

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).

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
```

3) Put secrets in .env

```
TWILIO_SID=ACxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
```

```
TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN=your_auth_token
```

```
TWILIO_NUMBER=+1XXXXXXXXXX
```

```
PUBLIC_URL=https://your-ngrok-or-host-url
```

```
FLASK_ENV=development
```

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)

]
```

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

# --- setup

load_dotenv()

app = Flask(__name__)

DATA_PATH = "data/transactions.json"

def read_txns():
    with open(DATA_PATH, "r") as f: return json.load(f)

def write_txns(txns):
    with open(DATA_PATH, "w") as f: json.dump(txns, f, indent=2)

# Twilio client

twilio_client = Client(os.getenv("TWILIO_SID"), os.getenv("TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN"))

TW_NUMBER = os.getenv("TWILIO_NUMBER")

PUBLIC_URL = os.getenv("PUBLIC_URL") # e.g., https://abc123.ngrok.io

# --- web pages

@app.get("/")
```

```
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)
```

```
return jsonify({"ok": True})
```

```
# --- start a call
```

```
@app.post("/call/<txn_id>")
```

```
def call(txn_id):
```

```
    txns = read_txns()
```

```
    txn = next((t for t in txns if t["id"] == txn_id), None)
```

```
    if not txn: return jsonify({"error": "not found"}), 404
```

```
    # mark connecting
```

```
    txn["action"] = "Connecting..."
```

```
    write_txns(txns)
```

```
    twilio_client.calls.create(
```

```
        to=txn["client_phone"],
```

```
        from_=TW_NUMBER,
```

```
        url=f"{PUBLIC_URL}/voice/{txn_id}", # Twilio will fetch TwiML here
```

```
        status_callback=f"{PUBLIC_URL}/status/{txn_id}",
```

```
        status_callback_event=["completed","no-answer","busy","failed"]
```

```
    )
```

```
    return jsonify({"ok": True})
```

```
# --- TwiML: first prompt
```

```
@app.post("/voice/<txn_id>")
```

```
def voice(txn_id):
```

```
    txns = read_txns()
```

```
    txn = next((t for t in txns if t["id"] == txn_id), None)
```

```
    resp = VoiceResponse()
```

```

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)

# --- 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)

```

```

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)

```

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>

```

```

    <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>{{"%0.2f"|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>
```

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});
```

```
        });
```

```
    });
```

```

// 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);

```

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:#b9dbfe; 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; }
```

9) Run it locally

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

Open the dashboard and verify you see your 20 rows.

10) Expose webhooks for Twilio (dev)

in another terminal

```
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.

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**.

14) (Optional) Persist beyond JSON

- Swap JSON for SQLite + SQLAlchemy (same fields).
- Replace read_txns/write_txns with DB queries.

15) (Optional) Hardening

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

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.

17) Deploy

- Render/Railway/Azure Web App/AWS Lightsail.
- Set environment variables there (TWILIO_*, PUBLIC_URL).
- Update PUBLIC_URL to your deployed HTTPS domain.

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)?