

Quanta fact checking

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Sun, Aug 23, 2020 at 6:31 PM

Dear Anna and Stephen,

My answers to Anna's fact checking questions written today on a train are attached as a PDF and at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U8-ygoDT5gx9Y005h_w4_grSMgdk7y2w1P7KAur0o4Q/edit?usp=drivesdk .

I have given interviews about my research before and my experience is that it is usually better to do them in writing and with the final version checked by me. Examples are https://intelligence.org/2013/12/21/josef-urban-on-machine-learning-and-automated-reasoning/ and https://www.sciencesquared.eu/artificial-intelligence#ai-question-3-can-computers-really-do-math.

If you need any more questions answered, please send them either by email or via Google Doc. You can also write comments into the current document.

I should be back at work starting tomorrow and will be more available, although it will be really busy time for me until the end of September.

Best, Josef

On Sat, Aug 22, 2020, 05:35 A Schier <alschier@gmail.com> wrote: Hello Josef,

Apologies for the delay, I've had very strange technical difficulties the past two days. It goes as far as having to attach a Word doc with the points of interest I'd like you to approve; I can't even copy the text in the body of this email.

The notes (attached) are fairly cut and dry; if you see any incorrect statements please note a correction. There is one quote from you at the end of the doc.

Cheers, Anna

On Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 1:38 AM Josef Urban <josef.urban@gmail.com> wrote: | Dear Anna,

I am traveling. If you want any questions answered, please send them by email ASAP.

Best, Josef

I am fact checking Stephen Ornes's latest Quanta story on theorem provers. I'd like to schedule individual calls to cover a few points of interest *prior to* Monday, August 24th, if possible. I have one section of time where I will be traveling by car and unavailable this Saturday from 11am-4pm EST. I'm available in the evenings as well for ease of scheduling. Please let me know the best day(s) and time(s) that work for you over the next four days and hopefully I can get you all set up for a brief chat.

Many thanks in advance!

Best Regards,

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