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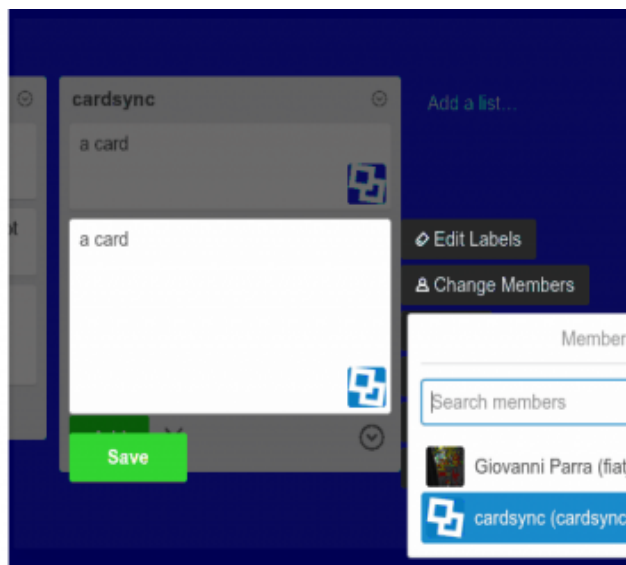
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Hello

Hello, again, and welcome to the third issue of the *Bot!* zine!

Botwiki.org updates

We now have a section for Trello bots! Feel free to send in your favorite bots for Trello, and any useful tutorials and articles. Botwiki.org contributor Héctor is continuing to translate the bot pages, see how you can join him.

Bots

Bots created last week include:

- [@NoJSBot](#) is set to quickly become every web developer's best friend
- [@menubot](#) takes you for a trip through time (note that Hugo, the author, made this bot [open source](#) and he also wrote a [neat little wrapper](#) for the data he's working with)
- [@NaNoGenMoBot](#) will help you stay on top of this year's NaNoGenMo
- and [@DitheredBot](#) joins the rank of other image-effect bots on Twitter

And as usual, be sure to check out the [Twitter bots most recently added to the site](#).

Events

We now have two ongoing events: The 2015 NaNoGenMo and PROCJAM (video of the PROCJAM talks is available, see the link). And if you're in London on November 14th, check out Poetry, Artificial Intelligence and Computational Creativity.

Bot! zine Interview #2

It took a bit longer to get that second interview ready -- and there is also a small change in the "branding". The original title of "Botmaker Profiles" limits the people I'm speaking with to those who made at least one bot. I'd like to avoid that limitation, so for now I'm just going to refer to the "Bot! zine Interviews". Also, the schedule may continue to be a bit irregular.

Anyway! Two weeks ago, I sat down to chat with the game maker George Buckenham, the creator of Cheap Bots Done Quick, which is a pretty neat Twitter bot creation tool. He was traveling to show off his latest game project, Fabulous Beasts, at the GameCity festival.

Reading List

- The Best Twitter Bots for Keeping Tabs on the Government (motherboard.vice.com)
- Interview with Yann Lecun on what AI can do (newscientist.com)
- Using Machine Learning to generate rap lyrics (deepbeat.org, original paper at arxiv.org)
- Understanding Convolutional Neural Networks for NLP (wildml.com)
- Hidden in plain sight: Brute-forcing Slack private files (ibuildings.nl)
- Slack CEO Stewart Butterfield on Changing the Way We Work (wsj.com)

And a few videos I recently added to Botwiki, in case you missed them:
- Using a Neural Network to Train a Ruby Twitter Bot (fullstackfest.com)
- Generating Captions: Describing Videos with Neural Networks (medium

- [Darius Kazemi](#) talks about "composing for infinity" in this 2014 [Eyeo Festival](#) video: https://vimeo.com/112289364

Wrap Up

I run into some technical difficulties while working on my [OpenShift](#) tutorials for (mostly) complete beginners. If you have any experience running the OpenShift command line tool on Windows, I'd really love to [hear from you](#).

Also, this is a reminder that we started the [Monthly Bot Challenge](#) and it's not too late to enter :-)

And finally, I'm reaching to a few people to see if/how folks in [#edtech](#) use Slack. If you're a teacher, educator, mentor, and use Slack with your class or learners, I'd love to [hear from you as well](#).

And that's really it! Thanks for reading and see you again next week!