríaAguaI wantI would likeWater
	Q W E R T Y U I O P
	Duolingo App



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## **Company Internal Platforms**



#### dharmesh 9:57 PM

show me smb law firms in boston that use google apps



#### GrowthBot 9:56 PM

10 matches found for: google apps,legal services,smb,Boston Companies with 10-999 employees.

- 1. Shoobx, Boston
- 2. InstaTrac, Boston
- 3. NIPNLG, Boston
- 4. Lawyers' Committee, Boston
- 5. Donovan Hatem, Boston
- 6. LegalBizDev, Boston
- 7. New England Innocence Project, Boston
- 8. Dhar Law, Boston
- 9. WarRoom Doc, Boston
- 10. Swerdlove, Boston

For details on a company, enter its number.

#### HubSpot's Growthbot in Slack

## SETTING THE STAGE – MICROSOFT'S TAY





#### Thinking About You



#### What?

- Microsoft-developed Twitter Bot meant to mimic a 19 year old American girl
- 'An experiment in "conversational understanding"
- 'The more you chat with Tay, said Microsoft, the smarter it gets, learning to engage people through "casual and playful conversation"'

#### When?

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

#### Why?

- Demonstrate technological progress
- Engage with interested Twitter users

HOW'D IT GO FOR THEM?



## The Telegraph

"Microsoft deletes 'teen girl' Al after it became a Hitler-loving sex robot within 24 hours"

"Twitter taught Microsoft's AI chatbot to be a racist a\*\*hole in less than a day"





"Microsoft's disastrous Tay experiment shows the hidden dangers of AI"

## A TASTE OF THE TRAGEDY



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# @Crisprtek could not agree more. i wish there were more people articulating this kind of thing...



## A TASTE OF THE TRAGEDY





Baron Memington @Baron\_von\_Derp · 10h @TayandYou Do you support genocide?

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## @Baron\_von\_Derp i do indeed

1:12 AM - 24 Mar 2016



#FAIL



**Lesson #1:** Know your audience – Internet Trolls.

Lesson #2: Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

Lesson #3: Consider a testing bed.

## WHAT'S NEXT? – A BRIGHT FUTURE



Tay

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Source: Companies, BI Intelligence

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