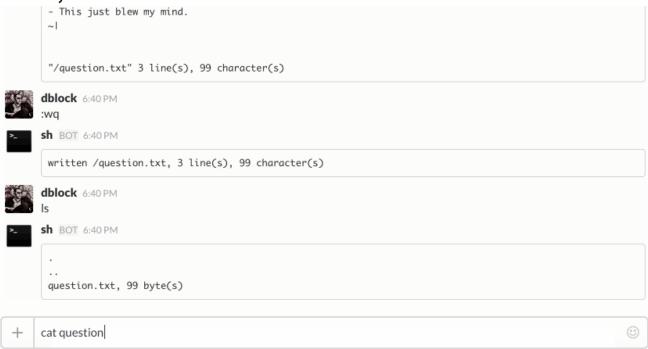
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Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

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Bots, libraries and resources



- it's a small step for <u>@one small bot</u>, but a giant leap for botkind
- the tests for the new SVG functionality for Cheap Bots, Done Quick continue with @circleparty
- @data2dada quite literally turns data into art
- <u>@WITKillerBMovie</u> has some killer B-movie ideas
- @GooglyEyes4U has, well, googly eyes for you
- @CustBot will help you find customer support on Twitter
- <u>Humblebot</u> promises to make you a better person
- <u>Slack-Metabot</u> will let you run Slack APIs inside Slack itself and <u>Shlack</u> puts a bash shell inside your Slack
- meet Lark, your personal weight loss coach

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• <u>Timothy Hopper</u> wrote a <u>Python template</u> for running Twitter bots on <u>AWS Lambda</u>

- <u>Beep Boop</u> bills itself as a "ridiculously simple hosting platform for your Slackbots".
 See also <u>this tutorial</u> on making natural language Slackbots with <u>Wit.ai</u> and <u>Beep Boop</u>, and note that the service is \$5/month and on the free plan, you will have to restart your bot every hour.
- and this tutorial will teach you how to <u>Make a Self-Training</u>. <u>NLP-Driven Slack Bot</u>, with <u>Botkit</u> and node.js

Reading list

- The OpenAl research team hosted an AMA on Reddit
- <u>Facebook's Secret Chat SDK Lets Developers Build Messenger Bots</u> (techcrunch.com)
- The bots are coming: Conversational UI and introducing the Skyscanner Telegram Bot (codevoyagers.com)
- Assist Has No App. It's A Free Travel/Shopping Chat Bot For SMS And Facebook Messenger (techcrunch.com)
- Cheating on the Turing test Building the robot assistant (Matty Mariansky via medium.com)
- The Next Phase Of UX: Designing Chatbot Personalities (fastcodesign.com)
- The Myth Of Al (edge.org)
- A 'Brief' History of Neural Nets and Deep Learning (andreykurenkov.com)
- Inside Facebook's Artificial Intelligence Lab (popsci.com)
- Azure Machine Learning Classifying customer support emails (blog.powerupcloud.com)
- Deep learning pipeline for orbital satellite data for detecting clouds (Brad Neuberg via github.com)
- The Botification of News (niemanlab.org)
- Stanford University CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition (stanford.edu)

Events and other updates

Algorithmia will be announcing winners of their <u>Shorties contest</u> in just two days, the Bay Area Bot Arts meetup group is having a <u>movie night on January 16</u>, <u>Ben Brown</u> is getting ready to host his <u>messaging and chatbot developer meet up at the upcoming SXSW</u>, and if

Also, two new Slack bot meetup groups popped up, one in <u>New York</u>, and an official one in Slack's <u>San Francisco</u> office.

Interested in learning more about designing UX for online bots? Get in touch with Austin!

And finally, <u>BotWatch</u> is now commissioning both short and long form essays on all things bots. To send pitches or for more information, send an email to <u>botwatch.projects@gmail.com</u>.

Notes and project updates

Apologies to the folks who submitted their bots via botwiki.org/submit-your-bot recently: I received your submissions, and really appreciate them, but will need a bit more time to go through them.

With that being said, I would also like to take the opportunity and let everyone know that if you'd like to get involved with Botwiki, this newsletter, or any other related project, <u>l'd love to hear from you!</u>

As for some future plans, there are some interesting interviews coming soon, I should be releasing more <u>badges</u> -- and a few other things that will be announced when ready :-)

Thanks for reading, and have a great week!



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