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Oracle Digital Assistant

The Complete Training

Application Initiated Conversation

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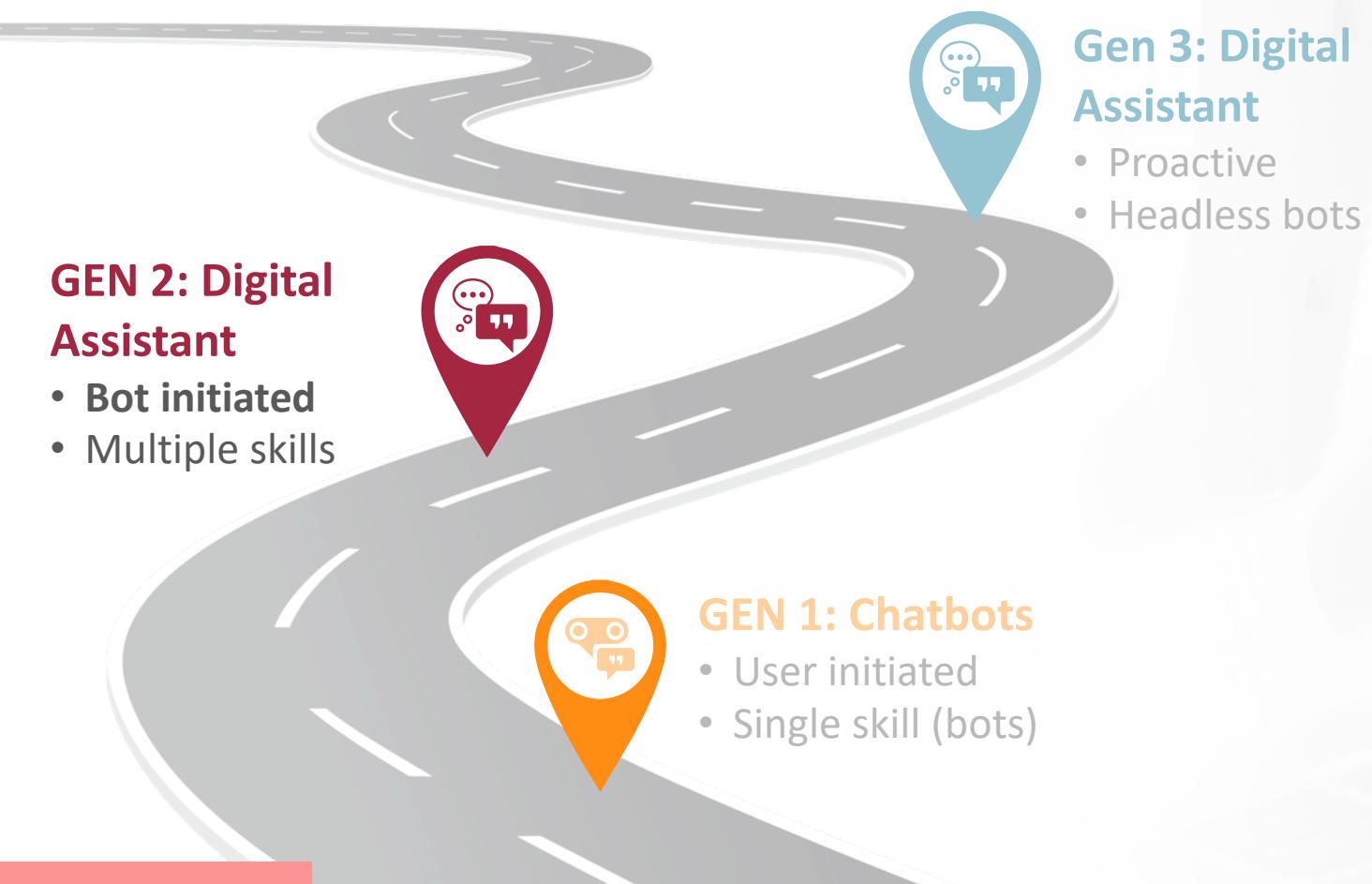
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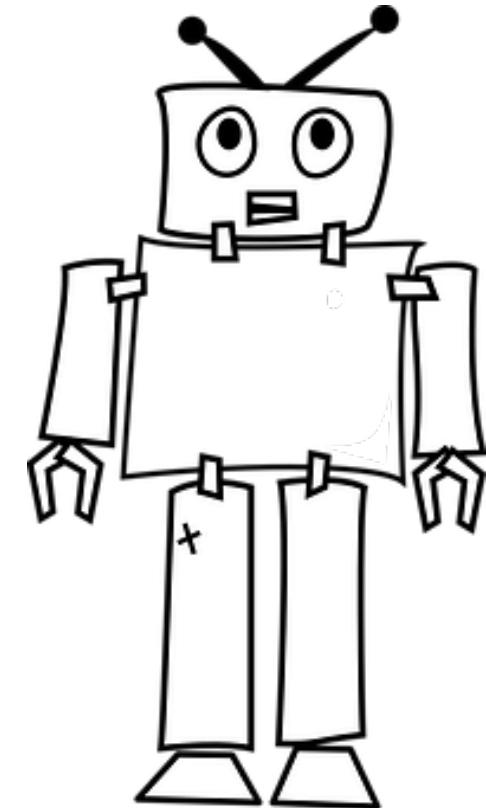
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From chatbots to digital assistants



Digital Assistant can **initiate** the
conversation with a user



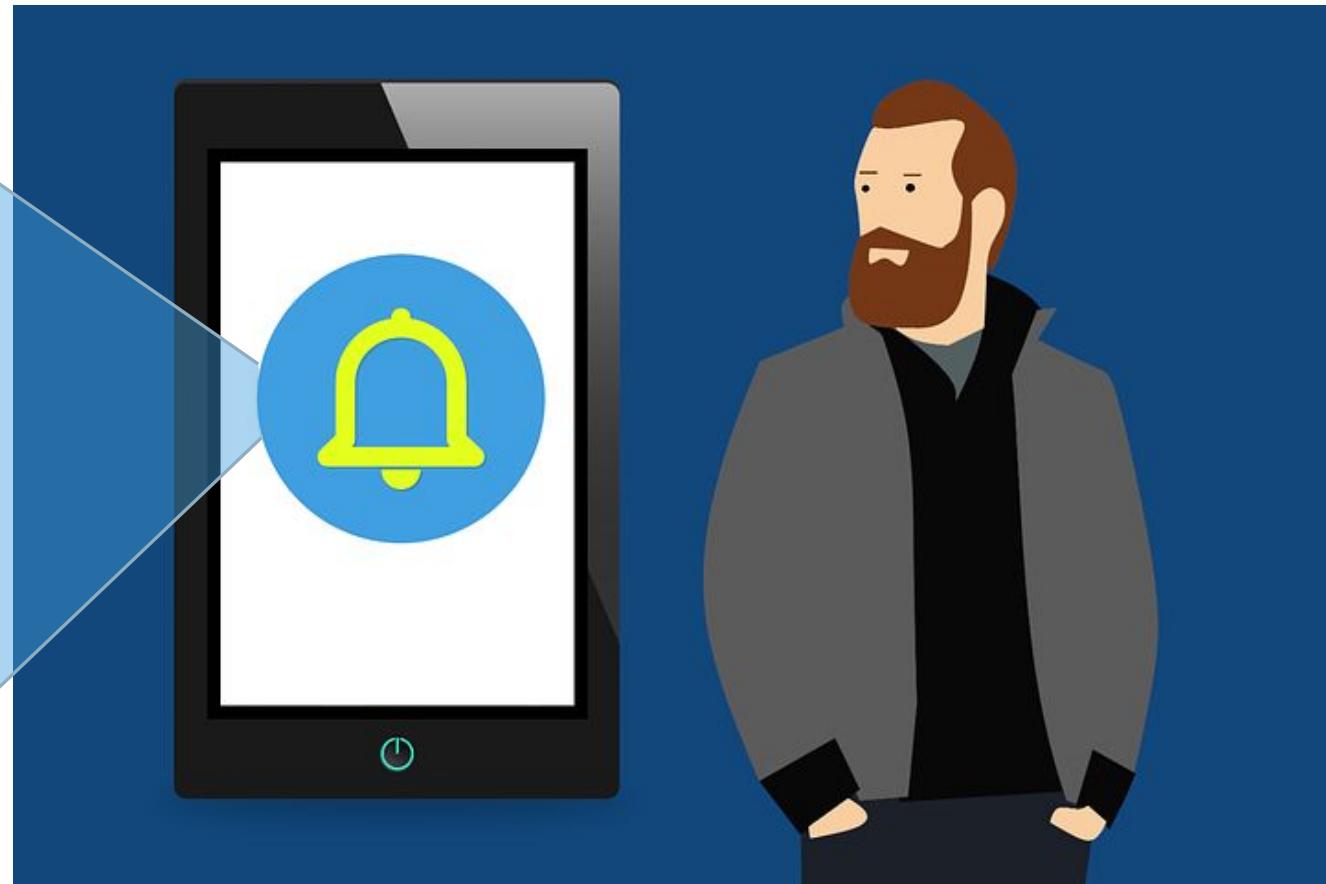
Business Use Case

Expense approval:

John Smith
735.00 USD

SFO OOW Hotel

- 1. View
- 2. Approve
- 3. Reject



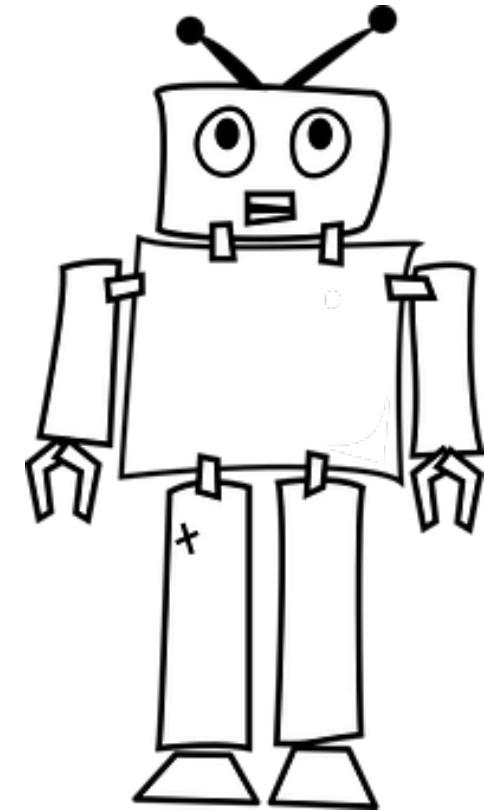
Consumer Usecase

By June 1, 2019, all Digital Bank customers must get their magnetic stripe cards replaced.

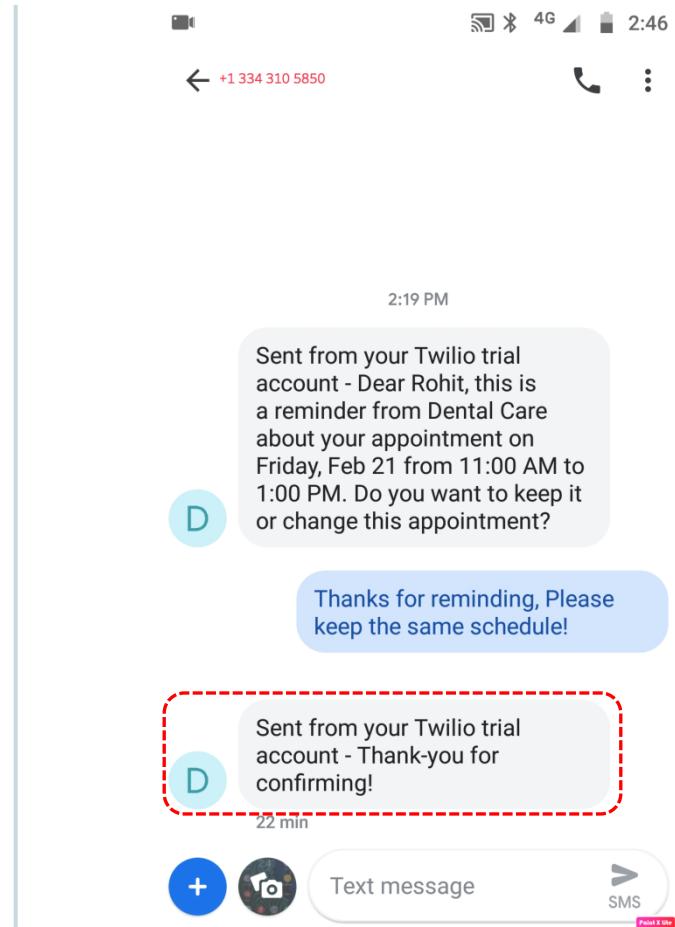
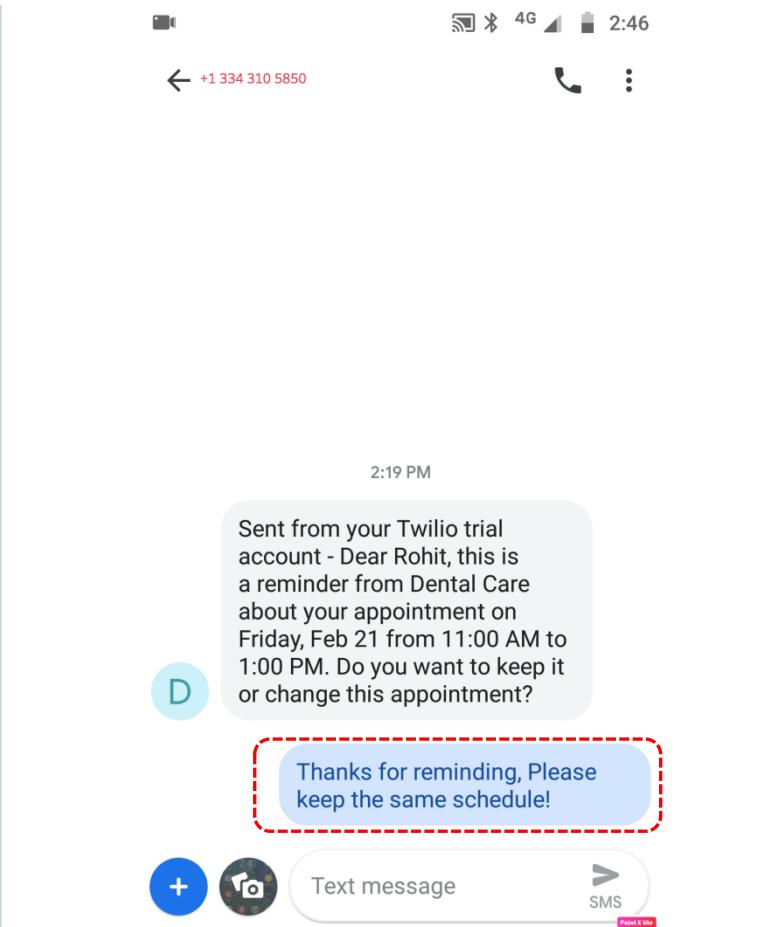
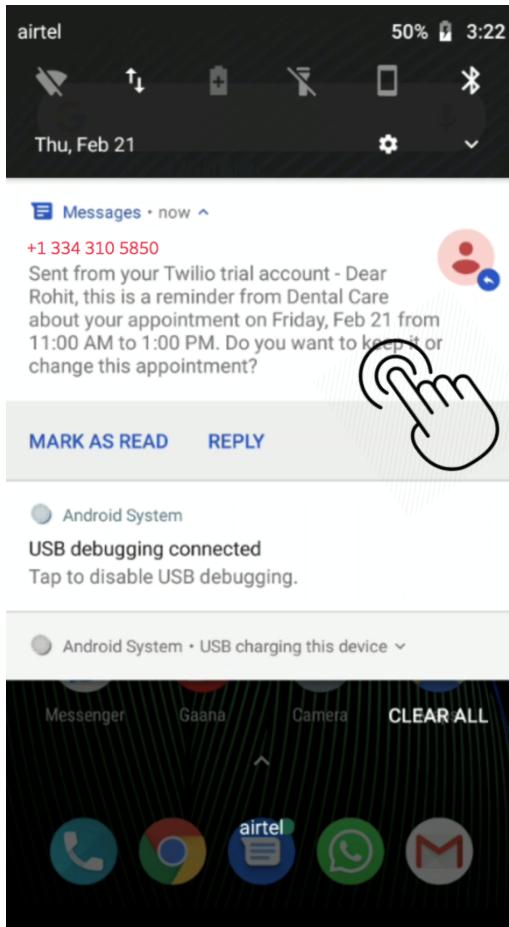
- 1. Detailed Information
- 2. Replace Card
- 3. Remind Later



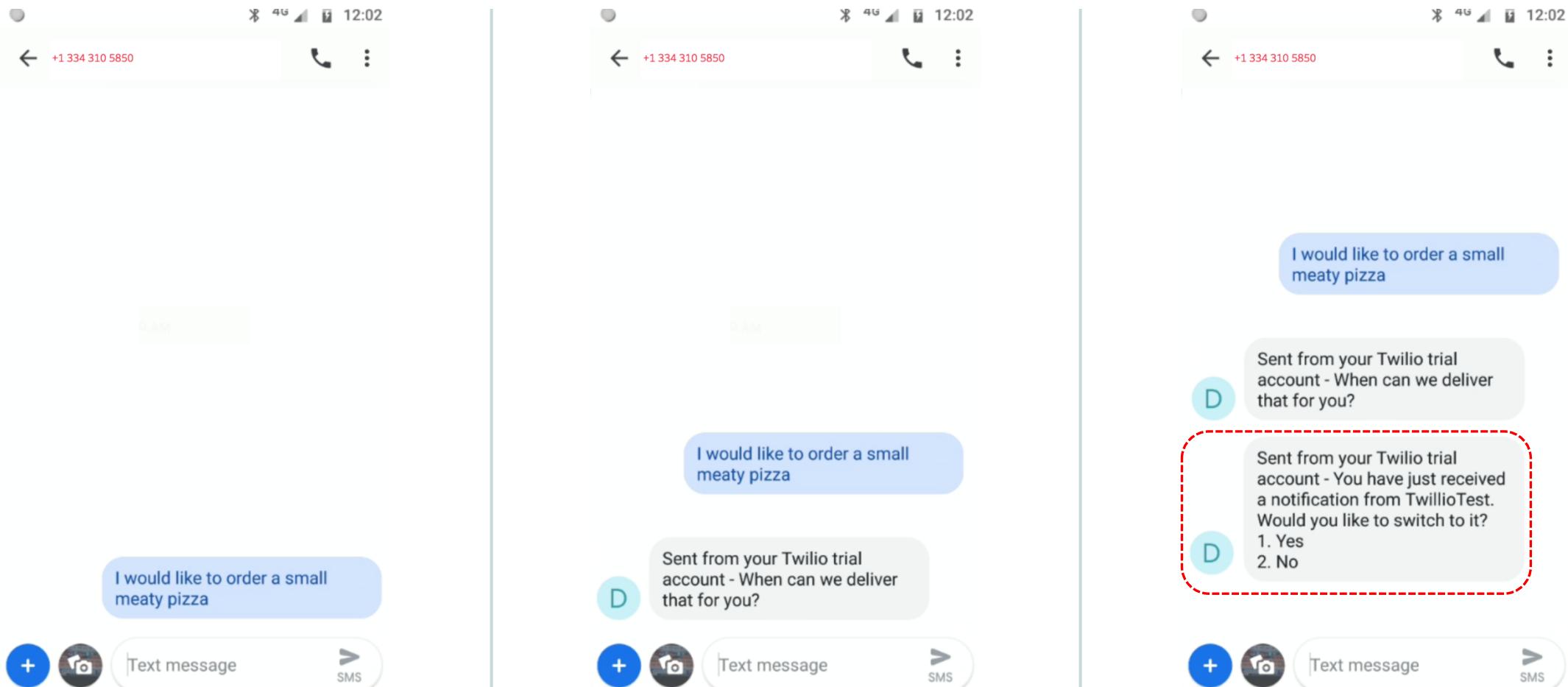
Users may OR may not be in a conversation when receiving a notification.



No active user conversation



Active user conversation



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Actors involved

1. External Application

2. Oracle
Digital
Assistant

3. Twilio

4. SMS client
on user
phone

How event-driven conversation works

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How event-driven conversation works

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- Creates an event for a user and sends it to digital assistant
 - E.g: Dental care backend system generating appointment reminders for user

How event-driven conversation works

1. External Application

2. Oracle Digital Assistant

3. Twilio

4. SMS client on user phone

- Reacts to the event sent by external application
- Depending on the event, this app invokes a skill at a specific state
- Sends message to the user and waits at this state

How event-driven conversation works

1. External Application

2. Oracle Digital Assistant

3. Twilio

4. SMS client
on user phone

- Sends and receives text messages over the network

How event-driven conversation works?

1. External Application

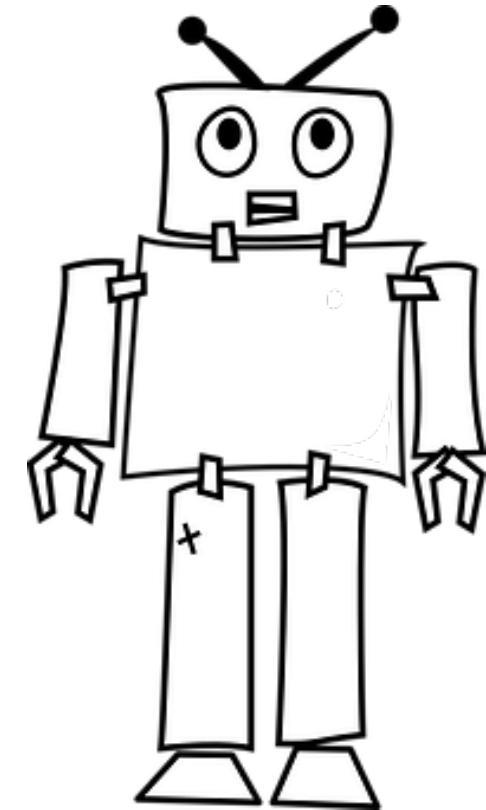
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4. SMS client
on user phone

- Sends/receives SMS messages to/from Twilio

**Application initiated conversation
need to be configured for the skill
and digital assistant.**



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Application initiated conversation set up

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- Configure application channel
 - Allows the application to talk to Oracle Digital Assistant
- Configure Twilio SMS channel
 - Allows Oracle Digital Assistant to communicate on an SMS channel
- Add payload-to-state mapping

Application initiated conversation set up

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- Configure SMS enabled Twilio number
- Link skill to the Twilio number

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- Configure external application
 - External application sends specific event with parameters

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- Configure external application
 - External application sends specific event with parameters
 - Payload documentation
 - <https://docs.oracle.com/en/cloud/paas/digital-assistant/use-chatbot/application-initiated-conversations.html#GUID-5DF067AA-E30B-4711-9C95-CEEE91F5F99B>

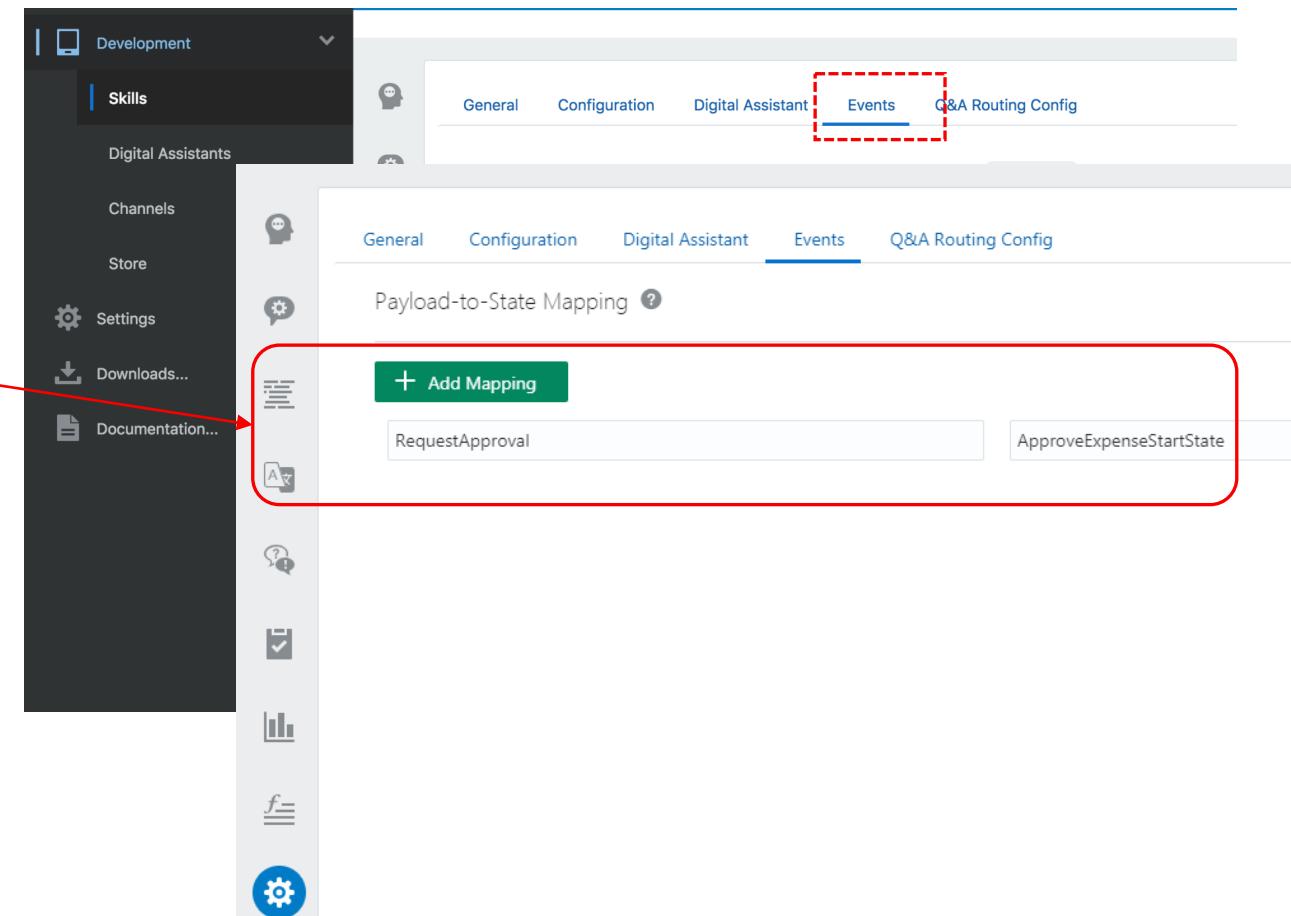
- Include these properties in the message payload:
 - `userId`—The actual phone number of the user. This is one of the numbers that are associated with the phone number that's both assigned to the Twilio account and used by the Twilio channel configuration.
 - `payloadType`—The name of the payload that's mapped to the initialization state in the dialog flow.
 - `skillName`—The name (identifier) of the digital assistant or the name of the skill that's registered to the digital assistant and the recipient of the application event message payload.
 - `channelName`—The name of the Twilio Channel that's configured for the digital assistant. The channel configuration uses the number assigned to the Twilio account. For the System test channel, you need to define `userId` with the system-generated ID and `channelName` with the name of the System test channel.
 - `variables`—The values that get passed to the dialog flow's context variables. If the corresponding context variables have been defined in the dialog flow, then they will be populated with the corresponding values passed from the application event message payload.

```
{  
  "userId": "+14255555000",  
  "messagePayload": {  
    "type": "application",  
    "payloadType": "accountType",  
    "skillName": "FinancialBot",  
    "channelName": "MyTwilioChannel",  
    "variables": {  
      "accountType": "checking",  
      "txntype": "credits"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Configure skill – add payload to state mapping

What does message payload look like?

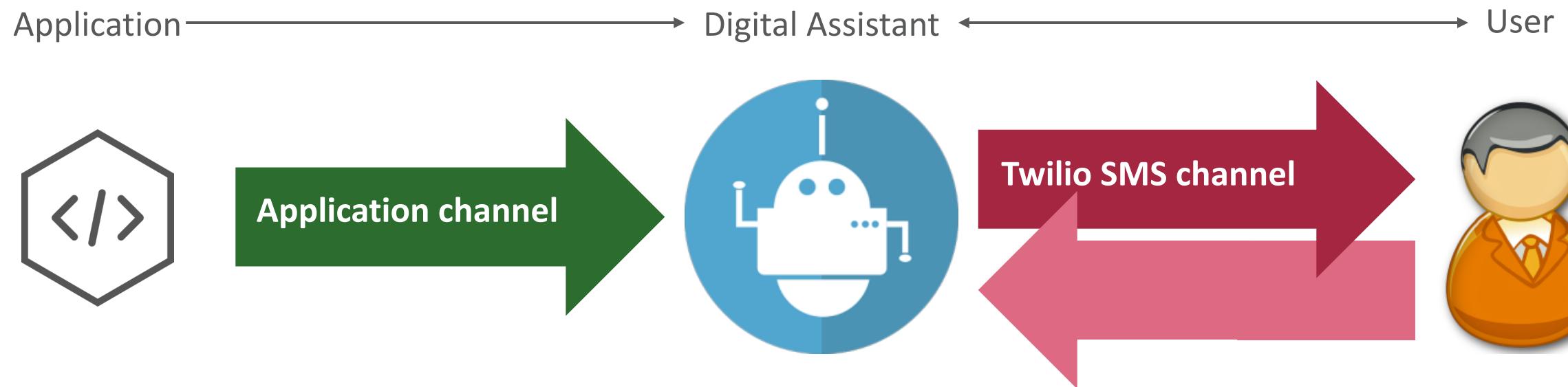
```
{  
  "userId": "+919871996112",  
  
  "messagePayload": {  
  
    "type": "application",  
  
    "payloadType": "RequestApproval",  
  
    "skillName": "ExpenseBot",  
  
    "channelName": "twilioSMS_ch",  
  
    "variables": {  
      "approvalType": "expense"  
    }  
  
  }  
}
```



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Channels to setup



Application channel configuration

- Application channel exposes skill to external application
 - Results in URL and secret
 - External app uses it to “trigger” user conversation with a skill

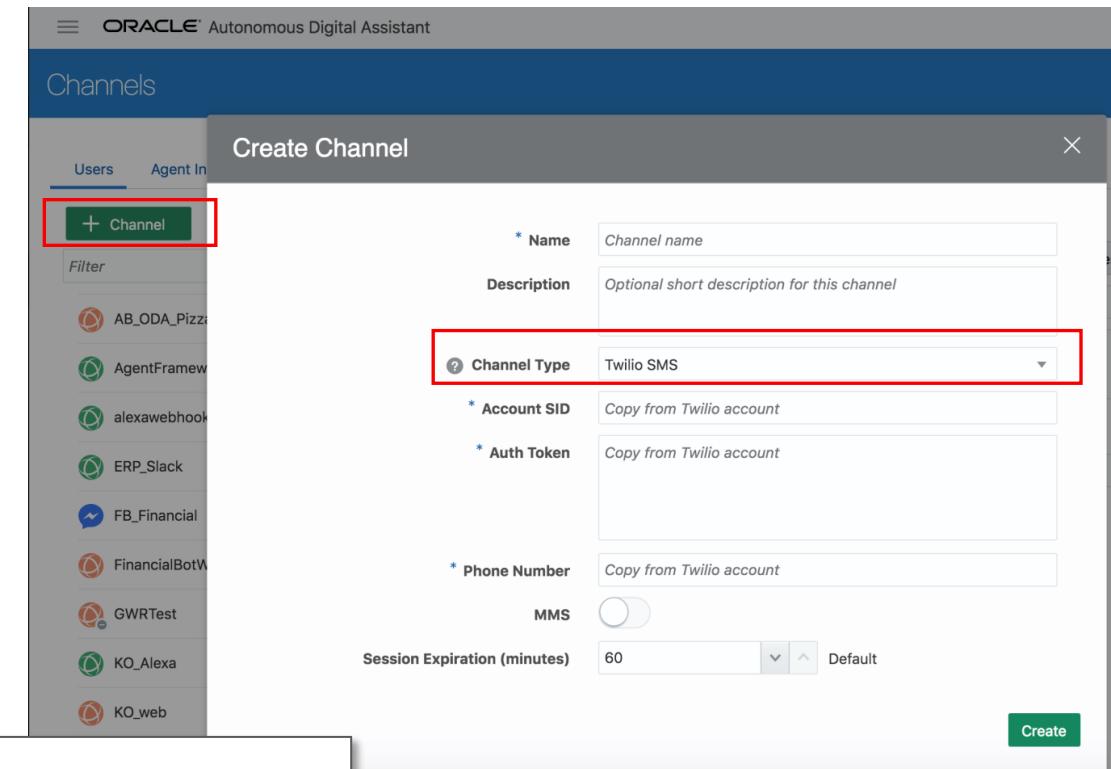
The screenshot shows the Oracle Autonomous Digital Assistant interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Development' selected, followed by 'Home', 'Development', 'Skills', 'Digital Assistants', and 'Channels'. Below this, a secondary navigation bar has 'Applications' selected, along with 'Users', 'Agent Integrations', and 'System'. A large central panel is titled 'ExpenseBotAppChannel' and contains the following fields:

- Application Enabled:** A toggle switch is turned on.
- Name:** ExpenseBotAppChannel
- Description:** Expense Management bot - Manage Approvals
- Outbound Application URL:** An input field with placeholder text: "An outbound application URL you need to provide".
- Use Authenticated User:** A toggle switch is turned off.
- Secret Key:** nImWG14QCnxEmesvgUacUS8v6KDNb22t (with a 'Regenerate' link)
- Inbound URL:** https://botlhr1l0050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmfp.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenants/idcs-6d466372210e4300bb31f4db15e8e96c/listeners/application/channels/c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037d8bd6e3

A red box highlights the 'Channels' menu item in the top navigation and the inbound URL field in the application configuration panel. To the right, there's a sidebar with a robot icon and some placeholder text.

Twilio SMS channel

- User channel exposes skill to Twilio SMS service
 - Allows skill to communicate with user via SMS
 - Twilio account required
 - Provide Twilio account SID and token
- Provide webhook URL to Twilio
 - Added to "A Message Comes In" field



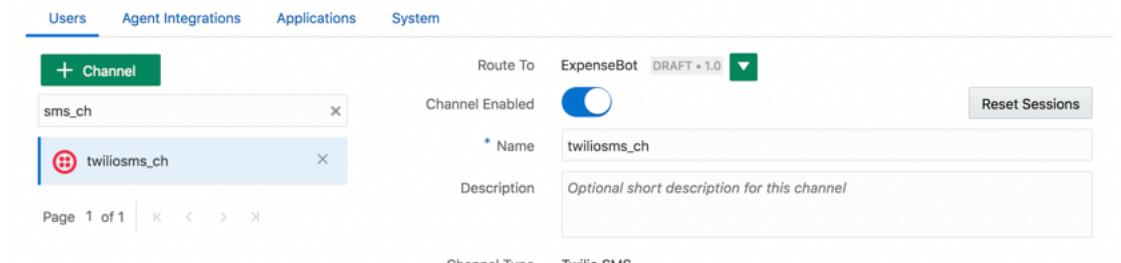
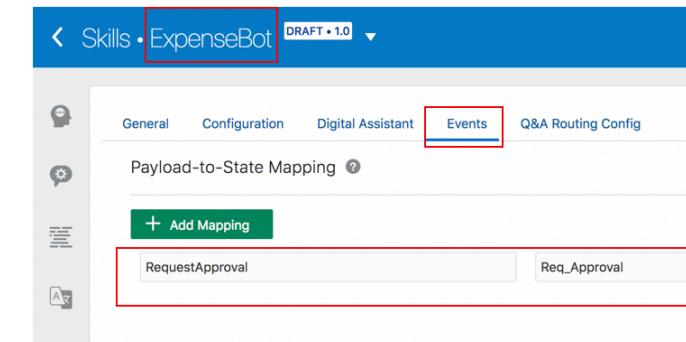
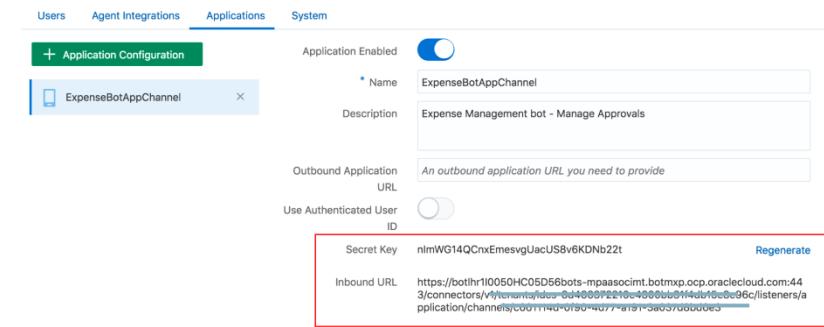
This screenshot shows the 'Messaging' configuration screen. It has a 'CONFIGURE WITH' dropdown set to 'Webhooks, TwiML Bins, Functions, Studio, or Proxy'. Below it are two sections: 'A MESSAGE COMES IN' and 'PRIMARY HANDLER FAILS', both set to 'Webhook'. The 'A MESSAGE COMES IN' section includes a URL input field containing 'https://botlhr1I0050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmfp.oc' and a 'HTTP POST' dropdown. The 'PRIMARY HANDLER FAILS' section also has a 'HTTP POST' dropdown.

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Configuring external application

- External application needs to know
 - Inbound URL and secret from application channel
 - Twilio SMS channel name
 - Phone number of person receiving the SMS
 - Skill payload name
 - Digital assistant or skill name with version



External application inbound message

- POST URL
 - Will be Application type channel's inbound URL
- Headers
 - X-Hub-Signature header with the message signature signed with SHA256
- Message Payload

```
{
  "userId": "+919871996112",
  "messagePayload": {
    "type": "application",
    "payloadType": "RequestApproval",
    "skillName": "ExpenseBot",
    "channelName": "twilioSMS_ch",
    "variables": {
      "approvalType": "expense"
    }
  }
}
```

`https://xxx.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenants/idcs-xxx/listeners/application/channels/c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037dxxxxe3`

`Content-Type: application/json
X-Hub-Signature: sha256={{secretkey}}`

Sample request code snippet

```
var request = require("request");

var options = {
  method: 'POST',
  url: 'https://XXX.botmxp.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenants/
idcs-XX466372210e4300bb31f4db1XXXc/listeners/application/
channels/c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037d8bd6e3',
  headers: {
    'X-Hub-Signature': 'sha256=9f0d75336379aaa5f87bcc3b84f488f0c9eac50985006c4206b4a828494aXXX',
    'Content-Type': 'application/json'
  },
  body: {
    userId: '+919871996112',
    messagePayload: {
      type: 'application',
      payloadType: 'RequestApproval',
      skillName: 'ExpenseBot',
      channelName: 'twilioSMS_ch',
      variables: {
        approvalType: 'expense'
      }
    }
  },
  json: true
};

request(options, function (error, response, body) {
  if (error) throw new Error(error);

  console.log(body);
});
```

Response status codes



- 202 Accepted – Request accepted
- 403 Forbidden – X-Hub-Signature is incorrect
- 404 Not found – POST URL is incorrect

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Get internal tester name

Channels

Users Agent Integrations Applications System

System_Global_Test

Channel Enabled

Name System_Global_Test

Description Used by the BOT test feature. If it is disabled, the test UI will not work for ANY Bot.

Channel Type Test

Secret Key 7AED5DEDD9271A02E053A70C020AB96A [Reset](#)

Session Expiration (minutes) [▼](#) [▲](#) Default

Reset Sessions

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Find user ID for system test channel

The screenshot shows the FinanceAssist Tester interface. On the left, a conversation with a digital assistant is displayed. The assistant says "Hi". Below it, a message from the user says "Welcome! Here are some things you can do:" followed by a list of options for Lululemon RetailBot: "go to lululemon", "check my order in lululemon", and "return my order to lululemon". The user then says "check my order in lululemon". The digital assistant responds with "What is your gift card number?". On the right side of the interface, there is a "Variables" section with a "system" dropdown. At the top, there is a developer tools panel showing network requests. The "XHR" tab is selected, and the "Timing" tab is highlighted. A specific request labeled "responses?_=1547789516676" is selected, and its response body is shown:

```
1 line.routing.routerResponse"}]}}, "userId": "4076119"}}
```

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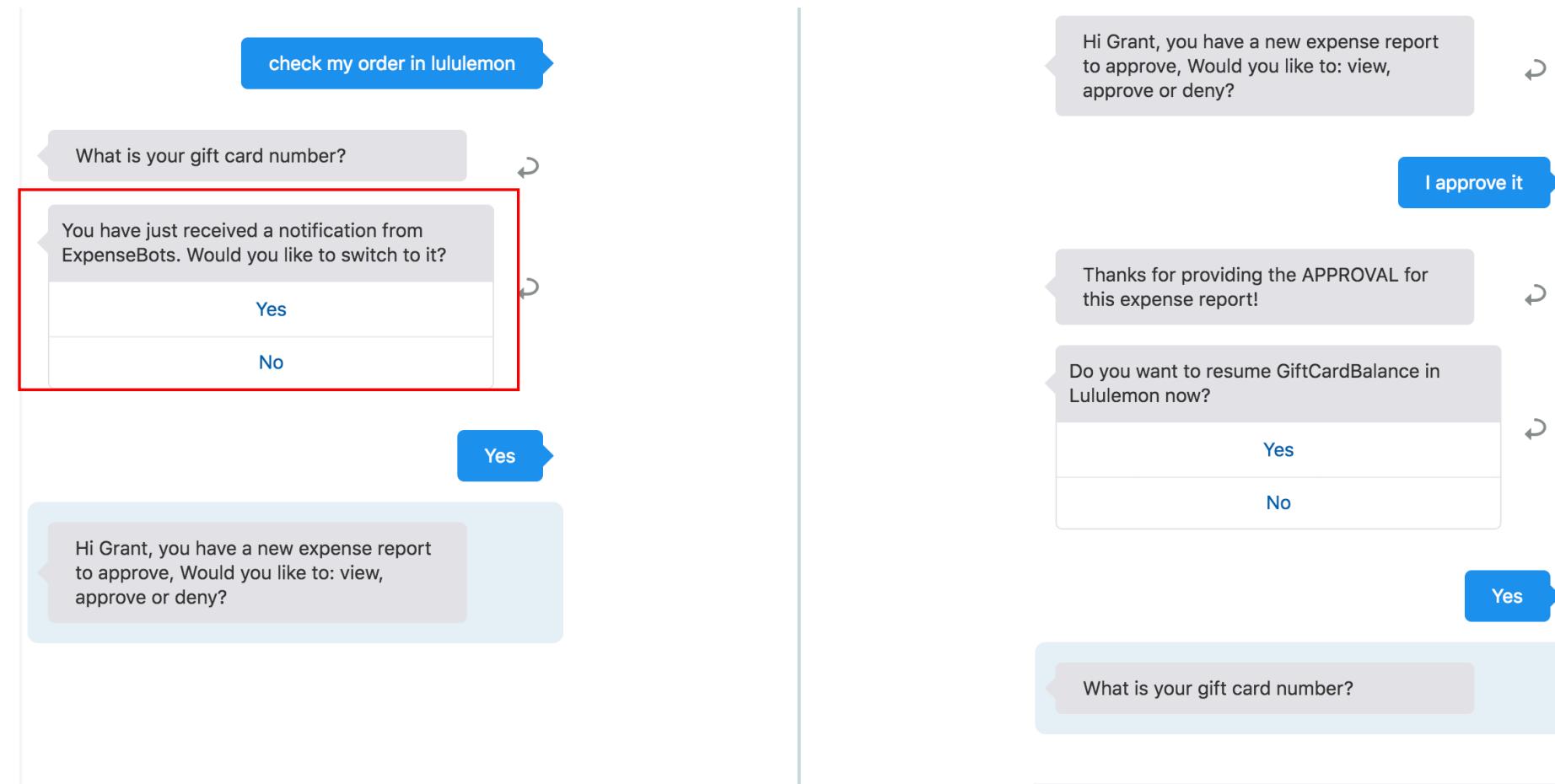
Message payload

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface for testing an API. The top bar indicates a **POST** method and the URL <https://botlhr1I0050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmxp.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenan...>. The **Body** tab is selected, showing a JSON payload structure. The **JSON (application/json)** option is chosen. The payload content is:

```
1 [
2   "userId": "4076119",
3   "messagePayload": {
4     "type": "application",
5     "payloadType": "RequestApproval",
6     "skillName": "ExpenseBots",
7     "channelName": "System_Global_Test"
8   }
9 ]
10
```

A red dashed box highlights the value "4076119" under the "userId" key. Below the body panel, the status bar shows **Status: 202 Accepted**, **Time: 756 ms**, and **Size: 273 B**.

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