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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

It's April, which means that the March Monthly Bot Challenge submission time has ended -- and you can now [vote for your favorite film and TV-themed bot](#)! (The link to the form is at the bottom.)

Also, [the theme for April](#) was announced :-)

Bots, libraries and resources



- [@atinyzoo](#) is a bot that tweets "very small ZOOS"
- [@ChickenXRd](#) answers the age old question
- [@puppersplz](#) awards you with puppies
- [@handclap_quotes](#) 🖐 keeps 🖐 clapping 🖐 as 🖐 it 🖐 posts 🖐 quotes
- Microsoft was [on a roll](#) last week, announcing their own [bot framework](#), [Skype Bot SDK](#), [Language Understanding Intelligent Service](#), [Microsoft Cognitive Services](#), and [a new image-captioning bot](#) (wait, is that...really a bot, or just a website?)
- The Financial Times [has a WeChat bot](#)
- Sephora, the cosmetics brand, [launched a bot for the kik messenger](#)
- [ServerStatsBot](#) is an open-source Telegram bot that can monitor your server for you
- and [is-this-katy](#) is a Telegram bot that verifies its creator's identity via her implanted NFC transponder

Reading list

- [The tech industry wants to use women's voices – they just won't listen to them](#) (theguardian.com)
- [Interview with the Bot: "Is there a line between functional and aesthetic bots?"](#) (bot.watch)
- Rise of the middleman economy – [Conversational UI's, Bots, and ChatBots](#) (joshuanewnham.com)

- (engadget.com)
- [Through the AI Eye](#) ([Alyx Baldwin](#) via [neutrois.me](#))
 - [Bots and Gender](#) ([Veronica Belmont](#) via [medium.com](#))
 - [Daily Tech News Show: Always Bet on Bot](#) ([youtube.com](#), with [Veronica Belmont](#) and [Tom Merritt](#))
 - [Why Microsoft believes that AI bots are the only logical path forward](#) ([dailydot.com](#))
 - [Chat bots, conversation and AI as an interface](#) ([ben-evans.com](#))
 - Bonus: "[Conversational commerce is unproven](#)" + [Debunking WeChat](#)
 - Bonus #2: [Bots Are Hot!](#) (a 1996 WIRED article)

Events

[#BotTO](#) is going to have their [first meetup in Toronto, on March 31](#), BuzzFeed OpenLab invites you to [explore new ways to gather information and tell stories](#), and the third [annual Source #Botweek](#) kicks off on April 25, 2016!



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