

Slackbot 101 Quick Start Guide

1. Get the code

Clone the repo

```
git clone git@github.com:ktcrain/slackbot101.git
```

```
cd slackbot101
```

```
npm install
```

Environment Config

Copy .env into slackbot101/.env

2. Join the Slack Workspace

https://join.slack.com/t/gdi-slackbot101/shared_invite/enQtMjUzMDgzNTEwNjQzLTM3NThhZDE3Y2QxNGEwNjA5YmU5NWZmNWlyMDJhYzI1NzNjZTJmZjE0ODY3OTBiZTM0NDQ2Y2JjOGYxMWVlZDg


- Follow the prompts
- Verify your email address

3. Register your bot

<https://gdi-slackbot101.slack.com/services/new/bot>

Give it a name (you can always change it later)

[Browse apps](#) > [Custom Integrations](#) > [Bots](#) > New configuration



Bots

Connect a bot to the Slack Real Time Messaging API.

Run code that listens and posts to your Slack team just as a user would.

Username

Start by choosing a username for your bot

Username must be all lowercase. They cannot be longer than 21 characters and can only contain letters, numbers, periods, hyphens, and underscores. Most people choose to use their first name, last name, nickname, or some combination of those with initials.

[Add bot integration](#)

By creating a bot integration, you agree to the [Slack API Terms of Service](#).


4. Copy the API token and bot name to your .env file

Integration Settings

API Token

The library you are using will want an API token for your bot.

[Regenerate](#)




Be careful when sharing bot user tokens with applications. Do not publish bot user tokens in public code repositories. [Review token safety tips](#).

```
catme.js x index.js x .env x .gitignore x
BOT_TOKEN=xoxb-253298964133-IQxMvKYMS9iM24fSmF9sCX0D
2 BOT_NAME=jax
3
4 DARKSKY_API_KEY=a0a83ab98a7a3fcb2d826f90097538e6
5
6 GIPHY_API_KEY=2L0WQWC07NogJFDRX1ltM1Y0sDpSSk9p
7
8 GOOGLE_API_KEY=AIzaSyBR1BD5Qj3H09zi4F7kZ0x0nDjwoYgcLWA
9
10 TWITTER_CONSUMER_KEY=lkioPnvFTGsTarHfUERNZpcyD
11 TWITTER_CONSUMER_SECRET=1Lmjd0nRm5SCI1vFRnHC2Z1qp7lsM74bDnH
12 TWITTER_ACCESS_TOKEN_KEY=27399204-RBA1jVEdcDovII0zqiK8DoaNz
13 TWITTER_ACCESS_TOKEN_SECRET=4zmfr48kI19n2uaTvytqb0h0HDY4BGV
```

5. Customize your bot's icon

Customize Icon
Change the icon used for this bot.

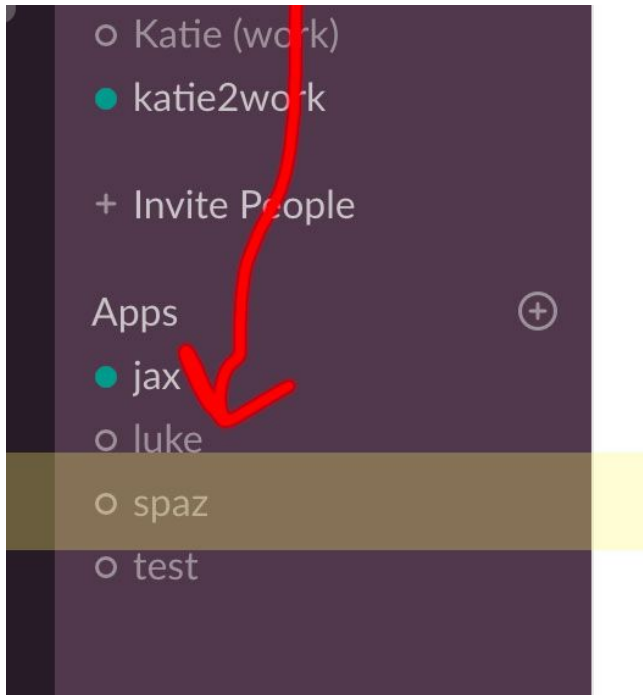


or

6. Save your progress

reject Web API method calls from
unlisted IP addresses. [Learn More.](#)

7. Verify your bot in Slack



8. Start your bot

```
./node_modules/nodemon/bin/nodemon.js bin/basic.js
```

IT'S ALIVE!

9. Deployment

- Create an empty repo on github. Name it `slackbot101_{yourFirstNameLastName}`
- Copy `slackbot101.pem` to `slackbot101/slackbot101.pem`
- Navigate to `slackbot101` in terminal and run the following one at a time:
 - Note: the “#” are comments. You do not run them.

```
# navigate one directory up from slackbot101
cd ../
```

```
# copy the code to a new folder
cp -R slackbot101/ slackbot102
```

```
# navigate to that folder
cd slackbot102
```

```
# remove the existing repo references
rm -rf .git
```

```
# create an empty git repo
git init
```

```
# add your repo to your GitHub remote
git remote add origin
https://github.com/{yourName}/{yourRepoName}.git
```

```
# push your changes to GitHub
git push -u origin master
```

```
# fix permissions on your Amazon EC2 authorization file
chmod 400 slackbot101.pem
```

```
# connect to the remote server
ssh -v -i "slackbot101.pem"
ec2-user@ec2-18-220-218-211.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com
```

```
# now you are on the remote server
```

```
# navigate to our class directory
cd slackbot101

# clone your repo
git clone https://github.com/{yourName}/{yourRepoName}.git

# navigate to your repo
cd {yourRepoName}

# install node modules
npm install

# add your.env file
vi .env

# hit (esc) (i) to get into insert mode
# paste the contents of your .env file in
# hit (esc) to exit insert mode
# hit shift :wq to save the file

# test run your bot
node ./bin/bot.js

# hit CTRL+C to stop your bot

# Run your bot with forever
forever --uid {INSERT_YOUR_BOT_NAME_HERE} -a start bin/bot.js

# To see if your forever process is running
forever list

# To stop your bot
forever stop {INSERT_YOUR_BOT_NAME_HERE}

# Note: If you ever make changes to your bot, you will need to
restart your forever process to load those changes
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-29 jax]$ forever --uid jax -a start bin/bot.js
warn:    --minUptime not set. Defaulting to: 1000ms
warn:    --spinSleepTime not set. Your script will exit if it does not stay up for at least 1000ms
info:    Forever processing file: bin/bot.js
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-29 jax]$ forever list
info:    Forever processes running
data:      uid command      script      forever pid  id logfile                               uptime
data:    [0] jax /usr/bin/node bin/bot.js 3429    3435  /home/ec2-user/.forever/jax.log 0:0:0:2.833
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-29 jax]$ forever stop jax
info:    Forever stopped process:
      uid command      script      forever pid  id logfile                               uptime
[0] jax /usr/bin/node bin/bot.js 3429    3435  /home/ec2-user/.forever/jax.log 0:0:0:6.750
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-29 jax]$ forever list
info:    No forever processes running
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-23-29 jax]$
```