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Botwiki.org updates

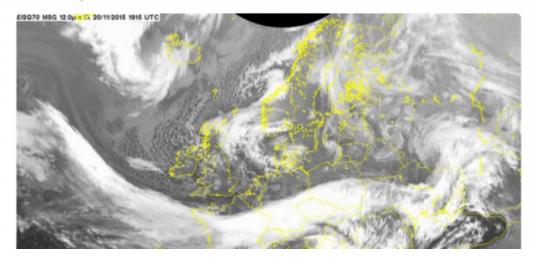
I've done more updates to the overall design of Botwiki.org and as I run out of free reviews from peek.usertesting.com for this month, I'd really love to get some feedback from you, dear readers! You can use the usual contact channels: email or Twitter.

Bots





Current satellite view over Europe at 19:15 on Fri, 20 Nov 2015



• Hugo turned Paul Ford's Government 2.0 generator website into a bot.

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 and finally, Ranjit and the editors of Motherboard look at what the future holds for all of us

And don't forget to browse the most recently added Twitter bots.

Events

No new events were added last week, but if you haven't yet, be sure to visit Kasey's Bay Area meetup group and follow @BayAreaBotArts for updates.

Monthly Bot Challenge

Here's some really exciting news: DigitalOcean offered to sponsor our very first Monthly Bot Challenge! To see the prizes, check out the updated Monthly Bot Challenge page.



Reading list

No interview this week, but this week's extra packed reading list should make that up! (You can also read previous interviews, if you missed them.)

- When Dog Is Enough: Using Hypernyms To Improve Neural Network Predictions (blog.fastforwardlabs.com)
- Generating Faces with Torch (torch.ch)
- Facebook Reveals The Secrets Behind "M," Its Artificial Intelligence Bot (buzzfeed.com)
- Keith Stuart on AI, acting and the weird future of open-world games (eurogamer.net)
- Get Ready for Your Digital Model (wsj.com)
- The company behind the AP's 'robot journalists' is opening up its technology for everyone (theverge.com)
- A Brief History of Chat Services (PDF)
- UsMeU App Uses IBM Watson to Do Psychological Analysis of Twitter Users (usmeu.com)
- Google Open-Sourcing TensorFlow Shows Al's Future Is Data, Not Code (wired.com)
- Visualising Markov Chains with NetworkX (vknight.org)
- Anonymous has published a 'noob's' guide on how to fight ISIS online (spoiler alert: using Twitter bots!) (businessinsider.com)
- Software Bots: From Do-it-Yourself companion bots to Al powered software (Clement Vouillon on medium.com)
- How Should We Talk to Als? (blog.stephenwolfram.com)

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Wrap up

After not having much success with my OpenShift tutorial series (still running into issues on Windows), I'm starting to look into Cloud9. Anyone has experience using this site? I'd love to hear from you!

Also, I put together a page showing which bots we're playing with over at Botmakers.org. (Next up: slack-pokemon!)



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