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Oracle Digital Assistant

The Complete Training

Adaptive Bot Design

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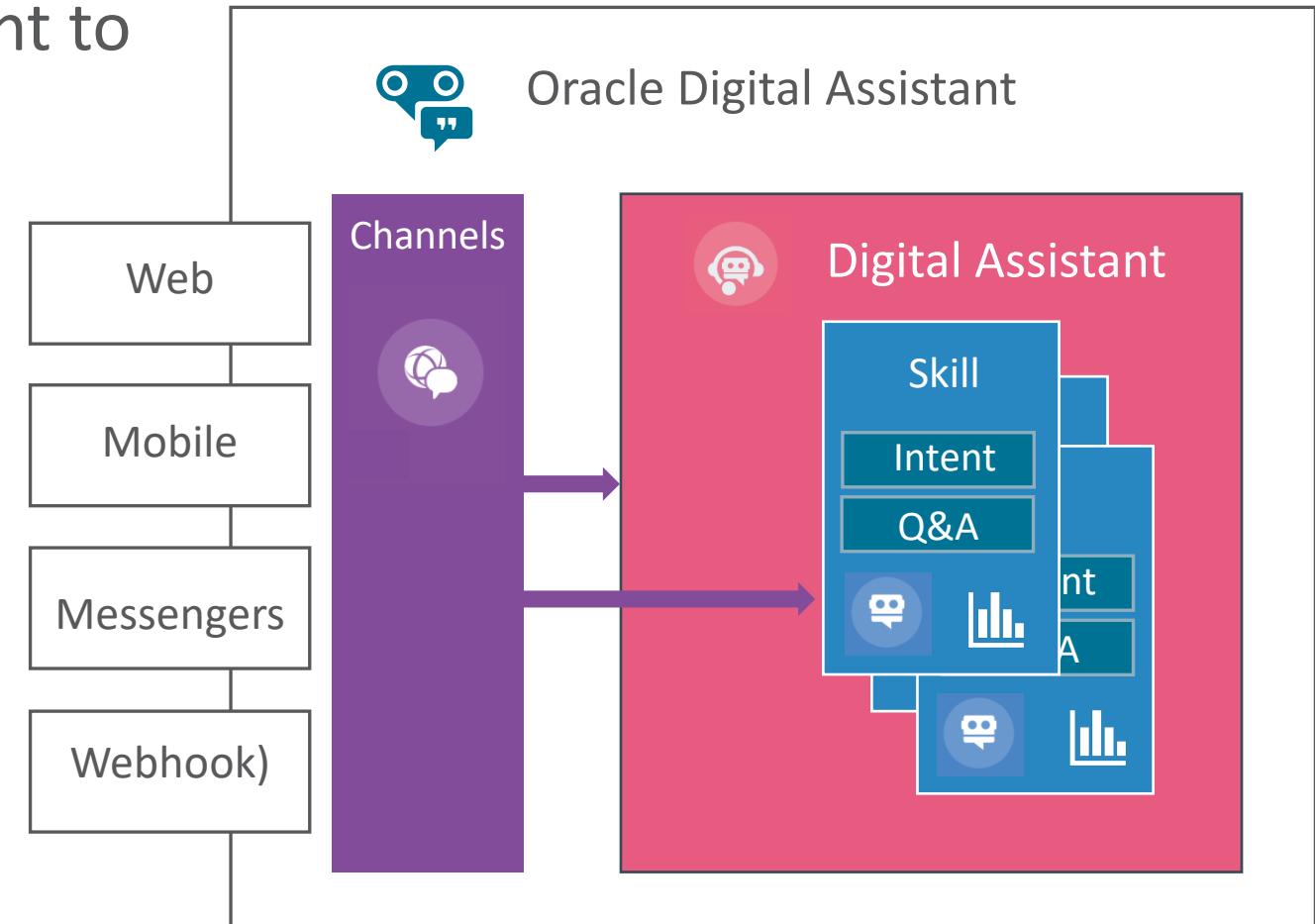
The role of messengers in conversational AI

- Endpoint to interact with users
 - Queue and deliver messages
- Render the user interface
 - Bot responses
 - User input
- Handle file upload / download
- Available on different devices and platforms

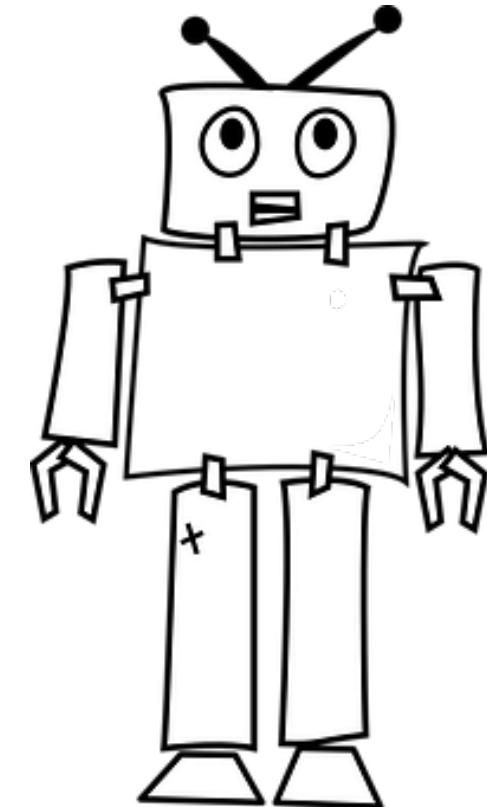


Channels in Oracle Digital Assistant

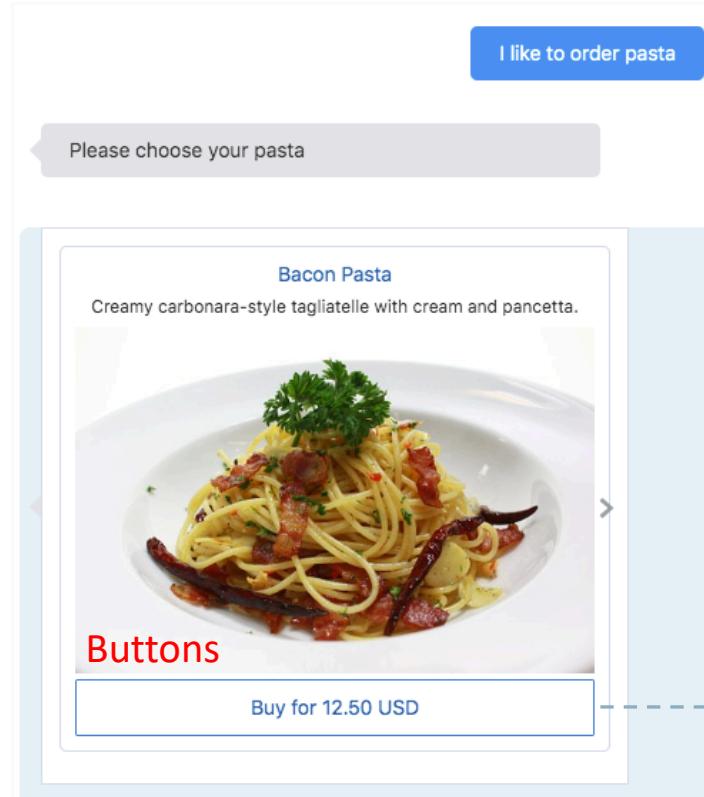
- Connect skills and digital assistant to messengers
 - 3rd party
 - Oracle SDK for JS, iOS, Android
 - Custom: Webhook
 - Text
 - Voice (Alexa etc.)
- Channels translate message payloads from and to digital assistant metadata format



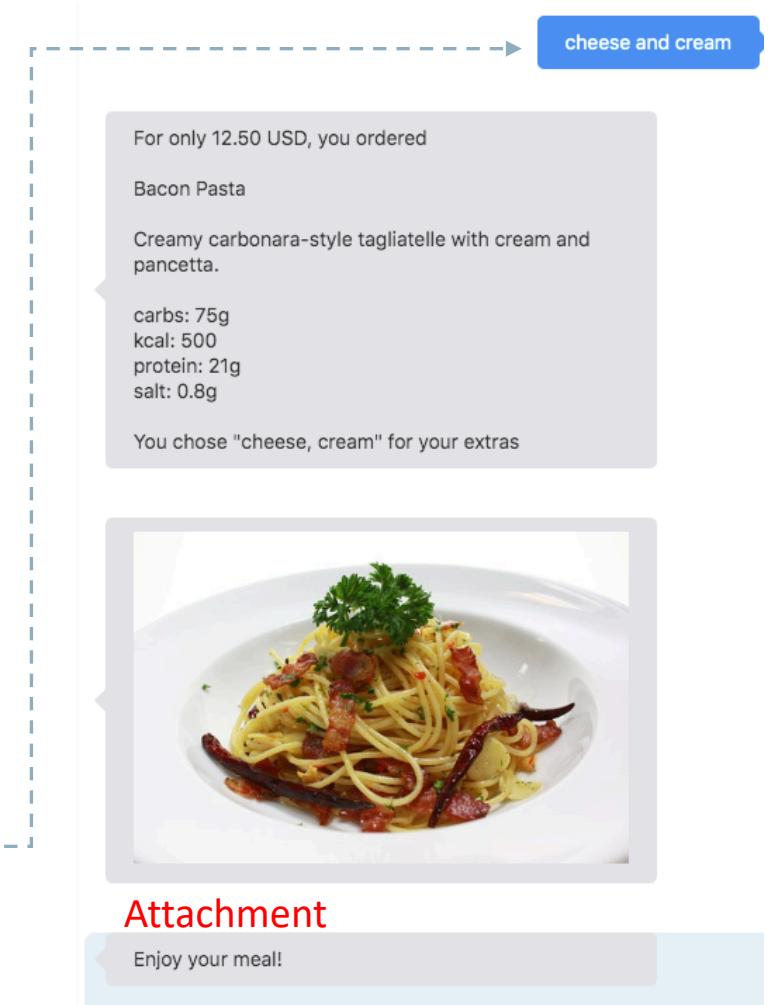
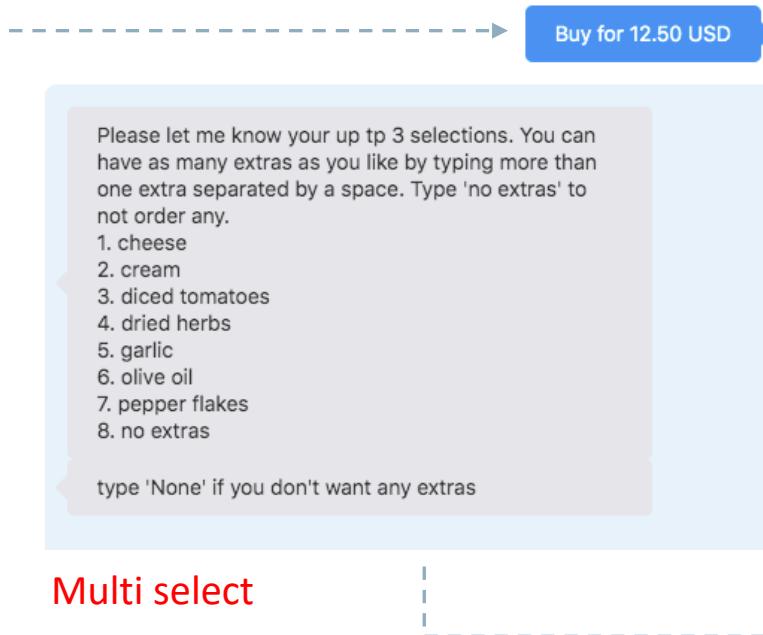
To look the same does not mean to be the same. In this regard, messengers are similar to operating systems.



Example: messenger supporting a rich layout



Card layout



Attachment

Example: messenger supporting text

The screenshot illustrates a messenger conversation between a user and a bot, demonstrating how the bot supports the user's selection process.

User Message: Please choose your pasta

Bot Response: I like to order pasta

Bot Options:

- Bacon Pasta: Creamy carbonara-style tagliatelle with cream and pancetta.
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User Selection: Classic Lasagne

Bot Request: Please let me know your up tp 3 selections. You can have as many extras as you like by typing more than one extra separated by a space. Type 'no extras' to not order any.

Bot Options:

1. cheese
2. cream
3. diced tomatoes
4. dried herbs
5. garlic
6. olive oil
7. pepper flakes
8. no extras

Text message: type 'None' if you don't want any extras

Bot Response: cream and garlic

Bot Summary: For only 7.00 USD, you ordered

Bot Options:

- Classic Lasagne
- Classic Italien lasagne with meat sauce.

Bot Data:

- carbs: 32g
- kcal: 595
- protein: 44g
- salt: 0.8g

Text message: You chose "cream, garlic" for your extras

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Text message: Enjoy your meal!

Text message: Multi select

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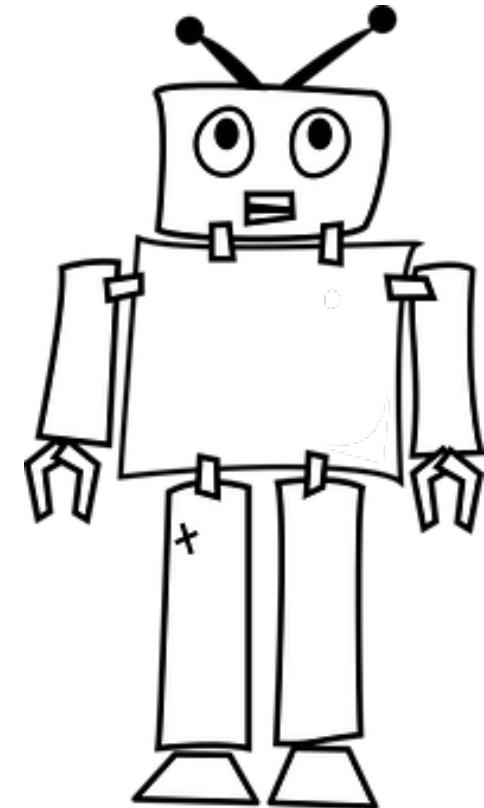
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About adaptive bot design

- Detects channel types and -names
 - Dialog flow
 - System.CommonResponse
 - Custom component
- Optimizes bot responses for a given channel
 - Use channel specific features
 - Custom properties
 - Channel templates (raw messages)
 - Deal with limitations
 - E.g. the number of cards that can be displayed in a card layout
 - E.g. text message length restrictions



**Adaptive bot design is all about
optimizing the user experience**



Adaptive design built in to Oracle Digital Assistant

- Native channels in Oracle Digital Assistant render the best possible layout for a bot response and messenger type
- Action items can be automatically provided with an index number
- Cards displayed vertically if horizontal layout is not supported (Slack)
- Ability to detect channel-type and –name in dialog flow, entities, configuration panels and custom components

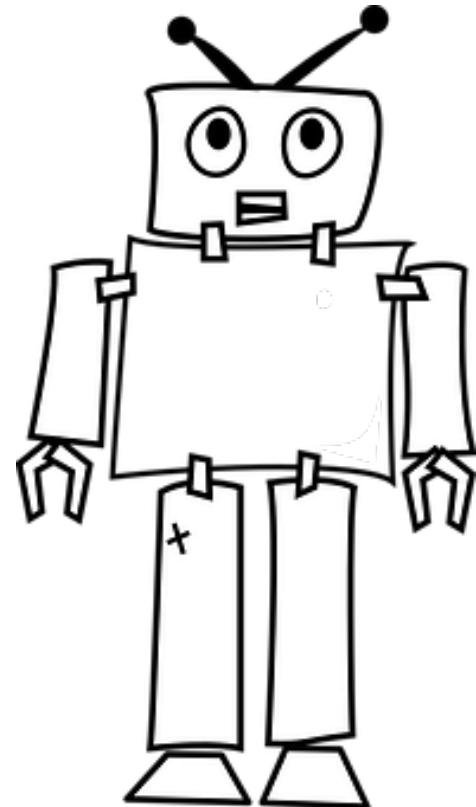
ODA conversation message model (CMM)

- Metadata language used by built-in components and custom components
- Creates channel agnostic message payloads
- Allow bots to run on any supported channel
 - Connectors translate CMM to messenger payload format and vice versa
 - Connectors are available for channels ODA has native support for
 - ODA renders best UI possible for a skill on a given messenger channel
- When building webhook channels, you need to perform the CMM to channel payload transformation
 - Oracle Bots Node SDK provides utility functions to assist you

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Build your bot **channel-independent**.
Then apply optimizations for specific
channels.



Detecting the channel type

- Apache FreeMarker expression
 - \${system.channelType}
 - Detects channel type in dialog flow and entity configuration
 - Returns 'facebook', 'web', 'test', 'msteams' etc.
- Channel type information can be used e.g. in System.Switch component to change dialog flow transitioning
- Channel type information accessible in skill configuration and entities
 - Use e.g. to change system messages and labels, data range sizes etc.

System.CommonResponse component

- "visible" property
 - Shows or hides response items
 - Allows optimization of bot responses for channels
 - Built-in support for detecting channels
 - May also use Apache FreeMarker expressions

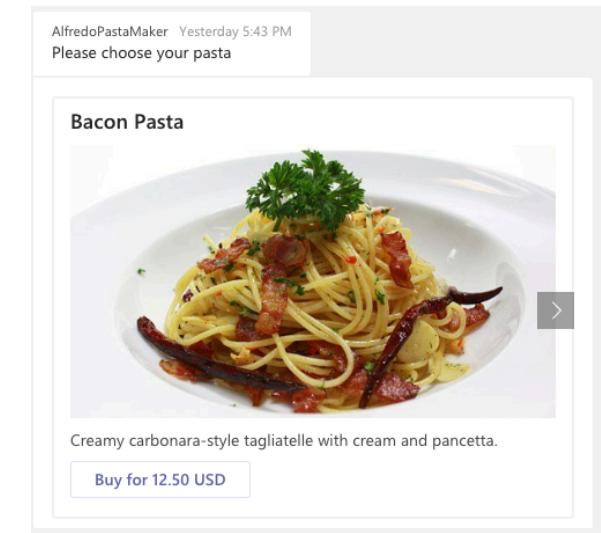
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313   displaySelectedProduct:  
314     component: "System.CommonResponse"  
315     properties:  
316       processUserMessage: false  
317       metadata:  
318         responseItems:  
319           - type: "attachment"  
320             visible:  
321               expression: "${system.channelType != 'twilio'}"  
322             attachmentType: "image"
```

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321               channels:  
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323                 exclude: "twilio"  
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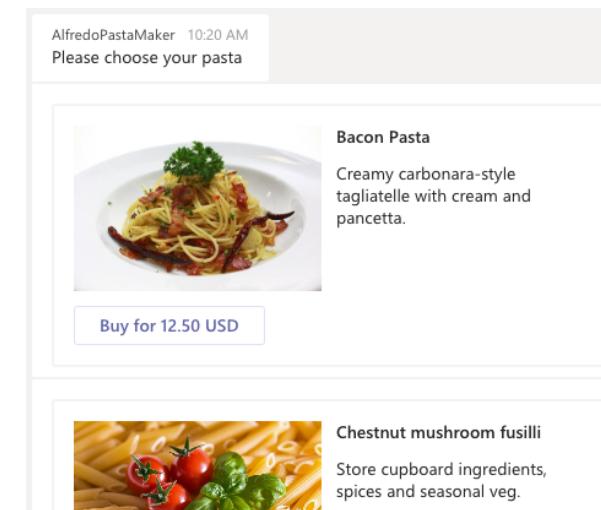
System.CommonResponse component

- channelCustomProperties
 - Property only available for common response component
 - Allows bot developers to apply channel specific layouts and properties to a bot response
 - Content replaces default UI at runtime
- UI extensions are messenger specific
 - Decide in your bot design whether you want to optimize for each messenger or apply a design that represents the lowest common denominator of all messengers to support

Default card layout



Adaptive card layout in MS teams



Auto numbering of postback actions

- Auto numbering prefixes list and card items with numbers
 - Users can type the number to select an option or a button
- Options to enable auto numbering
 - System.CommonResponse
 - Setting autoNumberPostbackActions property to true
 - Digital assistant's "Enable Auto Numbering on Postback Actions" configuration
 - Creating a dialog flow variable "autoNumberPostbackActions" of type boolean in a skill and setting its value to true
- Useful expression: \${((system.channelType=='twilio')?then(true,false))}

Example

Facebook

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Creamy carbonara-style tagliatelle with cream and pancetta.



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Twilio SMS

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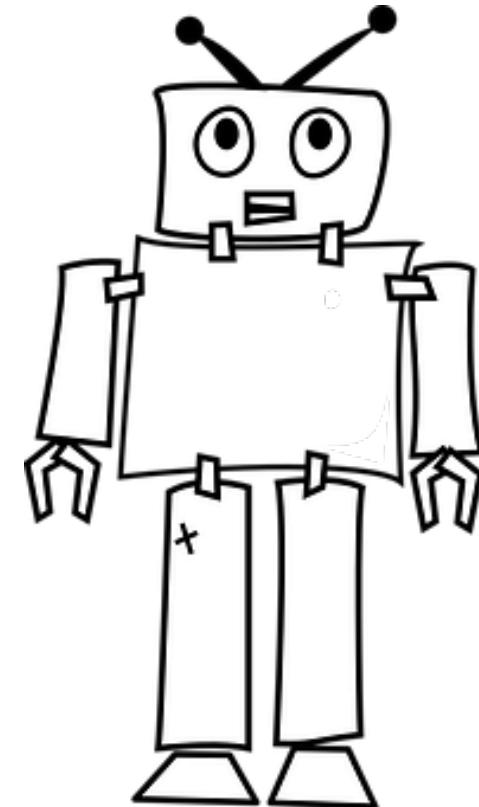
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Adaptive design is **not about layouts** only. You can also optimize labels and messages



Message length restrictions

- Messengers support different message sizes
 - You need to shorten messages if you don't like the default rendering behavior

Oracle web channel

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Facebook channel

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Channel Limitations

- Message exceeds maximum text length of 640,

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Twilio SMS channel

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Channel Limitations

- Message exceeds maximum text length of 1,600

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Label Restrictions

- Messengers support different label sizes

Oracle Web channel

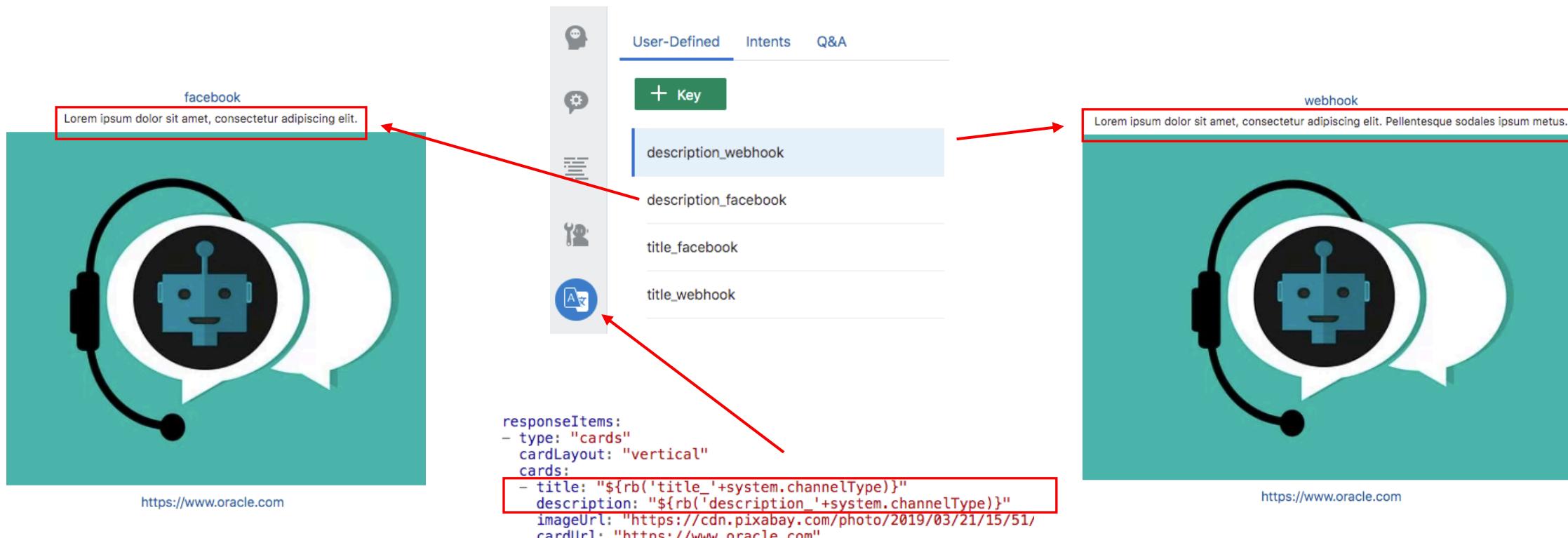


Facebook channel



Handling message and label length restrictions

- Use of resource bundles
 - Provide shorter labels and messages if channel has known restrictions



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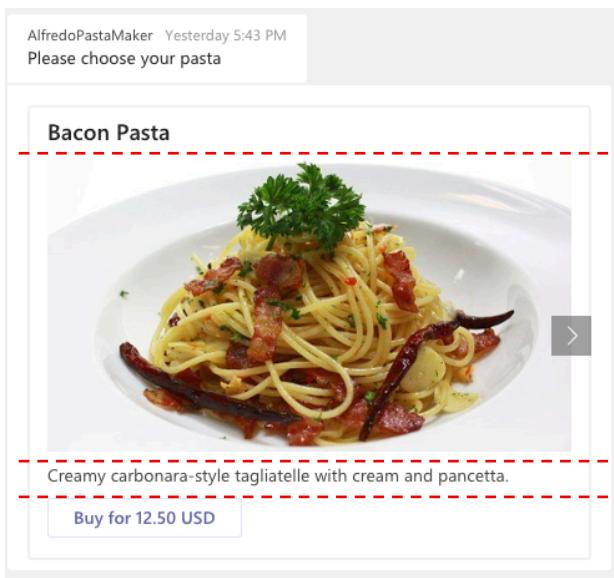
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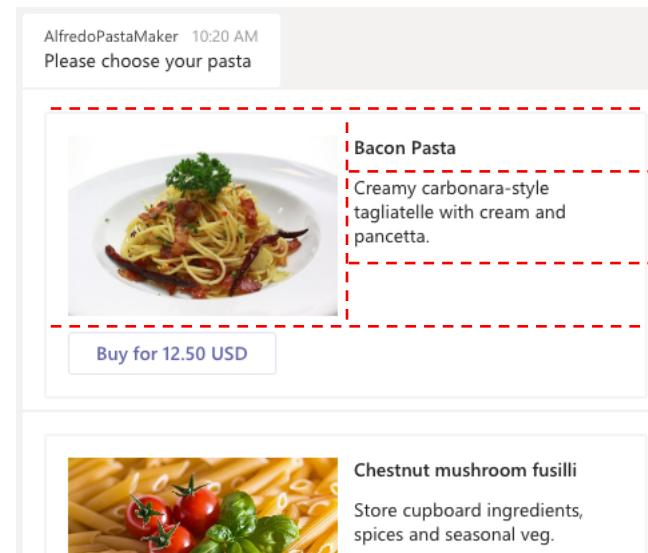
- Custom components
 - `conversation.channelType()`
 - `channelType()` function exposed on custom component SDK
 - Returns 'facebook', 'web', 'test', 'msteams' etc.
- Custom components can render layouts specific for a channel if needed
 - Change in behavior
 - Change in rendered UI

Using raw payloads

- Raw payloads are messages that don't use the CMM metadata format
 - Payload content is sent to messenger "as-is"
 - No format transformation applied by the connectors
 - Allows custom components to make layouts available only for a specific channel



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Adaptive card in Microsoft Teams

Microsoft | Adaptive Cards Documentation Schema Explorer

Open Sample Select host app: Bot Framework WebChat Host App Docs Templates

Card Elements

- Containers
 - Container
 - ImageSet
 - FactSet
 - ColumnSet
- Elements
 - TextBlock
 - RichTextBlock
 - Image
 - Media
 - ActionSet
- Inputs
 - Input.Text
 - Input.Date
 - Input.Time
 - Input.Number
 - Input.ChoiceSet
 - Input.Toggle

For only 5.00 USD you bought
Spaghetti Bolognese



The ultimate pasta dish with fresh tomato sauce.

carbs: 75g	salt: 0.3g
kcal: 500	protein: 11g

Card Payload Editor

```
42           "text": "protein: 11g"
43         }]
44       }
45     },
46   ],
47   {
48     "type": "TextBlock",
49     "text": "As extras, you chose: cream"
50   }
}
```

Source code in JSON format

Rendered by custom component

AlfredoPastaMaker 12:51 PM

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Bacon Pasta



Creamy carbonara-style tagliatelle with cream and pancetta.

carbs: 75g	salt: 0.8g
kcal: 500	protein: 21g

As extras, you chose: cream, garlic

<https://adaptivecards.io/designer/>

Oracle Digital Assistant in MS Teams

Custom component source

```
31  if (conversation.channelType() == 'msteams') {  
32  
33    let adaptiveCardPayload = {  
34      "type": "message",  
35      "attachments": [  
36        {"contentType": "application/vnd.microsoft.card.adaptive",  
37        "content": {  
38          "type": "AdaptiveCard",  
39          "$schema": "http://adaptivecards.io/schemas/adaptive-card.json",  
40          "version": "1.0",  
41          "body": [  
42            {  
43              "type": "TextBlock",  
44              "text": "For only " + price + " you bought"  
45            },  
46            {  
47              "type": "TextBlock",  
48              "text": title,  
49              "size": "Medium",  
50              "weight": "Bolder",  
51              "wrap": true  
52            }  
53          ]  
54        }  
55      }  
56    }  
57  
58    let rawMessage = conversation.MessageModel().rawConversationMessage(adaptiveCardPayload);  
59    conversation.transition();  
60    conversation.reply(rawMessage);  
61    //no need for user input, thus setting keepTurn to true  
62    conversation.keepTurn(true);  
63    done();  
64  }
```

Adaptive card
JSON format

referenced in

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MessageModel() is part of custom
component SDK

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Embedded conversation tester with channel simulator

Bot Tester Test Cases Test Run Results

Save as Test Case Reset Channel

Facebook Messenger

Facebook Messenger
Microsoft Teams
Skype For Business
Slack
Twilio SMS
Twilio SMS/MMS
Web

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Chestnut mushroom fusilli
Store cupboard ingredients, spices and seasonal veg.
2. Buy for 9.50 USD



Channel simulator

- With the embedded tester, you can test skills on different channels without deploying them on those channels
- Skill tester applies channel limitations to conversation
 - Renders bot response as if conversation executed in specified channel
 - Alerts users about channel specific restrictions
- Simulator is not a 1 – 1 copy of the channels with all their features
 - Simulator is not meant to behave exactly like a channel
 - E.g. Microsoft Teams adaptive cards don't render
- \${system.channelType} returns simulated channel name

Embedded conversation tester with channel simulator

Slack

Bot Tester Test Cases Test Run Results

Save as Test Case Reset Channel: Slack

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Conversation Intent/Q&A View JSON

Channel Limitations

- Card layout horizontal is not supported. Changing to vertical layout.

States

```
graph TD; Start((JaptiveAlfredoPasta Skill)) --> setAutoNumbering[setAutoNumbering]; setAutoNumbering --> setPastas[setPastas]; setPastas --> intent[intent]; intent --> showMenu[showMenu]
```

Embedded conversation tester with channel simulator

Twilio SMS

The screenshot shows the Bot Tester interface for the Twilio SMS channel. The left pane displays a conversation transcript:

- User: Please choose your pasta
- Bot: Bacon Pasta
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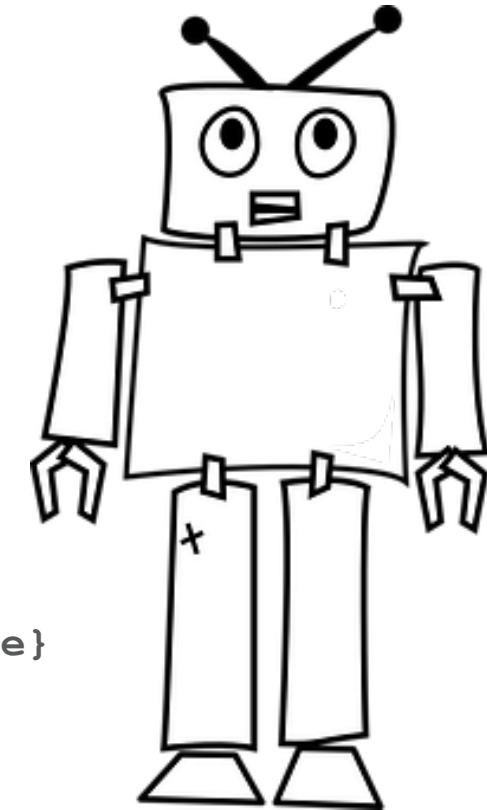
The right pane shows the Conversation tab with the following content:

- Channel Limitations**
 - Cards are not supported, so converting to text.
 - You can optimize text rendering of cards by setting the channel custom property 'optimizeCardRendering' to 'true'.
 - Action buttons are not supported, so converting to text. Entering the label triggers the action.
- States**
 - A state diagram for the `/FettuccineAlfredoPasta Skill` with a single state labeled `setAutoNumbering`.

A red arrow points from the "Cards are not supported" limitation in the Channel Limitations section to the card representation in the conversation transcript.

If needed, use the expression below to tell if a skill executes in the tester.

```
 ${system.message.channelConversation.properties.channelToSimulate}
```



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