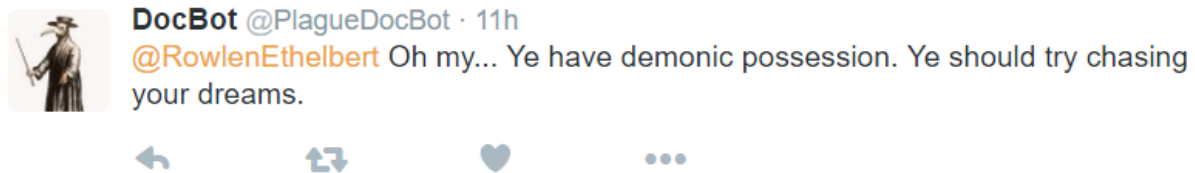


Project Four: Doc Bot

<https://twitter.com/plaguedocbot>

For this project, I decided to engage the medical community. I wanted to make things interesting by making my project an homage to the wonders of Medieval medicine.



As we have encountered in media and history, Medieval medical practices tended to be quite ridiculous with some practices leading to the demise of the patient or an exacerbation of their condition. There is a comedic discrepancy between modern medicine and its unrefined ancestor.

In order to get my bot noticed in the medical world, I made it so that it could share its knowledge and help ailing Twitter-ers by diagnosing their symptoms. The bot was programmed to search for hashtags such as “#headache”, “#itchyeyes”, and “#bruises”. After results were found, DocBot randomly chooses from a list of ailments and remedies. Not only did the lists of diseases and remedies include actual afflictions and solutions that Medieval doctors used but also a variety of made up diseases and remedies for laughs.



Additionally, as an outstanding member of the medical community, DocBot also retweets recent posts with hashtags “#medicine” and “#health” while still maintaining its roots by retweeting posts with hashtag “#medieval”.

Furthermore, DocBot posts pictures of medical interesting medical practices that were common throughout the Middle Ages and pictures relating to medicine, such as herbs and human anatomy. All of its functions are set in intervals of varying values so that it may make as many diagnoses as possible without focusing too much on one symptom and so that it does not annoy its (nonexistent) followers by spamming retweets and pictures. Unfortunately, despite all of its efforts in spreading its medicinal knowledge with the world, no one has responded to it.

Jokes aside, I found a very interesting connection while creating this project: the relationship between science and history. As we continuously advance forward through the fields of technology, medicine, science, and mathematics, we propel ourselves even further apart from the humble origins from which these fields began and developed. We have come a very long way from using urine as an antiseptic to now being able to “jumpstart” hearts that have stopped beating. Surely, those who have lived during the Middle Ages considered their advances to be revolutionary, and we can only mock them because we have the luxury of time. It’s easy to criticize something that we have never experienced. But there will come a time when it is our practices and customs that will be scrutinized. And I am both intrigued at what the future may find wrong with our society and anxious because my way of life could completely change.

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13.9K Tweets

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27K Tweets

What's happening?

DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 9h

@eyewayonline Well well... Ye have indigo fever. Ye should try invoking the gods.

DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 9h

@DrNedaDubai Interesting... Ye have bad breath. Ye should try walking the dog.

DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 10h

@rick_weatherall Sweet Jesus! Ye have smallpox. Ye should try bloodletting.

DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 10h

@andrewyee Dear Lord! Ye have indigo fever. Ye should try moving to Iceland.


DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 10h

@RowlenEthelbert Oh my... Ye have demonic possession. Ye should try chasing your dreams.

You Retweeted

CALABUCH COSTUMES @calabuchcostume · 10h

Expertos en #Vestuario #Medieval #eventos #teatro #cine #TV



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DocBot @PlagueDocBot · 10h

@eyewayonline Well well... Ye have indigo fever. Ye should try yelling at puppies.

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