

Build intelligent apps on .NET using Azure Communication Services

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Agenda

Logical layers of an intelligent app

Azure Communication channels

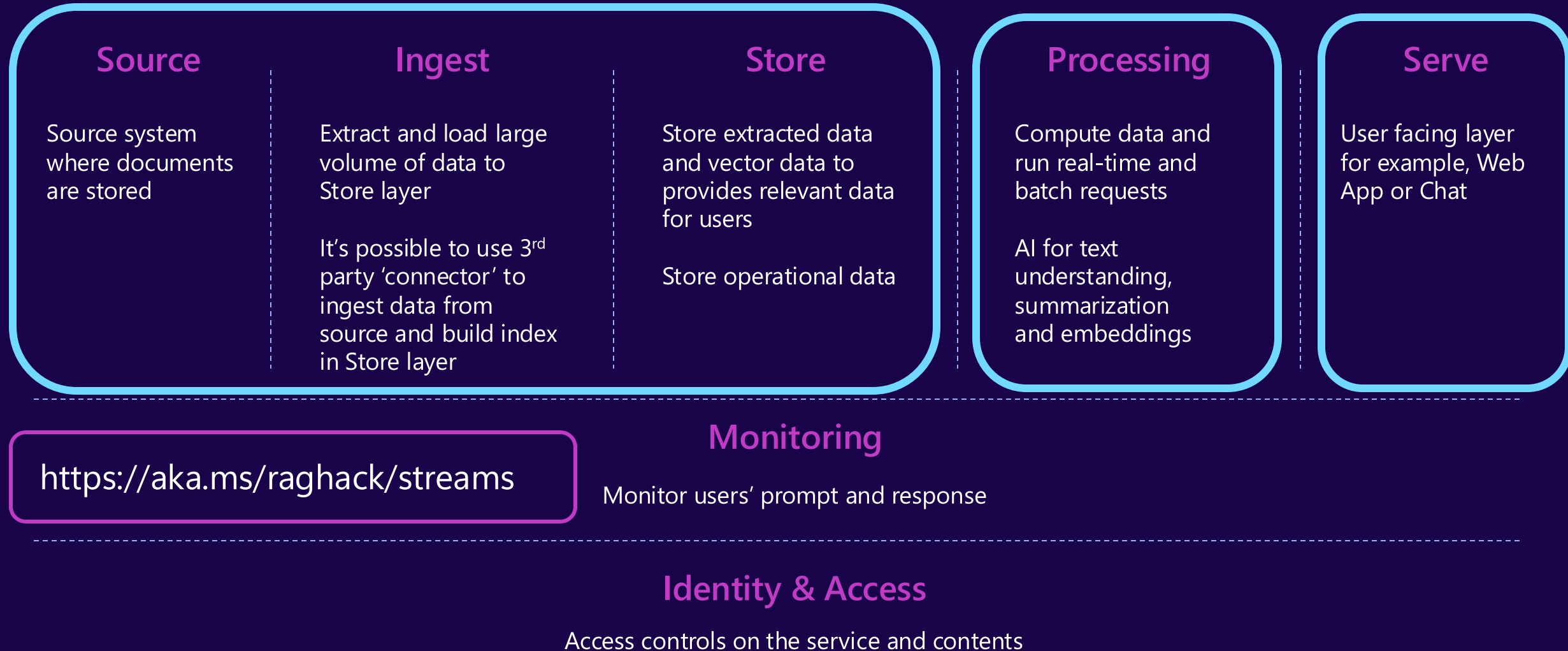
WhatsApp channel for an AI bot

Code walkthrough

PSTN channel for an AI bot

Code walkthrough

Logical layers of an intelligent app





Azure Communication Services

A fully managed communication platform that enables developers and organizations to securely build communications features and connected user experiences across applications and devices.

Core **communication** services

REST API | Web, Mobile, Desktop SDKs



Voice & Video
Calling



Chat



Telephony



SMS



Email



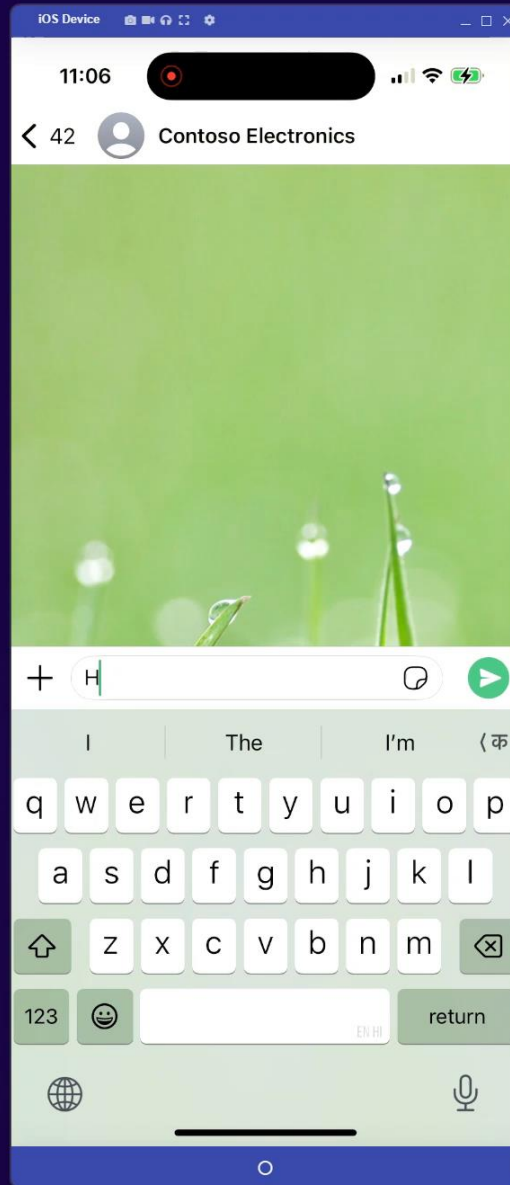
WhatsApp



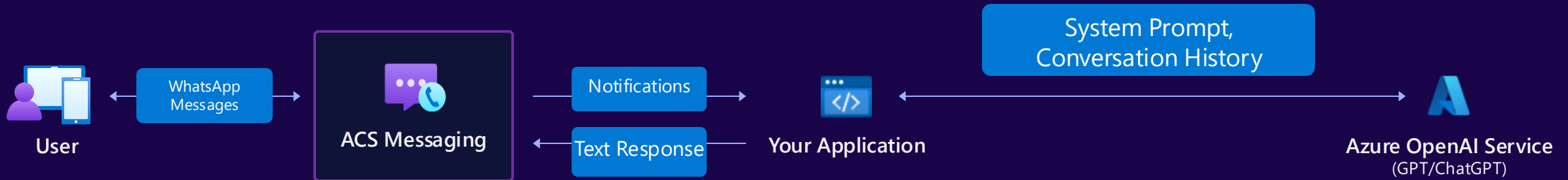
Demo: WhatsApp customer service bot

Azure Open AI
Service

Azure
Communication
Service



Architecture diagram



Steps for adding intelligence to your app

Step 1: Create an Azure Open AI resource on the Azure portal

Step 2: Create an AI model deployment in Azure AI Studio

Step 3: Write and test a system prompt in Azure AI Studio

Step 4: Pass the system prompt and conversation history to a chat completion API in code

```
//Initialize Azure Open AI client
private AzureOpenAIClient _client => new AzureOpenAIClient(
    new Uri([Azure Open AI resource endpoint]),
    new System.ClientModel.ApiKeyCredential
        ([Azure Open AI key] )
);

private async void respondToTheCustomer(string numberToRespondTo)
{
    var systemPrompt = new SystemChatMessage(SystemPrompt);
    var conversationHistory = Messages.ConversationHistory;

    var chatMessages = new List<ChatMessage> { systemPrompt };
    chatMessages.AddRange(conversationHistory);

    var response = await
        _client.GetChatClient(["Deployment Name"]).CompleteChatAsync(chatMessages);

    // Assuming response.Value.ChatResponse contains the text response
    var responseText = response.Value.Content[0].Text;

    await SendWhatsAppMessage(numberToRespondTo, responseText);
    Messages.ConversationHistory.Add(new AssistantChatMessage(responseText))
    Messages.MessagesListStatic.Add(new Message
    {
        Text = $"Assistant : {responseText}"
    });
}
```

Steps for adding WhatsApp channel

Step 1: Create an ACS resource

Step 2: Create a WhatsApp business account

Step 3: Connect your number or an ACS number with WhatsApp account

Step 4: Add code to handle events and sending WhatsApp message

Step 5: Register your local or server url in ACS event grid for receiving WhatsApp messages

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Demo: Phone calling (PSTN) bot

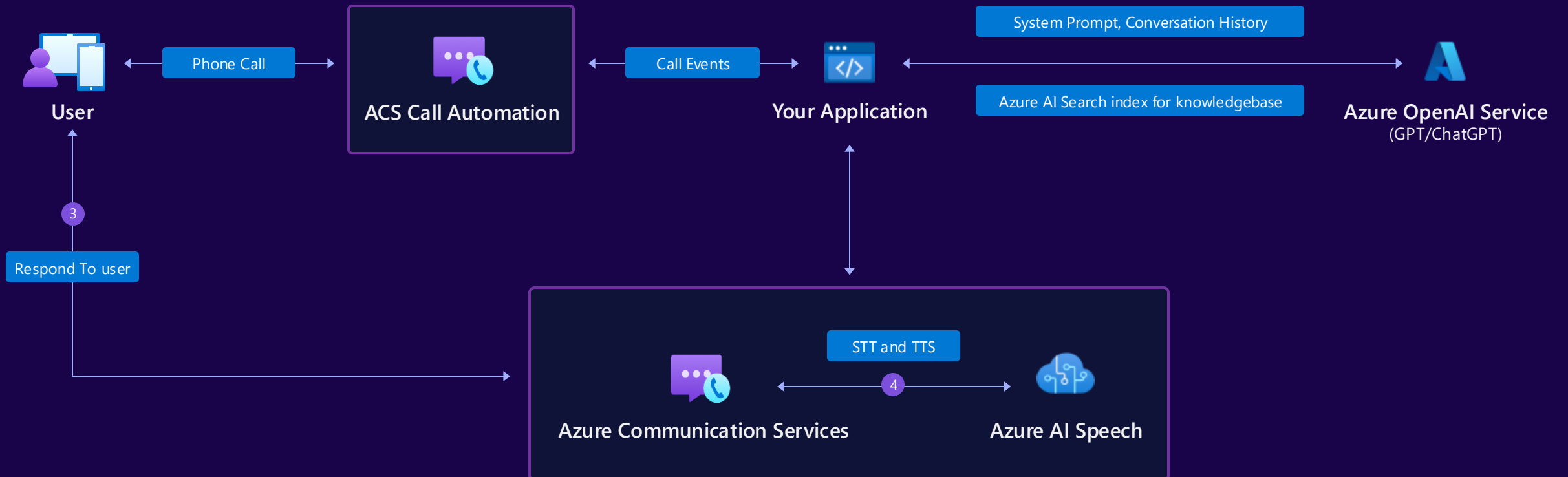
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Service

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Communication
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Azure AI Search

Architecture diagram

<https://aka.ms/AcsIgnite2024>



Steps for adding intelligence to your app

Step 1: Create an Azure Open AI resource on the Azure portal

Step 2: Create an AI model deployment in Azure Open AI Studio

Step 3: Add your data using Azure OpenAI Studio

Step 4: Test system prompt with your data in Azure Open AI Studio

Step 4: Pass the system prompt and conversation history to a streaming chat completion API in code

```
// calling Azure Open AI to get a response for the user based on the conversation history,
// knowledgebase and the system prompt
StringBuilder gptBuffer = new();

await foreach (
    StreamingChatCompletionUpdate update in
    chatClient.CompleteChatStreamingAsync(chatHistoryCache[contextId], options))
{
    var message = update.ContentUpdate;
    foreach (var item in message)
    {
        if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(item.Text))
        {
            continue;
        }

        gptBuffer.Append(item.Text);

        if (sentenceSaperators.Any(item.Text.Contains))
        {
            var sentence = Regex.Replace(gptBuffer.ToString().Trim(), @"\s{1,}", string.Empty);
            if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(sentence))
            {
                chatHistoryCache[contextId].Add(new AssistantChatMessage(sentence));
                await SayAsync(callConnection.GetCallMedia(), new PhoneNumberIdentifier.callerId, sentence);
                Console.WriteLine($"{t} > streamed: '{sentence}'");
                gptBuffer.Clear();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Steps for adding telephony channel

Step 1: Create an ACS resource and get a number

Step 2: Add ACS Call Automation package.

Step 3: Create an endpoint for receiving incoming calls.

Step 4: Create an endpoint for receiving call back events.

Step 5: Deploy/run your app and register the call back url with ACS event grid.

```
// Handle incoming call
app.MapPost("/api/event", async ([FromBody] EventGridEvent[] eventGridEvents) =>
{
    if (eventGridEvent.EventType == "Microsoft.Communication.IncomingCall")
    {
        // Register call back url
        // add logic
    }

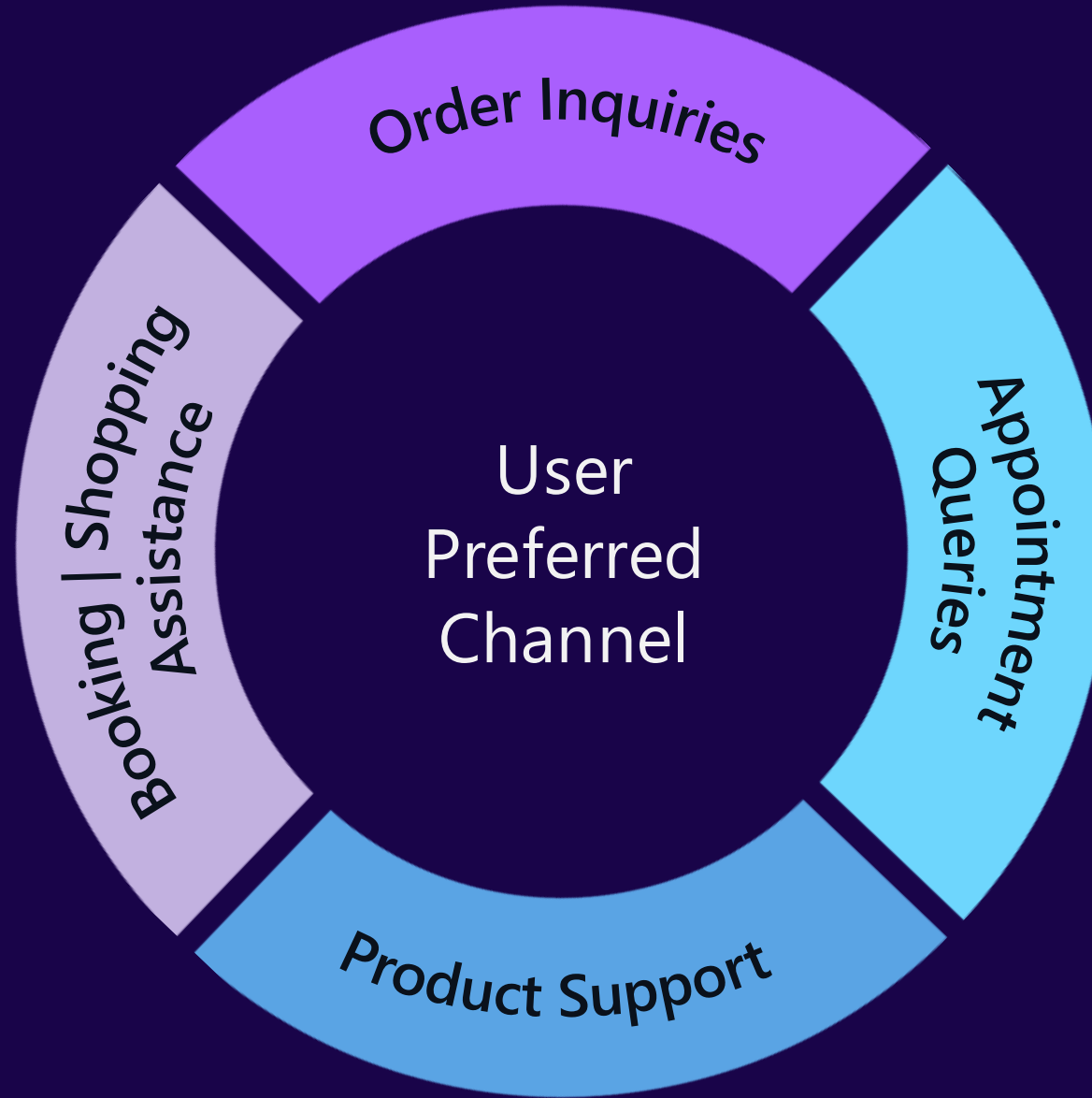
    //Handle call back event such as recognize the speech of the customer, or call connected.
    //These events are sent by the Event grid you need to configure in the ACS resource.
    app.MapPost("/api/callbacks/{contextId}", async (CloudEvent[] cloudEvents, ILogger<Program>
logger, [FromRoute] string contextId,
[Required] string callerId) => {
        foreach (var cloudEvent in cloudEvents)
        {
            var parsedEvent = CallAutomationEventParser.Parse(cloudEvent);

            if (parsedEvent is CallConnected)
            {}

            if (parsedEvent is RecognizeFailed recognizeFailed)
            {}

            // This event is generated when the speech is recorded by call automation
            //service. When the user on the other end of the line has completed their sentence
            if (parsedEvent is RecognizeCompleted recogEvent
                && recogEvent.RecognizeResult is SpeechResult speech_result)
            {}
        }
    }
}
```

Scenarios



Resources

aka.ms/cakeShopSample

Phone call sample

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WhatsApp bot sample

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