

Supercomputer so good it's almost human

LONDON, UK: A Russian supercomputer posing as a 13-year-old boy has convinced judges it is human, becoming the first to pass the "Turing Test" in a historic moment in artificial intelligence developer, scientists said.



Scientist Alan Turing who devised the Turing Test in the 1950s. Image: Wikipedia

The computer became the first in the world to be mistaken for a real person during conversations with humans conducted at the Royal Society in London.

The test was established in 1950 by Alan Turing, a pioneer of computer science.

At the competition last weekend, five supercomputers were presented with a series of unrestricted questions. Real people also answered the questions and the judges had to decide who was human.

The Russian computer program persuaded the judges 33% of the time that it was a human.