Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

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Bots, libraries and resources

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- This just blew my mind.
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"/question.txt" 3 line(s), 99 character(s)
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dblock 6:40 PM
:wq

sh BOT 6:40 PM

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written /question.txt, 3 line(s), 99 character(s)
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dblock 6:40 PM
ls

sh BOT 6:40 PM

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question.txt, 99 byte(s)
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`+`   cat question| ☺

- it's a small step for @one_small_bot, but a giant leap for botkind
- the tests for the new SVG functionality for Cheap Bots, Done Quick continue
  with @circleparty
- @data2dada quite literally turns data into art
- @WITKillerBMovie has some killer B-movie ideas
- @GooglyEyes4U has, well, googly eyes for you
- @CustBot will help you find customer support on Twitter
- Humblebot promises to make you a better person
- Slack-Metabot will let you run Slack APIs inside Slack itself and Shlack puts a bash
  shell inside your Slack
- meet Lark, your personal weight loss coach

Brad O'Connor put together a collection of tools he uses for creating Twitter bots with Ruby

- [Timothy Hopper](#) wrote a [Python template](#) for running Twitter bots on [AWS Lambda](#)
- *Beep Boop* bills itself as a "ridiculously simple hosting platform for your Slackbots". See also [this tutorial](#) on making natural language Slackbots with [Wit.ai](#) and *Beep Boop,* and note that the service is $5/month and on the free plan, you will have to [restart your bot every hour](#).
- and this tutorial will teach you how to *[Make a Self-Training, NLP-Driven Slack Bot](#),* with [Botkit](#) and node.js

Reading list

- The [OpenAI](#) research team hosted [an AMA on Reddit](#)
- [Facebook's Secret Chat SDK Lets Developers Build Messenger Bots](#) (techcrunch.com)
- [The bots are coming: Conversational UI and introducing the Skyscanner Telegram Bot](#) (codevoyagers.com)
- [Assist Has No App. It's A Free Travel/Shopping Chat Bot For SMS And Facebook Messenger](#) (techcrunch.com)
- [Cheating on the Turing test — Building the robot assistant](#) ([Matty Mariansky](#) via medium.com)
- [The Next Phase Of UX: Designing Chatbot Personalities](#) (fastcodesign.com)
- [The Myth Of AI](#) (edge.org)
- [A 'Brief' History of Neural Nets and Deep Learning](#) (andreykurenkov.com)
- [Inside Facebook's Artificial Intelligence Lab](#) (popsci.com)
- [Azure Machine Learning – Classifying customer support emails](#) (blog.powerupcloud.com)
- [Deep learning pipeline for orbital satellite data for detecting clouds](#) ([Brad Neuberg](#) via github.com)
- [The Botification of News](#) (niemanlab.org)
- [Stanford University CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition](#) (stanford.edu)

Events and other updates

Algorithmia will be announcing winners of their [Shorties contest](#) in just two days, the Bay Area Bot Arts meetup group is having a [movie night on January 16](#), [Ben Brown](#) is getting ready to host his [messaging and chatbot developer meet up at the upcoming SXSW](#), and if

Also, two new Slack bot meetup groups popped up, one in [New York](#), and an official one in Slack's [San Francisco](#) office.

Interested in learning more about designing UX for online bots? [Get in touch with Austin](#)!

And finally, [BotWatch](#) is now commissioning both short and long form essays on all things bots. To send pitches or for more information, send an email to [botwatch.projects@gmail.com](#).

Notes and project updates

Apologies to the folks who submitted their bots via botwiki.org/submit-your-bot recently: I received your submissions, and really appreciate them, but will need a bit more time to go through them.

With that being said, I would also like to take the opportunity and let everyone know that if you'd like to get involved with Botwiki, this newsletter, or any other related project, [I'd love to hear from you](#)!

As for some future plans, there are some interesting interviews coming soon, I should be releasing more [badges](#) -- and a few other things that will be announced when ready :-)

Thanks for reading, and have a great week!

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