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Welcome to the Holiday *Un-special*!

Due to the Thanksgiving Day here in the US, and my son's birthday party, there weren't many updates to the project, which I will, again, try to make up with an extended *Reading list* section. I also made another bot, finally -- more on that in a little bit!

Bots

- Follow @santaBot5000 (by @colewillsea) and he will add you to a list that he will check twice
- @pomological tweets random images from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Pomological Watercolor Collection
- @twilightwarmth will "give affection" to your late-night tweets
- @kentquirk's Kaleidopix might make your head spin
- while Matthew's @TellMeAStoryBot will "tell you a story based on your [Twitter] profile"
- and @frozgurt, by Ben Brown, will make you a magical frozen yogurt

Oh, and technically, I also made a new bot -- but you just have to wait a little bit longer!

Reading list

- Bots, messaging, and the Interface Visibility Scale (Ryan Block via medium.com)
- "The future is here and it is an AI lawyer." (hirepeter.com)
- The Random Darknet Shopper Bot Is Back, Doing Its Christmas Shopping in London (motherboard.vice.com)
- Programming interactive worlds with linear logic (cs.cmu.edu)

- [The bot that can paint you and Taylor Swift in the style of Picasso](#) (theguardian.com)
- [Metamodels for structured interaction with machine intelligence](#) (PDF)
- [Navigating a social world with robot partners](#) (sciencedirect.com)
- [The Doomsday Invention: Will artificial intelligence bring us utopia or destruction?](#) (newyorker.com)
- [Researchers Teaching Robots How to Best Reject Orders from Humans](#) (spectrum.ieee.org)
- [DCGAN: Generate faces and other objects using neural networks](#) ([Alec Radford](#)'s repo on github.com)
- [Word generator using recurrent neural networks](#) ([Shariq Hashme](#) via github.com)
- [Visual question answering using CNN+RNN](#) ([Abhishek Das](#) via github.com)

Wrap up

And finally, the bot I said that I made! I found a perfect solution for hosting online bots suitable for beginner programmers and [wrote a tutorial for it](#). The end result is [@what_capital](#), a simple interactive Twitter bot that lets you guess the capital of a country based on the country's flag.

Go check it out and feel free to [send me your feedback](#) on the tutorial!