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Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking! For extra coverage, [follow](#) **[@botwikidotorg](#)! Also, please consider** [supporting the Botwiki project](#) **:-)**

Project updates

I had the opportunity to speak with [Ash Hathaway](#), an IBM Watson Developer Cloud Product Manager, who likes to "think about machines that think", [check out the interview here](#)!
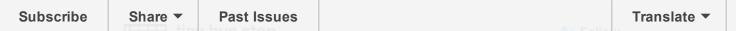
And the date for the first ever Botwiki Edit-A-Thon has been confirmed for March 21, you can RSVP for the event [on the Meetup.com page](#) :-)

Also, I [asked](#) the community: What exactly *is* a bot? [Here's what they had to say](#).

(Thanks everyone who participated in the survey!)

Lastly, today is the last day to submit your emoji-themed bot for the February's [Monthly Bot Challenge](#)!

Bots, libraries and resources

Bus Stop @tiny_bus_stop

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- [Forbes](#) created a [Telegram newsbot](#)
- [@tiny_bus_stop](#) shows "tiny people waiting for the tiny bus at the tiny bus stop"
- [@unchartedatlas](#) charts the "unknown lands"
- [@softlandscapes](#) fills your Twitter feed with "soft landscapes"
- [@MulderHotTake](#) is the [X-Files Twitter bot you never knew you needed](#)
- and finally, [@famousduos](#) turns one of the [most recent xkcd comics](#) (which seems to be drawing inspiration from [Twitter bots](#) as of late) into a bot

Reading list

- [How to Think About Bots](#) (motherboard.vice.com)
- [What is the Value of a Bot?](#) ([Danah Boyd](#) via medium.com)
- [A Brief Survey of Journalistic Twitter Bot Projects](#) ([Lainna Fader](#) via medium.com)
- [How to build and care for your own chatty, quirky, funny interface robot](#) ([Amy Thibodeau](#) via medium.com)
- [Designing the Conversational UI](#) (alistapart.com)
- [Get Ready For The Chat Bot Revolution](#) (forbes.com)
- [Are Chat Bots a Feature or a Product?](#) ([Clement Vouillon](#) via medium.com)
- [What makes a good Slack app?](#) ([Matthieu Varagnat](#) via medium.com)

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