

Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

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## Welcome to Bot! zine issue #10

And the last issue of 2015! It's been great five months since I created [Botwiki](#), and subsequently the [Botmakers](#) Slack group and [this very newsletter](#).

In 2015 we've witnessed the rise of popularity of online bots and chat interfaces, with [big props going to Slack](#), which is now [the bot platform](#). (Of course, [Twitterbots still dominate Botwiki](#), and I don't see this changing any time soon, considering how easy they are to create.)

Companies like [Facebook](#), [Google](#), or [Kik](#) show that bots and chat interfaces are the future of how we'll interact with our devices and many online services.

And a really interesting thing I learned about bots this year is that they attract people from various backgrounds: not just developers, but also [designers](#), [journalists](#), [artists](#), [game creators](#) -- and this is reflected in the membership of the [Botmakers](#) Slack group.

**To get to know you all a bit better -- and to understand what your expectations from my various projects are, I prepared a short [End of the Year Survey](#) -- and I want to invite everyone to participate!**

I'd like to thank the Botwiki contributors and the members of Botmakers for taking part in something I'm very excited about, and I wish everyone the best -- **and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!**

## Bots, libraries and resources

- [@bon\\_appetiny](#) has a table for two

- Nima Gardideh wrote [nemo/natural-synaptic](#), a natural language classifier for [Node Natural](#)
- [Learn AI: A list of resources, links, and courses](#)

## Reading list

- [Google Plans New, Smarter Messaging App](#) -- with bots, AI (wsj.com)
- [This guy built a bot to expose dead start-ups](#) (fusion.net)
- [Debunking the biggest myths about artificial intelligence](#) (arstechnica.com)
- [Deep Learning in a Nutshell: History and Training](#) (devblogs.nvidia.com)
- [The weirdest languages](#) (idibon.com)
- [The best Twitter bots of 2015](#) (qz.com)



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