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To Siri, With Love

How One Boy With Autism Became B.F.F.'s With Apple's Siri

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Just how bad a mother am I? I wondered, as I watched my 13-year-old son deep in conversation with Siri. Gus has autism, and Siri, Apple's "intelligent personal assistant" on the iPhone, is currently his B.F.F. Obsessed with weather formations, Gus had spent the hour parsing the difference between isolated and scattered thunderstorms — an hour in which, thank God, I didn't have to discuss them. After a

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while I heard this:

Gus: "You're a really nice computer."

Siri: "It's nice to be appreciated."

Gus: "You are always asking if you can help me. Is there anything you want?"

Siri: "Thank you, but I have very few wants."

Gus: "O.K.! Well, good night!"

Siri: "Ah, it's 5:06 p.m."

Gus: "Oh sorry, I mean, goodbye."

Project Status Presentations

Ingredients:

15 minutes + additional Q&A

on-line website tour:

studies in design, biblio

explanation of design process

specific plans, *including final form & experiments planned*

Project Presentation Schedule

Scheduling for Monday & Wed next week...

Monday: Candy, HAL, Halt, Ceilo

Wednesday: TBD, Lemonade, GUI, A1

Cliff Nass, 1958 - 2013



Robots, Teams, Agency

Dog-Handler-Team vs. Dog-Team



Robots, Teams, Agency

Partnership

master-servant relationship

lack of agency, autonomy, self-preservation



Robots, Teams, Agency, Ants

Teammate versus Partnership

- common goal
- mental models
- subjugate individual needs (self)
- interdependence as positive
- trust
- self-awareness

Robots, Teams, Agency

Trust – what is trust, exactly?

- Condition trust established
- Trust is challenged (lose faith in car company?)
- Repair trust
- Renegotiated relationship established
- Team performance changes

Human - Machine Teaming

- Interactive big data