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# Introduction

In this Lab you connect watsonx Orchestrate using open-source solutions

A short video introduction of the use case for this lab is here:

<https://youtu.be/JxjfAQh8ii0>

The three open-source solutions used in the demo are:

* **BAMOE** – to run the decision service.

See <https://www.ibm.com/products/business-automation-manager-open-editions>

* **Cloudant** – to store ticket data.

See https://www.ibm.com/products/cloudant

* **React** – to create the ticket report.

See <https://react.dev/>

The Lab is structured into the following sections.

* Build a speeding ticket decision service.
* Build a skill to save the ticket to a database.
* Build a skill flow to combine the above and create a report.

## Pre-requisites

To perform this Lab, you need:

* Microsoft Remote Desktop (RDP)
* A GitHub Account. See https://github.com
* An IBM watsonx Orchestrate Standard account with Builder role.
* Techzone BAMOE VM : <https://techzone.ibm.com/my/reservations/create/64a7121eb9776b0016a10cb0>

Alternatively, you can build your own environment, in which case you need:

* VSC and the IBM BAMOE plugin
* Git Bash
* Latest Java JDK

# Build a decision service to calculate speeding fines

In this task, you ...

* Import a speeding ticket decision service.
* Run the service locally.
* Expose the decision service to the outside world

## Before you start

In this exercise, you will build and test the decision service using Visual Studio Code (VSC).

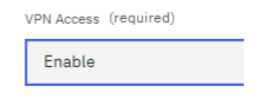
1. Find the following BAMOE Techzone image (or later version if available):

<https://techzone.ibm.com/collection/ibm-business-automation-manager-open-editions-environment/environments>

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**IMPORTANT!** When reserving, ensure VPN Access address is enabled. This is required to invoke API calls into the VM:



2. Once the VM is reserved, login with Remote Desktop (RDP). On Windows this is:

**User:** .\techzone

**Password:** IBMDem0s!

For further details see the getting started guide here: <https://ibm.box.com/v/IBM-BAMOE-ENV>

After login, you can switch the language locale in the image so that your keyboard is mapped correctly.

1. Open Git Bash by clicking the Git Bash  icon on the Windows **Taskbar** at the bottom of the screen.
2. Within the Git Bash shell, clone the rule project using the command:

git clone <https://github.com/ncrowther/bamoe2wxo>

1. Hit return. You should see the git repository cloned into the local drive:

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Now open the decision project with VSC:

cd bamoe2wxo/

code SpeedingDecisionService/

1. VSC will open:

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1. On the left-hand side of Visual Studio Code in file explorer locate *src\main\resources\TrafficViolation.dmn*A screenshot of a computer

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2. Click the DMN file to view it:

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1. On the far right, select the properties icon . In the *DMN Model Name,* prepend the name with your initials. For example, if your initials are XXX, the *DMN Model name* would be *XXXTrafficViolation*:

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1. Select the *Fine* decision and edit it by selecting 

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1. You should see the decision table below:

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This decision table will be used later in the lab to calculate speeding fines depending on severity.

1. Press Save (CTRL S).

## Run the Decision Service

In this step we are going to convert the decision model into a callable decision service. We will

run our decision service in development mode using Quarkus. For details on Quarkus, visit <https://quarkus.io/>

1. Within the VSC editor, click on the **Terminal** menu at the top of the screen:



1. In the drop down click on **New Terminal**.

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1. In this terminal window, verify you are in the *SpeedingDecisionService* folder and then run Maven build:

mvn quarkus:dev

1. Once built, our decision model is deployed to Quarkus and ready to run. Take note of the URL encircled below. This is the development URL:

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## Expose the decision service

1. Within the VSC editor, click the PORTS tab. If you don’t see this option, you must update VSC. To do this, select *Help->Restart to update.* In this case, you will have to run the *mvn quarkus:dev* command again in the terminal.

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1. Select *Forward a Port*.
2. Enter kogito service port *8123* as the Port and hit return. You will see the following:

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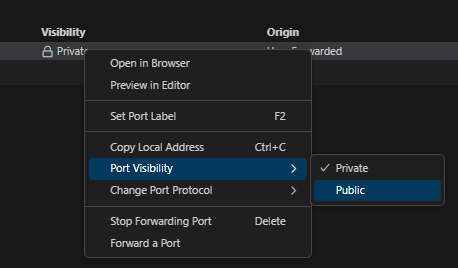
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1. Select *Allow* and enter your GitHub credentials.
2. If successful, you should be returned to VSC and see this:

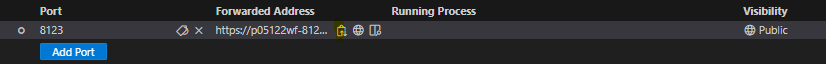
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1. Right-click *Private* in the *Visibility* column and change *Port Visibility* from *Private* to *Public*:



1. Press *Continue* to accept the warning message. Select the *copy local address* button  to store the exposed URL into your clipboard.



## Test the Decision Service

Let’s look at the API generated by Quarkus.

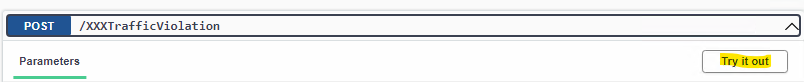
1. Open a browser. This can be any browser anywhere in the world as your Decision Service is public.
2. Paste the following URL into the browser address and press **Enter**.

[[REMOTE\_URL]/q/swagger-ui](localhost:8123/q/swagger-ui)

Where [REMOTE\_URL] is the URL you copied in the last step of the previous section. Accept the warning by pressing *Continue*. You should see this:  
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You are looking at the decision service endpoints exposed to the internet. If you followed the instructions, your endpoints have your initials prepended. You should see three endpoints, but the only endpoint we are interested in is **POST /XXXTrafficViolation**.

1. Click on the **POST /XXXTrafficViolation** endpoint to expand it, then click the **Try it out** button on the right-side.  
   
2. Enter data into the request body:

{

"Violation": {

"Date": "2023-12-21",

"SpeedLimit": 20,

"ActualSpeed": 40

},

"DriverId": "D45454"

}

1. Press *Execute*. You should see the following in the server response:

**Response Body**

**{**

**"Violation": {**

**"SpeedLimit": 20,**

**"ActualSpeed": 40,**

**"Date": "2023-12-21"**

**},**

**"DriverId": "D45454",**

**"Fine": {**

**"Points": 3,**

**"Amount": 500**

**}**

1. Verify the points are 3 and the fine is 500.
2. Congratulations, you have built and deployed the Speeding Ticket decision service on your local machine and exposed it to the outside world. The next step is to generate an OpenAPI specification to execute the service from watsonx Orchestrate.

# Generate an OpenAPI specification

In this section you generate an OpenAPI specification for watsonx Orchestrate.

***Important!* The decision service in the previous section must still be running in a separate VSC session.**

1. Reopen Git Bash shell.
2. Within the Git Bash shell, open the *OpenApiGenerator* folder in VSC:

cd ~/bamoe2wxo

code OpenApiGenerator/

1. Another VSC editor should appear:

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1. Expand the *data* folder and edit *config.json*. You should see this:

A computer screen shot of a code

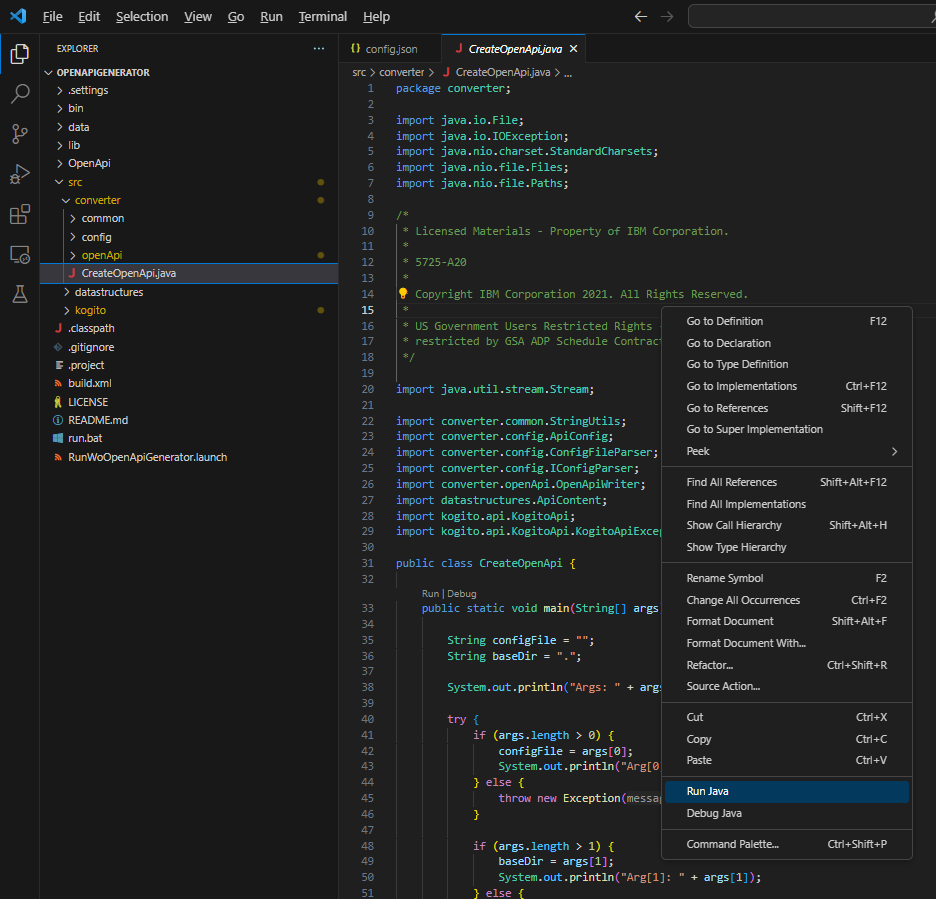
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1. Change the name of *decisionId* by replacing [YOUR\_INITIALS] with your initials. This should be the same name as in section 7. For example, if your initials are XXX, the DMN Model name would be XXXTrafficViolation.
2. Change *localUrl* to the local URL of your running Kogito service. **If you are using the Techzone VM this should be already correct.**
3. Change the external URL to the one you stored in the clipboard on page 11.
4. Save *config.json* using Ctrl-S .
5. Open *CreateOpenApi.java* in the *src/converter* folder:

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1. Right-click anywhere in the code and select *Run Java*. Accept the Windows Defender message if it appears. You should see this:



1. An open API file is generated. The generation is logged in the terminal of VSC:

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If you see an error instead, check that your decision service is still running from section 1.2

1. Within VSC explorer, expand the /*generated* folder and click [YOUR\_INITIALS]TrafficViolation.json.
2. Copy and paste (Ctrl-A, Ctrl-C, Ctrl-V) the entire file contents into <https://editor.swagger.io>, replacing the entire sample YAML on the left panel.
3. Press OK when you see a convert to YAML message:

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1. You should see the same decision service we inspected in section 1.4.

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1. There are differences compared with the original:

* Your initials have been appended.
* *x-ibm* annotations have been added.
* The data model has been pulled into the specification.
* Only one endpoint is generated.

Test this OpenAPI, following the same steps specified in section 1.4. If successful, the Open API is ready for watsonx Orchestrate!

# Import the OpenAPI into watsonx Orchestrate

1. Login to **IBM watsonx Orchestrate:** <https://dl.watson-orchestrate.ibm.com>
2. Under *Build -> Skills*, select *Add skills*
3. Select *From files*
4. Drag the OpenAPI file below into the drop area:

*~/bamoe2wxo/OpenApiGenerator/generated/[YOUR\_INITIALS]TrafficViolation.json*

**TIP:** If you are using a VM you need to perform this in two steps

* 1. Drag the remote file to your local desktop.
  2. Drag the local file to the drop area.

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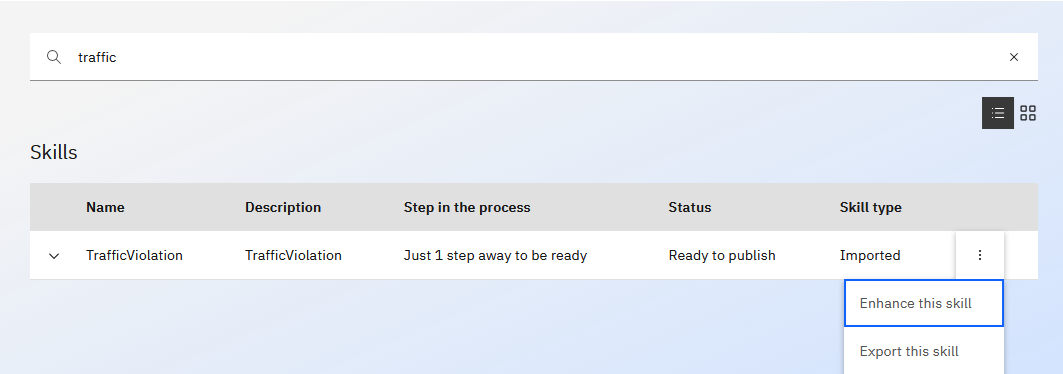
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1. Click Next. Select the *[YOUR\_INITIALS]TrafficViolation* skill and press *Add*.

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1. Find the [YOUR\_INITIALS]*TrafficViolation* skill.
2. Right click the button with three vertical dots, and select *Enhance this skill*:



1. Publish the skill[[1]](#footnote-2):

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1. Click on *Skills Catalog*
2. Find the [YOUR\_INITIALS]*TrafficViolation* skill (type in full to find it). Select it and press *Add skill*

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1. On the top right of the screen click Connect app  and enter any username and password (credentials are placebos).
2. Go to *Chat* and run the skill by typing *[YOUR\_INITIALS]trafficviolation*
3. The Traffic Violation data form appears. Enter the following data:

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1. Hit *Apply*. This invokes the decision service via your local PC using the exposed port.
2. The response should contain the following response fields:

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Congratulations! You have run your first BAMOE Decision Service from IBM watsonx Orchestrate.

# Persist Decisions

In this section we call a database to store speeding tickets. We use a public instance.

1. Reopen Git Bash shell
2. Within the Git Bash shell, open the *cloudantFacade* in VSC. You should leave the other two VSC instances open.

cd ~/bamoe2wxo

code cloudantFacade/dataservice

1. The VSC editor should appear with the *cloudantFacade/Dataservice* folder.

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1. Expand the *openapi* folder and edit *dataApi.yaml*
2. Perform a global search and replace of the text [YOUR\_INITIALS], replacing with your initials. To do this, select Ctrl-R

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1. Press  for a global replace
2. Save *dataApi.yaml* using Ctrl-S
3. Paste the contents of *dataApi.yaml* into <https://editor.swagger.io>
4. You should see the following, with your initials instead of XXX:

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1. Now we will import this API into Orchestrate
2. Login to IBM watsonx Orchestrate
3. Under *Build* -> *Skills*, select *Add skills* and then *From* *files.* Then drag and drop the *dataApi.yaml* API spec:

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1. Click Next. Select the first twoskills and press *Add*.

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1. Publish both skills and add them to your catalog, as described in section 3. When connecting, you can use any user and password.
2. You should now have both skills published under the *cloudantWxoFacade* and added to your catalog.
3. Go to Chat (Personal Skills). Run the skill *[YOUR INITIALS] write a doc to cloudant.* Enter a *driverId* starting with D and then six numbers, and a date following the format YYYY-MM-DD. Any other values are fine:

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1. Hit Apply.
2. Now run the *get docs from cloudant* skill. You should see all speeding fines retrieved from the database.
3. Find your entry by using the search  button:

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Congratulations! You have run your first Cloudant skill by entering data and retrieving it from watsonx Orchestrate.

# Create a Composite Flow using Decisions, Cloudant and React

We will now combine the Decision skill and the Cloudant skill with a React UI.

1. Under *Build* -> *Skills*, select the down arrow on the *Add Skills* button and choose *Create a skill flow*.

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1. You should see the following:

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1. Select the pen  and name the flow *[YOUR\_INITIALS]* *IssueSpeedingTicket*, where [YOUR\_INITIALS] are your initials. Click the *Save* button.
2. Select the  symbol and add [YOUR\_INITIALS]TrafficViolation. Your flow should look like this (where NTC should be your initials):

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1. Select the rightmost  symbol and add *[YOUR\_INITIALS]write a doc to Cloudant*. Your flow should look like this:

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1. Select *[YOUR\_INITIALS]write a doc to Cloudant*.
2. Select *generate mapping suggestions*.
3. Slide the toggle *Hide this form from the user*. You should see this:

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1. At the very bottom of the form, enter *Speeding* as the violation by clicking on the pencil:

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1. Select the rightmost  symbol and add *[YOUR\_INITIALS]get docs from Cloudant*. Your flow should now look like this:

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1. Select the rightmost  symbol and add *Custom Forms->Input Form*
2. Slide the toggle *Hide this form from the user*. You should see this:

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1. Press *the Add input field* button and assign it a type of *Single line text*:

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1. Press *Next* and give it a Display label of *TicketURL.* Press Apply. You should see this:

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1. Select *TicketURL* and map it to *driverId* from *get docs from Cloudant.*

**Important!** This must be *driverId* from *get docs from Cloudant* and **not** *write a doc to cloudant*

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1. In the *Define Transformations* section, enter the following data exactly as specified:

Operator:

Replace a string

Search for:

D

Replace with:

<https://fineui.1apbmbk49s5e.eu-gb.codeengine.appdomain.cloud/?driverId=D>

You should see this:

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1. Select the rightmost  symbol and add *Custom Forms->Output Form.*
2. Enter # in the output form and select *Input form*->*TicketURL* as the field:

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1. Press OK. You should see this:

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1. The completed skill flow should look as follows:

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1. Press the drop-down next to *Actions* and then save as draft. Then enhance and publish the skill flow.
2. Add the skill to your catalog. Go to *Build->Skills.* In the *Search skills* text field, type the full name of the composite flow into the search bar of the Skill catalog – *[YOUR INITIALS]IssueSpeedingTicket*. When found, your *Skill flow* is shown:

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1. Click on your flow and press *Add skill*
2. In Chat, run the *[YOUR\_INITIALS]IssueSpeedingTicket* skill.
3. Enter a speeding violation. Ensure your driver Id starts with a capital D, for example D123456:

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1. Press Apply.
2. After a while you should all speeding violations. Search for your driver id using the search button . If you find more than one entry for the same driver id, select the topmost one:

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1. Press Apply
2. You should see a Ticket URL displayed. Click the URL. The URL invokes a reporting tool with your specified *driverID* as a parameter. The tool fetches additional data from Cloudant using the *driverID* as the key, and then creates a ticket like the one below:

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Congratulations! You have completed the lab!

# Conclusion

In this lab we imported two skills from IBM watsonx Orchestrate: a decision skill and a database skill. We then combined these two skills to create a speeding ticket report

Thank you for taking this lab and I hope you create new applications using this technology.

# Advanced Labs

In these advanced labs we implement the Cloudant and React skills used in the labs above. These labs are aimed at experienced developers.

# Advanced Lab 1 – Create a Cloudant Speeding Ticket Service

## Local host Prerequisites

1. Create a Cloudant instance in your IBM Cloud account.
2. See: <https://cloud.ibm.com/docs/Cloudant?topic=Cloudant-getting-started-with-cloudant>
3. Create a Cloudant instance with name *wxodb.*
4. Create credentials.

## Run on local host

1. Clone repo: <https://github.com/ncrowther/bamoe2wxo>
2. Go to folder: bamoe2wxo/cloudantFacade/dataservice
3. Edit *setenv.bat* to your Cloudant credentials
4. Open Command prompt (NOT powershell).  Enter:

   setenv.bat

 Install a local nodejs server:

npm install

 Start a local nodejs server:

npm start

If the port is in use, change the port on line 32:

bamoe2wxo/cloudantFacade/dataservice/app.js

A local instance of the Cloudant service should now be running.

Open the OpenAPI spec:

bamoe2wxo/cloudantFacade/dataservice/openapi/dataApi.yaml

Write a ticket with:

*POST https://localhost:3000/doc*

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Read the tickets with:

GET[*https://localhost:3000/docs*](https://localhost:3000/docs):

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## Code Engine Hosting Prerequisites

This section describes how you can host your Cloudant service on IBM Code Engine.

1. Create a *Code Engine* instance in IBM Cloud account. If using TechZone, reserve the following:

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1. Login to the provisioned environment.
2. Create a code engine project called cloudant-facade, with the image referencing your docker image.

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1. Within your CodeEngine project, select Secrets and configmaps. Press Create.
2. Create a configmap with name *dataserviceconfig* and press *Create.*
3. Create a code engine *configmap configuration* with your Cloudant credentials:

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## Deployment to Code Engine

1. Open Git Bash shell from VSC
2. Login to IBM Cloud.

ibmcloud login --sso

1. In the IBM Cloud console, go to **Manage > Account > Account resources > Resource groups.** Select the resource group for Code Engine. E.g. *default*

ibmcloud target -g default

1. Select the code engine project:

ibmcloud ce project select -n [PROJECT\_NAME]

1. Start Docker Desktop
2. In Bash Shell, go to the dataservice folder e.g: /bamoe2wxo/cloudantFacade/dataservice
3. Within this folder, edit *build.sh* and *run.sh* and change the REGISTRY to your Docker registry.
4. Run *build.sh* to build the sample application in your docker repo:

./build

1. Run run.sh to deploy the application to Code Engine on IBM Cloud:

./run

1. Open the Code Engine console and copy the Cloudant service URL.
2. Edit the openAPI spec

bamoe2wxo/cloudantFacade/dataservice/openapi/dataApi.yaml

1. Change the server URL so that it points to your Cloudant service URL
2. Import the *dataApi.yaml* as a skill in IBM Watson x orchestrate and run the skill.

# Advanced Lab 2 – Create a Report in React

## Run on local host

Clone repo: <https://github.com/ncrowther/bamoe2wxo>

Go to folder: bamoe2wxo/reactCloudant

Open Command prompt. Enter:

npm install

 Start a local nodejs server:

npm start

The React reporting tool should appear. Enter the following URL, supplying a driver id that exists in the Cloudant database:

http://localhost:[PORT]/?driverId=D123456

If successful, this should display a Speeding report like the one below:

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## Deployment to Code Engine

To deploy on Code Engine, follow the README instructions in

bamoe2wxo/reactCloudant/README.md

1. If you are feeling confident, change the *Phrases* to change the text your user types. Note that this may affect the subsequent lab steps. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)