# Improving Performance on Intent Detection

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# Today's Agenda

- Chatbots @ Nestle. Overview, learnings and use cases
- Improving our chatbots performance
  - **Chatbots' core**: The Intent Classification
  - Analysis and Visualization of the chatbot performance
  - Nice-to-have features:
    - A/B Testing
    - User Feedback
  - How to improve your chatbot experience:
    - Artificial utterances
    - Topic extraction



## **Digital Hub in Barcelona**

- Operations started in March 2016
- Scope: B2C and B2E solutions and services to all brands/markets worldwide
  - Cost-efficiency
  - Shared knowledge
- 26 nationalities, around 150 digital experts
- Strong diversity:
  - Gender balance
  - Average age 32

## **Conversational Artificial Intelligence**

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chatbots live



chatbots in progress



languages covered



projects assessed



vendors assessed

## Gathering learnings since 2016...

#### Chatbot unique dialogue

Conversational designer need to build a unique chatbot experience

#### Strong Natural Language Processing engine

Powerful NLP that conducts proper intent classification and doesn't send all conversations to the default intent

#### Combination of analytics

Understanding of captured analytics and combination of several sources to get an accurate bot performance



#### Language database for global solutions

Identify NLP platforms that cover as many languages as possible to train the chatbot



Identify NLP platforms that cover as many channels as possible to reach our consumers

Experience integrating with Nestle systems

Identify agencies that have successfully integrated with technologies used within Nestle

# ... following the below strategy



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#### Build the conversation as a grafo

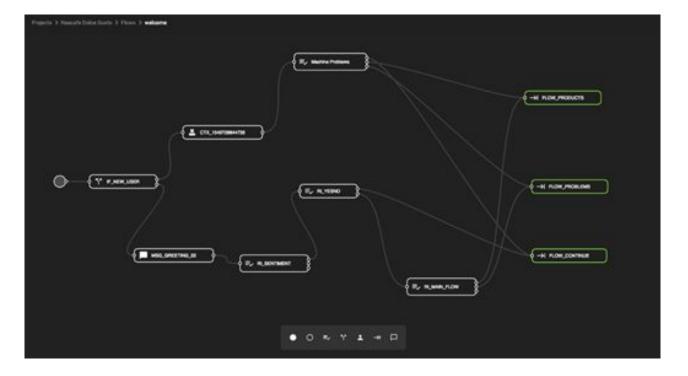
Create the most natural conversation being able to jump from one topic to another one easily

As NLP agnostic as possible

Currently working with Dialogflow and LUIS mostly

Dashboard with several analytics Understand user metrics, bot performance, and chatbot intelligence

Modular and reusable architecture Create shared libraries to speed up bot development time to market



## Top use cases: Nescafé Dolce Gusto Global Chatbot

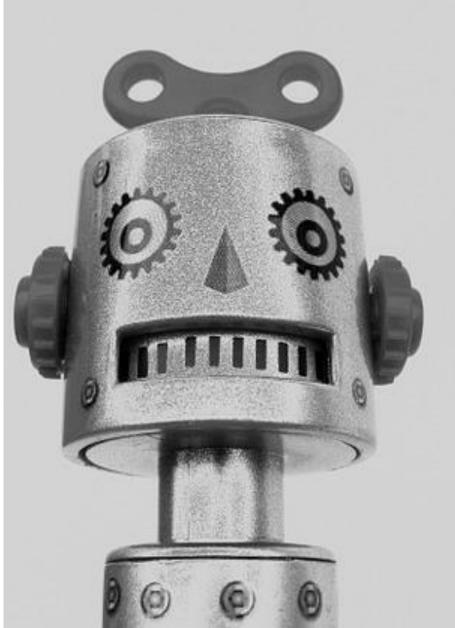


## Top use cases: Nestlé Infant Nutrition Start Healthy, Stay Healthy



# How? Improving our chatbot performance

- 1. Chatbots' core: The Intent Classification
- 2. Analysing and visualising chatbot performance
- 3. Nice-to-have features:
  - A/B Testing
  - $\circ$  User Feedback
- 4. How to improve your chatbot experience:
  - Artificial utterances
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# **1. Understanding consumers' language and their needs**

#### Being good at the basics

- Ability to understand human conversations
- Predict what users want (intents)

#### What do we need

Accurate Natural Language Processing engine

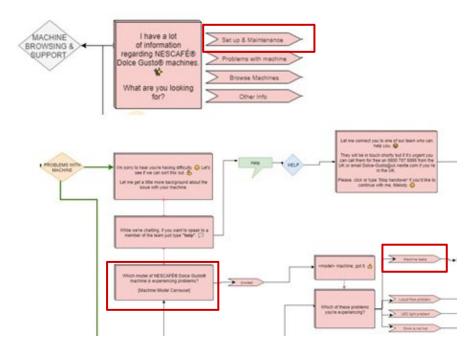
#### How can we achieve that

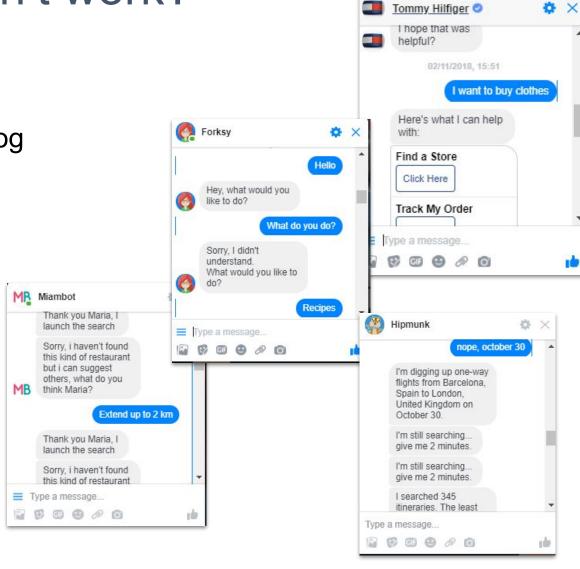
- Training set (bot dialog)
- Correct classification of intents
  - Complex task: depends on NLP engine & training set
- Train the NLP



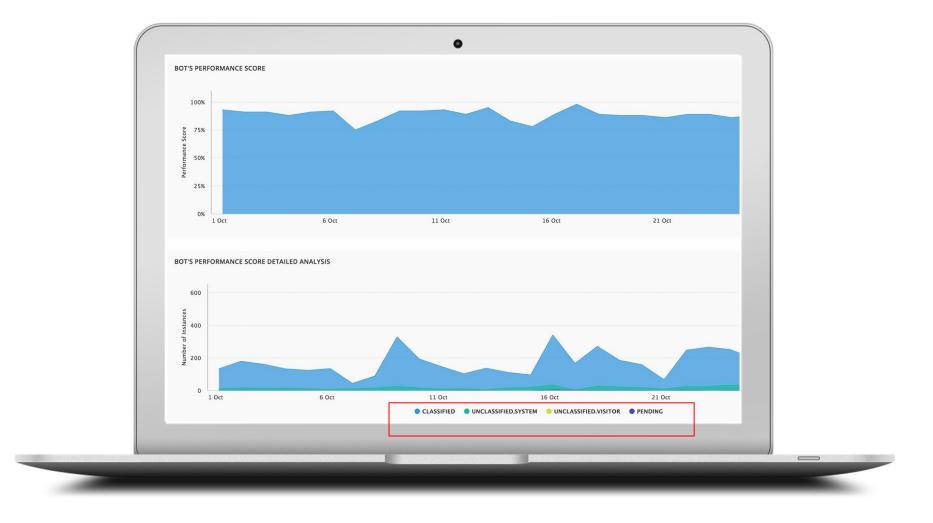
## What happens if it doesn't work?

- Poor and robotic conversation
- 'Natural' conversation vs guided dialog



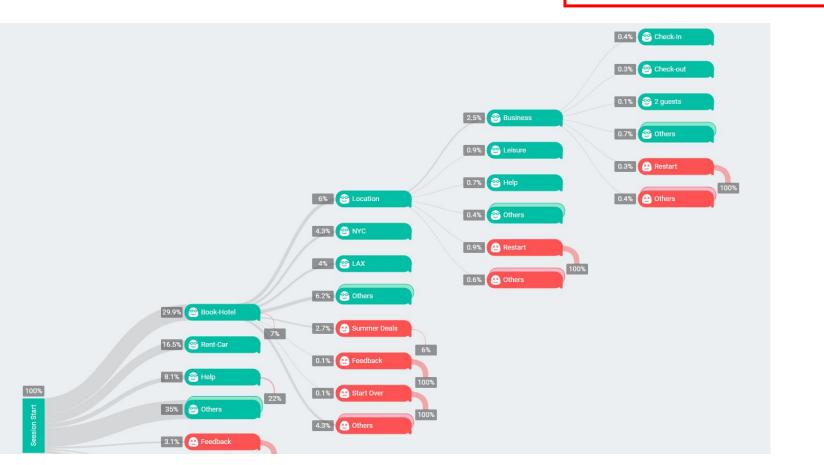


# 2. Most technologies are able to classify the chatbots' intents...



# ... but is this enough to analyse and visualise the bot performance?

• A few platforms actually allow you to see the **correct classification Challenge** 



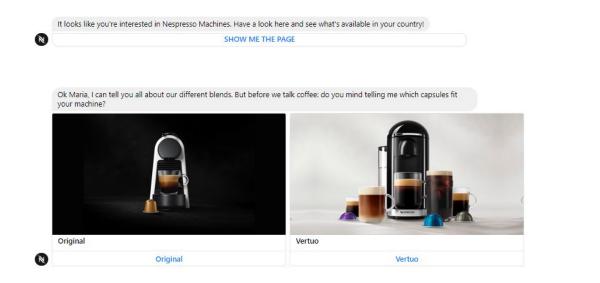
## 3. Nice to have feature: A/B Testing

- Train Natural Language Processing (i.e. MS Luis)
- Present two models to consumers
- See which one is performing better
- Outcome: Better trained NLP

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## 3. Nice to have feature: User Feedback

• Occasionally, include a feedback question to see if the bot is being helpful



Did I help you correctly Maria?

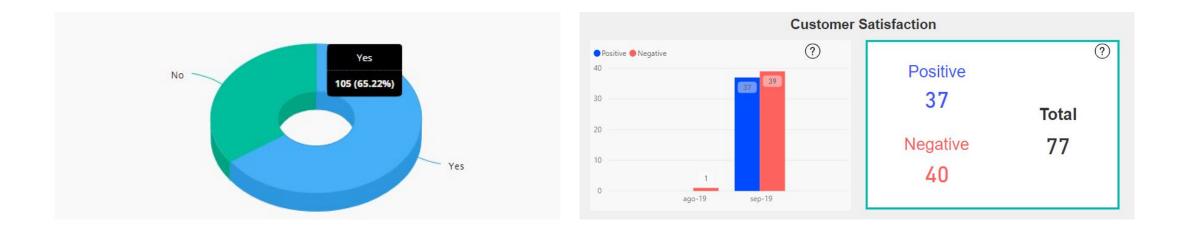


what about capsules?

## 3. Nice to have feature: User Feedback

#### Add this to your metrics dashboard

- Add this to the existing bot performance metric
- Create a separate metric
- Track if the intent classification is working properly



## 4. How to Improve your Chatbot: Artificial Utterances

#### **Natural Language Generation services**

 Create hundred of relevant sentences and automatically tag these with the intents and entities the bot must recognize

#### How can it help?

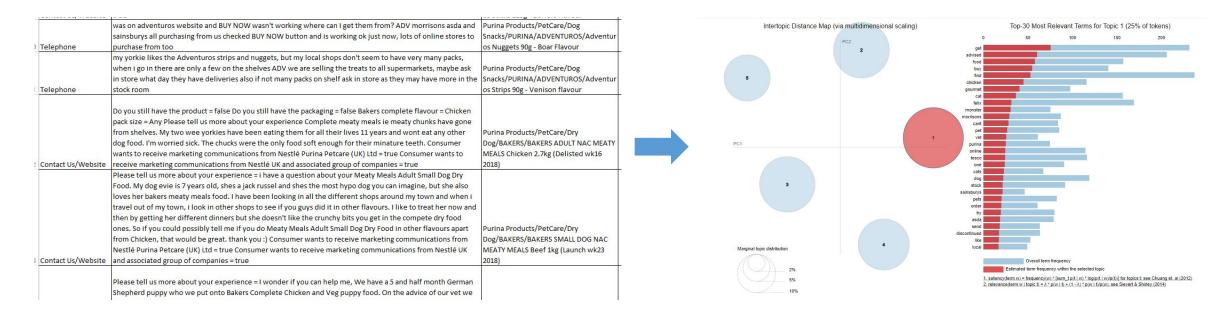
- Saving time on the pre-implementation
- Increasing effectiveness on the training and performance phase

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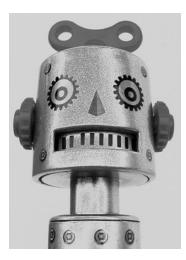
## 4. How to Improve your Chatbot: Topic Extraction

- Default intent -> Conversations that the bot hasn't understood
- Review millions of conversations (text) can be tedious for one person
- Clean the text and extract keywords: Identify what people are talking about



### How can this help me?

- Discover new use cases
- Add new flows
- Add new features
- Redefine some intents
- ...



# Thank you! Questions?