



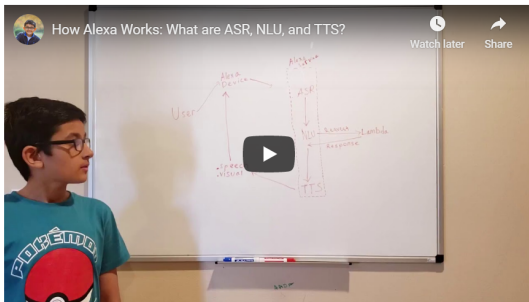
Learn How Alexa Works from a 5th Grader - Video

BRET KINSELLA on April 7, 2019 at 7:30 pm



Amazon promotes Alexa development as an activity accessible to all ages. Aariv Modi is a fifth grader that offers an example in support of that argument. He has developed three Alexa skills including Kids Advice, Meal Buddy, and Wheel of Fun. However, what caught the attention of Voicebot editors was Aariv's explanation of how Alexa works. It's pretty good. When asked why he created the video, Aariv said:

"I have always enjoyed creating videos, and I have a YouTube channel called Ask Aariv. I have been learning about Alexa and want to share my learning experiences with other developers. Since I recently learned about how Alexa works, I thought a video on the subject would be helpful to the Alexa community. I am currently working on a few more videos, including implementing monetization and multi-lingual."



Aariv gives credit for his education to videos by Amazon's Paul Cutsinger and Nuance. Both are referenced in Aariv's blog post about Automated Speech Recognition (ASR), Natural Language Understanding (NLU), and Text-to-Speech (TTS). Those videos are excellent but we give Aariv the edge for enthusiasm. I suspect many people in the voice industry today don't understand the way voice assistants operate as well as the young developer. Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Take a moment to check out Aariv's video and his skills. While you are trying out the skills, take a moment to leave a review. My favorite is Wheel of Fun.

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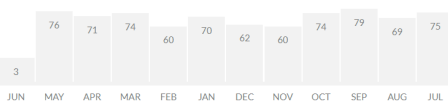
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