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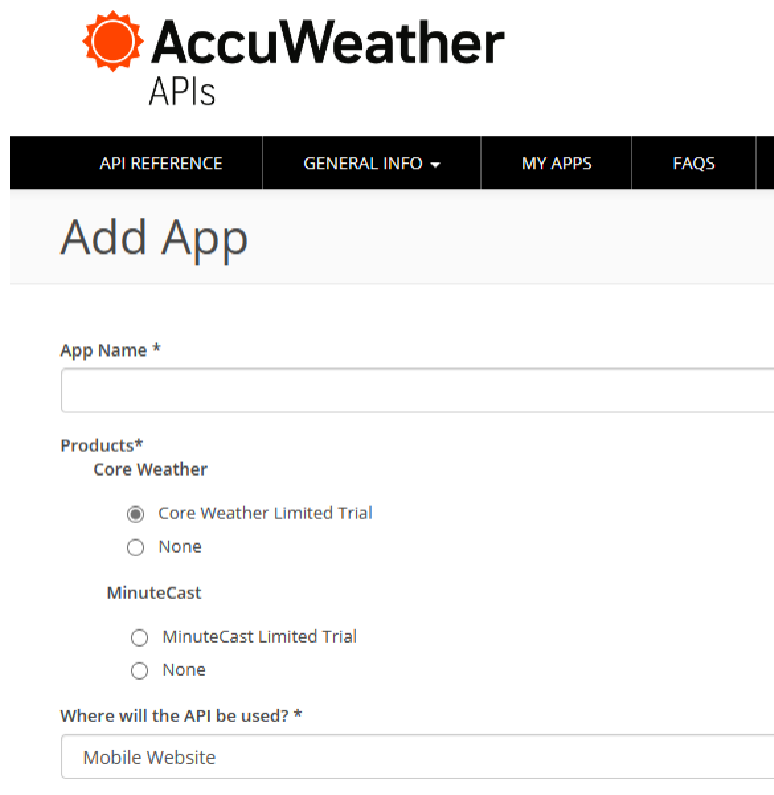
**Learning objective:** call an external REST API from Flow

**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' form on the AccuWeather APIs website. The form includes a navigation bar with links for API REFERENCE, GENERAL INFO, MY APPS, and FAQs. The main heading is 'Add App'. Below this, there is a section for 'App Name' with a text input field. The 'Products' section is divided into 'Core Weather' and 'MinuteCast'. Under 'Core Weather', the 'Core Weather Limited Trial' product is selected with a radio button, and 'None' is also an option. Under 'MinuteCast', 'MinuteCast Limited Trial' and 'None' are options. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Where will the API be used?' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Mobile Website'.

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

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Keys Products Details Analytics Edit "Power Automate in a day" Delete "Power Auto

**Power Automate in a day's Keys**

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

<b>API Key</b>	
<b>Key Issued</b>	Sun, 02/19/2023 - 08:22

Each location (like a city) can be identified by a specific code called **location key**; let's find the location key of the city "Brussels".

- 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":"","ID":"BE","LocalizedName":"Belgium","EnglishName":"Belgium","AdministrativeArea":{"ID":"BRU","LocalizedName":"Brussels","EnglishName":"Brussels","Code":"CET","Name":"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","AirQualityForecasts","Alerts","ForecastConfidence","FutureRadar","MinuteCast","Radar"]},{"Version":1,"Key":"54981","Type":"City","Rank":85,"LocalizedName":"Brussels","EnglishName":"Brussels","PrimaryPostalCode":"N","ID":"CA","LocalizedName":"Canada","EnglishName":"Canada","AdministrativeArea":{"ID":"ON","LocalizedName":"Ontario","EnglishName":"Ontario","Code":"EST","Name":"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":"Huron","Code":"EST","Name":"America/Toronto","GmtOffset":-5.0,"IsDaylightSaving":false,"NextOffsetChange":"2023-03-12T07:00:00Z"}],{"DataSets":["AirQualityCurrentConditions","AirQualityForecasts","Alerts","ForecastConfidence","FutureRadar","MinuteCast","Radar"]},{"Version":1,"Key":"12708","Type":"State","Rank":1,"LocalizedName":"Illinois","EnglishName":"Illinois","Level":1,"LocalizedType":"State","EnglishType":"State","Count":12708,"GeoPosition":{"Latitude":38.95,"Longitude":-90.589,"Elevation":{"Metric":{"Value":151.0,"Unit":"m","UnitType":0},"Level":2,"LocalizedName":"Calhoun","EnglishName":"Calhoun"},"DataSets":["AirQualityCurrentConditions","AirQualityForecasts"]}}
```

- Create a **Power Automate instant flow**;
- 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	YrbpfOiWYasjqREjxSooqbS6kWSnRcgE
	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:

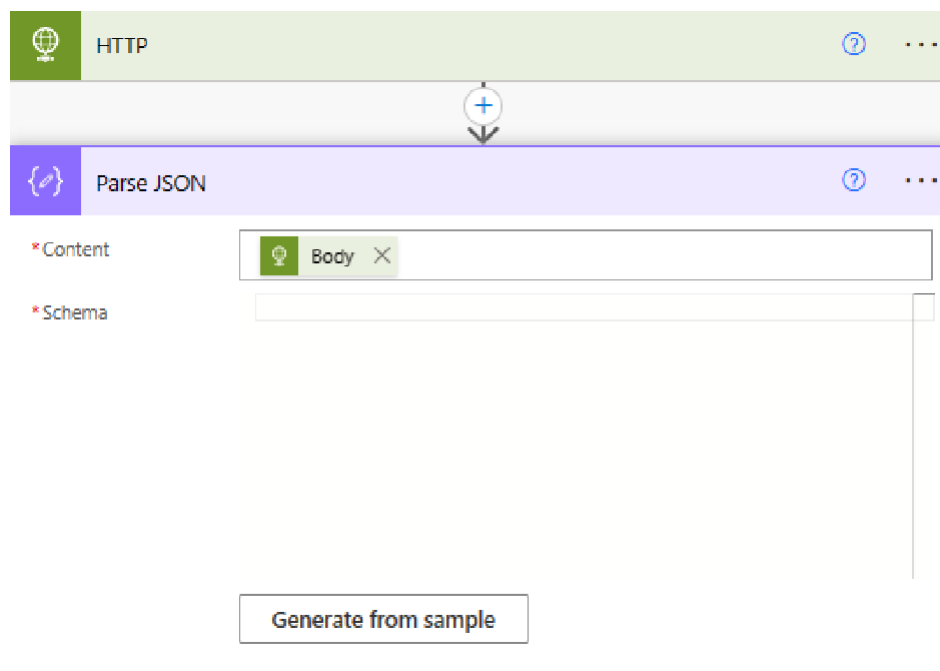
```
[
{
  "LocalObservationDateTime": "2023-02-19T10:22:00+01:00",
  "EpochTime": 1676798520,
  "WeatherText": "Mostly cloudy",
  "WeatherIcon": 6,
  "HasPrecipitation": false,
  "PrecipitationType": null,
  "IsDayTime": true,
  "Temperature": {
    "Metric": {
      "Value": 9.4,
      "Unit": "C",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

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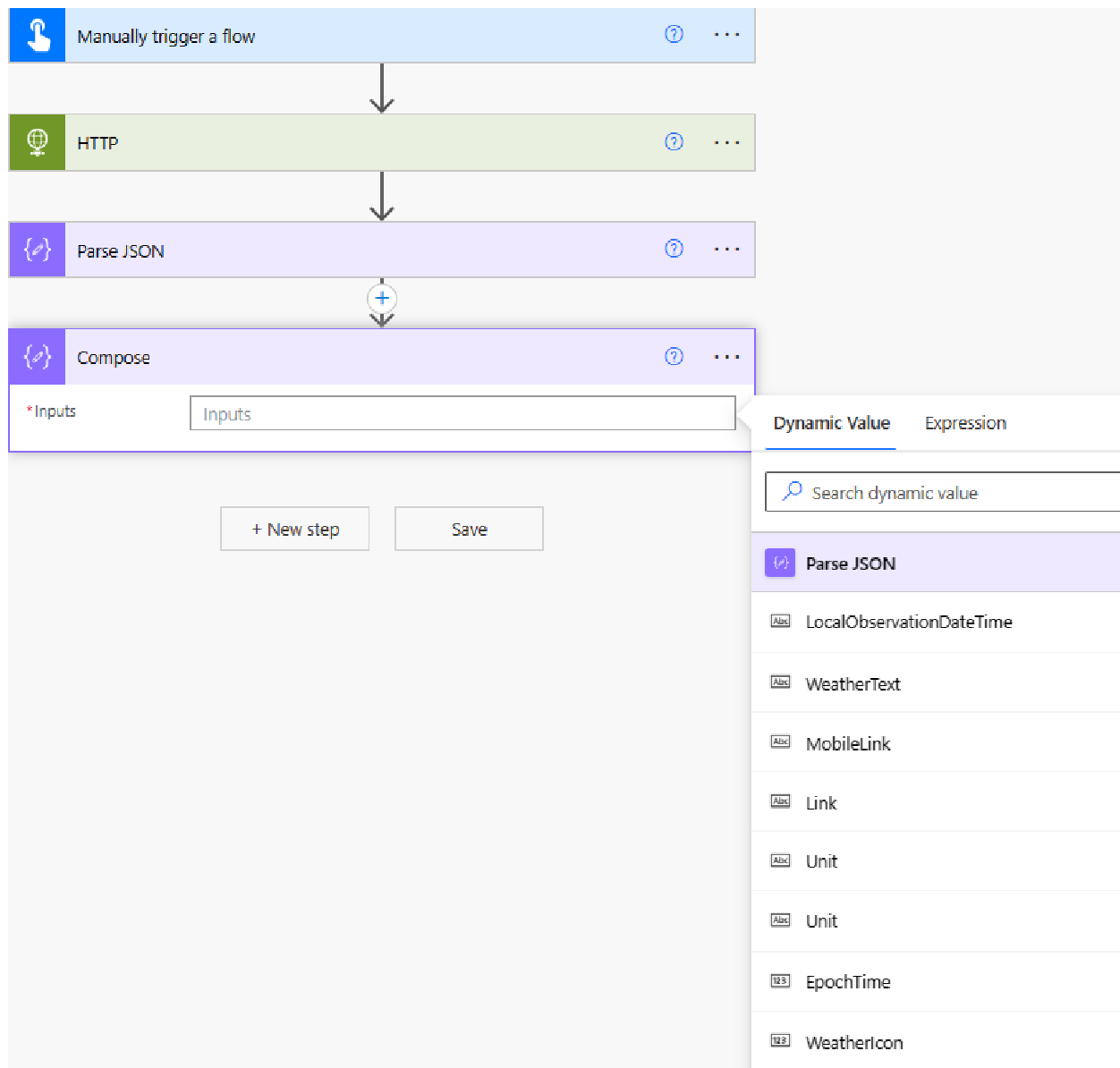
    },
    "Imperial": {
      "Value": 49,
      "Unit": "F",
      "UnitType": 18
    }
  },
  "MobileLink": "http://www.accuweather.com/en/be/brussels/27581/current-weather/27581?lang=en-us",
  "Link": "http://www.accuweather.com/en/be/brussels/27581/current-weather/27581?lang=en-us"
}
]

```

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.