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TO DEVELOP A CHATBOT & integrate it with the following API's of the Meridian Project:

- Simple Estimate
- Retail Estimate
- Medical Services
- Medical Service Components

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PROJECT NAME: MERIDIAN

TASK ASSIGNED: To develop a chat bot with a modernized user touchpoint and integrate it with the patient estimation API as well as the other API's of the meridian project, which internally connects with the back-end systems and provide the data as per the request.

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CHATBOT

WHAT IS A CHATBOT?

A chatbot (also known as a spy, conversational bot, chatterbot, interactive agent, conversational interface, Conversational AI, talkbot or artificial spy entity) is a computer program or an artificial intelligence which conducts a conversation via auditory or textual methods.

Such programs are often designed to convincingly simulate how a human would behave as a conversational partner, thereby passing the Turing test. Chatbots are typically used in dialog systems for various practical purposes including customer service or information acquisition.

Some chatbots use sophisticated natural language processing systems, but many simpler ones scan for keywords within the input, then pull a reply with the most matching keywords, or the most similar wording pattern, from a database.

CHATBOT DEVELOPMENT TOOLS:

1. Dialogflow

Dialogflow is a conversational platform that lets you design and build chatbots and voice apps (Google Actions and Amazon Alexa Skills). Dialogflow is backed by Google and is the most widely used tool to build Actions for more than 400M+ Google Assistant devices.

It supports all the major messaging channels such as Facebook Messenger, Slack, Skype, Kik, Line, Telegram, Twitter, Viber etc.

Dialogflow supports Natural Language Processing in 20+ languages.

Dialogflow is probably the best tools to build omnichannel chatbots with less coding. Dialogflow provides the REST API which can be used to integrate the chatbot to your own application or with custom conversational interfaces.



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2. Microsoft Bot Framework

Microsoft Bot Framework connectors allow you to deploy chatbots on websites, apps, Cortana, Microsoft Teams, Skype, Slack, Facebook Messenger and more. It has 2 major components - Channel connectors and BotBuilder SDKs. Channel connectors allow you to connect the chatbot to messaging channels.

You can use the BotBuilder SDKs to implement the business logic in the chatbot. BotBuilder SDKs support C#, Javascript, Java, Python versions. BotBuilder comes with an Emulator for local debugging and visualization of conversations. This is really helpful for the developers during the development.

It's very easy for the developers to connect the Bot Builder SDK with any Natural Language Understanding (NLU) services. Bot Builder SDK Github account has many code samples and templates which help the developers to get started the chatbot development quickly.

3. Amazon Lex

Amazon Lex is a service for building conversational interfaces into any application using voice and text. Amazon Lex is the same technologies that power Amazon Alexa. As a fully managed service, Amazon Lex scales automatically, so you don't need to worry about managing infrastructure.

With Amazon Lex, you can build, test, and deploy your chatbots directly from the Amazon Lex console itself.

Amazon Lex bots can be published to messaging platforms like Facebook Messenger, Slack, Kik, and Twilio SMS. Amazon Lex provides SDKs for iOS and Android for building bots for your mobile apps.

4. BotKit

Botkit is an opensource chatbot framework, recently acquired by Microsoft. Botkit is the leading developer tool for building chatbots, apps and custom integrations for major messaging platforms.

BotKit is NodeJs based SDK which supports publishing the chatbots on messaging channels such as Slack, Cisco Webex, Cisco Jabber, Microsoft Teams, Facebook Messenger Twilio SMS, Twilio IPM, Microsoft Bot Framework, Google Hangouts Chat.



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Botkit also provides a web chat plugin which you can embed on any websites. With BotKit, you have to host the chatbot on your own server. BotKit can be easily used with all the major NLP platforms.

5. BotPress

Botpress is a dual-license open source bots development platform for developing bots in the same way that WordPress is a development platform for developing websites. The best part of Botpress is it provides UI where developers and non-technical people can manage the chatbots after the deployment.

Botpress has many nice features such as The Flow Builder and Dialog Manager. Flow Builder and Dialog Manager make it easier for developers to build and debug complex conversation flows. The developers can fully customize the chatbot - add business logic or integrate the 3rd party APIs etc.

Botpress is a good choice if your client wants to manage the chatbot contents by non-technical people after the deployment.

With Botpress you can deploy chatbot on Facebook, Slack, Telegram, BotFramework, Twilio, Web.

6. Wit.ai

Wit.ai is the Facebook acquired company. Wit is free, including for commercial use. It is an NLP platform which allows the developers to configure the entities and intents. Developers can use the HTTP API to connect the wit.ai to your chatbot or any other applications.

Wit.ai provides SDK in Node.js, Python, Ruby.

Wit.ai currently support Afrikaans, Albanian, Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Catalan, Central Khmer, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Greenlandic, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Igbo, Indonesian, Inuktitut, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Lao, Latin, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malay, Maori, Mongolian, Nepali, Norwegian, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Somali, Southern Ndebele, Southern Sotho, Spanish, Swahili, Swati, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tsonga, Tswana, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Venda, Vietnamese, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

7. Rasa Stack

Rasa is an open source framework. It has two major components Rasa NLU and Rasa Core. Rasa NLU is responsible for natural language understanding. Rasa core is a framework for building conversational chatbot. Rasa core allows more sophisticated dialogue, trained using interactive and supervised machine learning.

The major advantage of using Rasa Stack is chatbot can be deployed on your own server by keeping all the components in-house. It is possible to use Rasa Core or Rasa NLU separately. Rasa is production ready and used in large companies everywhere.

Rasa core support Facebook Messenger, Rocket.Chat, Slack, Telegram, Twilio. Rasa is available under two license. Rasa NLU and Rasa Core are open sources. There is a paid and more advanced version of Rasa stack called Rasa platform.

Rasa Platform extends the open source Rasa NLU and Rasa Core libraries with APIs, a graphical user interface, and customer success program which includes enterprise-grade support. Rasa core is written in Python.

8. IBM Watson Assistant

Watson Assistant is an offering for building conversational interfaces into any application, device, or channel. You have the flexibility to deploy Watson Assistant on your site, in a mobile app, on the phone, in messaging channels, and to customer service tools.

It supports 13 languages. It provides SDK for the developers to build applications around Watson Assistant.

You can use SDKs in Java, Python, iOS. IBM offers free, standard, and premium plans.



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HOW TO BUILD A CHATBOT WITH DIALOG FLOW

Chapter 1—Introduction

A chatbot is, in essence, a piece of robotic software used to imitate human conversation through text chats and voice commands (a good example being Siri or Amazon Alexa).

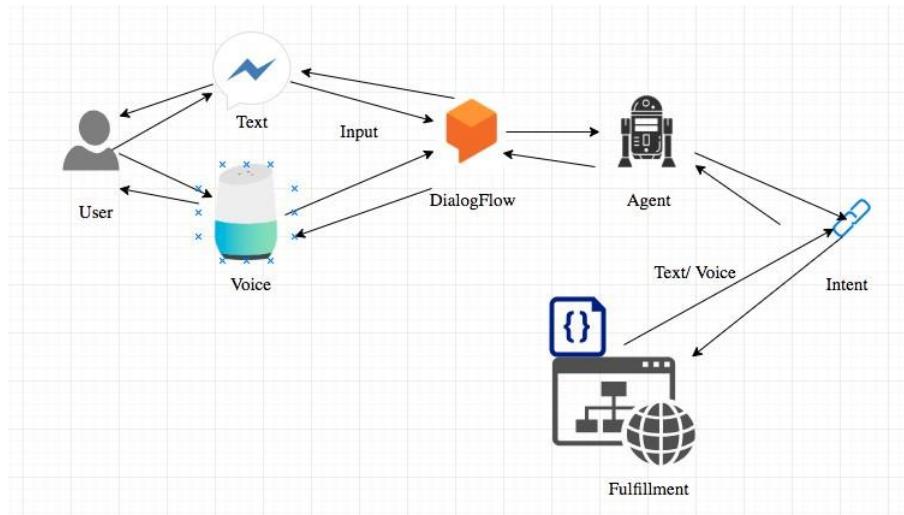
2 Types of chatbots:

1. Rule based chatbots (if you ask for phones the relevant phone pages open up in an e-commerce site that's an example of a rule based chatbot)
2. A.I. based chat bots (learn over a period of time using Machine Learning techniques)—dialog flow is an example of that

Chatbots are extremely valuable for businesses and this value will only increase as time goes by.

On obvious area of chatbot implementation is customer service. Bots are invaluable here. Waiting on hold may soon be a thing of the past as they become advanced enough to deal with basic level customer service queries, and this is already being used by a lot of companies worldwide. Nordstrom, for example, implemented a chatbot to assist with customer service at the end of 2016, and this has made their technical support much more responsive and immediate. It's no secret that this has resulted in significant cost reduction.

Text and Voice based chatbots are the future and if you are an entrepreneur or a techie, it's the right time to spend some time learning about building these bots.



Flow of conversation within DialogFlow

User: We, Machines!

Text / Voice : The user interacts with an app like facebook messenger / google home to start the interaction with the bot.

Dialogflow: Bot platform

Agent: A module within dialogflow which incorporates Natural Language Processing to understand what the user meant and to figure out what “action” has to be carried out. The agent transforms the user request into machine readable actionable data.

Intent: Support or the service that the user wants from the agent. Intent is configured by the developers. Intent determines the action by the code.

Fulfillment: This is the code. This part of the conversation lets you pass on the request from your bot to an external source and get response and pass it back to the user. This is achieved via Webhook. Setting up a webhook allows you to pass information from a matched intent into a web service and get a result from it.

Note: Don't be threatened by the terms here. Once we setup dialogflow account and open the site, all this will fall into place.



Setting up DialogFlow account:

Ok now that the boring ‘theory / lecture’ part is over, let’s jump in and start setting up the environment where we’ll be creating our bot!

1. Goto : <https://dialogflow.com/>
2. Create an account with a gmail account, and “agree” to the terms & conditions.

Please review your account settings

Country or territory *

Email preferences

Stay up-to-date with occasional emails from our team

- News and tips
Learn about new features, enhancements and tips.
- Feedback and testing
Participate in surveys and pilots to improve Dialogflow

Terms of Service *

- Yes, I have read and accept the agreement.

By proceeding and clicking the button below, you agree to adhere to the Terms of Service.

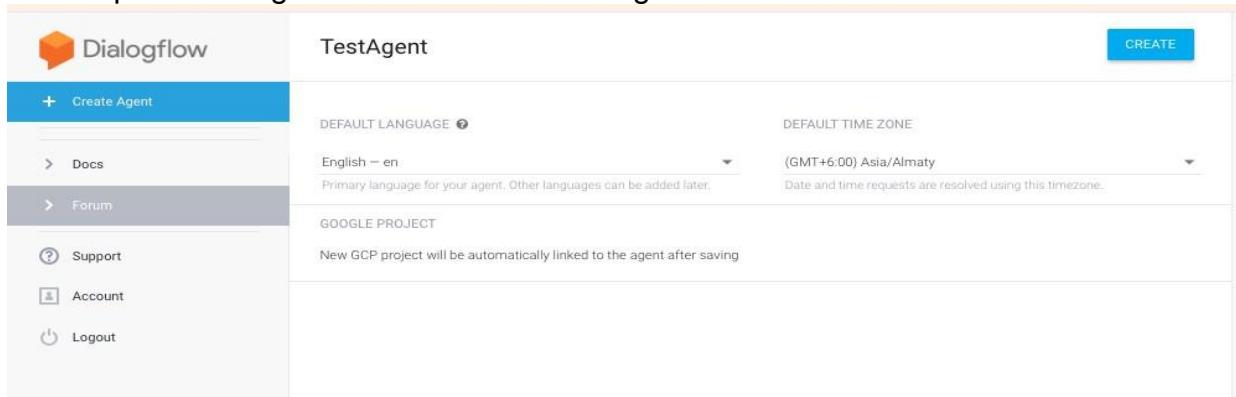
Additionally, you may have access to certain Firebase services. You agree that your use of Firebase services will adhere to the applicable Firebase Terms of Service. If you integrate any apps with Firebase on this project, by default, your Firebase Analytics data will enhance other Firebase features and Google products. You can control how your Firebase Analytics data is shared in your Firebase settings at anytime.

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The screenshot shows the initial landing page of the Dialogflow website. On the left, there's a sidebar with navigation links: '+ Create Agent', 'Docs', 'Forum', 'Support', 'Account', and 'Logout'. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to Dialogflow!' above a large image of a person using a laptop. The image contains the text 'Don't know where to begin? Let us help you get started.' and a prominent green 'Get started' button.

Authorise DialogFlow on Google cloud:

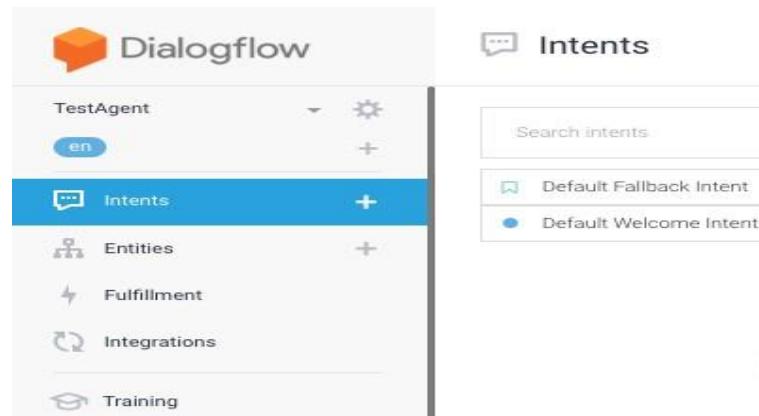
First step in creating our bot is to create an agent.



This will create a new GoogleCloud Project automatically. If you are prompted for the authorisation, do allow. If you don't have a google cloud platform account please create one.

Chapter 2— Building Blocks of DialogFlow

Building blocks of Dialogflow.





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Agents : Help convert user request into actionable data. Eg: TestAgent in the image above

1. **Intents**: These are configured by developers which indicate what the objective of the user might be when he/she/she makes a specific request. Eg: Book a flight / Collect Feedback etc
2. **Entities**: Help extract information from user speech with the help of prompts. Eg: “Book a flight” intent might need such as the: to and from cities, date, class etc as entities that the agent tries to extract from the user via conversations. The information received here are sent on for fulfilment.
3. **Fulfilment**: Code that fulfils the intent of the user’s request.
4. **Integrations**: Twitter, Slack, Googlehome etc.
5. **Prebuilt Agents**: Check out the various built-in agents
6. **Smalltalk**: Helps make bots friendly and chatty with no coding from our end.

Agents:

Agents translate user requests to actionable data i.e. intents. It's essentially a module within dialog flow which incorporates Natural Language Processing to understand what the user meant and to figure out what “action” has to be carried out. Agents manage conversations with the user through intent, entities, contexts and other building blocks. We are gonna build a bot that helps us with planning a business trip.

Build the Agent : Trip Planner

A screenshot of the Dialogflow interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a navigation menu: 'TripPlanner' (selected), 'en', 'Intents', 'Entities', 'Fulfillment', 'Integrations', 'Training', 'History', 'Analytics', 'Prebuilt Agents', 'Small Talk', 'Docs', and 'Forum'. The main area is titled 'TripPlanner' and contains tabs for 'General', 'Languages', 'ML Settings', 'Export and Import', and 'Share'. In the 'General' tab, there is a description field containing 'bot to book hotels and tickets', a 'DEFAULT TIME ZONE' dropdown set to '(GMT+5:30) Asia/Colombo', and a note about date and time requests being resolved using this timezone. Below that is a 'GOOGLE PROJECT' section with 'Project ID' set to 'tripplanner-3884a' and 'Service Account' set to 'dialogflow-aacaqr@tripplanner-3884a.iam.gserviceaccount.com'. At the bottom, there is an 'API VERSION' section with two options: 'V2 API' (selected) and 'V1 API Legacy APIs'. A note says 'Use Cloud API as default for the agent. Your webhook will receive V2 format requests and should return V2 format responses.' A blue 'SAVE' button is located at the top right of the main panel.



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Explore the settings page...the ML settings gives us the type of machine learning we wanna use for this bot.

A screenshot of the Dialogflow interface for a project named "TripPlanner". The left sidebar shows various sections like Intents, Entities, Fulfillment, Integrations, Training, History, and Analytics. The main area is titled "ML Settings" and contains sections for "MATCH MODE" (with a note about hybrid rule-based and ML mode), "ML CLASSIFICATION THRESHOLD" (set to 0.3), and a "TRAIN" button.

ML CLASSIFICATION THRESHOLD—0.3

Define the threshold value for the confidence score. If the returned value is less than the threshold value, then a fallback intent will be triggered or, if there is no fallback intents defined, no intent will be triggered. In simple terms, if the match is less than 30% percent then the inbuilt “fallback intent” (sorry, I don’t understand etc) will be triggered. Try to go through the settings tab and the google cloud platform project that has been created automatically the moment you created the agent.

Intent:

Intents are configured by developers and used to determine the action taken by the code. Think of using Intent as a mapping....what a user says and what your software should execute. <Don’t rush to create these intents...am just explaining stuff here, once we reach custom intent, will show how these intents are created>



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• Intent name

Contexts

Events

Training phrases

Add user expression

Search training phrase

Action and parameters

Enter action name

REQUIRED	PARAMETER NAME	ENTITY	VALUE	IS LIST
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter name	Enter entity	Enter value	<input type="checkbox"/>

+ New parameter

SAVE

Don't worry about context and events for now. We'll get there in chapter 3.

Training Phrase:

Phrases you can expect from the user that will trigger the intent.

• BookFlights

Training phrases

Add user expression

Search training phrase

99 non-stop flights from Paris to Geneva on December 20
99 reserve a flight from Paris to Mumbai on December 20
99 reserve a flight from Bengaluru to Basel on December 10 2018
99 flight from Mumbai to Chennai on December 20 2018
99 flight from Chennai to Delhi on december 20 2018
99 book a flight from Bangalore to Mumbai for tomorrow
99 reserve a flight for next tuesday
@ book a @flight_type:flight_type flight for @sys.date:date
99 book a flight for tomorrow
99 book a flight for July 15 2018

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Action & Parameters:



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The inputs you might need from the user to take an action on the user request. For eg: In BookFlights intent, we might need the To city, From City, Date etc to finish the action. We have to set entities first for it to be mapped here but go with the flow for now.

Action and parameters

input.bookFlights

REQUIRED	PARAMETER NAME	ENTITY	VALUE	IS LIST	PROMPTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	date	@sys.date	\$date	<input type="checkbox"/>	when are you fl...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	geo-city	@sys.geo-city	\$geo-city	<input type="checkbox"/>	where are you f...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	geo-city1	@sys.geo-city	\$geo-city1	<input type="checkbox"/>	where are you f...
<input type="checkbox"/>	flight_type	@flight_type	\$flight_type	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter name	Enter entity	Enter value	<input type="checkbox"/>	—

+ New parameter

Response:

Responses

DEFAULT +

Text response

- 1 done! I have booked your flight tickets for \$date, flying from \$geo-city to \$geo-city1
- 2 Enter a text response variant

ADD RESPONSES

Set this intent as end of conversation

Default Intents:

Dialogflow has few default intents that can help us save a lot of time.

1. **Welcome Intent:** Greets the user, exchange pleasantries (partially configured)
2. **Fallback Intent :** Default fall through intent when no others match (excuse me, I didn't get what you said)

Small Talk Intent:



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Helps make bots friendly and chatty with no coding from our end. Again, this comes by default you just have to enable it.

The screenshot shows the Dialogflow interface for the 'TripPlanner' agent. On the left sidebar, 'Small Talk' is selected. The main area is titled 'Small Talk' and contains a text box with sample conversations:

```
User: How are you?  
Agent: Wonderful as always. Thanks for asking.  
  
User: You're so sweet.  
Agent: Thanks! The feeling is mutual.
```

Below this is a section titled 'Small Talk Customization Progress' with six categories, each showing 0% completion:

Category	Progress (%)
About agent	0%
Courtesy	0%
Emotions	0%
Hello/Goodbye	0%
About user	0%

Custom Intent:

Continuing our effort to create the TripPlanner bot...we gotta create the intents for the same. We are gonna help users book a flight, book a room and book a car so we need to create 3 custom intents

create custom intents

Custom Intents



So we gotta create 3 custom intents.

1. BookFlights



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• BookFlights

SAVE

Contexts



Events



Training phrases

Search training phrase



Add user expression

non-stop flights from Paris to Geneva on December 20

reserve a flight from Paris to Mumbai on December 20

reserve a flight from Bengaluru to Basel on December 10 2018

Responses



DEFAULT

Text response

1 done! I have booked your flight tickets for \$date, flying from \$geo-city to \$geo-city1

2 Enter a text response variant

ADD RESPONSES

Set this intent as end of conversation

if the cities and the date aren't getting tagged / colored don't panic..it'll happen after we create the entities.

Similarly, create two more custom intents BookCars, BookRooms

Entities:

So, till now we have created one agent and three custom intents. Let's understand entities in this section.

Entities are used to extract parameter values from user queries. So when the user says "Book me a flight" we usually ask for the city, date and the type of flight probably..these are called entities.



Example Conversation

Slots to be Filled

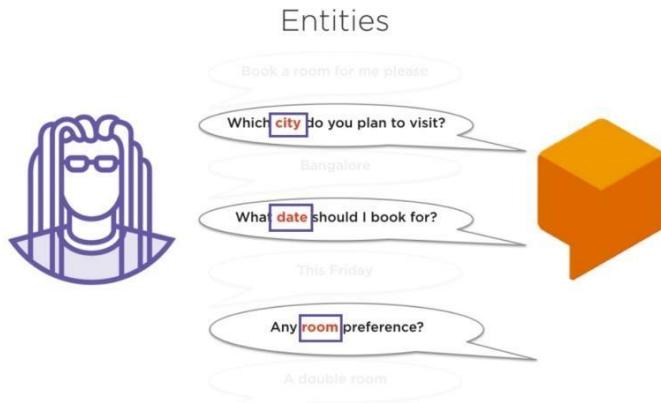


We (chatbot) asks questions to fill our Slots

Parameter values



Whatever the user responds to the slot based questions are the parameters



The generic abstract form for the parameters are the entities

Three types of entities:

- | System—Time, City, Date
- | Developer—Room type
- | User—defined at the session level (user's playlist)..think of them as cookies in websites

Ok, time to work:

Create Developer Entities:

Book Flights Intent:

1. From City
2. To City
3. Date
4. Flight Type [optional]

Book Rooms Intent:

1. City
2. Date



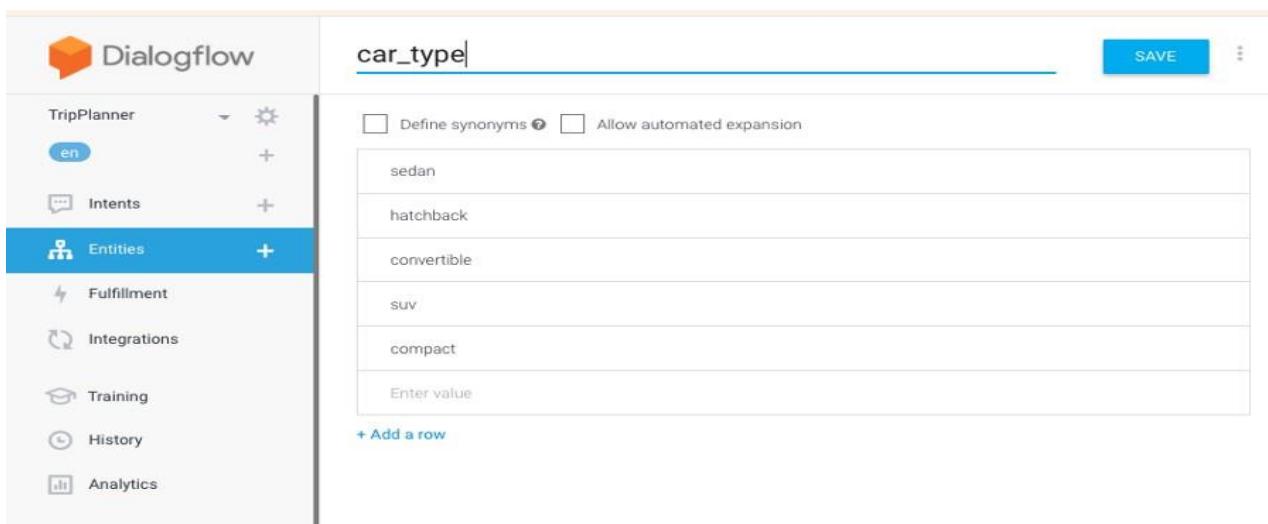
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3. Room Type [Optional]

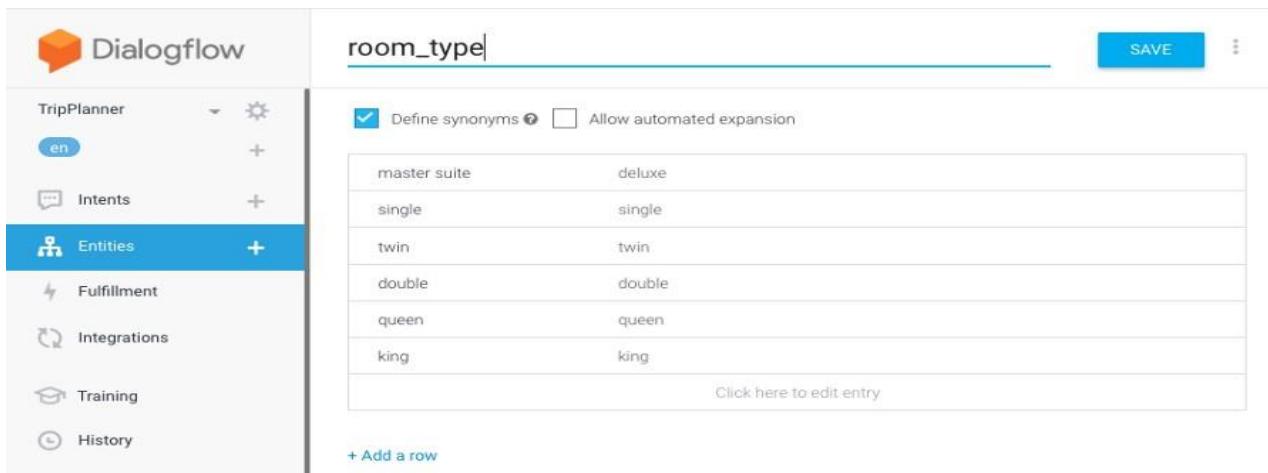
Book Cars Intent:

1. City
2. Date
3. Car Type

So as you can see City and Date are system entities so we don't have to define them..but flight_type, room_type, car_type are all custom entities and we gotta define them..see images below.



The screenshot shows the Dialogflow Entities interface for defining a custom entity named "car_type". The left sidebar shows navigation options like TripPlanner, Intents, Entities (which is selected), Fulfillment, Integrations, Training, History, and Analytics. The main area has a search bar with "car_type" and a "SAVE" button. Below the search bar are two checkboxes: "Define synonyms" (unchecked) and "Allow automated expansion" (unchecked). A table lists several car types: sedan, hatchback, convertible, suv, and compact. There is also a row labeled "Enter value" and a "+ Add a row" button.



The screenshot shows the Dialogflow Entities interface for defining a custom entity named "room_type". The left sidebar shows navigation options like TripPlanner, Intents, Entities (selected), Fulfillment, Integrations, Training, History, and Analytics. The main area has a search bar with "room_type" and a "SAVE" button. Below the search bar are two checkboxes: "Define synonyms" (checked) and "Allow automated expansion" (unchecked). A table lists room types in pairs: master suite / deluxe, single / single, twin / twin, double / double, queen / queen, and king / king. At the bottom of the table is a link "Click here to edit entry" and a "+ Add a row" button.



custom entities are configured

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The screenshot shows the Dialogflow interface under the 'Entities' section. A table lists three entries: 'non-stop' (non-stop, direct), 'multiple-stops' (multiple-stops), and 'one-stop' (one-stop). There are checkboxes for 'Define synonyms' and 'Allow automated expansion'. A 'SAVE' button is at the top right.

Entity	Description
non-stop	non-stop, direct
multiple-stops	multiple-stops
one-stop	one-stop

Now that the Entities are defined lets go back and configure the intents we had created earlier.

Configuring Custom Intent

Book Flight intent with

- Expression with annotations
- Parameters
- Prompts

The screenshot shows the 'Action and parameters' section for the 'input.bookFlights' intent. It lists six parameters: 'date-period', 'date', 'geo-city', 'geo-city1', 'flight_type', and 'Enter name'. For 'date', 'geo-city', 'geo-city1', and 'flight_type', there are annotations like '@sys.date-period', '@sys.geo-city', '@sys.geo-city1', and '@flight_type' respectively. Prompts are provided for each parameter.

REQUIRED	PARAMETER NAME	ENTITY	VALUE	IS LIST	PROMPTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	date-period	@sys.date-period	\$date-period	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	date	@sys.date	\$date	<input type="checkbox"/>	when are you fl...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	geo-city	@sys.geo-city	\$geo-city	<input type="checkbox"/>	where are yo u f...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	geo-city1	@sys.geo-city1	\$geo-city1	<input type="checkbox"/>	where are yo u f...
<input type="checkbox"/>	flight_type	@flight_type	\$flight_type	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter name	Enter entity	Enter value	<input type="checkbox"/>	-



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Responses

DEFAULT

Text response

1 done! I have booked your flight tickets for \$date, flying from \$geo-city to \$geo-city1

2 Enter a text response variant

Try it now

Agent

USER SAYS book a flight

DEFAULT RESPONSE PLAY when are you flying?

CONTEXTS
bookflights_dialog_context
bookflights_dialog_params_date
87d3cde4-a62e-4d96-87c2-adaf4d02f11
1_id_dialog_context

INTENT
BookFlights

ACTION
input.bookFlights



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HOW TO BUILD A CHATBOT WITH RASA STACK & RASA CORE

{Optum supported platform}

Step One: Prerequisites

Before getting started with Optum ChatBot, you need to request secure access to 'bots_ai_sandbox' MS group.

1. Navigate to Secure
2. Under **Primary Windows Account**, click on **Add Group Membership**
3. From the **Groups** section, enter the following in the search box "bots_ai_sandbox"
4. Select "bots_ai_sandbox"
5. Click on the green arrow
6. Click the **next button**
7. Enter "Optum Developer Chatbot Getting Started" and submit the **request**
8. Once your request has been approved, proceed to the next step

Step Two: Create your first Chatbot

Once you've met the prerequisites, follow the next steps to get started with creating your first Chatbot.

- Go to <https://bots.optum.com/> and login with your MSId

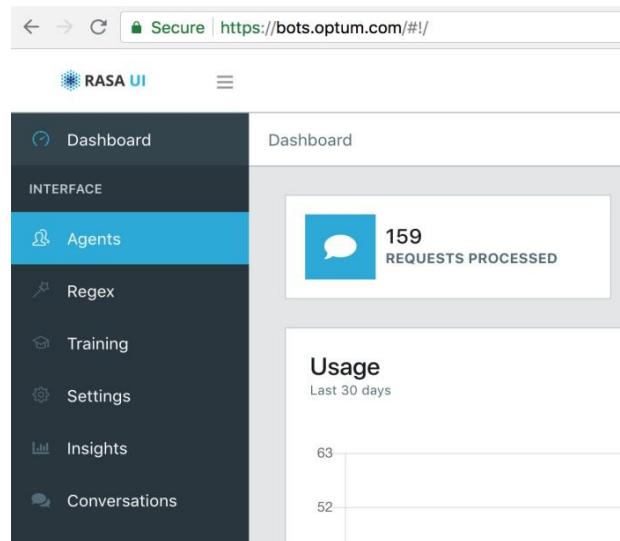


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- Follow the steps below

Step One: Create an Agent

- On the home page, navigate to the Agents section by clicking on **Agents** in the left side navigation menu
- Create a new agent by clicking on **Add Agents** at the top right corner of the center screen
- Enter your new agent's name
- Name: *OptumDevBot_YourNameHere*
- Press Enter or Click the Save button
- Access your newly created agent
- In the agents page, locate your new agent by navigating to the last available agents page
-
- Note: You can flip between pages by clicking on the page numbers or left and right arrows in the bottom right of the agents page.*
- Once you've found your agent, click on your agent's name.



Step Two: Add a new Intent

- Add a new 'greet' intent for your agent
- Under the intents section in the top left box, click on **Add Intent**
- Enter an intent name



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- Name: *greet_intent*
- Press Enter or Click the Save button

The screenshot shows the Rasa Core Configurations interface. At the top, there are two main sections: 'Intents' and 'Entities'. Below these are two more sections: 'Actions' and 'Stories'. Each section has a 'Click to Add a New Intent' or 'Entity' button, and a '+ Add Action' or 'Stories Editor' button. The 'Actions' and 'Stories' sections are highlighted with orange borders.

Step Three: Add Expressions to an Intent

Add expressions for your 'greet' intent

- In your agent's page, click on your newly created intent
- Under **Expressions** and **User Say's...**, input form add the two following expressions and pressing Enter
 1. hi
 2. hello

Step Four: Add Static Responses to an Intent

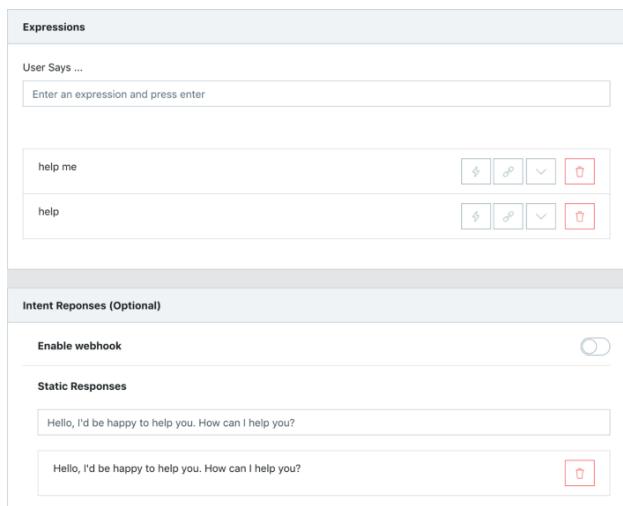
Add static responses for your 'greet' intent

- In your agent's 'greet' intent page, click on the input form below **Static Responses** in the **Intent Responses** section
- Add the following three responses
 - Hello! How can I help you?!
 - Hello there. I am an Optum Chatbot and at your service!
 - Hi! I am Optum Chatbot. Say 'Help' for more information on how I can help you!
- Click the save button

The screenshot shows the 'Intent Responses (Optional)' configuration form. It includes sections for 'Enable webhook' (with a toggle switch), 'Static Responses' (with a text input field containing 'Enter a response text and press enter'), and two examples of static responses: 'Hello! How can I help you?!' and 'Hello there. I am an Optum Chatbot and at your service!'. Each example has a red trash can icon to its right.

Step Five: Add a Second Intent

- Add a new 'help' intent for your agent
- Add expressions for your 'help' intent
 - In your agent's page, click on your newly created 'help' intent
 - Under **Expressions** and **User Say's...**, input form add the two following expressions and pressing Enter
- 1. help
- 2. help me
- Add static responses for your 'help' intent
 - In your agent's 'help' intent page, click on the input form below **Static Responses** in the **Intent Responses** section
 - Add the following response
- 1. Hello, I'd be happy to help you. How can I help you?
- Click the Save button



The screenshot shows the Rasa NLU configuration interface. At the top, there is a header labeled 'Expressions'. Below it, there is a section for 'User Says ...' with a text input field containing 'Enter an expression and press enter'. Underneath this, there are two rows of expressions: 'help me' and 'help', each with a set of small icons for managing them.

Below the expressions section is another header 'Intent Responses (Optional)'. It contains a 'Enable webhook' toggle switch, which is turned off. Under 'Static Responses', there are two text input fields, both containing the text 'Hello, I'd be happy to help you. How can I help you?'. Each of these input fields has a small red trash icon to its right.

Step Three: Train your Chatbot

Once you've created your first Chatbot with intents and responses, you can now train your bot. A new chatbot model will be generated after the training process is completed. This model will allow you to test your bot. Let's find out how to train your Chatbot!

- Click on **Training** in the left side navigation menu
- Under **Create Model** section, click on the **Agent** drop down menu and select your Agent
- The **Rasa NLU Config** section will then appear on your screen. Click on the green **Start Training** button below to begin training your bot.



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Note: During bot training, a blue notification may appear above to show that training has begun. Once the training is completed, a green notification will appear. You're now ready to move on to the next step!

A screenshot of the Rasa UI interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with various menu items: Dashboard, INTERFACE, Agents, Regex, Training (which is selected), Settings, Insights, Conversations, RASA COMPONENTS, Logs, and Configuration. The main area is titled 'Training' and contains a 'Create Model' dialog. In this dialog, the 'Agent' dropdown is set to 'OptumDev_Bot'. Below this is a 'Rasa NLU Config' section containing JSON code for common examples. To the right is a 'Rasa Core Config' section with the message 'Rasa Core is not enabled for this Agent.' At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'Start Training' (green), 'Download File' (grey), and 'Deploy New Core Service' (green).

Step Four: Test your Chatbot

Now that your Chatbot has been trained, let's test it. There are two ways to demo your Chatbot. Follow the steps below to find out how to demo your bot!

Step One: Console Demo

Rasa UI Console Demo

- Note: the Rasa UI Console demo is a simple way to quickly test your bot. It will only return a JSON formatted response.
- Navigate to the **Agents** section
- the console demo will appear on the right side of the screen
- Under the drop down below **Input**, select your newly created model.
- Note: Your Model will often have your Agent's name and the timestamp of when the model was created
- Enter some text input such as "help" or "hi"
- The trained model will take your input and determine which is the most likely intent and provide a static response we previously added.
- Try other phrases for greetings and saying help and observe the results



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- o Note: If the bot has failed to recognize your greet or help intent, you will likely need to add more expressions to your intent and retrain your bot

The screenshot shows the Rasa UI interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'INTERFACE' and 'RASA COMPONENTS' sections. Under 'INTERFACE', 'Agents' is selected, showing a list of agents: SAM_TEST, DevDaysDay2, OptumDeveloper_WB, and OptumDev_Bot. The 'RASA COMPONENTS' section includes 'Logs' and 'Configuration'. On the right, the main area is titled 'Agents' and shows the 'OptumDev_Bot' agent. It has an 'Import Agent' and 'Add Agent' button. Below the list of agents is a navigation bar with buttons 1, 2, 3, and 4, where 3 is highlighted. The 'INPUT' field contains the text 'hi'. The 'JSON DATA' field displays the following JSON object:

```
Object
  > intent: Object
    name: "greet_intent"
    confidence: 0.88552355729825
    > entities: Array [0]
  > intents_ranking: Array [2]
    > 0: Object
      name: "greet_intent"
      confidence: 0.88552355729825
    > 1: Object
      name: "help_intent"
      confidence: 0.1144764427017507
    text: "hi"
    project: "OptumDev_Bot"
    model: "model_20180823-043918"
    response_text:
      "Hi! I am Optum Chatbot. Say 'Help' for more information on how I can help you!"
```

Step Two: Live Demo

Live Demo

- Note: Rasa UI also offers a way to demo your Chatbot in a live demo environment. This environment is a lot more similar to what an actual end user may experience
- Navigate to the **Agents** section and find your Agent
- On the same row of where your agent is located, click on the "monitor" icon to launch a live demo session
- Confirm that your trained model is selected in the dropdown of the top right hand corner
- o Note: It may take some time for the Chatbot to start when live demoing for the first time
- Enter some text input such as "help" or "hi"

The screenshot shows the Rasa UI live demo interface. At the top, it says 'OptumDev_Bot from Optum Sandbox' and 'model_20180823-043305'. The conversation log shows the following messages:

- User: Hello user
- Bot: Hi! I am Optum Chatbot. Say 'Help' for more information on how I can help you!
- User: hello
- Bot: hello
- User: help
- Bot: help



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You've reached the end of these instructions for testing your first chatbot. Click on the next button to proceed to the next step and find out how to create a more advanced chatbot.

Step Five: Add an Entity & Webhook

Entities allow us to identify key parameters for your API from a given user's input. For example, "What's the forecast for Nashville?", may have an entity called "city". Let's learn how to add entities and use them in an intent!

Add an Entity

In this section we're going to setup an entity for an API which provides information on an application's infrastructure cost. Let's assume our API accepts two parameters, an App Name and Infrastructure Type.

- Navigate to your Agent's menu page and select 'Add Entity'
- enter "app_name" under the **Entity Name** input field
- select "text" under the **Slot Data Type** selector.
- click Save

A screenshot of a web-based form titled 'New Entity'. The form has four fields: 'Entity Name' containing 'app_name', 'Agent' containing 'OptumDev_Bot', 'Slot Data Type' containing 'text', and a 'Save' button at the bottom.

Nice work! Now we're going to setup the second entity which will be for the "infrastructure type" parameter in our API. However, we're anticipating that users may use different synonyms for a given acceptable value in our API. How do we account for synonyms?

For example, let's assume "application platform service" is an acceptable value for the "infrastructure type" parameter, but a user may only provide "aps" as a value. Follow the steps below to see how we can resolve this issue.

- Create a new entity with the **Entity Name** as "infrastructure_type"
- Set the **Slot Data Type** as "text"



- Under the **Synonyms** section and **Reference value** input field, enter "application platform service" and click save
- On the column next to **application platform service**, enter "aps"
- Click on Update Entity

Great! Now whenever our chatbot identifies an entity in a user's input as "infrastructure_type" with the value "aps", it will automatically set it to "application platform service". We can continue to do this for additional values that have multiple synonyms depending on our API's requirements.

The screenshot shows the 'OptumDev_Bot' interface for creating a new entity. The 'Entity Name' field contains 'infrastructure_type'. The 'Agent' field is set to 'OptumDev_Bot'. The 'Slot Data Type' field is set to 'text'. Below these fields is a blue 'Update Entity' button. In the 'Synonyms' section, there is a 'Reference value ...' field containing 'application platform service' and a 'Save' button below it. At the bottom of the screen, there is a tooltip with the text 'Enter synonyms comma separated' and a small icon.

Create an Intent with Entities

- Create a new intent called "cost_query" and edit it
- With our new intent, we are now going to provide some training data and mark our entities within each given expression.
- Add the 4 following training data expressions below
 1. *application platform service cost for myuhc*
 2. *openshift enterprise cost for is360*
 3. *big data platform cost for myuhc*
 4. *oracle cost for myuhc*
- Mark our entity values in the expression by highlighting the word(s) for a given entity and then click on the chain icon. The entity in our expression should now be highlighted and you should see the total entity count on the right increment.
- Repeat the last step for each of expressions as shown in the next page



Expressions	
User Says ...	
Enter an expression and press enter	
application platform service cost for myuhc	2    
openshift enterprise cost for is360	2    
big data platform cost for myuhc	2    
oracle cost for myuhc	2    

- Assign these entity values to an entity we created earlier
 - Click on the down arrow icon to open the entity-value assignment section
 - For each entity value, click on the selector to its left and select the correct entity value.
 - Note: "Myuhc" and "Is360" should be assigned to app_name entity
 - Assign the entity values to its correct entity for all 4 expressions
 - Click save to save your work

Add a Webhook

This section provides information on how to enable and setup your own webhooks to your agent and intent. See the requirements below for your webhook in accepting a response from Rasa.

- Enable Webhooks by clicking on the gears icon of your Agent in the Agents Section



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- Click on the switch for **Service Fullfilment** so it is now green as shown below
- Enter your webhook's service url
- If applicable, enter your webhook's basic auth credentials
- Navigate to your agent's intent that will be using a webhook and confirm **Enable webhook** switch is green as well.

The screenshot shows the Rasa Core configuration interface for the bot "OptumDev_Bot". The "Service Fullfillment" switch is turned on (green). Other fields include Name (OptumDev_Bot), Client Secret (2190789d4078c3983f38df1623d77dfa), Service URL (Service Endpoint URL), Basic Auth Username, Basic Auth Password, and a Save button.

Test your Chatbot

- Train your new chatbot
- Test your new chatbot model with the Rasa console UI Demo
- Enter "aps cost for myuhc" and observe the response and listed entity values
- Try other infrastructure types (ex. openshift, oracle, etc.) and UHG applications.
- Try new test expressions, with a similar intent. If the expression does not return the correct response, add more test data to your intent and retrain your chatbot.

The screenshot shows the Rasa console UI. The input field contains "aps cost for myuhc". The output section shows the JSON data for the intent:

```
▼ Object
  ▼ intent: Object
    name: "cost_query"
    confidence: 0.7621860104654429
  ▼ entities: Array [2]
    ▼ 0: Object
      entity: "infrastructure_type"
      value: "application platform service"
      start: 0
      end: 3
      confidence: null
```

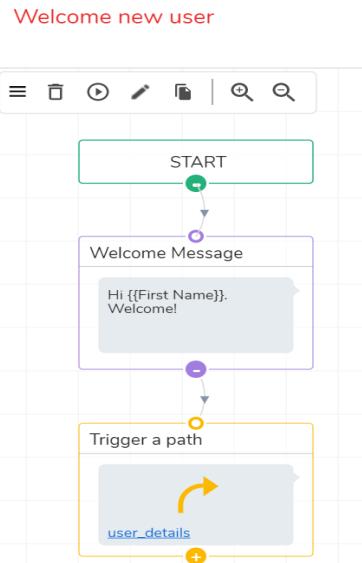
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To build a chatbot here, we need to develop paths or flows. These paths are analogous to intents. Each path symbolizes a specific set of operations to be performed by the bot. On engati platform, I developed a **bot which determines the weather conditions** in any city the user wants.

I used 5 paths for this purpose and named the bot as weather bot.

Details of the 5 paths are as follows:-

1. Welcome new user:



This path, as the name suggests, is used to welcome a new user. A welcome message can be written here which will be displayed in the beginning.

Here {{First_Name}} is an attribute .
Its value is taken from the user.

The path user_details which is triggered here is explained in the upcoming sections.



2. Greet returning user:

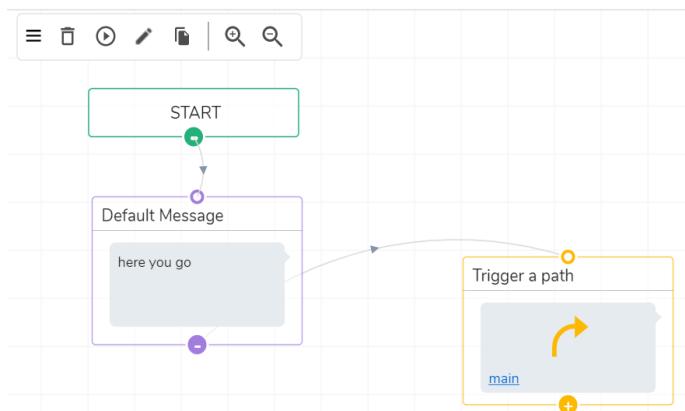


Greet returning user path is used to greet a user who has returned to the conversation i.e. he is not a new user.

The path user_details which is triggered here is explained in the upcoming sections.

3. Default Message:

Default Message



This path will become active when user enters a value which the bot cannot understand or any invalid value.

For eg : If user enters “deli” for a city then Default Message path will be triggered.

I have linked the Default Message path to the main path which will be explained in coming sections.

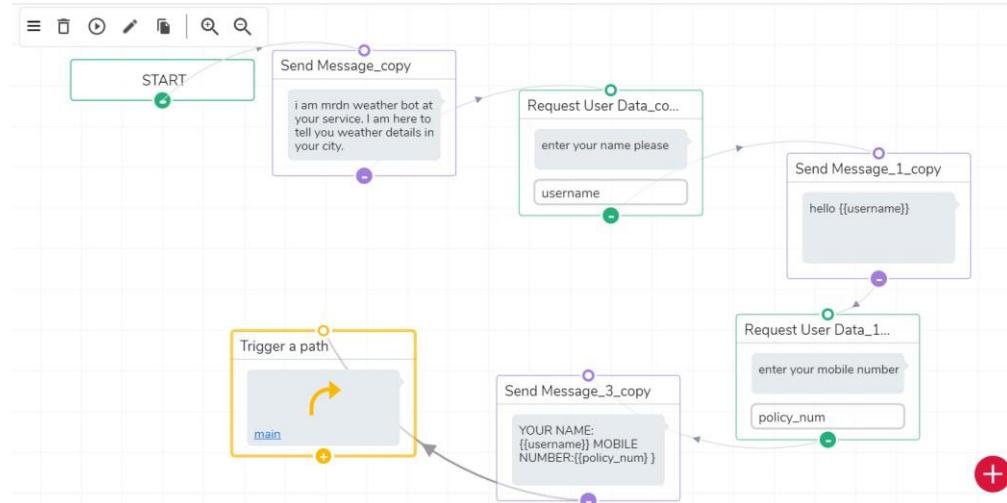
4. User_details



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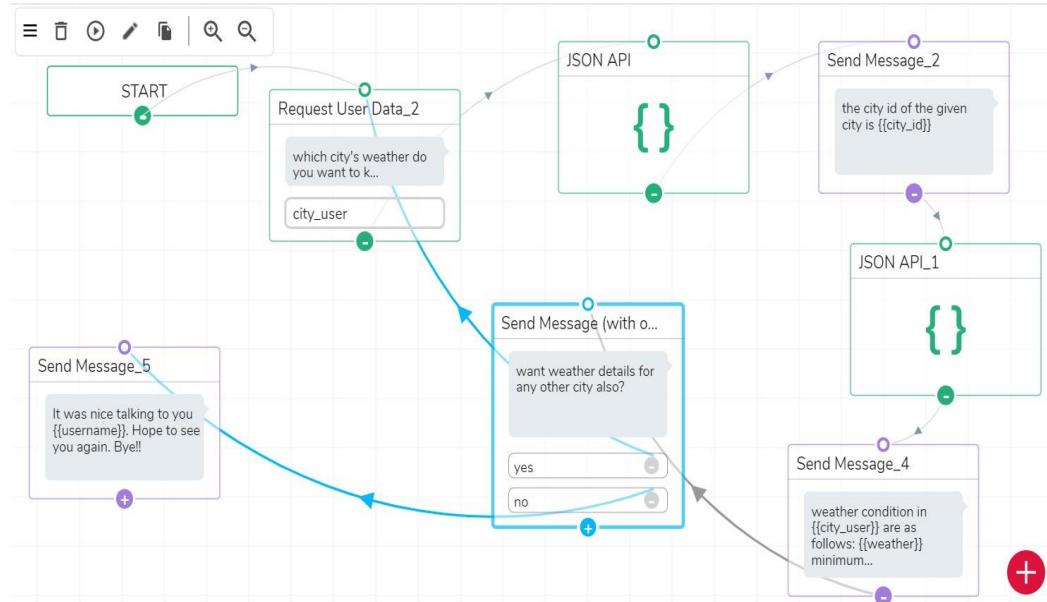
This path is very important as it collects the user information (name and mobile number) and calls the main path.



5. Main

This is most important path of the entire logic. External API is integrated to the bot in this path. I have made 2 API calls here:

- https://www.metaweather.com/api/location/search/?query={{city_user}} (JSON API)
- https://www.metaweather.com/api/location/{{city_id}} (JSON API_1)



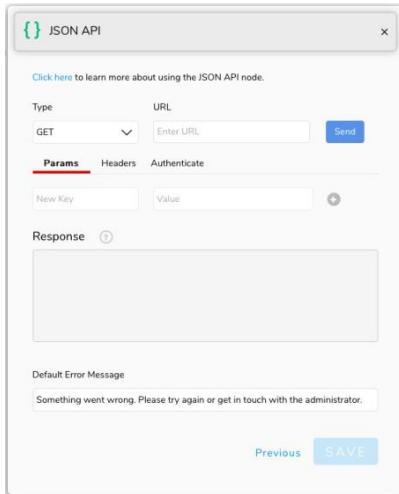
Details of JSON API PLUGIN:



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The JSON API Plugin provides flexibility for the bot admin to make HTTP requests, parse and store the responses into attributes and use the data across the platform. You can choose between GET, PUT and POST to make the HTTP requests.



PARAMS

Click the Params tab to open the data editor for URL parameters. When you add key-value pairs, the JSON API Plugin automatically combines it with the URL while making the API call.

HEADERS

Clicking on the Headers tab shows the headers key-value editor. You can add your API request headers here for all method types. You can pass authentication tokens, app secret, passwords and other credentials as per the requirements of the end - point.

STORING API VALUES

To store values into attributes from responses from APIs:

- Click on the key from the response whose value you want to use in the flow
- The attribute is created right below the response box
- You can change the name of these attributes as per your desire

Thereafter, you can use these attributes anywhere in the flow.

Response [?](#)

```

    "id": 6542,
    "message": 0.0063,
    "country": "FR",
    "sunrise": 1560483923,
    "sunset": 1560542060
},
"timezone": 7200,
"id": 20002090,

```

humidity	main.humidity	X
pressure	main.pressure	X
wind_speed	wind.speed	X
wind	wind	X
country	sys.country	X

DEPLOYING THE BOT ON WEBSITE:

We can deploy our bot by adding this script in our HTML code, preferably before the closing body tag (</body>).

```
<script>!function(e,t,a)
{var c=e.head||e.getElementsByTagName("head")[0],n=e.createElement("script");n.async=!0,n.defer=!0,
n.type="text/javascript",n.src=t+"/static/js/chat_widget.js?config="+JSON.stringify(a),c.appendChild( n)}
(document,"https://app.engati.com",{bot_key:"d12cc3b743584c6e",bot_name:"Weather_Bot1",welco
me_msg:true,branding_key:"default"});</script>
```



C++ CODE

Following is the C++ code for implementing basic functionalities of a conversational Chat Bot.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include <ctime>

const int MAX_RESP = 3;

typedef std::vector<std::string> vstring;

vstring find_match(std::string input);
void copy(const char* array[], vstring& v);

typedef struct {
    const char* input;
    const char* responses[MAX_RESP];
} record;
//char* x = "WHAT IS YOUR NAME";
record KnowledgeBase[] = {
    {"WHAT IS YOUR NAME",
     {"MY NAME IS CHATTERBOT2.",
      "YOU CAN CALL ME CHATTERBOT2.",
      "WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MY NAME?"}
    },
    {"HI",
     {"HI THERE!",
      "HOW ARE YOU?",
      "HI!"}
    },
    {"HOW ARE YOU",
     {"I'M DOING FINE!",
      "I'M DOING WELL AND YOU?",
      "WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW AM I DOING?"}
    },
}
```



```
{"WHO ARE YOU",
 {"I'M AN A.I PROGRAM.",
 "I THINK THAT YOU KNOW WHO I'M.",
 "WHY ARE YOU ASKING?"},
 },
 {"ARE YOU INTELLIGENT",
 {"YES, OF COURSE.",
 "WHAT DO YOU THINK?",
 "ACTUALLY, I'M VERY INTELLIGENT!"},
 },
 {"ARE YOU REAL",
 {"DOES THAT QUESTION REALLY MATERS TO YOU?",
 "WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?",
 "I'M AS REAL AS I CAN BE."}
 }
};

size_t nKnowledgeBaseSize = sizeof(KnowledgeBase) /
sizeof(KnowledgeBase[0]);

int main() {
    srand((unsigned)time(NULL));

    std::string sInput = "";
    std::string sResponse = "";

    while (1) {
        std::cout << ">";
        std::getline(std::cin, sInput);
        vstring responses = find_match(sInput);
        if (sInput == "BYE") {
            std::cout << "IT WAS NICE TALKING TO YOU USER, SEE YOU
NEXTTIME!" << std::endl;
            break;
        }
        else if (responses.size() == 0) {
            std::cout << "I'M NOT SURE IF I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU
ARE TALKING ABOUT."
                << std::endl;
        }
        else {
```



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```
int nSelection = rand() % MAX_RESP;
sResponse = responses[nSelection]; std::cout <<
sResponse << std::endl;
}
}

return 0;
}

// make a search for the user's input
// inside the database of the program
vstring find_match(std::string input) {
    vstring result;
    for (int i = 0; i < nKnowledgeBaseSize; ++i) {
        if (std::string(KnowledgeBase[i].input) == input) {
            copy(KnowledgeBase[i].responses, result);
            return result;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

void copy(const char* array[], vstring& v) {
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_RESP; ++i) {
        v.push_back(array[i]);
    }
}
```

FINAL TASK

DESCRIPTION:

In the U.S healthcare provider (hospital) market, the revenue cycle management is a key business function that deals with the process of providers getting paid for the services they render to the patient.

The efficiency of the processes and technologies used in this area, play a vital role in maintaining the financial health of the provider organizations.

The project idea is one such improvement initiative that aims at enhancing the front office/patient access professionals to give cost estimates to the patients..

The idea is to use one of the latest technologies in the area of customer service management i.e. Chat Bots.

The proposed chatbot offers a convenient interface to the front office staff to instantly get real time cost estimates for the procedures, patient wants to take.

The approach is unique in itself as the chatbot uses an internal API that performs the estimation & calculation based on a wide range of factors and hence is a more accurate estimate.

Technologies/Platforms/Tools:

Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing Platform and Services

Visual Studio 2019

Engati Platform

EXPECTED OUTCOME:

The final expected outcome is to develop the chatbot with a modernized user touchpoint and integrate it with the patient estimation as well as the other API's of the Meridian project, which internally connects with the back-end systems and provide the data as per the request.



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After learning various techniques of building a conversational chat bot and integrating it with the REST API's, I started building the bot for the Meridian project.

Technologies/Platforms/Tools:

Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing Platform and Services



Visual Studio 2019



Engati Platform



BOT NAME: OPTI



Various components of Opti are described below:-

1.) WELCOME NEW USER & GREET RETURNING USER :



Opti

Hello, I am Opti, Your Healthcare Financial Assistant.

How can I help you today?

[Book Appointment](#) [Get Cost Estimate](#) [Review Appointment](#)

16:52:41

2.) REVIEWING PAST APPOINTMENTS :

A.) ESTIMATE DETAILS:



Opti

Enter your mobile number

17:14:12

7676767676

Esimate Details :-

Total Amount for Cataract : \$1500
Deductible Portion : \$800
Co- payment Portion : \$150
Co- insurance Portion : \$110
Non covered Portion : \$0

Amount paid by Insurance : \$440

Amount to be paid by you : \$1060

B.) APPOINTMENT DETAILS :

Appointment Details :

Service Name : Cataract
 Date : 27/07/2019
 Time slot : 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
 Doctor : Dr. Stuart Johnson
 Address : Lenox Hill Hospital, 00 E 77th Street, kol.

Please show this QR code at the time of appointment :





3.) BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT :

book an appointment

17:26:03

Enter your city

17:26:08

Select a date

17:26:14



Cataract

Delhi

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Pick a Date



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4.) GET COST ESTIMATE :

Total Amount for MRI : \$1500
Deductible Portion : \$800
Co- payment Portion : \$150
Co- insurance Portion : \$110
Non covered Portion : \$0
Amount paid by Insurance : \$440
Amount to be paid by you : \$1060

Would you like to schedule an appointment?

Yes No

17:36:13



5.) PAYMENT :

Select one of the following Payment Options :

 >

Click below to select
[PAY USING PAYPAL](#)

17:54:05

17:54:12



6.) SAMPLE JSON INPUT :

{

```
"inNetwork": true,  
"industryPayerId": "AUTO1",
```



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```
"dateOfService": "2019-12-27",

"subscriber": {

    "dateOfBirth": "1978-08-13",

    "gender": "MALE",

    "memberId": "00918345566",

    "planEffectiveDate": "2018-02-01",

    "name": {

        "firstName": "JULIE",

        "lastNameOrOrgName": "EVANS",

        "middleName": "",

        "prefix": "",

        "suffix": ""

    }

},


"medicalServiceId": 1,

"placeOfService": 24,

"planId": "121212",

"provider": {

    "name": {

        "firstName": "",

        "lastNameOrOrgName": "HOUSTON MEDICAL IMAGING",

        "middleName": "",

        "prefix": "MD"

    }

}
```



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```
"suffix": "",  
},  
"providerNpi": "1942385091",  
},  
"serviceLines": [  
{  
    "cptCode": "91000",  
    "modifier1": "M1",  
    "modifier2": "M2",  
    "modifier3": "",  
    "modifier4": "",  
    "billedCharge": 1500,  
    "diagnosisCodes": ["N99.9"],  
},  
{  
    "cptCode": "18064",  
    "modifier1": "10",  
    "modifier2": "11",  
    "modifier3": "13",  
    "modifier4": "15",  
    "billedCharge": 2500,  
    "diagnosisCodes": ["LDC05"]  
}  
],
```



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"response271": "ISA*00* *00* *ZZ*841162764 *30*621249087
*190205*0556*^*00501*036055635*0*P*:~GS*HB*841162764*621249087*20190205*0556*1*X*005010
X279A1~ST*271*000000001*005010X279A1~BHT*0022*11*295337315*20190205*0656~HL*1**20*1~N
M1*PR*2*GEHA****PI*440545275~HL*2*1*21*1~NM1*1P*1*TRAUTMANN*PAUL****XX*1942385091~
HL*3*2*22*0~NM1*IL*1*Sosa*Roxanne*M***MI*23751754~REF*HJ*0~REF*6P*10000001*Federal
Employee Health Benefit Program~N3*354 Rio Azul~N4*Pipe
Creek*TX*780636175~DMG*D8*19780813*F~EB*1*FAM*30*PR*Standard Option Medical
FEHB~DTP*291*D8*20150622~EB*P*****W~MSG*UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW,
THIS NOTICE IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. BENEFITS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL CONTRACT
LIMITS AND THE MEMBER'S STATUS ON THE DATE OF SERVICE. ACCUMULATED AMOUNTS
SUCH AS DEDUCTIBLE MAY CHANGE AS ADDITIONAL CLAIMS ARE
PROCESSED.~EB*C*IND*30***23*350****W~EB*C*IND*30***29*341.1****W~III*ZZ*12~EB*C*FAM*30
23*700*W~EB*C*FAM*30***29*219.17****W~III*ZZ*10~EB*C*FAM*30***23*700****W~EB*C*FA
M*30***29*219.17****W~III*ZZ*11~EB*C*FAM*30***23*700****W~EB*C*FAM*30***29*219.17****W~II
I*ZZ*24~EB*G*FAM*30***23*6000****Y~EB*G*FAM*30***29*5449.96****Y~III*ZZ*12~EB*G*FAM*30***
23*6000****Y~EB*G*FAM*30***29*5449.96****Y~III*ZZ*11~EB*G*FAM*30***23*6000****Y~EB*G*FA
M*30***29*5449.96****Y~III*ZZ*10~EB*G*FAM*30***23*6000****Y~EB*G*FAM*30***29*5449.96****Y
~III*ZZ*24~EB*A*IND*5****.22****Y~III*ZZ*22~EB*A*IND*5****.21****Y~III*ZZ*21~EB*A*IND*5****.20*
****Y~III*ZZ*20~EB*A*IND*30****.12****Y~III*ZZ*12~EB*A*IND*30****.11****Y~III*ZZ*11~EB*A*IND*30*
****.10****Y~III*ZZ*10~EB*A*IND*98****.32****Y~III*ZZ*32~EB*A*IND*98****.31****Y~III*ZZ*31~EB*A*I
ND*98****.30****Y~III*ZZ*30~SE*42*000000001~GE*1*1~IEA*1*036055635~";

"taxonomyCode": "1212121212" }

7.) SAMPLE JSON OUTPUT :

```
{  
    "transactionUuid": "a172a6a2-9262-4dea-8d47-165eb4c916b5",  
    "benefits": {  
        "outOfPocket": {  
            "remaining": 5449.96,  
            "family": {  
                "max": 6000,  
                "met": 550.04,  
                "remaining": 5449.96  
            },  
            "individual": {  
                "max": null,  
                "met": null,  
                "remaining": null  
            }  
        },  
        "deductible": {  
            "max": null,  
            "met": null,  
            "remaining": null  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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```
"remaining": 219.17,  
"family": {  
    "max": 700,  
    "met": 480.83,  
    "remaining": 219.17  
},  
"individual": {  
    "max": 350,  
    "met": 8.9,  
    "remaining": 341.1  
}  
},  
"copayment": 0,  
"coinsuranceRate": 0.11,  
"limitationAmount": 0  
},  
"estimate": {  
    "patientResponsibility": {  
        "deductiblePortion": 219.17,  
        "copaymentPortion": 0,  
        "coinsurancePortion": 415.8913,  
        "nonCoveredPortion": 0,  
        "amount": 635.0613  
    },  
    "payerResponsibility": {  
        "amount": 3364.9387  
    },  
    "amount": 4000  
},  
"serviceLines": [  
    {  
        "cptCode": "91000",  
        "modifier1": "M1",  
        "modifier2": "M2",  
        "modifier3": "",  
        "modifier4": ""  
    }]
```



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```
"diagnosisCodes": [  
    {  
        "value": "N99.9"  
    }  
,  
    "patientResponsibility": 360.0613,  
    "payerResponsibility": 1139.9387,  
    "wellnessMatched": false,  
    "priceType": "BILLED_CHARGE",  
    "aceEditExists": false  
,  
    {  
        "cptCode": "18064",  
        "modifier1": "10",  
        "modifier2": "11",  
        "modifier3": "13",  
        "modifier4": "15",  
        "diagnosisCodes": [  
            {  
                "value": "LDC05"  
            }  
,  
            "patientResponsibility": 275,  
            "payerResponsibility": 2225,  
            "wellnessMatched": false,  
            "priceType": "BILLED_CHARGE",  
            "aceEditExists": false  
,  
            {  
                "estimateType": "SIMPLE_ESTIMATE"  
            }  
,  
        ]  
    }  
}
```

I developed the bot and tested it with some basics API's of Meridian project and it gave accurate results.

The final step was to make the bot capable to work with the 'SIMPLE ESTIMATE API' which takes the information from the user like name, insurance policy number, DOB, medical service required and a few more and produce the cost estimate to be paid by the user for that particular medical service.

The bot was to retrieve data from the internal back-end databases and provide correct results. Also, it was expected that the bot should be capable enough to adapt to the changes in the datasets, all by itself.

Finally, I was able to design a chat bot with all the necessary requirements and it worked absolutely fine on integration with the 'SIMPLE ESTIMATE API' and other API's as well.

The project got completed on 16th July, 2019 with the final demo in front of the entire Meridian-India team and after that I worked on some minor modifications of the the chat bot regarding visual effects and additional features like small talk, enabling user to change his previous response, auto pop-up of the chat bot widget on the HTML page with a pop-up message etc.

The REST API's mentioned above are confidential and cannot be shared with anyone. Any further details regarding the API's and the project will be considered as a violation of the rules of OPTUM GLOBAL SOLUTIONS.

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