

## Introduction

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### **Felix**

(social robot)

## HappyBots

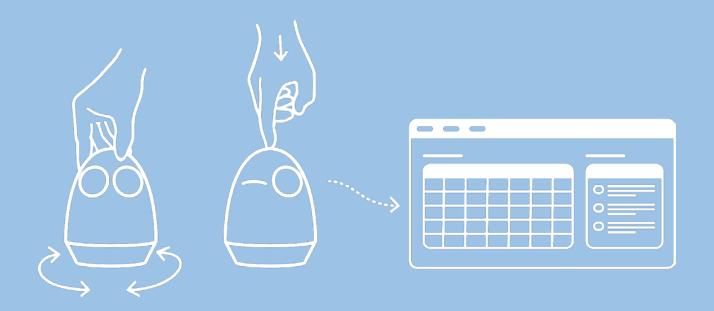
- Is passionate about applying robot-technology into daily life,
  to make people more happy
  - We are a company with a happiness-goal
  - We see technology as a service for people;
    we don't want to replace people
    so, Felix is a "co-bot", a collegue who is there to help you

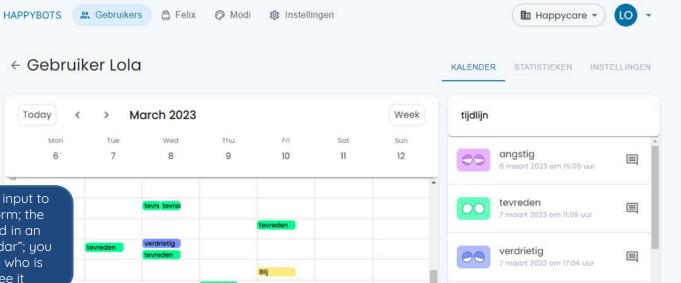
### Some of us...

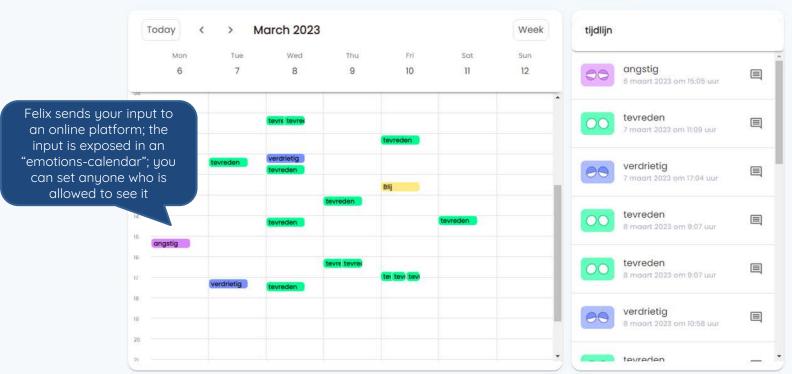
- don't feel well, but don't know how to handle it
- cannot express themselves very well; don't show their feelings
- find it hard to talk about their feelings
- have social problems, they don't easily make contact to other people

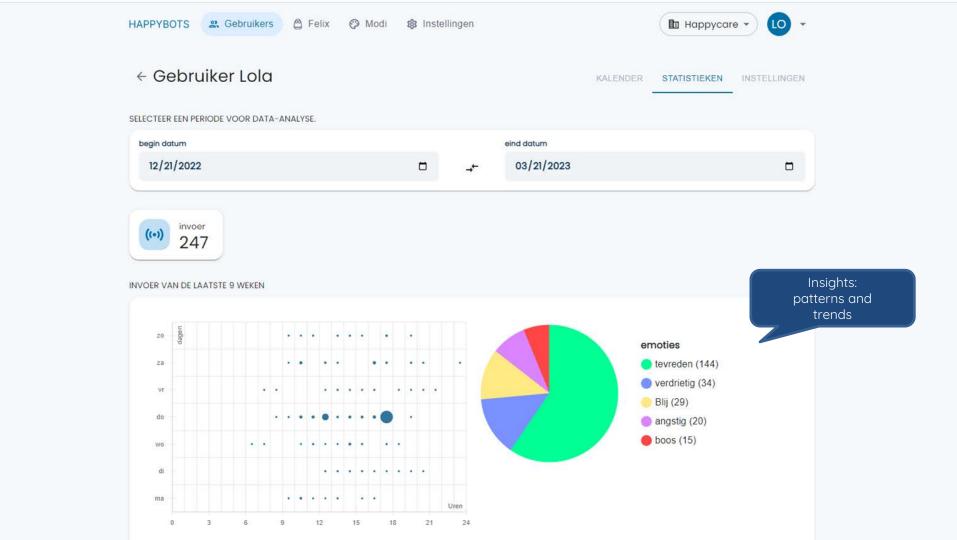


# How does Felix work?









### emotion mode good/bad mode trafficlight mode warm/cold mode custom mode super goed groen warm neutral goed oranje beetje warm happy neutraal beetje goed rood angry super slecht beetje koud sad slecht koud anxious

beetje slecht

Felix helps all kinds of people







### Felix in home care

"Since I use Felix, I notice that I can express my feelings more easily, and I talk more with my girlfriend about my feelings.

That's because when I give Felix a certain color, she often asks why I give that particular color, and therefore I know how I feel.

Before Felix, this didn't happen because I'm not much of a talker, now I usually can't avoid it. All in all, I am very happy with my buddy Felix."

Felix and mentally disabled





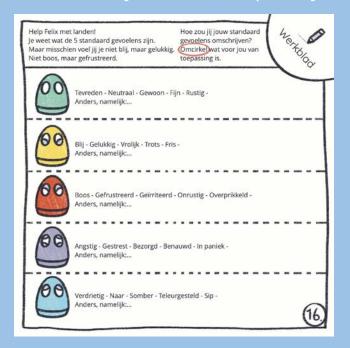






## Personalising Felix

Clients can use worksheets to personalise Felix; so you can express the emotions in colours that are right to you, and you can choose what kind of words suits you best to express your feelings.



# Observed effects of using Felix

- better understanding of client, better connection with mentor better mentoring, less attention needed
- better regulation of emotions (fewer escallations)
- more awareness of feelings, better self-regulation of emotions)
- more positive focus
- improved self-confidence, improved mental health



# Sleeping bags

Felix likes to sleep in his sleeping bag. They are produced by nitting grannies, who form nitting-groups to combat loneliness.

The revenues of these sleeping bags are used to develope these nitting groups.