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Thread: [Do you think people will pay for a mental health app like this?](#)

JNath - June 2, 2025, 10:27 am

Hell guys, do you think people would pay for AI therapy/Counseling ? I suffer from bipolar disorder and sometimes I like talking to ChatGPT so I was thinking if people would actually use a service like this?

The Joker - June 2, 2025, 10:43 am

If they do use one, I'm sure they'll go for the free tier ChatGPT or other LLMs..

Mooooookie - June 2, 2025, 11:01 am

(Jun 2, 2025 10:27 AM)Cypress.io Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hell guys, do you think people would pay for AI therapy/Counseling ? I suffer from bipolar disorder and sometimes I like talking to ChatGPT so I was thinking if people would actually use a service like this?

I think it really depends on the person. Not all of us enjoy the same thing, so while it may not be suitable for some people.. there would be other people out there that might adore something like that. Everyone deals with, and handles mental health in their own way.

The App would need to standout amongst ChatGPT, and other AI apps for this type of thing. You would have to figure out what features, and options you could add to the app, that would set it aside from just using regular ChatGPT.. so this way they have a reason to use the app. Make the app free for users, and have premium features that you can only get by upgrading... as I don't think users will use it right off the top, if they have to pay. But if they can use it, get a liking to it, and be willing to pay for upgraded features.. why not? There are literally billions of users using mobile apps.. so while it may not be for everyone, there are some out that would use it.

Can't hurt trying it. What's the worst the can happen? It not be successful? Then at least you know you tried it.

Noxious Engine - June 2, 2025, 11:07 am

(Jun 2, 2025 10:30 AM)m0hx Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think i rather jump, than depend on AI to help me solve my mental issues.

This. Also, there's already the ChatGPT chat client which is free. They even offer custom fine-tuned versions of it for free. I'm assuming there has to be one geared towards mental health.

Sarmix - June 2, 2025, 12:35 pm

I don't think so. But the psyche needs as much attention as food and drink.

Zher0 - June 2, 2025, 2:22 pm

I wouldn't personally, but I know someone who does. You should do some market research to 1. see if it exists already, and 2. maybe post on a relevant subreddit to see if it would help people there.

theStance - June 2, 2025, 2:38 pm

I thought I was the only one who did that glad 2 see I'm not alone. Sounds like a cool idea u should try it

Rsynced - June 2, 2025, 5:56 pm

Did you know The first widely recognized AI chatbot was ELIZA?

"Developed between 1964 and 1966 at MIT by Joseph Weizenbaum."

It was designed to simulate a psychotherapist using a pattern matching and substitution methodology to create the illusion of understanding.

ELIZA's Functionality:

ELIZA followed rules in a script, most famously "DOCTOR," which imitated a Rogerian psychotherapist.

It found keywords in user input and rephrased statements as questions, creating a sense of dialogue.

For example, if a user typed "I feel sad," ELIZA might respond "Why do you feel sad?"

Impact and Legacy:

ELIZA was groundbreaking and showed the potential of human-computer interaction.

Weizenbaum was surprised by how emotionally involved users became with the program, attributing human-like feelings to it. This is known as the "ELIZA effect".

ELIZA's success led to further research and development in AI chatbots.

Although limited in its ability to truly understand conversations, ELIZA paved the way for more advanced chatbots like PARRY, A.L.I.C.E., and modern AI assistants such as Siri and Alexa.

ELIZA's Historical Significance:

ELIZA is a landmark achievement in AI history and highlights the origins of conversational AI.

Its simplicity and ability to engage users offer insights into human interaction with machines.

The "ELIZA effect" remains relevant, emphasizing the challenges and ethical considerations in developing AI that interacts with humans.

Jamika - June 2, 2025, 9:51 pm

Dont wanna disappoint you but if i were in this cases i will not

Phantom_NiNja - June 3, 2025, 2:22 pm

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Nope, why would someone use your service and pay for it when there's AI available that's free?

ohsamiono - June 10, 2025, 2:34 am

People will literally buy anything, it just depends on how you sell the idea to them.