"Hey Computer- are you there?" Voice Recognition and Data Entry

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- Discloses the following relevant relationship with commercial interests:
- Research partnership with Nuance Communications
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Reflect: has this ever happened to you?



Alexa, play the song "Splish splash I was taking a bath"

I can't find the song "Splish splash I was taking a

Dictation

- Transcription of spoken word
- Front End
 - Real-time speech recognition software
- Back End
 - Recording captured, medical transcriptionist
- Automatic Speech Recognition

Why Speak? Faster



Why not speak





"History of sick as hell disease"





April 4th



"History of sickle cell disease"

NLP Recognition on Parity with Human

- Human error rate of transcribe conversational speech over the telephone human ~5%
- August 2016 Microsoft announced they beat human error rate of 5.1%
- SWITCHBOARD, CallHome, NIST corpus
 - recorded conversations between humans, day-to-day topics (buying a car)



Context: Homophones

"Fasting study" → "Vaccine study"

"hyperglycemia" \rightarrow "hypercalcemia"

"inadequate" \rightarrow "an adequate"

Zhou. Analysis of Errors in Dictated Clinical Documents Assisted by Speech Recognition Software and Professional Transcriptionists: JAMA 2018

"inadequate evaluation to exclude neoplasia"

"adequate evaluation to exclude neoplasia"

Errors

- Analysis of Errors in Dictated Clinical Documents Assisted by Speech Recognition Software and Professional Transcriptionists: JAMA 2018
- 217 clinical notes
- Average error rate 7.4%
- 20.3% of those errors pertained to clinical information
 - remaining errors were simple grammar, word mistakes
- The most general types of mistake
 - deleting words (34.7%)
 - inserting (27%)
- Revision: the error rate dropped to 0.4%
- Negligible variance between physicians of different genders or specialties

Is it worth it?



Technology acceptance model





Summary

- Voice is quick and intuitive
- Environmental and Technical limitations
- Weights of each variable vary per individual
- Weights of each variable vary in the same person per situation
- Context matters