

Intelligent Customer Help Desk with Smart Document Understanding

Internship Project Report



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

We use the typical customer care chatbot experience but instead of relying on predefined responses, our dialog will provide a hook that can call out to other IBM Watson services for additional sources of information. In our case, it will be an owner's manual that has been uploaded into Watson Discovery.

Project Requirements

1. PC with high speed internet connectivity
2. Github account
3. IBM cloud account

Functional Requirements

1. When a user inputs a query, the intelligent help desk will answer the typical questions directly just like a chatbot.
2. Suppose the question that is asked is out of the scope of the chatbot, then the question will be passed on the Watson Discovery Service, which has been pre-loaded with the device's owner's manual.
3. Then returns relevant sections of the owner's manual to help solve customers' problems.

Technical Requirements

1. Knowledge of Python
2. Working knowledge with IBM Cloud
3. IBM Watson Services and IBM Cloud Functions.
4. Using GitHub and Slack.

Software Requirements

The project being based on IBM Cloud and GitHub, so as such no requirements on PC.

Project Deliverables

- Create a customer care dialog skill in Watson Assistant
- Use Smart Document Understanding to build an enhanced Watson Discovery collection
- Create an IBM Cloud Functions web action that allows Watson Assistant to post queries to Watson Discovery

Build a web application with integration to all these services & deploy the same on IBM Cloud Platform

1.2 Purpose

To create a chat-bot which can answer simple questions as well as return more and more accurate answers. Also not only answer the simple questions, but when a question falls outside of the scope of the pre-determined question set, the application shall pass the question onto Watson Discovery Service, which has been pre-loaded with the device's owners manual.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

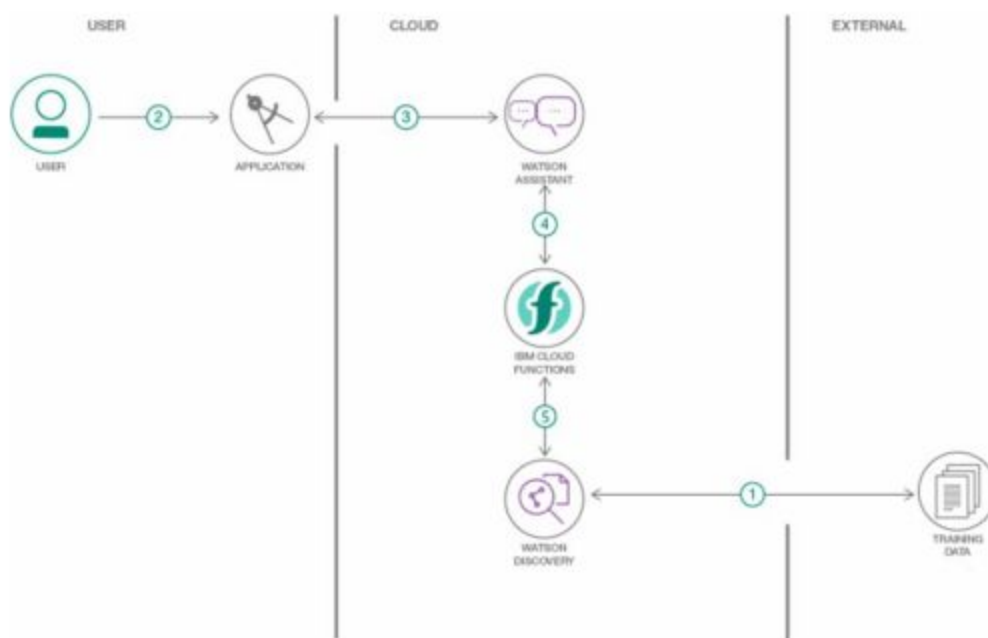
The typical customer care chat-bot can answer simple questions, such as store locations and hours, directions, and maybe even making appointments. When a question falls outside of the scope of the pre-determined question set, the option is typically to tell the customer the question isn't valid or offer to speak to a real person.

2.2 Proposed Solution

If the customer question is about the operation of a device, the application shall pass the question onto Watson Discovery Service, which has been pre-loaded with the device's owner's manual. So now, instead of "Would you like to speak to a customer representative?" we can return relevant sections of the owner's manual to help solve our customers' problems. To take it a step further, the project shall use the Smart Document Understanding feature of Watson Discovery to train it on what text in the owner's manual is important and what is not. This will improve the answers returned from the queries.

3. THEORITICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block Diagram



- The document is annotated using Watson Discovery SDU (Smart Document Understanding).
- The user interacts with the backend server via the app UI. The frontend app UI is a chatbot that engages the user in a conversation.
- Dialog between the user and backend server is coordinated using a Watson Assistant dialog skill.
- If the user asks a product operation question, a search query is passed to a predefined IBM Cloud Functions action.
- The Cloud Functions action will query the Watson Discovery service and return the results.

3.2 Hardware / Software designing

1. Create IBM Cloud Services
2. Configure Watson Discovery
3. Create IBM Cloud Functions Action
4. Configure Watson Assistant
5. Create flow and configure node
6. Deploy and run node red app.

4. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

1. Necessary IBM Cloud services created

The first screenshot shows the IBM Cloud registration page at `cloud.ibm.com/registration`. It features a 'Create an account' form with fields for 'Email' and 'Password', and a 'Next' button. To the right, a large banner reads 'Build for free on IBM Cloud' with sub-points: 'Develop for free, no credit card required' and 'Access the full catalog at your fingertips'.

The second screenshot shows the IBM Cloud dashboard at `cloud.ibm.com`. The 'Resource summary' section lists 8 resources: Cloud Foundry apps (1), Cloud Foundry services (1), Services (4), Apps (1), and Developer tools (1). Other sections include 'Planned maintenance', 'For you' (highlighting Watson Studio), 'News' (highlighting IBM CEO Arvind Krishna's keynote), and 'Recent support cases'.

2. Watson Discovery Service configured

The screenshot displays the IBM Watson Discovery Query Builder interface. The browser window shows the URL: <https://eu-gb.discovery.watson.cloud.ibm.com/regions/eu-gb/services/cn%3Av1%3Abluemix%3Apu...>. The page title is "IBM Watson Discovery - Query Builder - Mozilla Firefox".

The interface includes a navigation bar with the following tabs: **Overview**, **Errors and warnings (98)**, and **Search settings**. The main content area shows:

- 97 documents** (with a red icon indicating 1 document failed and a "View details" link).
- Created on**: 7/2/2020 6:45:40 am EDT
- Last updated**: 7/2/2020 6:45:40 am EDT
- Upload documents** button.

The interface also displays identified fields and enrichments:

- Identified 5 fields from your data**: footer, subtitle, table_of_contents, text, title.
- Added 4 enrichments to your data**:
 - Entity Extraction**: 10% (2) | 2 hours (2) | 2% (2) | 30 min (2) | 4-digit (2)
 - Sentiment Analysis**: 57% positive, 29% neutral, 14% negative.
 - Concept Tagging**
 - Category Classification**

The right sidebar shows:

- Now you're ready to query!**
- Most common entity types and their top entities**: Run
- Entities of type Quantity which have negative sentiment**: Run

3. Create Cloud Function Action

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Functions console for a function named 'discovery-function'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Code, Parameters, Runtime, Endpoints, Connected Triggers, Enclosing Sequences, and Logs. The main area displays the function's code in Node.js 10. The code is a REST API endpoint that accepts parameters and returns a JSON object. The right sidebar shows the 'Activations' tab, which displays a single activation with an ID of 119d3d7c34144b889d3d7c3414db8859 and a duration of 1145 ms. The activation results show a matching score of 97 and two categories: 'business and industrial/energy' and 'business and industrial/green solutions'.

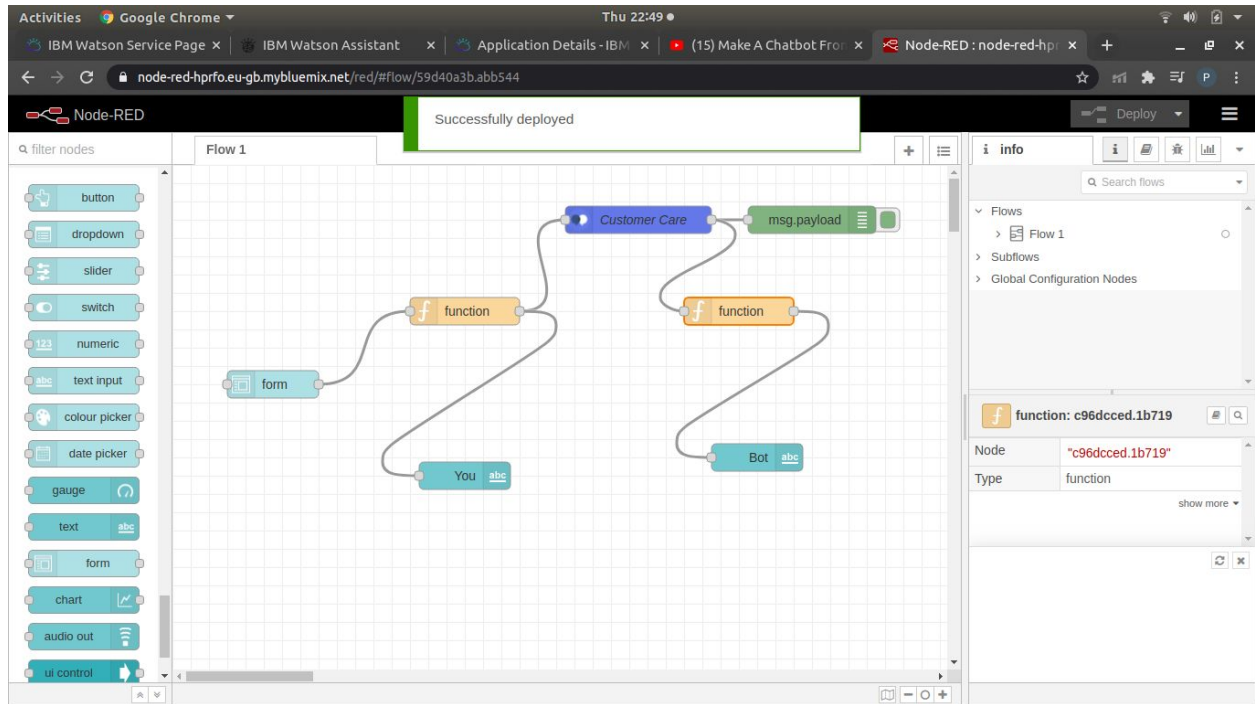
```
1  /**
2  *
3  * @param {object} params
4  * @param {string} params.iam_apikey
5  * @param {string} params.url
6  * @param {string} params.username
7  * @param {string} params.password
8  * @param {string} params.environment_id
9  * @param {string} params.collection_id
10 * @param {string} params.configuration_id
11 * @param {string} params.input
12 *
13 * @return {object}
14 *
15 */
16
17 const assert = require('assert');
18 const DiscoveryV1 = require('watson-developer-cloud/discovery/v1');
19
20 /**
21 * main() will be run when you invoke this action
22 *
23 * @param Cloud Functions actions accept a single parameter, which must be a JSON ob
24 *
25 * @return The output of this action, which must be a JSON object.
26 *
27 */
28
29 function main(params) {
30   // ...
31 }
```

4. Watson Assistant configured

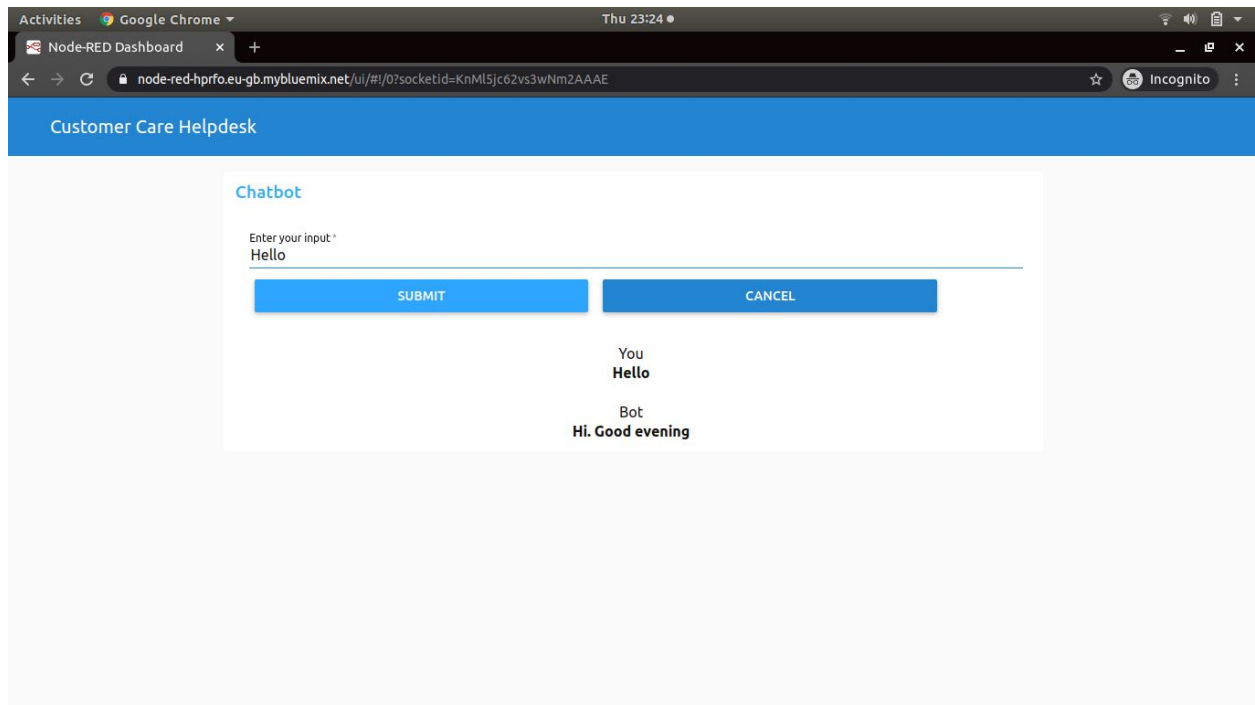
The screenshot shows the IBM Watson Assistant console for a skill named 'Customer Care Sample Skill'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Intents, Entities, Dialog, Options, Analytics, Versions, and Content Catalog. The main area displays the skill's configuration, including a 'Webhook URL' field and a table for 'Assistant responds'. The table has two columns: 'If assistant recognizes' and 'Respond with'. The first row shows a response for '\$webhook_result_1' with a custom response. The second row shows a response for 'anything_else' with a default response. The right sidebar shows a 'Try it out' section with a chat interface and a 'Manage Context' button.

	If assistant recognizes	Respond with
1	\$webhook_result_1	"<\$webhook_result_1.passag
2	anything_else	Please try again later.

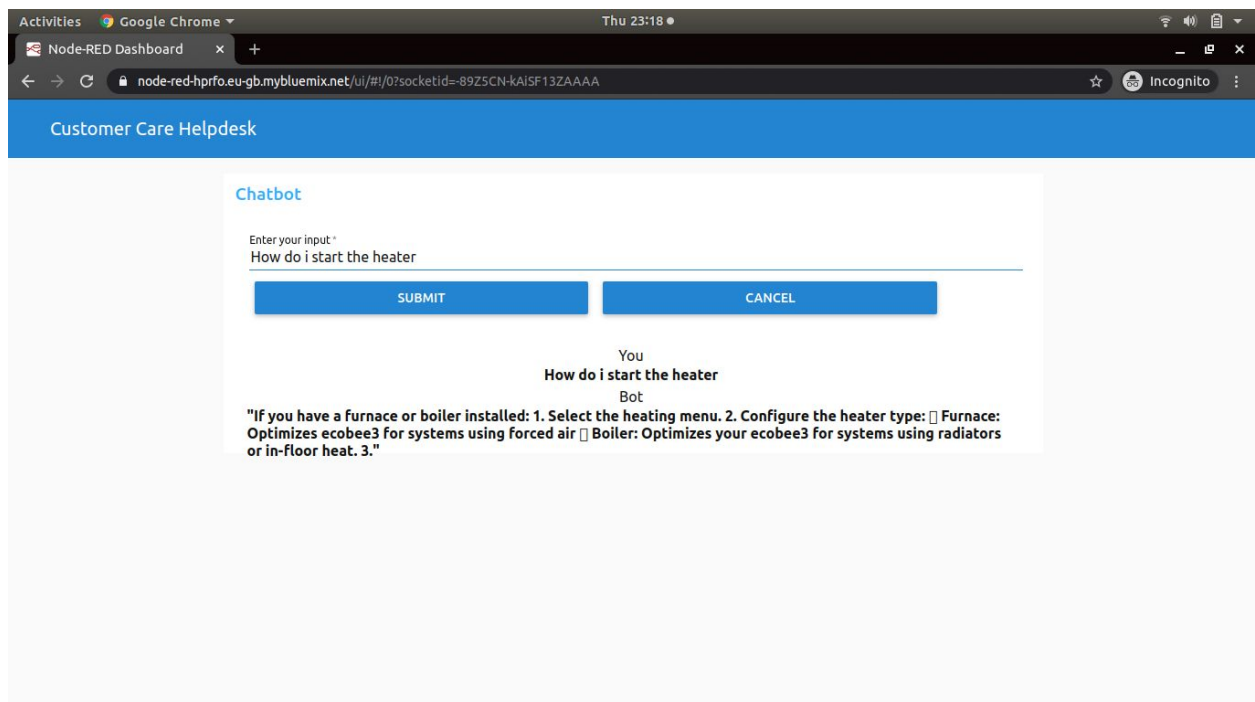
5. Built node-red flow to integrate all services

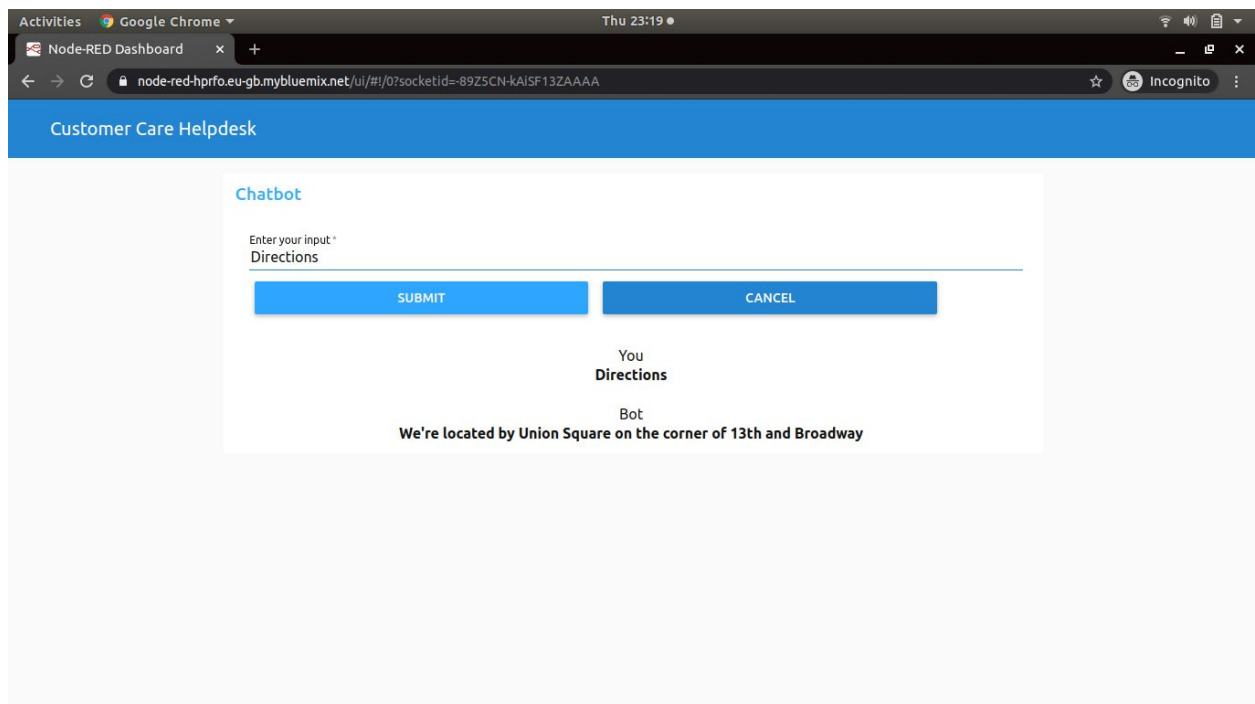
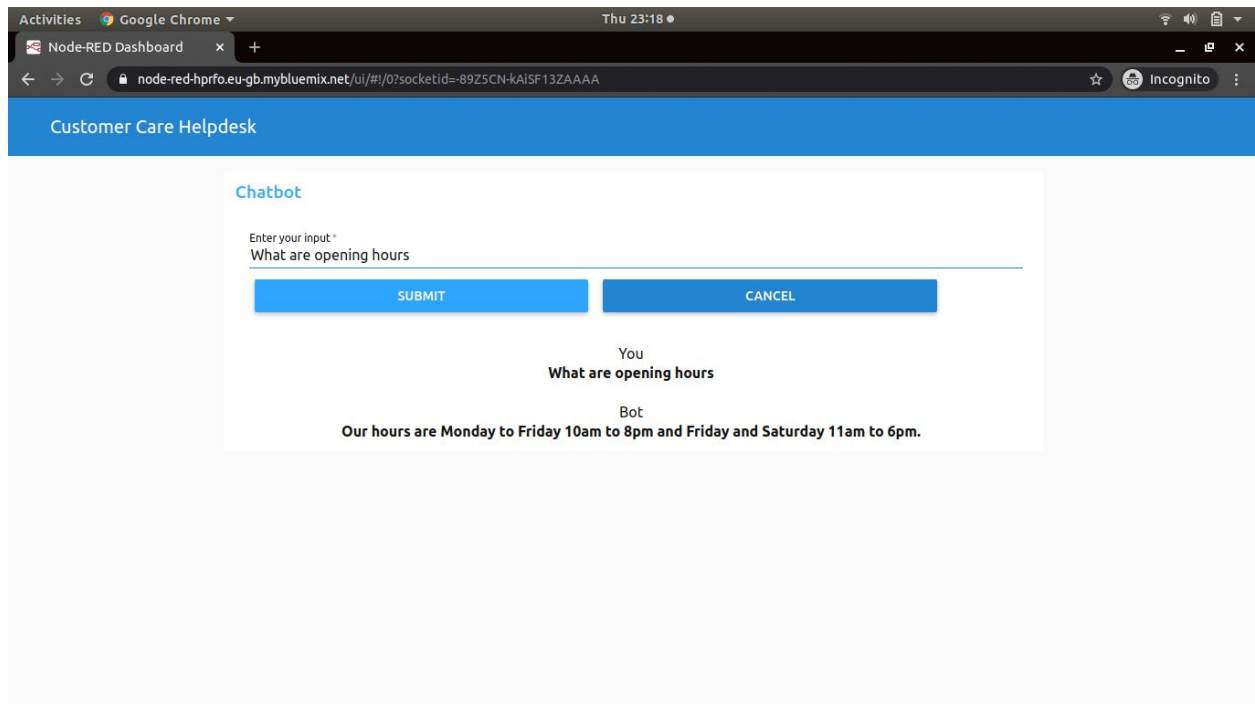


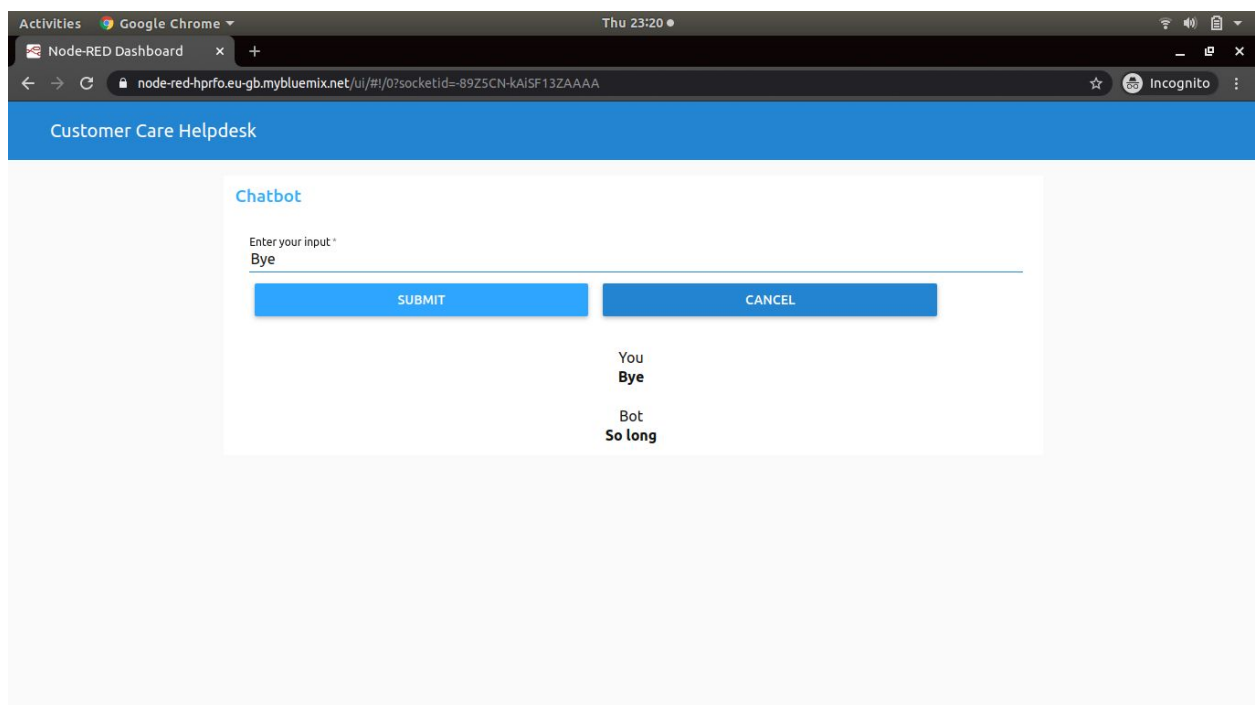
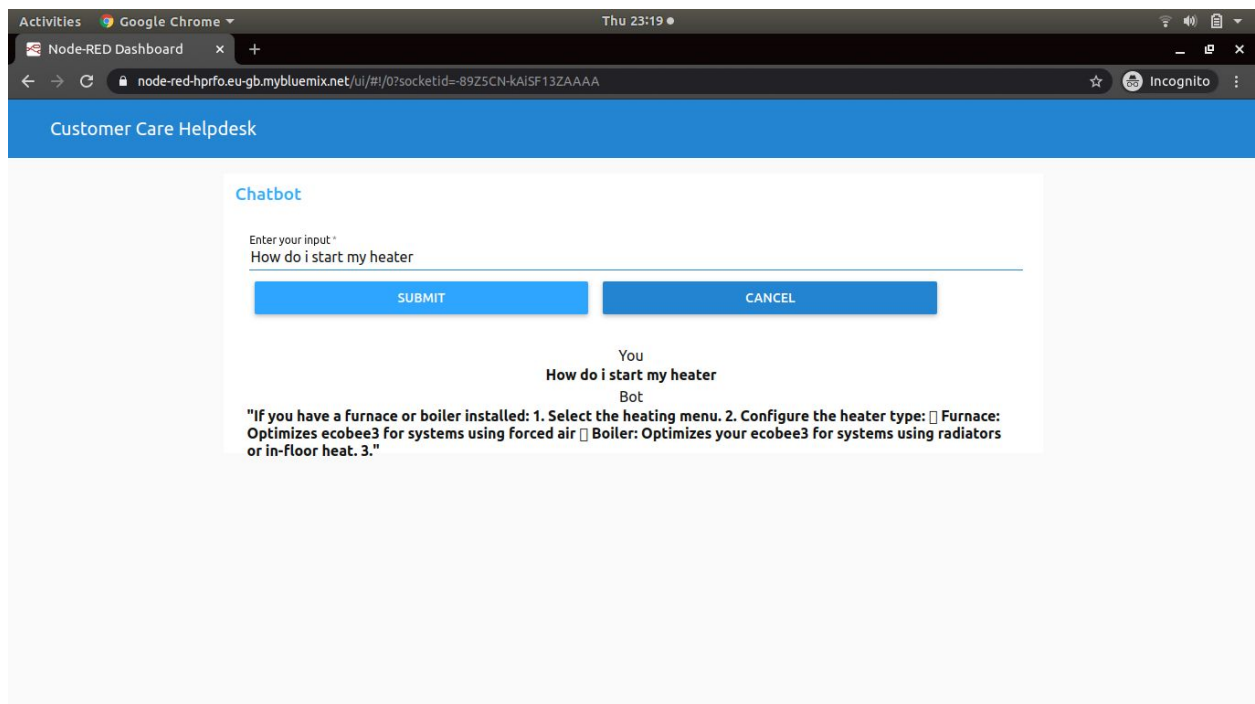
6. Built a web dashboard



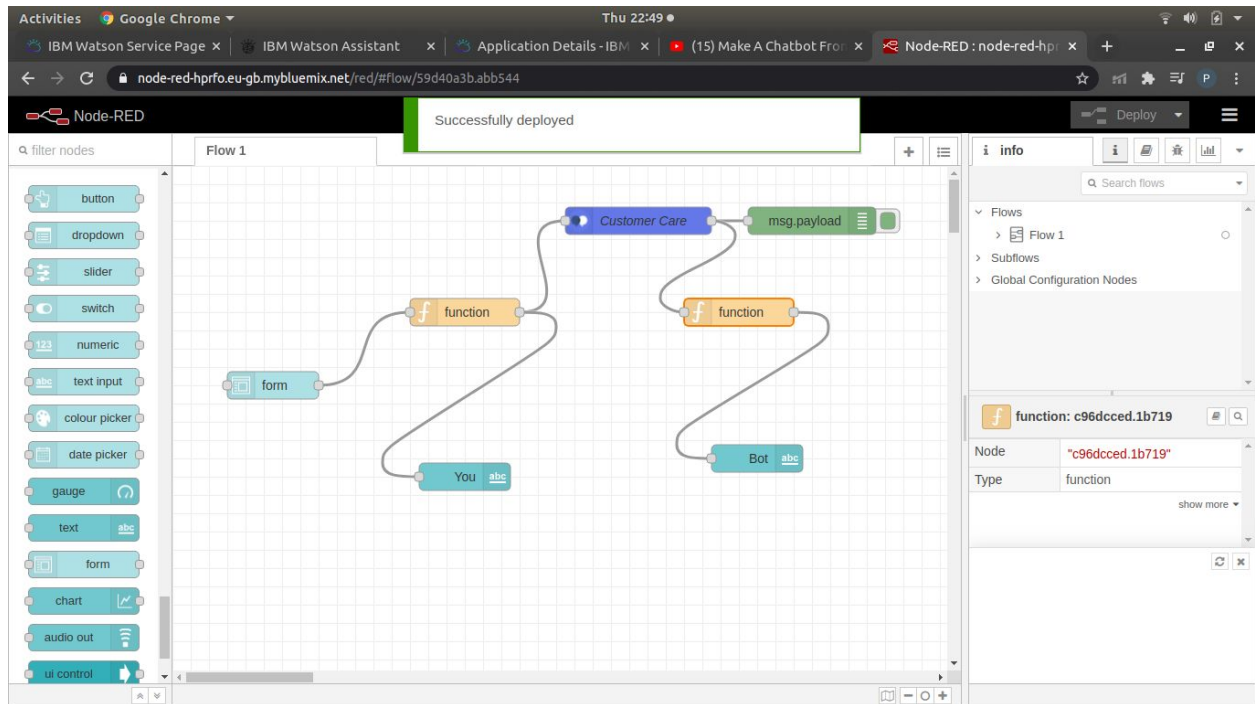
7. Tested and captured results







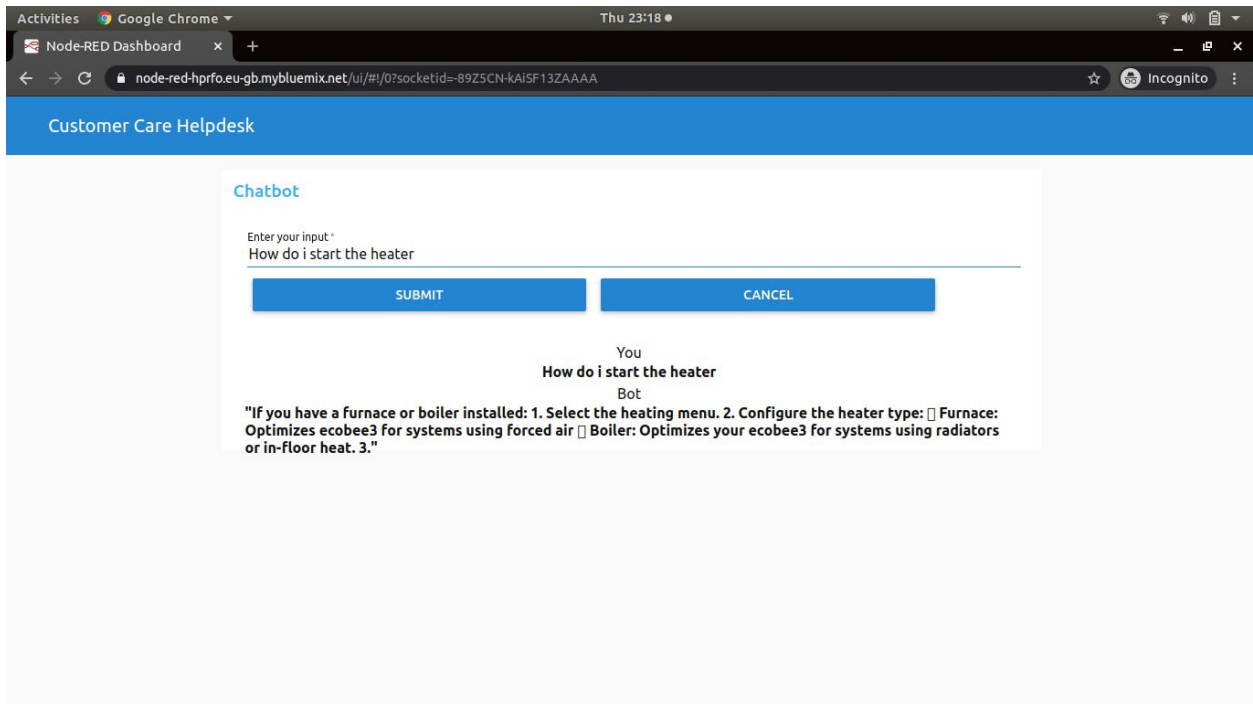
5.FLOWCHARTS



6. RESULT

Finally all the components are integrated using node-red dashboard. They can be displayed on dashboard UI by using URL-

<https://node-red-hprfo.eu-gb.mybluemix.net/ui/#!/0?socketid=zrfxwKUNr0-5VpzrAAAF>



7. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

Advantages

1. Reduces man power
2. Cost efficient
3. Faster customer service
4. 24/7 availability
5. Increased customer satisfaction
6. Customer agent can focus on other tasks as no need to divert any calls to him/her.

Disadvantages

1. Maintainance.
2. Limited response for customers.
3. May give same answers for different sentiments.
4. Sometimes cannot connect to customer emotions and sentiments.

8. APPLICATIONS

- It can be deployed on social media platforms like facebook, slack etc.

- Can also be deployed on any website to clarify basic doubts like coding blocks, udemy etc.

9. CONCLUSION

By following proper steps , I was successfully able to create Intelligent Customer Help Desk smart chatbot using Watson assistant, Watson discovery, Node-RED and Cloud-functions.

10. FUTURE SCOPE

To extend it further, we can also include Watson Studio text to speech and speech to text services and can also integrate it with a robot.

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Appendix:

a) Source code

1. Cloud function action

```
/**  
  
 *  
  
 * @param {object} params  
  
 * @param {string} params.iam_apikey  
  
 * @param {string} params.url  
  
 * @param {string} params.username  
  
 * @param {string} params.password
```



```

* @param {string} params.environment_id

* @param {string} params.collection_id

* @param {string} params.configuration_id

* @param {string} params.input

*

* @return {object}

*

*/

const assert = require('assert');

const DiscoveryV1 = require('watson-developer-cloud/discovery/v1');

/**

*

* main() will be run when you invoke this action

*

* @param Cloud Functions actions accept a single parameter, which must be a JSON object.

*

* @return The output of this action, which must be a JSON object.

*

*/

```

```
function main(params) {  
  
    return new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {  
  
        let discovery;  
  
        if (params.iam_apikey){  
  
            discovery = new DiscoveryV1({  
  
                'iam_apikey': params.iam_apikey,  
  
                'url': params.url,  
  
                'version': '2019-03-25'  
  
            });  
        }  
        else {  
  
            discovery = new DiscoveryV1({  
  
                'username': params.username,  
  
                'password': params.password,  
  
                'url': params.url,  
  
                'version': '2019-03-25'  
  
            });  
        }  
    })  
}
```

```
discovery.query({  
  
  'environment_id': params.environment_id,  
  
  'collection_id': params.collection_id,  
  
  'natural_language_query': params.input,  
  
  'passages': true,  
  
  'count': 3,  
  
  'passages_count': 3  
}, function(err, data) {  
  
  if (err) {  
  
    return reject(err);  
  
  }  
  
  return resolve(data);  
  
});  
  
});  
}
```

2. Node-red flow

```
[  
  
  {  
  
    "id": "59d40a3b.abb544",  
  
    "type": "tab",  
  
    "label": "Flow 1",  
  
    "disabled": false,  
  
    "info": ""  
  
  },  
  
  {  
  
    "id": "937d65c0.69c048",  
  
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      {  
  
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```

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```

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  "finalize": "",

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  "y": 160,

  "wires": [[{"b707a4ca.6434d8"}]]
```

```
},  
  
{  
  
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  "workspaceid": "YOUR_ID",  
  
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  "context": true,  
  
  "empty-payload": false,  
  
  "service-endpoint": "YOUR_URL",  
  
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},  
  
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```

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"name": "",

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},  
  
{  
  
  "id": "69a8b472.3b4cec",  
  
  "type": "ui_tab",  
  
  "z": "",  
  
  "name": "Customer Care Helpdesk",  
  
  "icon": "dashboard",  
  
  "disabled": false,  
  
  "hidden": false
```

```
}  
[
```

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