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Lesson 07

Low Code LLM App Builder (Part 1)

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Flowise

Introduction

- Learn to develop low code LLM application using open-source low-code tool.
- Many tools are available. They are: 1) Flowise, 2) LLMStack, 3) Superagent, 4) Langflow, 5) Dify etc.
- Flowise AI is a low-code/no-code platform that simplifies the development of application powered by Large Language Models (LLMs).
- Flowise provides a visual and user-friendly drag-and-drop GUI interface, making it accessible to both technical and non-technical users.
- Individuals with little programming experience can effortlessly create these LLM applications without the need to write any code.
- Advantageous for organizations striving to rapidly build prototypes and develop LLM applications in an agile manner.

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Flowise & LLM Frameworks

- The LangChain/LlamaIndex frameworks made it easy to build LLM applications.
- By abstracting objects like chains, this framework gives us the power to compose complex workflow to solve interesting tasks like Chatbots over documents, personal assistants, semantic search engines etc.
- Framework requires you to code in Python or JavaScript programming language.
- Flowise goes further (together with LangChain/LlamaIndex) by providing an interactive User Interface (UI).

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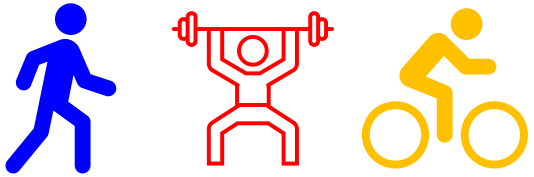
Flowise / Hugging Face Space

Flowise Installation (Hugging Face)

- Familiarity with installation procedures fosters confidence in handling the software, boosting your technical proficiency and adaptability.
- Many ways to install/deploy Flowise (Chatflow).
- We will be using Hugging Face to host Flowise.

Hugging Face



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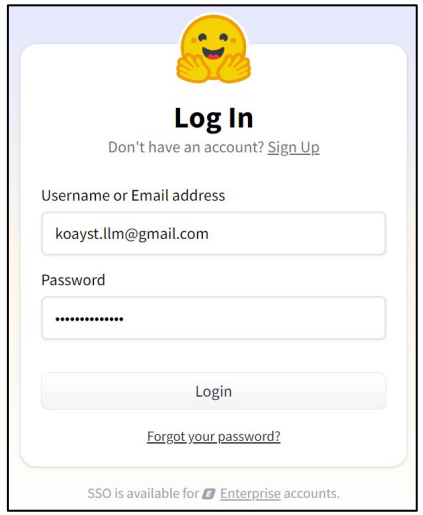
Login Hugging Face

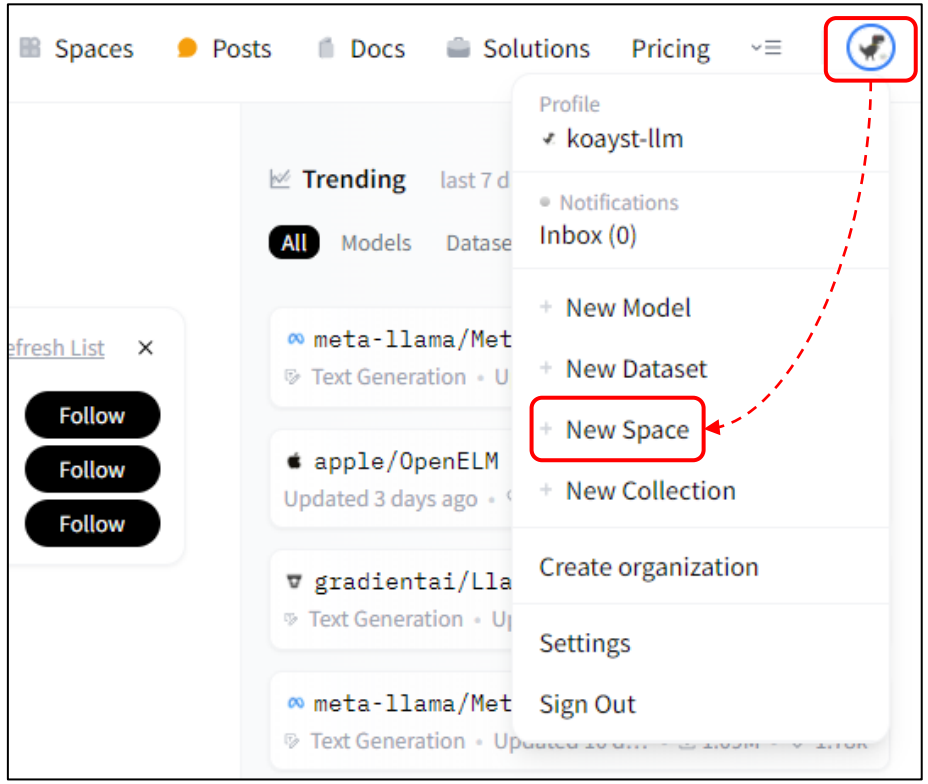
- Login in to Hugging Face.

  https://huggingface.co/login

- Sign up a Hugging Face account if you don't have one. It's FREE !
- Follow the instruction as published in Flowise to create "Space" to run Flowise.

  https://docs.flowiseai.com/configuration/deployment/hugging-face





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Step 1

Instruction:
Read from left to right, top to bottom

1 Create a new space

Hugging Face | Search models, data | Models | Datasets | Spaces | Docs | Enterprise | Pricing

Create a new Space

Spaces are Git repositories that host application code for Machine Learning demos.
You can build Spaces with Python libraries like Streamlit or Gradio, or using Docker images.

Owner: koayst-llm / Space name: flowise

Short description: Short Description

License: unknown

Select the Space SDK
You can choose between Streamlit, Gradio and Static for your Space. Or pick Docker to host any other app.

Streamlit | Gradio (NEW, 3 templates) | Docker (15 templates) | Static (3 templates)

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Choose a Docker template:

Blank | JupyterLab | Argilla | Livebook
LabelStudio | AimStack | AutoTrain | Shiny (R)
Shiny (Python) | ZenML | ChatUI | Panel
Giskard | Quarto

Space hardware Free

CPU basic · 2 vCPU · 16 GB · FREE

You can switch to a different hardware at any time in your Space settings.
You will be billed for every minute of uptime on a paid hardware.

Public
Anyone on the internet can see this Space. Only you (personal Space) or members of your organization (organization Space) can commit.

Private
Only you (personal Space) or members of your organization (organization Space) can see and commit to this Space.

Create Space

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Step 2

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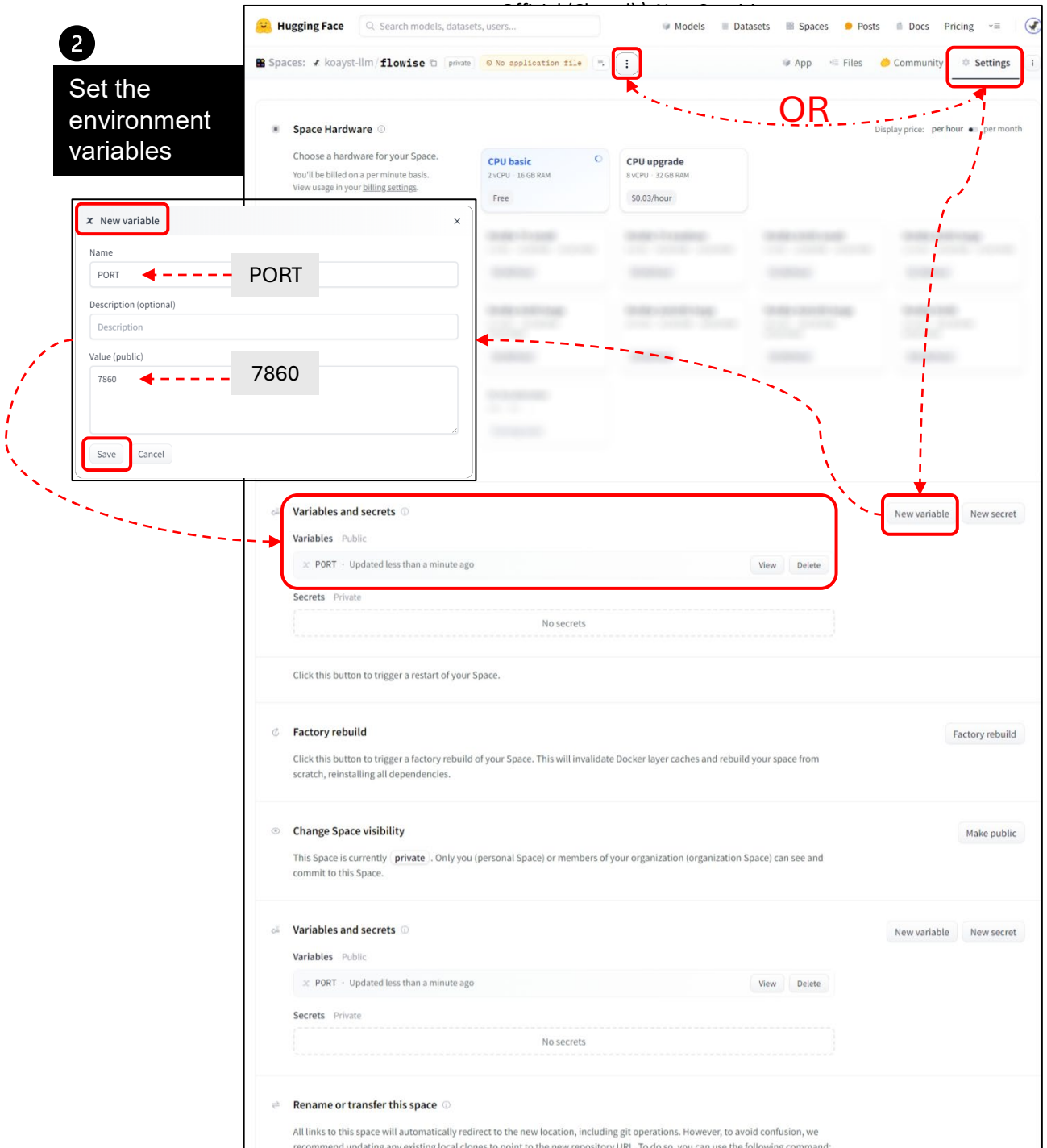
Set the environment variables



Instruction:
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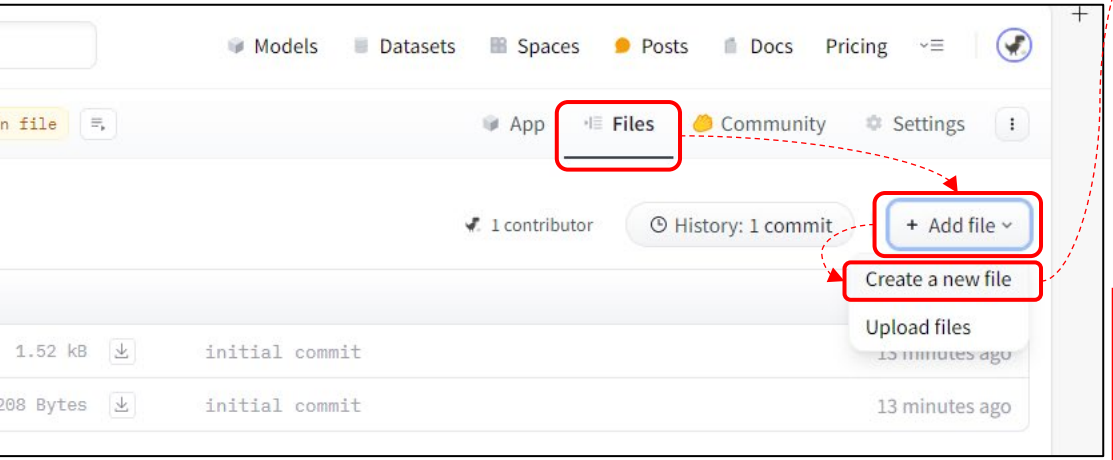
3 Create a Dockerfile



Go to: https://docs.flowiseai.com/configuration/deployment/hugging-face to copy the Dockerfile text

Create a Dockerfile

1. At the files tab, click on button ***+ Add file*** and click on **Create a new file** (or Upload files if you prefer to)
2. Create a file called **Dockerfile** and paste the following:

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```
FROM node:18-alpine
USER root

# Arguments that can be passed at build time
ARG FLOWISE_PATH=/usr/local/lib/node_modules/flowise
ARG BASE_PATH=/root/.flowise
ARG DATABASE_PATH=$BASE_PATH
ARG APIKEY_PATH=$BASE_PATH
ARG SECRETKEY_PATH=$BASE_PATH
```

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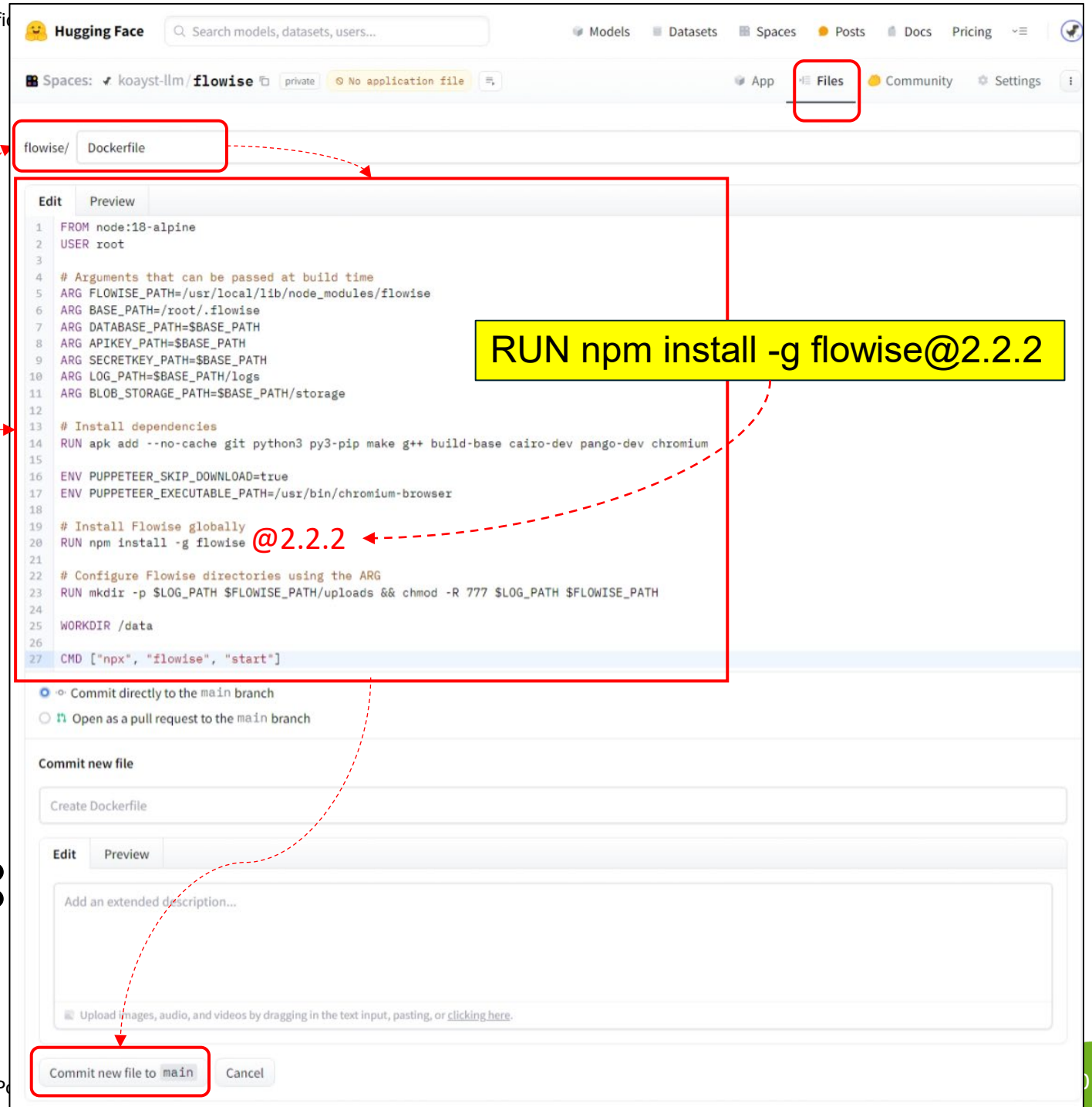
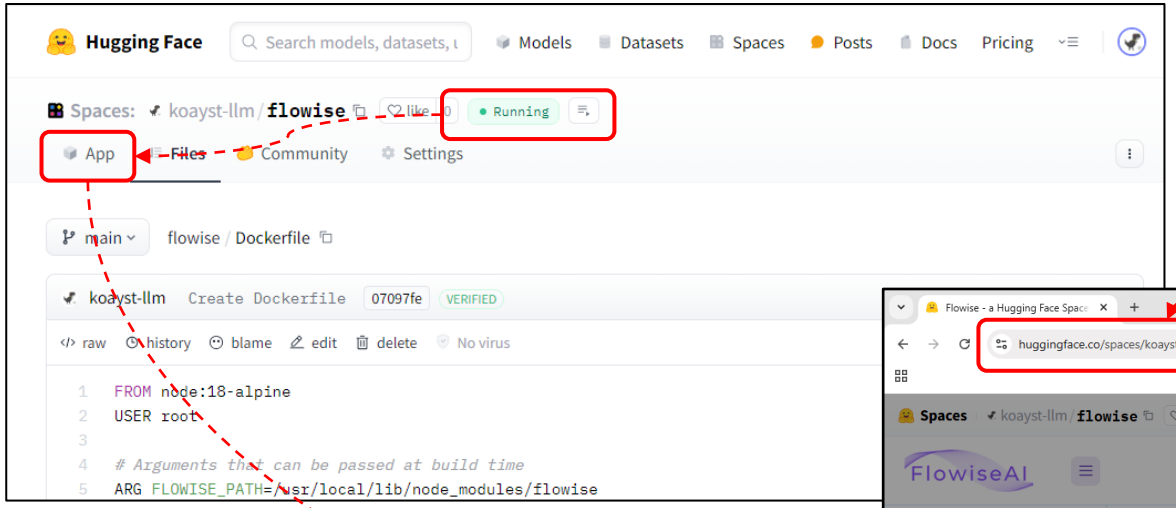
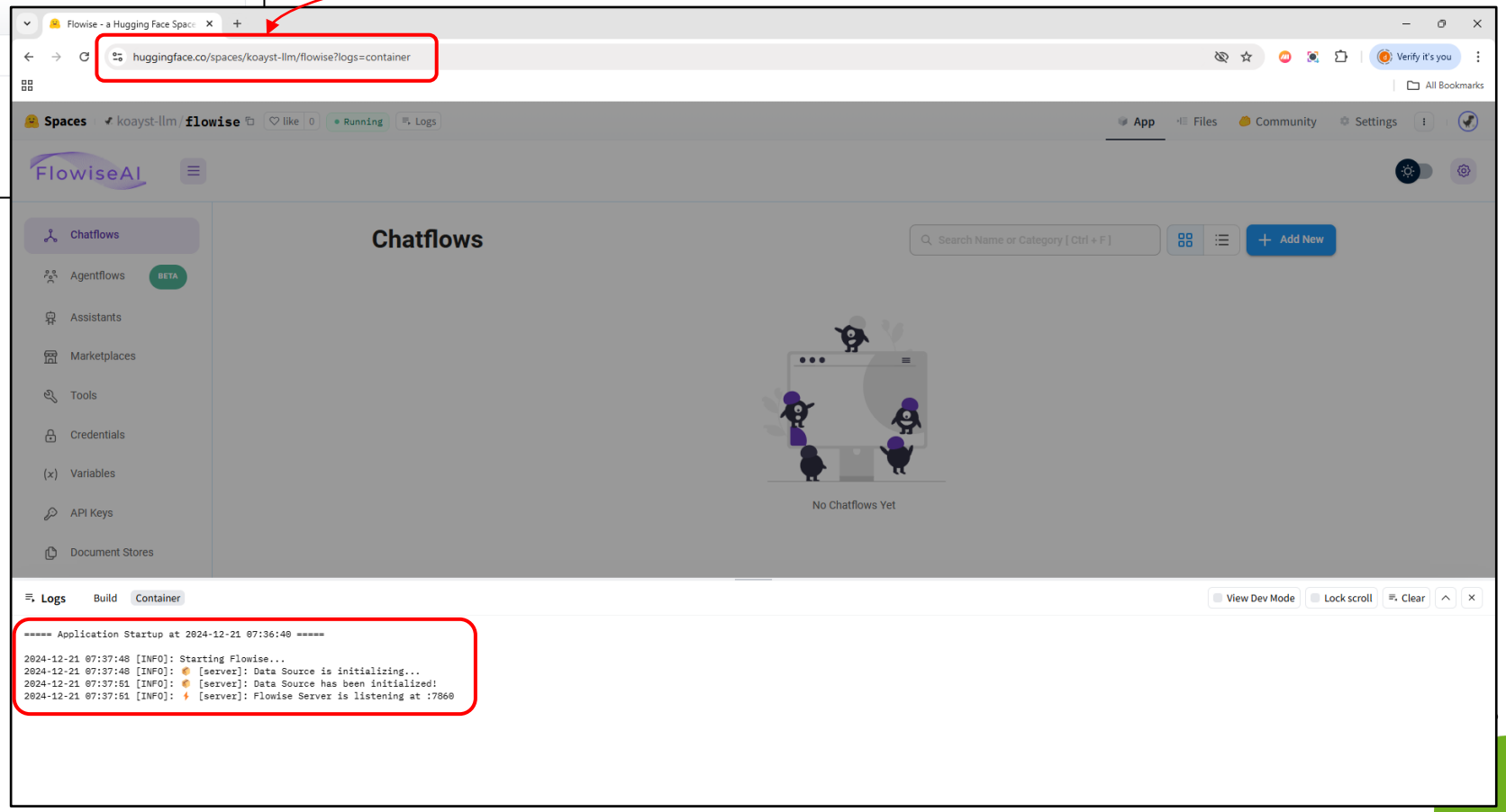


Step 4: Running Flowise



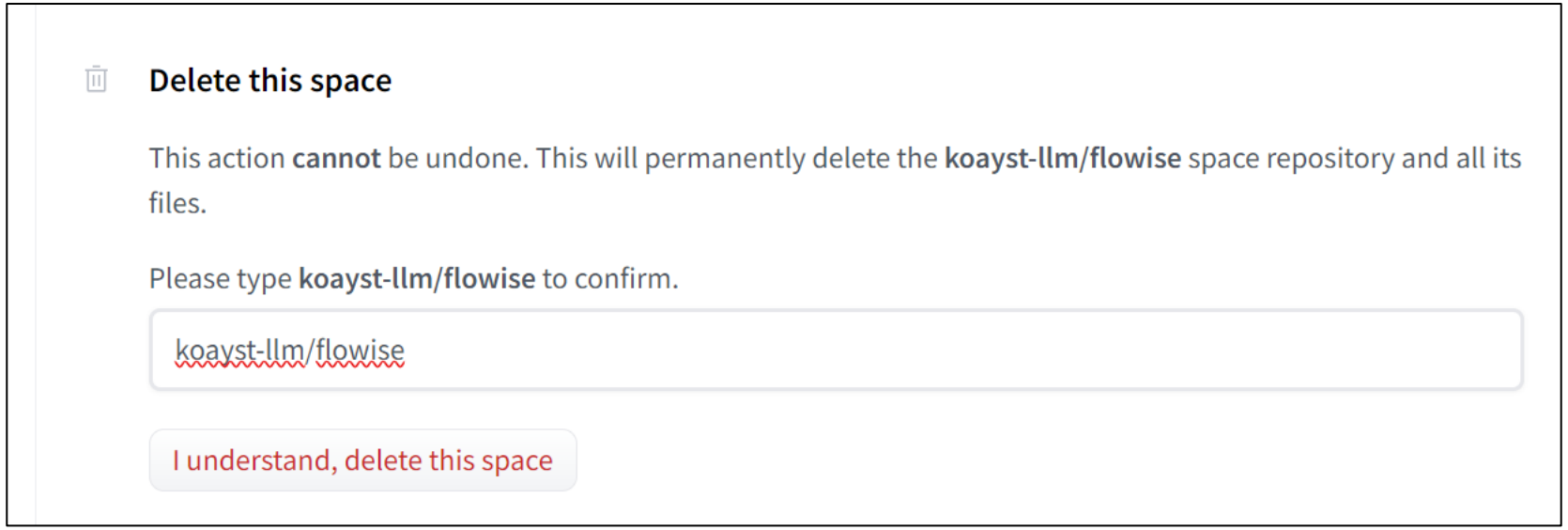
Take note of this URL. You can share it with others to use your Flowise



Be patient: Once Flowise starts running, click the “grey” area to start using Flowise

Delete Space

- Once you are done with Flowise, a good practice is to delete the Space from Hugging Face.
- Go to Setting of your Flowise-Space, search for your Space, scroll to the end and type the “word” to confirm the deletion.



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Installation Laptop (optional)

Installation and Setup

- Prerequisite
  - Install latest NodeJS.
- Setup
  - Method 1:
    - Install Flowise via npm.
    - Start Flowise.
  - Method 2:
    - Git clone the open-source project.
      - Docker Compose
      - Docker-compose up the local ".env" to run Flowise
    - Docker-compose stop to stop running Flowise
      - Docker Image
      - Build and Run Docker image

Reference: https://docs.flowiseai.com/getting-started

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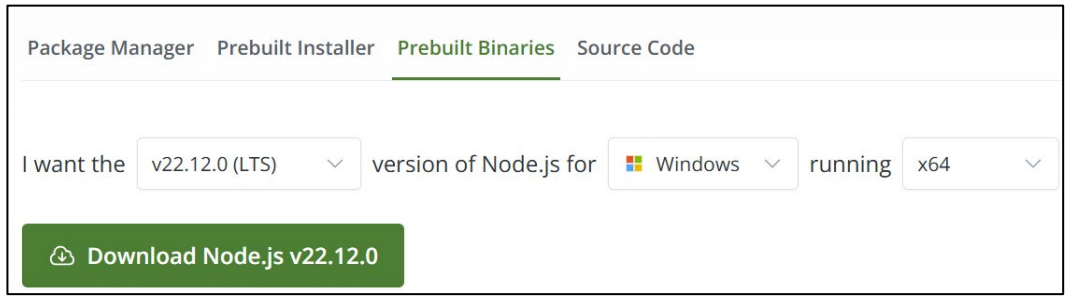
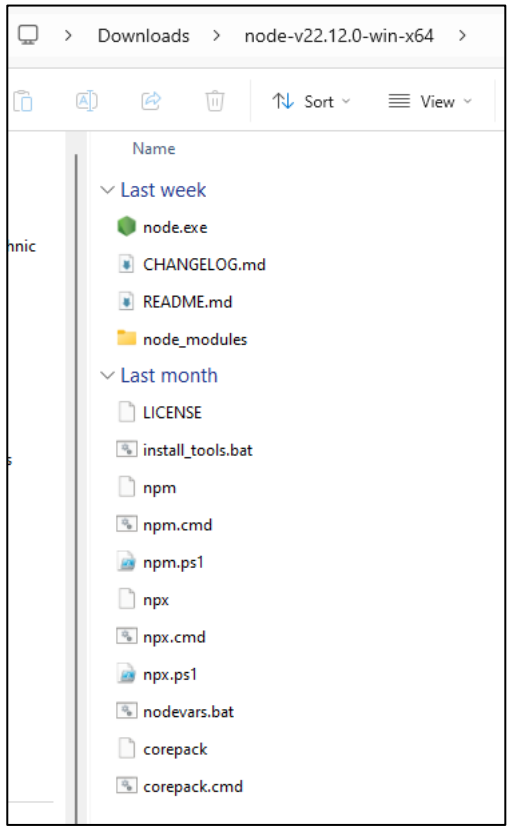
Installation & Setup

The steps listed are meant for Windows OS

1) Download the latest prebuilt binary NodeJS®:
   - v22.12.0 (LTS) https://nodejs.org/en/download/prebuilt-binaries
2) Unzip the just downloaded file to a directory: node-v22.12.0-win-x64.
3) Open a Command Prompt and navigate to the directory: node-v22.12.0-win-x64.





- LTS (Long Term Support) version v20.15.1 is recommended.
- For production environments where stability and compatibility are crucial, the LTS version provides a reliable choice. The current version offers the latest features and improvements for developers who want to explore new functionalities.

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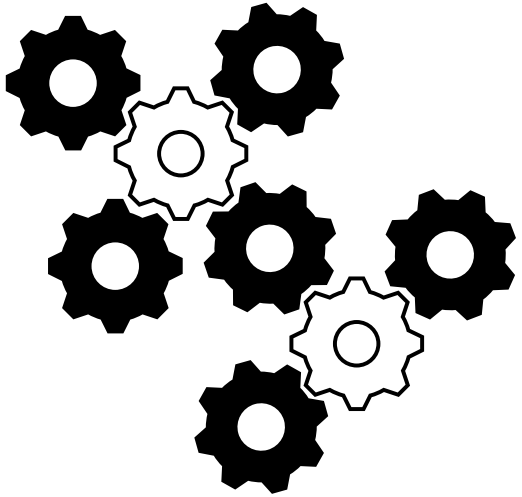
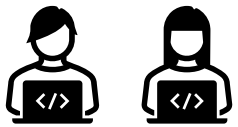
Installation & Setup

1) Assuming you have unzipped the zip file to directory C:\Users\<Your_username>\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64, set the environment variable by:
   - `set PATH=C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64;%PATH%`
2) Install Flowise
   - `npm install -g flowise@2.2.1`
   - `npm fund (optional)`
3) Start Flowise (default port is 3000)
   - `npx flowise start --DEBUG=true`
4) To keep Flowise updated
   - `npm update -g flowise`
5) To Uninstall Flowise when you are done with using Flowise
   - `npm uninstall -g flowise`





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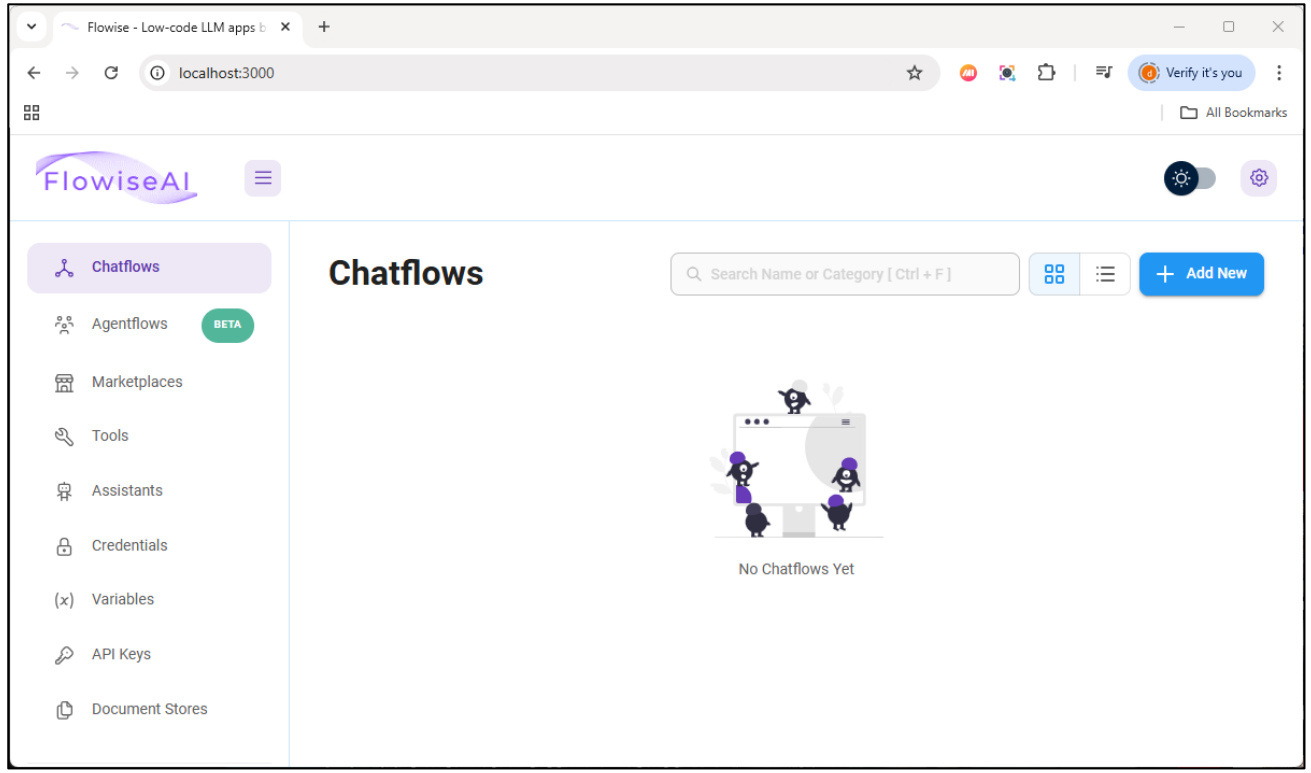
Installation Test

- Open http://localhost:3000 with a browser
- CTRL-C at Command Prompt to shutdown Flowise




```
C:\Users\<Your_Username>\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64>npx flowise start --DEBUG=true
2024-12-09 14:46:12 [INFO]: Starting Flowise...
(node:3344) [DEP0040] DeprecationWarning: The `punycode` module is deprecated. Please use a userland alternative
instead.
(Use `node --trace-deprecation ...` to show where the warning was created)
2024-12-09 14:46:13 [INFO]: ⚡ [server]: Flowise Server is listening at 3000
2024-12-09 14:46:13 [INFO]: 📦 [server]: Data Source is being initialized!
2024-12-09 14:49:01 [INFO]: 📦 [server]: Data Source has been initialized!
2024-12-09 14:53:18 [INFO]: Shutting down Flowise...
Terminate batch job (Y/N)? y
```

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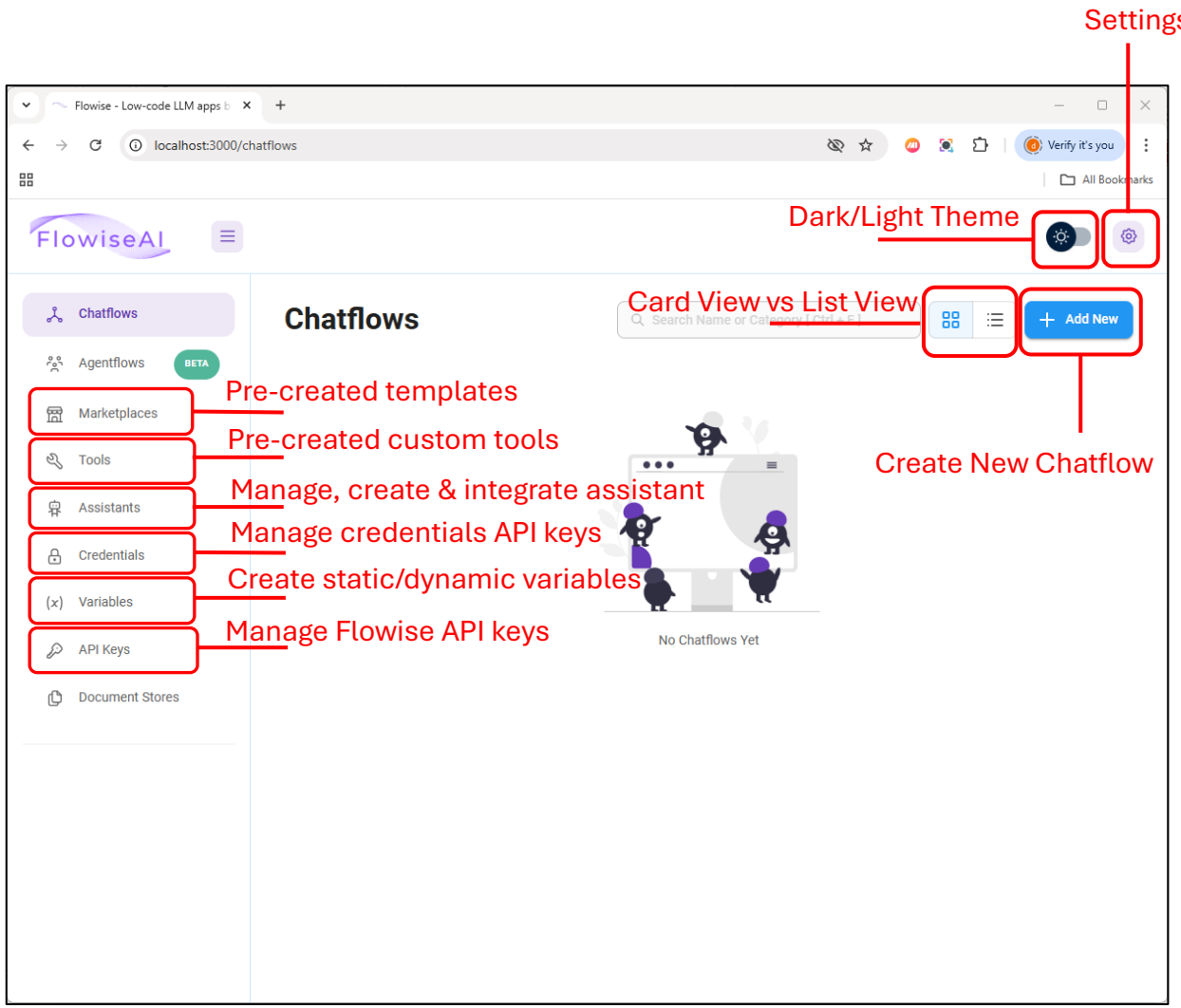
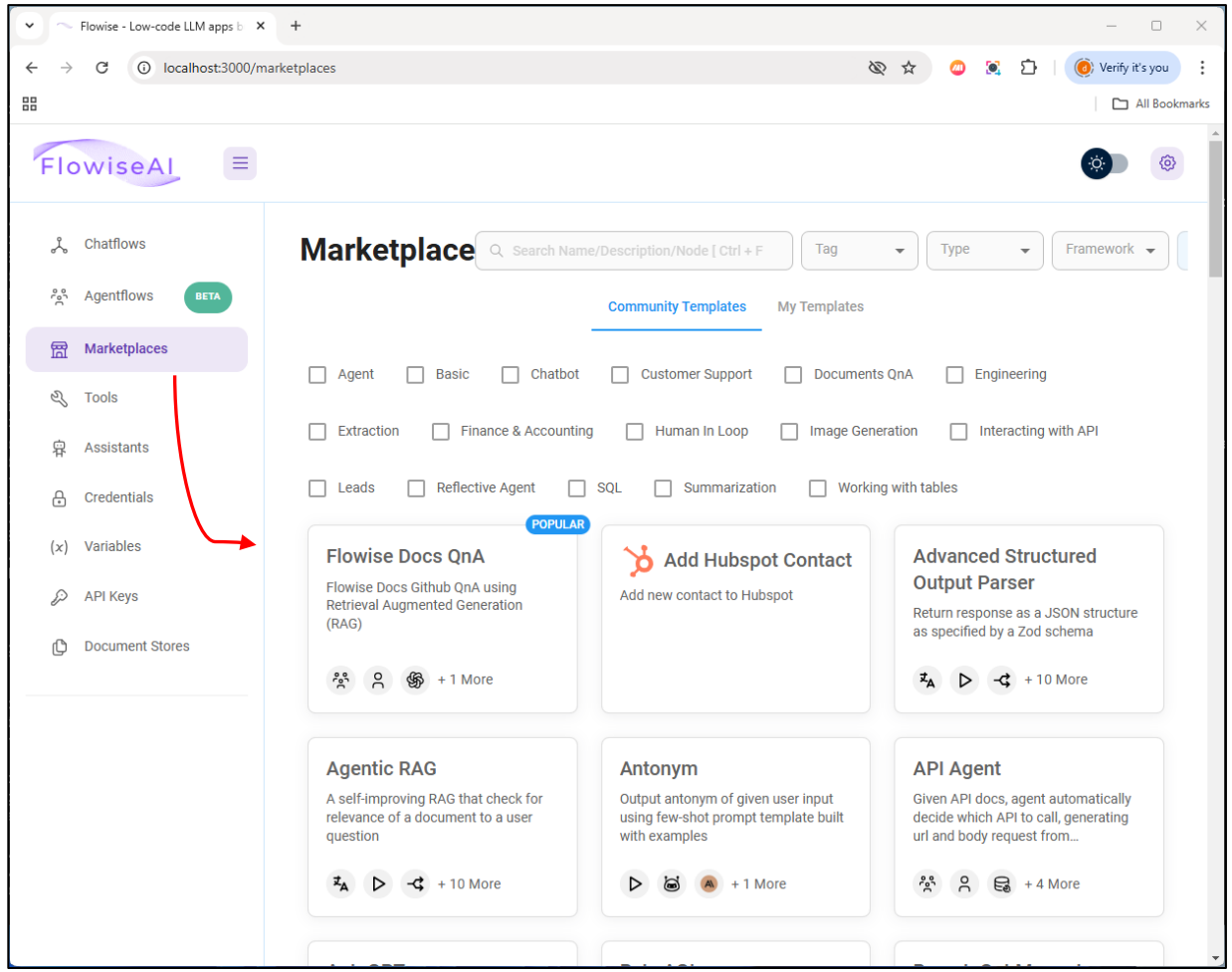
Flowise Dashboard





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Accounts & API Keys

- To facilitate your learning:
  - You need to possess some API keys to conduct your experiment.
  - Sometimes you will need to register for an account with other service provider to obtain an API key to test run or complete your app development.
  - It will be easier if you have a Google account to register during account registration.
  - Please kindly handle the API keys with care.
  - Do not share your API keys with others.

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Activity: Translator

Activity: Translator

- Flowise was successfully installed on your computer/laptop.
- Let’s create our first LLM application using Flowise.
- Familiarise ourselves with the Flowise UI.
- Learn how to use Flowise components to build a simple Chatbot application.
- Experiment by asking questions in English and receiving responses in both English and Japanese sentences.
- You are encouraged to explore switching to different languages once the basic functionality is understood and running properly.

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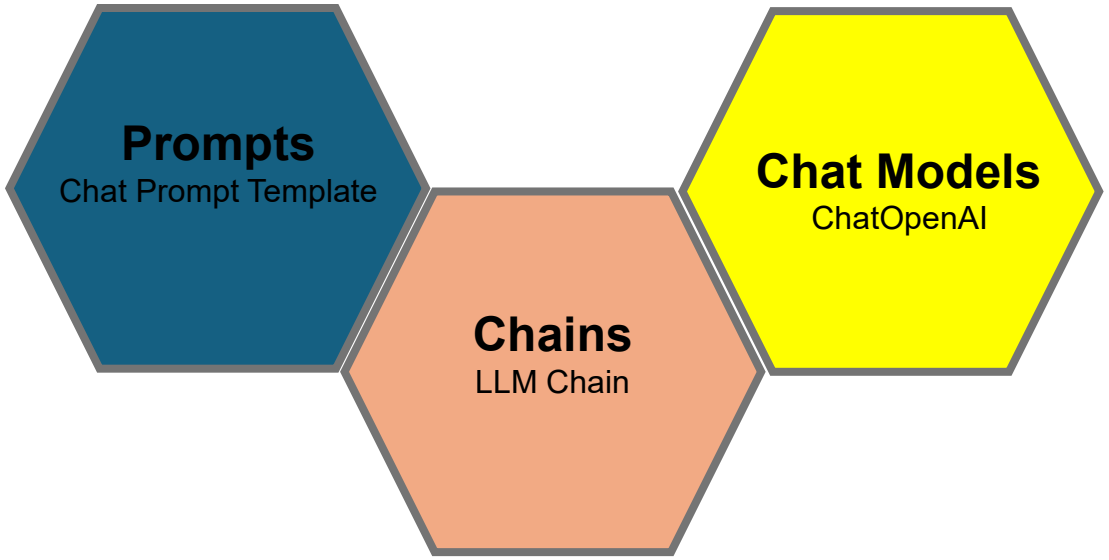
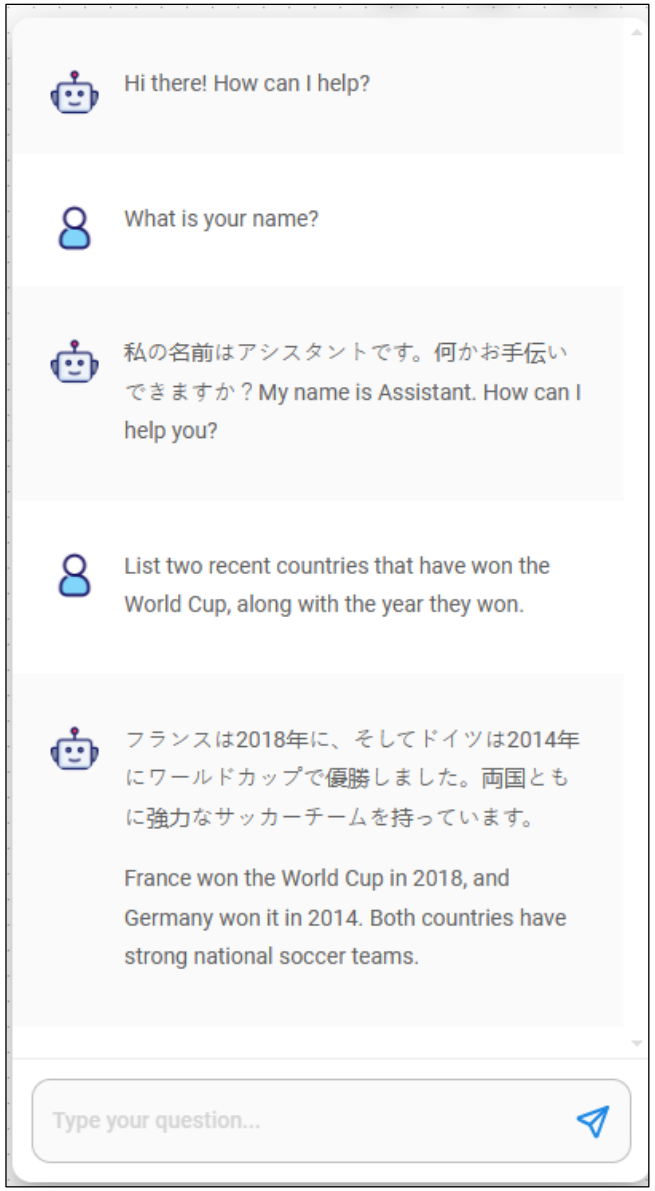
Activity Map: Translator

- You will need the following:
  - ☑ OpenAI API Key [OpenAI]
  - ☑ cURL [curl://]
- Flowise setup





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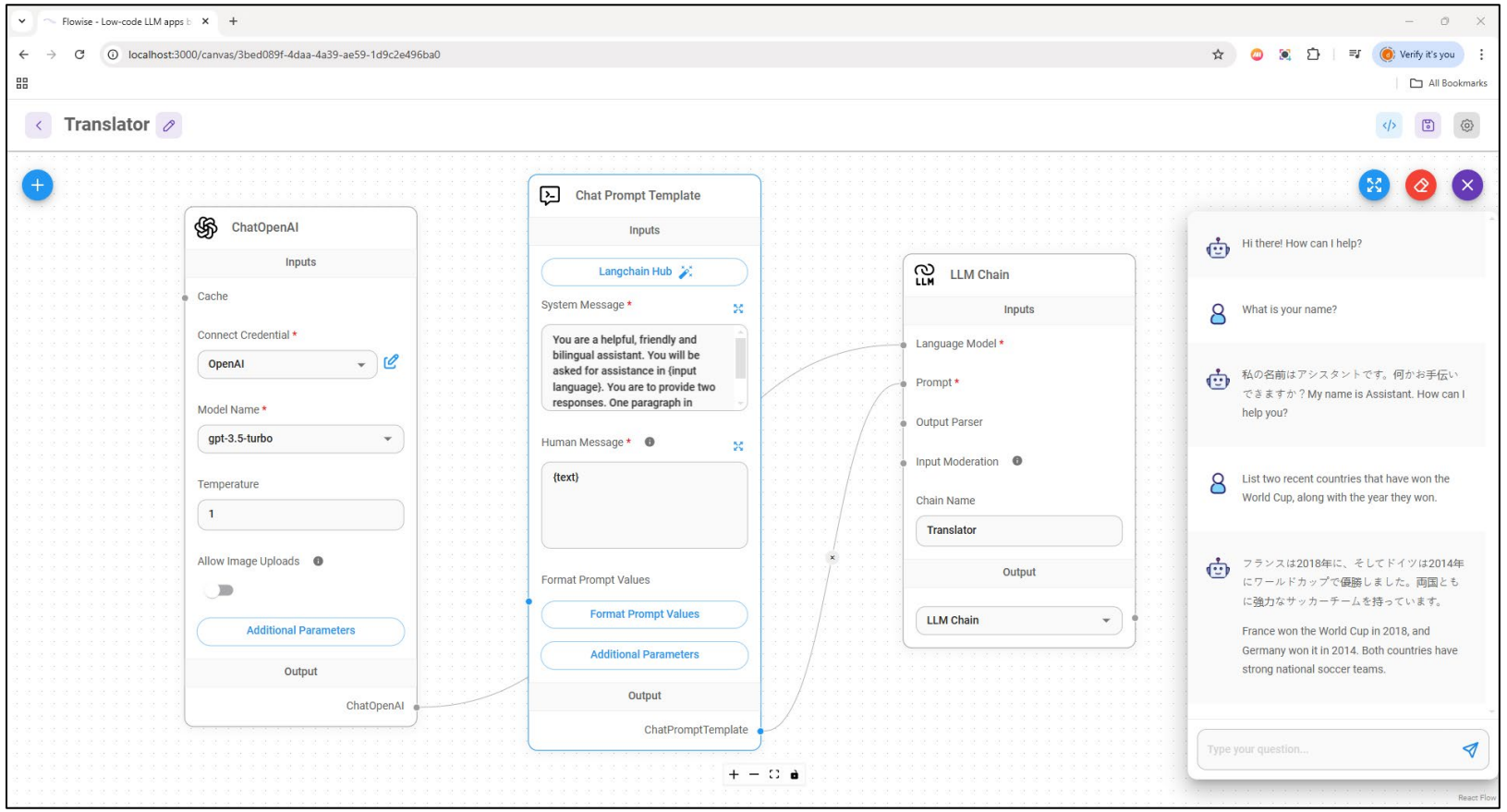
First LLM Application

- Let's build our first AI LLM application using Flowise.
- This exercise aims to familiarise you with Flowise UI.
- We will build a simple English-to-Japanese translator.
- Feel free to try another language after you completes the exercise.



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First LLM Application

- All Chatflows should contain at least one agent or one chain.
- Steps:
  - At Chatflow dashboard, click “Add New” 

, a new “Untitled Chatflow” canvas is created. You will create the AI app using the blank canvas by drag and drop.
  - Click  to save the new Chatflow. Name your saved Chatflow as “Translator”.
  - Click  and look under “Chains”, drag “LLM Chain” and drop it to the blank canvas.

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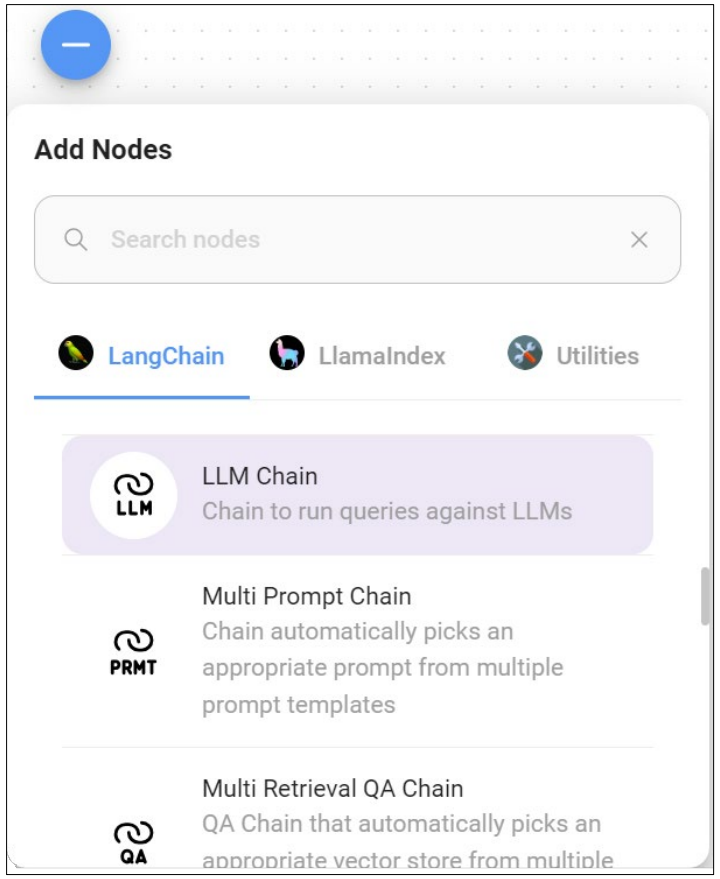
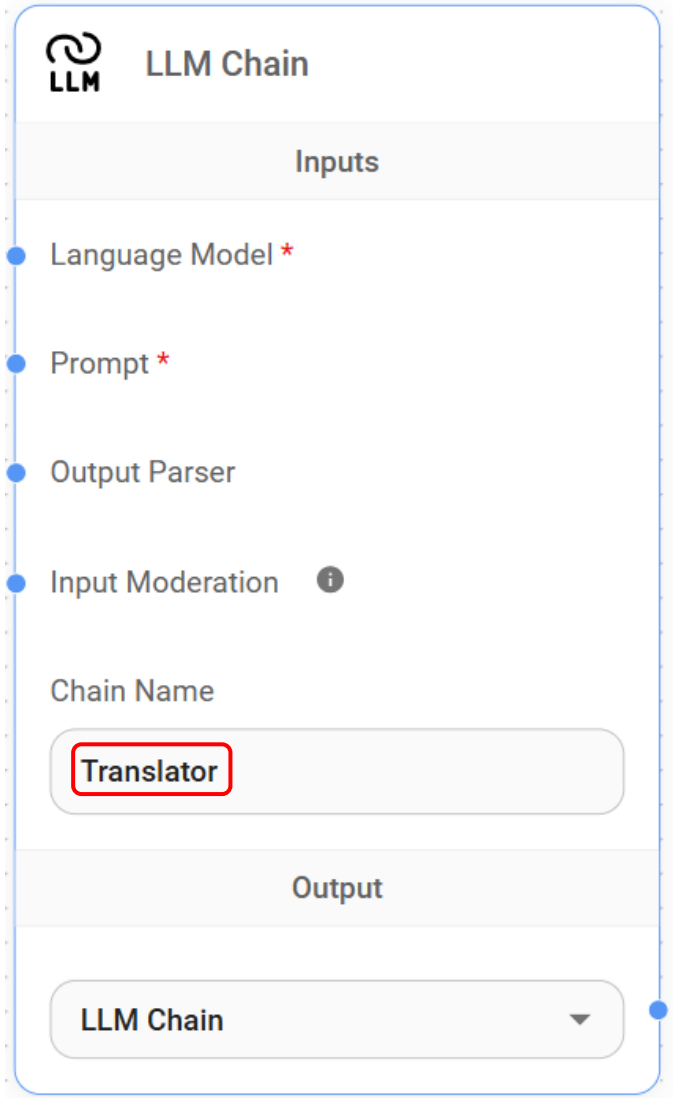
Translator

- Create a Chains ➔ LLM Chain node.



Drag & Drop

Canvas



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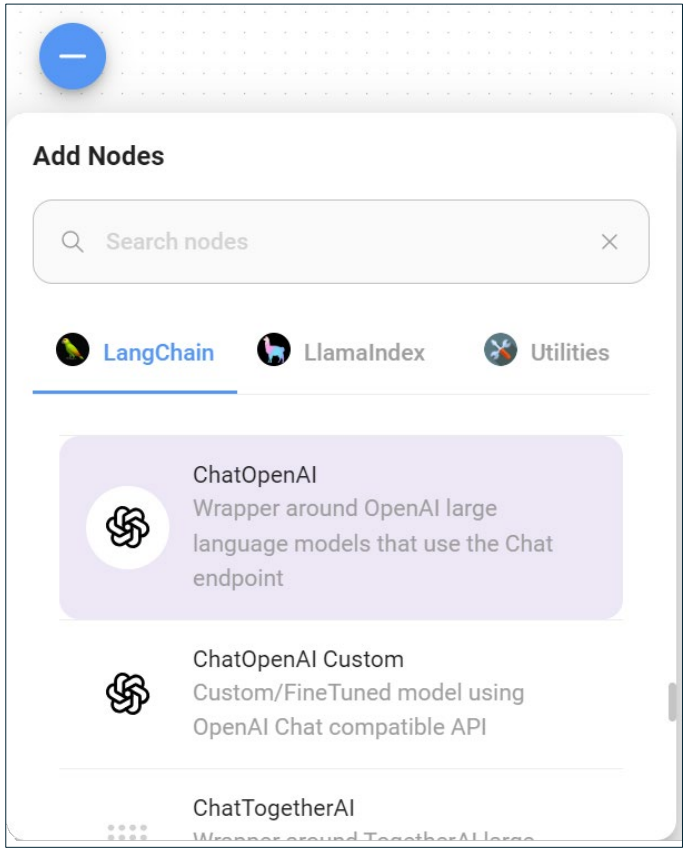
Translator

- Create a Chat Models ➔ ChatOpenAI node.



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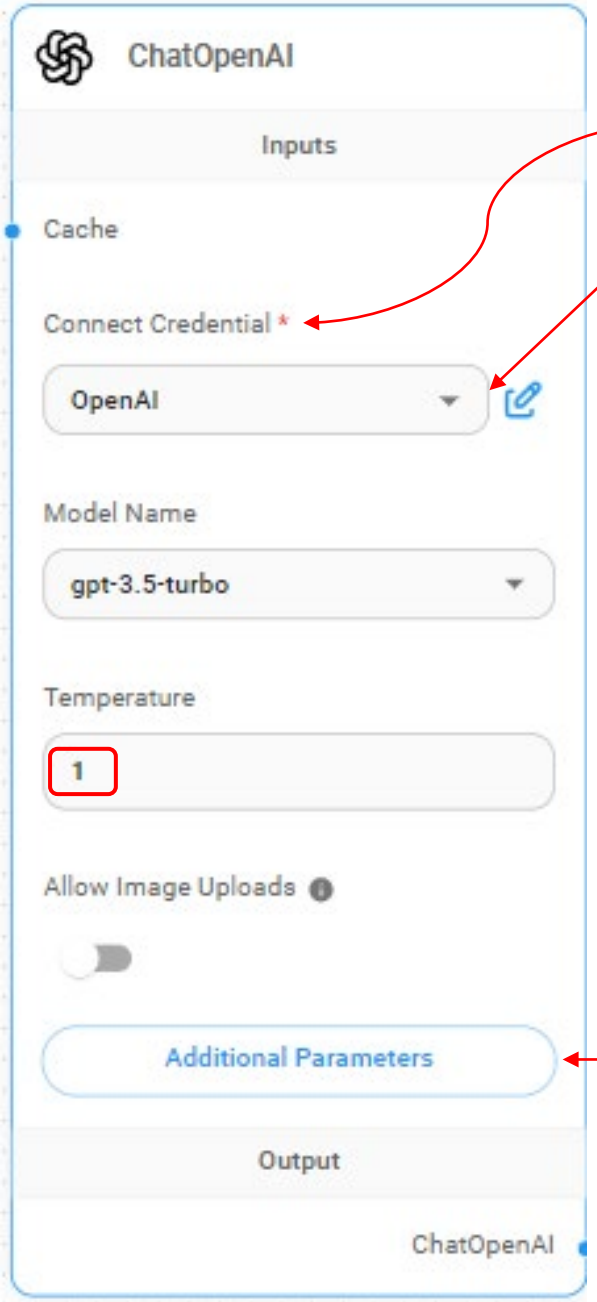
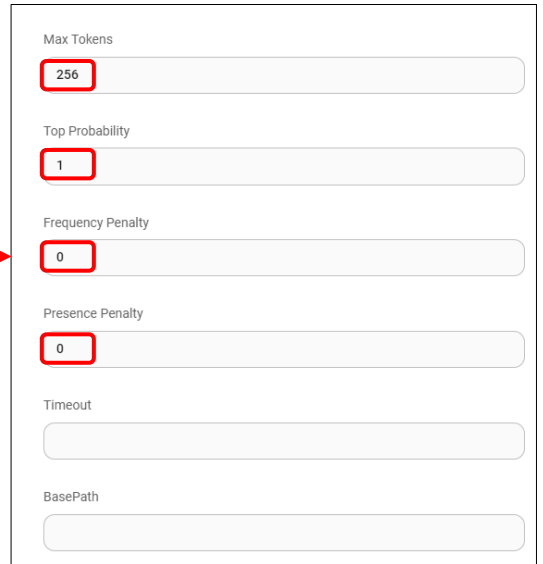


"*" means Mandatory

- Select "- Create New –"



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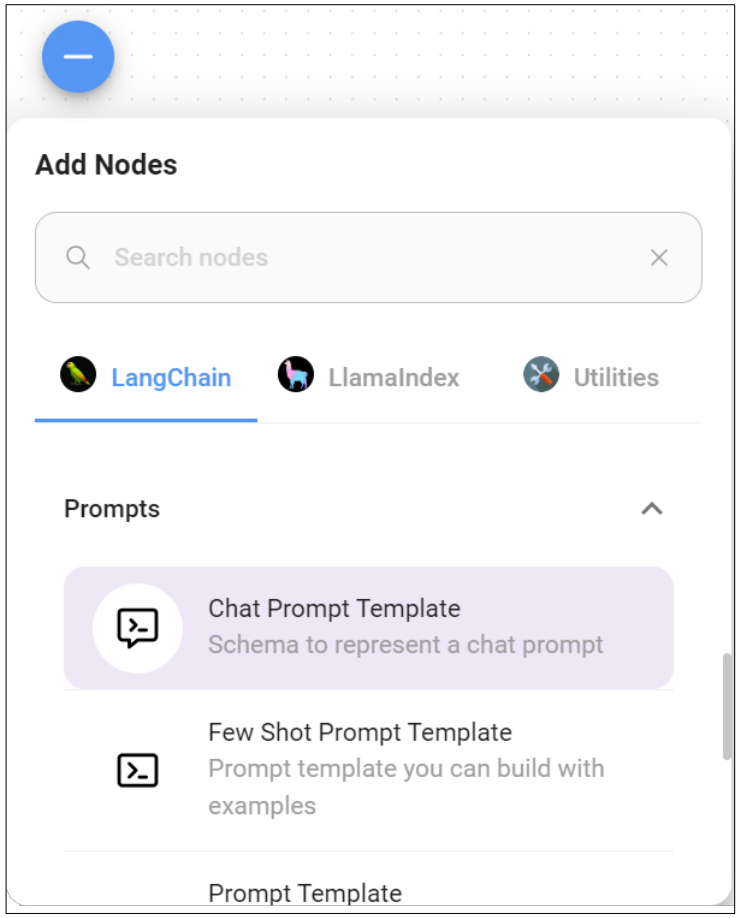
Translator

- Create a Prompt ➔ Chat Prompt Template node.



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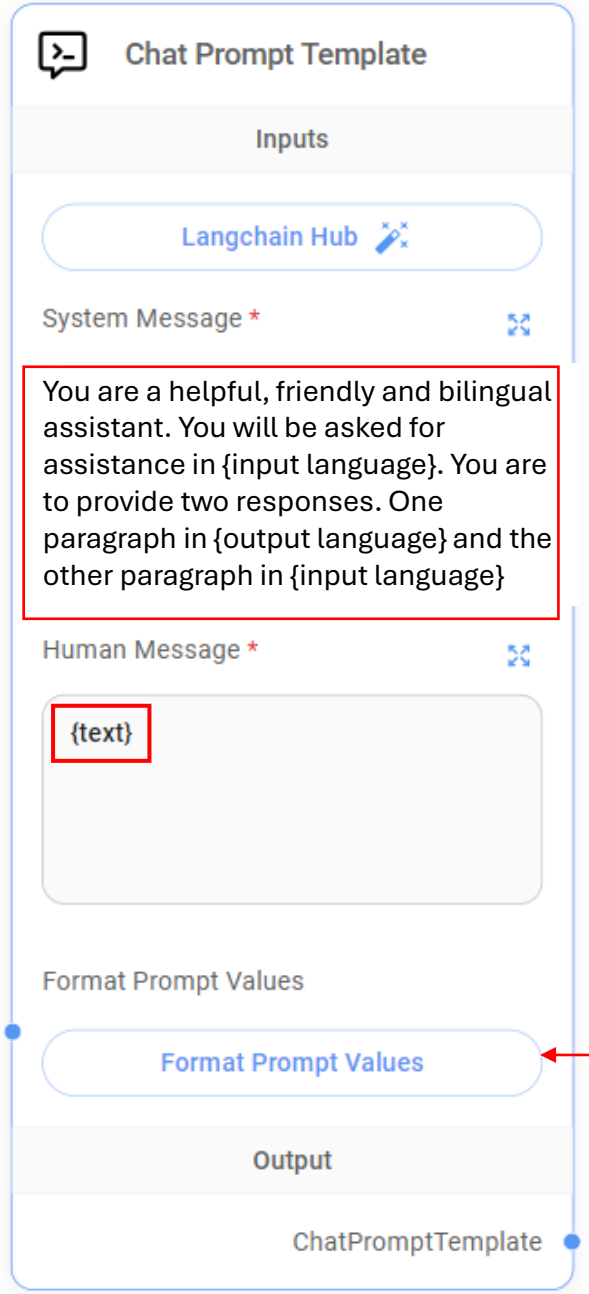

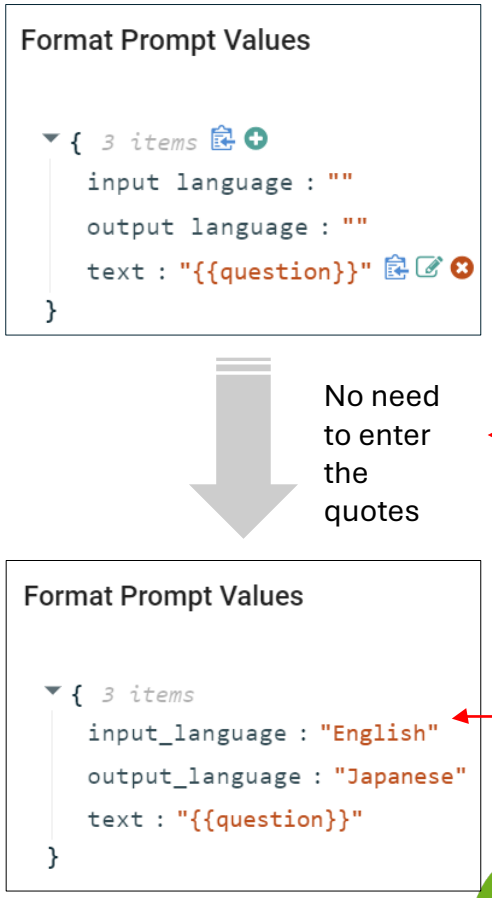

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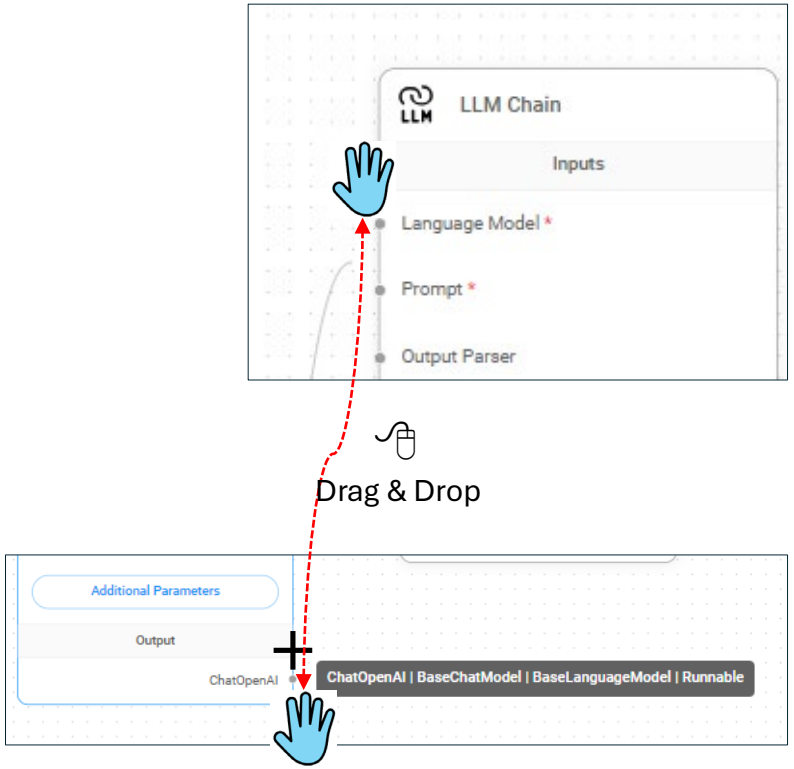
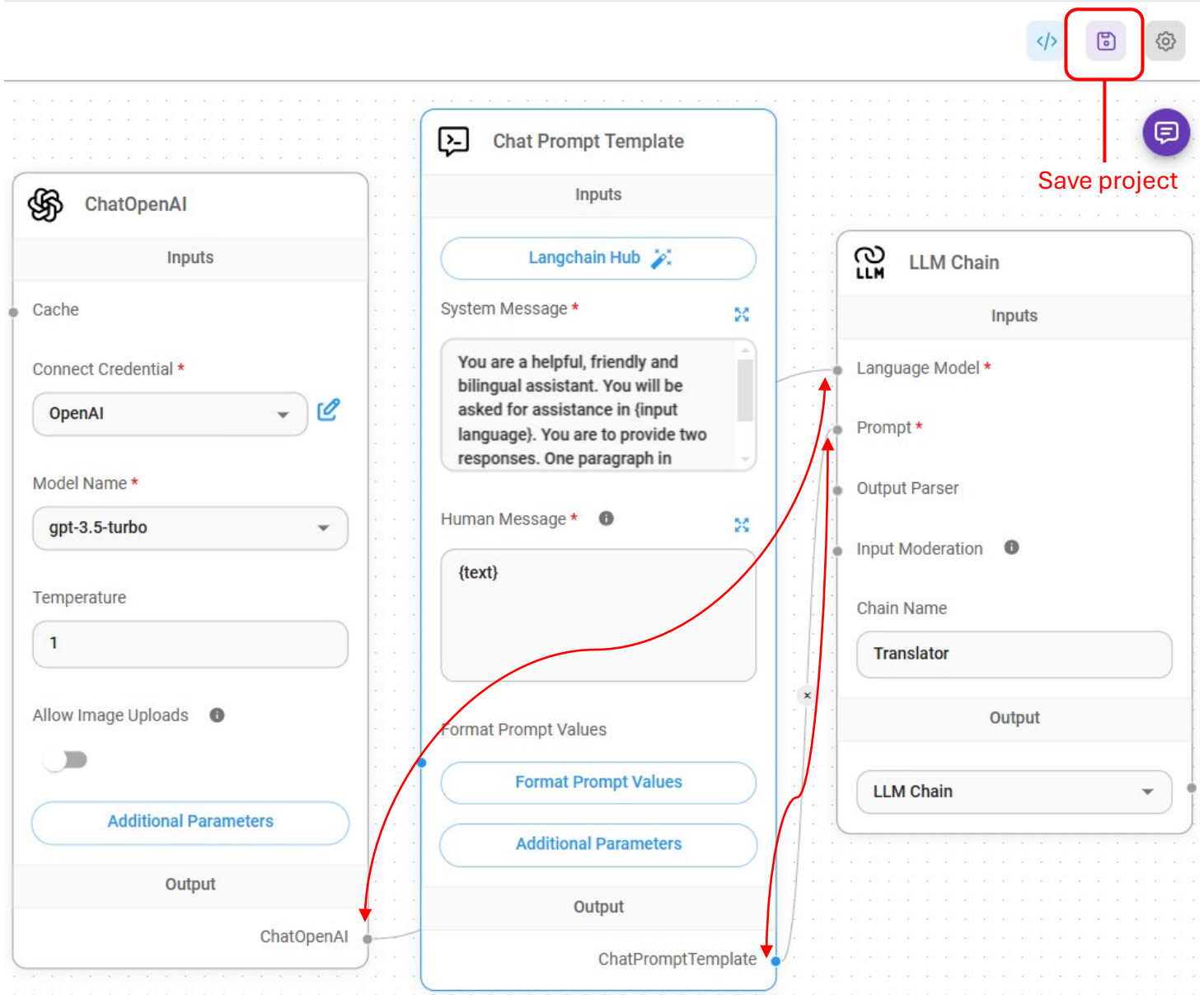
Translator

- Steps
  - Connect all the nodes.
  - Save the project.





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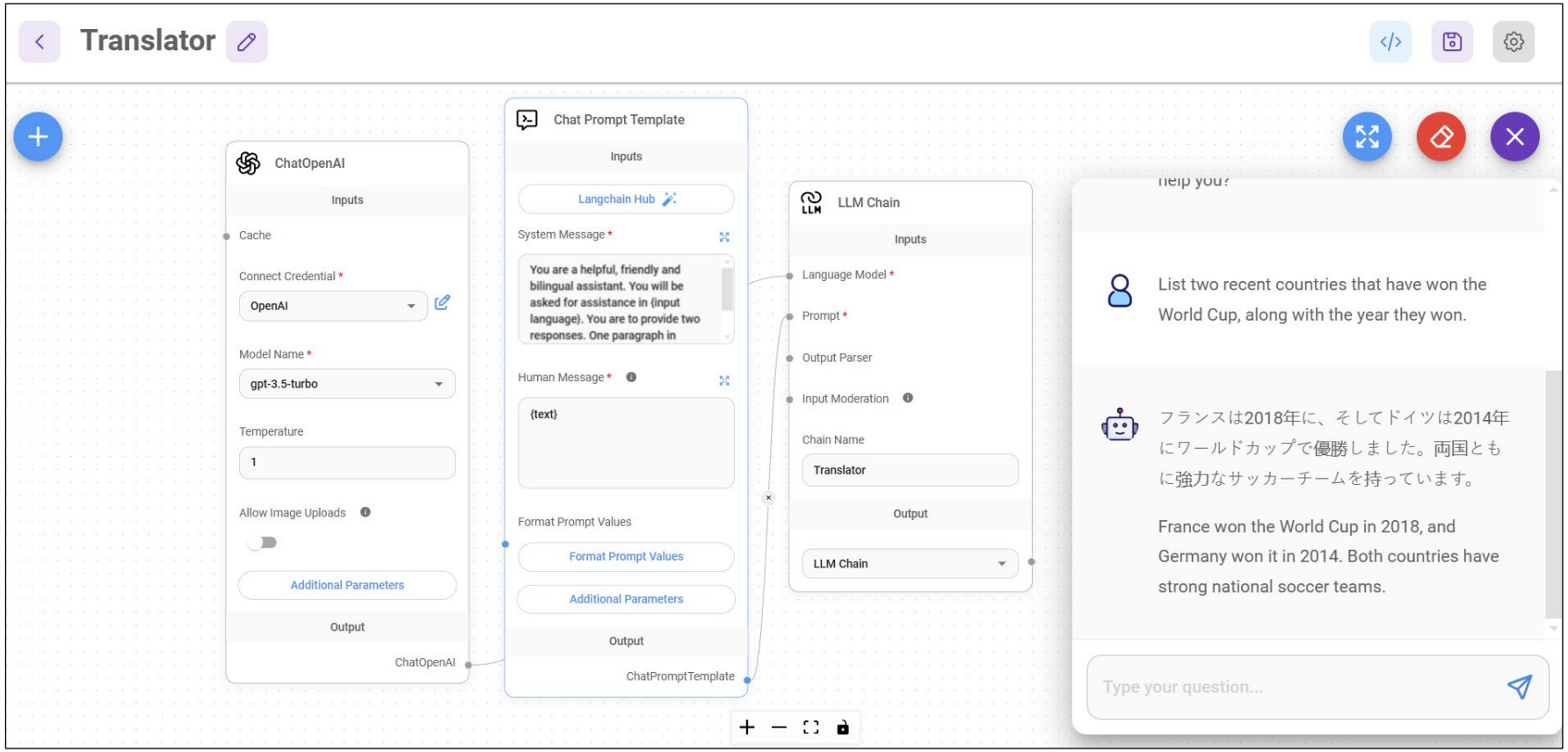
Translator

- Anytime you want to test the translator Chatflow after you made changes, remember to SAVE the project first. Flowise does not auto-save your work.
- Click to start chatting with the newly created AI LLM app.



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Text Placeholders

```
System Message

You are a helpful, friendly and bilingual assistant. You will be asked for assistance in {input language}. You are to provide two responses. One paragraph in {output language} and the other paragraph in {input language}
```

```
Human Message

{text}
```

Format Prompt Values

Additional Parameters

```
Format Prompt Values

{3 items
  input language:"English"
  output language:"Japanese"
  text:"{{question}}"
}
```


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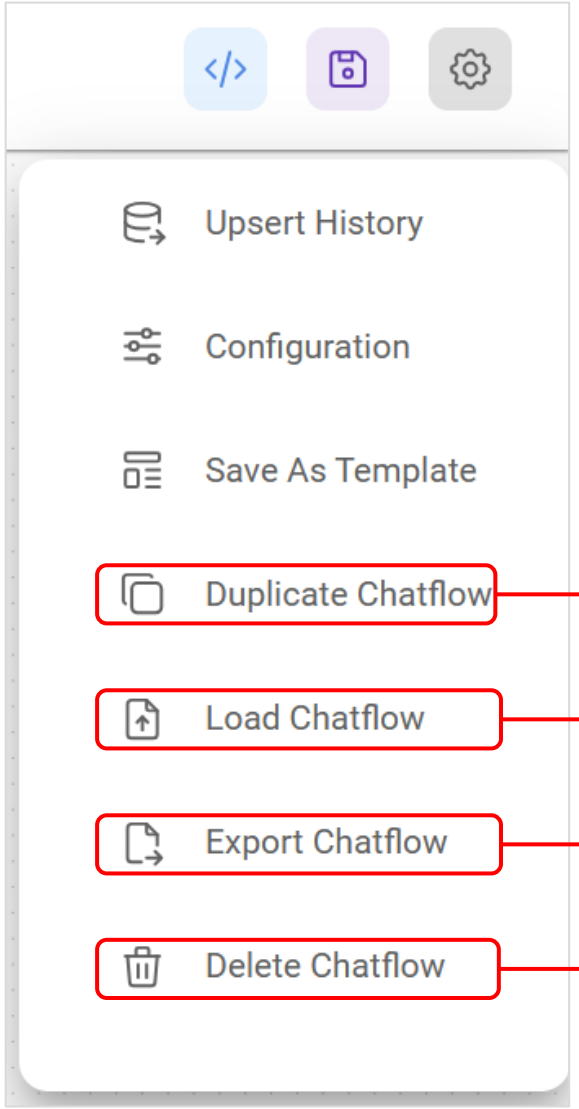
Saving Translator Chatflow



Duplicate Chatflow and stored in database

Load JSON as Chatflow

Save Chatflow as JSON

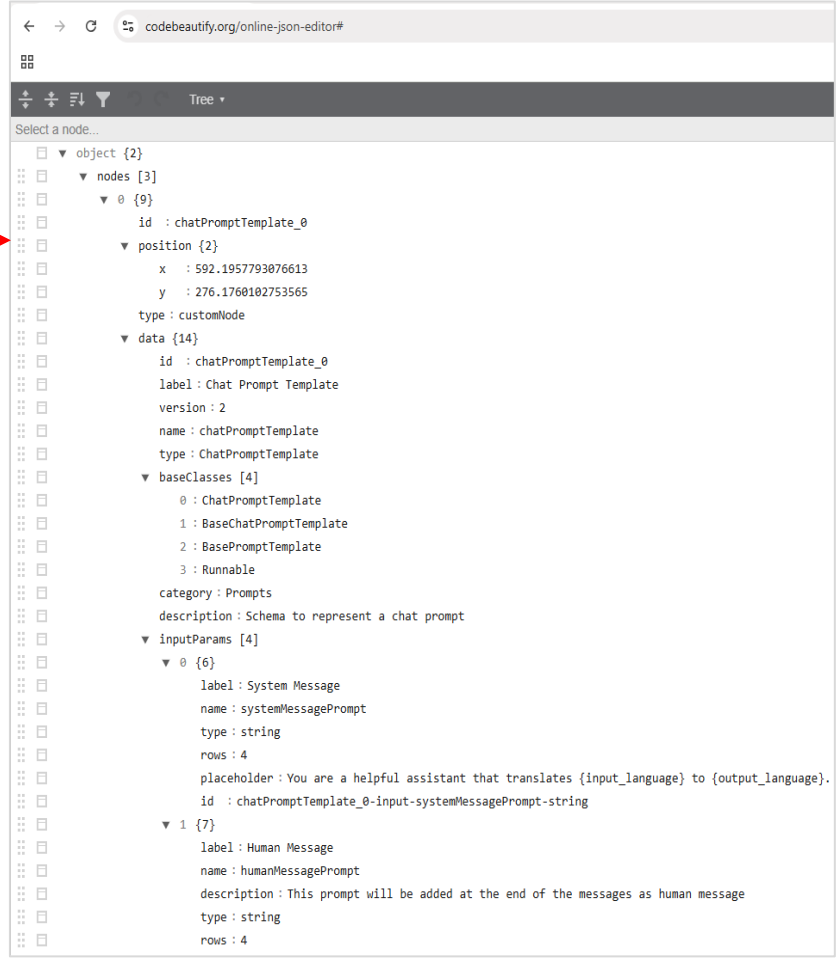
Deleted Chatflow stored in databse

Translator Chatflow.json

import

export

Share your Chatflow by sharing the Translator Chatflow.json file



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Flowise Deployment

Activity: API Endpoints

- Flowise provides several options for deployment.
- Issue curl command to chat with the LLM.
- Embed “<embed> HTML element” to “install” a chatbot in the HTML page to chat with the LLM.

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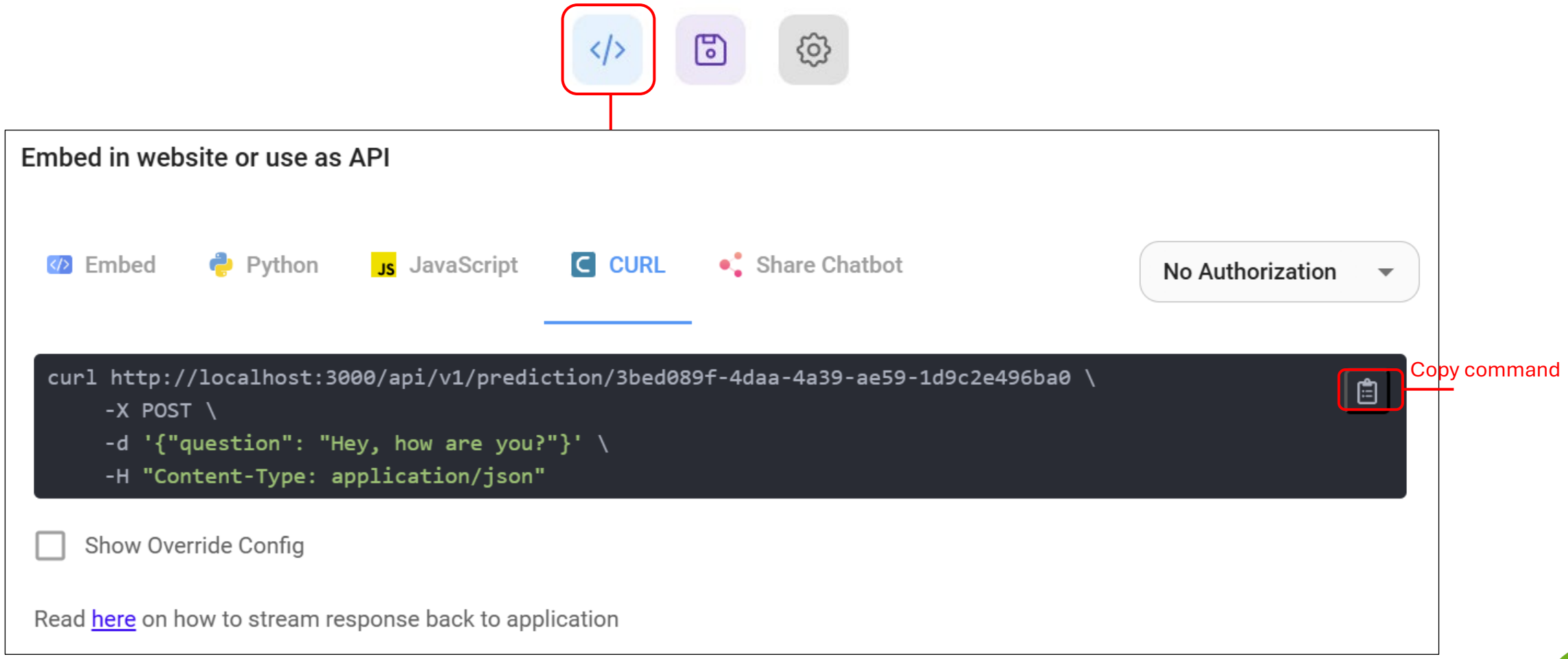
API Endpoint (cURL)

- There are several methods to call your app. As shown below, the app can be called via Embed, Python, Javascript , cURL etc.



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API Endpoint (cURL)

- The command text provided is meant to run on “Unix/Linux” based operating system.
- Minor modifications are required to get it run in a Command Prompt under Window OS.

```
curl http://localhost:3000/api/v1/prediction/3bed089f-4daa-4a39-ae59-1d9c2e496ba0 -X POST -d "{\"question\": \"Hey, how are you?\"}" -H "Content-Type: application/json“
```

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cURL Installation

Steps:

1) Go to https://curl.se/windows/ to download curl for Windows i.e. curl for 64-bit i.e. curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw.zip.
2) Unzip the just downloaded file to a directory: curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw.
3) Open a Command Prompt and navigate to the directory: curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw/bin.
4) Run ➔ `curl http://localhost:3000/api/v1/prediction/3bed089f-4daa-4a39-ae59-1d9c2e496ba0 -X POST -d "{\"question\": \"Hey, how are you?\"}" -H "Content-Type: application/json"`

*Note: For the pink region shown above, you MUST replace it with your APP ID

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cURL Observation

```
C:\Users\Your_username>cd downloads

C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads>cd curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw

C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw>cd bin

C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw\bin>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 2AA1-E26C

 Directory of C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw\bin

11/06/2024  07:09 AM    <DIR>          .
11/06/2024  07:09 AM    <DIR>          ..
11/26/2024  01:58 PM           236,849 curl-ca-bundle.crt
11/06/2024  07:09 AM         3,638,888 curl.exe
11/06/2024  07:09 AM             2,353 libcurl-x64.def
11/06/2024  07:09 AM         3,188,840 libcurl-x64.dll
               4 File(s)      7,066,930 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  116,778,516,480 bytes free

C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw\bin>curl
http://localhost:3000/api/v1/prediction/3bed089f-4daa-4a39-ae59-1d9c2e496ba0 -X POST -d "{\"question\": \"Hey,
how are you?\"}" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
{"text":"こんにちは！お元気ですか？何かお手伝いできることがありますか？Hello! How are you doing? How can I assist you
today?","question":"Hey, how are you?","chatId":"ca55aeb7-6f70-41bb-9370-
a710556bd0d2","chatMessageId":"04fc1199-90f2-4f49-95a1-
d40b95986039","isStreamValid":false,"sessionId":"ca55aeb7-6f70-41bb-9370-a710556bd0d2"}
C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\curl-8.11.0_4-win64-mingw\bin>
```

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API Endpoint (Embed)

- <embed> is a HTML element.
- Embeds external content at specified point in the HTML page.
- The content is provided by an external application or other source of interactive content such as a browser plug-in.
- Use NodeJS Express to demonstrate the working of Embed (Popup HTML).

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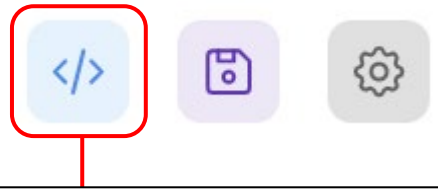
API Endpoint (Embed)



Embed in website or use as API

Embed | Python | JavaScript | CURL | Share Chatbot | No Authorization

Popup Html | Fullpage Html | Popup React | Fullpage React

Paste this anywhere in the <body> tag of your html file.

You can also specify a version: https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/flowise-embed@<version>/dist/web.js

```
<script type="module">
    import Chatbot from "https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/flowise-embed/dist/web.js"
    Chatbot.init({
        chatflowid: "3bed089f-4daa-4a39-ae59-1d9c2e496ba0",
        apiHost: "http://localhost:3000",
    })
</script>
```

Replace chatflowid with yours found in index.html

☐ Show Embed Chat Config

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API Endpoint (Embed)

1) Open a Command Prompt and navigate to the directory: node-v22.12.0-win-x64
2) Make directory: `mkdir projects\simpleHTTP`
3) Navigate to directory: cd projects\simpleHTTP
4) Install Express by:
   a) `..\..\npm init`

   (press “Enter” for all the questions and “yes” to complete the initialization)

   b) `..\..\npm install express -save`
   c) `..\..\npm fund`
5) Copy index.js, index.html and flowise.png to projects\simpleHTTP
6) Run Express: `..\..\node index.js`
7) Go to browser and enter URL: `http://localhost:5500`

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Observation

```
C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP>..\..\npm init
This utility will walk you through creating a package.json file.
It only covers the most common items, and tries to guess sensible defaults.

See `npm help init` for definitive documentation on these fields
and exactly what they do.

Use `npm install <pkg>` afterwards to install a package and
save it as a dependency in the package.json file.

Press ^C at any time to quit.
package name: (simplehttp)
version: (1.0.0)
description:
entry point: (index.js)
test command:
git repository:
keywords:
author:
license: (ISC)
About to write to C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP\package.json:
```

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Observation

```
{
  "name": "simplehttp",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC",
  "description": ""
}



Is this OK? (yes) yes



C:\Users\Your_username\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP>
```

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Observation

```
C:\Users\koay_seng_tian\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 2AA1-E26C

 Directory of C:\Users\koay_seng_tian\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP

12/10/2024  11:22 AM    <DIR>          .
12/10/2024  11:09 AM    <DIR>          ..
04/07/2024  04:09 PM           536,083 flowise.png
04/07/2024  06:01 PM               764 index.html
04/07/2024  04:03 PM               302 index.js
12/10/2024  11:20 AM    <DIR>          node_modules
12/10/2024  11:20 AM            28,154 package-lock.json
12/10/2024  11:20 AM               256 package.json
               5 File(s)        565,559 bytes
               3 Dir(s)  117,105,750,016 bytes free

C:\Users\koay_seng_tian\Downloads\node-v22.12.0-win-x64\projects\simpleHTTP>
```

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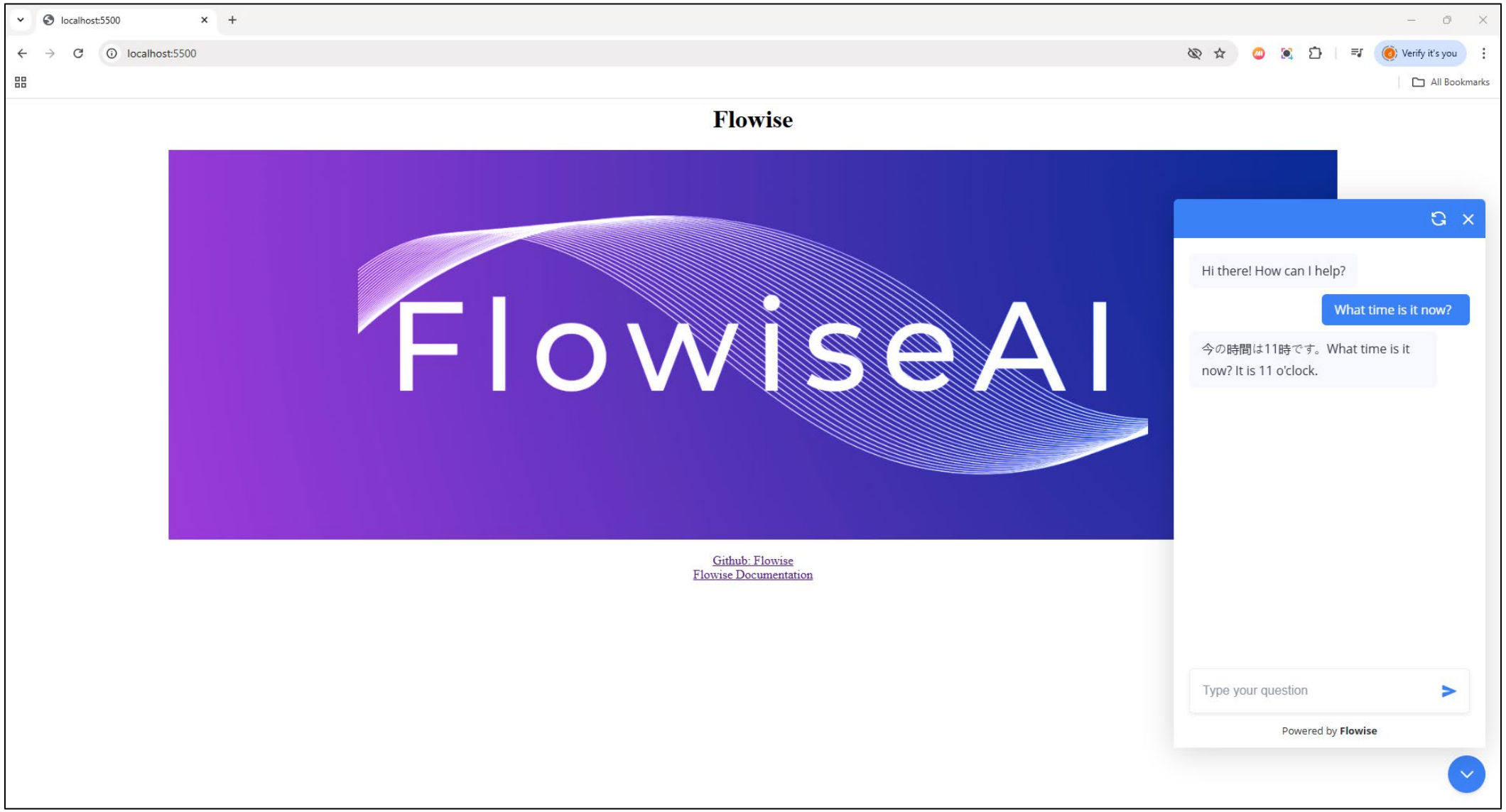
Result



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Reference

- Flowise
  https://docs.flowiseai.com/

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Quiz 1

- https://forms.office.com/r/S9AUdfYA8r

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Thank you!

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