**Guide to use the AILA**

**✅ Prerequisites:**

* Python 3.8.10 installed
* VS Code installed
* Rasa project already initialized (if not, run rasa init)
* venv (virtual environment) already created (if not, create using python -m venv venv)

**🔧 Step-by-Step Setup and Execution**

**1. Install Python 3.8.10**

If you haven’t already:

* Download Python 3.8.10 from the official site: <https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-3810/>
* During installation, **check the box**: “Add Python 3.8 to PATH”

**2. Open VS Code and Set Python Interpreter**

1. Open your project folder in VS Code.
2. Press Ctrl + Shift + P to open **Command Palette**.
3. Type and select: Python: Select Interpreter
4. Choose the one that points to **Python 3.8.10**.

**3. Open 3 Terminals in VS Code**

* Open the **Terminal** (Ctrl + ) and click the dropdown ➡️ Split Terminal` twice so you have 3 terminals.

**4. Activate the Virtual Environment in All 3 Terminals**

In each terminal, run:

venv\Scripts\activate

**5. Run the Following Commands**

**🟢 Terminal 1: Start Rasa Server**

rasa run --enable-api --port 5005

**🟡 Terminal 2: Run Custom Actions Server**

rasa run actions --port 5055

**🔵 Terminal 3: Start Chat Script**

python .\chat.py

**✅ You're Done!**

Your Rasa chatbot should now be:

* Listening for API requests on port 5005
* Running action server on port 5055
* Interacting via the custom chat.py interface