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CONVERSATIONAL INTERACTION FOR BUSINESS

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LEKTA



UEKA

A person in a dark blue suit and white shirt is holding a black smartphone with both hands. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. Overlaid on the image is the year '2016' in a large, white, sans-serif font. The '0' is particularly large and prominent.

2016

The year
of everything
conversational

THE TECHNOLOGICAL ECOSYSTEM

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A man with a beard, wearing a light blue V-neck sweater and dark green trousers, is sitting and holding a black smartphone in his right hand. His left hand is resting on his lap. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and grey. The text 'APP FATIGUE' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

APP FATIGUE

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CONVERSATIONAL INTERACTIVE SYSTEMS



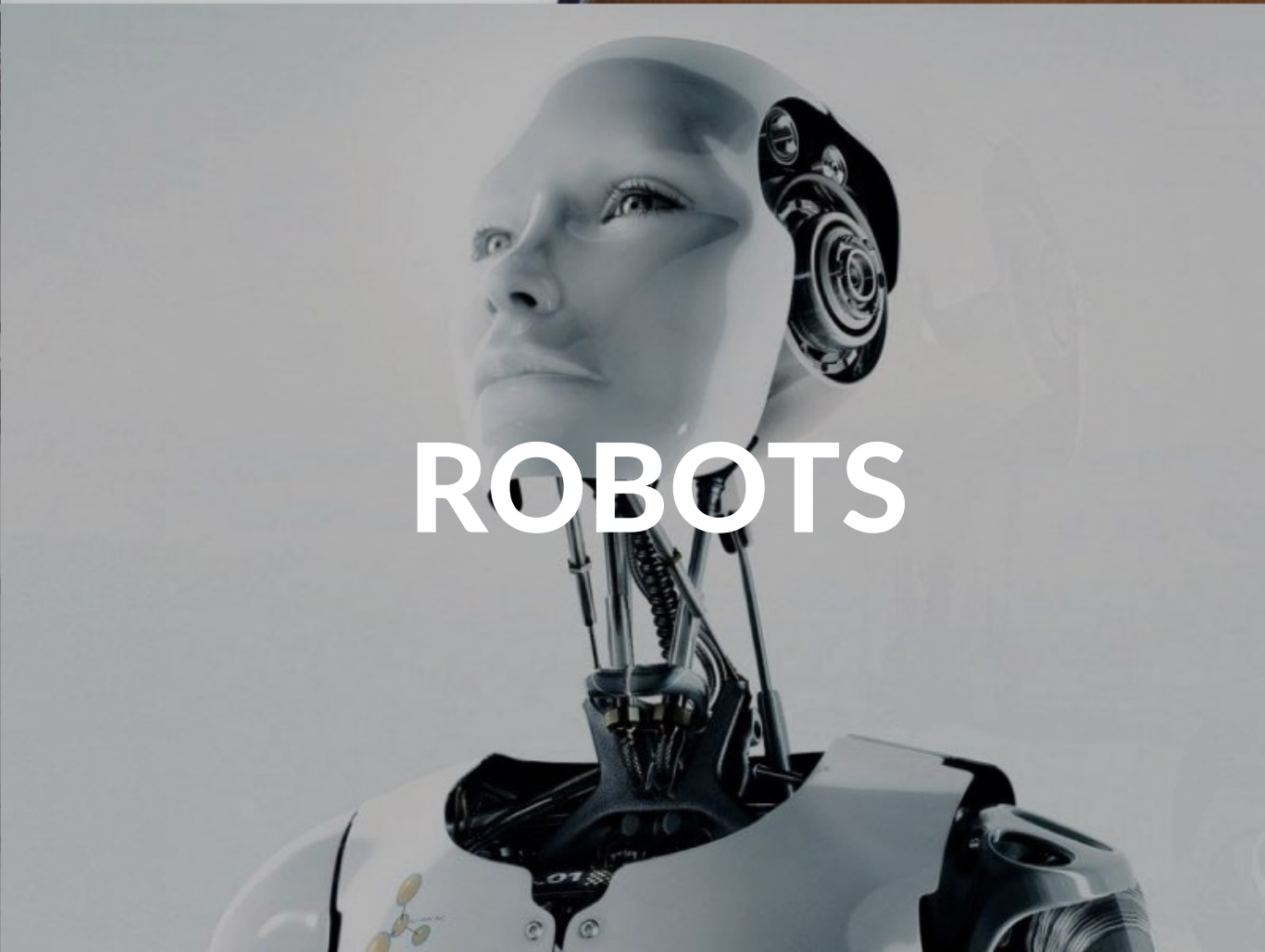
IN CAR APPLICATIONS



PERSONAL ASSISTANT



SMART HOMES



ROBOTS

Baseline architecture for Conversational Interaction



Extensions and improvements over the baseline architecture

- > Shared information storage or a blackboard
- > Send other messages
- > Asynchronicity
- > Incrementality
- > Compactness and low level integration



Building Conversational Interactive System is

A CHALLENGE

We need

**A MULTI
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- > Computational Linguistic Dimension
- > Operative Dimension
- > Communicative Dimension
- > Business Dimension



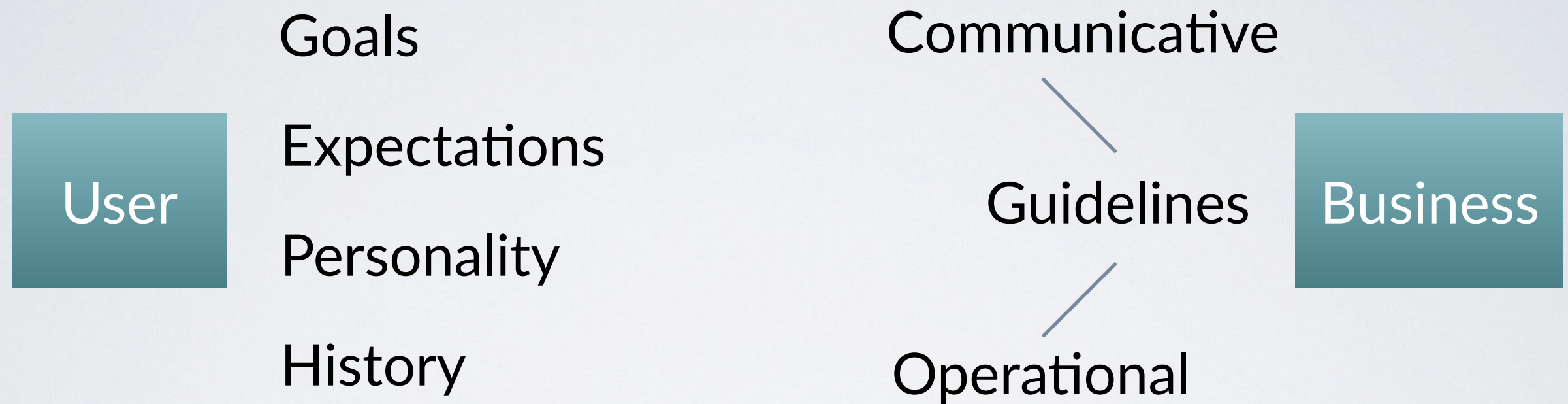
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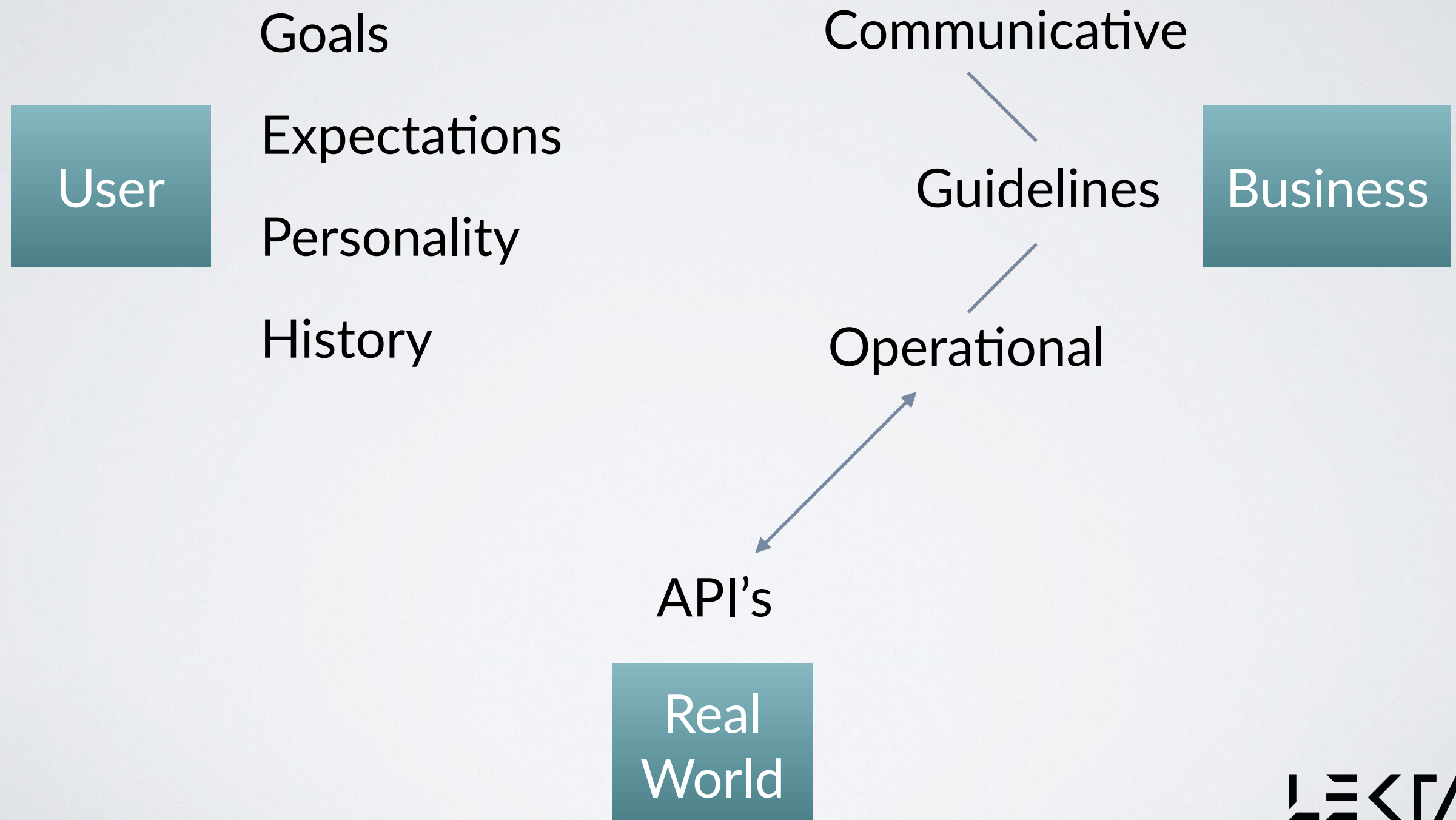
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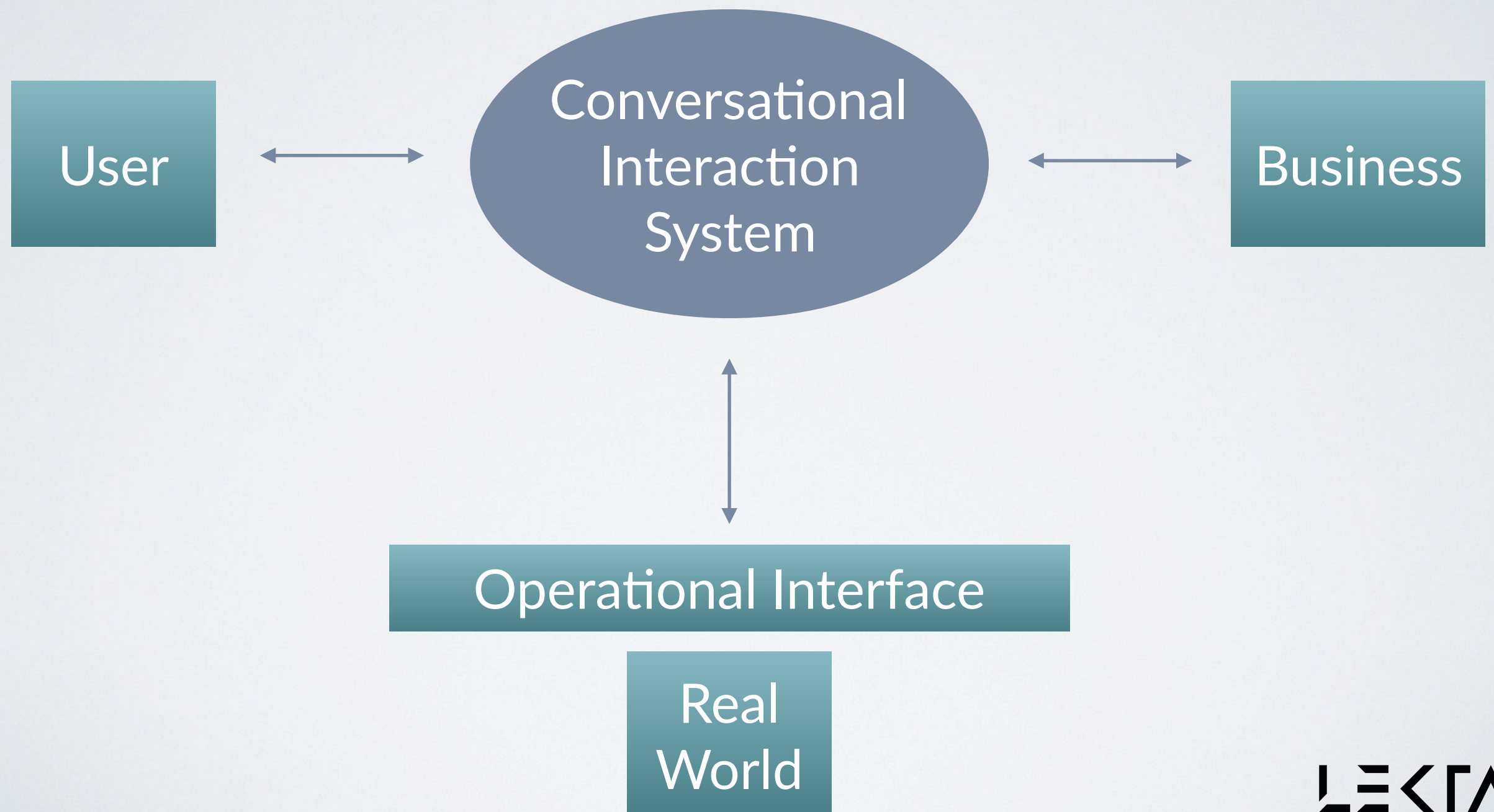
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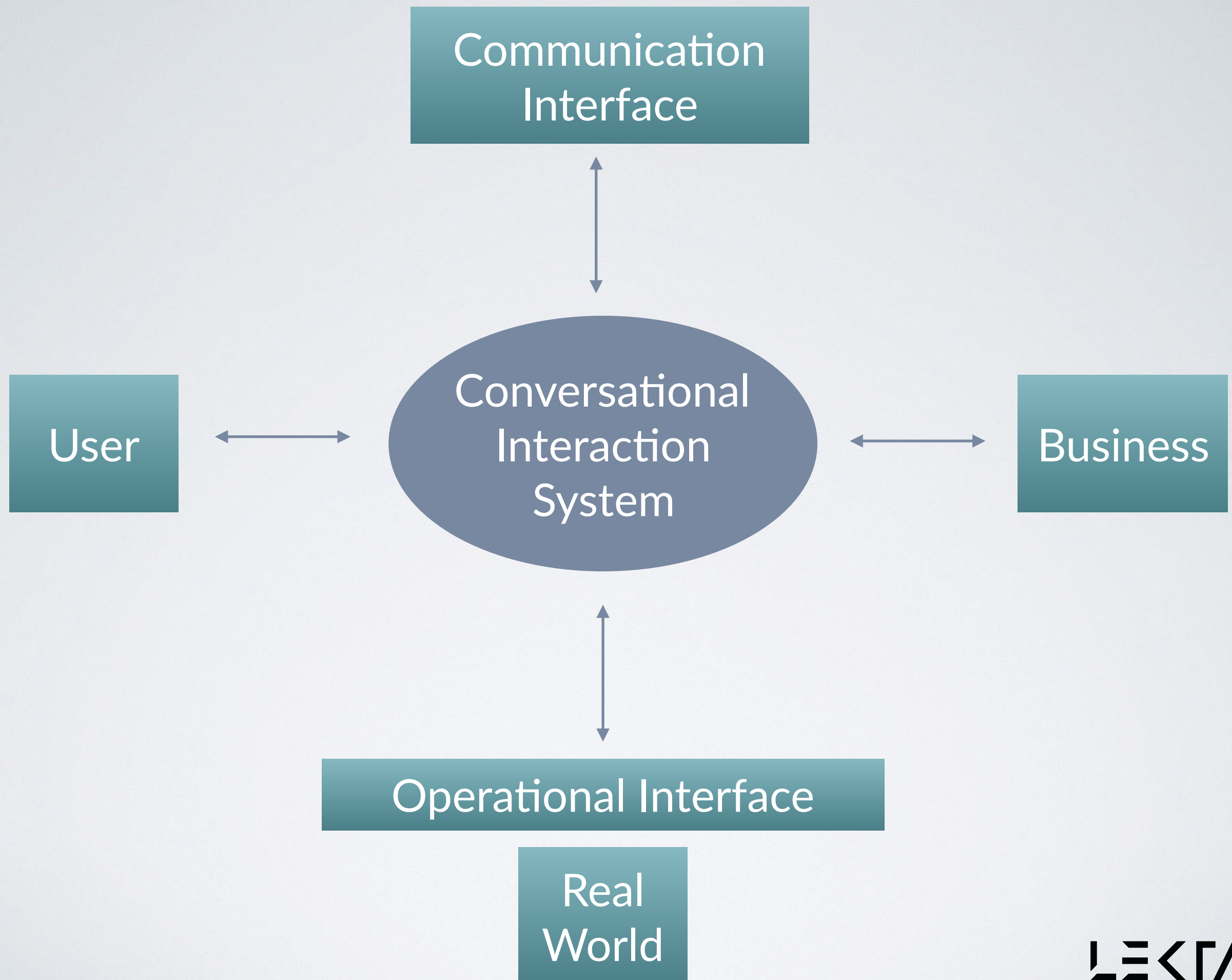
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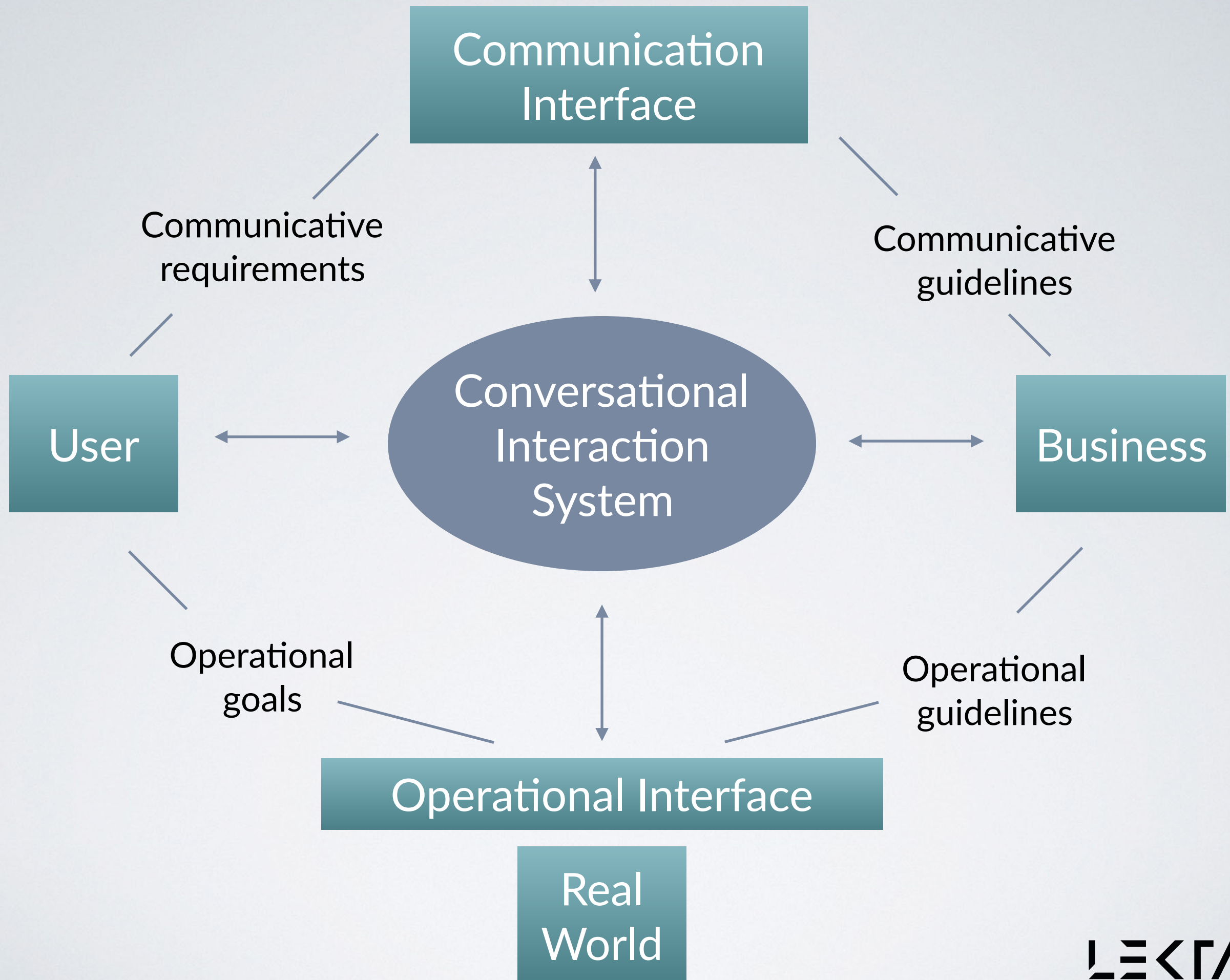
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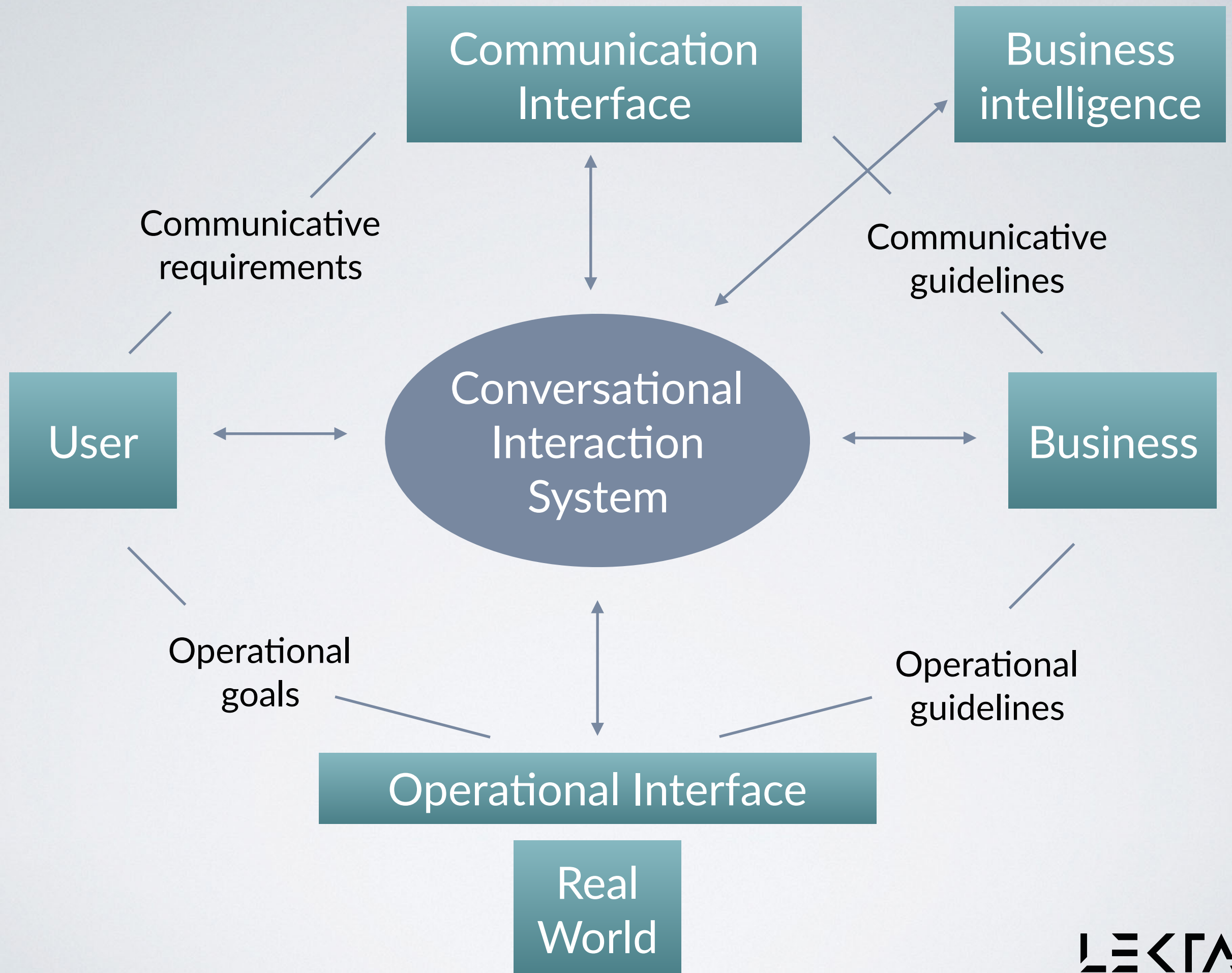














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“Most of the APIs are good for getting started quickly and build MVPs (Minimum Viable Products). Once you get beyond that you may start experiencing the limitations. In general, algorithms behind the APIs are tailored for a single interaction, either a question-answer or a comand-action.”

A Review of Natural Language APIs For Bots
Conversate

<https://medium.com/@Conversate/natural-language-apis-for-bots-e791f090e32f>

Critical Technical Limitations of API's

- Lack of context.
- Very limited failure management.
- Inadequate dialogue optimization strategies.
- Difficulties to integrate expert knowledge.
- Low accuracy

KEY FEATURES

AND RESEARCH TRENDS



LEKTA AI as Language

LEKTA is able to manipulate the following Language-oriented phenomena

- Language detection and adaptation
- Interface and multi-modality integration
- Natural Language Understanding
- Dialogue Management
- Natural Language Generation
- Low-level integration and interoperability

LEKTA AI as Engineering

- Real-time Conversational Engine
- Integration and Interoperability
- Robustness, Scalability
- LektaCS (Cloud Service)

LEKTA AI as Knowledge

- Knowledge Representation
- Knowledge Manipulation and Reasoning

LEKTA AI as Technology

- Integrated Development Framework
- APIs for Real-time integration with External Resources and Events
- LektaBI: Lekta Business Intelligence

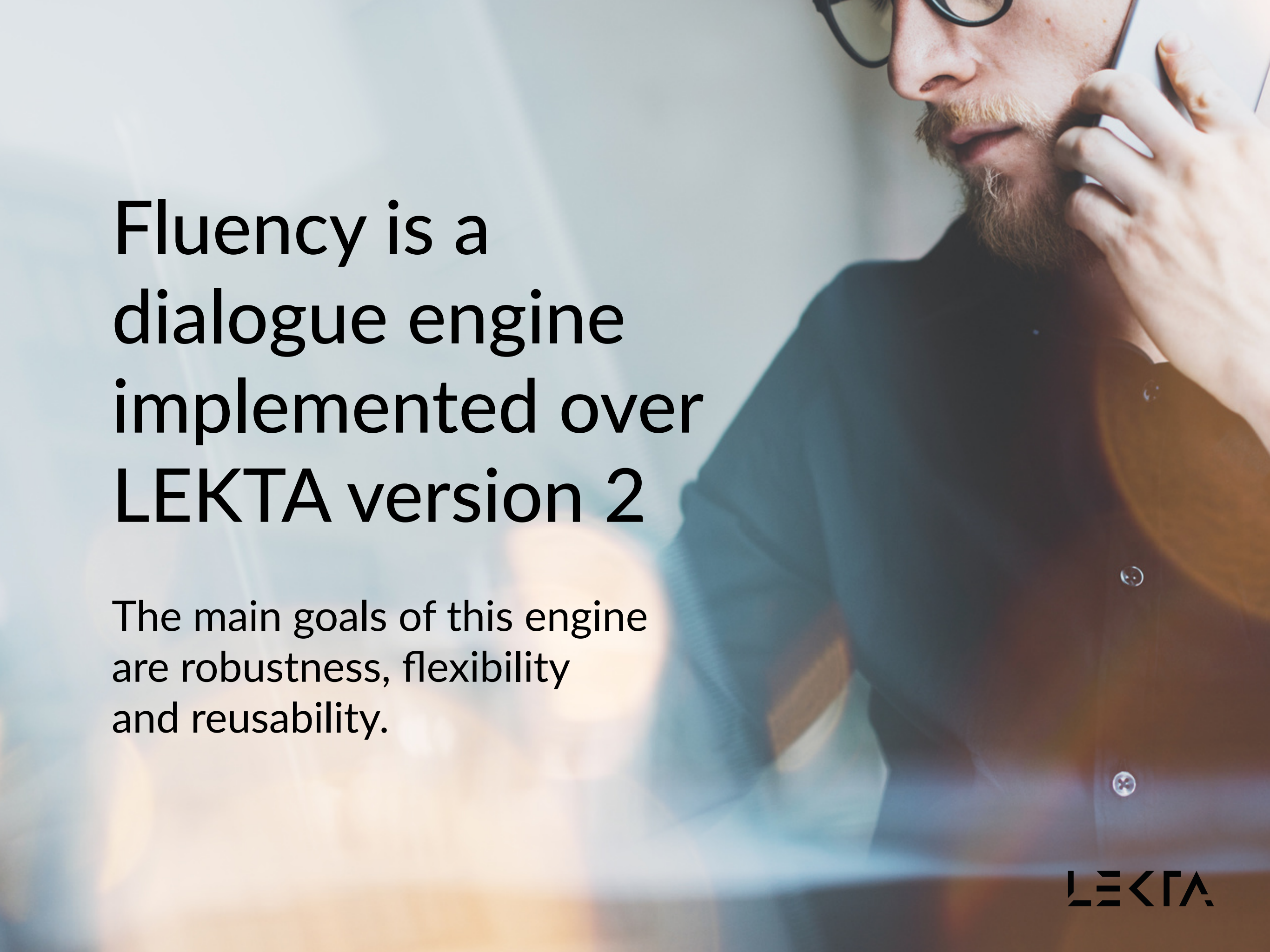
LEKTA AI as Automation

- Administration
- Monitoring

A photograph of two people working at a wooden desk. One person, wearing a blue shirt, is in the foreground, looking at a smartphone. The other person, wearing a dark shirt, is in the background, writing on a piece of paper. On the desk, there is a laptop, several sheets of paper with charts and graphs, and some sticky notes. The word "FLUENCY" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

FLUENCY

ЛЕКТА

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a man with a beard and glasses, holding a smartphone to his ear. He is wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. The background is out of focus, showing warm, bokeh light effects.

Fluency is a dialogue engine implemented over LEKTA version 2

The main goals of this engine
are robustness, flexibility
and reusability.

Fluency

- Dialogue Memory and Context Representation
- Incremental Approach for Understanding, Dialogue Management and Generation
- Event-oriented Runtime Engine
- Expectation-driven Understanding and Interpretation
- Disambiguation and Adaptation techniques for multi-purpose and open domains
- Detection and annotation of Operative and Communicative Strategies

Thank You