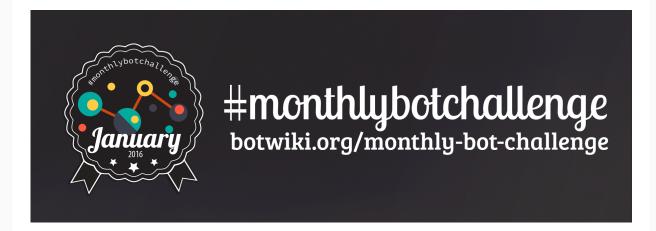
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Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

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Project updates



There is still time to join the <u>Monthly Bot Challenge!</u> Also, I'm very happy to see the number of subscribers grow past 130 -- not too bad for what is still quite a small niche! :-)

This newsletter, and all the related side projects, including Botwiki.org and Botmakers.org are (mostly) a labor of love of a single person (hello!) and I always appreciate folks reaching out to me offering help: there is a huge backlog of bots I'd like to add to Botwiki, I compile this newsletter, interview people (I had to take a long break from that, but the next interview is coming soon!), and I organize the Monthly Bot Challenge and seek out sponsors, among other things.

If you don't have the time (which I completely understand!), I'd also appreciate even a small donation, via <u>Gratipay</u>, <u>Patreon</u>, <u>PayPal</u> (this is a personal account, please include a note!), or <u>Bitcoin</u>.

Your funds will all go towards covering expenses like hosting, domains, and I'm also

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Bots, libraries and resources



- @Wizards DnD will give you a free reading
- @classifybot organizes NYPL public domain collections
- art meets TV entertainment with <u>@EtraedSeinfeld</u>
- if you're hungry, try one of these <u>randomly-generated sandwiches</u>
- <u>@tiny_forests</u> fills your Twitter feed with tiny emoji forests
- <u>solyaris/dialogs</u> is a dialog system framework for conversational services
- and finally, <u>Slack Message Builder</u> is an incredibly useful tool for Slack bot makers

Reading list

- Q&A: What Brands Should Know About Facebook Messenger Chat Bots (adage.com)
- 2016 will be the year of conversational commerce (Chris Messina via medium.com)
- DARPA Twitter Bot Challenge (businessinsider.com)
- China's Baidu Releases Its Al Code (technologyreview.com)
- Why video games are essential for inventing artificial intelligence (togelius.blogspot.com)
- Why you should build a Slack app (and Messenger soon) (Matthieu Varagnat via medium.com)

(poynter.org)

- How 'artificial swarm intelligence' uses people to make better predictions than experts (techrepublic.com)
- IBM's Watson Chief on Future of AI (forbes.com)
- <u>Teach Yourself Deep Learning with TensorFlow and Udacity</u> (googleresearch.blogspot.com)
- <u>Deep Learning Glossary</u> (wildml.com)
- Machine Learning FAQ (sebastianraschka.com)
- Machine Learning is Fun! Part 1 and Part 2 (Adam Geitgey via medium.com)
- Berkeley Al Materials (ai.berkeley.edu)

Events

<u>Huge</u> is organizing <u>Designing Conversations</u>, in LA on January 28. The <u>Inaugural Slack Devs Meetup</u> at Slack's offices took place last week, here are slides from some of the presentations:

- Natural Language Slack bots
- Building Scalable Slack Bot Apps



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