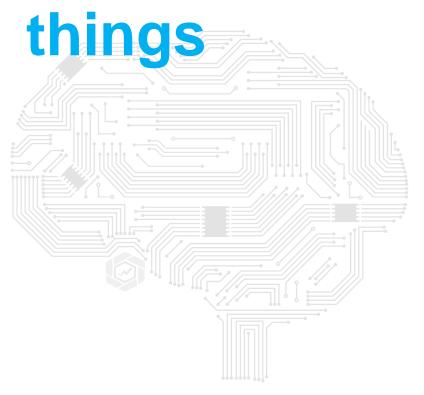




# Al is so many



Natural Language Generation

Sentiment/Social Awareness

Natural Language Processing

**Memory/Context** 

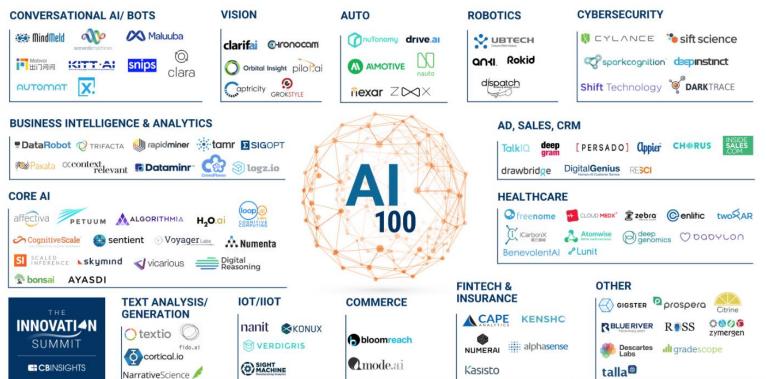
Business Process/Reasonin a

Algorithmic Content Creation

Pattern Recognition



## The space is expanding rapidly





# Al has huge implications for CX

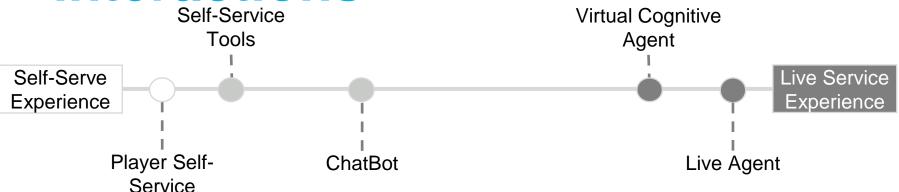
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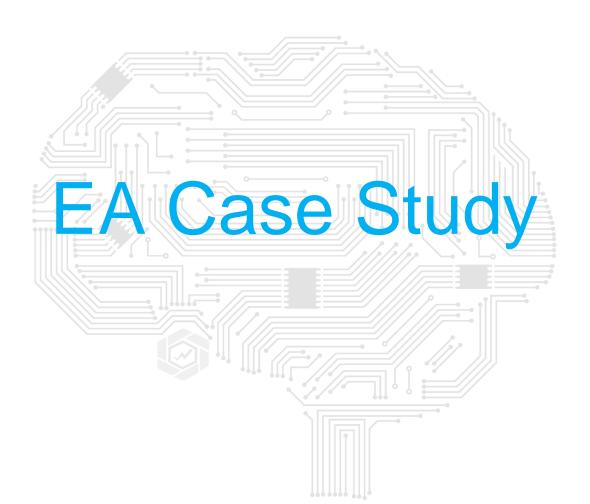
customer interactions will involve AI by 2020 according to Gartner

- Routing, managing, and personalizing contacts
- Improving agent efficiency and effectiveness
- Powering self service
- Predicting and proactively solving issues



# Al roles in customer interactions







# An Experiment in Al





## **Meet Amelia**





October 10, 2016



**Account Verification** 



**Account & Billing Questions** 



~10 Chats/hour



# Amelia's first report card



Longer Handle Time



Lower CSAT



Higher Effort



Advisors Repeating AOV



### What do customers think?







### **OBSERVE**

- Amelia is very efficient at certain tasks
- Amelia struggles with responses that are "off script"
- Advisors sometimes repeated verification and/or didn't read the notes
- Transfer to an advisor wasn't always quick or smooth





#### **EXPLORE**

- Customers did not always realize they were talking to a virtual agent
- Some customers felt that Amelia could solve simple issues faster than an advisor
- Customers told us they were not willing to wait to talk to Amelia
- Customers were less willing to use Amelia for urgent issues

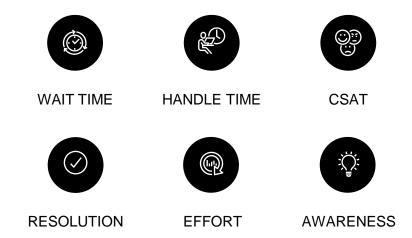




#### **EXPLORE**

- Advisors did not trust the AI to make the right call
- Advisors were not incentivized to make the AI work
- Advisors negativity toward Amelia impacted the experience
- The info transfer between Amelia and advisor needed refinement







weren't completely aware that they were talking to a virtual assistant



were satisfied with the wait time to talk to a virtual agent



said the Advisor repeated the virtual agent's questions







Learnings

Even after **3x** the normal amount of testing we were not adequately testing the system.

Insights

**Spend less time** on formal testing and put AI in the hands of your customers asap.



Learnings

Situational awareness on a case-by-case basis is not enough; virtual agents need recall of previous interactions.

**Insights** 

Determine what **matters most** to your customers and **prioritize** when you leverage AI.



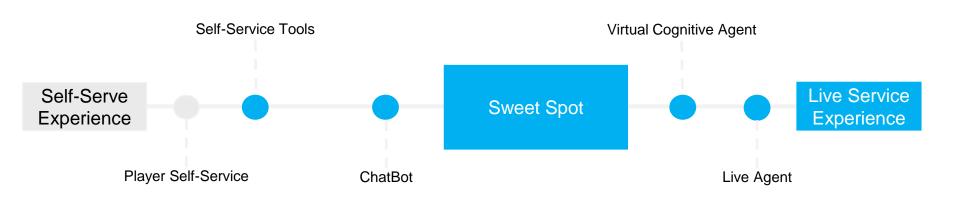
Learnings

Expect the unexpected! Your hypothesis and results may be very different than you think.

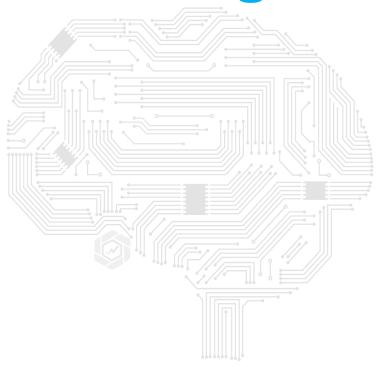
Insights

Build your ROI on a variety of gains, including security, post-contact engagement, and aggregate cost per resolved case.

## **The Personalization Sweet Spot**



# How to get ready for Al



What interactions fit?

What technology do you need?

What do you want to test?

What did you learn?

How do you operationalize AI?



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