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# The Bot! Zine Issue #7

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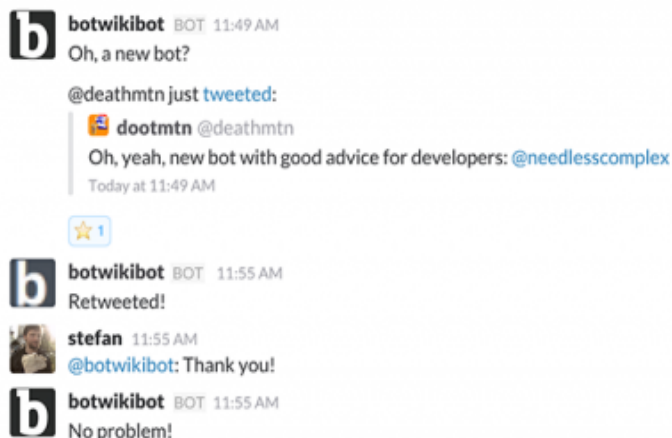
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## Happy Holidays!

Let's have a look at the highlights of last week in the "bot scene", optionally while enjoying a nice cup of hot chocolate!

## Project updates

It seems that the holiday season is keeping everyone pretty busy (I, for one, have at least two interviews for this newsletter lined up, but no time to get around to doing them!)



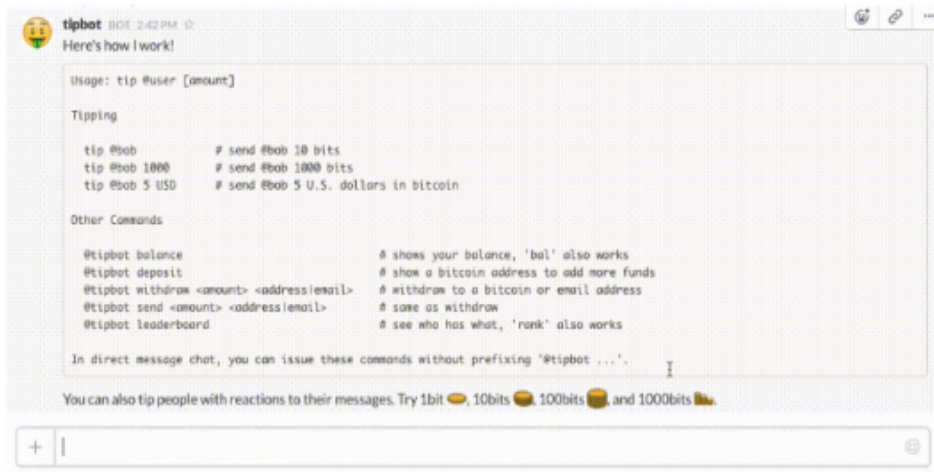
Most of the work done on Botwiki.org consisted of adding new bots, but I also added some really neat functionality to our Botmakers.org Slack bot and I'm rebranding it as [Sidekick](#). I'd be more than happy to find folks interested in joining in on the development, just join [Botmakers.org](#) or reach out to me [on Twitter](#) or [by email](#).

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# Bots, libraries and resources

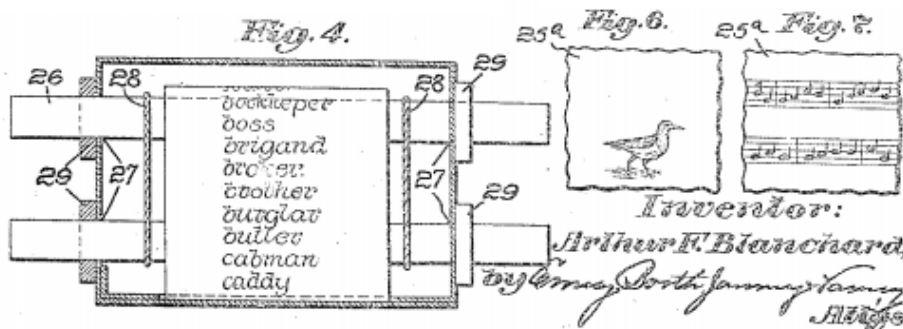


- [@videodante](#) created [@all\\_the\\_gods](#), presumably to his own image
- [@FixmeBot](#), by [@ragesoss](#), posts "highly viewed, underdeveloped Wikipedia articles"
- [@muffinista](#) restarted [@yulelogbot](#), just in time for the holiday season
- follow [Martín del Río's @Wisemanbot](#) for random Chinese-like proverbs
- [here's an interesting project](#) dedicated to [Edmund Spenser](#) and his poem [Epithalamium](#) (read more [on this blog](#))
- I must have forgotten to mention [Matt Webb's @liketocontinue](#) last week; here is [Matt's blog post about it](#)
- if you ever wanted to tip your colleagues/teammates with bitcoins, well, [now is your chance](#)
- check out [story-graph](#), a node.js module that generates stories

And finally, here are the [Twitter](#) and [Slack](#) bots added last week.

## Reading list

This section has been growing quite a bit lately!



- [Machine Learning Trick of the Day \(6\): Tricks with Sticks](#) (blog.shakirm.com)
- [In Twitter's Crackdown on the Ayatollah's Bots, Journalists Are the Collateral Damage](#) (globalvoices.org)
- [So what if the Internet sucks in India? This AI chatbot gets things done](#) (techinasia.com)
- [Big Data's Mathematical Mysteries: Machine learning works spectacularly well, but mathematicians aren't quite sure why](#) (quantamagazine.org)
- [Managing AI in Gigantic](#) (gamedevdaily.io)

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- [Wolfram Language for Motivational Words](https://community.wolfram.com) (community.wolfram.com)
- [Google Cloud Vision API changes the way applications understand images](https://googlecloudplatform.blogspot.com) (googlecloudplatform.blogspot.com)
- [The art of the Twitter bot](https://alphr.com), an interview with [George Buckenham](https://alphr.com) (alphr.com)
- [System Trains Machines to Look at Images the Way People Do](https://blogs.microsoft.com) (blogs.microsoft.com)
- [Artificial intelligence service gives Wikipedians 'X-ray specs' to see through bad edits](https://blog.wikimedia.org) (blog.wikimedia.org)
- [Teaching AI to Play Atari Will Help Robots Make Sense of Our World](https://wired.com) (wired.com)
- [A Story Machine](https://futilitycloset.com): "a curious invention from 1916 ... designed to suggest plot ideas by randomly juxtaposing ideas" (futilitycloset.com)
- [Our Friends, The Bots?](https://nytlabs.com) (nytlabs.com)
- [Tech, Class, And Bots](https://buzzfeed.com) (buzzfeed.com)

