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From David Savage of Bite Size Vegan

"I had an idea for a vegan chatbot along lines similar to VeganBot in March 2016. I announced the project at the Animal Rights National Conference in 2017 and said I was looking for a programmer to collaborate with. A few people were interested but didn't follow through.

I wrote specifications and pursued the idea for three years, posting on a lot of Facebook groups, trying to find a programmer to create it. I worked briefly with one but he didn't have time to implement the bot without being paid.

I eventually gave up.

The creator of https://www.veggroups.org/ told me about VeganBot.com. I emailed the programmers of VeganBot, who are in Iceland and emailed them the document attached here. They said the project had been stagnant for two years but now they found someone to work on it again. They like my ideas and said they will try to incorporate them. They wrote "The app is built with modern web-development frameworks, such as Angular.js, Typescript, Node.js and Python, with the data sitting in a MongoDB database." I had never heard of MongoDB. I researched it and learned it's non-relational. I've only worked with relational databases, mainly SQL Server...

One selling point for my idea is that this is not a general purpose chatbot that has to pass the Turing Test. It is a single knowledge domain-specific chatbot whose framework can be repurposed for other specific knowledge domains. The concept can also make use of content that already exists on the web, as the programmers of http://veganbot.com/ have done. "All" you have to do is create a UI that accesses the existing content across many websites. Emily said something about putting herself on a chip. That is one of the features in my specifications, to allow users to select the personality style of the answers they get from the bot, for example, like Emily or Gary Yourofsky or Neal Barnard or Michael Greger, etc."

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14 hours ago
 this looks really interesting!! i'll look through the pdfs after getting the stockscraper tidied up, but your description of the idea is intriguing in itself!!
mongoDB is what's known as a NOSQL db (the NO stands for not only). it should be just as feasible to implement the idea in a sql db such as postgresql (which btw also has nosql abilities).

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