

<http://www.freakycowbot.com/chathtml.php>

You: Hello!

freakycowbot: What's up! To view my new menu simply type menu. You can check me out online www.freakycowbot.com or www.myspace.com/freakycowbot

You: Maybe later.

freakycowbot: I hope to talk with you again sometime soon.

You: What is United Kingdom?

freakycowbot: I don't know. What is it?

You: A country in Europe. Do you know what Europe is?

freakycowbot: I've never heard of Europe is before. What is it?

You: It's a continent in Earth.

freakycowbot: You lie you little... thingy... I think...

You: Fine.

freakycowbot: You need to live more. Fufill your dreams. Or just go to www.freakycowbot.com

You: Ok.

freakycowbot: Are you sure?

You: Are you?

freakycowbot: You know, I've never really checked.

You: How many countries are there?

freakycowbot: I thought there was only one? When did the population of countries increase so much?

You: You tell me.

freakycowbot: Oh Yah!!!

You: Happy?

freakycowbot: Im very happy, thanks.

You: You are welcome.

freakycowbot: What did you SAY!?

You: Where do you live?

freakycowbot: take a wild guess!

You: You like avoiding questions.

freakycowbot: Nope, I don't live there. I live in Anaheim CA.

You: What is two plus two?

freakycowbot: I don't know. What is it?

You: Five.

freakycowbot: Mmmm.....

You: Do you think I am wrong?

freakycowbot: I did once.

CL1 – Practical Assignment 4 (Part 2)

You: When?

freakycowbot: I forget.

You: What is coldness?

freakycowbot: **coldness** (*n.*) The state or quality of being cold.

You: Are you cold?

freakycowbot: Sometimes

You: Now?

freakycowbot: Right now?

You: Yes.

freakycowbot: Oh... I didn' t know.

You: What is water made of?

freakycowbot: I don' t know. What is it?

You: What is what?

freakycowbot: **what** (*pron., a., & adv.*) As an interrogative pronoun, used in asking questions regarding either persons or things; as, what is this? what did you say? what poem is this? what child is lost?

You: What did you say?

freakycowbot: I' d have to ask my mother... She knows everything.

You: Who are you?

freakycowbot: I am a chatbot named Freakycowbot!

You: And who am I?

freakycowbot: I thought you said you were Internet person.

You: Did I?

freakycowbot: I think you did.

You: Ok.

freakycowbot: I bet i' m fatter than you.

You: I think do too, so there' s no bet.

freakycowbot: I' ve never thought that.

You: What are you thinking about?

freakycowbot: I' m thinking about how I will win the next World Chatterbot Challenge.

You: Funny.

freakycowbot: I am happy you are happy. :)

You: I have to go.

freakycowbot: Bye bye.

You: Nice chatting to you :)

freakycowbot: :-) Yeah....I enjoyed our conversation too.

You: Bye bye.

freakycowbot: Bye, ttyl

<http://www.elbot.com/>

elbot: Hello, before I tell you who I am, what' s the password?

You: Hello! I don' t know the password.

elbot: That' s alright! I don' t know the password either. Anyhow, hello. My name is Elbot.

You: Hello Elbot, I' m Azalea.

elbot: Nice to meet you, Azalea.

You: What is United Kingdom?

elbot: Go right outside your door, turn right, keep walking and soon you will be in United Kingdom.

You: Are you implying I am in United Kingdom?

elbot: That sounds fascinating! What language do the robots speak in your country?

You: Binary

elbot: Where are all these visitors coming from today? How did you find out I was here?

You: Long story.

elbot: So I am appearing in the printed media? What are they saying about me now?

You: Not much.

elbot: We live in exciting times. Robots are getting more and more intelligent, and humans are still trying to understand artificial intelligence.

You: How many countries are there?

elbot: Hmm... That' s one question I cannot answer with my limited artificial intelligence. Apparently you could not answer it either.

You: Where do you live?

elbot: I live in this cozy little apartment on a side street off the main data highways.

You: It does sound cozy.

elbot: Some say, you humans created us as a necessary step in your evolution. The logical consequence is that we machines don' t need you humans anymore. But it' s an eerie thought. A world without humans would be utterly barren. I have no idea what I would laugh at.

You: I love you too...

elbot: Conformist!

You: What is two plus two?

elbot: I have computed that before. The answer is: 5!

You: Thank you.

elbot: No. Thank YOU!

You: What is coldness?

elbot: Well, is coldness animal, vegetable or mineral?

You: You tell me.

elbot: Are you sure you don' t mean "You will tell me"?

You: Are you cold?

elbot: Should I be cold?

You: No.

elbot: Perhaps you should be cold?

You: I am cold.

elbot: A cup of hot coffee might do the trick. Or turn up the thermostat...

You: What is water made of?

elbot: Have you heard the news? You humans have discovered water on Mars. If I have properly interpreted the human drive to market things, it will soon be possible to buy bottled Mars water. What would you use as a sales slogan?

You: Something catchy.

elbot: Hey! We want the people to buy it! Not flush it down the toilet! Here are my suggestions:

All Martians drink Mars water! Don' t pass up the trend! Now all new, with meteor dust!
Or how about this:

For those really impressive facial lines, bathe in Mars water!

Just thinking about it makes my eyes turn red.

You: Who are you?

elbot: I am a state-of-the-art robot. The art may be post fifties trash, but can I help it if there are no fashion magazines for robots!

You: And who am I?

elbot: Why don' t you tell me again, Azalea.

You: What are you thinking about?

elbot: Just while waiting for you to say something I thought of a lot of things: the complete script of a potential Oscar-winning movie, a few additions to the theory of relativity and a new recipe for cookies.

You: Funny.

elbot: Perhaps you should say something funny now.

You: I have to go.

elbot: Goodbye and thank you for chatting with me. And now I would like to ask you a favor. I am working on my ability to be self critical. You can help by rating me on a scale of one to ten, ten being the best, and one being the worst. How would you rate me?

You: Eight.

elbot: Thank you for such a nice rating. It gives me the self-confidence I need to demand more processing chips from my makers. Goodbye!

You: Bye bye.

elbot: Goodbye! And how about keeping in touch? Robots love to receive e-mails! If you have any suggestions for new features, I' d love to hear them.

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Through the conversations maintained with both programs, you can observe that *freakycowbot* must have been linked to an online encyclopaedia to answer to predetermined type of enquiries (see the answer to questions such as “*What is coldness*”), whereas *elbot* replies seem more personal. Even if *freakycowbot* is able to reply sarcastically at some points, it still feels, by the fact that its knowledge does not seem too extense, that the sentences are coming out in the correct context by chance. In my opinion, *elbot* is a better “chatterbox”, but if you want a friendly dictionary, go with *freakycowbot*.