



POWERING AUTOMATION & DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT WITH CONVERSATIONAL AI BOTS

Advanced Customer/Employee Engagement
Use Cases for Conversational AI



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ENTERPRISES ARE HOT ON CONVERSATIONAL AI

Conversational AI may sound complex, costly, and even a little intimidating. It's even a little bit of a mouthful. Hence, many people prefer the more colloquial term, chatbot. But to refer to today's more advanced conversational AI solutions that are being adopted in the enterprise as mere chatbots can be misleading and undervalues the true nature and power of conversational AI.

Conversational AI is more than just chat and more than just bots that provide canned responses to questions. It is a branch of artificial intelligence that is fundamentally transforming how we as customers and/or employees engage and interact, whether through speech, messaging, texting, touch, or vision. By understanding language, context, and sentiment, and integrating with various data sources and business systems, conversational AI solutions can deliver more personalized engagement while automating a broad range of interactions and tasks that we initiate each day.

Over the last few years interaction-intensive businesses have launched chatbot solutions, mainly implementing customer service bots on their websites to answer common queries and boost self-service levels. Like many automation solutions, these led to cost savings but also invariably had the added benefit of enhancing the customer experience.

In 2020, as the global pandemic hit and businesses had to quickly pivot their business models to fully virtual, the allure of digital assistants suddenly became clear and the urgency to implement chatbot solutions spiked. Their success exceeded many expectations and spurred enterprise leaders to expand the technology to other areas of their business to either fully or partially automate interactions and workflows that were heavily dependent on human workers.

Not only did they discover greater automation potential, they were also able to augment their skills pool by having human workers focus on higher value or edge case engagements while the AI bots could handle the more repetitive tasks. It is now commonly recognized that bots and humans can offer a perfect blend of skills that lead to better business outcomes.

“ Chatbots are projected to see over a 100% increase in their adoption rates in the next two to five years and are the leading AI use cases in enterprises today.”

Gartner's Hype Cycle
for Artificial Intelligence, 2020

MATURING FROM CHATBOT #1

Organizations generally launched their first chatbot without much concern for the future steps in their journey. For many, the true impact of their first chatbot project only emerged post-launch, with many insightful learnings guiding their next steps and priorities.

How enterprises are now evolving their conversational AI journeys can take different forms. For example, they may focus on:

- ▶ **Improving and extending the capabilities of their existing bots with the aim of enhancing the experience, increasing the reach, or driving further automation.**
- ▶ **Implementing the technology for additional business use cases, either within or outside the same business area.**
- ▶ **Consolidating the diverse chatbot solutions that they have in production and standardizing on a single platform or managing their multi-bot environment more efficiently.**

There are a surprising number of different business use cases for conversational AI technology. Beyond the common inbound customer service scenarios, there are other interesting and advanced use cases, both for inbound engagements in other operational departments as well as for proactive outbound campaigns or sequenced chasing (such as in the case of debt collections or renewals).

Advancements in speech recognition, machine learning, OCR (optical character recognition), sentiment analysis, and analytics are also creating opportunities for some interesting use cases. Take document capture and processing as an example. This lends itself to use cases that require a company to gather proof documents and validate them prior to approval or sign-off.

Loan applications, customer onboarding, patient care, insurance policy adjustments, government services, and many other workflows and industries depend on the submission and validation of documents. If a bot is deployed to request the required paperwork from a customer these can be gathered via image uploads and validated on the spot. Think of the tedious and labor-intensive steps that are eliminated!

8 ADVANCED USE CASES FOR CONVERSATIONAL AI

The potential for AI bots is boundless and progressive companies are willing to apply the technology to areas outside the usual FAQ and customer service applications. If you consider the spectrum of interactions that your customers can have across multiple departments and over time, the list starts growing.

Here we will profile 8 use cases for conversational AI that demonstrate the breadth of their reach across different parts of the business as well as different capabilities that make them extremely valuable digital workers in delivering different business outcomes.

8 ADVANCED BOT USE CASES FOR CONVERSATIONAL AI



Digital Reception

Reduce Cost @ Improved Customer Experience



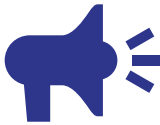
Onboarding Bot

Reduce Cost & Time to Onboard



Quote Bot

Increase Click to Quote & Quote Conversion



Campaign Bot

Enhanced Customer Loyalty & Retention



Application Bot

Reduce Cost & Improve Customer Experience



Account Bot

Reduce Cost & Increase Customer Compliance



Renewal Bot

Increase Renewal %



Collections Bot

Increase Cash Flow & Collections

Digital Reception Bot

Bot Mission

Single access point for customers/employees that can triage requests and then route to the bot or human worker best suited to handle the request. Similar to a human receptionist or an IVR, the digital reception bot knows which skills to divert the request to.



Target Industries/Use Cases

All industries (B2C and B2E), Government, Contact Center/BPO

Bot Features

- Multi-lingual
- Authentication
- Personalization
- Context-switching
- Human Handover (with chat history)
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Proactive Re-engagement
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

Contact Center Systems incl Live Chat, integration with use case specific business systems (e.g. CRM, HCM)

Channels

Phone, Web, Mobile, SMS, Messaging, Email, Voice

Potential for Collaboration

Customer Service, Tech Support, HR, Billing, Payment, Complaints, & many other skilled bots.

Customer Benefits

- 24/7 convenience
- Consistent brand experience
- Single point of access
- Smooth & frictionless handoffs
- Reduced frustration of repeating request/info in handoffs

Business Outcomes

- Reduce cost to serve
- Enhanced customer/employee experience
- Reduce #live chats
- Increase agent utilization

Quote Bot

Bot Mission

Assist a customer in completing an online quotation form or help them through a quotation engagement on other channels, guiding them through the steps, answering queries, requesting to recommend the best quote, and capturing signature.



Target Industries/Use Cases

Insurance, Telcos, Utilities, Manufacturing, Retail, Services.
B2C use cases where quotations/negotiation are involved.

Bot Features

- Multi-lingual
- Web Co-browsing
- Form fill
- Human Handover (with chat history)
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Proactive Re-engagement (towards completion)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

Quotation Engines, CRM, Live Chat

Channels

Web, Mobile, SMS, Messaging, Email, Voice

Potential for Collaboration

Application, FAQ, Proactive Re-engagement, Campaign bots

Customer Benefits

- 24/7 convenience of getting quotations
- Greater transparency on complex criteria or terms
- Less friction
- Find best price & terms

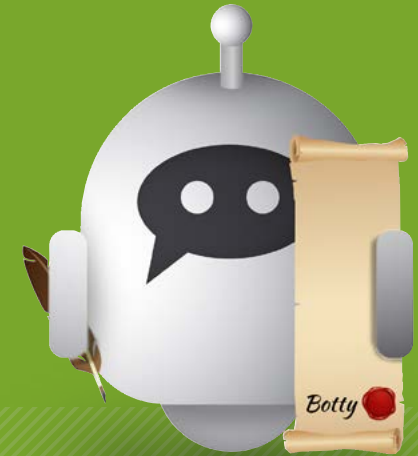
Business Outcomes

- Increase online sales conversion rates
- Increase ROI on digital advertising
- Reduce #live chats/calls for standard quotes
- Increase agent productivity
- Improved customer and agent satisfaction

Application Bot

Bot Mission

Assist a person through an application process, answering queries and providing clarification along the way, gathering/validating relevant information or image/doc uploads, populating an online application form, negotiating offers/terms, capturing e-signature, and proactively en-gaging to drive completion/sale.



Target Industries/Use Cases

Banking, Insurance, Travel, Telco, Utilities, Education, Government.
Subscription, membership, loyalty & other application use cases for B2C and B2E.

Bot Features

- Multi-lingual
- Web Co-browsing
- Form fill
- Document Upload/Download
- E-signature
- Human Handover (with chat history)
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

Sales/CRM/HCM systems, Subscription systems, Live Chat, etc.

Channels

Phone, Web, Mobile, SMS, Messaging, Email, Voice

Potential for Collaboration

Post-Quote Sales, Upsell, Scheduling,
Payment, FAQ, Proactive Re-engagement,
Campaign bots

Customer Benefits

24/7 convenience of applying for product/
service/membership
Access to relevant/realtime information
Less friction

Business Outcomes

Increase online sales conversion rates
Reduce cost of handling applications
Reduce #live chats/calls/white mail
Improve agent utilization
Enhanced customer & agent satisfaction

Renewal Bot

Bot Mission

Proactively reach out to remind customers of upcoming renewals on policies, licences, subscriptions etc. and answer any queries they have regarding price/terms of renewal. Offer promotions or price-matching to encourage retention. Capture e-signature on renewal contracts and verify payment method and/or other profile details.



Target Industries/Use Cases

Insurance, Government, Service, Software
B2C use cases

Bot Features

- Proactive Outbound
- Multi-lingual
- Document Upload/Download
- E-signature
- Negotiation
- Human Handover (with chat history)
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

CRM, Policy or other internal business systems, Live Chat

Channels

SMS, Messaging, Voice, Email (with channel shift to web/mobile if needed for security).

Potential for Collaboration

Campaign, Upsell, WinBack, Payment, Collections, FAQ, Proactive Chase bots

Customer Benefits

- Timely and frequent renewal reminders on digital channel
- Better transparency on pricing/terms
- Opportunity to negotiate on price/terms
- Less friction

Business Outcomes

- Increase retention rates
- Reduce agent time chasing customers by phone, email.
- Reduce cost of renewals
- Increase upsell revenue on renewals
- Improve agent utilization
- Enhanced customer & agent satisfaction

Onboarding Bot

Bot Mission

Automate onboarding journeys by responding to queries, capturing & validating proof documents, clarifying contracts and capturing e-signatures. Includes chasing customers/employees to complete onboarding steps.



Target Industries/Use Cases

Customer Onboarding—Banking, Insurance, Government, Technology.
Employee onboarding—all industries

Bot Features

- Authentication
- Multi-lingual
- Web Co-Browse
- Document Upload/Download
- Document Validation
- E-signature
- Human Handover
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

CRM, Policy or other internal business systems, Live Chat

Channels

SMS, Messaging, Voice, Email (with channel shift to web/mobile if needed for security).

Potential for Collaboration

Document, Payment, Policy, FAQ,
Proactive Chase bots

Customer Benefits

- Faster and More Convenient Onboarding
- Less Friction
- More Transparency on complex queries

Business Outcomes

- Faster time to revenue
- Reduce agent time chasing customers/employees for docs
- Reduce cost of onboarding
- Lower abandonment
- Enhanced customer & agent satisfaction

Campaign Bot

Bot Mission

Proactively reach out to customers/members to notify them of promotions or offers, reminders about upcoming appointments, payment dates, events etc. Offer personalized promotions based on customer status, location, prior purchases, etc.



Target Industries/Use Cases

All industries (B2C & B2E)

Bot Features

- Multi-lingual
- Proactive
- Negotiation
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

CRM, Marketing and other Business Systems

Channels

SMS, Messaging, Email, Web, Mobile, Voice

Potential for Collaboration

Sales, Upsell, Payment, Renewal, FAQ, Proactive Chase bots

Customer Benefits

- Access to Relevant Promotions
- Personalized Offers
- Price Matching

Business Outcomes

- Lower cost of running campaigns
- Increase sales conversions
- Increase customer loyalty
- Enhanced customer & agent satisfaction

Account Bot

Bot Mission

Retrieves customers' account information—account balance, payment due dates, most recent transactions, payment methods etc. Responds to account related queries. Makes account changes.



Target Industries/Use Cases

Banking/Financial Services, Energy & Utilities, Government, Healthcare, Insurance, SaaS & Service Providers

Bot Features

- Authentication
- Multi-lingual
- Redaction
- Human Handover
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

CRM, Financial systems, Live Chat

Channels

SMS, Messaging, Email, Web, Mobile (channel shift to secure web/mobile if needed)

Potential for Collaboration

Payment, Collections, Renewal, Onboarding, and FAQ bots

Customer Benefits

- Convenience of Self-Service
- Personalized and Secure
- Better Financial Management

Business Outcomes

- Lower cost to serve
- Better agent utilization on complex account queries
- Improved customer & agent experience

Collections Bot

Bot Mission

Proactively reach out to customers with reminders on past due payments, negotiate and collect payments, reaching them more easily on digital channels (SMS, messaging etc.)



Target Industries/Use Cases

Banking/Financial Services, Energy & Utilities, Government, Healthcare, Insurance, and Service Providers.

Bot Features

- Authentication
- Multi-lingual
- Redaction
- Negotiation
- Human Handover
- Chat history
- Orchestration (of multiple skilled bots)
- Performance Analytics

Integrations

CRM, Financial/Accounting systems, Live Chat

Channels

SMS, Messaging, Email, Web, Mobile (channel shift to secure web/mobile if needed)

Potential for Collaboration

Payment, Collections, Renewal, Onboarding, and FAQ bots

Customer Benefits

- Timely reminders that help avoid penalties and debt collectors
- Chance to negotiate a suitable payment plan

Business Outcomes

- Increase cash flow
- Improve collections rate
- Lower agent costs and AHT in collecting debt

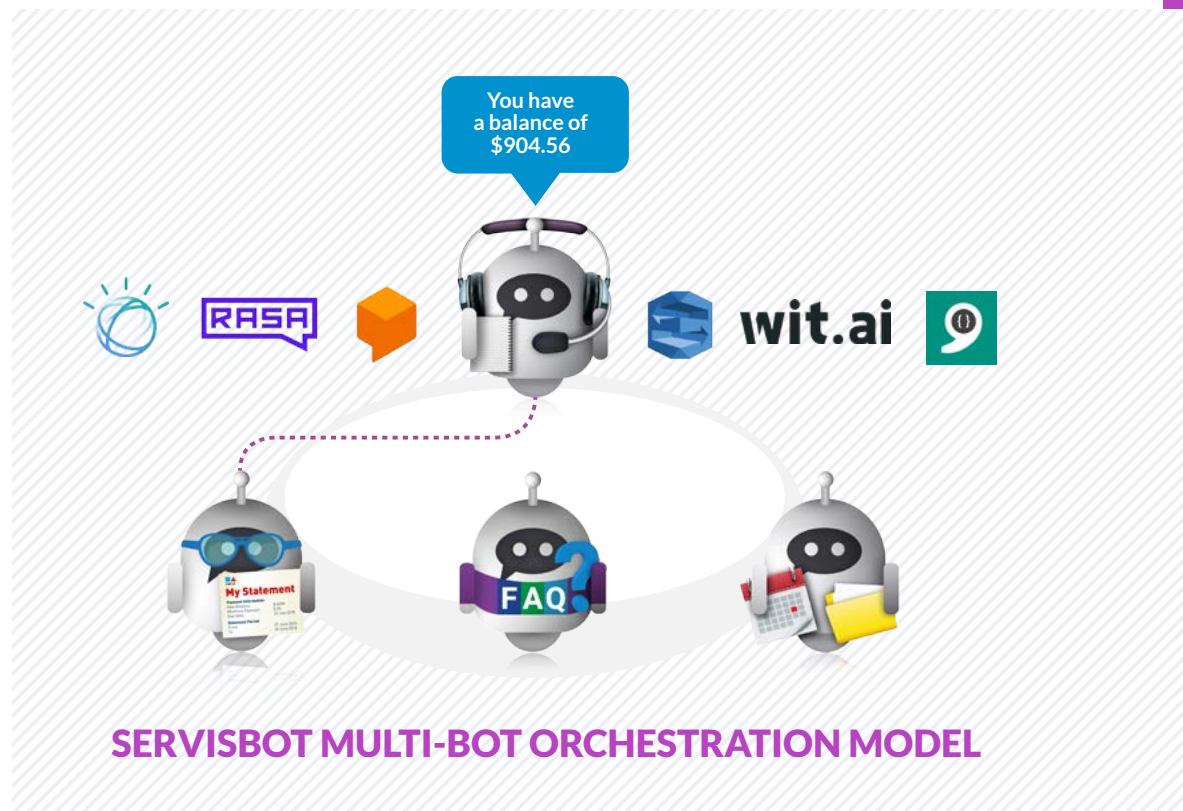
MANAGING & ORCHESTRATING MULTIPLE BOTS

As a business matures in their approach to conversational AI and deploys a number of advanced bot solutions, a multi-bot architecture becomes highly relevant. At the heart of this architecture is a bot orchestrator. This is sometimes referred to as the Virtual Assistant or Conversation Manager and it enables a unified and consistent experience and a single point of conversation.

The concept of ServisBOT's multi-bot orchestration model is based on breaking a conversational experience into multiple skilled bots with defined missions. This is analogous to human resources in the workplace where subject matter experts have defined skills and roles. It is also representative of a microservices approach.

These skilled bots can be orchestrated by the bot orchestrator who navigates operations across the different skilled bots and routes to the appropriate bot or bots according to the intent.

Certain functions, such as language detection, translation, sentiment analysis, PHI/PII detection, and human escalation are centralized and accessible to all bots. These shared services are analogous to different business areas sharing common resources or services such as IT, HR, Finance, Administration and others.



RELATED RESOURCES

For more information on Conversational AI solutions, our Enterprise Conversational AI Platform, our Multi-bot Orchestration Architecture, our Case Studies and more please check out the following assets.

RELATED ARTICLES:

- > **EBook:** [Guidebook for your Conversational AI Journey](#)
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