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So Maya, what have you got for us today?



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Well, I want to talk to you about yet another tool for dictation and voice into speech because it is something we've talked about quite a lot in this segment before. But that's because it's so useful. And I think I've found the best one yet. And it's something I've discovered fairly recently, and I'm still trading it, or it's training me. But the main thing is that it's it's AI driven, and just seems to be that little bit smarter at capturing voice into text in lots of different circumstances, particularly working with multiple voices, which is something that feels a little bit like the holy grail of dictation. So it's otter.ai. They use AI in their URL to stress the machine intelligence that's going into this, of course, it's not perfect, but it's the best one I found so far for having a stab at the punctuation and for dealing with multiple voices. So you can use it to record conversations with surprising degrees of accuracy.



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What do you say that is a good for having a stab at the punctuation. What do you mean by that? Well, I think if you



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depending on how long you've been working with voice recognition, technology, you know, if you were using Dragon 10 years ago, or something you probably got used to dictating by saying, I'm going to dictate a sentence now full stop, new paragraph. And if you start doing that with alter, it will go completely crazy, because it doesn't know what you're talking about. Whereas if you don't do it, and just speak normally, it will punctuate pretty well, not 100% of the time, but it normally gets it right probably better than anything else I've ever used.



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And is this in your phone, whenever



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it spoke, you have an account that's across all platforms. So it's on a login basis. And I've used it on my phone to capture article ideas. If I'm walking or something and just, you know, dictate a paragraph or something, then it's available in the browser, when you come to use it. It also works on recorded audio. So what you can do is have an interview or a meeting on zoom, for example, and record the call. And then you can upload that audio into otter. And the fascinating thing that I found out actually, literally this week was that sometimes otter understands the conversation better than YouTube.



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just elaborate a bit on that



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I had a meeting where it was actually quite a large meeting there about nine of us on the call. And one person who was very crucial to that meeting was wasn't using a proper mic, he was using a headset with a dangling mic somewhere halfway down his shirt, and there was a little bit of interference on it. And during the meeting, I was really trying to concentrate on what he was saying because it was crucial to the follow up and really wishing that I insisted to use the headset from the start. And when I uploaded the recording to be analyzed, I actually got things from that conversation from his contributions in particular that I've missed. And I realized that obviously, the zoom recording that otter is working from is directly from him. Whereas what I'm hearing through the entire platform is then mediated back into my headphones with all the other

background noise and the other people speaking and so on. So, for me, it does feel like a real discovery that not only have I got a record of this meeting, but that I can refer to at leisure. It's actually in some ways it's better than the original conversation.



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Wow, Can you spell out the URL where we can find it again? Oh, double te r.ai.



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It's worth a try. It is a



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pre premium, not premium premium, you get something like 600 minutes for free. And then after that you have to pay if you use it loads.



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Okay, well, that's good. That's good. Excellent. Well, listeners, let us know if you do try it in the end. Or if you have anything else that you'd like to suggest virtual, not distant.com