Nanyang Technological University of Singapore unveils Nadine, a social robot

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Right before the turn of the new year, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore unveiled a life-like social robot that’s named Nadine.

Made to resemble her (or its) creator, professor Nadia Thalmann, Nadine features synthetic skin and hair to look as human-like as possible. Nadine is called a social robot since she features the kind of artificial intelligence that you’ll find in Apple’s Siri and Microsoft’s Cortana.

Nadine is apparently also capable of recognizing the people she has met, remember what they have said and, according to researchers, be happy or sad, as well as having a semblance of what we’d call a personality. Put all these together and you’d get a potential personal assistant for offices or homes, or even as a social companion for the young and elderly.

Of course, Nadine is not the first of her kind. In Japan, it is slowly becoming commonplace for robots to take the place of an actual human in certain service industries – there’s even a hotel that is run nearly entirely by robots. They’ll also be responsible for making 35 percent of us lose jobs we don’t mind losing in 20 years’ time, so there’s that.

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