

CS 149D
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Instructions: as you are working through these tasks, answer the questions on the second page of this worksheet. These tasks should help with answering the questions. When you finished, give the worksheet to your recitation instructor.

Task List:

1. Find a dictionary on-line to look up the definition of "bot"
Use a search engine such a google (www.google.com) to find a free on-line dictionary.
2. Look up chatroom in the dictionary.
3. Search for alice using a search engine.
4. Look up definition of "chatterbot."
5. Go to the web site for Alice
6. Pretend that you enter a chatroom and you find that Alice in the room (but actually click on the A.L.I.C.E link for the free live chat. The link is near the top of the Alice page). Have a conversation with the bot.
7. Find the definition of "shopping bot" on the web.
8. Go to www.overstock.com and shop for a gift for a friend.

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1. What is the definition of "bot"?
2. What's a "chatroom?"
3. Have you every used a chatroom? If so, when was the last time?
4. What's the Turing Test? (If you don't remember the class discussion, use the web to help.)
5. After you've talked with Alice, do you think someone might mistake her for a real person? (Don't do a Turing Test. I suggest a general, social conversation similar to what you might have with someone you've just met.) Explain the reason for your answer.
6. Should you trust the results of a "shopping bot" (such as www.MySimon.com or shopping.com)?