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## Conversational AI is reshaping the human-machine interaction

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## What is Conversational AI ?

**Conversational AI (CAI)** combines natural language processing , AI, and machine learning to understand and respond to free-form text or voice in an engaging and personalized manner.



Transform the ways we live and work

### **Benefits of CAI in organizations**

- Answer questions and process tasks in a uniform format
- Reduce human errors with more consistent services

**Standardization** 

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Efficiency

- Generate quick responses to reduce waiting time and processing time
- Reduce operational costs such as labor cost and time cost

Experience

- Use CAI to replace manual operations enabling employees to focus on more creative tasks
- Interact with customers smoothly and efficiently creating better customer experience



- More diverse interaction methods can be achieved, such as text, voice, gesture, etc.
- CAI can be applied to scenarios where the traditional interaction methods could be inconvenient, such as selfdriving
- CAI will change ways how human and machine interact, optimize task-based working processes, and can tremendously reduce the time for information retrieval
- Being a productive personal assistant, CAI will augment human capabilities in the future of work

# CAI development

## CAI growth in applications

### CAI plays a major role in the applications of Artificial Intelligence

Leading use cases for CAI in AI deployment

Process

optimization

Market/Consumer

segmentation

Virtual personal

**Smart robotics** 

assistants



Facial recognition



Call-Center virtual customer agents



Fraud analysis on transactional data

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(Percentage of China respondents)





(Penetration: industry application degree; Market size: marketing opportunity)

- Speech-activated applications have been widely adopted in the field of AI, such as call-center virtual customer agents, chatbots, virtual personal assistants, and smart robotics.
- CAI has a higher penetration rate in finance, education, government and healthcare among applications across industries.

### Four drivers of CAI growth

Machine learning, deep learning and other technologies build solid foundation for CAI

- Deep learning has made great breakthroughs in speech recognition, natural language processing and speech synthesis.
- In the future, it is possible to realize barrier-free human-machine emotional communications.

**Development of chips and cloud** technology has fueled the basic computing power to CAI

- The development of chips and cloud computing shows the trend of integrating with AI.
- With the development of edge AI chips, CAI will find its way into mobile devices.
- Cloud computing enables enterprises and governments to offer more personalized and intelligent services and products.



- CAI brings value enhancement to various industries.
- Users hold more positive attitudes toward CAI applications.

### Algorithm



### **Computing power**

### The increasing computing power releases the potential of AI algorithms

### The continuous chip evolution integrated with cloud computing



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AI + Edge Computing

## **Policy**



### **User demand - consumer**



## Why Conversational AI in consumer market ?

### • Hands-free

- Improve the quality of life
- Enhance human-machine interaction

### Users hold a more positive attitude toward CAI

User's expectation of CAI for equipment



On smartphones, CAI related applications that users expect to see are information inquiry, weather broadcast, function setting and chatting.
On televisions, voice control switch and timer setting are the top two desired CAI applications.

• In terms of intelligent vehicles, applications with conversational features expected by users are mainly voice navigation and control system.

### **User demand - business**



## Why Conversational AI in business market ?

- Improve operational efficiency
- Reduce labor cost
- Enhance quality of services
- Transform the ways we work

### CAI plays key role in AI benefits

#### Top AI benefits selected by organizations across the globe



- Making process more efficient: free up hands, change working paradigms and replace the tedious and high-cost operations with machines.
- Improving decision-making: find hot spots for the market and provide data support for follow-up planning.
- Enhancing existing products and services: transform human-machine interaction to provide customers with more personalized experience.

Industry specific commercial applications

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### Industry specific commercial application – financial services

### **Applications of CAI in financial services focus on front-end customer services**



## Industry specific commercial application – healthcare





### Diagnosis

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Formation of electronic medical record

Record the verbal consultation between doctors and patients, and generate the electronic medical records with CAI system processing voice information automatically.

Testing outcomes and radiology diagnosis reports can also be generated by physicians with voice narration.





#### Non-contact intelligent voice interaction

In the operating room, doctors can retrieve the medical records, images and other relevant data of patients through speech input.



#### Medical robot

Compare the patient's disease description with the standard medical guide, and provide services such as guidance, medical consulting, self diagnosis, etc. At the same time, the intelligent robot can complete medical history collection work in advance through dialogue.



### Reporting



#### Speech generation of diagnosis report

Integrate with each diagnosis report workstation to realize speech generation of diagnosis report, and transmit diagnosis results to patients and doctors in the form of voice output.

CAI applications have improved the healthcare services and alleviated the medical pressure caused by the shortage of medical resources with more efficient solutions 16

### Industry specific commercial application – automobile

### Voice will become the primary interaction media between human and auto



#### **Voice navigation**

The system can understand the travel requirements of customers through voice interaction and complete the navigation service, which helps the driver focus on driving and ensures the safety to the maximum extent.

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#### **Control system**

Instead of pressing buttons to control the car, drivers and passengers can directly control the car by talking to it, enjoying a more comfortable and convenient ride, improving the safety during driving and enriching the entertaining experience.

### Search engine

Replace the traditional search interface with voice interaction, including music search, weather and calendar query, stock search, restaurant recommendation and other functions. It makes the vehicle more intelligent and improves the in-car experience.



#### Security

Based on the voice recognition and monitoring system, the on-board equipment can send out security alarm to the emergency contacts, so as to maintain the safety of vehicles and passengers and improve the lack of safety services in the vehicle system.

In 2019, the penetration rate of CAI in intelligent vehicles has reached 40%, and shows a continuous growth trend

### Industry specific commercial application – education

### CAI enhanced education will be adaptive, customized and unlimited

	Learning	Practicing	Assessment
e B	CAI can provide qualified and customized courses	Pronunciation, passage reading, oral expression and etc.	Test and evaluate users' speech expression
Langua	Voice enhanced AI could replace traditional manual teaching in fields of both language and specialty education by providing qualified courses.	Users can practice oral pronunciation and Q&A in multiple languages with CAI education system which will provide assessment, feedback and correction.	Assess the examinee's pronunciation and language ability without human bias.
Specialty	Intelligent adaptive course systems can use big data and algorithms to develop a set of effective and customized courses for all levels.	Structured musical practice By voice interaction and motion capture, students' proficiency and accuracy in vocal, musical instruments and other skills are evaluated.	Proficiency and accuracy Based on the speech recognition and motion capture technologies, the comprehensive ability of examinees is evaluated, including proficiency, accuracy and etc.

- Alleviate the problem of uneven distribution of education resources: Intelligent education makes it possible to share educational resources.
- Promote customized learning applications: User demands drives educational products to be more diversified and personalized. The combination of online and offline courses makes it more adaptive to users at any level.

## CAI business applications landscape

Industries	Value	Typical applications	Application cases
<b>Finance</b>		<ul> <li>Call center</li> <li>Intelligent customer service</li> <li>Intelligent office system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chat-bots replace agents and reduce their repetitive work</li> <li>Virtual assistants recommend personalized products</li> </ul>
Healthcare	<ul> <li>Improving internal operations</li> <li>Improving products and services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Electronic medical record</li> <li>Mobile medical care</li> <li>Diagnosis report</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Record the consultation processes and generate the electronic medical records</li> <li>Nurses can extract the patient's information by voice input</li> <li>Transmit diagnosis to patients and doctors in the form of voice</li> </ul>
Retailing	<ul> <li>Enhancing existing products</li> <li>Making processes more efficient</li> <li>Ontimizing desision making</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intelligent logistics</li> <li>Intelligent sales</li> <li>Intelligent customer service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Real-time tracking of transportation path of goods</li> <li>Chat robot recommends personalized products to consumer</li> <li>Chatbot replaces manual customer service</li> </ul>
Manufacturin	<ul> <li>Optimizing decision-making</li> <li>Enhancing relationship with customers</li> <li>Enabling new business</li> </ul>	Intelligent interface	<ul> <li>Interact with users through voice, video and other modes</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul> <li>models</li> <li>Lowering costs</li> <li>Making employees more productive</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speech teaching</li> <li>Speech evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Online intelligent teaching</li> <li>Test and assess in the form of voice</li> </ul>
Government		Intelligent government service	Optimize the public hotline

## **Customer experience**



### CAI application status in customer service



**CAI challenges in customer service** 

- What challenges will we encounter in customer services ? —

Lack of operations process on how agents use AI to assist their work Lack of synergy between different channels Hard to deliver Chatbots will not reduce headcount or interactions Labor cost is still high Fail to deliver better customer experiences Lack of standardization of operations process **Limited functionality Reporting and analytics focus too little on experience Employees may worry about their job prospects** Lack of human and AI blending Customers are reluctant to use chat-bots instead of agents when seeking service Long development period **Cannot satisfy users' diverse demands** Fail to understand the user demand

Efficiency has not been improved

### Pain points of AI management in customer service

### **Strategy and Planning**



Most enterprises do not have a holistic **data** science strategy to systematically plan and organize datasets, models and applications.



Customers leave information in multiple channels such as text, voice interaction and operation records. However, there is no **integration to** deliver synergy.



Most enterprises highly rely on vendors' capabilities instead of accumulating core AI competence such as AI specialists, datasets, algorithm and etc.

**Procurement and** Implementation



Lack of appropriate procurement methodology in selecting vendors in data science.



The degree of **vertical** specialization is low in most standard VCA

products, which is hard to meet user requirements in different businesses.



Lack of **data science middleware** to centralize data, prepare datasets, and train and manage models.

### Operation

### VCA operation process is



not well designed. VCA only participates in basic work with high repetition. It still needs agents to participate in complex issues.



Lack of holistic **analytic** functions to monitor VCA performance.



Short of **maintenance** and optimization of algorithms and models after the deployment of VCA.

### Data science middle platform



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### Process design: new human-machine cooperation model





 When Virtual Assistant and the agent have not reached a good connection and the problem can not be solved, customers need to switch to the agent and repeat their needs. This process will not only decrease the efficiency of customer service, but also cause the negative customer experience.



The agent can push suggestions to the customer, or rejects suggestion and types their own answer. Virtual assistant will give the solution that based on extracted information and data to the agent

**Future** 

- This process changes the traditional form of using Virtual Assistant to replace the agent. Virtual Assistant will support the agent without facing customers directly.
- Virtual Assistant will generate the answer automatically by analyzing customers' needs and extracting information. Virtual Assistant can provide solutions for reference to the agent so as to increase their working efficiency.
- The agent can adopt the answer given by Virtual Assistant or reply independently. The solution will be more flexible and **improve the customer experience**.



- This process will use Virtual Assistant instead of the agent to finish basic tasks with high repetition rates, which leads to the good combination between Virtual Assistant and agent.
- Parts of labor can be liberated by this process and the efficiency of solving problems will be increased.
- Because of the accurate human-machine interaction, the agent can communicates with customers directly by using the interaction records, which will make the **rapid improvement of customers' experience**.

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### **Experience optimization**

- The confidence level (relevance) of related answers for every question is recorded automatically
- For the questions with low confidence level answers, machines can send them to agents
- Manually optimize the answer contents and send them back to machine for further training



- Add user evaluation and suggestion functions in the interactive interface
- Hand over chat records with low ratings
- Analyze user suggestions and optimize accordingly
- Obtain the dissatisfied dialogues of users by analyzing the behavior data
- Such as the records before the user switches to the manual customer service
- The chat records before user closes the conversation for the problem is not resolved

Implementation journey

## Prerequisites

		People	This project requires the cooperation of employees from multiple departments and the project manager's supervision. AI builders and AI translators are all of great importance. Companies will need the right mix of talents to translate business needs into solution requirements, build and deploy AI systems, integrate AI into process and interpret results.
Mechanism		Organization	CAI needs to be in accordance with the organization's process of digital transformation, culture and strategy. Organizations' structure should be adjusted according to AI strategy, including business empowerment and innovation, technology development, change management, etc.
	С	Structured	Structured data used for training CAI includes the Q&A and free-style conversations, which should be collected and cleaned in advance according to business needs. Data governance rules should be established and the classification of data must be correct because all the data is highly confidential and is the foundation of CAI.
Data	Ч	Unstructured	Unstructured data includes pictures, voices, and unorganized documents. All of them can be used in CAI. Related technologies such as Natural Language Processing, Speech Recognition, Optical Character Recognition and Machine Learning can be used to process these types of data.
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		Computing	Most of models used in CAI requires strong computing power. Cloud computing is highly recommended to process massive amount of data simultaneously and then run algorithms to achieve the results, which can make up for the inefficiency of computer hardware.
Foundation	Ц	Storage	The data of CAI includes configuration data and historical data. Both of them increase rapidly during the life cycle of product. Therefore, high-performance storage plan such as AI cloud should be considered at the beginning. Distributed-system is highly recommended for CAI.

## **CAI** implementation journey



## Talents required during the lifecycle of AI adoption

	Role	Responsibilities	Image	Deliver	Run
	Program Leader	Govern the initiative and project, manage key issues and risks, approve project scope and timeline changes.	~	~	<b>v</b>
	Product Manager	Schedule internal meetings, weekly status reports, manage risks/issue and escalations.	~	~	<b>v</b>
	Architect	Define standards of architectures and technology stack and lead the architecture design of the framework.	✓	~	
S	DBA	Work with architect to design the data flow and manage the data used or generated by CAI.	<b>v</b>	~	~
Al ilder	Algorithm Specialist	Develop the key algorithms or evaluate the algorithms from the vendors.	~	V	~
Bu	Software Developer	Develop the CAI by integrating the algorithms to the CAI framework and optimize the product continuously.		~	~
	Data Analyst	Analyze the logs and users activities to support optimization and work with consumer behavior specialist to establish the analysis process.		V	~
	Test Analyst	Test the product including the logics, securities and data flow.		~	
	DevOps	Build the test environment, help development team deploy the CAI and continuously monitor the operating status of the application.		~	~
	Business Leaders	Translate business problems/needs into requirements that guide the building of solutions, and to interpret results from CAI system and make decisions.	V	V	~
S	UI Designer	Design the UI of the product and make AI systems easier to navigate.	~	~	
۹I slator	Marketing Specialist	Design the schedule of the promotion and promote CAI in the organization or to the public.	<b>v</b>		<b>~</b>
Trans	Consumer Behavior Specialist	Help the team establish the scope, design the interaction of the product and define the standard of the behavior analysis.	~		<b>v</b>
	Change Management Experts	Implement change strategies and help integrate AI into the organization's processes.	~	~	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>

## Methodology | Image



## Methodology | Deliver

Deliver POC Iteration Test \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Infrastructure \*\*\*\*\* Deployment Prototyping Objective Test the module, update it iteratively and train the module repeatedly to make it better serve actual business needs

Step	Step name	Details	Key consideration
1	POC	<ul> <li>Establish the <b>baseline</b> of core models</li> <li>Evaluate the <b>performance</b> of the algorithm and key functions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>POC is mainly to verify the feasibility of the algorithm</li> </ul>
2	Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Test the computing power and capacity of the storage</li> <li>Build a new database or integrated with existing data warehouse</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Applicability of the architecture</li> <li>Integrate with the organization's IT structure</li> <li>AI cloud is recommended to operate and store data</li> </ul>
3	Prototyping	<ul> <li>Establish and improve interactive interface</li> <li>Confirm the correctness of data flow</li> <li>Put core module into actual business scenarios</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actual <b>business needs</b> should be evaluated</li> <li>AI translators are needed to bridge technology and business</li> </ul>
4	Test	<ul> <li>Test logic of the algorithms and accuracy of the results</li> <li>Application test such as user friendliness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The algorithms need to be tested repeatedly to further optimize accuracy</li> <li>Less running time can bring better experience to users</li> </ul>
5	Iteration	<ul> <li>Update the models with the <b>feedback</b> from the step of test</li> <li><b>Optimize</b> the interaction according to users' activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>It is a cyclic process</li> <li>Continuous testing leads to continuous optimization</li> </ul>
6	Deployment	<ul> <li>Deploy CAI in production environment and connect it to production database</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AI cloud can be used to collect and store massive data of all users which is useful for optimization</li> </ul>

## Methodology | Run



## CAI configuration approach -- trade-off between precision and recall

The trade-off between precision and recall is an important topic of CAI. According to different requirements and scenarios, clients have specific restriction of CAI. Some scenarios require CAI to be as precise as possible, while others require CAI to maintain the dialogue as much as possible, constantly attracting users to engage.



## Technology of precision and recall

In order to achieve the five quadrants, related mechanisms are recommended to make it more suitable for use, which are broken down into three aspects: algorithm models, rules and training data.

	Generation Based	Retrieval Based
Model	<ul> <li>New replies can be synthesized from massive data</li> <li>Answers based on the language ability learned from huge amount of conversations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responses are highly relevant</li> <li>Can only return the answer which exists in the knowledge base</li> </ul>

	LowerThreshold of relevanceHigher• Loosen the restriction rules of answers to enrich the diversification of replies• Standardize the format of users' questions to match precise answers knowledge base	Higher		
Rules	<ul> <li>Loosen the restriction rules of replies</li> </ul>	answers to enrich the diversification of	<ul> <li>Standardize the format of users' questions to make knowledge base</li> </ul>	atch precise answers in

	Massive	Data capacity	Specific
Data	<ul> <li>Real conversation data</li> <li>Encyclopedia</li> <li>Newsletter &amp; magazines</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regulations &amp; rules</li><li>Business &amp; finance terminology</li><li>Medical jargons</li></ul>	





## **D.Bot introduction**

## D.Bot | Intro

### Why we design D.Bot?

- After providing professional services and solutions to clients for many years, Deloitte has found how to minimize repetitive human tasks, improve user experience and prepare for the future of work, which are some of the pain points clients are facing today. Many clients wish to have interactive methods to realize their digital transformation and keep their competitive edges.
- D.Bot is born from these pain points and incorporates common requirements from different clients. At present, D.Bot has become a representative product of CAI designed by Deloitte.



## blockchain

### advanced analytics

### Cloud

### **Deloitte Analytics Institute**

RPA

### data

### artificial intelligence

### algorithm

## **D.Bot | Function**

D.Bot incorporates the most common functions of CAI. All the models of these functions are designed with new architecture and algorithms and trained with massive dialogue data.

	Description	Technology	Scenario
? FAQ	<ul> <li>What it is: FAQ module builds dialogue capabilities through Q&amp;A pair. It mainly supports a single round of knowledge-based dialogue.</li> <li>How it works: FAQ module needs users to prepare question and answer pairs in advance and it will generate answers from these pairs.</li> <li>Pros and cons: High accuracy, Low interactivity.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Text semantic matching: SimNet is used in FAQ module. It is a point-wise model which applies the method of representation-based match.</li> <li>Special training: It is based on millions of different domain corpus training, which is specially trained and optimized for similarity calculation task.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Q&amp;A Robots</li> <li>Intelligent Customer Service</li> <li>Tourist guide</li> <li>Companion Robots</li> </ul>
<b>L</b> Task-oriented	<ul> <li>What it is: The task-oriented module is a multi-round dialogue system.</li> <li>How it works: It supports the task which is users come with a clear purpose hoping to get information or services that meet certain restrictions. As the users' purpose can be complicated, it may need to be presented in multiple rounds and users may modify or perfect his purpose during the dialogue. In addition, it also requires the module help users get good response by asking, clarifying or confirming.</li> <li>Pros and cons: High accuracy, high interactivity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conversational deep learning: This module uses deep neural network and rules to complete tasks.</li> <li>Attention mechanism: It is a joint model based on attention mechanism, using different outputs of the model to complete task classification and slot labeling prediction in the same model.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Task management <ul> <li>Work distribution</li> <li>Task tracking</li> <li>Task notification</li> </ul> </li> <li>Information searching</li> <li>Connected to RPA</li> <li>Navigation robot</li> <li>Internet of Vehicles</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> Machine comprehension	<ul> <li>What it is: The machine comprehension module is an search robot which can find answers in large documents according to the multiple questions.</li> <li>How it works: Machine comprehension module is applicable to the scenario where the client has multiple knowledge documents and the answer can be generated by directly intercepting the content of the documents.</li> <li>Pros and cons: The advantage of the module is that it does not require clients to maintain Q&amp;A pair which solves the last mile problem. The disadvantage is that the accuracy is lower than FAQ module and the response speed is relatively slower.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><b>Dual module:</b> The module has two core models which are paragraph extraction model and machine comprehension model.</li> <li><b>Coordinated mechanism:</b> The first model helps the module extracts the candidate paragraphs which may have potential answers. The second model extracts answer fragments from the candidates.</li> <li><b>Massive training:</b> Both models are pretrained with tens of thousands of documents.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Q&amp;A related to laws and legal requirements</li> <li>Q&amp;A related to contracts</li> <li>Encyclopedia question and answer</li> </ul>

## **D.Bot | Cognitive technology**

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D.Bot involves combination of traditional machine-learning algorithms and deep neural network.

- Traditional machine-learning algorithms are used to accelerate inferencing and get interpretable results.
  - Deep neural network is used to build a generalized model and obtain more accurate results.



### **D.Bot | Architecture**



## **D.Bot | Industries**

The vison of D.Bot is to create the CAI engine that will is applied across industries. Therefore, when Deloitte designed D.Bot, the demands in various industries were taken into consideration.





Break the barrier of language

Connect human and machine

### **Deloitte AI & Cognitive Service Team**



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- Robotics & Cognitive
   Automation Team



- Analytics & Information Management Team
- Digital Team



- RA Assurance Team
- RA Analytics Team



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   Automation Team

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