# DialogFlow 2

**CS571: Building User Interfaces** 

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#### **Before Lecture**

- 1. Signup for an ngrok account
- 2. Clone today's starter code and run npm install in the starter and solution folders.

## What will we learn today?

- A review of DialogFlow.
- How can we perform DialogFlow fullfillment?
- What is async / await ?
- How can we followup via context?
- What are other neat DialogFlow features?

## **Key Concepts in DialogFlow**

- Agents
  - Intents
    - Training Phrases
    - Parameters
    - Responses
  - Entities

#### **Intents**

**Training Phrases:** Things the user may say to express an intent. DialogFlow recommends having many!

**Parameters:** Things that may vary in an expression, e.g. time, quantity, location.

**Responses**: How the system responds to the expression. Can include text, buttons, links, etc!



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#### Parameters, Entity Types, and Entities

These allow for more specificity of requests without exploding the intent space.

- Parameter: A variable to be expressed by the user
- Entity Type: The type of variable expressed
- Entity: A specific value that can be expressed

# **DialogFlow Advanced Concepts**

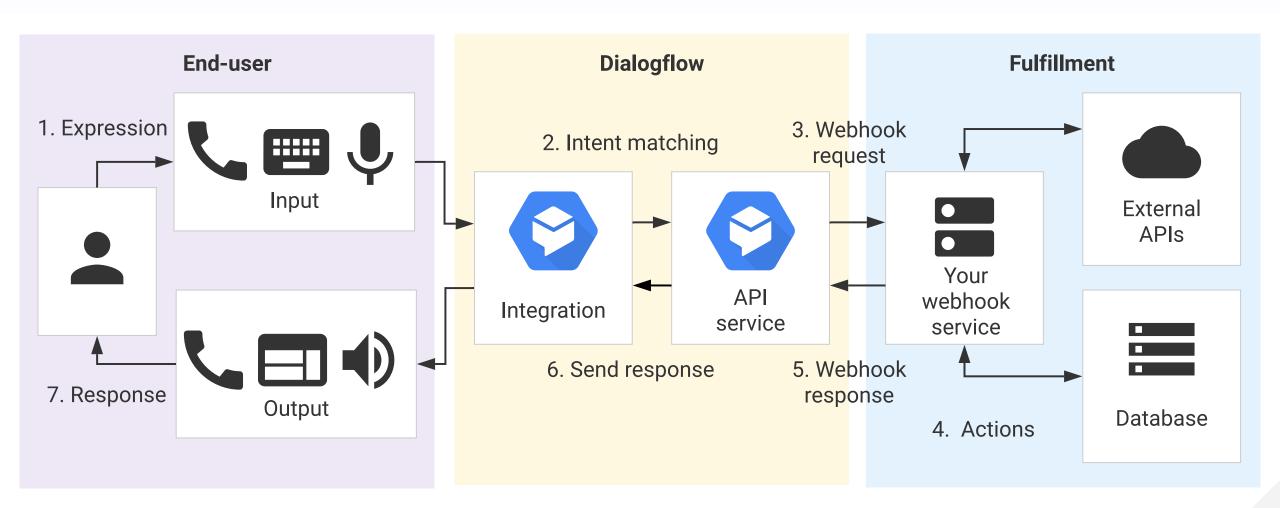
- WebHook Fulfillment
- Contexts
  - Followup Intents
- Events
- Integrations

# Let's Start!

**Your turn!** Clone today's starter code and import the starter jokes agent.

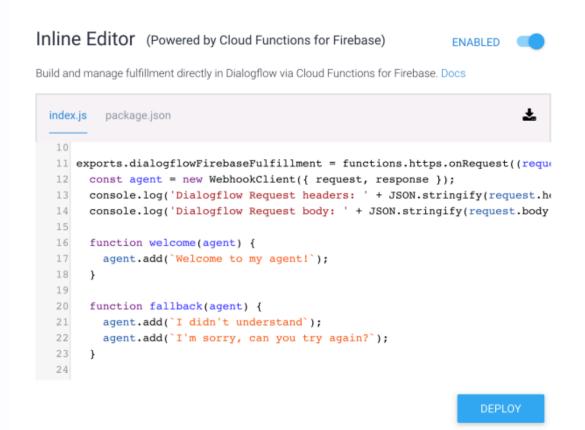
# Webhook Fulfillment

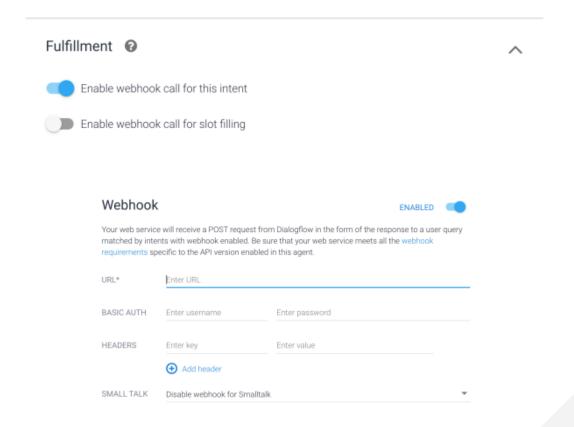
Doing something "smart" with our agent.



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#### **Types of Webhook Fulfillment**





# DialogFlow Webhook

DialogFlow makes a POST request to /.

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```
"responseId": "response-id /",
"session": "projects/project-id / /agent/sessions/s
"queryResult": {
  "queryText": "End-user expression",
  "parameters": {
    "param-name": "param-value"
  "allRequiredParamsPresent": true,
  "fulfillmentText": "Response configured for matc
  "fulfillmentMessages": [
      "text": {
        "text": [
          "Response configured for matched intent"
  "outputContexts": [
      "name": "projects/project-id / /agent/session
      "lifespanCount": 5,
                                              13
      "parameters": {
```

# DialogFlow Webhook

DialogFlow expects a response of a certain format.

#### **Explore Docs**

```
"fulfillmentMessages": [
    "text": {
      "text": [
        "Text response from we
```

#### **Accessing Our Webhook**

We are running a server on localhost... how can we tell DialogFlow where to POST ?

Solution: ngrok (or any reverse-proxy service)

https://088b-146-151-104-188.ngrok.io -> http://localhost:53705

Pro-Tip: You can use this with your React apps!

## **Intent Mapping**

```
const intentMap = {
  "GetNumUsers": getNumUsers,
  "GetNumMessages": getNumMsgs,
  "GetChatroomMessages": getChatMsgs
app.post('/', (req, res) => {
  const intent = req.body.queryResult.intent.displayName;
  if (intent in intentMap) {
    intentMap[intent](req, res);
  } else {
    console.error(`Could not find ${intent} in intent map!`)
    res.status(404).send(JSON.stringify({ msg: "Not found!" }));
```

#### Responding to Request

```
function getNumUsers(req, res) {
  // TODO Fetch data from API
  res.status(200).send({
    fulfillmentText: "Hello from getNumUsers!"
  });
}
```

#### Responding to Request - Alternative

```
function getNumUsers(req, res) {
  // TODO Fetch data from API
  res.status(200).send({
    fulfillmentMessages: [
        text: {
          text: [
            `Hello from getNumUsers!`
```

## Responding to Request - Card

```
function getNumUsers(req, res) {
                      // TODO Fetch data from API
                      res.status(200).send({
                         fulfillmentMessages: [
                             card: {
                               title: "Hello",
                                subtitle: "World",
                                buttons: [
                                    text: "Click Me",
                                    postback: "https://example.com/"
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```

# Let's Build a Better Agent!

Your turn! Signup for an ngrok account and place your authtoken in a file called token.secret.

Run npm start in one terminal.

Run npm run tunnel in another terminal.

(Be sure to run npm install before either of these!)

## A Review of Async

**Definition:** not happening or done at the same time.

We promise something will happen in the future. If we fulfill our promise, then we do something. Otherwise, we catch and handle the error.

# async / await

- equivalent way to handle asynchronous behavior
- await must be inside of an async function or at the top-level of the program
- await waits for right-hand-side to complete
- every async function returns a Promise
- a synchronous function may spawn async behavior
- an async function always happens asynchronously

#### **Equivilant Handling!**

```
function getLogos() {
  fetch("https://www.example.com/logos?amount=20")
  .then(res => res.json())
  .then((newLogos) => {
     setLogos(newLogos);
  })
}
```

```
async function getLogos() {
  const resp = await fetch("https://www.example.com/logos?amount=20");
  const newLogos = await resp.json();
  setLogos(newLogos);
}
```

#### **Equivilant Handling - Errors**

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  })
  .catch(e => alert("Something went wrong!"))
}
```

## **Equivilant Handling - Errors**

```
async function getLogos() {
  try {
    const resp = await fetch("https://www.example.com/logos?amount=20");
    const newLogos = await resp.json();
    setLogos(newLogos);
  } catch (e) {
    alert("Something went wrong!")
  }
}
```

# Let's Build a Better Agent!

Using async / await ...

#### Context

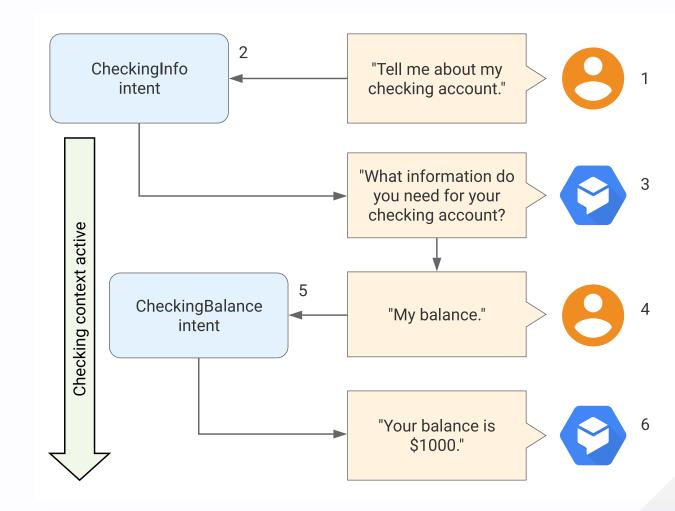
Context is the common ground that communicators have about the conversation that allows them to infer ambiguous speech such as "pass me that."

Contexts allow us to control the order of intent matching and define different behaviors for intents with the same training phrases.

#### Context

The training phrase "My balance" only makes sense in the context of CheckingInfo.

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#### Contexts

Intents have input and output contexts.

A context has a **lifespan**. The lifespan may be defined in terms of **time** or **turns**.

A context can be **added** or **removed** by an intent.

#### Can also be used to make followup intents.

Intent name	Training phrase	Input context	Output context	Intent response
Appointment	Hello		appointment-followup	Would you like to make an appointment?
→ Appointment - yes	Yes	appointment-followup	appointment-yes- followup	Would you like a haircut?
→→ Haircut - yes	Yes	appointment-yes- followup		Your appointment is set.
→→ Haircut - no	No	appointment-yes- followup		Goodbye.
→ Appointment - no	No	appointment-followup		Goodbye.

# Let's Build an Even Better Agent!

Using context...

#### **Events**

Events are triggered by actions users take on platforms that Dialogflow interacts with, such as Google Assistant, Slack, and Facebook Messenger.

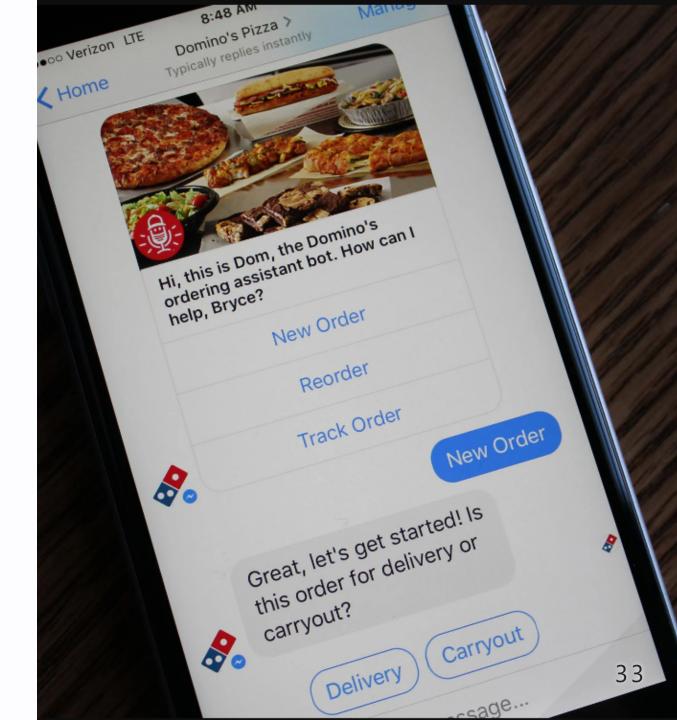
Platform	Event	Description
Multiple	WELCOME	Generic welcome event for any platform.
Actions on Google	GOOGLE_ ASSISTANT_WELCOME	Triggered when the user starts a conversation with your action.
Slack	SLACK_WELCOME	Triggered when the user starts a conversation with your Slack bot.
Facebook	FACEBOOK_WELCOME	Triggered when the user starts a conversation with your Facebook Messenger bot.

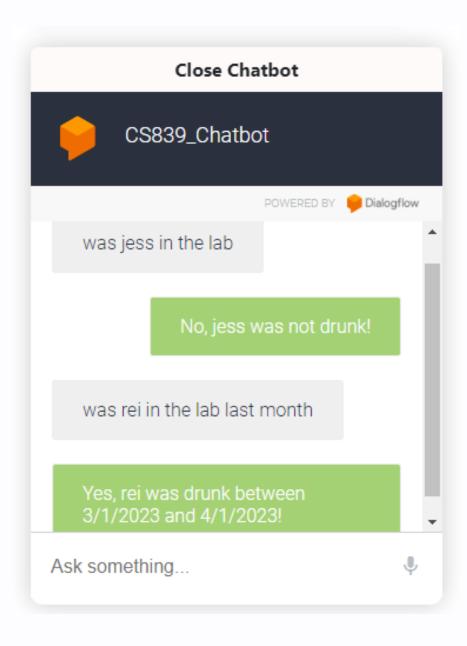
# Integrations

DialogFlow agents can be integrated with other platforms such as Google Assistant, Slack, and Messenger.

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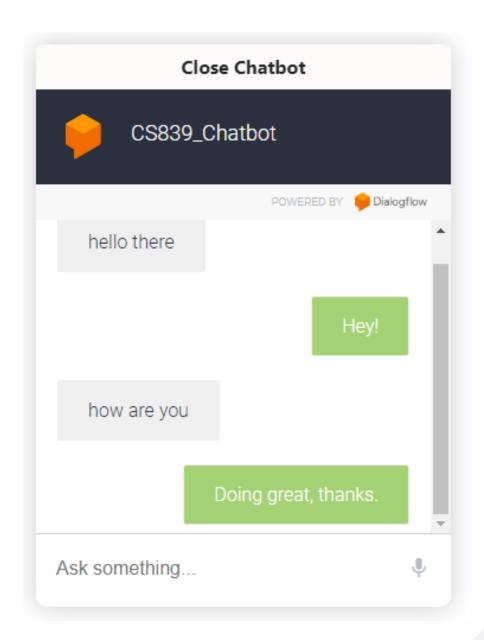
# Integrations

# Can also be embedded as an iframe ...

```
<iframe
  allow="microphone;"
  width="350"
  height="430"
  src="https://console.dialogflow.com/
    api-client/demo/embedded/xxxxxxxxx">
</iframe>
```

## Integrations

SmallTalk is used to provide responses to casual conversation.



#### **HW11 Sneak Peak**

Use DialogFlow to create a voice agent for navigating BadgerChat...

- Read-only
- Use Dialogflow Agent for Steps 1-5
- Use a Webhook for Steps 6-7

You will have completed a web, mobile, and voice application for the same service!

#### **Use DialogFlow ES Trial Edition!**

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# Questions?