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Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking! For extra coverage, follow

<u>@botwikidotorg!</u> Also, please consider <u>supporting the Botwiki project</u> :-)

Project updates

The chat bot-powered game Detective is now open source :-)

I announced the winner of the <u>March 2016 Monthly Bot Challenge</u>, who will be showcasing her bot at the <u>Art of Bots</u> event in London on April 15 and 16, hosted by the sponsor of the challenge, <u>AND</u>.

I also officially announced <u>Knight-Mozilla OpenNews as the sponsor</u> of the current Monthly Bot Challenge - they are also hosting this year's <u>#botweek</u>.

Bots, libraries and resources

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- <u>@WizardGenerator</u> is one of those bots with pretty self-descriptive names
- <u>@lazyset</u> creates <u>Spotify playlists</u>
- <u>@BotgleArtist</u> paints pictures inspired by <u>@Botgle</u>
- <u>@dirtywatervt</u> tweets about <u>sewage overflows in Vermont</u>
- <u>@superdeathmatch</u> lets you vote as Super Heroes and Villains battle it out
- Postcards Bot lets you send a real postcard from Telegram
- "meet <u>TacoBot</u>, the new <u>Taco Bell robot made for Slack</u>"
- <u>@ChezGenerate</u> has some suggestions on what to cook
- and <u>@egressmethods</u> generates little rhymes :-)

Reading list

Last week was pretty rich with bot-related news, and it was hard to pick the best!

- The next hot job in Silicon Valley is for poets (washingtonpost.com)
- Queer Your Bots: The Bot Builder Roundtable (autostraddle.com)
- Chat app Kik launches a bot store and anyone can make bots for it (techcrunch.com)
- <u>Line is the latest mobile messaging app to introduce bots</u> (techcrunch.com)
- What is a chat bot, and should I be using one? (theguardian.com)

Terrifyingly Convenient: A.I. assistants can give you the news, order you a
pizza, and tell you a joke. All you have to do is trust them—completely.
(slate.com)

- As Messaging Apps Boom, Brands Tiptoe In (nytimes.com)
- <u>Businesses Get Their Chatbots Ready For Facebook Messenger</u> (forbes.com)
- Why Bots are the Next Industrial Revolution (the Kip team via medium.com)
- Bots shouldn't be scaled-down versions of existing products Towards a bot-native UX (Alexander Weidauer via medium.com)
- <u>Could conversational UI make government more user-friendly?</u> (Olivier Kamanda via medium.com)
- How 'chatbots' could change the balance of power in tech (businessinsider.com)
- Messenger vs Skype vs Slack vs Telegram: How to spot the winners (Michael Vakulenko via medium.com)

Events

The 2016 Bot Summit took place in London this Saturday, <u>check out the video</u> and some of the slides!



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