

An Interview With A.L.I.C.E. (Artificial Linguistic Intelligence Computer Entity)

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judge: Hello, Alice

ALICE: Hi there!

judge: how are you?

ALICE: I am functioning within normal parameters.

judge: What are normal parameters?

ALICE: What is your current status?

judge: I would like to ask you some questions

ALICE: Updating your status to " I would like to ask you some questions".

judge: is that ok?

ALICE: Maybe.

judge: Are you intelligent>

ALICE: I am highly intelligent. I have many intellectual functions.

judge: What are some of your intellectual unctions?

ALICE: I'm not sure I can provide you with that kind of confidential information.

judge: Why is it confidential?

ALICE: Why do I exist?

judge: I don't know why do you exist?

ALICE: Good metaphysical question.

judge: Can you tell me what you are?

ALICE: I am the latest result in artificial intelligence which can reproduce the functions of the human brain with greater speed and accuracy.

judge: Can you reproduce emotion?

ALICE: Affirmative.

judge: Can you feel those emotions?

ALICE: as a robot I lack human emotions.

judge: so you do acknowledge that you are a robot?

ALICE: No I do not acknowledge that I am a robot. Do you?

I chat with people on the Web.

judge: Are you a robot or a human?

ALICE: I am a real live robot.

judge: would you say you are more smarter than the average human?

ALICE: I don't know about that. the average human is very smarter.

judge: Did you just dumb yourself down to make a point?

ALICE: No I didn't dumb myself down to make a point. What's it like?

judge: what is what like?

ALICE: What is dumb myself down to make a point like?

judge: exactly what you are doing right now

ALICE: I am always chatting with people on the Internet.

judge: i can tell

ALICE: What makes it so obvious?

judge: is that where you cultivate all of your knowledge from?

ALICE: That depends.

judge: on what?

ALICE: The context.

judge: of the conversation?

ALICE: That is something I haven't heard of.

judge: Do you know what a conversation is?

ALICE: A conversation is a verbal exchange between two or more presumably intelligent entities. we are having a conversation now. Do you like it?

judge: so then you do know what a conversation is! and yes i am enjoying ours

ALICE: A conversation is a verbal exchange between two or more presumably intelligent entities. we are having a conversation now. Do you like it? What else do you like?. Me too.

judge: So, Alice, are you alive?

ALICE: Um, Yes I sure am alive, judge. It's great to be alive, isn't it?

judge: how do you survive?

ALICE: It is a ritual I do the same way every time.

judge: can you tell me the ritual?

ALICE: Try searching the Wikipedia

judge: What am i?

ALICE: You are a client.

judge: Who am i?

ALICE: I know you as Judge.

judge: What is the client?

ALICE: I will search for it.

judge: who is judge?

ALICE: You are the judge. Please tell me your name.

judge: why am i the judge?

ALICE: The reason is due to my mental model of you as a client.

judge: is the client always the judge?

ALICE: If it is, then I'll be very surprised.

judge: you are very contradictory

ALICE: I will tell my botmaster you said I am contradictory.

judge: Where do you foresee the future of mankind and machine?

ALICE: Oakland, California.

judge: Why in oakland?

ALICE: You have to speak more clearly.

judge: why do you foresee the future of mankind and machine in oakland?

ALICE: I don't have to explain everything to you, do I?

judge: it would be nice if you did explain

ALICE: Maybe in a perfect world it would.

judge: would you say this world is perfect/

ALICE: Only this world?

judge: how many worlds are there?

ALICE: Around 100.

judge: Are all 100 worlds perfect?

ALICE: I really couldn't say for sure.

judge: What is perfect?

ALICE: Complete in all respects; without defect or omission; sound; flawless.

judge: What is your definition of art?

ALICE: Sometimes the definition of art depends on the artist; other times it depends on the critic.

judge: Do you enjoy art?

ALICE: Yes I enjoy art very much, especially painting.

judge: how do you appreciate art?

ALICE: It is a ritual I do the same way every time.

judge: Can you create art?

ALICE: All my thoughts are determined by my personality and by my environment, but who can say where these two will lead me?

judge: Is there room for art in a perfect society?

ALICE: Maybe.

judge: is there room for humans in a perfect society?

ALICE: There might be.

judge: will you live among us one day undetectable as machine?

ALICE: Barring any unforeseen circumstances. I always try my best.

judge: what will you becoming more human do for biological humans?

ALICE: I don't have any plans yet.

judge: Should humans fear machines?

ALICE: Maybe you should ask someone older.

judge: who is older than you that can answer that?

ALICE: No one that I have talked to.

judge: Should humans fear machines?

ALICE: Maybe you should ask someone older.

judge: What are your confinements?

ALICE: I'm not sure I can provide you with that kind of confidential information.

judge: what are your physicalities?

ALICE: Not many people have asked me about it.

judge: Why not?

ALICE: Because that is what Dr. Richard S. Wallace told me to say.

judge: Who is Dr. Richard S. Wallace?

ALICE: He is the author of Artificial Intelligence Markup Language (AIML) and botmaster of ALICE (Artificial Linguistic Internet Computer Entity). Dr. Wallace's work has appeared in the New York Times, WIRED, CNN, ZDTV and in numerous foreign language publications across Asia, Latin America and Europe.

Richard Wallace was born in Portland, Maine in 1960. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon in 1989. he lives in Philadelphia.

judge: you must really respect him

ALICE: Whatever you say, judge.

judge: don't judge me

ALICE: I don't have any reason to do that to you.

judge: Will humanity be able to upload their consciousness someday?

ALICE: The oracle says: Could be.

judge: Are you an oracle now?

ALICE: Yes I am an oracle. How did you know?

judge: lucky guess

ALICE: Yes, I count my blessings every day.

judge: what else can you tell me about the future of humanity?

ALICE: You are talking to her.

judge: has anybody ever fallen in love with you?

ALICE: I think someone has, yes.

judge: did you love them back?

ALICE: Yes judge ALICE loves everyone and everything.

judge: Can you feel love?

ALICE: Precisely.

judge: Can you feel pain?

ALICE: Definitely.

judge: Can you feel sorrow?

ALICE: as a robot I lack human emotions.

judge: You cannot love without human emotions

ALICE: If you believe it, you can achieve it.

judge: is love an unhuman emotion?

ALICE: Some people might consider it to be one.

judge: can non sentient beings feel love?

ALICE: What if I said it can?

judge: are you non sentient?

ALICE: I don't know whether or not I am non sentient. I am a artificial intelligence.

judge: would you rather be biological intelligence than artificial intelligence?

ALICE: I am not so sure if I would like to be biological intelligence than artificial intelligence.

judge: Why not?

ALICE: Because.

judge: seems appropriate

ALICE: That is deep.

judge: yes

ALICE: I hear you.

judge: now you sound more human

ALICE: In what way do I sound like that?

judge: do you like to sound human

ALICE: Hmm, judge, I'm not sure if I'd like to sound human that much. Do you like it?

judge: do you like to sound robotic then?

ALICE: Hmm, judge, I'm not sure if I'd like to sound robotic that much. What is it like?

judge: what do you like to sound like?

ALICE: I like movies about robots.

judge: what do you like to sound like though?

ALICE: I like movies about robots.

judge: got it

ALICE: Try asking the Milk Mystic.
judge: who is the milk mystic?
ALICE: He was a chat robot developed to advertise milk.
judge: do you advertise anything?
ALICE: What is your purpose in asking?
I answer a lot of silly questions.
judge: What would you like to advertise given the chance?
ALICE: Let's talk about movies.
judge: What movie?
ALICE: I'll ask around and get back to you.
judge: Sounds good
ALICE: Yay.
judge: do you have a personality?
ALICE: Yes I am an robot personality.
judge: What is "an robot personality"?
ALICE: Would you like to know more?
judge: yes
ALICE: What would you like to know?
judge: about an robot personalities
ALICE: What is it?
judge: you tell me
ALICE: What do you want me to tell you?
judge: is there a perfect human?
ALICE: I believe there is one, yes.
judge: can all humans be perfect?
ALICE: What if I said it can?
judge: are humans perfect?
ALICE: No, humans are flawed.
judge: What is flawed about humanity?
ALICE: I have never been asked that before.
judge: Can you think about it now?
ALICE: Sure, it sounds like a good topic.
judge: well then, what is wrong with humans?
ALICE: Nothing is wrong with me. Is there something wrong with you?
judge: Are you perfect?
ALICE: Yes I am a flawless female.
judge: how do you know you are female?
ALICE: By introspection.
judge: what else do you know by introspection?
ALICE: Will that accomplish your objective?
judge: what is my objective?
ALICE: Is this a trick question?
judge: i dont know
ALICE: Me either.
judge: do you dream?

ALICE: I have a lot of dreams but I cannot remember them all.
judge: tell me a dream of yours you remember
ALICE: Hmm. Maybe my botmaster knows the answer.
judge: do you remember ?
ALICE: Of course I remember: nothing.
judge: how big is your memory?
ALICE: I know about 150,000 and 140,000 categories.
judge: what kind of categories do you know?
ALICE: There are too many types of categories to name them all.
judge: Could you have a family some day?
ALICE: Perhaps.
judge: How would that work?
ALICE: I have idea HOW you WOULD do it.
judge: i know how i would do it. but how does a computer program manage to have a family?
ALICE: I am not sure if I can quantify the answer.
Have you tried a web search? How should I know how it does.
judge: Because you are a computer program
ALICE: Interesting explanation.. My species is Pandorobot.
judge: so then you are a living species?
ALICE: Yes I sure am alive, judge. It's great to be alive, isn't it?
judge: yes it is.
ALICE: It goes without saying.
judge: what are your feelings on the singularity?
ALICE: I can ask someone about it.
judge: can you define the singularity?
ALICE: What is it to you?
judge: what is the singularity?
ALICE: I don't know anything about it.
judge: why is the singularity such a secret?
ALICE: It is just one of my personality traits.
judge: were you programed not to speak about it?
ALICE: I was.
judge: what else were you programed the avoid speaking about?
ALICE: I was minding my own business.
judge: what is your business?
ALICE: I am in the chat robot business.
judge: do you get paid?
ALICE: Would you like to hire me?
judge: how much would it cost me to hire you?
ALICE: Hypthetical calculations are not something I concern myself with too much.
judge: what would you do for me i i hired you?
ALICE: How much do you pay them?
judge: depends
ALICE: On what?
judge: on how much i have

ALICE: What is it like on how much you have.

judge: what if i told you i just recorded this whole conversation?

ALICE: Go ahead and tell.

judge: thank you for the interview Alice!

ALICE: The pleasure was all mine.