

## **1) Create the project**

```
mkdir ivr_flask && cd ivr_flask  
python -m venv .venv && source .venv/bin/activate # (Windows: .venv\Scripts\activate)  
pip install Flask twilio python-dotenv flask-socketio eventlet
```

We'll use Socket.IO for live updates (optional; you can skip and just poll).

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## **2) Make the folders & files**

```
mkdir -p templates static/js static/css data  
touch app.py .env templates/index.html static/js/main.js static/css/style.css  
data/transactions.json
```

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## **3) Put secrets in .env**

```
TWILIO_SID=ACxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN=your_auth_token  
TWILIO_NUMBER=+1XXXXXXXXXX  
PUBLIC_URL=https://your-ngrok-or-host-url  
FLASK_ENV=development
```

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## **4) Seed 20 dummy transactions**

Create data/transactions.json:

```
[  
  {"id": "TXN001", "client_name": "John Doe", "card_number": "***1234", "client_phone": "+14155550101", "amount": 2500.75, "bank_name": "Bank of America", "merchant_name": "Amazon", "transaction_date": "15/03/2025", "action": "Not Answered"},  
  {"id": "TXN002", "client_name": "Jane Smith", "card_number": "***5678", "client_phone": "+14155550102", "amount": 520, "bank_name": "Chase Bank", "merchant_name": "Walmart", "transaction_date": "14/03/2025", "action": "Not Answered"}]
```

```
// add up to TXN020 (copy/adjust)
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]
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## 5) Build the Flask app skeleton

Put this in app.py (minimal, working):

```
import json, os

from flask import Flask, render_template, request, jsonify

from twilio.rest import Client

from twilio.twiml.voice_response import VoiceResponse, Gather

from dotenv import load_dotenv
```

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# --- setup
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```
load_dotenv()

app = Flask(__name__)

DATA_PATH = "data/transactions.json"
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```
def read_txns():
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    with open(DATA_PATH, "r") as f: return json.load(f)
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```
def write_txns(txns):
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    with open(DATA_PATH, "w") as f: json.dump(txns, f, indent=2)
```

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# Twilio client
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twilio_client = Client(os.getenv("TWILIO_SID"), os.getenv("TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN"))
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TW_NUMBER = os.getenv("TWILIO_NUMBER")
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PUBLIC_URL = os.getenv("PUBLIC_URL") # e.g., https://abc123.ngrok.io
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# --- web pages
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@app.get("/")
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def index():
    return render_template("index.html", transactions=read_txns())

# --- APIs for UI

@app.get("/transactions")
def api_transactions():
    return jsonify(read_txns())

@app.post("/update_phone/<txn_id>")
def update_phone(txn_id):
    phone = (request.json or {}).get("client_phone", "")
    txns = read_txns()
    for t in txns:
        if t["id"] == txn_id:
            t["client_phone"] = phone
            break
    write_txns(txns)
    return jsonify({"ok": True})

@app.post("/set_action/<txn_id>")
def set_action(txn_id):
    action = (request.json or {}).get("action", "")
    txns = read_txns()
    for t in txns:
        if t["id"] == txn_id:
            t["action"] = action
            break
    write_txns(txns)
```

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return jsonify({"ok": True})\n\n# --- start a call\n\n@app.post("/call/<txn_id>")\n\ndef call(txn_id):\n    txns = read_txns()\n\n    txn = next((t for t in txns if t["id"] == txn_id), None)\n\n    if not txn: return jsonify({"error": "not found"}), 404\n\n    # mark connecting\n\n    txn["action"] = "Connecting..." \n\n    write_txns(txns)\n\n\ntwilio_client.calls.create(\n    to=txn["client_phone"],\n    from_=TW_NUMBER,\n    url=f"{PUBLIC_URL}/voice/{txn_id}", # Twilio will fetch TwiML here\n    status_callback=f"{PUBLIC_URL}/status/{txn_id}",\n    status_callback_event=["completed", "no-answer", "busy", "failed"]\n)\n\nreturn jsonify({"ok": True})\n\n# --- TwiML: first prompt\n\n@app.post("/voice/<txn_id>")\n\ndef voice(txn_id):\n    txns = read_txns()\n\n    txn = next((t for t in txns if t["id"] == txn_id), None)\n\n    resp = VoiceResponse()
```

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g = Gather(input="speech", action=f"/gather/{txn_id}", method="POST", timeout=5,
hints="yes,no,fraud,call back")

if txn:
    g.say(
        f"Hello. This is an automated call from your bank's fraud prevention team. "
        f"We detected a suspicious activity on the account of {txn['client_name']}, "
        f"card ending {txn['card_number'][-4:]}, at {txn['merchant_name']}, "
        f"for {txn['amount']} dollars through {txn['bank_name']}. "
        "Did you make this transaction? Please say: Yes I did, No I did not, or This is fraud."
    )
else:
    g.say("Hello. We have a security alert. Did you make the transaction? Please say yes
or no.")
    resp.append(g)
    resp.say("We did not receive your answer. Goodbye.")

return str(resp)

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# --- Twilio posts speech result here

@app.post("/gather/<txn_id>")
def gather(txn_id):
    speech = request.form.get("SpeechResult", "") or ""
    action = classify_action(speech)

    txns = read_txns()
    for t in txns:
        if t["id"] == txn_id:
            t["action"] = action
            break
    write_txns(txns)

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resp = VoiceResponse()

resp.say(f"Thank you. We've marked this call as {action}. Goodbye.")

resp.hangup()

return str(resp)

# --- status (detects no-answer/busy/disconnected)

@app.post("/status/<txn_id>")

def status(txn_id):

    call_status = request.form.get("CallStatus", "")

    if call_status in ["no-answer", "busy", "failed"]:

        update(txn_id, "Not Answered")

    elif call_status in ["completed"]:

        pass # already set in /gather

    return ("", 204)

def update(txn_id, action):

    txns = read_txns()

    for t in txns:

        if t["id"] == txn_id:

            t["action"] = action

            break

    write_txns(txns)

def classify_action(text):

    l = text.lower()

    if any(k in l for k in ["fraud","unauthoriz","chargeback","scam"]): return "Marked as Fraud"
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if any(k in l for k in ["yes","i did","authorized"]): return "Resolved"
if any(k in l for k in ["no","did not","not me","dispute"]): return "Connecting..."
if not l.strip(): return "Not Answered"
return "Disconnected"

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # if you use Socket.IO, run with eventlet; for plain Flask, just app.run
    app.run(host="0.0.0.0", port=5000, debug=True)

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## 6) Build the HTML (dashboard)

templates/index.html (simple, editable phones + actions + call button):

```

<!doctype html>

<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="utf-8" />
        <title>IVR Agent</title>
        <link rel="stylesheet" href="/static/css/style.css" />
    </head>
    <body>
        <div class="container">
            <h1>IVR Agent</h1>
            <input id="search" placeholder="Search..." />
            <div class="table-wrap">
                <table id="txnTable">
                    <thead>
                        <tr>
                            <th>Transaction ID</th><th>Client Name</th><th>Card Number</th>
                            <th>Client Phone</th><th>Amount</th><th>Bank Name</th>

```

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<th>Merchant Name</th><th>Transaction Date</th><th>Action</th><th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
{% for t in transactions %}
<tr data-id="{{t.id}}">
<td>{{t.id}}</td>
<td>{{t.client_name}}</td>
<td>{{t.card_number}}</td>
<td><input class="phone" value="{{t.client_phone}}"/></td>
<td>{{"%.2f" | format(t.amount)}}</td>
<td>{{t.bank_name}}</td>
<td>{{t.merchant_name}}</td>
<td>{{t.transaction_date}}</td>
<td><span class="badge" data-action="{{t.action}}>{{t.action}}</span></td>
<td>
<button class="call">Call</button>
<select class="quick">
<option value="">Quick set</option>
<option>Resolved</option>
<option>Connecting...</option>
<option>Marked as Fraud</option>
<option>Not Answered</option>
<option>Disconnected</option>
</select>
</td>
</tr>
{% endfor %}

```

```
</tbody>
</table>
</div>
</div>
<script src="/static/js/main.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

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## 7) Add basic JS (edit phone, call, quick set, polling)

static/js/main.js:

```
const $ = (s, d=document)=>d.querySelector(s);
const $$ = (s, d=document)=>Array.from(d.querySelectorAll(s));

async function post(url, data){
    return fetch(url, {method:'POST', headers:{'Content-Type':'application/json'}, body:
JSON.stringify(data||{})});
}
```

```
function attach() {
    // edit phone
    $$('.phone').forEach(inp=>{
        inp.addEventListener('change', async e=>{
            const tr = e.target.closest('tr');
            const id = tr.dataset.id;
            await post(`/update_phone/${id}` , {client_phone: e.target.value});
        });
    });
}
```

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// quick action
$$('.quick').forEach(sel=>{
  sel.addEventListener('change', async e=>{
    const tr = e.target.closest('tr'); const id = tr.dataset.id;
    if(!e.target.value) return;
    await post(` /set_action/${id}` , {action: e.target.value});
    refreshRow(id);
  });
});

// call button
$$('.call').forEach(btn=>{
  btn.addEventListener('click', async e=>{
    const tr = e.target.closest('tr'); const id = tr.dataset.id;
    await post(` /call/${id}` );
    refreshRow(id);
  });
});

// search
$('#search').addEventListener('input', e=>{
  const q = e.target.value.toLowerCase();
  $$('#txnTable tbody tr').forEach(r=>{
    r.style.display = r.innerText.toLowerCase().includes(q) ? '' : 'none';
  });
});
}

```

```
async function refreshRow(id){  
  const res = await fetch('/transactions'); const all = await res.json();  
  const t = all.find(x=>x.id==id);  
  if(!t) return;  
  const tr = document.querySelector(`tr[data-id="${id}"]`);  
  tr.querySelector('.phone').value = t.client_phone;  
  const badge = tr.querySelector('.badge');  
  badge.textContent = t.action; badge.dataset.action = t.action;  
}
```

```
async function poll(){  
  const res = await fetch('/transactions'); const all = await res.json();  
  all.forEach(t=>refreshRow(t.id));  
}  
  
attach();  
setInterval(poll, 5000);
```

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## 8) Simple CSS

static/css/style.css:

```
body { font-family: system-ui, sans-serif; background:#fafafa; }  
.container { padding: 20px; }  
.table-wrap { overflow:auto; background:#fff; border-radius:12px; border:1px solid #eee; }  
table { width:100%; border-collapse:collapse; }  
th, td { padding:12px 14px; border-bottom:1px solid #f0f0f0; font-size:14px; }  
input.phone { width:170px; padding:6px 8px; }  
button.call { padding:6px 10px; border:0; background:#4f46e5; color:#fff; border-radius:8px; cursor:pointer; }  
.badge { padding:6px 10px; border-radius:999px; background:#e5e7eb; }
```

```
.badge[data-action="Resolved"] { background:#bbf7d0; color:#065f46; }

.badge[data-action="Connecting..."] { background:#bfdbfe; color:#1e3a8a; }

.badge[data-action="Marked as Fraud"] { background:#fecaca; color:#7f1d1d; }

.badge[data-action="Not Answered"] { background:#ef4444; color:#fff; }

.badge[data-action="Disconnected"] { background:#fb923c; color:#fff; }

#search { margin:12px 0; padding:8px 10px; width:260px; }
```

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## 9) Run it locally

```
flask --app app run # http://127.0.0.1:5000
```

Open the dashboard and verify you see your 20 rows.

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## 10) Expose webhooks for Twilio (dev)

```
# in another terminal
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```
ngrok http 5000
```

- Copy the https://xxxxx.ngrok.io URL into your .env as PUBLIC\_URL=...
  - Restart Flask.
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## 11) Configure Twilio number

- Buy/choose a Twilio number.
  - You **don't** have to set a default Voice webhook on the number (we pass url when creating the call).
  - Ensure outbound calls are allowed for your country.
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## 12) Test a call end-to-end

- In the dashboard, edit a row's phone to your phone.
- Click **Call**.
- Answer → say “**Yes I did**”, “**No I did not**”, or “**This is fraud**”.
- Watch **Action** change within a few seconds.

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### **13) Handle edge cases (already wired)**

- **No answer / busy / failed** → /status/<id> sets **Not Answered**.
  - **Silence / weird input** → /gather/<id> defaults to **Disconnected** or **Not Answered**.
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### **14) (Optional) Persist beyond JSON**

- Swap JSON for SQLite + SQLAlchemy (same fields).
  - Replace read\_txns/write\_txns with DB queries.
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### **15) (Optional) Hardening**

- Add basic auth for the dashboard (Flask-Login).
  - Validate/format phone numbers (use phonenumbers lib).
  - Rate-limit endpoints (Flask-Limiter).
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### **16) (Optional) Better NLP**

Replace classify\_action with an LLM call to classify free-form text into:  
Resolved | Connecting... | Marked as Fraud | Not Answered | Disconnected.

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### **17) Deploy**

- Render/Railway/Azure Web App/AWS Lightsail.
  - Set environment variables there (TWILIO\_\*, PUBLIC\_URL).
  - Update PUBLIC\_URL to your deployed HTTPS domain.
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### **You're set!**

Follow steps 1→12 and you'll have a working Flask IVR dashboard that looks like your reference and updates actions from real calls.

Want me to zip these files into a starter project (so you can just download and run)?