Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking!

Project updates

There is still time to join the Monthly Bot Challenge! Also, I'm very happy to see the number of subscribers grow past 130 -- not too bad for what is still quite a small niche! :-)

This newsletter, and all the related side projects, including Botwiki.org and Botmakers.org are (mostly) a labor of love of a single person (hello!) and I always appreciate folks reaching out to me offering help: there is a huge backlog of bots I'd like to add to Botwiki, I compile this newsletter, interview people (I had to take a long break from that, but the next interview is coming soon!), and I organize the Monthly Bot Challenge and seek out sponsors, among other things.

If you don't have the time (which I completely understand!), I'd also appreciate even a small donation, via Gratipay, Patreon, PayPal (this is a personal account, please include a note!), or Bitcoin.

Your funds will all go towards covering expenses like hosting, domains, and I'm also

Bots, libraries and resources

Tiny Forests
@tiny_forests

- [@Wizards_DnD](#) will give you a free reading
- [@classifybot](#) organizes [NYPL](#) public domain collections
- art meets TV entertainment with [@EtraedSeinfeld](#)
- if you're hungry, try one of these [randomly-generated sandwiches](#)
- [@tiny_forests](#) fills your Twitter feed with tiny emoji forests
- [solyaris/dialogs](#) is a dialog system framework for conversational services
- and finally, [Slack Message Builder](#) is an incredibly useful tool for Slack bot makers

Reading list

- [Q&A: What Brands Should Know About Facebook Messenger Chat Bots](#) (adage.com)
- [2016 will be the year of conversational commerce](#) ([Chris Messina](#) via medium.com)
- [DARPA Twitter Bot Challenge](#) (businessinsider.com)
- [China's Baidu Releases Its AI Code](#) (technologyreview.com)
- [Why video games are essential for inventing artificial intelligence](#) (togelius.blogspot.com)
- [Why you should build a Slack app (and Messenger soon)](#) ([Matthieu Varagnat](#) via medium.com)

(poynter.org)
- How 'artificial swarm intelligence' uses people to make better predictions than experts (techrepublic.com)
- IBM's Watson Chief on Future of AI (forbes.com)
- Teach Yourself Deep Learning with TensorFlow and Udacity (googleresearch.blogspot.com)
- Deep Learning Glossary (wildml.com)
- Machine Learning FAQ (sebastianraschka.com)
- Machine Learning is Fun! Part 1 and Part 2 (Adam Geitgey via medium.com)
- Berkeley AI Materials (ai.berkeley.edu)

Events

Huge is organizing Designing Conversations, in LA on January 28. The Inaugural Slack Devs Meetup at Slack's offices took place last week, here are slides from some of the presentations:

- Natural Language Slack bots
- Building Scalable Slack Bot Apps

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