let's take a look at how experimentation can turn into personalization so the most traditional approach I think most of you are familiar with is is actually a B testing so you run a test here in this case there are four different variations you wanna see which one is the best performing one you run it and maybe two weeks later you find out oh variation d is the best performing on and that's the one you serve there's a newer approach which is which is called multi armed bended I really don't like the word bend it because it sounds like you want to steal something but that kind of research comes out of slot machines in the 70s so this is why the name still stuck around and with multi umbend it's it actually learns throughout the experiment which variations are performing better than others and then it's taking these learnings and it's um kind of dynamically allocating the traffic to the ones it's thinking are the best performing ones and here you can see that it learns quickly that the de variation is the best performing one and what you hear are actually mitigating is regret this time here between start and finish off of the experiments is called regret because a B and C are not as good as the others so why are you serving them right and here you learn this mother quickly so you can regret this but for but for truly personalized design vou need something what is built on top of the multi arm bended technology which is called a contextual bandit um which has feature and context vectors on top which are fancy names for um the user and the kind of attributes of a user and the state of which the user is actually in state could be some could be like previous behavior and all of that you're adding to this technology to in real time learn what is the best performing variation for each individual customer and you don't necessarily end up with one winning with one winning variation

but you can up with multiple winning variations here you can see this hypothetical example that the d variation is the best performing one but only for I guess 60% of the audience so why not serve the other 40% of the audience with the best performing variation or the best fitting variation for them just to explain that I should have done this in the beginning this is the time excess here on X and the y excess is the percentage of traffic being served to the audience let me try to visualize the Contextual Bandit in a more simplified way so we have got on the left side I generate design variations using in this case our deluxe technology and then the Contextual Bandit to find out what is the best match between these and then you've got the feedback loop where you learn if that actually is something what you should continue to serve or not because we also want to make sure that personalization engines don't put you in the bubble where you cannot get out anymore do you know the feeling that if I know this if I click this thing here I'm going to be surf this this kind of ad forever and you're like I want click this like which is really terrible and not the kind of personalization we looking for you have to continuously it's called explore and explored explored sounds childhood again but that's the kind of terminology which is used in machine learning here you have to continuously explore and exploit the learnings so in the contextual Bendit setup for instance um it's very common that 10% of the audience get a random variation while 90% are being exploited on the learning switch have happened before and then you continue the loop when you talk about AI we have to talk about ethics right so we we wanna make sure that that we are building um artificial technology

which is aligned with our ethical values itself first we have got um something while we are using a workshop um which is being put together by dot everyone the company in the UK which is called consequence Scanning it's a really cool exercise so what you do is you are trying to answer three questions what are the intended and the and the unintended consequences what are the positive ones you wanna focus on and what are the negative ones you wanna mitigate and then you get this nice um quadrant where you can kind of do your brainstorming on and then really see what kind of things you have to look out for and if the positive ones are actually the ones you you are planning for with this kind of application um so yeah I definitely encourage you to take a look at this link and try this out it's a really cool workshop and it's a good exercise for product development in general it doesn't have to necessarily include AI from my point of view how this applies to design generation or design automation if you will I wanna draw here like a little metaphor to the levels of driving automation I think everybody of you is aware that there are more and more self driving cars out there but they are not all here just yet right so you could say that the bigger companies are like between two and three you know you're still you must still need to be there have the wheel whenever necessary and you cannot start reading a book while sitting in the car and driving just yet and I think it's similar when we are talking about design automation right it's not that we wanna automate designers out of a job the goal here is ready to help designers by um through through the automation of tedious and repetitive tests um so that we can free up other time for more interesting work if you will so from my point of view we are currently in this metaphor at like level 2

where we are seeing where we are going to start to see the the automation of some tedious and repetitive junior designer and also develop ourselves right because what's being generated is also coded automatically and in the future we might see the Level 3 where some automation of tedious and repetitive more senior designer development has and I'm really curious to talk about this more um later today what's your point of views on this my perspective is that the amount of work and the kind of service area designers have to do with today keeps keeps actually increasing right there are so many channels and there will be new channels coming up and I think the only way how we can keep up is by starting to actually automate one of the more repetitive things and focus on the new um more complex areas the other thing we're using to mitigate potentially negative consequences is that we keep the human in the loop so simple simple illustration we've got a design as a design AI which is generating variations and then the user which could be for instance like a marketing specialist and picks the picks the best variations for the personalization engine and might be that none of these are good and you go back to manual design which is also okay right but we wanna make sure that we keep the human in the loop and the personalization engine predicts for the customer using a contextual bundle for instance the top prediction and then specific loop continues here and you learn something so you start to like actually iterate on the design variations and the feedback loop doesn't necessarily have to be only implicit which is working with like instrumentation of data but it can also be it can also be explicit which means sometimes it's easiest to ask the user when to want like what should this look like or was this helpful

you see a lot of like thumbs up thumbs down when you see something like also make sure that that you do include the end customer as part of that loop where applicable all of that we are um currently at Salesforce productizing um as part of Ancient Designer followed by Deep Learning ex and we are currently working with a Marketing Club team iust got announced last month to help with a feature called Ed Sheeran Content Selection which is already doing personalization but this is taking on the kind of automation of the variations you need for personalization a lot of Asian um this one here I didn't plan to put into my deck but but based on the conversation we had earlier I thought I put it in just as a provocation to so democratization of design I said it in this case what democratization of design means today the workflow is that you have in the B2C space again marketing specialist collaborating with creative designers and the back and forth between kind of like giving the brief or what the marketing campaign is about and like receiving the assets you then need to kind of launch your campaign is a process which which easily takes days and weeks and with this like automation of for instance banners we can a turn this process down like cut it down from days and weeks down to minutes but also start your marketing and actually enable the marketing specialist to do some of those lightweight design work in the more in a more autonomous way and then have the creative designers free them up to think more about the higher level brand thinking and not cranking out banners S0 let me please summarize what I was talking about today so we believe that with personalized design we can build relationships by design all times intended um the two pieces to personalized design at scale are

generated design where we automating the to use repetitive tasks and that we can start to generate variations for experimentation which turns into personalization and on the experimentation site to start doing more data driven design and take some of that subjectiveness out of the creative process and also had to find your story with a customer also kind of reduce the back seat designing some of you might have experienced also like some people like I really think we should do it this way and like maybe let us have the data answer what is the right thing to do here and um be less reliant on our intuition so veah no more one size fits all for for the experience layer I think we are just scratching the surface and I think our thinking is going to develop significantly if we move forward here and but I truly believe that personalization and can then lead to more meaningful and bespoke experience which can delight every customer thank you