

Rapid Development Framework (RDF)

For Amazon Connect 🧇



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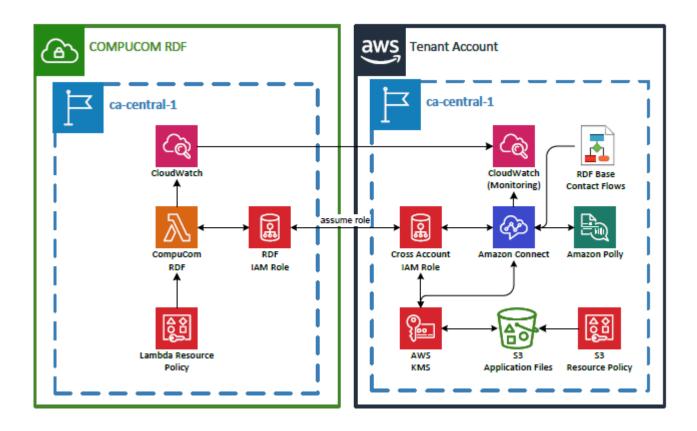
Chapter 1: Overview

The CompuCom Rapid Development Framework (RDF) ("the framework") is a flexible and simple configuration tool used to assist in the rapid development of Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and Queue applications on Amazon Connect. The framework was developed to overcome limitations in Amazon Connect related to Multilingual Support, Call Flow Labels, single prompts within Play and Input blocks, Computations and Scripting, Global and Local Error Handling, IVR Caller Dispositions, Contact Attribute and Data Persistence across modules, DNIS Routing and Integration with backend applications such as SOAP and REST web services.

Amazon Connect provides a great range of features to implement a Contact Center of any size, and the CompuCom RDF tool combines these capabilities into a development framework that delivers robust applications using building blocks normally found in traditional IVR Integrated Development Environments (IDE).

The CompuCom RDF tool was developed using Python and provides developers with simple access to the Python scripting language enabling developers to quickly perform computational and conditional operations within their applications without having to continually break out into custom lambda functions. Seamless integration to other AWS Cloud Services, Web Services, and external applications can be easily customized.

The CompuCom RDF architecture comprises of several pre-built Amazon Connect Contact Flows (RDF Base Contact Flows) that interacts with a Lambda function using cross-account IAM roles hosted on a remote AWS account. It also leverages an S3 Bucket to store application configuration and audio files and a cross-account KMS Key to access these S3 resources. Optional features include DynamoDB tables. Below is a high-level architecture diagram of the CompuCom Rapid Development Framework:



Chapter 2: Getting Started

This section describes the initial steps required to get the CompuCom RDF environment ready on Amazon Connect.

Prerequisites

This User Guide assumes that the user has a thorough understanding of IVR application development, a working knowledge of Amazon Connect, and knows how to create an AWS Account and Amazon Connect Instance.

- → To create a new AWS Account: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/controltower/latest/userguide/provision-and-manage-accounts.html
- → To create an Amazon Connect Instance: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/amazon-connect-instances.html
- → To claim a Phone Number: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/tutorial1-claim-phone-number.html

Before getting started, download all the CompuCom RDF GetStarted files to a local folder:

→ git clone https://github.com/CompuComRDF/GetStarted

Once downloaded, you should see the following folders:

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-110 GetStarted]$ 1s -1
total 0
drwxrwxr-x 2 ec2-user ec2-user 167 May 3 13:52 ContactFlows
drwxrwxr-x 4 ec2-user ec2-user 35 May 3 13:52 SampleApplication
drwxrwxr-x 2 ec2-user ec2-user 46 May 3 13:52 UserGuide
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-110 GetStarted]$ [
```

RDF Account Number

→ Take note of the RDF AWS Account Number used for your Amazon Connect instance as this will be needed when configuring your AWS tenant account: **037338416846**

Contact Flow Set Up

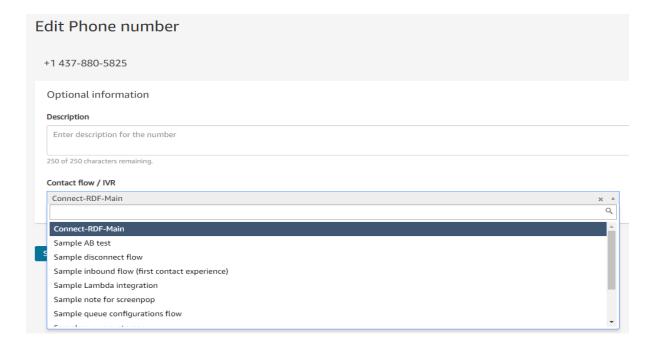
Once you have your Amazon Connect instance and Phone Number set up, and the CompuCom <u>GetStarted</u> files downloaded, go to the ContactFlows folder.

→ The ContactFlows folder will contain the following Base Contact Flows required by CompuCom RDF:

Filename	Contact Flow Type	
Default customer whisper	Default customer whisper	
Connect-RDF-Outbound	Outbound whisper	
Connect-RDF-Queue	Customer queue	
Connect-RDF-Whisper	Agent whisper	
Connect-RDF-Agent	Transfer to queue	
Connect-RDF-Main	Contact flow	

- → Import and publish the above Contact Flows to your Amazon Connect instance, ensuring you select the correct Contact Flow Type. For **Connect-RDF-Outbound**, you will need to assign a claimed Phone Number from your Connect instance.
- → IMPORTANT: Import and publish the Contact Flows in the order listed in the above table. This will ensure that any settings dependent from another Contact Flow are published and available in the correct order. For additional details on how to import Amazon Contact flows, refer to the following:

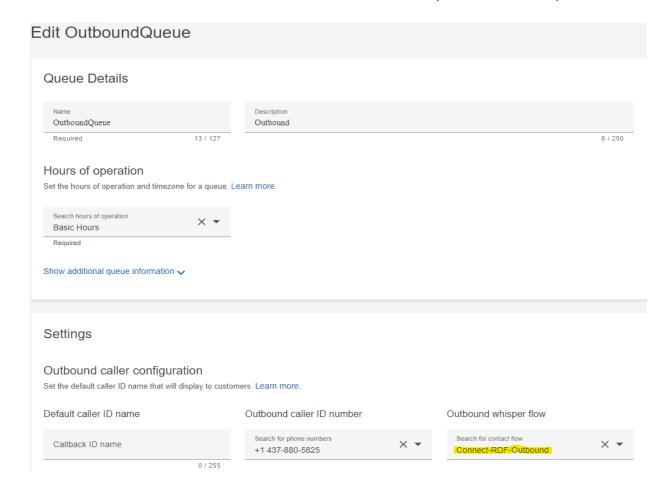
 https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/contact-flow-import-export.html
- → Assign the Phone Number(s) to use the **Connect-RDF-Main** Contact Flow:



Queue Set Up

→ If you already have a list of queues needed for your application, create all the queues: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/create-queue.html You will need the Queue Name's when referencing a queue in the SETQUEUE block explained in Chapter 5.

→ Create an **OutboundQueue** and assign the **Connect-RDF-Outbound** Contact Flow and make sure to input a Callback ID name and select the correct Outbound caller ID number you want to use for your instance:



→ Update the **Basic Routing Profile** and select the **OutboundQueue** created in the previous step as the Default outbound queue.

Default outbound queue

Choose a queue to be associated with outbound calls placed by the agents.



→ Create other Routing Profiles as required ensuring you select the **OutboundQueue** as the Default outbound queue:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/routing-profiles.html

Add/Update Business Hours

→ Add/Update your Business Hours schedule as needed: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/set-hours-operation.html

Add/Update Agent Statuses

→ Add/Update custom agent statuses: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/agent-custom.html

Create Cross-Account IAM Role

Follow these steps to create a cross-account IAM role on your AWS account to allow the remote RDF lambda function to assume this role:

- → Go to IAM -> Roles and click on Create role.
- → Under "Select trusted entity", select AWS account as the Trusted entity type.
- → Under "An AWS account", choose Another AWS account and enter the RDF Account Number for your Amazon Connect instance (see: RDF Account Number), and click Next.
- → Under "Add permissions"
 - → In the Filter policies box, type Connect.
 In the list of Amazon Connect policies, select AmazonConnect_FullAccess
 - → In the Filter policies box, type DynamoDB (optional).
 In the list of DynamoDB policies, select AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess
- → For Role name, type **xaccount-rdf-role** (this must be the exact name used for this role)
- → Choose Create role.

Create Cross-Account KMS Key

Follow these steps to create a cross-account KMS Key to be used for the S3 Bucket that is used to store application configuration and audio files:

→ Go to **Key Management Service** -> **Customer managed keys** -> **Create Key** -> Choose Symmetric, Encrypt and decrypt -> Under "Advanced options" select **KMS** and **Single-Region key** and click **Next**.

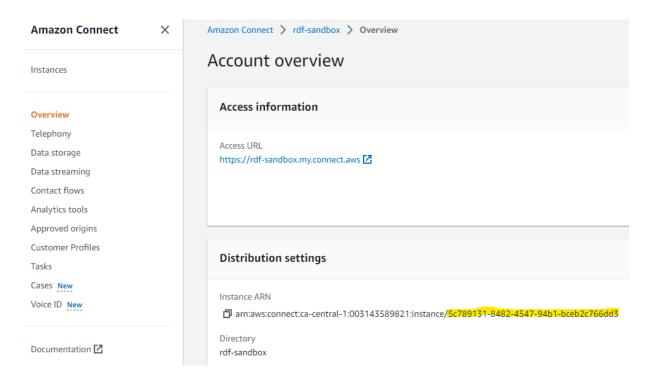
- → Under "Add Labels", enter Alias -> xaccount-s3-rdf-kms and click Next.
- → Under "Define key administrative permissions", select an appropriate Key administrator from the list of IAM users and roles and check "Allow key administrators to delete this key", then click Next.
- → Under "Define key usage permissions", scroll down to "Other AWS accounts" and click "Add AWS Account". Enter the RDF account number to use this Key -> RDF Account Number, then click Next.
- → Under "Review", add the following entry to the KMS Key Policy for connect.amazonaws.com:

```
{
    "Sid": "Enable Amazon Connect",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
        "Service": "connect.amazonaws.com"
    },
    "Action": "kms:decrypt",
    "Resource": "*"
},
```

Create Application S3 Bucket

Follow these steps to create an S3 Bucket used to store application configuration and audio files:

→ Before creating your S3 Bucket, go to Amazon Connect and take note of the Amazon Connect Instance ID (as highlighted in yellow below):



→ Go to the **S3** Console and select **Create bucket**.

→ For Bucket Name, use the Amazon Connect Instance ID prefixed with "amazon-connect-" as follows: s3://amazon-connect-5c789131-8482-4547-94b1-bceb2c766dd3

(Replace the Instance ID in the example above with your Connect Instance ID)

- → Under "Default encryption", choose "AWS Key Management Service key (SSE-KMS)" as the Encryption key type, select "Choose from your AWS KMS Keys" and from the drop-down list, select the KMS Key xaccount-s3-rdf-kms that was created from the previous step.
- → Click Create Bucket and then go to your S3 Bucket's Permissions.
- → Edit your **Bucket Policy** and add the following entry to provide RDF and Amazon Connect with S3 access to this bucket (update only the highlighted areas of this policy with your S3 bucket name, Amazon Connect ARN and the tenant AWS Account Number):

```
"Version": "2012-10-17".
"Statement": [
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
      "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::037338416846:role/service-role/RDF-role-k0m3ejei"
    "Action": [
      "s3:GetObject",
      "s3:PutObject",
      "s3:DeleteObiect".
      "s3:PutObjectAcl"
    "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::<mark>amazon-connect-5c789131-8482-4547-94b1-bceb2c766dd3</mark>/*"
    "Sid": "statement1",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
      "Service": "connect.amazonaws.com"
    "Action": [
      "s3:ListBucket",
      "s3:GetObject"
      "arn:aws:s3:::amazon-connect-5c789131-8482-4547-94b1-bceb2c766dd3",
      "arn:aws:s3:::amazon-connect-5c789131-8482-4547-94b1-bceb2c766dd3/*"
    "Condition": {
       "StringEquals": {
        "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:connect:ca-central-1:003143589821:instance/5c789131-8482-4547-94b1-bceb2c766dd3",
        "aws:SourceAccount": "003143589821"
    }
]
```

Create DynamoDB Tables (Optional)

If your application requires DynamoDB tables, create your tables by following these instructions:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/getting-started-step-1.html

Chapter 3: Hello World!

This chapter walks you through a sample Hello World application that will get your Amazon Connect instance to begin processing calls with the CompuCom RDF. This sample application provides sample code of the common features used in the framework such as different Play Prompts, Menu's, Broadcast Messages, Dynamic Menus, Web Services, and System Administration.

→ From the CompuCom GetStarted files downloaded in your local folder, go to the SampleApplication/config folder and you will find all the csv configuration files required by a tenant application as shown in the table below. This sample application can also be used as a starting point for other tenant applications. Simply replace the name "sample" with a tenant name.

Filename	Description
config.csv	Instance Configuration File
sample-callflow.csv	Call Flow Configuration File
sample-tts-csv	TTS/SSML Configuration File
sample-sysadmin	System Administration Configuration File
sample-holidays.csv	Holidays Configuration File
sysadmin-callflow.csv	System Administration Module (for demonstration only)
ws-califlow.csv	Web Services Demo Module (for demonstration only)

→ Go to the SampleApplication/ folder and upload both the config/ and prompts/ sub folders to the root folder of the S3 bucket created in Chapter 2 - Create Application S3 Bucket.

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-110 SampleApplication]$ 1s -1
drwxrwxr-x 2 ec2-user ec2-user 197 Apr 18 18:23 config
drwxrwxr-x 3 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Apr 18 18:23 prompts
```

- → Your Application S3 Bucket should have the following folder structure:
 - config/
 - prompts/sample/en-US
 - prompts/sample/fr-CA
- → The prompts/sample/ folder will contain the standard audio wav files for the different languages supported:

Prompts Folder	Description	
	English Audio Folder containing default audio files	
en-US/		
fr-CA/	French Audio Folder containing default audio files	
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- → NOTE: The "sample" sub-folder is used for demonstration purposes only. In a real-world application, this name will be replaced by a tenant name. This can be useful for multiple tenants to share the same Amazon Connect instance.
- → Send a request to CompuCom with your AWS tenant name and Amazon Connect Instance ID to provide proper permissions for your Instance to invoke the RDF lambda function.
- → Make a test call to your Amazon Connect phone number and follow the prompts. Refer to Chapter 9 Sample Application to review the sample call flow diagrams.

Chapter 4: Application Configuration

This chapter describes how to create a tenant application and what configuration files are used by the CompuCom RDF. All the files outlined in this section are the configuration files needed to control your Amazon Connect application. In other words, there is no need to update any of the base RDF Contact Flows in Amazon Connect. You can simply upload these application configuration files to the S3 Bucket and the changes will take effect immediately. See section Chapter 8 - RDF Lambda Cache to understand how caching has been implemented on the framework.

config.csv

The **config.csv** file is a tenant specific configuration file used to define your application's default settings. This is the initial configuration file that the CompuCom RDF uses that defines all other configuration files used in your application such as Callflow(s), TTS, Holiday, and System Administration files. All other parameters defined in this file control the global behaviour of your application for error handling and global treatment of DTMF keys. These global settings alleviate the need to continually define repetitive settings throughout your call flow. However, these settings can also be overridden at anytime in your call flow as needed. For example, in the configuration sample below, since we set option 9 globally to return a caller to a previous menu, there is no need to define option 9 elsewhere in the application unless you want option 9 to override the global behaviour at a specific menu. This also applies to option * used for repeat.

⊿ A	В
1 KEY	VALUE
2 tenant	sample
3 callFlow	sample-callflow.csv
4 ttsFile	sample-tts.csv
5 holidayFile	sample-holidays.csv
6 sysAdminFile	sample-sysadmin.csv
7 connectFlowType	INBOUND
8 defaultDNIS	IVR100
9 defaultQueue	BasicQueue
10 language	en-US
11 globalMenuAttempts	2
12 globalInvalidPrompt	tts:InvalidInput1 tts:InvalidInput2
13 globalTimeoutPrompt	tts:NoInput1 tts:NoInput2
14 globalMaxtriesPrompt	tts:MaxInputXfer
15 globalMaxtriesAction	PQ100
16 globalMenuRepeat	*
17 globalMenuPrevious	9
18 globalZeroPrompt	agent
19 globalInputTerm	#
20 speechAnalytics	off
21 chatAnalytics	off

The following table provides a description of all the **config.csv** parameters used in the application. **NOTE:** All of the config parameters are also accessible via session attributes as explained in <u>Chapter 5 – Session Attributes</u>.

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
tenant	MANDATORY – Defines the tenant name used for your application. This is also the name used for the sub-folder in your prompts/ folder.	sample
callFlow	MANDATORY – Defines the main callflow csv file that will be used in your application. A tenant can also have multiple sub callflows. Please review Chapter 5 - BLOCK TYPES - SUB for more details.	sample-callflow.csv
ttsFile	MANDATORY – Defines the TTS csv file that will be used in your application. The TTS configuration files defines all the TTS scripts used in your application. The TTS configuration file supports multiple languages.	sample-tts.csv
holidayFile	OPTIONAL – Defines the Holidays configuration for your application. It lists all the holiday dates observed by your tenant application.	sample-holidays.csv
connectFlowType	MANDATORY – Defines whether your application is being used for Inbound or Outbound calls.	INBOUND/OUTBOUND
defaultDNIS	MANDATORY — Defines the first BLOCK ID to execute in your callflow csv file if a specific DNIS record is not found in your call flow. See Chapter 5 - BLOCK TYPES - DNIS for more details on how you can route to different starting blocks based on DNIS.	IVR100
defaultQueue	MANDATORY – Defines the default queue name used for your tenant. If no queue is needed for your application, use the default BasicQueue created with your Amazon Connect instance.	BasicQueue
language	MANDATORY – Defines the default language for your application. This will usually be set to en-US.	en-US / fr-CA

globalMenuAttempts	MANDATORY – Defines the maximum number of re-attempts for each Menu or Input Block in your application.	2
globalInvalidPrompt	MANDATORY – Defines the default prompts used for invalid menu attempts by a caller. You can define different prompts to be played based on each invalid attempt up to the maximum number of attempts defined by globalMenuAttempts. Each prompt is separated by a " " pipe delimiter. See Chapter 5 – BLOCK TYPES - PLAY for more details on usage. These prompts are non-bargeable.	tts:InvalidInput1 tts:InvalidInput2
globalTimeoutPrompt	MANDATORY – Defines the default prompts used for no entry attempts by a caller. You can define different prompts to be played based on each no entry attempt up to the maximum number of attempts defined by globalMenuAttempts. Each prompt is separated by a " " pipe delimiter. See Chapter 5 – BLOCK TYPES - PLAY for more details on usage. These prompts are non-bargeable.	tts:NoInput1 tts:NoInput2
globalMaxPrompt	MANDATORY – Defines the final prompt played if a caller reaches the maximum number of attempts defined by globalMenuAttempts. This is a single prompt only and is non-bargeable.	tts:MaxInputXfer
globalMaxAction	MANDATORY – Defines the Block ID to execute if a caller reaches the maximum number of attempts defined by globalMenuAttempts. This usually goes to the starting block of a Pre-Queue flow or a graceful disconnect block.	PQ100
globalMenuRepeat	OPTIONAL — Defines a global DTMF key used to allow a caller to repeat any Menu within your application. This global setting can be overridden if the key is defined locally for a Menu.	*
globalMenuPrevious	OPTIONAL — Defines a global DTMF key used to allow a caller to go to a previous menu. The	9

	CompuCom RDF tracks a caller as they traverse through different menu's using a MenuTracker.	
	If a global setting is defined but there's a	
	specific menu that you don't want a caller to be able to return to, you can override the previous	
	menu key for that Menu. An example of this	
	would be for the Language Menu.	
globalZeroPrompt	OPTIONAL — Used to suppress an option Zero prompt if a caller is calling outside of business hours. If this prompt is defined within a Menu block, the prompt will only play during business hours and suppressed outside of business hours. See the sample call flow to view an example of how this is used.	agent
globalInputTerm	OPTIONAL – Defines the key used to terminate variable length input from a caller using the INPUT block.	#
speechAnalytics	OPTIONAL – Determines whether speechAnalytics should be turned off or set to real time or post time analytics. If not specified, the default value is set to off.	off/real/post
chatAnalytics	OPTIONAL – Determines whether chatAnalytics should be turned off or on. If not specified, the default value is set to off.	off/on

<tenant>-callflow.csv

The **<tenant>-callflow.csv** file is the main callflow application file used by the RDF Base Contact Flows to read instructions on how to navigate a call flow. Using the callflow csv file replaces the need to create or update any Amazon Connect Contact flows for your application. Replace **<tenant>** with the tenant name defined in **config.csv**. You can have multiple callflow files developed as sub call flow applications. To call a sub call flow, refer to Chapter 5
- BLOCK TYPES - SUB. Refer to Chapter 5 - Application Development for additional details on how to configure your call flow blocks.

⊿ A	В	c	D
1 BLOCK	TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
2 IVR100	PLAY	wav:greeting	IVR125
3 IVR125	MENU	wav:language	2:IVR125F 9:IVR150 *:IVR150 timeout:IVR150 invalid:IVR150
4 IVR125F	LANGUGE	fr-CA	IVR150
5 IVR150	PLAY	eval:util.getSysAdmin("BM01")	IVR151
6 IVR151	PLAY	eval:util.getSysAdmin("BM02")	IVR152
7 IVR152	PLAY	eval:util.getSysAdmin("BM03")	IVR175
8 IVR175	SETQUEUE	en-US:BasicQueue fr-CA:BasicQueue	IVR200
9 IVR200	MENU	tts:mainmenu tts:agent	1:IVR300 2:IVR400 3:IVR500 0:PQ100
10 IVR300	MENU	tts:promptsmenu tts:agent	1:IVR310 2:IVR320 3:IVR330 4:IVR340 0:PQ100
11 IVR310	INPUT	tts:getinput	var:my_variable length:5 action:IVR311 seconds:3
12 IVR311	PLAY	tts:ascardinal cardinal:session["my variable"]	IVR312

<tenant>-tts.csv

The **<tenant>-tts.csv** file is the application's TTS definition file. Replace **<tenant>** with the tenant name defined in **config.csv**. This file contains the script labels and verbiage for your application scripts used by Amazon Polly to synthesize your IVR application prompts in multiple languages. The TTS entries in this configuration file also supports SSML tags. To see a list of supported SSML tags, please refer to the following:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/connect/latest/adminguide/supported-ssml-tags.html

IMPORTANT: When using SSML tags for your application scripts, DO NOT include the opening and closing **<speak>** and **</speak>** tags as the CompuCom RDF automatically inserts these tags at runtime.



The LABEL column is used to reference the application scripts in your call flows. The different language columns contain the verbiage for each Script Label in the appropriate language. See Chapter 5 - BLOCK TYPES - PLAY for more details.

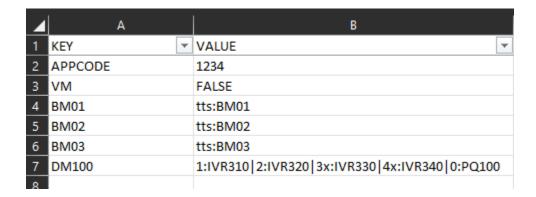
<tenant>-holidays.csv

The **<tenant>-holidays.csv** file is the application's holidays definition file. Replace **<tenant>** with the tenant name defined in **config.csv**. This configuration file lists all the holidays observed by your tenant. Each tenant has its own holiday file. However, holiday definition files can also be centralized and shared by a common S3 bucket from CompuComRDF. The format for DATE should be in **M/Y/DDDD** format (do not include leading 0's when defining Month's or Day's).

⊿ A	В
1 DATE	DESCRIPTION
2 12/25/2022	Christmas Day
3 12/26/2022	Boxing Day
4 12/27/2022	Christmas Day
5 1/1/2023	New Years Day
6 1/2/2023	New Years Day
7 2/20/2023	Family Day
8 4/7/2023	Good Friday
9 5/22/2023	Victoria Day
10 7/1/2023	Canada Day
11 8/7/2023	Civic Holiday
12 9/4/2023	Labour Day
13 10/9/2023	Thanksgiving Day
14 12/25/2023	Christmas Day
15 12/26/2023	Boxing Day
16 1/1/2024	New Years Day
17	

<tenant>-sysadmin.csv

The **<tenant>-sysadmin.csv** file is the application's System Administration file. Replace **<tenant>** with the tenant name defined in **config.csv**. This configuration file is used to define your application's Broadcast Messages and Dynamic Menus. For Broadcast Messages, refer to Chapter 5 - BLOCK TYPES - MENU. In both cases, they use the **eval** type to retrieve dynamic settings. Also review Chapter 6 - System Administration to learn how these Broadcast Messages and Dynamic Menus can be managed by the IVR System Administration Line.



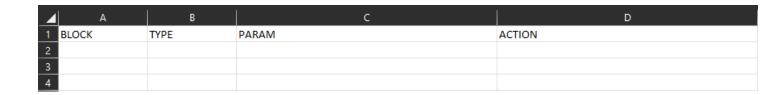
Chapter 5: Application Development

This chapter describes all the different building blocks required to develop an application with the CompuCom RDF. The foundation of the framework is driven by CSV files that can be created and modified using a simple CSV Editor such as Microsoft Excel. When saving a csv file, select the "CSV UTF-8 (Comma delimited)(*.csv)" option shown below:



CALL FLOWS

The Call Flow CSV file consists of 4 columns – <u>BLOCK</u>, <u>TYPE</u>, <u>PARAM</u>, and <u>ACTION</u> shown here:



BLOCK

The BLOCK column contains unique Block ID's that identifies each of the specific call flow blocks of an application. The Block ID's are user-defined and are usually based on the Call Flow labels of a Call Flow Design Document. The Block ID is also used to capture Caller Dispositions (see Chapter 7 - Contact Dispositions). When used with a DNIS Block Type, the Block ID should contain the DNIS of the dialed phone number. By associating multiple DNIS' to the same call flow, different ACTION's (or caller treatment) can be taken based on the dialed phone number.

TYPE

The TYPE column is used to define the function of a specific call flow block. Each Block TYPE provides different functions as outlined in section BLOCK TYPES.

PARAM

The PARAM column is used to set parameters specific to a Block TYPE. The parameters used for each Block TYPE are outlined in section BLOCK TYPES.

ACTION

The ACTION column is used to set the next set of actions based on the Block TYPE. The action parameters used for each Block Type are outlined in section <u>BLOCK TYPES</u>.

Session Attributes

Session attributes are like Contact Attributes used in Amazon Connect Contact Flows. Unlike Contact attributes, Session attributes are used within the CompuCom RDF namespace and does not get saved within the Contact Trace Record (CTR). Session attributes can contain temporary storage to store variables within your application that you don't want to include within your Contact Trace Records or reports. To save attributes to a Contact Trace Record, use the USERDATA Block Type as described in Chapter 5 – BLOCK TYPES - USERDATA.

Session attributes can also be used in your applications for computational expressions or logical evaluations such as a loop counter, arithmetic, and conditional statements. You can store user input, save data from a backend web service, and use the contents of these attributes throughout your applications.

The Python syntax used to initialize a Session attribute is:

session['attribute_name'] = attribute_value

Where, **attribute_name** is a unique name for your attribute, and **attribute_value** can contain a fixed value or the name of another session attribute. The session attribute can contain any Python Built-in Data Types.

Python Built-in Data Types

Session attributes can store data of different types, and different types can do different things. Python has the following data types built-in by default, in these categories:

Text Type: str

Numeric Types: int, float, complex

Sequence Types: list, tuple, range

Mapping Type: dict

Set Types: set, frozenset

Boolean Type: bool

Binary Types: bytes, bytearray, memoryview

None Type: NoneType

There is no limit to the number of Session attributes you can use in your applications.

BLOCK TYPES

PLAY

The PLAY block is used to play a series of application scripts in different formats. The list of formats is extensive, and the values assigned can either be fixed or a Session variable.

ТҮРЕ	PARAM	ACTION
PLAY	type:value type:value	nextBlock

PARAM

Defines a series of application scripts in the format **type:value** separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

type	wav – play a wav file from your application's S3 bucket.
	tts – play tts scripts referenced in your <tenant>-tts.csv.</tenant>
	var – play the contents of a session variable.
	eval – play a value returned from a Python expression or pre-built function.
	text – play free text.
	currency – play currency in the format of <dollarvalue>.<centsvalue> (i.e., 123.45)</centsvalue></dollarvalue>
	characters or spell-out – spells out each letter of the text, as in a-b-c.
	cardinal or number – Interprets the numerical text as a cardinal number, as in 1,234.
	slowcharacters – inserts a small pause when spelling out each letter of the text.
	ordinal – interprets the numerical text as an ordinal number, as in 1,234th.
	digits – spells out each digit individually, as in 1-2-3-4.
	fraction – interprets the numerical text as a fraction. This works for both common fractions such as 3/20, and mixed fractions, such as 2 ½. See below for more information.
	unit – interprets a numerical text as a measurement. The value should be either a number or a fraction followed by a unit with no space in between as in 1/2inch, or by just a unit, as in 1meter.

	date – interprets the text as a date. The format must be yyyymmdd you can make Amazon Polly skip parts of the date using question marks.
	time – interprets the numerical text as duration, in minutes and seconds, as in 1'21".
	address – interprets the text as part of a street address.
	expletive – "beeps out" the content included within the tag.
	telephone – interprets the numerical text as a 7-digit or 10-digit telephone number, as in 2025551212. You can also use this value for handle telephone extensions, as in 2025551212x345.
value	A fixed value or a session attribute

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

MENU

The MENU block is used to play a series of application scripts in different formats to prompt a caller to select a DTMF menu option. The caller will navigate to the next BLOCK based on the DTMF menu option selected.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
MENU	type:value type:value	option:nextBlock param:value

PARAM

Defines a series of application scripts in the format **type:value** separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

type	wav – play a wav file from your application's S3 bucket.

tts - play tts scripts referenced in your <tenant>-tts.csv. **var** – play the contents of a session variable. **eval** – play a value returned from a Python expression or pre-built function. **text** – play free text. currency – play currency in the format of <dollarvalue>.<centsvalue> (i.e., 123.45) **characters or spell-out –** spells out each letter of the text, as in a-b-c. **slowcharacters** – inserts a small pause when spelling out each letter of the text. cardinal or number – Interprets the numerical text as a cardinal number, as in 1,234. ordinal – interprets the numerical text as an ordinal number, as in 1,234th. digits - spells out each digit individually, as in 1-2-3-4. **fraction** – interprets the numerical text as a fraction. This works for both common fractions such as 3/20, and mixed fractions, such as 2 ½. See below for more information. unit – interprets a numerical text as a measurement. The value should be either a number or a fraction followed by a unit with no space in between as in 1/2inch, or by just a unit, as in 1meter. date – interprets the text as a date. The format must be yyyymmdd you can make Amazon Polly skip parts of the date using question marks. time – interprets the numerical text as duration, in minutes and seconds, as in 1'21". **address** – interprets the text as part of a street address. **expletive** – "beeps out" the content included within the tag. **telephone** – interprets the numerical text as a 7-digit or 10-digit telephone number, as in 2025551212. You can also use this value for handle telephone extensions, as in 2025551212x345. A fixed value or a session attribute value

ACTION

Defines a set of actions based on a caller's response in the format **option:nextBlock**. Actions are separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

option	0-9, *, # (optional)— Sets the action for a DTMF option. If a DTMF option is not defined, it will be treated as invalid input or behave based on global settings defined in config.csv (i.e., Option * for repeat or Option 9 for previous menu).
	timeout (optional) – Sets the next action if a caller does not make a menu selection (i.e., No Input). If timeout is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalTimeoutPrompt, globalMaxtriesPrompt, and globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
	invalid (optional) – Sets the next action if a caller makes an invalid selection (i.e., Invalid Input). If invalid is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalInvalidPrompt, globalMaxtriesPrompt, and globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
	maxaction (optional) – Sets the next action if a caller reaches the maximum number of re-tries as defined by globalMenuAttempts. If maxaction is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
param	barge (optional) – Sets barge-in to true or false . When not specified, default is true.
nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

INPUT

The INPUT block is used to play a series of application scripts in different formats to prompt a caller to input a DTMF string that gets saved to a session attribute. You must specify a setting for <u>globalInputTerm</u> in config.csv if you expect the caller to complete their input using a terminating key.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
INPUT	type:value type:value	param:value param:value

PARAM

Defines a series of application scripts in the format **type:value** separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

type	wav – play a wav file from your application's S3 bucket.
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tts – play tts scripts referenced in your <tenant>-tts.csv. **var** – play the contents of a session variable. **eval** – play a value returned from a Python expression or pre-built function. **text** – play free text. currency – play currency in the format of <dollarvalue>.<centsvalue> (i.e., 123.45) **characters or spell-out –** spells out each letter of the text, as in a-b-c. cardinal or number – Interprets the numerical text as a cardinal number, as in 1,234. **slowcharacters** – inserts a small pause when spelling out each letter of the text. **ordinal** – interprets the numerical text as an ordinal number, as in 1,234th. digits – spells out each digit individually, as in 1-2-3-4. fraction – interprets the numerical text as a fraction. This works for both common fractions such as 3/20, and mixed fractions, such as 2 1/2. See below for more information. unit – interprets a numerical text as a measurement. The value should be either a number or a fraction followed by a unit with no space in between as in 1/2inch, or by just a unit, as in 1meter. date – interprets the text as a date. The format must be yyyymmdd you can make Amazon Polly skip parts of the date using question marks. time – interprets the numerical text as duration, in minutes and seconds, as in 1'21". **address** – interprets the text as part of a street address. expletive – "beeps out" the content included within the tag. **telephone** – interprets the numerical text as a 7-digit or 10-digit telephone number, as in 2025551212. You can also use this value for handle telephone extensions, as in 2025551212x345. A fixed value or a session attribute value

ACTION

Defines a set of action parameters to define the expected DTMF INPUT. Action parameters are separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

param	length (mandatory)— Defines the expected length of the DTMF input string.
	action (mandatory) – Defines the next Block to execute when the caller successfully enters the expected number of DTMF digits based on length.
	var (mandatory) – Defines the session attribute to save the caller's DTMF input.
	barge (optional) – Sets barge-in to true or false . When not specified, default is true.
	seconds (optional) – Defines the number of seconds to wait between DTMF input (i.e., interdigit timeout value). If not set, default value is 10.
	timeout (optional) — Sets the next action if a caller does not input any DTMF (i.e., No Input). If timeout is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalTimeoutPrompt, globalMaxtriesPrompt, and globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
	invalid (optional) – Sets the next action if a caller makes an invalid selection (i.e., Invalid Input). If invalid is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalInvalidPrompt, globalMaxtriesPrompt, and globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
	maxaction (optional) – Sets the next action if a caller reaches the maximum number of re-tries as defined by globalMenuAttempts. If maxaction is not defined, it will inherit the global settings of globalMaxtriesAction as defined in config.csv.
	0-9, *, # (optional) — Sets the action for the first DTMF key entered by a caller. If not defined, the first digit will be included within the full DTMF string entered by a caller. IMPORTANT: Do not set this option if the first DTMF digit is a valid value for the remaining input.
value	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

LANGUAGE

The LANGUAGE block is used to set the language. Once set, all prompts that follow will play in the appropriate language for both audio wav files and TTS.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
LANGUAGE	value	nextBlock

PARAM

Defines the ISO standard language code.

value	ISO standard language code (en-US, fr-CA)

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the session namespace and RDF built-in functions only.

SUB

The SUB block is used to invoke another call flow in your application. Sub call flows are reusable and repeatable sections of a call flow to create common functions. For example, you can create a Credit Card payment flow and use this as a SUB call flow reused by other applications or tenants. **IMPORTANT:** When creating a SUB call flow, the starting BLOCK ID must be set to "START" and the final action should be set to "RETURN" or "DISCONNECT".

ТҮРЕ	PARAM	ACTION
SUB	value	nextBlock

PARAM

Defines the sub call flow to invoke.

value	The name of the Sub callflow csv file. NOTE: You do not need to include the file
	extension.

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute when the Sub Call flow returns.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

EXEC

The EXEC block provides access to a dynamically generated Python expression such as assigning a value to a session attribute, arithmetic, incrementing or decrementing a counter, or to invoke any pre-built functions. The EXEC block does not return a result. **NOTE:** To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
EXEC	expression	nextBlock

PARAM

Used to define a Python expression to execute.

expression	A valid Python expression. (i.e., session["counter"] += 1)

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the session namespace and RDF built-in functions only.

EVAL

The EVAL block provides access to a dynamically generated Python expression, such as evaluating the results of a session attribute, conditional statement, or a pre-built function. The EVAL block evaluates the expression and saves the result in a **session["eval_response"]** attribute and branches based on whether the result is **true** or **false**. **NOTE:** To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

ТҮРЕ	PARAM	ACTION
EVAL	expression	true:nextBlock false:nextBlock

PARAM

Used to define a Python expression to execute.

expression	A valid Python expression. (i.e., session["counter"] == 3)

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute.

true	The next BLOCK if the evaluated expression is true.
false	The next BLOCK if the evaluated expression is false.
nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built
	function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the session namespace and RDF built-in functions only.

DNIS

The DNIS block is used to provide different caller treatment based on the dialed phone number. Different ACTION's can be set to execute different BLOCK's based on DNIS. **NOTE:** the BLOCK column for DNIS should contain the dialed phone number.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
DNIS	expression (optional)	nextBlock

PARAM

Like the <u>EXEC</u> block, the PARAM field can be used to include a dynamically generated Python expression. This is useful for initializing any session attributes you may want to initialize based on DNIS. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

expression	A valid Python expression. (i.e., session["app"] = "custom")

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.	
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.	

CASE

The CASE block is used as a conditional switch statement to route callers based on the evaluation of a session attribute, Python expression, or a pre-built function. Refer to Chapter 7 - RDF Built-In Functions for a list of pre-built functions that can be used in this block type.

ТҮРЕ	PARAM	ACTION
CASE	expression	result:nextBlock result:nextBlock

PARAM

Like the <u>EVAL</u> block, the PARAM field can be used to define a Python expression. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

expression	A valid Python expression. (i.e., session["result"])

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow based on the result from expression.

result	The expected results as evaluated from the Python expression. For example, when calling a web service, you may want to handle a caller based on the HTTP response status codes:	
	200:IVR500 400:IVR600 404:IVR700 else:PQ100	
	Call flow will take the else path if none of the conditions are met.	

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.	
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.	
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.	
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.	

USERDATA

The USERDATA block is used to save a value to the **userdata** Contact attribute. Since all session attributes belong to the CompuCom RDF namespace, session attributes are never saved to the CTR. The USERDATA block can be used to save one or more values as a Python list[] or dict[] data type. The **userdata** Contact attribute will be saved in the CTR.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
USERDATA	expression	nextBlock

PARAM

Like the <u>EVAL</u> block, the PARAM field can be used to define a Python expression. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

expression	A valid Python expression. (i.e., session["account_number"])

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.	
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.	
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.	
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.	

SETQUEUE

The SETQUEUE block is used to set the working queue based on a caller's language selection. It is best to call this block after a language selection has been made.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
SETQUEUE	en-US:queue fr-CA:queue	nextBlock

PARAM

The PARAM field is used to set the working queue based on language.

language	en-US – Set the working queue if the caller's language selection is English.	
	fr-CA (optional) – Set the working queue if the caller's language selection is French. This is optional if your application only supports a single language.	
queue	The queue name as created in <u>Chapter 2 – Queue Set Up</u> . By defining the queue name, CompuCom RDF can obtain the Queue ID and ARN needed by Amazon Connect.	

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the session namespace and RDF built-in functions only.

QUEUE

The QUEUE block is used to transfer a caller to Queue. By calling this block, control is transferred to the **Connect-RDF-Queue** Contact Flow.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
QUEUE	(NOT USED)	nextBlock

PARAM

Not Applicable. PARAM is not required for the QUEUE Block.

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The first BLOCK ID to execute when caller enters the Queue flow.

XFER

The XFER block is used to transfer a caller to an external phone number.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
XFER	phone	nextBlock

PARAM

The PARAM field is used to set the external phone number to transfer to.

phone	The 11-digit external phone number to transfer. You must include a preceding "1" with the 10-digit phone number.

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

REST

The REST block is used to interact with a RESTful web service. *This is in preview and is subject to change.* This section assumes that the user has a thorough understanding of REST Architecture. REST stands for *representational state transfer* and is a software architecture style that defines a pattern for client and server communications over a network. REST provides a set of constraints for software architecture to promote performance, scalability, simplicity, and reliability in the system. To interact with REST APIs, the CompuCom RDF leverages the **requests** Python library

to send HTTP requests. The CompuCom RDF supports the most common HTTP methods including GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, and DELETE.

The result returned by the REST Web Service will get saved in a session["restResponse"] attribute.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
REST	api:url operation:type payload:data secret:id	true:nextBlock false:nextBlock

PARAM

The PARAM field is used to set the REST API parameters.

api	url – defines the API URL
operation	type – defines the REST API operation (get, post, put, patch, delete)
payload (optional)	data – defines the input data in json format. This is required only for post, put, and patch operations.
secret (optional)	id – the secret key used to look up API keys from AWS Secrets Manager for web services that require authentication.

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

true	The next BLOCK ID if the REST web service is successful.
false	The next BLOCK ID if the REST web service fails.
nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the session namespace and RDF built-in functions only.

SOAP

The SOAP block is used to interact with a SOAP web service. *This is in preview and is subject to change*. This section assumes that the user has a thorough understanding of SOAP. The CompuCom RDF integrates with the Zeep Python Soap Client. Zeep inspects the WSDL document and generates the corresponding code to use the services and types in the document. This provides an easy-to-use programmatic interface to a SOAP server that the CompuCom RDF leverages. WSDL documents provide a number of operations (functions) per binding. A binding is a collection of operations which are called via a specific protocol. These protocols are generally Soap 1.1 or Soap 1.2.

The CompuCom RDF further simplifies the interaction with a SOAP web service by allowing a developer to specify only the WSDL URL and the operation of the protocol being used. One of the first things you will want to do is get an overview of all available operations and their call signatures by inspecting the WSDL document. There are many tools available to inspect and validate a WSDL document, such as SoapUI.

As an example, when we inspect the available operations for a simple Calculator SOAP Web Service:

http://www.dneonline.com/calculator.asmx?WSDL

The available operations and respective protocols that are found are:

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Service: Calculator
Port: CalculatorSoap (SoapllBinding: {http://tempuri.org/}CalculatorSoap)
Operations:
    Add(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> AddResult: xsd:int
    Divide(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> DivideResult: xsd:int
    Multiply(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> MultiplyResult: xsd:int
    Subtract(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> SubtractResult: xsd:int

Port: CalculatorSoapl2 (Soapl2Binding: {http://tempuri.org/}CalculatorSoapl2)
    Operations:
    Add(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> AddResult: xsd:int
    Divide(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> DivideResult: xsd:int
    Multiply(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> MultiplyResult: xsd:int
    Subtract(intA: xsd:int, intB: xsd:int) -> SubtractResult: xsd:int
```

As shown above, the operations and it's respective protocols for Soap 1.1 and Soap 1.2 bindings are listed. To call the **Multiply(int, int)** operation, simply provide the WSDL URL and operation as shown below:

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1	BLOCK ▼	TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
5	WS300	SOAP	wsdl:http://www.dneonline.com/calculator.asmx?WSDL operation:Multiply(25,3)	true:WS350 false:WS375
6	WS350	PLAY	text:The calculator web service returned an answer of characters:session['soapResponse']	WS400
7	WS375	PLAY	text: The calculator web service returned an error. Sorry about that.	WS400

The result returned by the SOAP Web Service will get saved in a **session["soapResponse"]** attribute.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
SOAP	wsdl:url operation:name port:name secret:id	true:nextBlock false:nextBlock

PARAM

The PARAM field is used to set the parameters to the SOAP WSDL.

wsdl	url – Defines the WSDL URL.			
operation	name – Enter the operation to invoke as defined by the WSDL with appropriate parameters.			
port (optional)	<pre>name - Specify the port binding to use (soap1.1 or soap1.2). If not provided, it will use binding for soap1.2</pre>			
secret (optional)	id – the secret key used to look up security credentials of the web service from AWS Secrets Manager.			

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute.

true	The next BLOCK ID if the SOAP web service is successful.		
false	The next BLOCK ID if the SOAP web service fails.		
nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.		
	DISCONNECT – to end the call.		
	RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.		
	eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built		
	function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.		

RECORD

The RECORD block is used to play a series of application scripts in different formats to prompt a caller to record a message and save the recording to an S3 Bucket. *This is in preview and is subject to change*. The RECORD block requires an additional lambda function to be installed locally on the tenant AWS account. Information for this lambda function will be made available in a later version.

TYPE	PARAM	ACTION
RECORD	type:value type:value	nextBlock

PARAM

Defines a series of application scripts in the format **type:value** separated by the pipe "|" delimiter.

type	wav – play a wav file from your application's S3 bucket.
	tts – play tts scripts referenced in your <tenant>-tts.csv.</tenant>

	var – play the contents of a session variable.
	eval – play a value returned from a Python expression or pre-built function.
	text – play free text.
	currency – play currency in the format of <dollarvalue>.<centsvalue> (i.e., 123.45)</centsvalue></dollarvalue>
	characters or spell-out – spells out each letter of the text, as in a-b-c.
	slowcharacters – inserts a small pause when spelling out each letter of the text.
	cardinal or number – Interprets the numerical text as a cardinal number, as in 1,234.
	ordinal – interprets the numerical text as an ordinal number, as in 1,234th.
	digits – spells out each digit individually, as in 1-2-3-4.
	fraction – interprets the numerical text as a fraction. This works for both common fractions such as 3/20, and mixed fractions, such as 2 ½. See below for more information.
	unit – interprets a numerical text as a measurement. The value should be either a number or a fraction followed by a unit with no space in between as in 1/2inch, or by just a unit, as in 1meter.
	date – interprets the text as a date. The format must be yyyymmdd you can make Amazon Polly skip parts of the date using question marks.
	time – interprets the numerical text as duration, in minutes and seconds, as in 1'21".
	address – interprets the text as part of a street address.
	expletive – "beeps out" the content included within the tag.
	telephone – interprets the numerical text as a 7-digit or 10-digit telephone number, as in 2025551212. You can also use this value for handle telephone extensions, as in 2025551212x345.
value	A fixed value or a session attribute

ACTION

Defines the Next BLOCK to execute in the call flow.

nextBlock	The next BLOCK ID to execute.

DISCONNECT – to end the call.

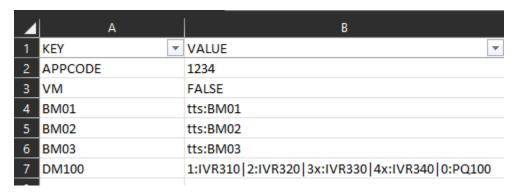
RETURN – used inside a <u>SUB</u> call flow.

eval – a dynamically generated action from a Python expression or pre-built function. To minimize any security implications, Python expressions are limited to the <u>session namespace</u> and <u>RDF built-in functions</u> only.

Chapter 6: System Administration

The CompuCom RDF contains a pre-built IVR System Administration module that can be re-used and "plugged-in" to other tenant applications to allow administrators to enable and disable Broadcast Messages and Dynamic Menu options. From the callflows downloaded in Chapter 2 - Prerequisites, a sysadmin.csv module is included that interacts with the tenant>-sysadmin.csv to manage these settings. The tenant>-sysadmin.csv file can be used to add other configurable parameters for your application.

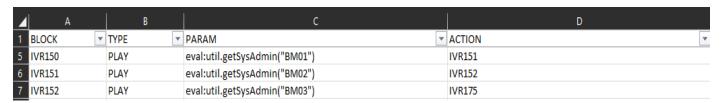
The following is a sample <tenant>-sysadmin.csv file:



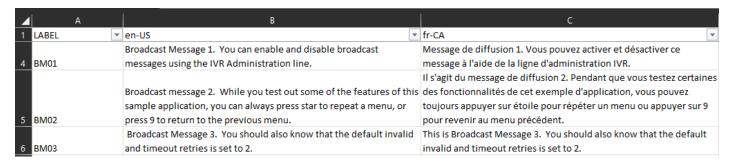
^{*}APPCODE is used as a pass code for administrators to access the functions available in the IVR Administration line.

Broadcast Messages

Broadcast Messages can be used in a PLAY block with the **eval** type to call the **util.getSysAdmin()** pre-built function. The following are example broadcast messages set in **sample-callflow.csv**:

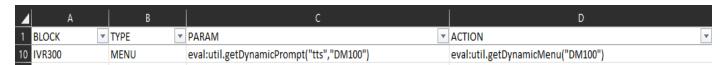


The TTS or WAV label for your broadcast message scripts should match the Broadcast Message ID (or LABEL). For example, Broadcast Message BM01 should have a matching TTS labeled BM01, or a wav file named BM01.wav. The following are TTS labels from **<tenant>-tts.csv**:



Dynamic Menus

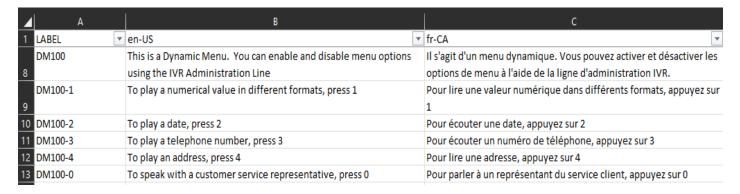
Dynamic Menus can be used in a MENU block with the **eval** type to call the **util.getDynamicPrompts()** and **util.getDynamicMenu()** pre-built functions. The following is an example dynamic menu set in **sample-callflow.csv**:



util.getDynamicPrompts(type, id) – where **type** is the application script type to play (see <u>Chapter 5 – BLOCK TYPES - PLAY</u>), and **id** is the Dynamic Menu ID to reference in <tenant>-sysAdmin.csv.

util.getDynamicMenu(id) - where id is the Dynamic Menu ID to reference in <tenant>-sysAdmin.csv.

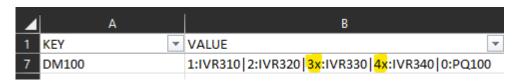
The TTS or WAV labels for your Dynamic Menu should have an introductory script plus a corresponding script for each dynamic menu option. For example, Dynamic Menu DM100 with 5 dynamic options (1-4, and 0), should have matching TTS entries labeled DM100 (introductory menu script), DM100-1 (script for option 1), DM100-2 (script for option 2), DM100-3 (script for option 3), DM100-4 (script for option 4), and DM100-0 (script for option 0). The **util.getDynamicPrompts()** pre-built function will always play the introductory script and only the scripts where the corresponding option is enabled.



A Dynamic Menu with all options enabled in sample-sysAdmin.csv:



A Dynamic Menu option is disabled by simply marking the option with an 'x' as shown below. This can be accomplished manually or via the IVR System Administration module



Chapter 7: RDF Built-In Functions

Check Business Hours

Business Hours are checked using Amazon Connect's **describe_hours_of_operation** API. A pre-built function can be used to check business hours. This function will first check to see if the current day is a holiday by reading tenant>-holidays.csv, and then checks the Business Hours configuration for the working queue as set in SETQUEUE. The result will return **true** if the Contact Centre queue is open, and **false** if the current day is a holiday or the current time is outside of business hours.

queues.checkBusinessHours(): CHECK HOLIDAY AND BUSINESS HOURS

Check Holiday

While a holiday is already checked by using the **queues.checkBusinessHours()** pre-built function, the Check Holiday function is useful if a specific application script is needed to play back a holiday announcement that is different from a standard closed message. The result will return **true** if the current day is a holiday, and **false** if the current day is not a holiday.

queues.checkHoliday(): CHECK HOLIDAY

Queue Metrics

The CompuCom RDF leverages Amazon Connect's **get_current_metric_data()** API to obtain Queue metrics such as AGENTS_ONLINE, AGENTS_STAFFED, AGENTS_AVAILABLE, SLOTS_AVAILABLE, CONTACTS_IN_QUEUE, and OLDEST_CONTACT_AGE. This allows the CompuCom RDF to implement custom routing logic and calculations using these queue metrics. Review the following for more details:

https://boto3.amazonaws.com/v1/documentation/api/latest/reference/services/connect/client/get_current_metric data.html

To overcome Amazon Connect's API throttling limits, exponential back off and jitter was implemented to retry failed API calls when there are too many concurrent requests. Review the following for more details:

https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/architecture/exponential-backoff-and-jitter/

The following are pre-built functions that can be called within an EVAL Block:

queues.agentsOnline(): CHECK AGENTS ONLINE

queues.agentsStaffed(): CHECK AGENTS STAFFED

queues.agentsAvailable(): CHECK AGENTS AVAILABLE

queues.slotsAvailable(): CHECK SLOTS AVAILABLE

queues.withinQueueCapacity(threshold): CHECK QUEUE CAPACITY

queues.withinWaitCapacity(threshold): CHECK WAIT THRESHOLD

Alternatively, you can make one function call:

queues.getQueueMetrics(queueID): GET QUEUE METRICS

When calling this one function, the following session attributes become available to the application:

```
session['queuemetrics'][ 'agentsOnline']
session['queuemetrics']['agentsStaffed']
session['queuemetrics']['agentsAvailable']
session['queuemetrics']['slotsAvailable']
session['queuemetrics']['contactsInQueue']
session['queuemetrics']['OldestContactAge']
```

DynamoDB

The CompuCom RDF can replace CSV configuration files with DynamoDB tables. However, updating and maintaining DB tables adds a layer of complexity when importing and exporting data. Therefore, CSV files were used to implement all configuration settings. To utilize a DynamoDB table, follow the instructions in Chapter 2 - Create Cross-Account IAM Role to ensure the Cross-Account IAM role of your tenant contains the proper permissions to access DynamoDB tables.

From CompuCom RDF, you can call the **readDB(tableName**, **Key, Type)** built-in function to read the contents of a simple DynamoDB table with Key/Value pairs, where **tableName** is the DynamoDB table name, **Key** is the search key in the **table**, and **Type** defines the data type of the value stored in the table (i.e. "S" for String or "BOOL" for Boolean). Review the following for more information on DynamoDB Data Types:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/HowItWorks.NamingRulesDataTypes.html #HowItWorks.DataTypes

Clear Previous Menu

The CompuCom RDF tracks all the Menus that a caller accesses within a MenuTracker as they traverse through the IVR call flow. A util.clearPreviousMenu(session) built-in function can be used in your call flow design that requires a particular menu to be removed from the MenuTracker. For example, a confirmation Menu might not be appropriate in some cases to return. In this case, the util.clearPreviousMenu(session) built-in function will remove the most recent Menu from the MenuTracker List. It's also important to note that the MenuTracker will not add a Menu that already exists in the MenuTracker List. This is to avoid call flow designs where callers are explicitly sent back to a Menu that has already been accessed.

Contact Dispositions

The CompuCom RDF tracks a caller's disposition as they traverse through a call flow using the Block ID's created in your application. It will also track invalid and timeout outcomes. A **contactDisposition** contact attribute is used in Amazon Connect to save the caller dispositions within the CTR. An example is shown below:

contactDisposition	IVR100,IVR125,IVR150,IVR151,IVR152,IVR175,IVR200,IVR200-invalid,IVR300,IVR300-timeout,IVR300-timeout,IVR300-
	MaxTries,PQ100,PQ110,PQ175,PQ300,PQ500,PQ700,PQ600,Q1000

You can also create your own custom caller dispositions to get added to the **contactDispostion** contact attribute by calling the following pre-built function with an <u>EXEC</u> block:

session['contactDisposition'] = util.addDisposition(session['contactDisposition'], new_dispostion)

Where, new disposition is the new caller disposition to add to the **contactDisposition** contact attribute.

Chapter 8: Helpful Hints

This chapter provides helpful hints on some of the underlying components of the CompuCom RDF and additional configuration options.

RDF Lambda Cache

The CompuCom RDF uses temporary storage to save <u>application configuration files</u> during AWS Lambda runtime to avoid reading files from S3 at every invocation. Each Lambda execution environment provides between 512 MB and 10,240 MB, in 1-MB increments of disk space in the /tmp directory. The /tmp directory content is preserved for the lifetime of the execution environment, providing a transient cache that can be used for multiple invocations to optimize performance. The CompuCom RDF checks if the cache has the data required, otherwise it will fetch the required application configuration files from S3 and saves them within the /tmp directory for subsequent invocations. The /tmp directory is equivalent to a local hard disk, providing fast throughput. Operations like makedirs, listdir, etc. on this folder using the 'os' Python package can be performed just like you'd perform on a local hard disk.

At the start of every call, the CompuCom RDF will check to see if an updated configuration file exists in S3. If a new version of an application configuration file exists, the /tmp cache directory will be updated with the new configuration file. Otherwise, it will continue to use the configuration file saved in cache.

It is important to note that the /tmp directory is private to each Lambda instance/execution context and it's not shared among all Lambda instances. That means if a request is handled by a different execution context, the data won't be present there and will need to be fetched in S3.

queues.csv

A **queues.csv** file is automatically created into the /tmp directory by CompuCom RDF that defines all the Queue Names and Queue ID's used in your application. This configuration file allows a developer to reference Queues by Name within their applications without having to set the Queue ID that is required by Amazon Connect. Refer to Chapter 5 - BLOCK TYPES - SETQUEUE for additional details.

⊿ A	В
1 KEY	VALUE
2 BasicQueue	d9377d03-2e41-494b-923b-e321d94f25ea
3	

Business Hours and Queue Descriptions

Static API data returned for business hours and queue descriptions are also saved in the lambda cache to significantly reduce the number of calls to Connect API's and further circumventing any Connect API throttling limits.

Menu Tracker

The CompuCom RDF tracks all Menu's that a caller accesses within a MenuTracker[] List. This List is used to provide the ability for a caller to return to a previous menu as they traverse through a call flow. All MENU blocks added in your application gets added to the MenuTracker only if a DTMF key is defined for the globalMenuPrevious configuration entry in config.csv. The MenuTracker alleviates the need for a developer to continually define the previous menu option within their call flow application. As you add MENU's to your application, you do not need to specify the previous menu option as the CompuCom RDF will handle this automatically. You can also override the global previous menu setting by explicitly defining the previous menu DTMF option at any given MENU. When a previous menu option is defined in a MENU, it will not get added to the MenuTracker List. You can also use the util.clearPreviousMenu(session) built-in function to remove the most recent MENU from the MenuTracker List.

Previous Menu's can also span across different sub call flows. However, when a call returns from a SUB call flow, the MenuTracker will clear all MENU's that were accessed from within that SUB call flow.

Queue Tracker

In addition to the MenuTracker, a QueueTracker is also used to maintain the queue that was most recently set with SETQUEUE at a MENU. In most cases, a queue would have been set in the call flow when arriving at a MENU. If not set, the DefaultQueue will be used. When a caller traverses through several different menus, the QueueTracker will ensure that the correct queue will be maintained even as a caller returns to previous menus. The QueueTracker works in tandem with the MenuTracker and is only active if the globalMenuPrevious configuration entry is defined in configuration entry is defined in configuration

Contact Attributes

The CompuCom RDF uses limited Contact Attributes in Amazon Connect. The CTR will only include the following:

Attributes

CPA INBOUND

RDF arn:aws:lambda:ca-central-1:037338416846:function:RDF:prod

agentTip English callFlowID IVR1505

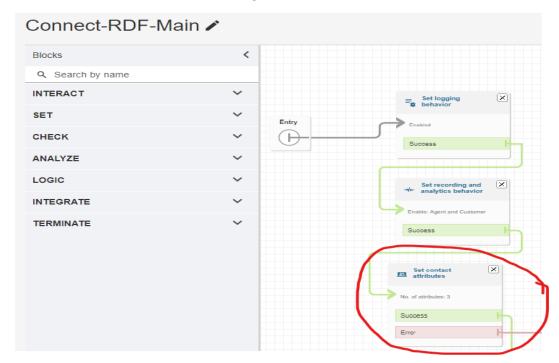
contactDisposition 14378805840,IVR1000,IVR1005,IVR1500Q,IVR1500A,IVR1500,IVR1505

errorMessage NA

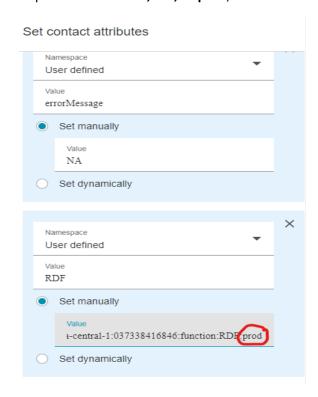
^{*}userdata Contact Attribute will also appear when using the <u>USERDATA</u> block type.

Pointing to DEV/UAT/PROD

The CompuCom RDF can be pointed to different instances for DEV, UAT and PROD by updating the third block of the **Connect-RDF-Main** and **Connect-RDF-Agent** Contact Flows:

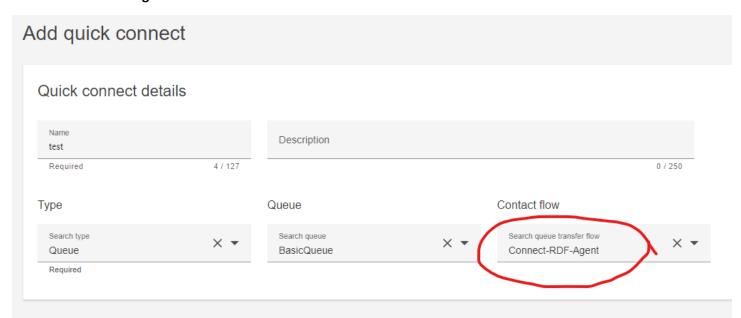


Open the Set contact attributes block in **Connect-RDF-Main** and **Connect-RDF-Agent**, and update the RDF attribute to point to either **dev**, **uat**, **or prod**, as shown below:



Quick Connects

Quick Connects can be used to allow agents to transfer callers to another queue. When creating a Quick Connect, select **Connect-RDF-Agent** as the Contact flow:



When a Quick Connect is answered by the CompuCom RDF, the **Connect-RDF-Agent** Contact Flow takes control of the application. The first block that a Quick Connect call will execute is the Block ID defined for "globalMaxtriesAction" in config.csv. The globalMaxtriesAction block ID is used since it defines the beginning of the pre-queue call flow. To determine if your application was reached by a Quick Connect, check for **session['function']** == 'agent'. If this condition is true, you can design your application to interact with a Quick Connect contact. An example is shown below that allows an agent to send a caller back to the Pre-Queue flow:



Agent Whispers

The CompuCom RDF uses the **Connect-RDF-Whisper** Contact Flow to whisper the queue description to an agent. You can modify what the agent hears by updating the Queue Description from the Amazon Connect console:



The Queue Description gets saved into an **agentTip** Contact Attribute that is saved in the CTR. **NOTE**: The Queue Description is <u>cached</u>, so updating the Description will only take effect once a Lambda execution environment is torn down.

For additional information, https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/operatorguide/execution-environment.html

CloudWatch Monitoring

CloudWatch Metrics & Logs from CompuCom RDF can be monitored by a tenant AWS account. Reviewing CloudWatch logs is helpful when developing and troubleshooting IVR applications with the CompuCom RDF. It provides details of a caller navigating within your IVR application and provides logs of any errors or exceptions. Currently, there is a set service limit for the number of CloudWatch Monitoring accounts that can be configured on the CompuCom RDF. The default service quota limit for monitoring accounts can be increased by creating a support case with AWS Support. For this reason, it is recommended to have monitoring accounts enabled for development instances only.

To request a tenant AWS account with CloudWatch monitoring of the CompuCom RDF, perform the following steps to configure your tenant AWS account to monitor the CompuCom RDF as a source account. Once completed, send a request to CompuCom with the **URL** information as described below:

- → Go to **CloudWatch** of the Tenant AWS Account
- → Go to Settings -> Under "Monitoring Account Configuration", click Configure -> Under "List source accounts", input the RDF Account Number -> Under "Define a label to help identify your source account", click on Account name -> Click on Configure
- → You should see the following message:



You have successfully enabled the monitoring account

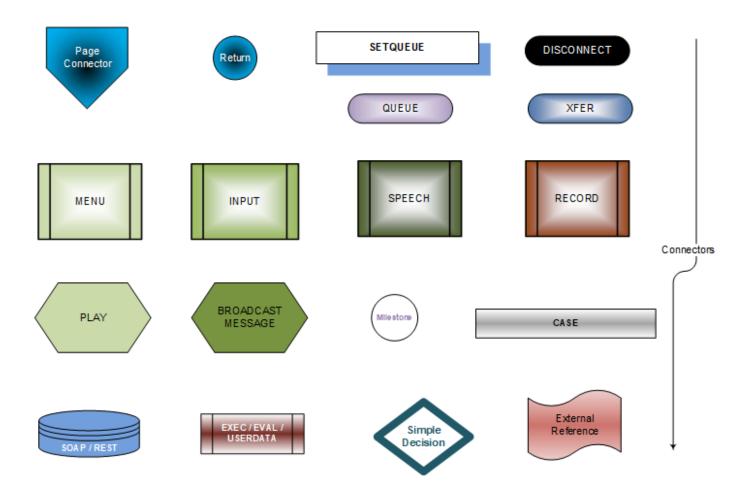
To complete the configuration determine how to link source accounts.

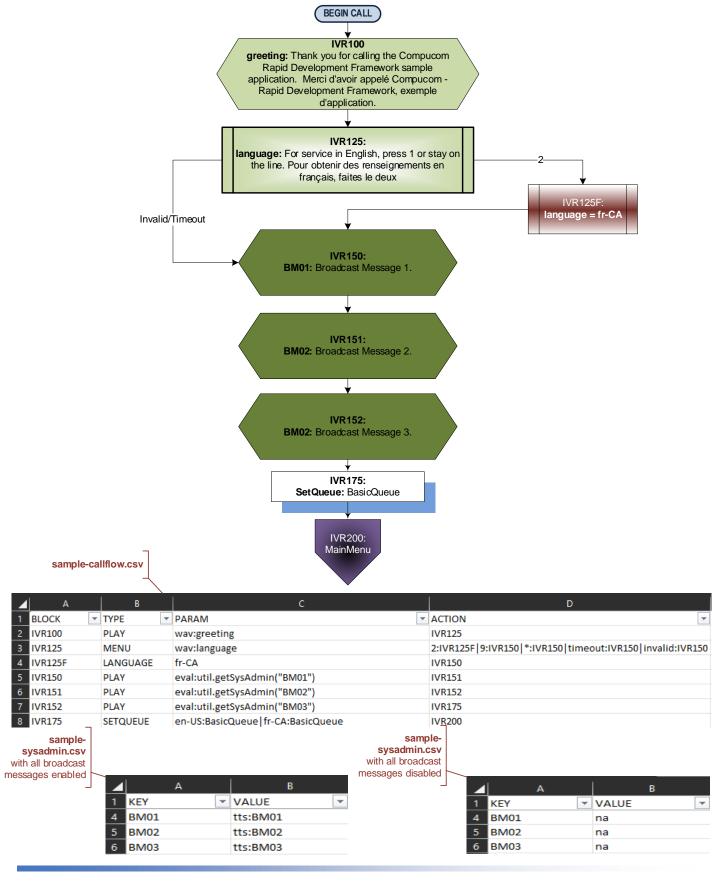
- → Go back to Settings -> Under "Monitoring Account Configuration", click Resources to link accounts -> Under "Determine how to link your source accounts" click on Any Account -> Under "Any Account", click on Copy URL (this URL contains the monitoring account sink ARN).
- → Send the URL copied from your clipboard to CompuCom.

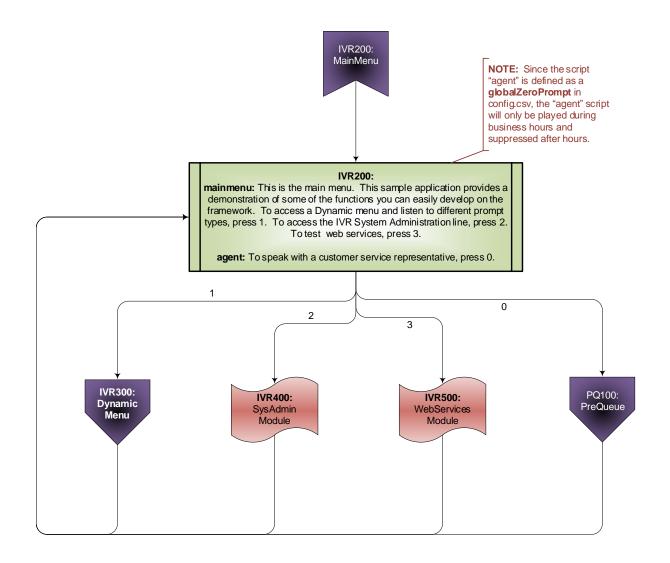
Chapter 9: Sample Application

This chapter provides a walkthrough of the sample application that was deployed in Chapter 3 - Hello World! For additional clarity, the call flow diagrams also include it's corresponding configuration entries in *sample-callflow.csv*.

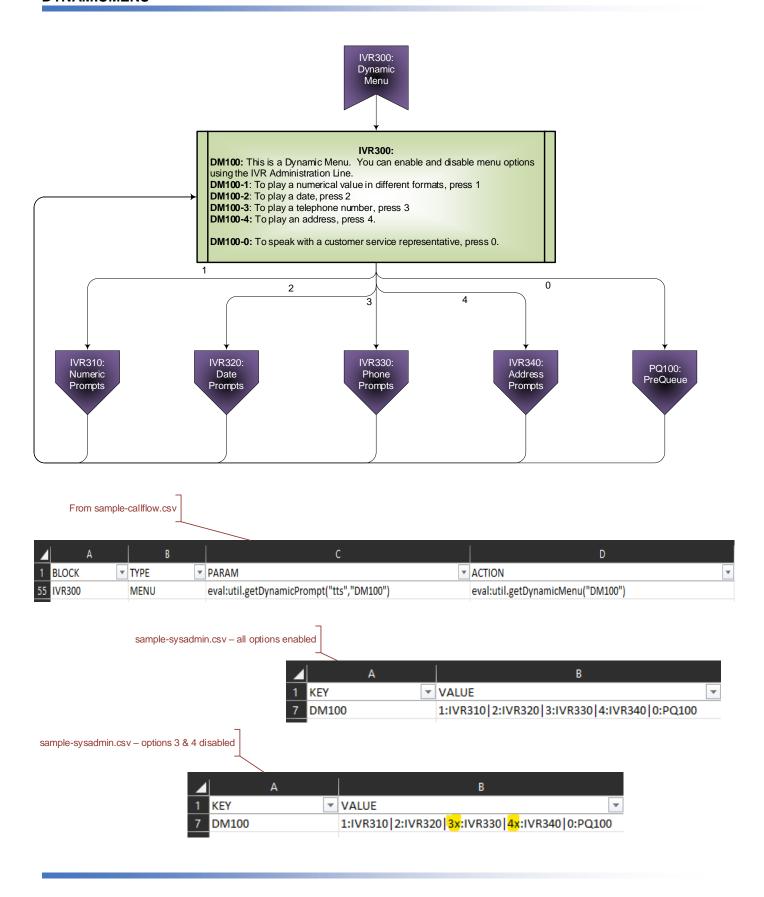
The shapes used in the call flow diagrams are as follows:

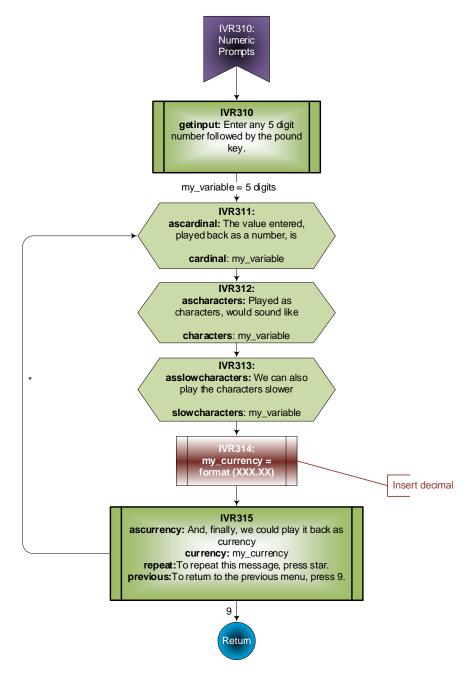




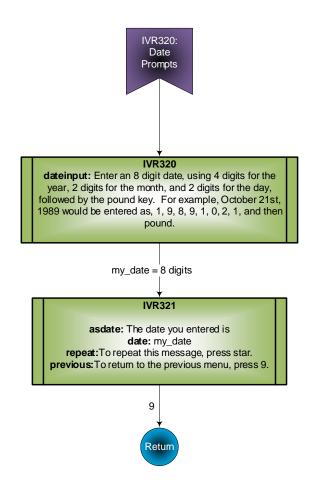


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1 BLOCK	▼ TYPE ▼	PARAM	ACTION
54 IVR200	MENU	tts:mainmenu tts:agent	1:IVR300 2:IVR400 3:IVR500 0:PQ100
55 IVR300	MENU	eval:util.getDynamicPrompt("tts","DM100")	eval:util.getDynamicMenu("DM100")
56 IVR400	SUB	sysadmin-callflow	IVR200
57 IVR500	SUB	ws-callflow	IVR200
58 PQ100	EXEC	session['queuemetrics'] = queues.getQueueMetrics(session['q	PQ110

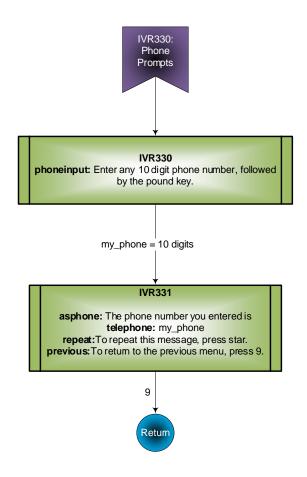




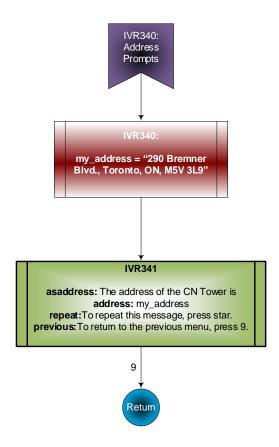
	А		В		С		D	
1	BLOCK	*	TYPE	w	PARAM	r .	ACTION	Ī
11	IVR310		INPUT		tts:getinput		var:my_variable length:5 action:IVR311 seconds:3	
12	IVR311		PLAY		tts:ascardinal cardinal:session["my_variable"]		IVR312	
13	IVR312		PLAY		tts:ascharacters characters:session["my_variable"]		IVR313	
					tts:asslowcharacters slowcharacters:session["my_varia	a		
14	IVR313		PLAY		ble"]		IVR314	
					session['my_currency'] = session['my_variable'][:3] + '.'			
15	IVR314		EXEC		+ session['my_variable'][3:]		IVR315	
					tts:ascurrency currency:session["my_currency"] tts:re	р		
16	IVR315		MENU		eat tts:previous		*:IVR311	



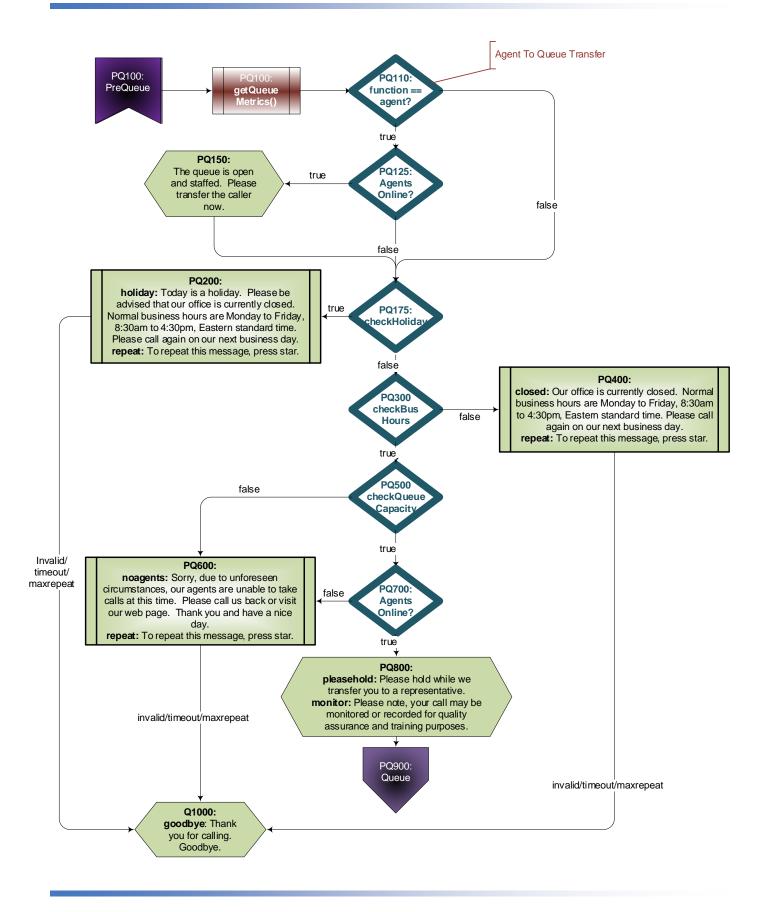
	А	В	c	D
1	BLOCK -	TYPE ▼	PARAM	ACTION
17	IVR320	INPUT	tts:dateinput	var:my_date length:8 action:IVR321 seconds:3
			tts:asdate date:session["my_date"] tts:repeat tts:prev	
18	IVR321	MENU	ious	

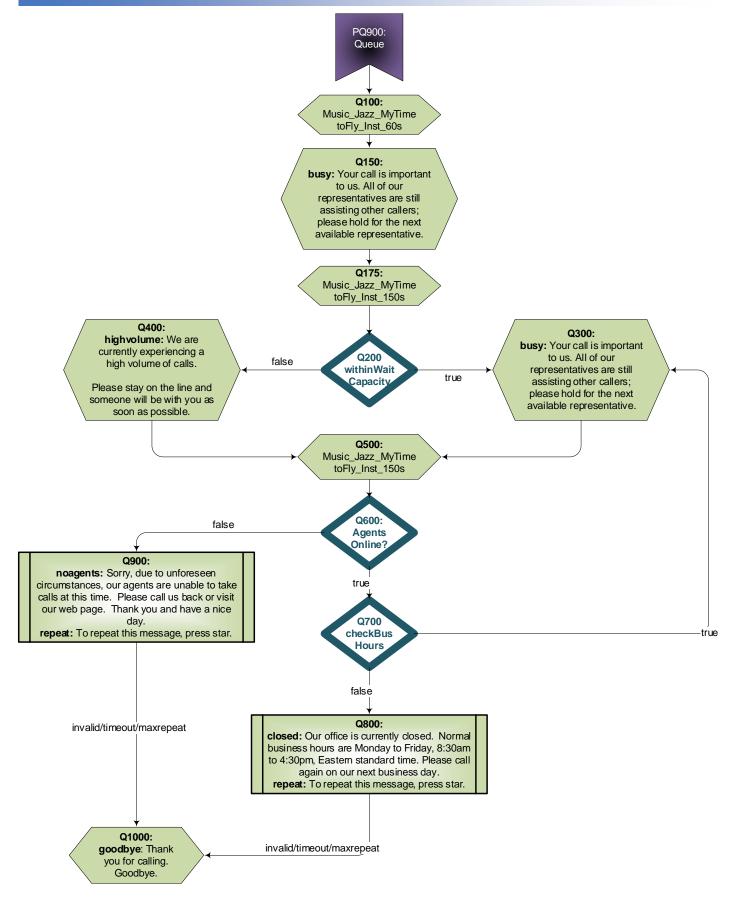


1	А	В	c	D
1	BLOCK ▼	TYPE ▼	PARAM ▼	ACTION
19	IVR330	INPUT	tts:phoneinput	var:my_phone length:10 action:IVR331 seconds:3
20	IVR331		tts:asphone telephone:session["my_phone"] tts:repe at tts:previous	



1	А	В	С	D
1	BLOCK ▼	TYPE ▼	PARAM	ACTION
21	IVR340	EXEC	session["my_address"] = "290 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3L9"	IVR341
22	IVR341	MENU	tts:asaddress address:session["my_address"] tts:repea t tts:previous	





⊿ A	В	c	D
1 BLOCK ▼	TYPE ▼	PARAM	ACTION
25 PQ100	EXEC	session['queuemetrics'] = queues.getQueueMetrics(session['q	PQ110
26 PQ110	EVAL	session['function']=='agent'	true:PQ125 false:PQ175
27 PQ125	EVAL	session['queuemetrics']['agentsOnline'] > 0	true:PQ150 false:PQ175
28 PQ150	PLAY	text:The queue is open and staffed. Please transfer the caller	r PQ175
29 PQ175	EVAL	queues.checkHoliday()	true:PQ200 false:PQ300
30 PQ200	MENU	tts:holiday tts:repeat	timeout:Q1000 invalid:Q1000 maxaction:Q1000
31 PQ300	EVAL	queues.checkBusinessHours()	true:PQ500 false:PQ400
32 PQ400	MENU	tts:closed tts:repeat	timeout:Q1000 invalid:Q1000 maxaction:Q1000
33 PQ500	EVAL	session['queuemetrics']['contactsInQueue'] < 30	true:PQ700 false:PQ600
34 PQ600	MENU	tts:noagents tts:repeat	timeout:Q1000 invalid:Q1000 maxaction:Q1000
35 PQ700	EVAL	session['queuemetrics']['agentsOnline'] > 0	true:PQ800 false:PQ600
36 PQ800	PLAY	tts:pleasehold tts:monitor	PQ900
37 PQ900	QUEUE		Q100
38 Q100	PLAY	wav:Music_Jazz_MyTimetoFly_Inst_60s	Q150
39 Q150	PLAY	tts:busy	Q175
40 Q175	PLAY	wav:Music_Jazz_MyTimetoFly_Inst_150s	Q200
41 Q200	EVAL	queues.withinWaitCapacity(300)	true:Q300 false:Q400
42 Q300	PLAY	tts:busy	Q500
43 Q400	PLAY	tts:highvolume	Q500
44 Q500	PLAY	wav:Music_Jazz_MyTimetoFly_Inst_150s	Q600
45 Q600	EVAL	queues.agentsOnline()	true:Q700 false:Q900
46 Q700	EVAL	queues.checkBusinessHours()	true:Q300 false:Q800
47 Q800	MENU	tts:closed tts:repeat	timeout:Q1000 invalid:Q1000 maxaction:Q1000
48 Q900	MENU	tts:noagents tts:repeat	timeout:Q1000 invalid:Q1000 maxaction:Q1000
49 Q1000	PLAY	tts:goodbye	DISCONNECT
50		resiliance of a	DISCONTINUE

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