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Highlights from last week in the world of botmaking! For extra coverage, follow

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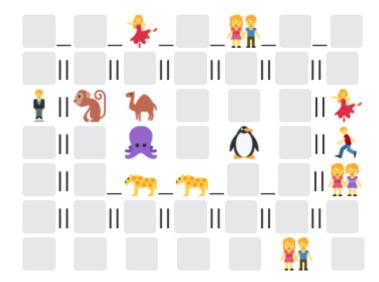
## **Project updates**

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

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- <u>@atinyzoo</u> is a bot that tweets "very small ZOOs"
- @ChickenXRd answers the age old question
- <a href="mailto:opensess">opensess</a> awards you with puppies
- <u>@handclap\_quotes</u> keeps clapping as it posts
  quotes
- Microsoft was <u>on a roll</u> last week, announcing their own <u>bot framework</u>, <u>Skype Bot SDK</u>, <u>Language Understanding Intelligent Service</u>, <u>Microsoft</u> <u>Cognitive Services</u>, and <u>a new image-captioning bot</u> (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
- <u>ServerStatsBot</u> is an open-source Telegram bot that can monitor your server for you
- and <u>is-this-katy</u> 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 <u>Conversational UI's</u>, <u>Bots</u>, <u>and</u>
  <u>ChatBots</u> (joshuanewnham.com)

(engadget.com)

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

#### **Events**

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



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