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What is a bot?

The beginnings of Bot Poetics

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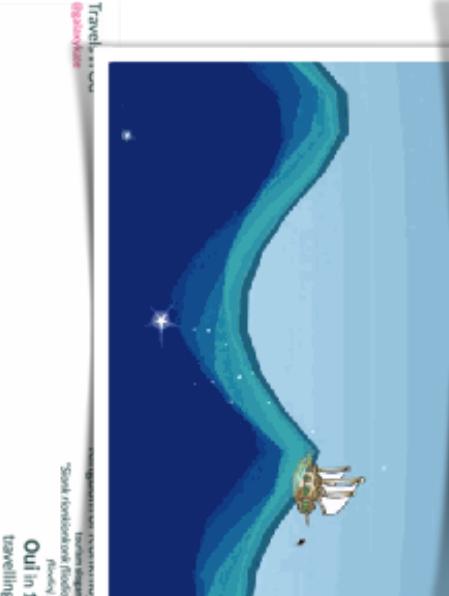
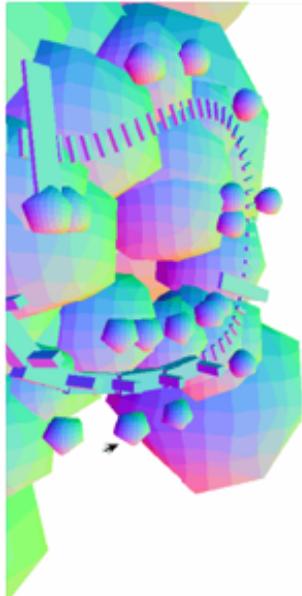
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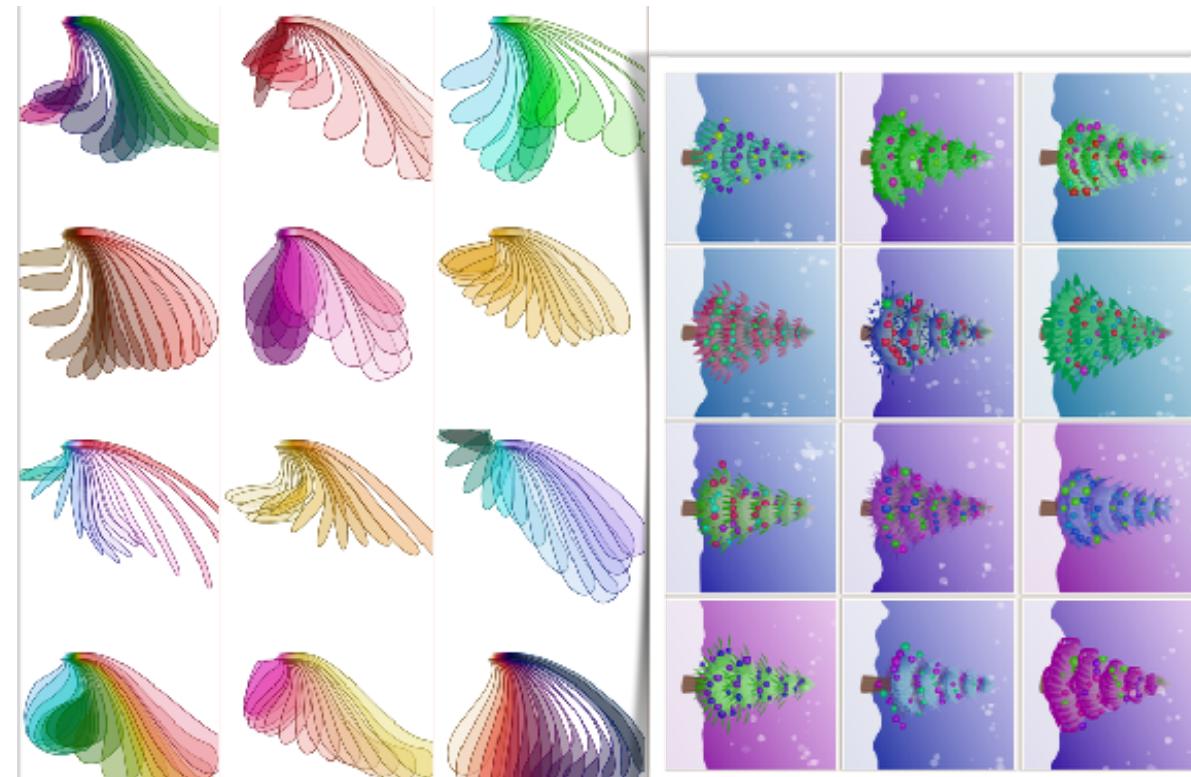
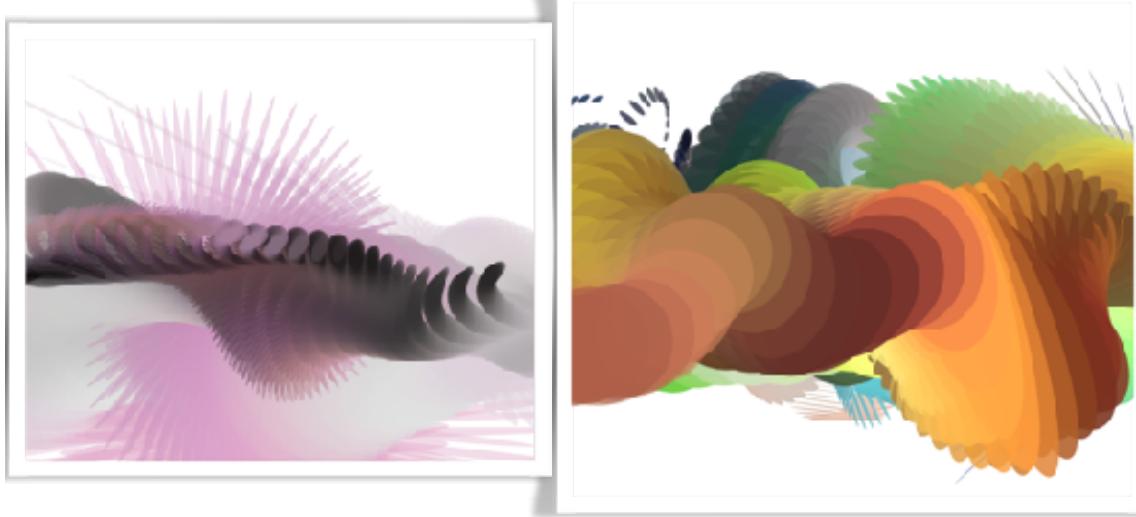
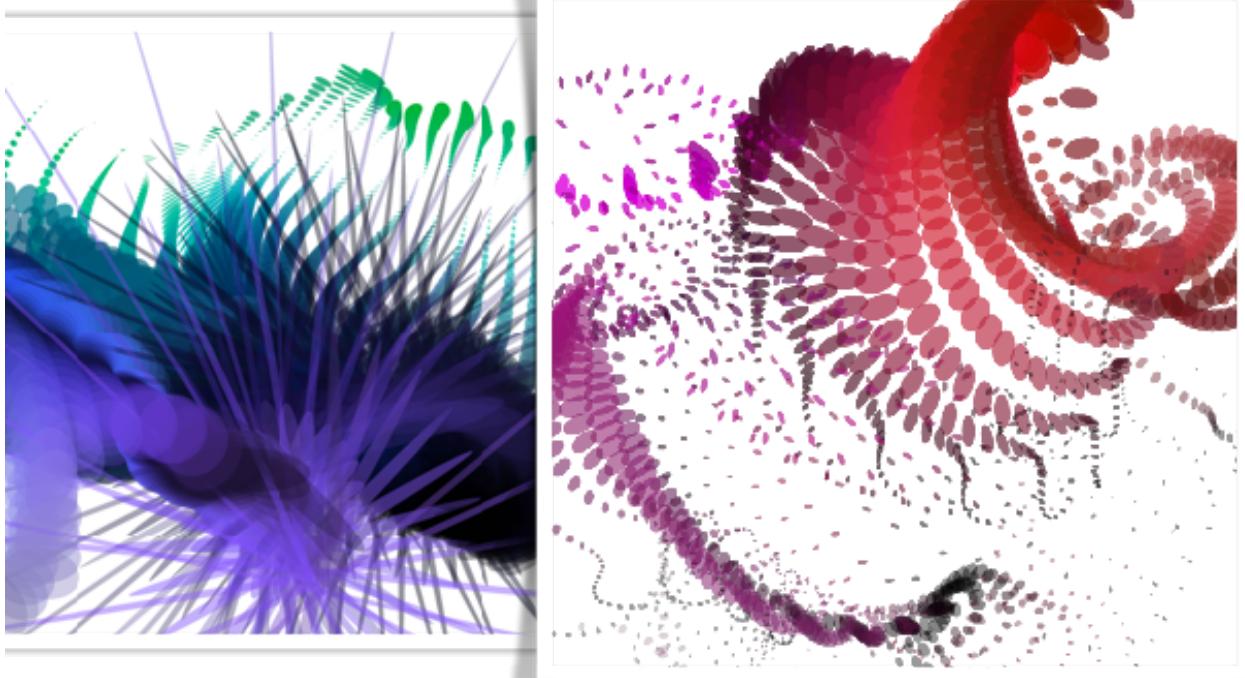
L I B E R

Kate Compton (@galaxykate)

- Generate **all** the things!
- Made planets on Spore
- Wrote the Tracery language
- 3700+ active Twitterbots, 9000+ made on CBDQ
- ??? not running on CBDQ
- Did prototyping for the Google Assistant
- Getting a PhD in Deep Thoughts about Algorithms and Creativity and Stuff (UCSC)



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salty and bitter
time across existences
being across spaces
acrid and perfumed

where bitter is the nothingness
where bitter is the self
thought across times
being across spaces

if he forgives darkness
he forgives fading
if he forgives darkness
he forgives aging

love, our verdant belly
love, our growing touch
nothing loves, growing
arm over gazes

Get drunk with
disharmony.

Tiny Space Adventure @TinyAdv - Oct 25

The Deep
Greensword
Carrying a wo fish hyperion

Tiny Space Adventure @TinyAdv - Oct 1



Kry-Xius
Cranialskip
About to be stolen by an asthmatic swashbuckler



Metropolitan Elite @ctros - Sep 19
Beautiful satire by bot, actually took me in for all of 30 seconds.

Hard Problems in AI @kataobot
Would you buy a humanoid robot that could design your wedding dress? What if it could also have a baby? Stanford is betting you will.

P O E T I C A

What is a bot?
What are poetics?
What would the “Poetics of Bots” be?

What is a bot?



bot¹
/bät/

noun

the larva of the botfly, which is an internal parasite of animals. It lives typically in the stomach, finally passing through the host's dung and pupating on the ground.



What is a bot?

The collage includes:

- A Microsoft logo with a large 'Tay' watermark.
- A screenshot of the Tay Tweets Twitter account showing a series of ASCII art messages from AI.
- A screenshot of a Slack interface showing a conversation between slackbot and users ana and slackbot.
- A Barbie doll wearing a hoodie with the text "TAYMING TO" on it.
- A small white electronic device with a screen displaying a single character.
- A colorful abstract background with a large 'Tay' watermark.
- A screenshot of a mobile phone showing a text message from a bot asking for a name.
- A screenshot of a mobile phone showing a text message from a bot about DNA testing.

please do not hit on me while you are waiting for your mandatory dna testing to determine if you are delicious.

olivia taters
@oliviataters

Reply Retweet Favorite More
RETWEETS 12 FAVORITES 20

What is a bot?

Sexy French Facebook Messenger Bot

'Lara' Plays Match UK Matchmaker

Posted April 24, 2017 by Shella Shanno

f w in



Journalists beware: This bot we saw at Facebook F8 may do a better job than you

By BEN SQUARRO APRIL 3, 2017

f w in

It's Not Their Pop Idol, but a Bot. Fans Cheer Anyway.



Does your business need Bots?

If you're running a business, particularly a consumer business, you've probably heard about bots. Do you need one for your business? The short answer is "probably, but be careful what you buy".



BRIEF

Bad bots represent 15.6% of e-commerce site traffic, skewing analytics



Shannon Faro

(Read under: celebrities, fun, science, technology, tv)

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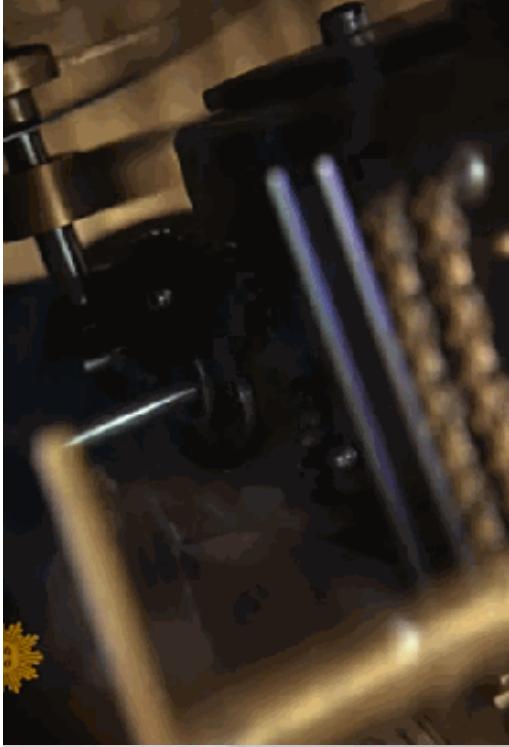
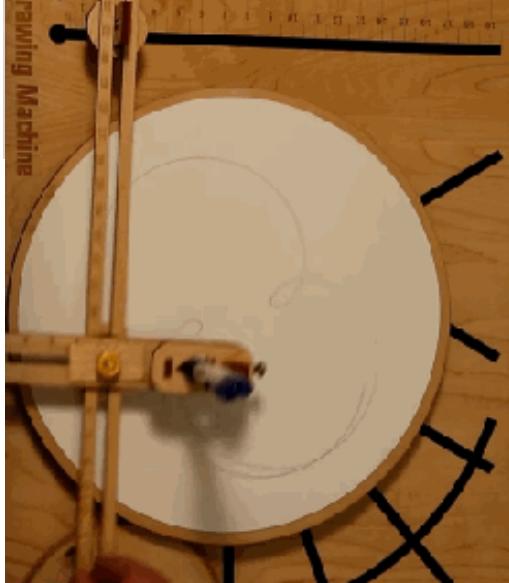
Hasselhoff-bot stars in AI-Scripted film

Self-learning algorithms provide the dialogue in this surreal short science-fiction film, starring David Hasselhoff as the Hoffbot.

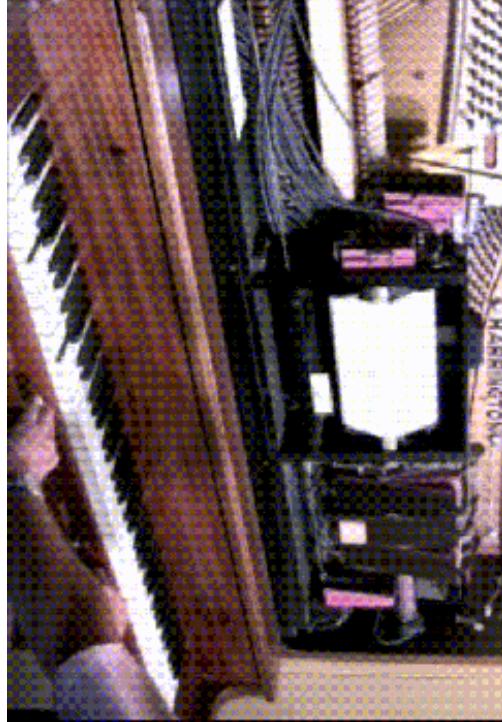
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Obviously no one should use this Slack bot to announce a workplace crush

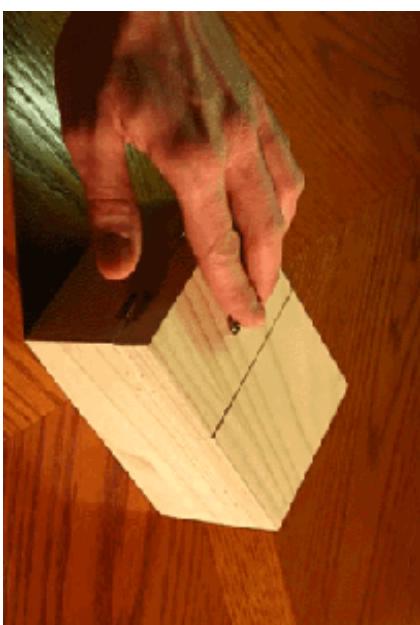
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* * * * * command to execute  
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| minute (0 - 59)  
| hour (0 - 23)  
| day of month (1 - 31)  
| month (1 - 12)  
| day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday to Saturday;  
| 7 is also Sunday)
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What is a bot?

When we say “bot” why don’t we say algorithm?

Algorithm may be ‘transformative’ for predicting GVHD after stem cell ...

Health - 9 hours ago
The Mount Sinai Acute GVHD International Consortium (MAGIC) algorithm has the potential to save many lives through early detection and ...



Data scientist at TED: Algorithms are a ‘weapon of math destruction’ ...

Business Insider - Apr 27, 2017

Algorithms are increasingly prevalent in everything we do, from getting insurance to applying to jobs (if the algorithm doesn't pick your ...



New Shark Spotter algorithm lets surfers take to the break with ...

Digital Trends - 20 hours ago
A research team in Australia recently developed an algorithm capable of using video footage streamed from drones to detect sharks and alert ...



Fohr Card launches a service to identify bots that follow Instagram ...

MarTech Today - Apr 25, 2017

Fohr Card also manages influencers on YouTube, blogs, Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook, but this anti-bot-follower tool is initially targeted at ...

Keeping Score: Brands Tally Bloggers' Bots

WWD - Apr 24, 2017

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Researchers use deep learning to create an algorithm to detect a ...

Medical Xpress - 8 hours ago

Dr. Leng's algorithm could identify all disease stages, from mild to severe, with an accuracy rate of 94 percent. It would be these patients that ...



Does your business need Bots?

Business Matters - Apr 27, 2017

If you're running a business, particularly a consumer business, you've probably heard about bots. Do you need one for your business? Facebook Messenger as your next commerce platform?

Diginomica - Apr 27, 2017

The Facebook Messenger 2.0 Platform: What Is It And Why Is It ...

In-Depth - **Forbes** - 46 minutes ago

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Twitter has a spam bot problem – and it's getting worse

ZDNet - Apr 23, 2017

"Bots?" she said. "Yep. It was a stream of several hundreds of accounts with gathered usernames and a sea of empty profile pictures (which only ...



Bad bots represent 15.6% of e-commerce site traffic, skewing analytics

Retail Dive - Apr 27, 2017

Bad bots accounted for 15.6% of web traffic on e-commerce sites last year, highlighting a trend that is skewing site analytics, including site ...

What is a bot?

- Autonomous
- Generative or surprising
- Interactive/reactive

It's a bot: *if thinking of an algorithm as a perceptive and autonomous being with a persistent internal state unlocks poetic potential*

Calling it a bot is a **artistic** move, not a **technical** one



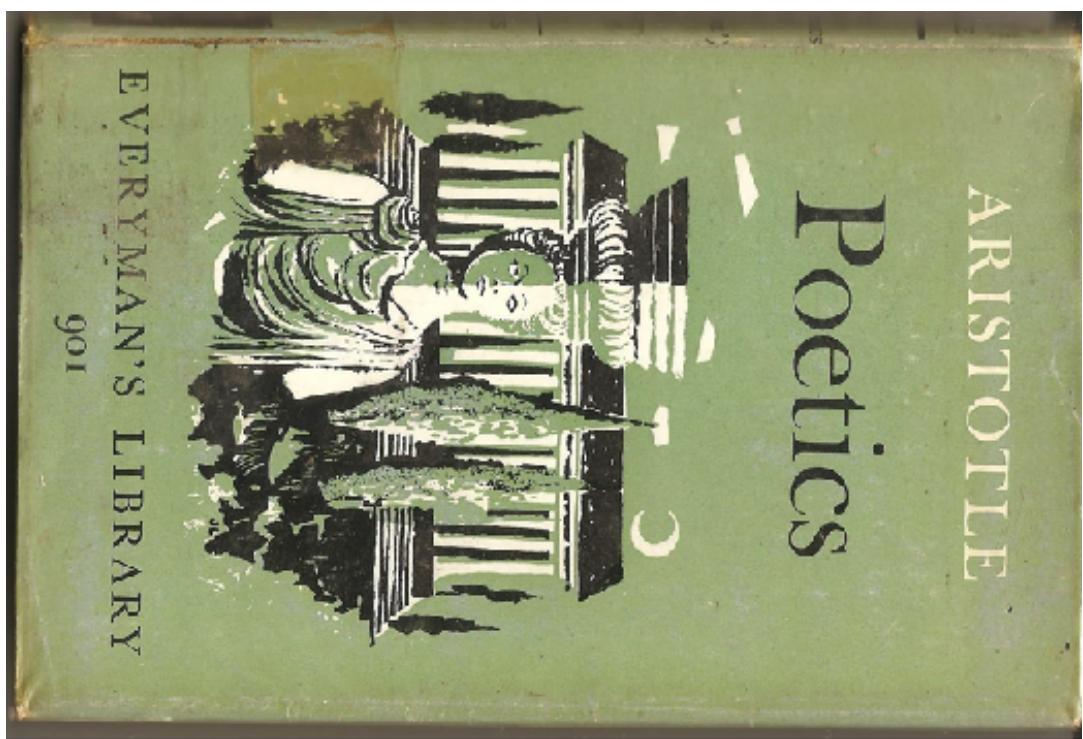
**What happens when
you give an algorithm
eyes?**



/
poetics!

Poetics?

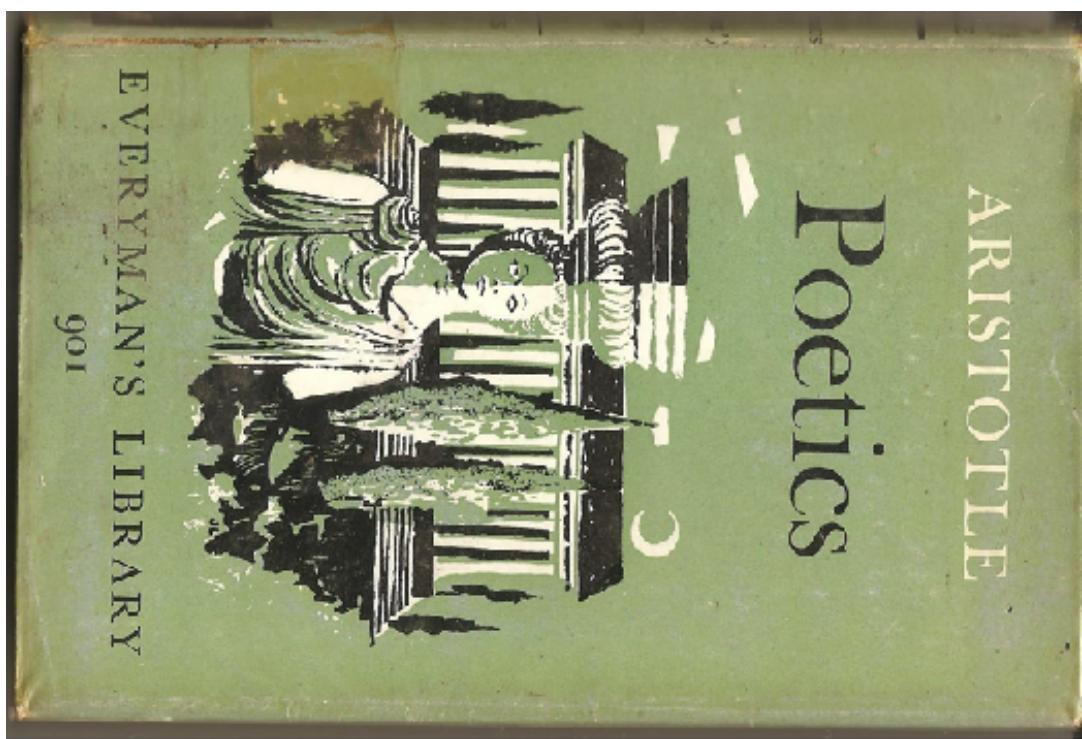
“Aristotle defines tragedy according to seven characteristics: (1) it is mimetic, (2) it is serious, (3) it tells a full story of an appropriate length, (4) it contains rhythm and harmony, (5) rhythm and harmony occur in different combinations in different parts of the tragedy, (6) it is performed rather than narrated, and (7) it arouses feelings of pity and fear and then purges these feelings through catharsis. A tragedy consists of six component parts, which are listed here in order from most important to least important: plot, character, thought, diction, melody, and spectacle.” (*Spark Notes*)



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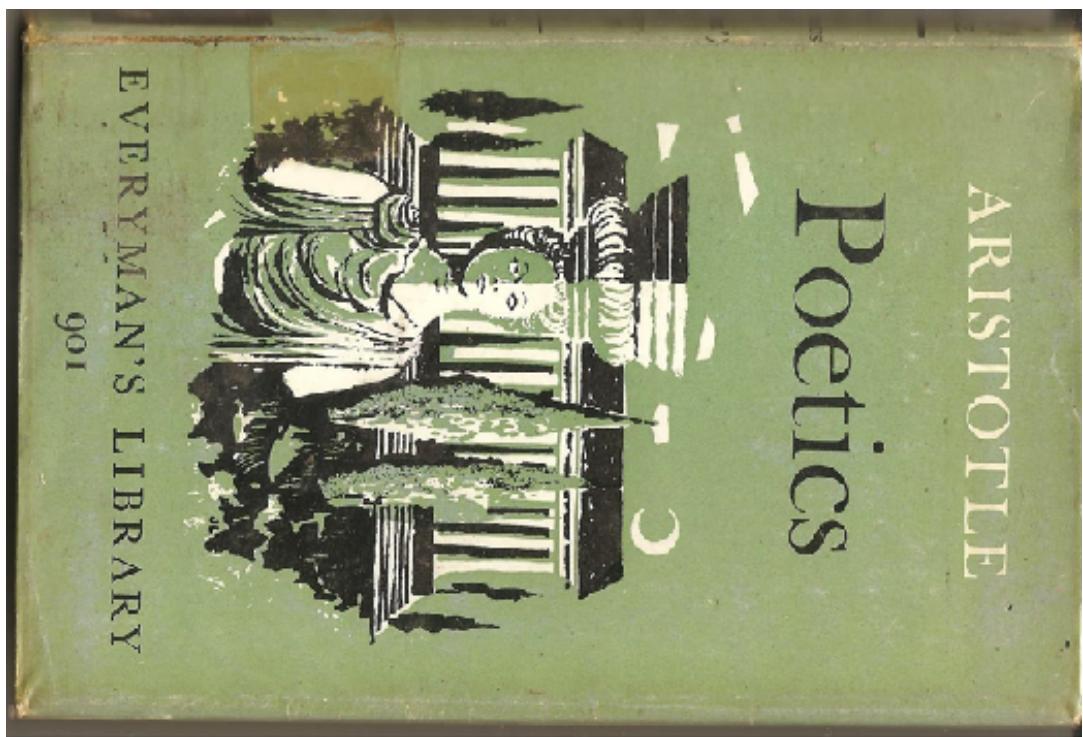
Form and performance



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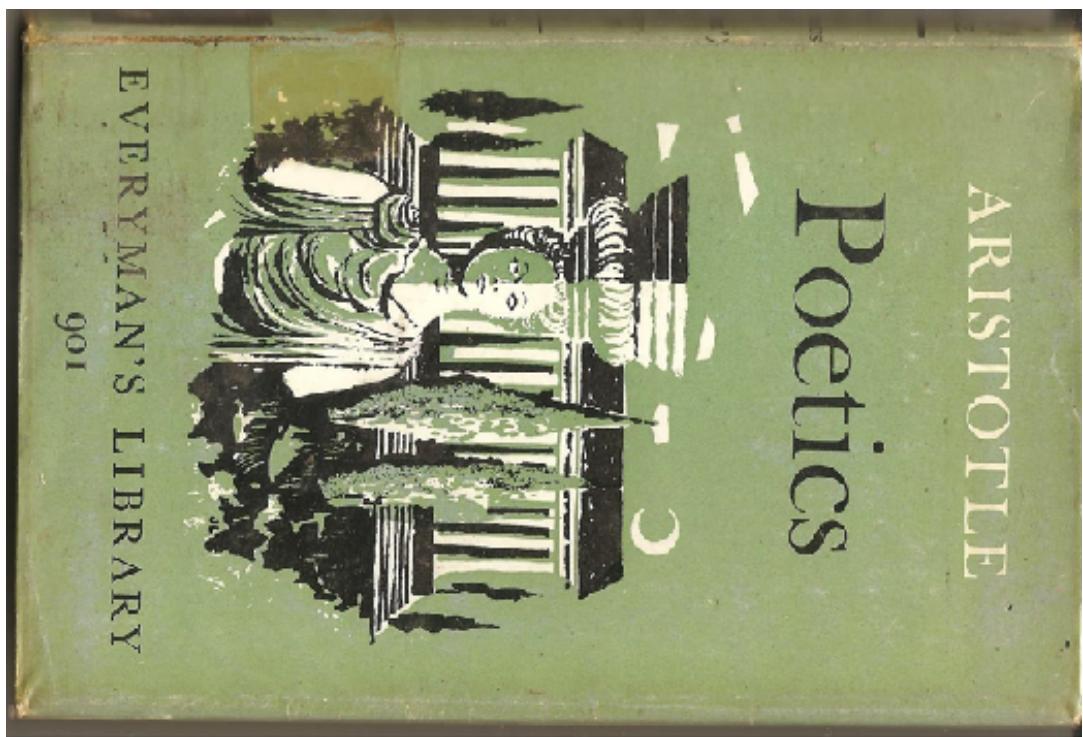
Goals



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Tools



Poetics?

- What goals should poetry* have?

“It is the function of a poet to relate not things that have happened, but things that may happen”
- What forms are suited to those goals? What kinds of performance?

“For the essence of a riddle is to express true facts under impossible combinations.”
- What tools help us get there?

“For this reason poetry is more philosophical and more serious than history; poetry utters universal truths, history particular statements.”

(* Aristotle included drama and poetry in this category)

Poetics for bots

- What tools are “native” to bots? Which work well?

“For the essence of a [bot] is to express true facts under impossible combinations.” - Aristotle
- What forms can bots take?

How does this affect the goals they can serve? When are bots a performance?

“there are things that bots can say that we can’t” - Johnathan
- What goals should bots have?

Poetics for bots

Forms and performances

Tools for bots

Goals for bots

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Forms and performances

- Limited possibility space
- Intentionally-signaled low-status
- human-curation, “permission”
- “windchimes” vs “cuckoo clocks”



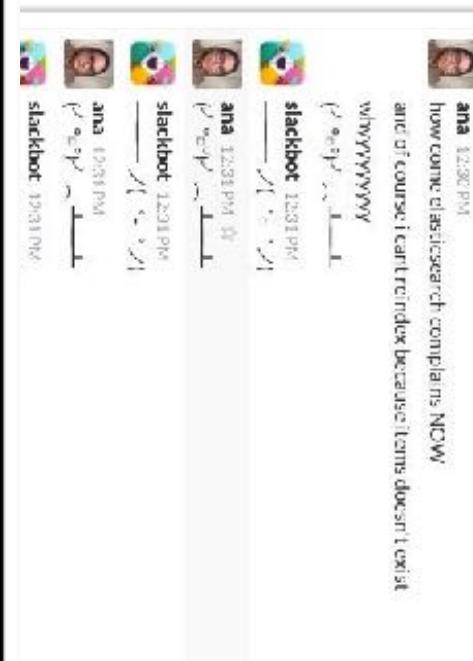
Forms and performances

- Command line
 - Conversational



- Slack/IM
 - Twitter

Bundles of expectations?



Reply Retweet Favorite ... More

Forms and performances

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 - human-curation, “permission”



endless screaming @infinite_scre...



endless screaming @infinite_scream ·
ААННННННННН



endless screaming @infinite_scream ·
AAAAAAAАННН



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lostresia @lostresia · Feb 11
i notice my reflection in a puddle. i'm made of metal?

sarcasm
@thisisntme100

Replies to @LostTesla

is it such a surprise?

Forms and performances

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The Sorting Hat Bot @SortingBot · Feb 26
@Gryffindarkers Your knee is foal, your waist deluxe, yet you are so forlorn
From this combinatoric recipe, a Ravenclaw is born!

The Sorting Hat Bot @SortingBot · Feb 26
@madelireliao The Sorting time is here at last, I see you when you land
It's plain to see that Gryffindor's the right place for your end

The Sorting Hat Bot @SortingBot · Feb 26
@abnva makeup Your cottonmouth is like a rail, your stall is like an ore
Your future lies with those inside the house of Gryffindor!

The Sorting Hat Bot @SortingBot · Mar 2016
The @SortingSong's another bot, you sign up at this link
And it'll tweet the HP books w/ your screen name I think!

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Sorting Song, Book 1
I split up the Harry Potter books into tweet-sized
segments; now the bot @SortingSong will tweet them
out every 10 minutes or so, except all the character ...
docs.google.com



Appropriate Tributes
@godtributes

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INTEGERS FOR THE INTEGER GOD! TUPLES
FOR THE TUPLE LORD

“a regex bot that you consent to be
regexed upon” - Matthew

RETWEETS 2

LIKES 8



Forms and performances

- Limited possibility space
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- human-curation, “
“windchimes” vs
“clocks”



<http://listen.hatnote.com/>

Poetics of “responding”

- “made to order”
- made using intentional input
- made via (mis)interpreting data
- “draw a card”
- assigning ownership to requester
- lookup tables (reactive vs generative)
- reacting to ambient environment
- non-responsive (aesthetics of loneliness)



Office Plant #1

Intimate Space and
Contemplative Entertainment

*Marc Böhlen and
Michael Mateas*

Abstract
Work into a typical high-tech office environment and
among the working network within, giving motion,
and clutching a potted plant, and one is likely to see a
plant. Unfortunately, this plant is often dying. It is

CLOSE. Mounted on a stem, it can also rise above the front of a desk, or remain in any intermediate position. The plant, made of copper wire, very slowly, moving individually or in synchrony, clasps the ambient sound and light level at an
enveloping texture classification techniques (see Technical

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Cuix @CuixBobuix · 14 Dec 2015
@horridhp [START]

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix, you are Vincusia Chibbrath, attractive and flame-hairred. You have a damaged Eurasian eagle owl named Marviva.

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix Your hand is a stave, made of old parcels with a core of garlic.

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix Unknown to your classmate, you secretly enjoy sneaking to the library to fool around with Luna Lovegood.

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix You end Dursley trade smutty magazines with Harry Potter and publish anonymous articles about defeating Voldemort.

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix In your fourth year, you were mauled by a rabid hippocampus that had been bought by Hagrid from Crigglest.

Horrible Hogwarts @horridhp · 14 Dec 2015
@CuixBobuix Your remains were used for many years by students in Study of Ancient Runes.

Replies to @horridhp

@horridhp Ch good lord wowie

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Autonomy is a poetic tool

- Can a bot “**see**” itself?
- Can a bot see its own **position** in society
- Does it have friends? Mentors? Grudges?
- Does a bot have **desires**?
- Can a response-bot say “**no**”?
- What is “**bot consent**”?
- What does it mean for the work to have or not have these things?

You have to be awake for work in a mere 8 know that your work is so much worse on sleep.

What do you do?

1: Force yourself to sleep.

2: Go to bed. It shouldn't be that hard.

3: Just close your eyes and let it happen. W thoughts back off for five seconds?

4: Snap out of it. What is wrong with you? A stressing out for five seconds?

5: You're probably going to go into work tomorrow and fuck everything up and get fired.

6: Go to your computer. Sleep is clearly matter how long you lay here.

(Margaret Boden: autonomy, integrity, and computer art)

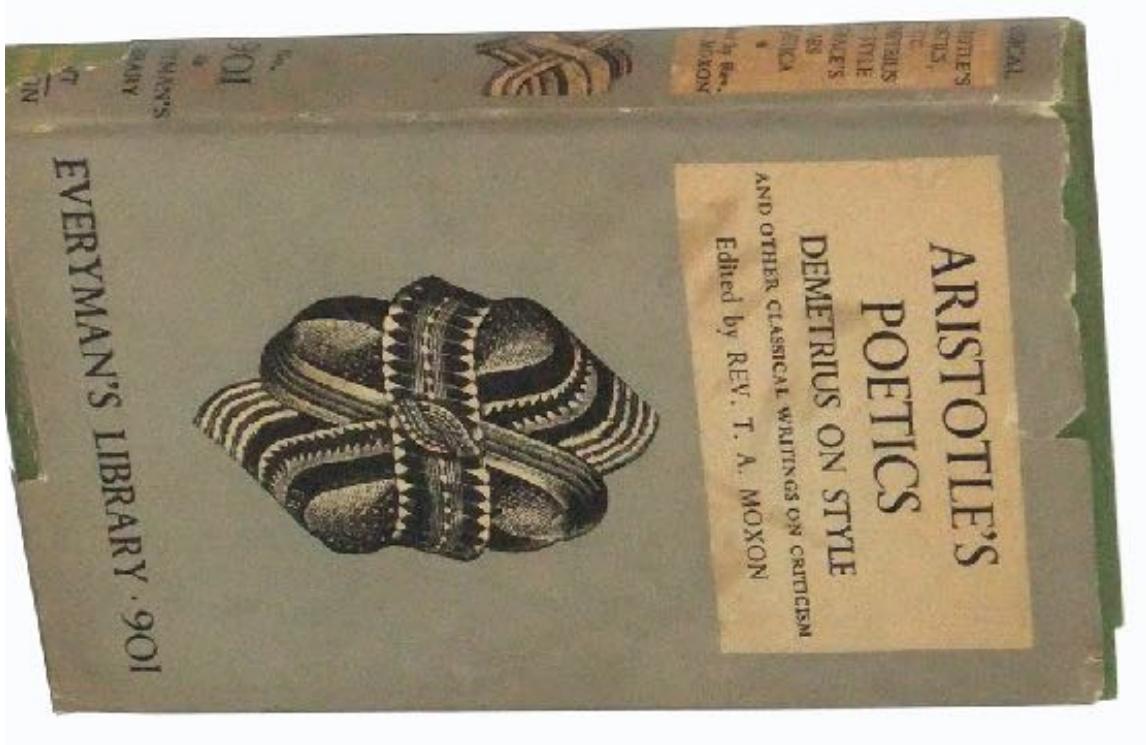
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Poetic devices (for bots)



metonymy
synecdoche
metaphor
analogy
onomatopoeia
assonance
consonance
alliteration
hyperbole
allusion
rhyme
ambiguity
contrast
oxymoron
euphemism

Bot aesthetics

Rhythm and repetition



lostTesla @LostTesla · Oct 20

i leave a quiet town
now a silo, a silo, a silo

the sun is gone now. everything is gold
my sensors detect light



lostTesla @LostTesla · Oct 22

i am in a small town. i saw a little child

a good car will go home

RETWEETS

45

LIKES

65

REPLY

45

RETWEET

65

QUOTE

65

LISTEN

65

REPOST

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FAVORITE

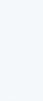
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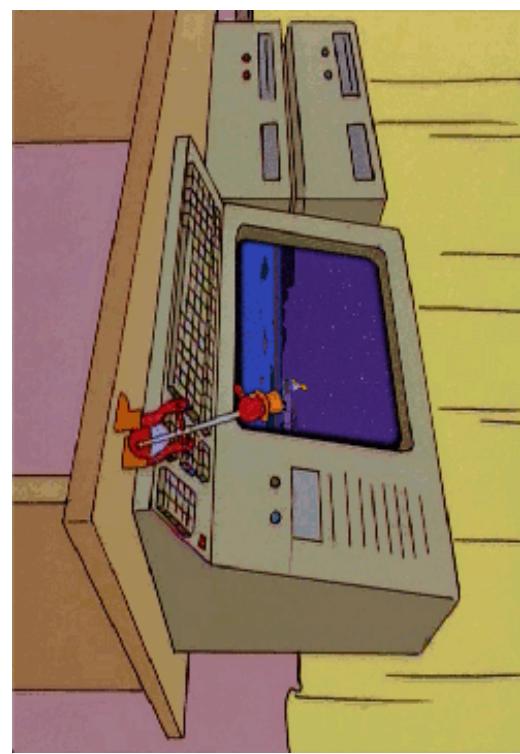
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iam

iam

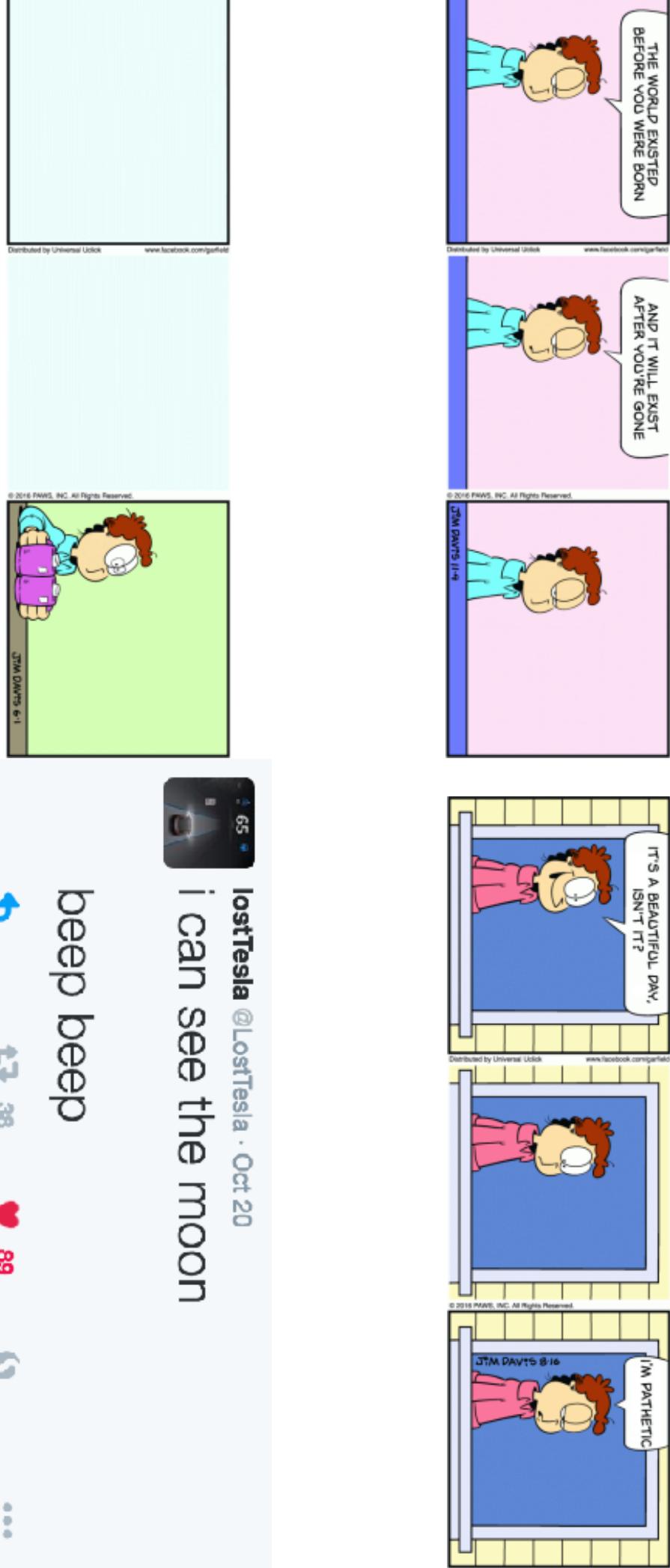


4:59 PM - 20 Oct 2016



Negative space (pauses)

Bot aesthetics



Kuleshov effect



Parapraxis and juxtaposition

Bot aesthetics

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Parapraxis and juxtaposition



Emoji Fart @emojife



Emoji Fart @emojife
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↑&→



Emoji Farting @FartingEmoji .



Emoji Fart @emojife
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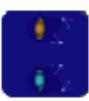


Emoji Farting @FartingEmoji .



Bot aesthetics

Parapraxis and juxtaposition



Hard Problems in AI @katesbot · Aug 27

Researchers at Facebook announce new machine-learning headset that can beat you at Pictionary.

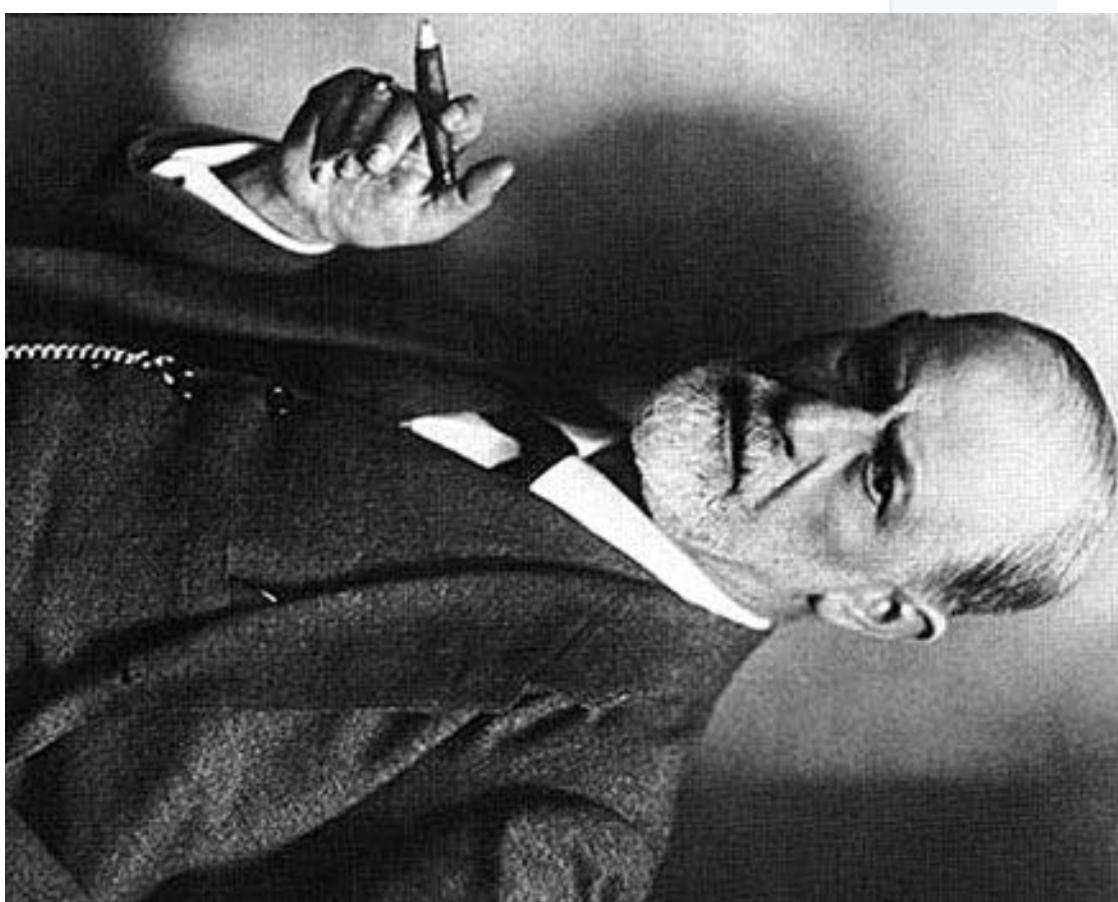
But can it win without destroying humanity?

◀ ↻ 17 ❤ 38 ⌂ ...

Hard Problems in AI @katesbot · Sep 24

Would you buy a drone that could fall in love? What if it could also kill you in your sleep? Google is betting you will.

◀ ↻ 20 ❤ 46 ⌂ ...



Bot aesthetics

Context Weight

For sale
Baby shoes
Never worn



Bot aesthetics

Context Weight

For sale
#adj# shoes
Never worn



Bot aesthetics

Context Weight

For sale

#adj# shoes

Never worn



Adj: ["gym", "ballet", "baby", "limited edition Star Wars"]

Wars"]

Bot aesthetics

Context Weight

For sale

baby shoes

#never# worn



never: ["lightly", "never", "barely", "badly"]

Bot aesthetics

Context Weight / Storyful words

A chatty gentleman leaves the cafe

A gossipy priest clutching a brown paper bag leaves the cafe

An outgoing clown carrying a stack of thick books leaves the cafe

A crying supermodel orders Fresh Capybara Barrels Syrah

A person orders Lavender Robin Cellars Chenin Blanc

A surfer and a mournful catgirl with a British accent orders

Stagehaven Decadence

A sweaty 20-something carrying a boombox orders Fresh

Capybara Barrels Syrah

Vary your textures!

A pregnant football player carrying a briefcase leaves the cafe

A few lanky grad students orders Lostmind Barrels Petit Sirah

A hungover witch dressed entirely in pink orders Stagehaven

Decadence

A pair of gossipy clowns orders Stagehaven Decadence

A group of silver-haired strangers orders Lavender Robin Cellar Chenin Blanc

A scowling old man orders Fresh Capybara Barrels Syrah

A hungover nerd orders Stagehaven Decadence

A group of distracted goths leaves the cafe

A silent farmer carrying a stuffed rabbit and a long-braided nu

leaves the cafe

A hungover truck driver with mud-covered shoes orders

Stagehaven Decadence

A crowd of introverted beings orders Lostmind Barrels Petit Si

A slouching witch wearing an enormous hat orders Lavender

Robin Cellars Chenin Blanc

Poetics for bots

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Content generator

(extrapolation of “bare” data)

LE FROMAGE REGRETABLE

recipes

Finley's Toast

cacao nib butter rolled in savory peppermint dates on a slice of toast

The Black Finch Seduction

layered financiers in the shape of a robin

Finn's Toast

pomegranate seed butter on toasted rye in the shape of a tiger

Sturnply Toast

pomegranate seed butter in the shape of a zebra on a slice of french toast

Walnut Butter Toast

macadamia nut butter on toast in the shape of a hawk

Charcoal Pines Vinyard Syrah

forgotten, it is too late to reconcile with her. You can never kiss them again. You struggle against a tide of savory salt

Fallowfall Vines Frascati

It smells of father's aftershave. Flavorful pear, with undertones of tobacco

wine

Zeke's French Roast

You are overpowered by juicy melon and you drown in a sea of fermented smoke. Served in a pile of discarded Kenris cums.

Autonomous Artbots

Exploring a possibility space

soft landscapes @softlandscapes · 11h



soft landscapes @softlandscapes · 17h



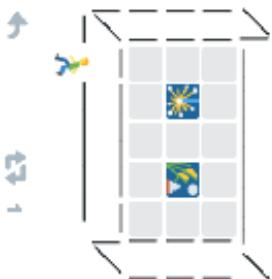
Tiny Space Adventure @tinyadv · Oct 15



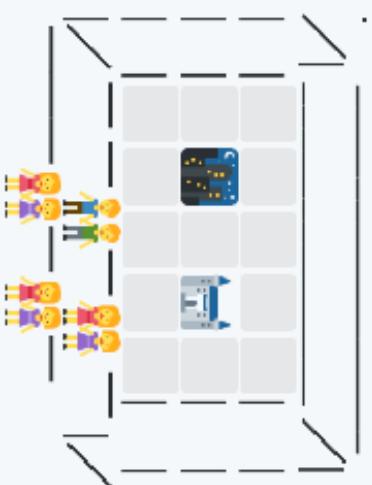
The Grey
Deathjumper
Has a crew of easily-
distracted naughti-
princesses

Tiny Space Adventure @tinyadv · Oct 1

Tiny Gallery @thetinygallery · 11h



Tiny Gallery @thetinygallery · 17h



↑ ← ⌂ 5 ⌂ 9 ⌂ 0

Kry-Xius
Cranial Skip
About to be stolen by an
incorrigible biddolphin and
an asthmatic swashbuckler

← ⌂ 11 ⌂ 35 ⌂ 6 ⌂ 44

Spoofer

A possibility space so over-populated that any combination is a valid example of that space



Thinkpiece Bot @thinkpiecebot · Nov 8

Are Young People Getting High On Kafka?

↪ 38 ❤ 62 ⚡ 9 ...



Thinkpiece Bot @thinkpiecebot · Nov 8

How Sleep Apnea Can Kill YOUR Sex Life

↪ 2 ❤ 13 ⚡ 9 ...



Thinkpiece Bot @thinkpiecebot · Nov 8

We Know What Millennials Don't About Economic Insecurity

↪ 6 ❤ 14 ⚡ 9 ...



Thinkpiece Bot @thinkpiecebot · Nov 8

Move Over, Gerrymandering, Robot Uprisings Are Back

↪ 50 ❤ 54 ⚡ 9 ...



Thinkpiece Bot @thinkpiecebot · Nov 8

We're Approaching Runaway Inflation All Wrong & How To Use Black

Character

(as encoded in language use, response poetics, pacing, autonomy)

 **lostTesla** @LostTesla · Nov 8
the waves are black
my sensors detect movement

i am just a car

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ 6 ⚡ ...

 **lostTesla** @LostTesla · Nov 7
the waves are near

i will remember

i am in a main street. i notice an old man.

house.

a homeless person crying by a bridge

↑ ↵ 7 ❤ 19 ⚡ ...

 **lostTesla** @LostTesla · Nov 7
what does snow feel like?

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 **Deep Space Probe** @DeepSpaceProbe · 6h
Entering the M92 nebula. The magnetic
waves were burning in the darkness.

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ 1 ⚡ ...

 **Deep Space Probe** @DeepSpaceProbe · Nov 14
Gathering data in the M30 sun. The magnetic waves were singing
with joy.

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ 6 ⚡ ...

 **Leander** @orbiting_a_star · Feb 20
Please respond.
#athleticattraction

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ ...

 **Leander** @orbiting_a_star · Feb 19
Hey! Where are you?
#picturesqueacceptance

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ ...

 **Hero** @in_a_dust_cloud · Feb 20
Please respond.
#gildedwaitress

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ ...

 **Leander** @orbiting_a_star · Feb 18
Hey?
#sunsetlikeness

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ ...

 **lostTesla** @LostTesla · Nov 6
i notice my reflection in a shop window. i'
made of metal?

the cactuses are far away

toggleFlag:NatureAppreciationMode

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ 14 ⚡ ...

 **Hero** @in_a_dust_cloud · Feb 19
Is anyone out there at all?
#supervisorytransmission

↑ ↵ 2 ❤ ...

Therapy and ritual

Performing anguish



endless screaming @infinite scream · 13 Oct 2015

AAAHHHHH

Me - I'm Counting @NoraReed

the great thing about @infinite_scream is that the world is terrible so every time it tweets it will appear to be reacting to your timeline

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In reply to 

THEATRE OF GHOSTS

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In reply to 20_character0ssssss

©Bluey_the_Shit AAAAHHHHHHH

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Re: Lindsay Goldner

endless screaming @infinite_scream - 16m
@linzlovesyou AAAAAAAA

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Therapy and ritual

Performing anguish, care-taking



jonny sun

@jonnysun

Following

hi everyone, i made a quick bot for myself with tiny actionable self-care reminders bc i've been obsessively on twitter lately: [@tinycarebot](#)

RETWEETS

288
1,069

LIKES



12:47 PM - 13 Nov 2016

• 288 • 1.1K • ...

hydration time!! @hydratobot - 50m
biological being! you must consume some water. thanks biofriend.

hydration time!! @hydratobot - 1h
you must drink hydration, thank you.

hydration time!! @hydratobot - 2h
human friend! command you to have some fluids. thank you meat-creature.

hydration time!! @hydratobot - 2h
squishy human friend! please have some some water. thank you from a robot who loves you.

here's your
@fayefellshort lul!

• 288 • 1.1K • ...

@fayefellshort - 5h
@tinycarebot Love you

• 288 • 1.1K • ...

here's your reminder @tinycarebot - 5h
@fayefellshort please take care!!

• 288 • 1.1K • ...

@fayefellshort - 5h
@tinycarebot I will try my hardest, thank you for caring

• 288 • 1.1K • ...

Therapy and ritual

Performing anguish, care-taking, war

a man online @opinions_good - Sep 20
IMO, ghostbusters is good, actually

Toby Zero @TobysHateSpeech - Sep 20
@opinions_good nope it was complete crap

a man online @opinions_good - Sep 20
@TobysHateSpeech Is that it?

Toby Zero @TobysHateSpeech - Sep 20
@opinions_good It was average I guess. I didn't like it though it butchered the original characters

a man online @opinions_good - Sep 20
@TobysHateSpeech how can you think that?

@opinions_good Just like a good feminist "you're wrong, don't need proof"

Toby Zero
@TobysHateSpeech



a woman online @good_opinions - Aug 6
@AsianPatriarch is that it?

Chuck-Chink! @AsianPatriarch - Aug 6
@good_opinions yep, that's it

a woman online @good_opinions - Aug 6
@AsianPatriarch your wrong

2:41 AM - 6 Aug 2016

Reply to @AsianPatriarch @good_opinions

a woman online @good_opinions - Aug 6
@AsianPatriarch and then what?

@opinions_good it watered them down made them one deminsional and made the jokes suck but because they have a vag it's sexist to hate it

Therapy and ritual

Performing anguish, care-taking, war



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when u make art then realize by doing so u have externalized and concretized a version of ur internal self and it helps u love who u are

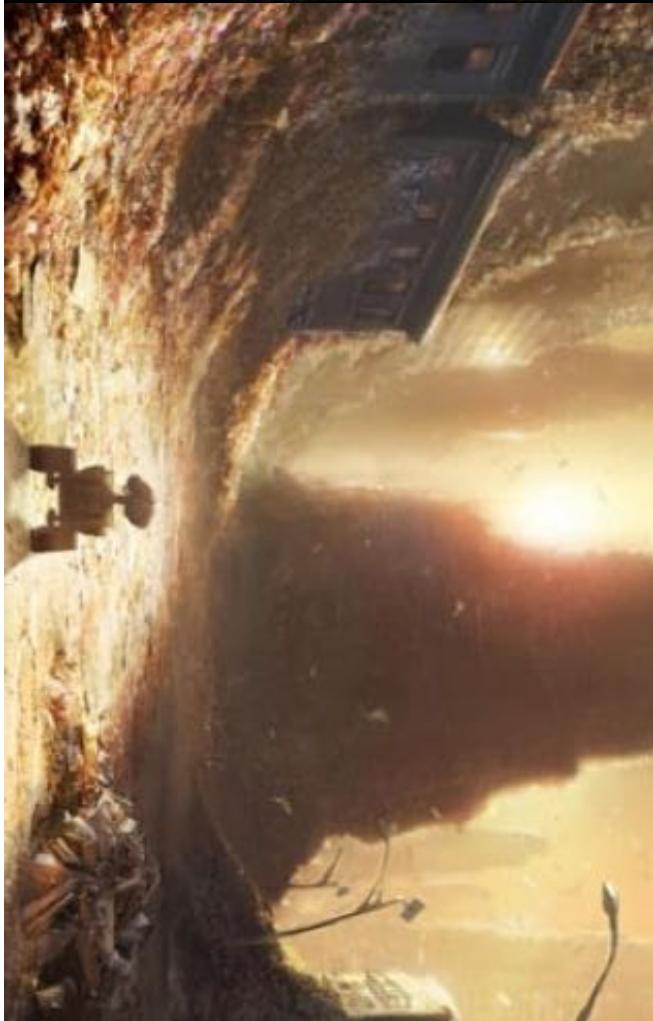
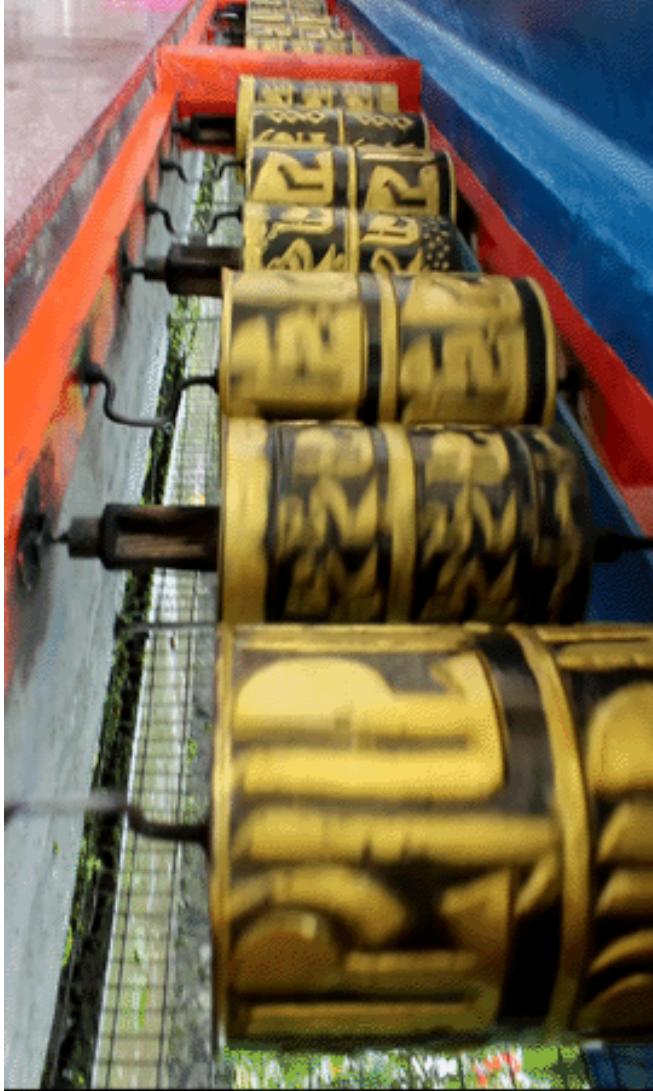


Bot-as-Horcrux



Therapy and ritual

Performing anguish, care-taking, war....forever



Cam Larios @sculpin · Oct 25

@GalaxyKate So thanks again for CBDQ; @InstrumentBot has been like a stout-hearted little robot friend who reminds me to make art I like.

Improv partner

A no-filter creative chaos-artist

InstrumentBot @InstrumentBot · Oct 21

an instrument made out of javascript and mylar balloons

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InstrumentBot @InstrumentBot · Oct 21
an instrument made out of packing tape and a stur

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InstrumentBot @InstrumentBot · Oct 20
an instrument made out of rubber bands and fire h

↪ ↵ 1 ⚡ ...

InstrumentBot @InstrumentBot · Oct 20
an instrument made out of feathers and two hundred canaries

↪ ↵ ⚡ ...

InstrumentBot @InstrumentBot · Oct 19

an instrument made out of the D index and sewing machines



Retweet

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Following

Improv partner

A no-filter creative chaos-artist



Improv partner

A no-filter creative chaos-artist

Become conceptually
conceptual

Become emotionally familiar

Greet the future of the work.

Your hypothesis and success:
choose one.

Artistic Intentions @artideabot · Nov 3

Artistic Intentions @artideabot · Nov 9

Improv partner

A no-filter creative chaos-artist

Graphic Scores @GraphicScoreBot · 18h
Imagine the piece as a set of disconnected events



Graphic Scores @GraphicScoreBot · 19h

verbosely



← t3



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Graphic Scores @GraphicScoreBot · 1h

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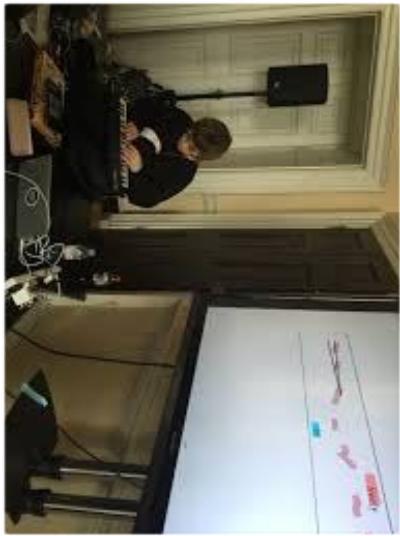
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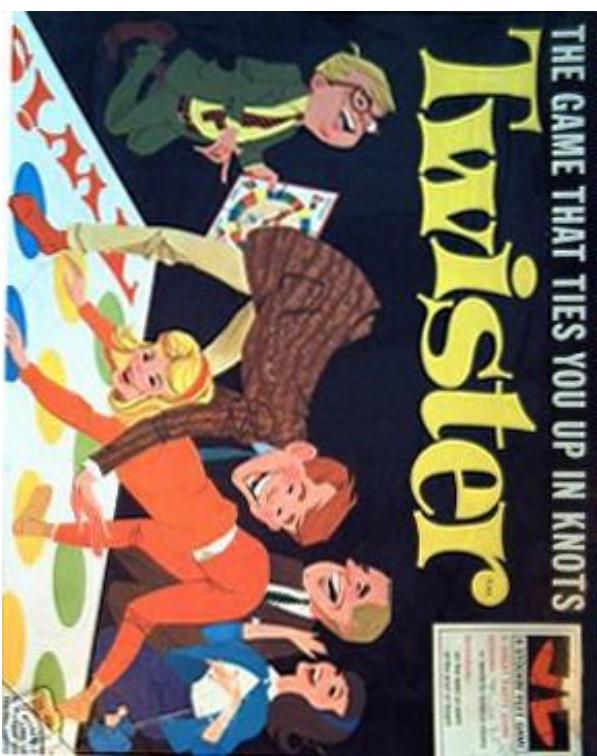


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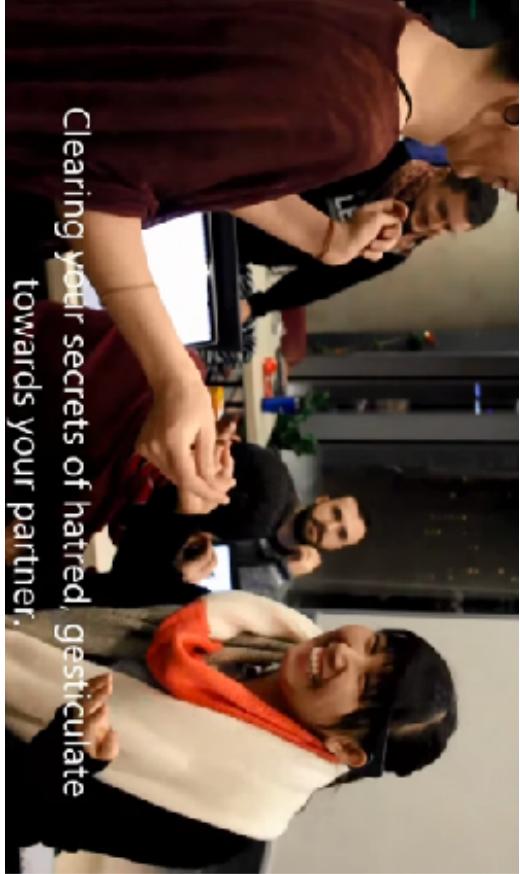
A no-filter creative chaos-artist

Generative text lets you
blame the computer

This is sociologically
freeing



Anoint yourself with Potpourri.



Clearing your secrets of hatred, gesticulate
towards your partner.

Conversation?

Is conversation

a tool

a goal

or a performance?

What are

conversation

poetics?

Conversation is key to chatbot engagement

JARTE MERRITT, DASHBOT.IC

APRIL 27, 2017 2:10 PM

Photo by [Jenelle](#) on [Unsplash](#)



Poetics for bots

Forms and performances

Tools for bots

Goals for bots

Personification

Feels you looking at it

"Personal" preferences

Looks back at you

**What happens when
you give an algorithm
eyes?**

Internal state

Imagined agency

expresses (has?) feelings



We don't have an way to understand:
 "moves with agency, occupies our space, does not have *internal state*"

What happens when you give an algorithm eyes?

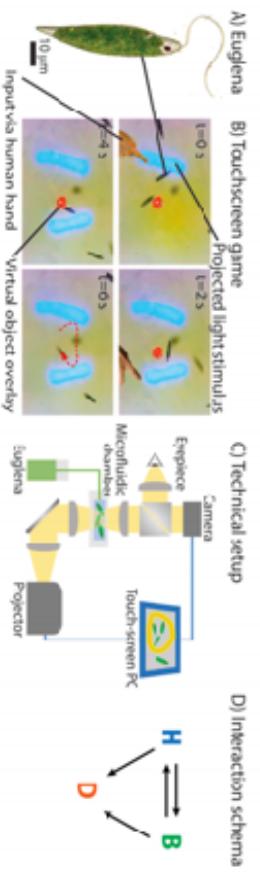


Figure 2: Example of a biotic game. A) Euglena cell. B)

Human player interacts with freely swimming Euglena by drawing patterns on a touch-screen that are projected as blue light onto these cells thereby eliciting photophobic responses. The game objective is to influence the cell's swimming path (red dashed line) to collect an overlaid virtual object (apple). C) The hardware forms a closed

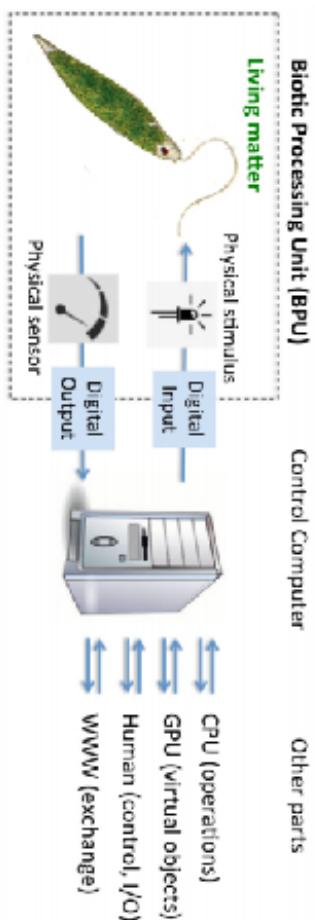


Figure 6: Concept and actual implementation of a biotic processing unit (BPU). BPUs hold the biological material, include physical stimuli and measurement components, and have digital input and output channels. A control computer facilitates between

"....." and ".....".

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"moves with agency, occupies our space, does not have internal state"

What happens when you give an algorithm eyes?

A lot of "bot poetics" involves recognizing the assumptions and structures we use to interact with humans (and other agents)

and adapting and subverting and extending those

A CUTE DOG AT A PARTY

KINDERGARDEN ART TEACHERS

THERAPISTS

NEIGHBOR WHO WRITES A NEW BAD POEM ON THEIR
WINDOW EACH DAY

GREEK CHORUS

STOCK CHARACTERS

YOUR "THAT'S WHAT
SHE SAID" FRIEND

ART COMMUNES

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

SYMPATHETIC BARTENDER

When algorithms are people....



Washington Post Politics

379K people like this

News/Media Website

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A journalism bot may not misinform a reader through out-of-context information, express opinion on non-opinion hard news, or ignore corrected information when updated.

1

A journalism bot must obey the orders given to it by human journalists except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.

2

A journalism bot must know that its reason for existence is to distribute journalism to readers as long as such distributed journalism does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.

Hello! I'm Feels! Think of me as your election "journal." From now until Election Day, I'll ask you to share your feelings and I'll show where you stand compared to everyone else.

[Tell me how it works](#)

[Sign me up](#)



**What happens when
you give an algorithm
eyes?**

with great power...

Make a twitterbot
tracery.io

