Everything You Can Do With Amazon Alexa

Amazon’s voice assistant Alexa can make it so you never have to lift a finger to perform certain actions.

Not only can Alexa tell you simple things such as the time, set up an alarm and play music, but it’s also programmed to do things such as request an Uber pickup and order a pizza.

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Yet people often underestimate Alexa’s abilities – in fact, it basically has its own personality. Alexa can tell jokes, read books, teach math – the list goes on and it’s expanding regularly. As of July, the voice platform surpassed 15,000 skills, which is 5,000 more than it had in February.

Now it can be programmed to sound even more human-like. In April, Amazon announced five new language protocols that allow app builders to incorporate speech patterns such as whispering, bleeping out swear words and changing the speed at which Alexa talks. And in October, the ecommerce giant programmed Alexa to be able to recognize a variety of voices – whether it’s more family members, a significant other or some close pals – and reply with personalized responses.

While in the past, these “Alexa skills” would have to be enabled – meaning a user would have to go into their Amazon Alexa app, search for the skill they wanted and turn it on – now, a user can bypass this step and simply ask Alexa anything.

To unlock Alexa’s full potential, check out everything the voice assistant can do.

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