



Extending your Azure Integration Solutions with Open AI

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Agenda

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Disclaimer & Setting Expectations

- I don't have commercial experience building business applications leveraging GenAI models.
- I've been using GenAI on my day-to-day to boost my learning and productivity.
- It's still early days for GenAI models
- The demo I'll share was an experiment
- My goals are:
 - Show you in a small scale what's possible
 - Inspire you to explore new ways to solve problems using GenAI.



Azure Open AI Overview

- **Open AI** is one of the many organisations currently developing Generative AI models.
- Some of the **models available from Open AI** are:
 - **GPT4** – Understanding and generation of natural language and code
 - **DALL-E** – Image generation and editing based on natural language
 - **Whisper** – Audio to text conversion
 - **Sora** (under development) – Video generation from natural language.
- **ChatGPT** is a specialised version of GPT fine-tuned for conversations or conversational AI apps.
- **Azure Open AI**: Azure service offering Open AI models with enterprise security, governance, & data privacy (inputs & outputs).



How to Access Azure Open AI APIs

- Azure subscription
- Get **access granted** for Open AI in your Azure subscription
- Create an **Azure Open AI resource** on Azure
- **Deploy a model**, e.g., GPT-4
- Get model API **endpoint and key**
- **Interact** with the model or API via
 - **Studio**: via a playground
 - **SDKs**, e.g., Python, Java, JavaScript, Spring, Go, C#, etc.
 - Rest API

What are Prompts and Prompt Engineering?

- **Prompts** are natural language instructions crafted to give an AI model a task and relative context
- **Prompt engineering** is an iterative process that shapes the inputs from users to the AI model to get desired outputs effectively.
- **Strategies**
 - Write **clear instructions**, give enough details and context to the task.
 - Provide **reference text** or examples
 - **Split complex tasks** into simpler subtasks
 - **Give the model time to think**, e.g. instruct to provide a thought process
 - **Test prompt changes systematically**
- A **temperature parameter** is used to determine the randomness of the model's output with a given prompt.

Demo



Demo - Requirements & Hypotheses

- **Requirements**

- As a **business user**, I must be able to **define and maintain business rules** for an integration solution.
- As a business user, I must be able to **update the business rules without** having to request **code changes** to the solution.

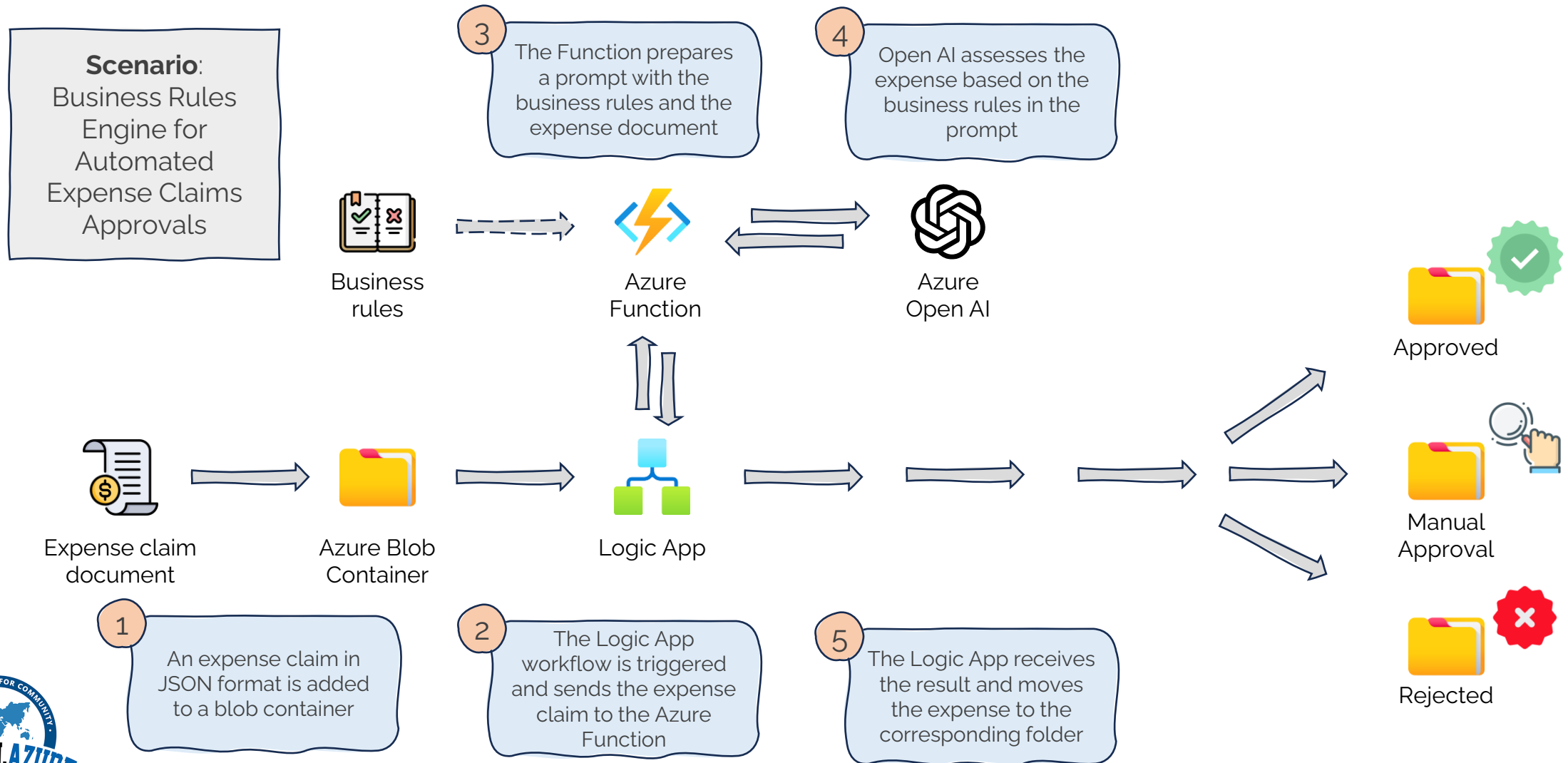
- **Demo Hypotheses**

- We can **use GenAI to better solve an old integration problem.**
- We can use **AI model prompts** to implement a business rules engine (BRE) for an integration solution.
- Business rules can be **defined in natural language.**
- Business rules can be **updated without requiring code changes.**
- We can use automated testing to **test the GenAI-based BRE outputs.**

Demo - Solution Architecture



<https://github.com/pacodelacruz/openai-business-rules-engine-demo>



Approach's Highlights and Potential

- My hypotheses have been proven to be true (so far and ***on my machine***)
- We were able to create a business rules engine based on natural language
- The AI model could make some useful deductions
- Potential for similar specialised use cases:
 - Implementing business logic with ease
 - Collaboration between business users and developers
 - Democratisation of developing business applications
 - Compilation into a structured programming language?



Approach's Constraints and Considerations

- The demo was an **experiment, not an endorsement** of a solution
- AI LLM are **non-deterministic** (*controllable to some extent via temperature*)
- Natural language can introduce
 - **Ambiguity** & lack of control
 - **Inefficiencies** (run time, API dependencies, API constraints)
 - **Complexity** for debugging, troubleshooting, maintenance, performance tuning, etc.
 - **Unexpected outcomes** (hallucinations, non-determinism)
- **Testing** natural language outputs **can be challenging**
- SDKs are in preview
- Still **early days** of GenAI and LLMs.



Q & A



Thank you!

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