



This presentation explains how you can quickly create a Web UI for Watson Conversation Service using a sample posted on GitHub

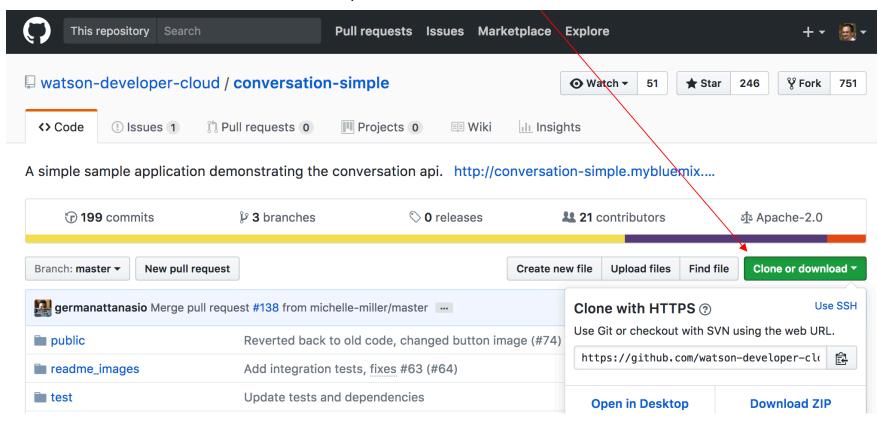


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We will use a sample node.js application and slightly modify it for our purpose.

- 1. Download the sample node.js application from github
 - Go to: https://github.com/watson-developer-cloud/conversation-simple
 - Click on button Clone or Download, then click on Download ZIP





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- 2. Obtain your Watson Conversation service's credentials:
 - a) Go to: https://console.bluemix.net/, then login with your IBM Cloud ID
 - b) Under Cloud Foundry Services, find your Watson Conversation service
 - c) Click on it, then open **Service credentials** on on the left hand side
 - d) Click on View credentials under ACTIONS.



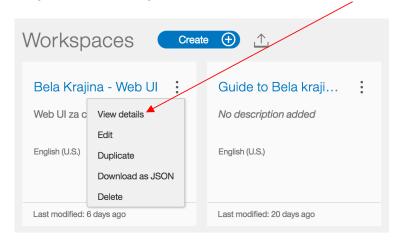
e) Copy the **username** and **password** and save them in convenient place (i.e. some file). You will need them later.



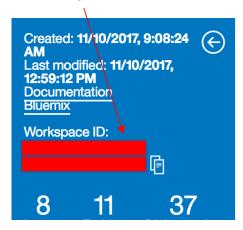
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- 3. Obtain the ID of the Workspace where your Conversation was created.
 - a) On the left hand side, click on **Manage**, then click on **Launch tool** button, then click on **three vertical dots** in your Workspace, then click on **View details**.



b) Copy the Workspace ID and save it in convenient place (i.e. some file). You will need it later.





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- 4. Install Node.js and Cloud Foundry to your workstation
 - Node.js is mandatory for testing and development the app on your workstation. You can install node.js from here: https://nodejs.org/en/#download
 - Cloud Foundry is a multi cloud application PaaS. We will use it to deploy our application code to IBM Cloud. You can install Cloud Foundry from github at https://github.com/cloudfoundry/cli#downloads



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- 5. Modify the apps environment file so your app will be able to connect with your Conversation service on Cloud
 - a) Unzip the sample app from conversation-simple-master.zip
 - b) In the newly created folder **conversation-simple-master** rename the hidden file **.env.example** into **.env**
 - c) Open the **.env** file with a text editor and update all three environment variables with your Workspace ID, your Conversation username and your Conversation password.



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- Install the node.js project modules on your computer
 - Open the conversation-simple-master folder in terminal and type in npm install
- 7. Start your application with *npm start* command, write down the port number (usually it is 3000)
- 8. Test the app locally in your web browser with: http://localhost:3000

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i localhost:3000
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Most Visited Box W TULIP portal Business Chatbots & Convers... Cognitive DBG DEG Education BM Programming Reference Reporting
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              Dobrodošli v virtualnem vodniku po Beli
               krajini. Kako Vam je ime?
                                                                                     "intents": [],
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                                                                                       "nodes_visited": [
                                                                                       "log messages": []
                                                                                       "conversation_id": "963f9ec9-d161-4258-b292-034f051f251
                                                                                       "system": {
                                                                                         "dialog_stack": [
                                                                                             "dialog node": "Welcome"
                                                                                           "node 1 1508754688870": [
            Type something
```



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- 9. If you do not want to see JSON data with Conversation responses on the right hand side, you can hide it this way:
 - a) In your text editor open the file app.css (it is in subfolder public/css)
 - b) Insert following into line 249: display: none; (right below the line with "#payload-column {")

```
# app.css •

248  #payload_column {
249     display: none;
250     font-family: Monaco, monospace;
```

c) Refresh the browser to see the updates



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10. Deploy the app from your workstation to IBM Cloud

- a) In your text editor, open file manifest.yml
- b) Change two variables:
 - a) name: any-name-you-want (but it must be unique)
 - b) services: name-of-your-Watson-Conversation-service

```
manifest.yml ×
     declared-services:
       my-conversation-service:
          label: conversation
         plan: free
     applications:
     - name:
       command: npm start
       path: .
       memory: 256M
       instances: 1
12
       services:
        env:
```



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- 11. In your terminal window, navigate to folder conversation-simple-master and:
 - Log in to Cloud Foundry with cf login command
 - When prompted, enter your IBM Cloud user ID and password
 - Deploy the application with cf push command
- 12. This will take few minutes. When done, see messages in terminal. Near the bottom you will see your apps' URL.

requested state: started

instances: 1/1

usage: 256M x 1 instances

urls: workshop-zagreb.eu-gb.mybluemix.net
last uploaded: Thu Nov 16 16:23:39 UTC 2017

stack: cflinuxfs2

buildpack: SDK for Node.js(TM) (ibm-node.js-6.11.4, buildpack-v3.15-20171024-1528)

state since cpu memory disk details

#0 running 2017-11-16 05:27:25 PM 0.0% 0 of 256M 0 of 1G

acos:conversation-simple-master Aco\$



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13. You can now access your app in Cloud.

