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What is Watson?

Watson is a cognitive system which made its first public appearance during the Watson Jeopardy challenge in 2011, where Watson managed to beat its human opponents, while offline. Since then, Watson has evolved significantly and is being used in the healthcare industry and commercial world to assist with critical decisions and setting a precedent for the next level of artificial intelligence. Belinda will be talking about some examples of how Watson is being applied and what makes Watson so unique. She will also touch on how this technology is shaping the new era of technology and what this means for careers in the industry.

About Belinda Tee

Belinda has been working in the IT industry for just over twenty years. The majority of that period she has been working for a variety of software vendors, purely for her love of new technology. Having started off her career as a COBOL developer, she quickly moved into Windows development and the era of client-server development and then soon into distributed development. She remembers having to teach a lot of organisations what remote procedure calls were, which is now a fundamental concept hidden in middleware technology. There was also a period where she would be talking about object oriented databases and getting many blank looks from people. Belinda then spent the later part of her career working for Rational Software in various roles. Starting of as a Software Engineering specialist, she has had stints in consulting, was the Technical Manager for Australia and New Zealand, and sales for IBM's industry accounts.

Today, Belinda is leading IBM Watson sales for Australia and New Zealand.

She has a Bachelor of Science (Computing) degree from the University of Technology, Sydney and also a Graduate Certificate in Change Management from the AGSM.

Outside of work, Belinda spends as much time as she can with her family and is trying to create ceramic functional and art pieces. She also spends time as a volunteer with the Wayside Chapel, a community centre assisting the homeless and less privileged in the Sydney Kings Cross area.

