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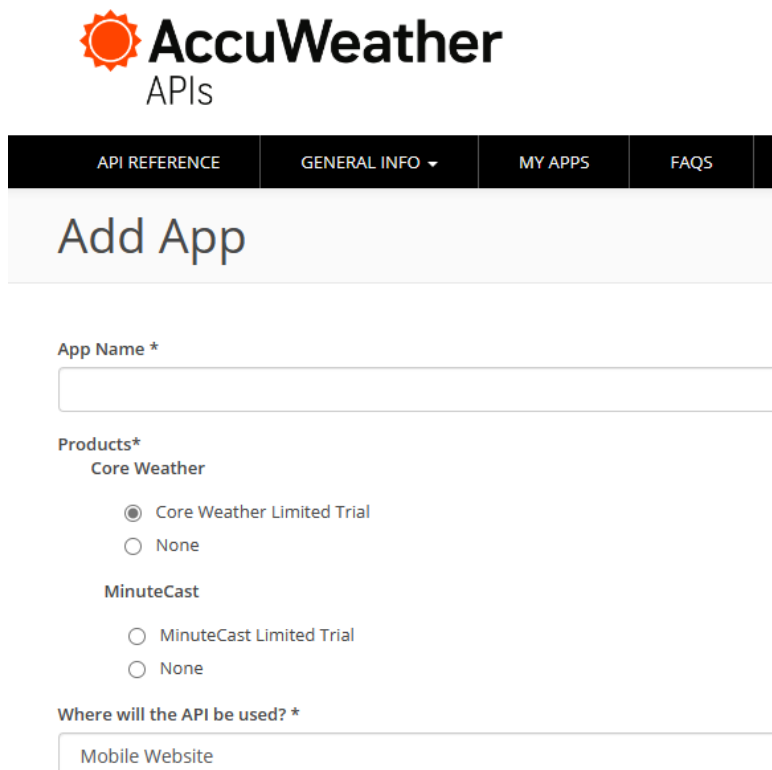
Learning objective: call an external REST API from Flow

Duration: 15 minutes

Prerequisites: This exercise aims to call the AccuWeather API to get the weather in a specific city.

Tasks:

1. Go to the site <https://developer.accuweather.com/> and register for a free account; log in with your account and create a new App – select the **Core Weather Limited Trial** product:



The screenshot shows the 'Add App' page on the AccuWeather APIs developer portal. At the top is the AccuWeather logo and the text 'APIs'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: 'API REFERENCE', 'GENERAL INFO' (with a dropdown arrow), 'MY APPS', and 'FAQS'. The main heading is 'Add App'. The form contains the following fields:

- App Name ***: A text input field.
- Products***: A section with two groups of radio buttons.
 - Core Weather**:
 - ☒ Core Weather Limited Trial
 - ☐ None
 - MinuteCast**:
 - ☐ MinuteCast Limited Trial
 - ☐ None
- Where will the API be used? ***: A dropdown menu with 'Mobile Website' selected.

An API key will be generated and associated with your flow:

new

Power Automate in a day

Keys

Products

Details

Analytics

Edit "Power Automate in a day"

Delete "Power Automate in a day"

Power Automate in a day's Keys

The key below can be used to access the API products associated with this application.

API Key

[REDACTED]

Key Issued

Sun, 02/19/2023 - 08:22

2. In your browser, type
`http://dataservice.accuweather.com/locations/v1/search?q=brussels&apikey=<yourapikey>`

where <yourapikey> is the key provided above.

Several locations in the world are called Brussels. Select the one in **Belgium**, and copy the key:

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[{"Version":1,"Key":"27581","Type":"City","Rank":40,"LocalizedName":"Brussels","EnglishName":"Brussels","PrimaryPostalCode":"BE","LocalizedName":"Belgium","EnglishName":"Belgium","AdministrativeArea":{"ID":"BRU","LocalizedName":"Brussels","EnglishName":"Europe/Brussels","GmtOffset":1.0,"IsDaylightSaving":false,"NextOffsetChange":"2023-03-26T01:00:00Z"},"G":{"Value":114.0,"Unit":"ft","UnitType":0},"IsAlias":false,"SupplementalAdminAreas":[],"DataSets":["AirQualityCurrentConditions","Version":1,"Key":"54981","Type":"City","Rank":85,"LocalizedName":"Brussels","EnglishName":"Brussels","PrimaryPostalCode":"CA","LocalizedName":"Canada","EnglishName":"Canada","AdministrativeArea":{"ID":"ON","LocalizedName":"Ontario","EnglishName":"America/Toronto"},"GmtOffset":-5.0,"IsDaylightSaving":false,"NextOffsetChange":"2023-03-12T07:00:00Z"},"G":{"Value":1115.0,"Unit":"ft","UnitType":0},"IsAlias":false,"SupplementalAdminAreas":[{"Level":2,"LocalizedName":"Huron","EnglishName":"AirQualityCurrentConditions","AirQualityForecasts","Alerts","ForecastConfidence","FutureRadar","MinuteCast","Radar"}],"Version":1,"Key":"NAM","LocalizedName":"North America","EnglishName":"North America","Country":{"ID":"US","LocalizedName":"United States","Level":1,"LocalizedName":"Illinois","EnglishName":"Illinois","Level":1,"LocalizedType":"State","EnglishType":"State","Count":12708.000000000001,"GeoPosition":{"Latitude":38.95,"Longitude":-90.589,"Elevation":{"Metric":{"Value":151.0,"Unit":"m","UnitType":1,"Level":2,"LocalizedName":"Calhoun","EnglishName":"Calhoun"},"DataSets":["AirQualityCurrentConditions","AirQualityForecast"]}}]}
```

3. Create a **Power Automate instant flow**;
4. add the **HTTP** action and provide the following values:

Manually trigger a flow

HTTP

* Method: GET

* URI: <http://dataservice.accuweather.com/currentconditions/v1/27581>

Headers

test	555	
Enter key	Enter value	

Queries

apikey	YrbpOiWYasjqREjxSooqbS6kWSnRcgE	
details	false	
Enter key	Enter value	

Body: Enter request content

Cookie: Enter HTTP cookie

Show advanced options

- The **method** must be **GET**
- The **URI**: <http://dataservice.accuweather.com/currentconditions/v1/27581>
- In Queries:

apikey : <your apikey>

details: false

5. Save and run the flow. The result value (in the body of the HTTP action looks like this:

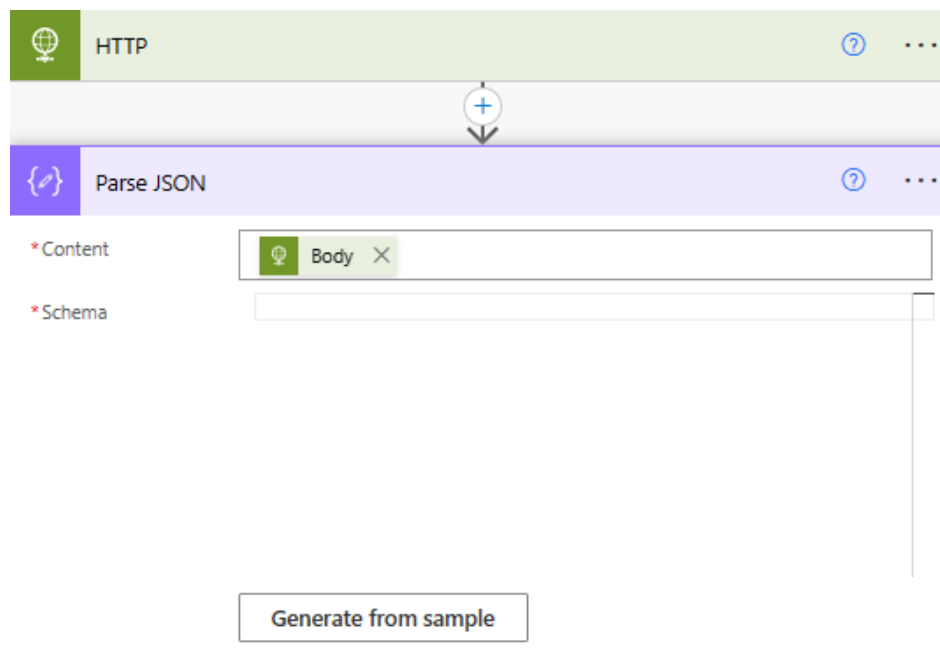
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[
{
  "LocalObservationDateTime": "2023-02-19T10:22:00+01:00",
  "EpochTime": 1676798520,
  "WeatherText": "Mostly cloudy",
  "WeatherIcon": 6,
  "HasPrecipitation": false,
  "PrecipitationType": null,
  "IsDayTime": true,
  "Temperature": {
    "Metric": {
      "Value": 9.4,
      "Unit": "C",
      "UnitType": 17
    }
  }
}
```

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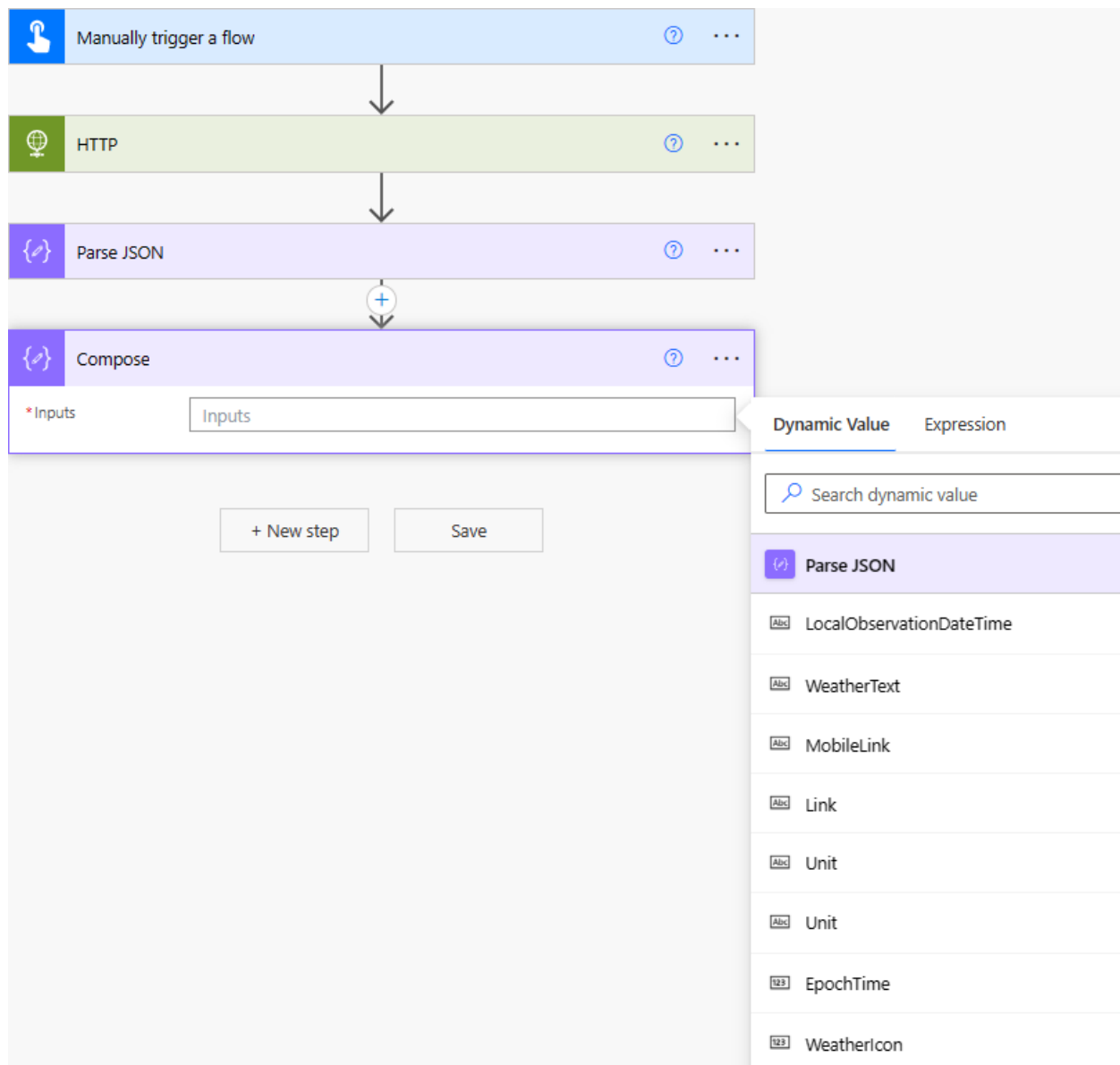
    },
    "Imperial": {
      "Value": 49,
      "Unit": "F",
      "UnitType": 18
    }
  },
  "MobileLink": "http://www.accuweather.com/en/be/brussels/27581/current-weather/27581?lang=en-us",
  "Link": "http://www.accuweather.com/en/be/brussels/27581/current-weather/27581?lang=en-us"
}
]

```

6. Copy the return value of the HTTP action into your clipboard.
7. After the HTTP action, add a **Parse JSON** action and connect the Content property to the body of the HTTP action:



8. Click **Generate from sample**, paste the content from your clipboard and click **Done**.
9. Add a compose and bring it the Dynamic value of Parse JSON:



This is a straightforward way to retrieve value from a complex JSON.

However, using the HTTP complex can still be error-prone. Therefore, we will encapsulate the HTTP call into a custom connector in the next lab.