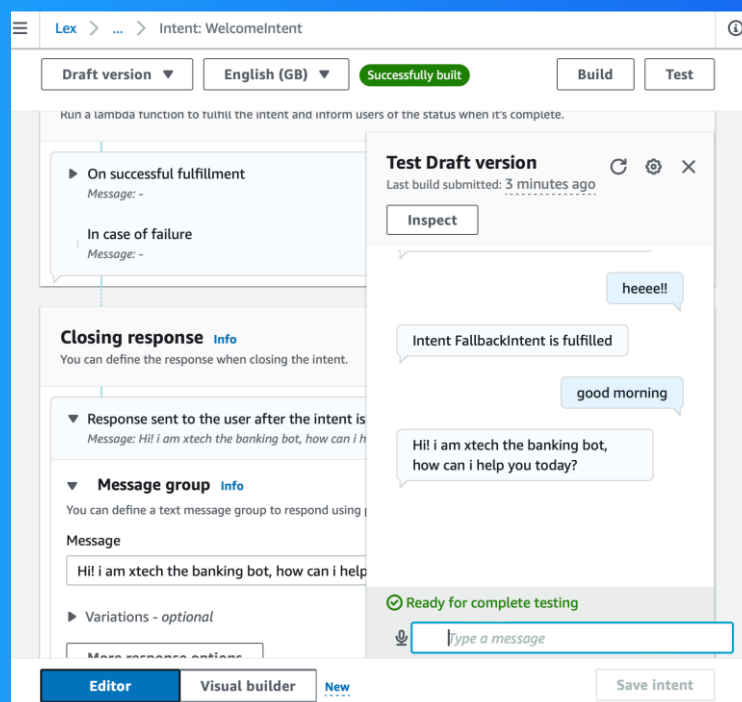




# Build a Chatbot with Amazon Lex

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# Introducing Today's Project!

## What is Amazon Lex?

Amazon Lex enables developers to build conversational interfaces, such as chatbots. It's useful because it simplifies the creation of natural language understanding (NLU) and automatic speech recognition (ASR) capabilities, allowing users to interact

## How I used Amazon Lex in this project

I used Amazon Lex to create a chatbot with intents like WelcomeIntent and FallbackIntent. I configured the bot to handle user greetings and unclear inputs, tested it for accuracy, and integrated it with response messages to improve interaction.

## One thing I didn't expect in this project was...

I didn't expect was the complexity of fine-tuning the FallbackIntent. It required more attention to ensure it handled a wide range of unrecognized inputs effectively without causing user frustration. It shows importance of detailed config & testing

## This project took me...

The project took me approximately 30 mins to complete. This included setting up the Amazon Lex bot, defining intents, testing responses, and refining configurations to ensure accurate and helpful interactions.



# Setting up a Lex chatbot

I created my chatbot from scratch with Amazon Lex, setting it up took me about 5 mins

While creating my chatbot, I also created a role with basic permissions because because Amazon Lex needs permission to interact with other AWS services on my behalf. ensure that the chatbot has the minimum required access to perform essential opps

intent classification confidence score, I kept the default value of 0.40. so that amazon Lex will consider an intent to be a match if the confidence score of the user's input matching an intent is 0.40 or higher.

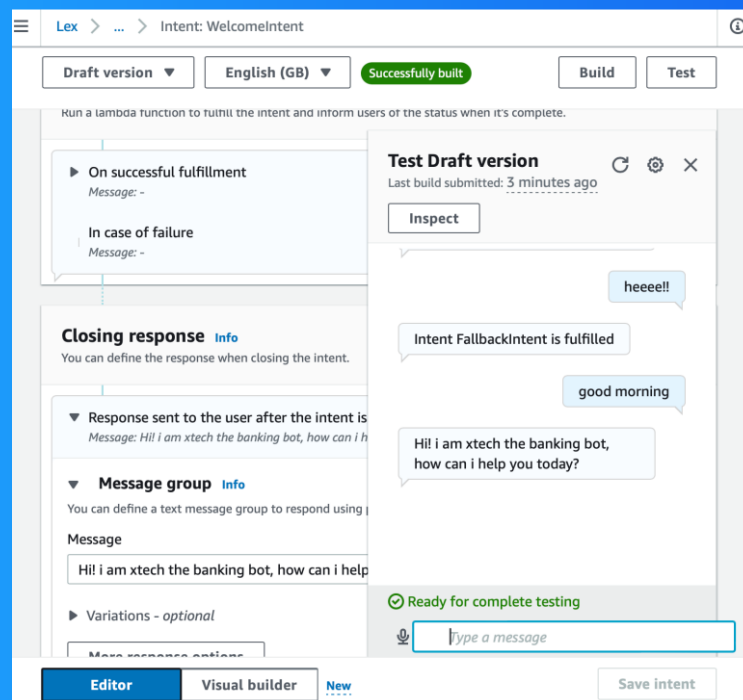
The screenshot shows the AWS Lex console interface for adding a new language to an existing bot. The breadcrumb navigation at the top indicates the path: Lex > Bots > Create bot. The left sidebar shows the current step: Step 2, Add languages. The main content area is titled 'Add language to bot' with an 'Info' link. The configuration is for 'English (US)'. It includes a 'Select language' dropdown menu currently set to 'English (US)', an optional 'Description' text area (with a 200-character limit), a 'Voice interaction' dropdown set to 'Justin', a 'Voice sample' text box containing 'Hello, my name is Justin. Let me know how I can assist you.' with a 'Play' button, and an 'Intent classification confidence score threshold' set to '0.40' (with a range of 0.00 to 1.00). At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Add another language', and 'Done'.



# Intents

Intents are the core actions a chatbot recognizes and responds to. They represent what the user wants to achieve, like booking a flight or ordering food, guiding the chatbot in understanding user requests and providing appropriate responses.

I created my first intent, WelcomeIntent, to greet users when they interact with the chatbot for the first time. It triggers a welcoming message that introduces the bot, explains its capabilities, and guides users on how to start their interaction.

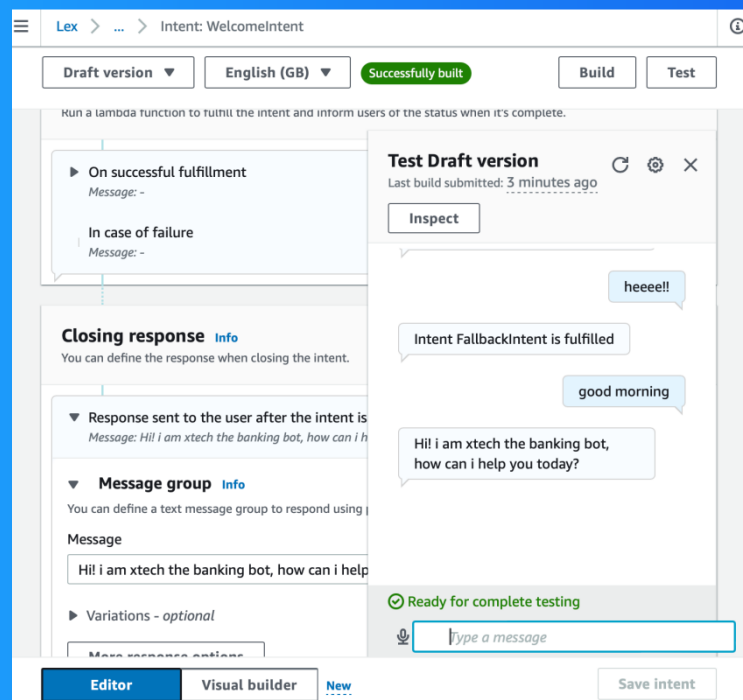




# FallbackIntent

I launched and tested my chatbot, which could respond successfully if I enter "hello" or "hello! I need help." These greetings match the sample utterances defined for the WelcomeIntent, allowing the chatbot to recognize the user's intent and provide

My chatbot returned the error Intent FallbackIntent is fulfilled when I entered "heeee!!" because the input didn't match any defined intents or utterances, triggering the fallback intent, which handles unrecognized or unclear user input.





# Configuring FallbackIntent

FallbackIntent is a default intent in every chatbot that gets triggered when the user's input doesn't match any of the defined intents with sufficient confidence. It acts as a catch-all for unrecognized or unclear inputs, providing a default response

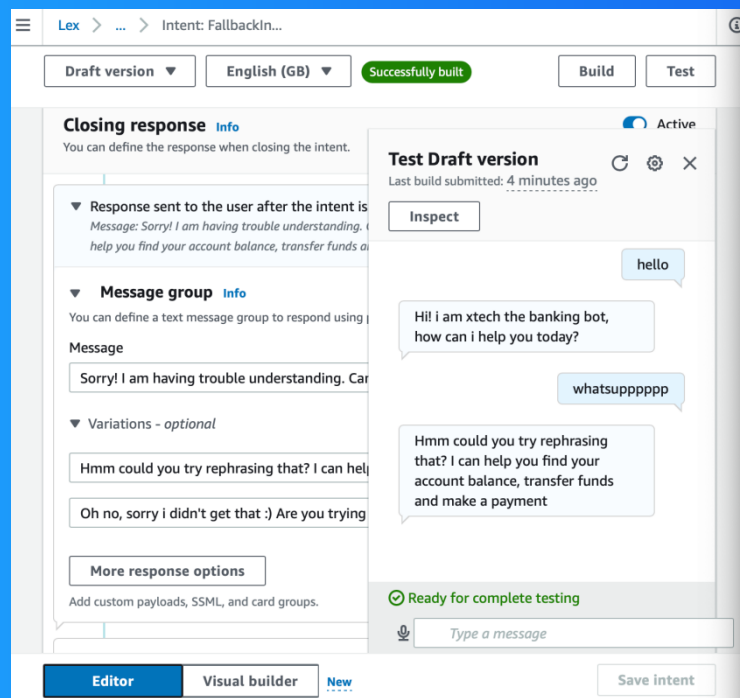
I wanted to configure FallbackIntent because it ensures that the chatbot can handle unexpected or unrecognized user inputs gracefully. By providing a default response, it guides users back to the intended flow, improves user experience.



# Variations

To configure FallbackIntent, I added a set of sample utterances that users might say when the bot doesn't understand their request. I then defined a response message to guide users and help them rephrase their query or provide more context.

I also added variations! What this means for an end user is that the chatbot can recognize and respond to a broader range of similar inputs. Variations are alternative ways of expressing the same intent, helping the bot understand diverse phrasing





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