Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

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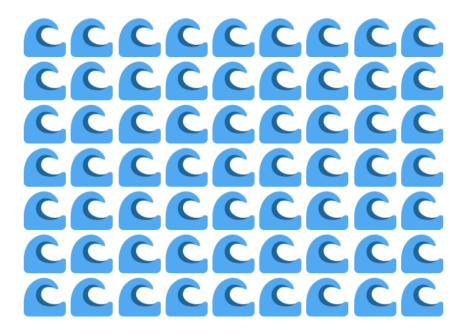


It's not just you, something *is* different! *Bot! zine* is now powered by <u>MailChimp!</u> (Previously I used <u>TinyLetter.</u>)

Bots, libraries and resources



@tiny_seas



New bots made last week include:

- <u>@soamazingquote</u>, who doesn't always get things right
- @UnsureTrump isn't quite sure of himself
- <u>@HiRISEBot</u> will let you explore Mars from the comfort of your favorite Twitter client
- the <u>@24prbot</u> retweets every pull request sent in December, see <u>24pullrequests.com</u> to learn why
- <u>@tiny_seas</u> will quite literally flood your Twitter timeline
- Clara's Weird Oceans bot goes well with the ocean and sea theme
- @movmash pitches movies by mashing up titles of other movies
- <u>@CSS lpsum</u> is an <u>open source</u> "nonsense CSS generator bot for Twitter"
- @snowfall exe will add Christmas mood to your pictures
- <u>@trebek3000</u> tweets random <u>Jeopardy!</u> clues from past games
- follow @revelfm for some new music to listen to
- and <u>@luvurself ie</u> to get more love for your selfies
- and while this is not a new bot, but you should also follow <u>@YearlyAwards</u> for a chance to win a Yearly Award!
- and some may not yet know about Allison Parish's <u>text message bot</u>

And <u>Andrew</u> sent in his Python-based library for making extensible Slack bots, <u>check</u> <u>it out on GitHub</u>!

Events

<u>Kasey</u>'s <u>Bay Area Bot Arts Meetup group</u> is having a <u>Meet and Greet with Bot Fans</u> later today!

Reading list



Return Object:

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- The current state of machine intelligence 2.0 (oreilly.com)
- Here's What Developers Are Doing with Google's Al Brain (technologyreview.com)
- How to Classify Images with TensorFlow (googleresearch.blogspot.com)
- NASA Open APIs (api.nasa.gov)
- Know Your Bot: Part I and Part II (stanfy.com)
- Amazon is opening up their .bot gTLD for domain registrations
- How Elon Musk and Y Combinator Plan to Stop Computers From Taking Over (Steven Levy on medium.com)
- Inside Deep Dreams: How Google Made Its Computers Go Crazy
 (again, Steven Levy on medium.com)
- Kik's Plan to Get Us to Ditch Our Browsers for Chat Apps (wired.com)
- About a bot: Interview with Katie Rose Pipkin (furtherfield.org)
- Researchers develop algorithm to teach a new concept to a computer using just one example (geekwire.com)
- <u>Lie detection software learns from real court cases</u> (engadget.com)
- Comparative Study of Caffe, Neon, Theano, and Torch for Deep Learning (arxiv.org)
- <u>GPU Technology Conference 2015 day 3: What's Next in Deep Learning</u> (video via youtube.com)
- Interview with <u>Ben Brown</u> of <u>Howdy.ai</u> on <u>Goodstuff FM</u>
- And here's a great video by <u>Rob Spectre</u> from <u>Twilio</u>: <u>SMS for Humans: Using NLP and Python To Build Text Interfaces</u>



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