

# IBM Watson Assistant

with Webhook Integration (Cloud Function/Node.js)

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## Overview

The [IBM Watson Developer Cloud](#) (WDC) offers a variety of services for developing cognitive applications. Each Watson service provides a Representational State Transfer (REST) Application Programming Interface (API) for interacting with the service. Software Development Kits (SDKs) are also available and provide high-level wrappers for the underlying REST API. Using these SDKs will allow you to speed up and simplify the process of integrating cognitive services into your applications.

The [Watson Assistant](#) (formerly Conversation) service combines a number of cognitive techniques to help you build and train a bot - defining intents and entities and crafting a dialog to simulate conversation. The system can then be further refined with supplementary technologies to make the system more human-like or to give it a higher chance of returning the right answer. Watson Assistant allows you to deploy a range of bots via many channels, from simple, narrowly focused bots to much more sophisticated, full-blown virtual agents across mobile devices, messaging platforms like Slack, or even through a physical robot.

Examples of where Watson Assistant could be used include:

- Add a chat bot to your website that automatically responds to customers' questions
- Build messaging platform chat bots that interact instantly with channel users
- Allow customers to control your mobile app using natural language virtual agents
- And more!

## Objectives

- Learn how to provision a Watson Assistant service and utilize the web tool interface
- Learn how to train your chat bot to answer common questions
- Learn how to integrate other systems via Webhooks (Cloud Function/Node.js).

## Prerequisites

Before you start the exercises in this guide, you will need to complete the following prerequisite tasks:

- Create a IBM Cloud account

## Section 1: Create a Conversation Dialog in IBM Cloud

### Create a Conversation Service in IBM Cloud

IBM Cloud offers services, or cloud extensions, that provide additional functionality that is ready to use by your application's running code.

You have two options for working with applications and services in IBM Cloud. You can use the IBM Cloud web user interface or the Cloud Foundry command-line interface. (See Lab 01 on how to use the Cloud Foundry CLI).


**Note:** In this lab we use the IBM Cloud web UI.

**Step 1** In a web browser, navigate to the following URL

<https://cloud.ibm.com>.

**Step 2** Log in with your IBM Cloud credentials. This should be your IBMid.

**Step 3** You should start on your dashboard which shows a list of your applications and services. Scroll down to the All Services section and click **Create Resource**.

A blue rectangular button with the text "Create resource" in white.

**Step 4** On the left, under Services, **click** on *AI* to filter the list and only show the cognitive services.

A light blue button with the text "Storage" and a right-pointing arrow.

AI

Analytics

**Step 5** Click on the Watson Assistant service.



**Watson Assistant (formerly Conversation)**

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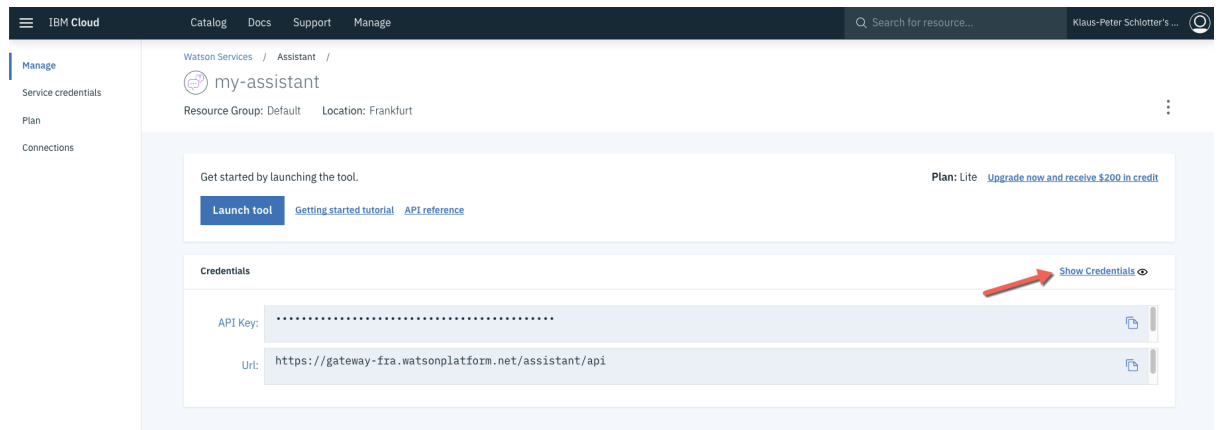
Add a natural language interface to your application to automate interactions with your end users. Common applications include virtual agents and chat bots tha...

**Step 6** Review the details for this service. At the top, there will be a description of the service. At the bottom, you can review the pricing plans. The Lite plan for this service provides no cost monthly allowances for workspaces, intents, and API calls. Enjoy your demo!

**Step 7** Enter the information for your service, then **click** [Create](#).

Field	Color property
Service name	my-assistant
Selected Plan	Lite
Chose a region/location to deploy	<yourRegion>
Select a resource group	Default

**Step 8** IBM Cloud has created a new service instance.



**Step 9** In the *Credentials* section **click** [Show Credentials](#). You should see the *API Key* for your service. Later in this exercise, you will enter this value into a JSON configuration file for your Node.js application. Feel free to copy them to your clipboard, to a text file, or just return to this section of the IBM Cloud web interface when the credentials are needed.

## Create a Watson Assistant Skill

Before using the Assistant instance, you will need to train it with the intents, entities, and/or dialog nodes relevant to your application's use case. You will create these items in a Skill in the following steps. A Skill is a container for the artifacts that define the behavior of your service instance.

The resulting Skill is also available as JSON backup file on GitHub. In a Terminal you can download it with the following command:

```
wget https://github.com/iic-dach/csadConversation/blob/master/Lab03a_skill-CSAD-with-CloudFunction.json
```

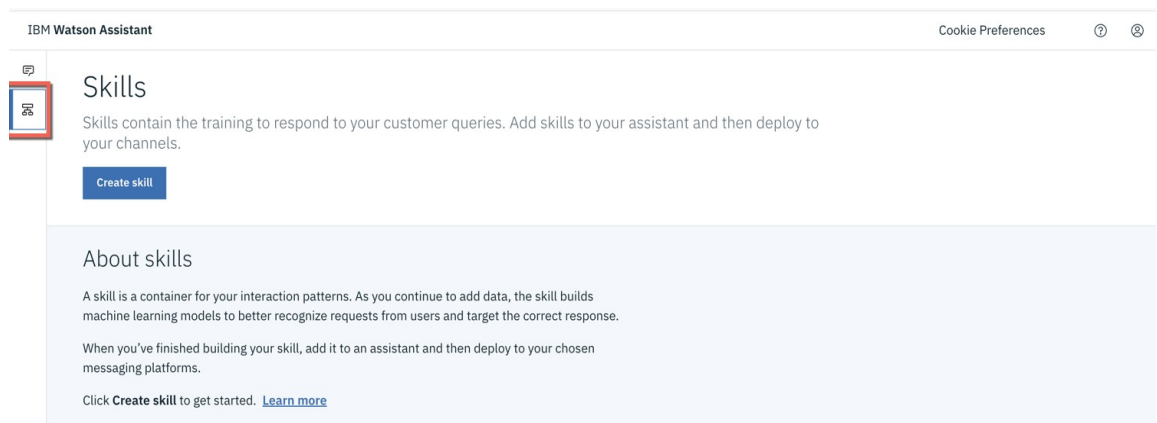
On the *Add Dialog Skill* page, on the *Import skill* tab you can import this JSON file..

**Step 10** Click the **Launch tool** button.



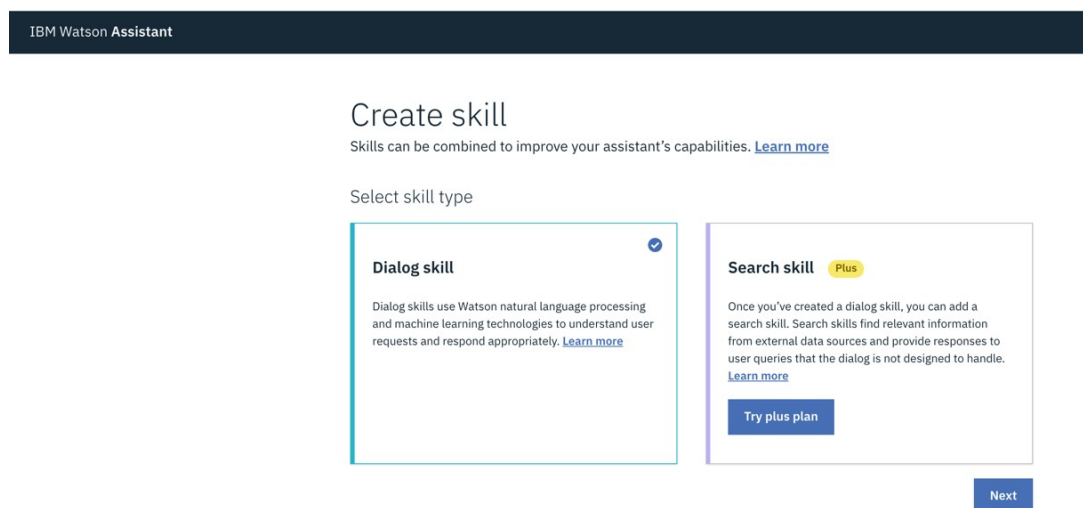
**Step 11** The IBM Watson Assistant opens on the *Assistants* tab.

**Step 12** Open the *Skills* tab. Here you can create new Skills.



**Step 13** First, you will need to create a new workspace. Workspaces enable you to maintain separate intents, user examples, entities, and dialogs for each application. Click **Create skill**

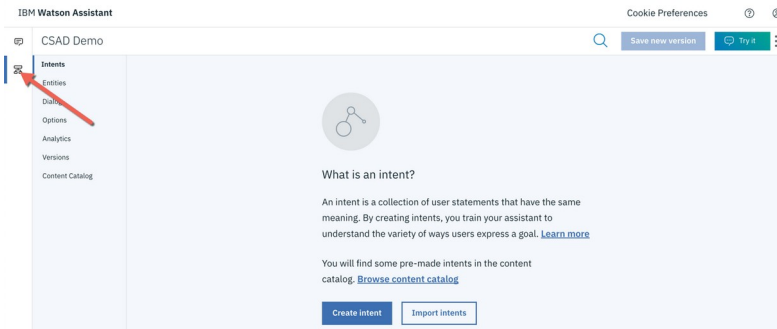
**Step 14** On the *Create skill* page **select Dialog skill** and click **Next**



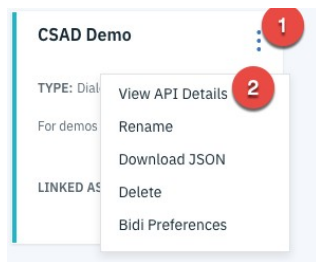
**Step 15** On the *Create Dialog Skill* page, on the *Create skill* tab, **enter** the following values and click **Create dialog skill**.

Field	Value
Name	CSAD Demo
Description	For demos only
Language	We use <b>English(U.S.)</b> for this demo

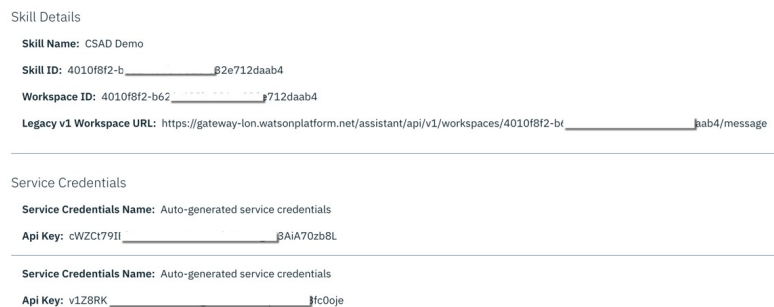
**Step 16** Once the Skill has been created, you will be redirected to it. However, before proceeding, you will need to know how to identify the Skill so that it can be referenced by future applications. At the left, **click** Skills.



**Step 17** On the tile for your new Skill, click **Options** → **View API Details**.



**Step 18** Locate the Workspace ID. You will need this value in future steps when creating a JSON configuration file for your demo application. Feel free to copy the value or just return to this section of the Conversation tooling web interface when the ID is needed.



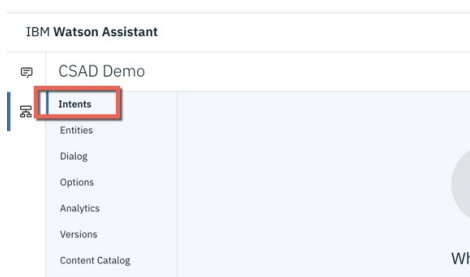
**Step 19** In the upper right corner of this page, **click** ✕ .

**Step 20** **Click** on the Skill tile to be taken back to the new Skill.

## Create Intents

Before using the new conversation, you will need to train it with the intents, entities, and/or dialog nodes relevant to your application's use case. An intent is the purpose or goal of a user's input.

**Step 21** First, you will need to define some intents to help control the flow of your dialog. An [intent](#) is the purpose or goal of a user's input. In other words, Watson will use natural language processing to recognize the intent of the user's question/statement to help it select the corresponding dialog branch for your automated conversation. If not already there, **click** the *Intents* tab at the left of your workspace.



**Step 22** **Click** [Create intent](#) enter the following values and **click** [Create intent](#)

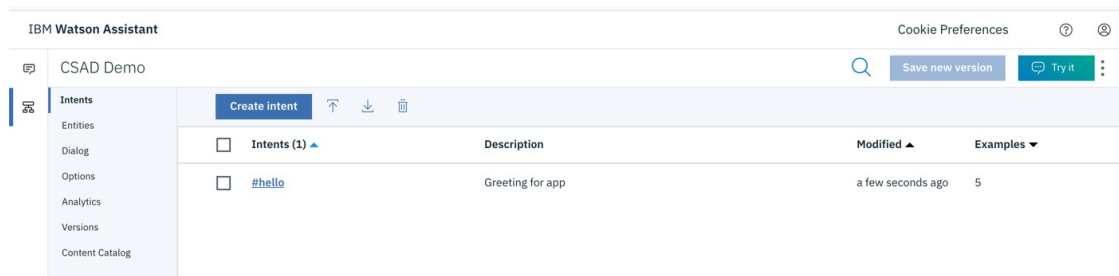
Field	Value
Intent name	hello
Description	Greeting for app

**Step 23** The user examples are phrases that will help Watson recognize the new intent. (Enter multiple examples by **pressing** "Enter" or by **clicking** the *Add example*). When finished, **click** [←](#) at the top of the page.

Field	Value
User example	Good morning Greetings Hello Hi Howdy



**Step 24** You should see your new intent listed on the Intents page. The number you see will indicate the total number of user examples that exist for that intent.



**Step 25** Repeat the previous steps to create a new *intent* that helps the user end the conversation.

Field	Value
Intent name	goodbye
Description	Goodbye
User example	Bye Goodbye Farewell I am leaving See you later

**Step 26** Repeat the previous steps to create a new *intent* that helps the user ask for help. In the programming section of this guide, you will learn how to identify the user's intent (in a third-party application) so that you can perform the requested action.

Field	Value
Intent name	Help-Misc
Description	Help
User example	I have a request I would like some assistance I need information I have a problem I need help

**Step 27** Repeat the previous steps to create a new *intent* that helps the user issue commands to turn on a device. In this example, you will assume the user is interacting with a home/business automation system. The purpose of this intent is to show you (in the next section) how to associate *entities* with an *intent* when building your dialog tree. Additionally, this intent demonstrates that the Conversation service can be used for more than just chat bots. It can be used to provide a natural language interface to any type of system!

Field	Value
Intent name	turn_on
Description	Turn on
User example	Arm the security system Lock the doors I need lights Turn on the lights Start recording

**Step 28** At this point, you have defined some intents for the application along with the example utterances that will help train Watson to recognize and control the conversation flow.

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CSAD Demo

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Save new version Try it

Create intent

	Intents (4)	Description	Modified	Examples
<input type="checkbox"/>	#goodbye	Goodbye	a few seconds ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	#hello	Greeting for app	a few seconds ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	#Help-Misc	Help	a few seconds ago	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	#turn_on	Turn on	a few seconds ago	5

## Create Entities

Before using the new Assistant, you will need to train it with the intents, entities, and/or dialog nodes relevant to your application's use case. An entity is the portion of the user's input that you can use to provide a different response or action to an intent.

**Step 29** Next, you will need to create some *entities*. An [entity](#) is the portion of the user's input that you can use to provide a different response or action to an *intent*. These entities can be used to help clarify a user's questions/phrases. You should only create *entities* for things that matter and might alter the way a bot responds to an *intent*. If not already there, **click** the *Entities* tab at the left of your Skill.

**Step 30** On the *Entities* tab, click [Create entity](#). In the dialog window, enter the following information. In this example, the **#turn\_on intent** will indicate that the user wants to turn on a car device. So, you will need to create a new *entity* representing a device. **Enter device** and **click** [Create entity](#). You will then provide *values* (and possibly synonyms) for the various types of devices that can be turned on. (Enter multiple *examples* by **pressing** "Enter" or by **clicking** the plus sign at the end of the line.)

**Click** [Add value](#). When finished, **click** [←](#) at the top of the page.

Field	Value	Synonym
Entity name	device	
Value	security system	alarm
	lights	bulb, lamp
	doors	locks, gates
	radio	car radio

**Step 31** You should see your new *entity* listed on the *Entities* page.

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CSAD Demo

Entities

My entities

System entities

Dialog

Create entity

Entity (1)	Values	Modified
@device	doors, lights, radio, security system	a few seconds ago

**Step 32** Repeat the previous steps to create the following new *entity* for **lights** controlled by the system.

Field	Value	Synonym
Entity name	lights	
Value	fog lamp	fog light
	high beam	full beam, main beam, brights
	low beam	headlights, passing lights, dim light
	rear fog lamp	rear fog light

**Step 33** Repeat the previous steps to create the following new *entity* to request the current time.

**Note:** You can get the time by using one of the predefined system entities. In this exercise, go ahead and enter it manually so it can be used to demonstrate future concepts.

Field	Value	Synonym
Entity name	time	
Value	time	clock, hour, minute, second

**Step 34** At this point, you have defined *intents* and the associated *entities* to help Watson determine the appropriate response to a user's natural language input. Your application will be able to:

- Respond to a request to turn on specific devices
- If a user turns on lights, provide additional choices for light locations

## Create Dialogs

Before using the new conversation, you will need to train it with the intents, entities, and/or dialog nodes relevant to your application's use case. A dialog uses the intent and entity that have been identified, plus context from the application, to interact with the user and provide a response.

**Step 35** Next, you will need to create some *dialogs*. A [dialog](#) is a conversational set of nodes that are contained in a workspace. Together, each set of nodes creates the overall dialog tree. Every branch on this tree is a different part of the conversation with a user. If not already there, **click** the *Dialog* tab at the left of your Skill.

**Step 36** Review the documentation for creating [dialog nodes](#) and for defining conditions.



**Step 37** On the Dialog tab, two default nodes are created for you named *Welcome* and *Anything else*. The *Welcome* node is the starting point for this application's conversation. That is, if an API query is made without a [context](#) defined, this node will be returned. The *Anything else* node will be used if the user input does not match any of the defined nodes.

**Step 38** Click on the *Welcome* node to update the following properties

Field	Value
Name	Welcome <i>(should be the default)</i>
If bot recognizes:	welcome <i>(should be the default)</i>
Then respond with:	Welcome to the CSAD Demo!


**Step 39** Click  then click *Open context editor*.


If assistant recognizes:

welcome  


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Then respond with:


Text

Welcome to CSAD Demo!  
Enter response variation  
Response variations are set to **sequential**. [Set to random](#) 



Open JSON editor  
Open context editor


 Add response type

**Step 40** Add two variables and click [Customize](#)   to close the properties view of the node.

Variable	Value
Alarmonoff	off
app_action	

Then set context:

Variable	Value	
\$ Alarmonoff	"off"	
\$ app_action	Add value	

 Add variable

**Step 41** Expand the *Anything else* node and review it's default values. **Close** the view by **clicking** **x** .

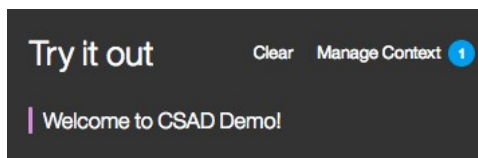
Field	Value
Name	Anything else (should be the default)
If bot recognizes:	anything_else (should be the default)
Then respond with:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I didn't understand. You can try rephrasing</li> <li>2. Can you reword your statement? I'm not understanding.</li> <li>3. I didn't get your meaning.</li> </ol> (all should be default)
Response variations are sequential.* (Set to random)	

\* Sequential means 1<sup>st</sup> response presented at first hit of anything\_else node, and so on. Random means any of the responses is presented randomly.

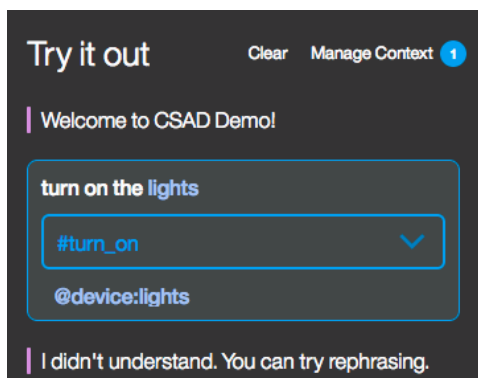
**Step 42** Now it's time to test the conversation.

In the upper right corner, **click** 


**Step 43** A test user interface will immediately launch and, based on the *Welcome* node, provides a greeting to the end user. (You may see a message that Watson is being trained.)




**Step 44** Since you have not yet defined any other dialog nodes (associated with your *intents* and *entities*), everything typed by the user will get routed to the *Anything else* node. F.e **type** "turn on the lights".



Although we have defined this phrase in intents and entities, the system does not recognize them because we have not yet defined a node to catch them the bot does not yet understand (*Anything else* node).

**Step 45** Did you notice the drop-down menu  that appeared for your invalid input? You can optionally assign this phrase to an existing intent (or verify the correct intent was used). You can use this functionality in the future to keep Watson trained on new user inputs and to ensure the correct response is returned. Cool! For now, just proceed to the next step.

**Step 46** Click  in the top right corner to close the chat pane. Proceed to the next section.

## Build your CSAD Assistant dialog

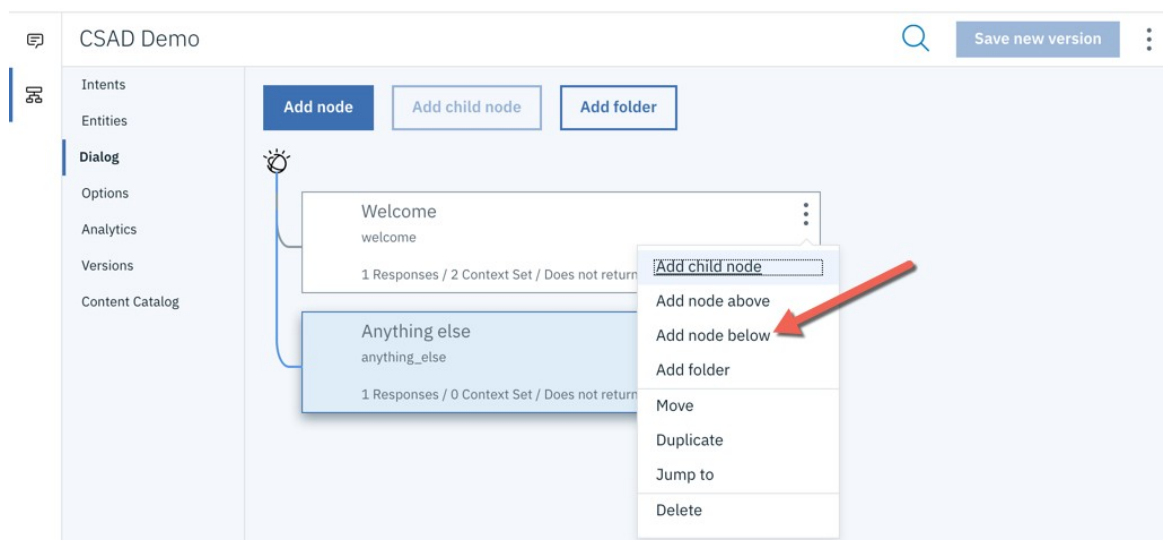
In this section, you will continue building your demo bot utilizing the intents, entities, and dialog nodes that you created in previous steps. You will do this entirely with the web interface (no programming or text/XML file hacking required!)

**Step 47** You should create a dialog branch for each of the intents you identified as well as the start and end of the conversation. Determining the most efficient order in which to check conditions is an important skill in building dialog trees. If you find a branch is becoming very complex, check the conditions to see whether you can simplify your dialog by reordering them.

**Note:** It's often best to process the most specific conditions first.


**Step 48** Click the menu  on the *Welcome* node and then click *Add node below*.

In this step you are creating a new branch in your dialog tree that represents an alternative conversation.



**Step 49** In this new node, enter the following values. By setting the condition to an *intent*, you are indicating that this node will be triggered by any input that matches the specified *intent*. Then **click** **x** to close the dialog.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Hello
If bot recognizes:	#hello
Then respond with:	Hi! What can I do for you?

**Step 50** **Click** the menu  on the *Hello* node and then **click** *Add node below*, with the following values. Then **click** **x** to close the dialog.

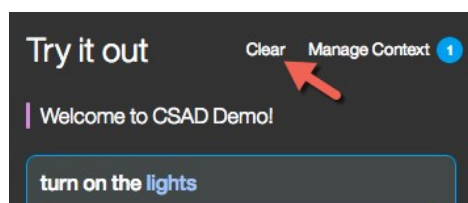
Field	Value
Name this node...	Goodbye
If bot recognizes:	#goodbye
Then respond with:	Until our next meeting.

**Step 51** Using the same steps (Step 40 ff) as before, test the conversation by typing the following chat line(s):

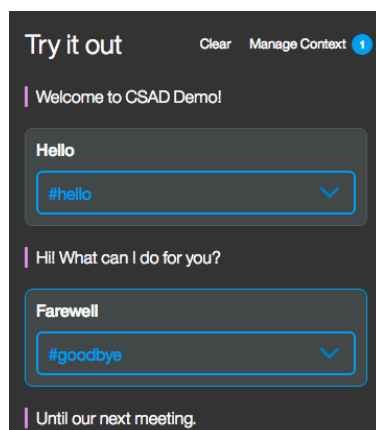
Hello

Farewell

You can clear previous tests by clicking **Clear** at the top of the dialog.




You should see the appropriate result:





**Step 52** Next, you should create a new node below **Hello** (*Add node below*) for the **#turn\_on intent**. As you'll recall, you have multiple devices that you might want to turn on. In earlier steps, you documented these devices using a new **@device entity**. This dialog branch will require multiple nodes to represent each of those devices. In this new node, enter the following values. In this example, the dialog branch will need additional information to determine which device needs to be turned on. So, leave the "Responses" field blank. **Click** **x** to close.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Turn on
If bot recognizes:	#turn_on
Then respond with:	
In the Context Editor (click  )	
app_action	on

Then set context



VARIABLE

VALUE

\$app\_action

"on"




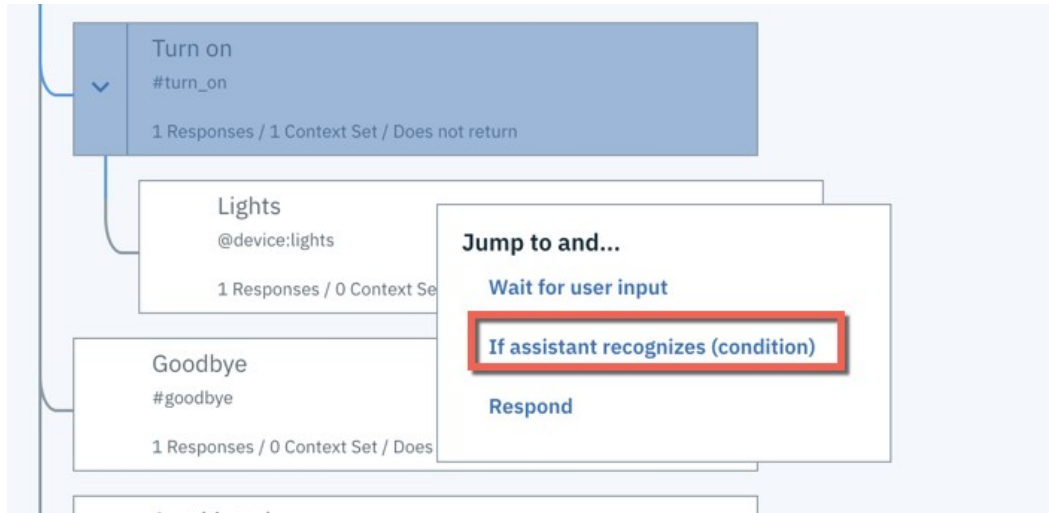
**Step 53** **Click** the menu  on the *Turn On* node and **click** *Add child node*.

**Step 54** In this new node, enter the following values. In this example, the only way this node will be reached is if the user specifies the **@device entity** "lights" (or one of its synonyms). Then **click** **x** to close the dialog.

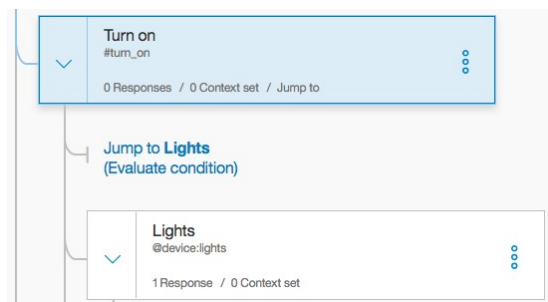
Field	Value
Name this node...	Lights
If bot recognizes:	@device:lights
Then respond with:	OK! Which light would you like to turn on?


**Step 55** In this scenario, you want to automatically move from the *Turn On* node to the *Lights* node without waiting for additional user input.

- a) Click  on the *Turn on* node and **select** *Jump to*. Now the *Turn on* node is selected. Click the *Lights* node and **select** *If assistant recognizes (condition)*.




- b) If bot recognizes (condition) is **lights**.



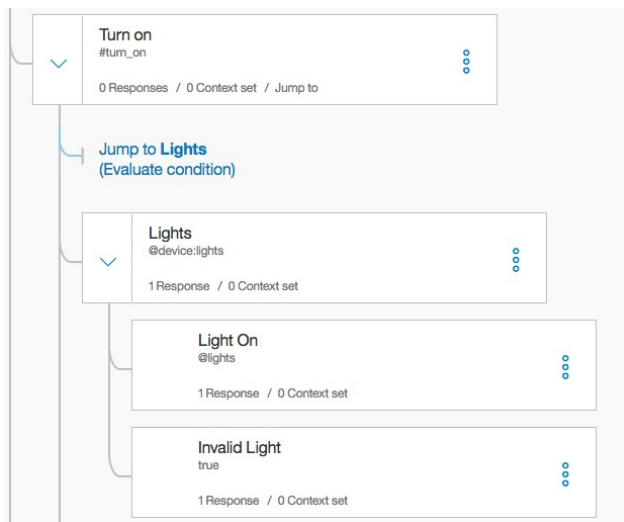
**Step 56** At this point, Watson will ask you which lights to turn on. As you will recall, in earlier steps you created a *@lights* entity to define the available lights in the system. Click the menu  on the *Lights* node, click *Add child node*. In this new node, enter the following values. By setting the condition to an entity, you are indicating that this node will be triggered by any input that matches the specified entity.


Field	Value
Name this node...	Light On
If bot recognizes:	@lights
Then respond with:	OK! Turning on @lights light.

**Step 57** Next, you will want Watson to respond if it does not recognize a light, or entity, provided by the user. **Click** the menu  on the **Light On** node and **click** *Add node below* to create a new peer node. In this new node, enter the following values.


**Note:** The *true* keyword in *If bot recognizes* always executes this node when reached. That means, the conditions of the siblings above (Light On) are not recognized!

Now your tree for the lights should look like the following:



**Step 58** You will need to add nodes to deal with the other devices that can be turned on. As you'll recall, you defined those devices with the **@device** entity. The **Turn On** node automatically jumps to the Lights node. So, **click** the menu  on the Lights node and **click** *Add node below* to create a new peer node. **Enter** the following values.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Device
If bot recognizes:	@device
Then respond with:	

**Step 59** On the *Device* node **click**  and **click** *Add a child node*. Add the following values

Field	Value
Name this node...	Device On Off Check
If bot recognizes:	true

**Step 60** Click  **Customize** and **enable** *Multiple responses*. The click .

## Customize "Device On Off Check"

[Customize node](#)

[Digressions](#)

Slots 

 off

Enable this to gather the information your virtual assistant needs to respond to a user within a single node.

☐ Prompt for everything

Enable this to ask for multiple pieces of information in a single prompt, so your user can provide them all at once and not be prompted for them one at a time.



Multiple responses 

 on

Enable multiple responses so that your virtual assistant can provide different responses to the same input, based on other conditions.


[Cancel](#)


[Apply](#)


**Step 61** Now add the following three answers in *Then respond with:* Use the  to customize and enter the values interactively and **click** . See the screenshots of each response:


## Configure response 1


If assistant recognizes:


@device:(security system) 

and 


\$app\_action=="on" 




and 


\$Alarmonoff=="on" 




Then respond with


Text 

It looks like the @device is already on. 

Enter response variation 

Response variations are set to **sequential**. Set to [random](#)  
[Learn more](#)

Add response type 

If assistant recognizes:

@Device:(security system) AND \$app\_action=="on" AND \$Alarmonoff=="on"

Then respond with:

It looks like the @device is already on.

## Configure response 2

If assistant recognizes:

@device:(security system) and \$app\_action=="on"

Then set context:

Variable	Value
\$Alarmonoff	"on"

+ Add variable

And respond with:

Text

I'll turn on the @device for you.

Enter response variation

Response variations are set to sequential. Set to random.

And finally

Default to node settings

Cancel Save

If assistant recognizes:  
 @Device:(security system) AND \$app\_action=="on"  
 Then set context (open the context editor)  
 \$Alarmonoff "on"  
 And respond with:  
 I'll turn on the @device for you.

## Configure response 3

If assistant recognizes:

@device and \$app\_action=="on"

Then respond with:

Text

Move: ^ v

I'll switch on the @device for you

Enter response variation

Response variations are set to sequential. [Set to random](#)

[+ Add response type](#)

And finally

Default to node settings

Cancel


Save

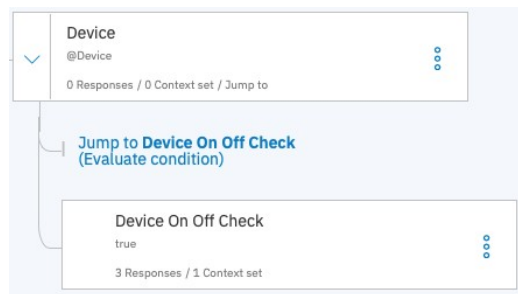
If assistant recognizes:


@Device AND \$app\_action=="on"

Then respond with:


I'll switch on the @device for you.

**Step 62** Now **click**  on the *Device* node and **click** *Jump to*, then **select** the *Device On Off Check (If recognizes condition)*.



**Step 63** Next, you will want Watson to respond if it does not recognize a device, or entity, provided by the user. **Click** the menu  of the *Device* node and **click** *Add node below* to create another peer node with the following values:

Field	Value
Name this node...	Invalid Device
If bot recognizes:	true
Then respond with:	I'm sorry, I don't know how to do that. I can turn on lights, radio, or security systems.

**Step 64** Using the same steps as before, **click**  to test the conversation by **typing** the following chat line(s):

Hello

Arm the security system

Arm the security system → Should be already on

Turn on the lights


The headlights

Turn on the lights

fog lamp

**Note:** You could add a context variable for each device/light and control the on/off behavior as for the *security system*.



**Step 65** Finally, you will want to enable the Conversation service to identify your **#Help-Misc** intent. You will make this a part of the overall “Help” system for the bot. This intent will be used in the upcoming programming exercises to show you how to perform specific application actions based on a detected *intent* and *entity*. **Click** the menu  on the *Turn On* node and **click** *Add node below* to create a new peer node. Enter the following values.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Help
If bot recognizes:	#Help-Misc
Then respond with:	How can I help you?


**Step 66** **Click** *Add child node* on the menu of the Help node.. In this new node, enter the following values. In this example, the only way this node will be reached is if the user specifies the **@help:time** *entity* (or one of its synonyms).

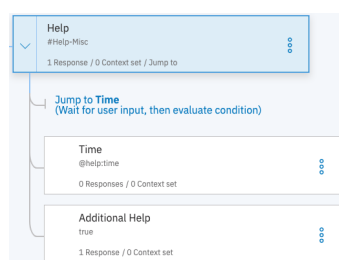
**Note:** You will provide your own custom response to the query in the programming exercises.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Time
If bot recognizes:	@help:time
The respond with:	The time will be provided by the webhook created later in this tutorial.

**Step 67** **Click** *Add node below* on the menu of the *Time* node. In this new node, enter the following values. By setting the condition to an entity, you are indicating that this node will be triggered by any input that matches the specified entity.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Additional Help
If bot recognizes:	true
Then respond with:	I’m sorry, I can’t help with that. For additional help, please call 555-2368.

**Step 68** **Click**  on the *Help* node and **select** *Jump to*. **Click** the *Time* node and **select** *Jump to and... Wait for user input*.



**Step 69** This is already an epic conversation, but feel free to experiment with more functionality:

- Define entities for additional devices and lights
- Add more synonyms for entities
- Add new intents, such as #turn\_off to turn off devices

**Step 70 (Optional)** Add a slots dialog to book a table in a restaurant

a) Add an Intent with the following values (see Step 21 ff):

Field	Value
Intent name	book_table
Description	Book a table in one of the restaurants
User example	I'd like to make a reservation I want to reserve a table for dinner Can 3 of us get a table for lunch? Do you have openings for next Wednesday at 7? Is there availability for 4 on Tuesday night? I'd like to come in for brunch tomorrow Can I reserve a table?

b) Add an Entity for Locations (See Step 29 ff)

Field	Value	Synonym
Entity name	locations	
Value	First Street	first, 1st
Value	Main Street	Main

## c) Enable the System entities @sys-date, @sys-number, @sys-time

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These are common entities created by IBM that could be used across any use case. They are ready to use as soon as you add them. \*System entities cannot be edited. [Learn more](#)

System entities beta provides improved detection of dates, times, and numbers. [Update them by navigating to the system entities options tab](#)

Name (7)	Description	Status
> @sys-number	Extracts numbers mentioned from user examples as digits or written as numbers. (21)	On
> @sys-percentage	Extracts amounts from user examples including the number and the % sign. (15%)	Off
> @sys-currency	Extracts currency values from user examples including the amount and the unit. (20 cents)	Off
> @sys-date	Extracts date mentions (Friday)	On
> @sys-time	Extracts time mentions (at 10)	On
> @sys-location BETA	The @sys-location system entity extracts place names (country, state/province, city, town, etc.) from the user's input. (Boston)	Off
> @sys-person BETA	The @sys-person system entity extracts names from the user's input. (Anna)	Off

## d) Add a dialog node for #book\_table (Step 48 ff)

Click the menu on the *Turn On* node and click *Add node below* to create a new peer node. Enter the following values.

Field	Value
Name this node...	Book a Table
If bot recognizes:	#book_table

## e) Click Customize at the top of dialog node definition panel.

## f) Enable Slots and select Prompt for everything. The click

Customize "Book a table"

Customize node Digressions

Slots

Enable this to gather the information your virtual assistant needs to respond to a user within a single node.

☒ Prompt for everything

Enable this to ask for multiple pieces of information in a single prompt, so your user can provide them all at once and not be prompted for them one at a time.

Multiple responses

Enable multiple responses so that your virtual assistant can provide different responses to the same input, based on other conditions.

Cancel Apply

- g) Now you can enter the slots (Then check for:) [⊕ Add slot](#) for more lines.

Check for	Save it as	If not present ask
@locations	\$locations	Which store you want to got to? First or Main?
@sys-date	\$date	What day you want to come in?
@sys-time	\$time	What time did you want to arrive?
@sys-number	\$number	How many people in your party?

- h) In the field *If no slots are prefilled, ask this first:* enter

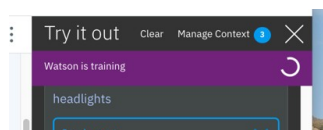
I need some more information to continue. I will need the location, date, time, and number of people

- i) In the field *Then respond with:* enter

Great, I have a table of \$number people, on \$date at \$time at our \$locations store.

- j) You can try (see Step 40 ff) this with a view sample inputs. Always [Clear](#)

If you see indication for “Watson is training”, wait until completion:

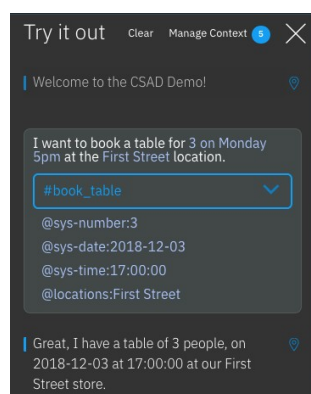


I want to book a table for 3 on Monday 5pm at the First Street location.

I want to book a table 'clear previous dialog

I want a table for 3 please 'clear previous dialog

The result should look something like this:



## Section 2: Backend Integration with Cloud Functions

(When Optional Step 70 has been done!)

In section 4 we will build a node.js server task to use the Watson Assistant skill built in Section 1. Watson Assistant also allows to call Cloud Functions (serverless computing) from within the context of a node definition.

To show such an integration we store the restaurant table booking dialog result (Step 71) in a Cloudant database using a Cloud Function. This can be achieved without programming.

**Step 71** Make sure you are logged in to your with the ibmcloud cli api to your account an respective region.

**Step 72** In a terminal create a Cloudant service with the following command:

```
ibmcloud resource service-instance-create workshopDb cloudantnosqldb lite <your region> -p '{"legacyCredentials": true}'
```

valid regions: eu-gb, eu-de, us-south, etc

**Note:** Legacy credentials provide a password attribute for default behaviour. If you have an existing Cloudant service without legacy credentials see Step 85

```
kpsMBP-5:~ kps$ ibmcloud resource service-instance-create workshopDb cloudantnosqldb lite eu-gb -p '{"legacyCredentials": true}'
Creating service instance workshopDb in resource group workshop of account Klaus-Peter Schlotter's Account as kps
OK
Service instance workshopDb was created.
Name: workshopDb
ID: crn:v1:bluemix:public:cloudantnosqldb:eu-gb:a/520e7c89ba-b-c62a-4fa3-b9cb-afd9c
1c96a2a::
GUID: dfefce98-c6-2a2a
Location: eu-gb
State: inactive
Type: service_instance
Sub Type:
Created at: 2019-06-07T09:33:05Z
Updated at: 2019-06-07T09:33:05Z
Last Operation:
Status: create in progress
Updated At: 2019-06-07 09:33:05.525484907 +0000 UTC
```

**Step 73** Create a Cloud Foundry alias of your Cloudant services

```
ibmcloud resource service-alias-create cfworkshopdb --instance-name workshopDb
```

```
kpsMBP-5:~ kps$ ibmcloud resource service-alias-create cfworkshopdb --instance-name workshopDb
Creating alias cfworkshopdb of service instance workshopDb from resource group workshop into space dev_gb...
OK
Service alias cfworkshopdb was successfully created.
ID: crn:v1:bluemix:public:cloudantnosqldb:eu-gb:a/520e7c89ba-b-c62a-4fa3-b9cb-afd9c
65130013e:resource-alias:605a5881-8877-431c-bc3d-762d952059d3
Name: cfworkshopdb
State: active
Service Instance: workshopDb
Space: dev_gb
Tags:
kpsMBP-5:~ kps$
```

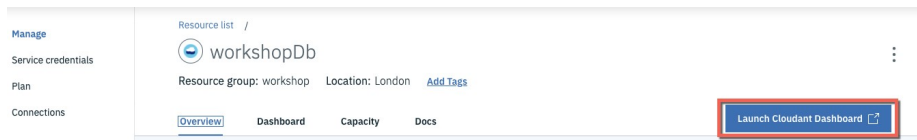
**Step 74** Create Credentials for this service with the following command

```
ibmcloud cf create-service-key cfworkshopdb workshopkey
```

```
kpsMBP-5:~ kps$ ibmcloud cf create-service-key cfworkshopdb workshopkey
Invoking 'cf create-service-key cfworkshopdb workshopkey'...
```

```
Creating service key workshopkey for service instance cfworkshopdb as kps: .com...
OK
```

**Step 75** In the cloud console open the Dashboard of your Cloudbant service



**Step 76** At to top click Create Database . Enter a name f.e. *reservations* and click

**Step 77** In a Terminal install the IBM Cloud Functions CLI plugin

```
ibmcloud plugin install Cloud-Functions -r bluemix
```

**Step 78** With the following command you can automatically create Cloud Functions from certain IBM Services such as Cloudbant, Weather Service, Watson Services to name a view.

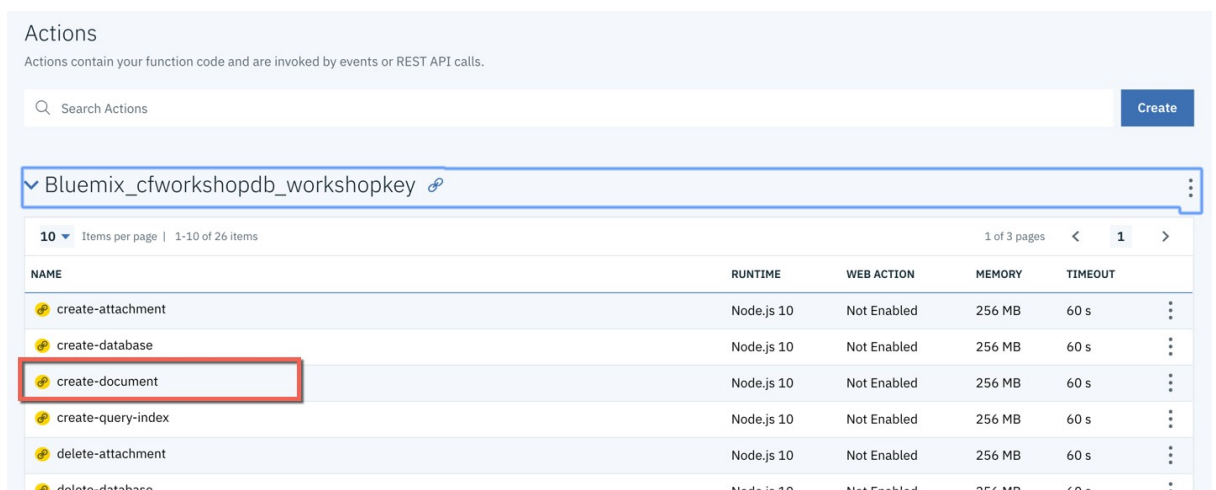
```
ibmcloud wsk package refresh

[kpsMBP-5:~ kps$ ibmcloud wsk package refresh
'_' refreshed successfully
created bindings:
Bluemix_cfworkshopdb_workshopkey
updated bindings:
deleted bindings:
Bluemix_workshopDb_workshopkey
```

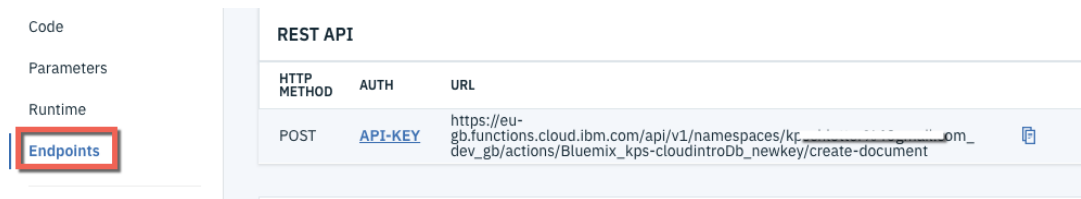
**Step 79** In your cloud console goto Functions . Then click **Actions** in the left menu. You should see the functions that the previous command has created from some deployed services.

**Note:** Make sure you have selected your ORG and SPACE at the top that you have a connection to from the Command Line Interface.

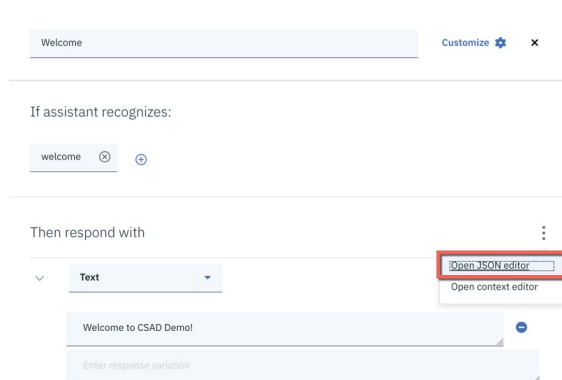
**Step 80** We are interested in the *create-document* function of the Cloudbant service. Click → Manage Action



**Step 81** **Select Endpoints** and **copy** the **URL** and the **API-KEY** for later use in our Assistant Skill. (click API-KEY to get the value).



**Step 82** In your Assistant Skill **open** the **Welcome** node and the **Open JSON editor**. Replace the content with the following:

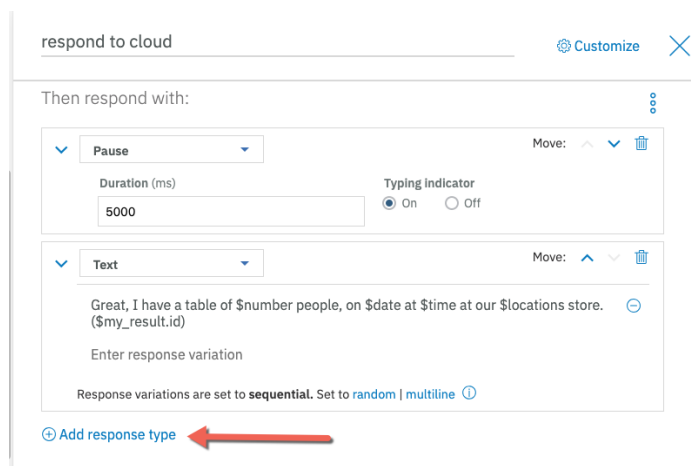



There is a [lab03\\_codesnippets.txt](#) file that contains all the code snippets of this lab section.

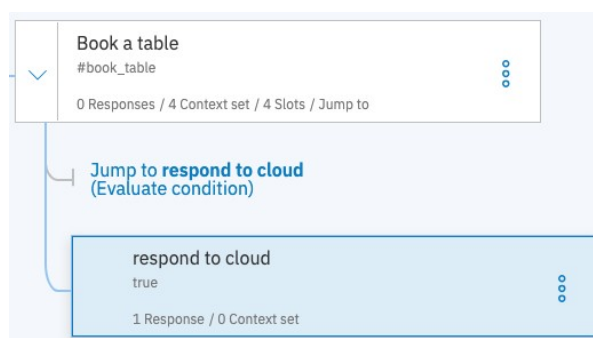
```
{
  "output": {
    "generic": [
      {
        "values": [
          {
            "text": "Welcome to CSAD Demo!"
          }
        ],
        "response_type": "text",
        "selection_policy": "sequential"
      }
    ],
    "context": {
      "private": {
        "my_credentials": {
          "api_key": "<yourCloudFunctionsAPIKey>"
        }
      },
      "Alarmonoff": "off",
      "app_action": ""
    }
  }
}
```

**Step 83** Click  on the *Book a table* node and **select** *Add child node*.


Field	Value
Name this node...	Respond to cloud
If bot recognizes:	true
Then respond with (Pause)	5000
Then respond with (Text) (click + to add an response type)	Great, I have a table of \$number people, on \$date at \$time at our \$locations store. (\$my_result.id)
And finally	Wait for user input



**Step 84** Click  on the *Book a table* node and **select** *Jump to (recognizes condition)*. **Select** the *Respond to cloud* node.





**Step 85** Open the *Book a table* node and on  Open JSON editor and **replace** the content with the following:

```
{
  "output": {
    "text": {
      "values": [],
      "selection_policy": "sequential"
    }
  },
  "actions": [
    {
      "name": "/kpschxxxx.com_dev_gb/actions/Bluemix_kps-cloudin-
troDb_newkey/create-document",
      "type": "server",
      "parameters": {
        "doc": {
          "date": "$date",
          "time": "$time",
          "number": "$number",
          "locations": "$locations"
        },
        "dbname": "reservations"
      },
      "credentials": "$private.my_credentials",
      "result_variable": "$my_result"
    }
  ]
}
```

Actions name is the part of the URL from Step 80 after .../namespaces.

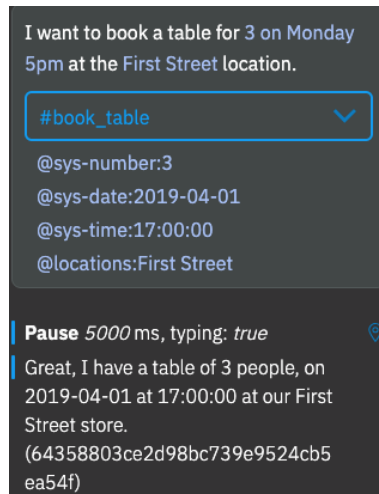
**Note:** In case you get an **Error Code 400** you do not have legacy credentials, containing *password* and *port*, for your Cloudbant service. Add the following **two paramters** from your Cloudbant credentials to the code above:

```
"dbname": "reservations",
"iamApiKey": "<apikey from your Cloudbant credentials>",
"url": "<url from your Cloudbant credentials>"
```

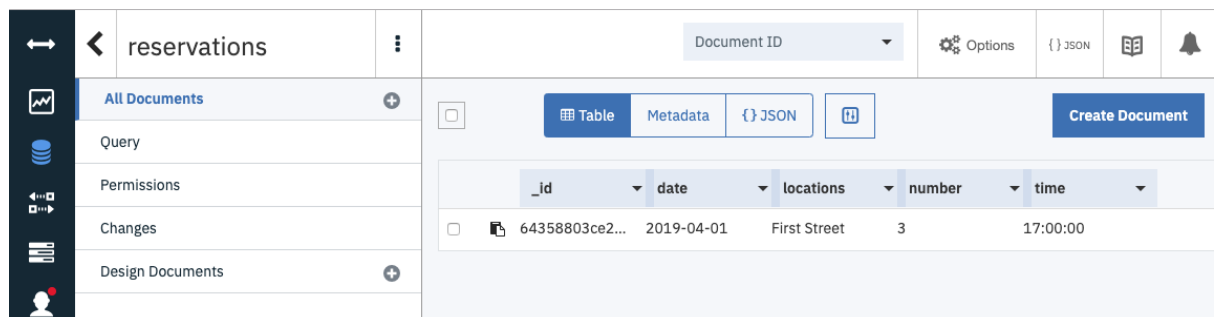
## Step 86 Try the dialog with the following sentence:

I want to book a table for 3 on Monday 5pm at the First Street location.

An you should see a result like this:



## Step 87 Go back to your Cloudant dashboard. There you should see the document that was created.

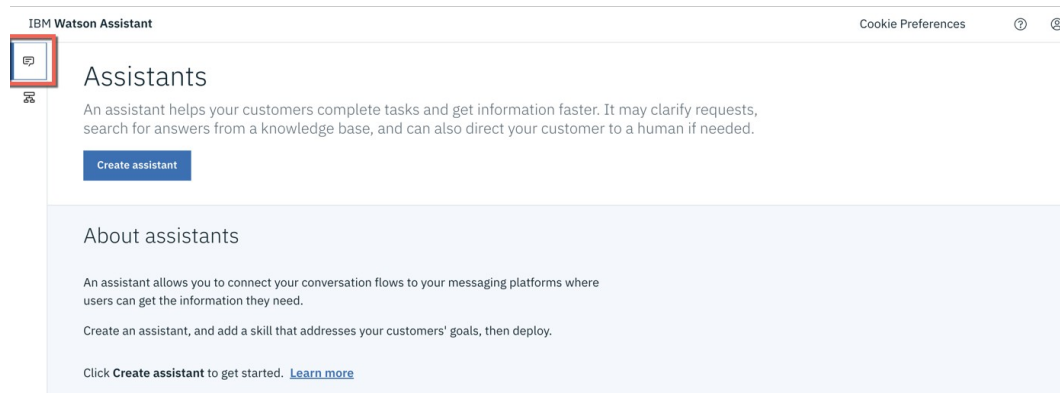


## Section 3: Create an Assistant from our Skill

IBM Watson Assistant has a V2 API that provides a session context and therefore the context has not to be passed with any client request.

This is now also the API version used in the following Node.js application.

**Step 88** Go to the Assistants section.



**Step 89** Click **Create assistant** to create a new Assistant, **enter** name and description then **click** **Create assistant**.

### Add Assistant

Create a new assistant

Name

csadAssistant

Description (optional)

Assistant for skill CSAD\_Demo

Preview Link

☒ Enable Preview Link

Create

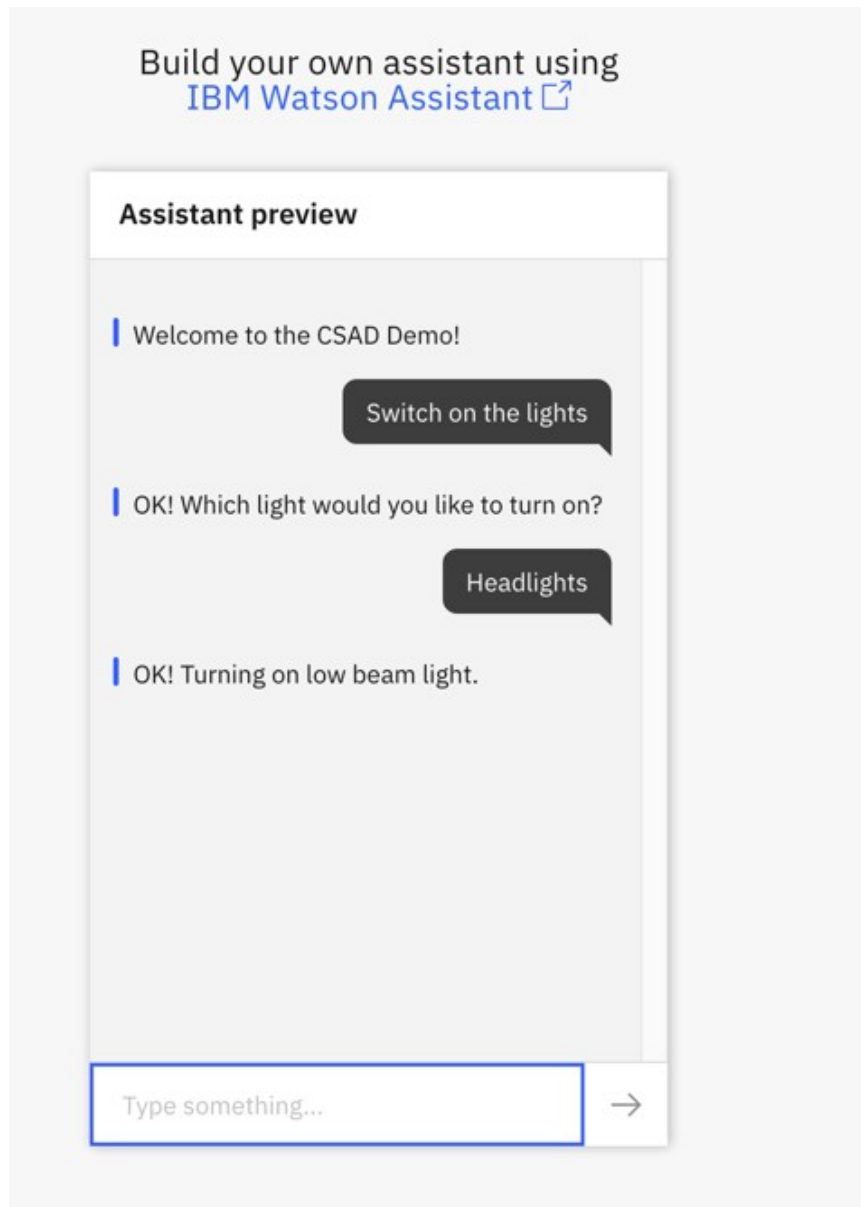
**Step 90** Click **Add dialog skill** and **select** our *CSAD Demo Skill*. With the Integrations function you can now directly integrate this Assistant into Facebook, Slack and other applications.

This is out of scope of this introductory demo!!

**Step 91** Click Preview Link to make this Assistant available on the internet. **Enter** a name and click **Save Changes**.

**Step 92** **Copy** the link and **open** it in a browser.

**Step 93** It should look like the following:



**Step 94** Try some of your dialogs.

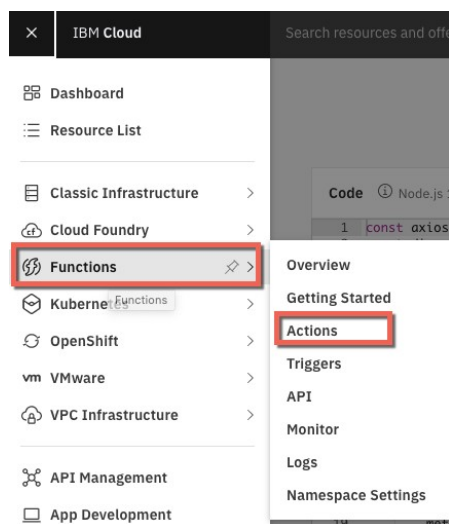
## Section 4: Create a Cloud Function used as Webhook

In Lab 3 the integration with external systems was done with a Node.js server in between the web client and the Watson Assistant service where the server interprets the intents and entities returned from the agent and acts accordingly. F.e. the **@help:time** entity is caught by the server and the message for the client is created with the system time.

Watson Assistant recently was enhanced with a Webhook capability where you can call the Webhook directly from an Assistant's dialog node. The Webhook has to have an URL that is publicly available.

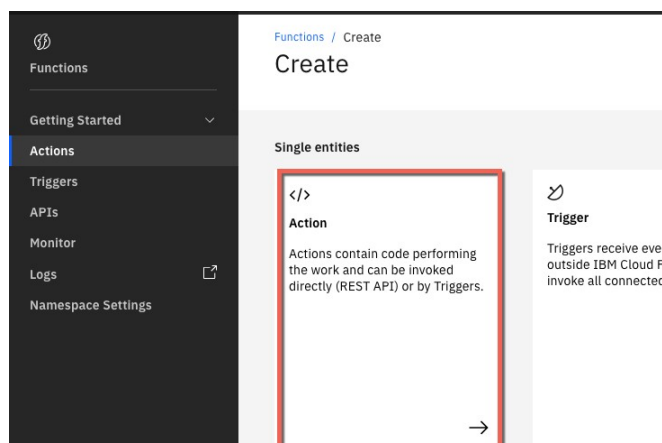
For simplicity we will realize the webhook for this Lab and the Lab 5a by implementing a Cloud Function in the IBM Cloud.

**Step 95** In the Cloud console navigate to Functions → Actions




**Step 96** Click the **Create** button

**Step 97** Click on *Action*



**Step 98** Name it f.e. *csadbot*, make sure *Runtime* is Node.js 10 or later.  
Click **Create**


**Step 99** The Code section of the Action opens. **Paste** the following code into it by replacing the default. (You can also **Paste** from [here](#)). Click 

```
function main(params) {
  if (params.action === "gettime") {
    const deTime = new Date().toLocaleString("de-DE", {timeZone:
"Europe/Berlin"});
    return {
      statusCode: 200,
      headers: {
        Content_Type: "application/json"
      },
      body: { message: deTime }
    };
  } else {
    return {
      statusCode: 404,
      headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
      body: {message: `action ${params.action} not defined` }
    };
  }
}
```

**Step 100** Click [Invoke with parameters](#) to customize the parameters .

**Step 101** **Type** the following between the curly braces then **click** 

"action": "gettime"

**Step 102** Click  and the following should be the result:

```
✓ csadbot1 72 ms 4/26/2020, 13:17:48

Activation ID:
873455be30e44504b455be30e4b504c0

Results:
{
  "body": {
    "date": "4/26/2020, 1:17:48 PM"
  },
  "headers": {
    "Content_Type": "application/json"
  },
  "statusCode": 200
}

Logs:
[]
```

**Step 103** At the top of the page besides the action's name **click** 

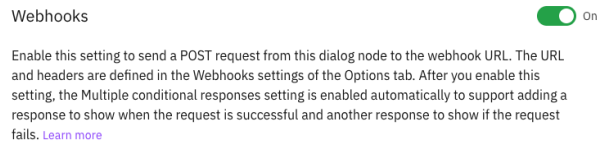
**Step 104** **Select** *Enable as Web Action* and then click 

**Step 105** Now the HTTP Method *ANY* gets active (Public). **Copy** the URL to the clipboard

**Step 106** Click the Time dialog node in your Assistant created in Step 67.

**Step 107** Click [Customize](#) at the top of the definition page.

**Step 108** Enable Webhooks then click 



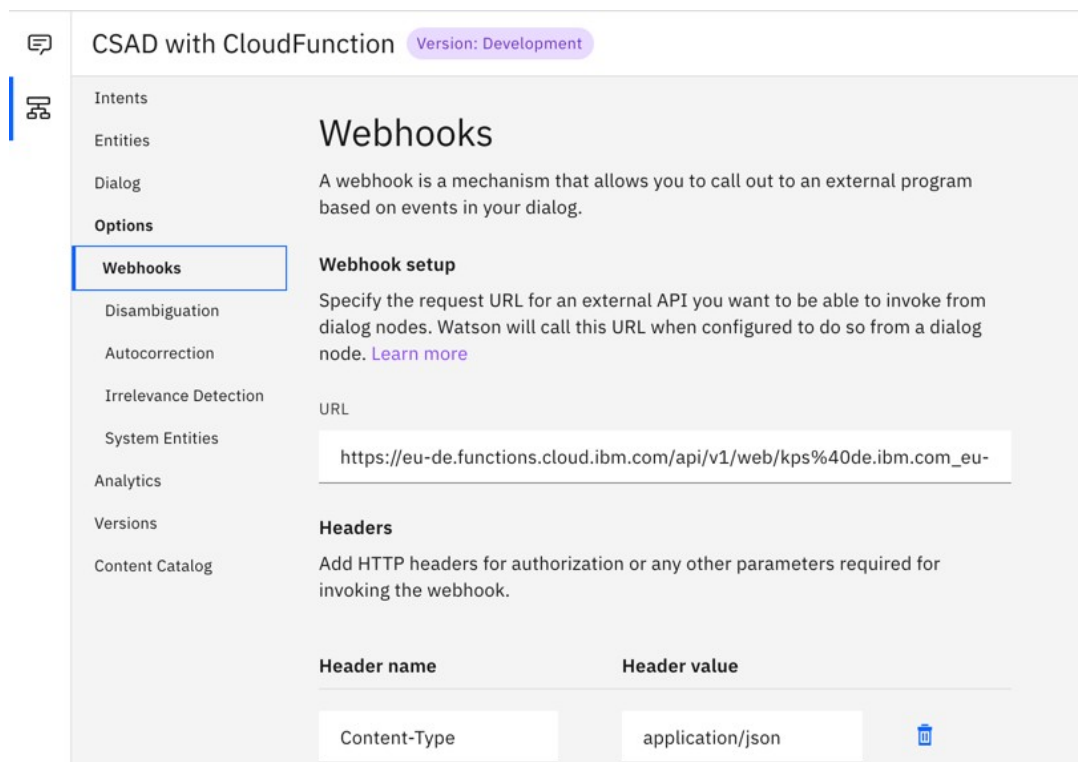
**Step 109** As *callout parameter* specify the following:

Key	Value
action	gettime

**Step 110** In *Assistant responds* enter the following responses

If assistant recognizes	Respond with
\$webhook_result_1	The time is <? \$webhook_result_1.message ?>
anything_else	Something went wrong.

**Step 111** In the *Options* → *Webhook* section **paste** the *URL* from **Step 105**.



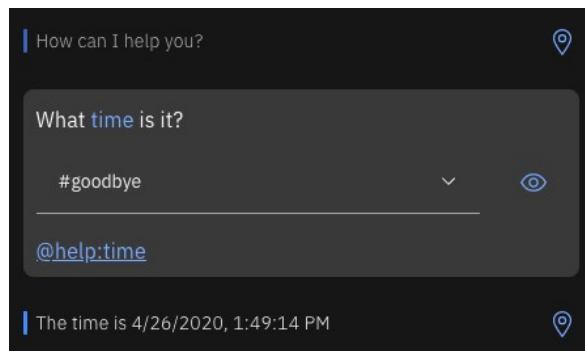
**Step 112** Add the following header:

Header name	Header value
Content-Type	application/json

**Step 113** Test your agent again with the *Try it out* feature. Enter the following:

```
I need help
What time is it?
```

You should see the following returned from the Webhook.





## Section 5: Integrate the Chatbot in your Web Site using Webchat

The Webchat feature of Watson Assistant provides similar capabilities as the Assistant's Preview Link does (See Step 94). It provides a Chatbot without a specific application such as created in Lab 3 using Node.js.

To use this feature you have to upgrade your Watson Assistant to the **Plus Trial** plan.

Plan	Features	Pricing
Lite	10,000 Messages/Month AI-Based Intent and Entity Recognition Entity Synonym Recommendations Visual Dialog Edit with Simple Response Types (Text, Options, Images, etc...) Prebuilt Content Available Analytics Dashboard with 7 Days of Storage 5 Dialog Skills, Each with 100 Dialog Nodes Shared Public Cloud	Free
Plus Trial	Everything in Plus, for 30 days, for free! 50,000 Messages 5,000 Users Creation limits consistent with the Lite Plan	Free
Standard	Everything in Lite, with these additions... Unlimited Messages/Month 20 Dialog Skills, Each with Unlimited Dialog Nodes 10 Versions per Dialog Skill Analytics Dashboard with 30 Days of Storage *POST /message method calls only	\$0.0025 USD/API call*

**Step 114** On your *Assistant* page **click** Integrate Web Chat.

**Skills**  
A dialog skill provides specific responses you've created. You can use a search skill to provide answers from linked documents or web pages. Choose one or both skills for your assistant. [Learn more](#)

**Dialog**

**CSAD with CloudFunction**

LANGUAGE:	TRAINED DATA:	VERSION:	DESCRIPTION:	VERSION CREATED:
English (US)		draft	---	Apr 24, 2020 9:48 PM CEST

LINKED ASSISTANTS (1): CSAD with Function

**Search** Plus

Extend your conversation flow with a search skill

Once you've created a dialog skill, you can add a search skill. Search skills find relevant information from external data sources and provide responses to user queries that the dialog is not designed to handle.

[Add search skill](#)

**Integrations**  
Choose a channel to deploy your assistant.

[Add integration](#) +

**Deploy with Web Chat** Beta Plus

Add your assistant to your company website.

**Now supporting:**

[Integrate Web Chat](#)

**Saved integrations**

[Preview Link](#)

**Step 115** On the *Web Chat integration* page Click .

**Step 116** Now you have certain options available. We want to *Add the chat UI to your web page*. **Copy** the script to the clipboard.

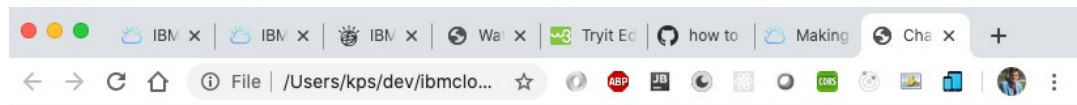
**Step 117** Create a simple HTML file with a text editor. F.e. the following.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>Chatbot Home</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Home Page to integrate the Chatbot</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

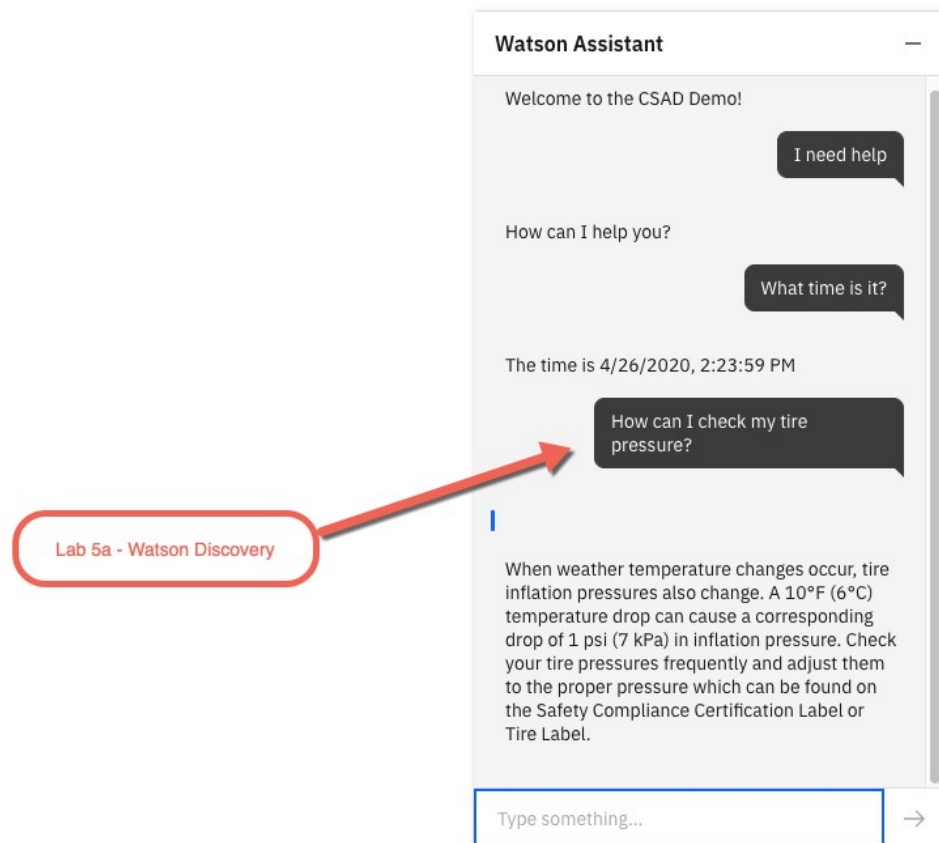
**Step 118** Now paste the JavaScript from your Assistant before the </html> tag.

```
home.html > html
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3  <head>
4    <meta charset="UTF-8">
5    <meta name="viewport" content="width=, initial-scale=1.0">
6    <title>Chatbot Home</title>
7    <script src="https://web-chat.global.assistant.watson.appdomain.cloud/loadWatsonAssistantChat.js"></script>
8    <script>
9      window.loadWatsonAssistantChat({
10        integrationID: "d8a22_____lbb", // The ID of this integration.
11        region: "us-south" // The region your integration is hosted in.
12      }).then(function(instance){
13        instance.render();
14      });
15    </script>
16  </head>
17  <body>
18    <h1>Home Page to integrate the Chatbot</h1>
19  </body>
20  </html>
```

**Step 119** Now open the page in Google Chrome.



## Home Page to integrate the Chatbot



You have successfully completed this lab.