

# Chatbot Flow: Explanation

## Conversation Flow Overview

The chatbot follows a **state-based conversation flow** driven by intent detection and the `next_action` variable. The conversation starts with a greeting and moves to **intent classification**, branching into the appropriate flow based on user intent:

- **Booking Flights** (main flow)
- **Canceling Flights**
- **Rescheduling Flights**
- **Listing Bookings**
- **Exiting** the chat

Each branch is implemented as a sequence of well-defined states, like "Get Route", "Get Flight Number", "Get Baggage", etc., using memory to track context and user responses.

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## Booking Flow Breakdown

1. **Get Route:** Extracts origin and destination using regex or `->` format.
  2. **Show Flights:** Displays available options from `dummy_flights_data`.
  3. **Flight Selection:** User selects a flight number.
  4. **Passenger Count:** Number of travelers provided.
  5. **Passenger Names:** Collected individually if `>1`.
  6. **Baggage:** Handles extra checked bags (\$40/bag).
  7. **Cost Calculation:** Total computed ( $\text{fare} \times \text{passengers} + \text{baggage fee}$ ).
  8. **Booking Summary:** Displays full booking details.
  9. **Confirmation:** If user says "yes", proceeds.
  10. **Email and Payment:** Validates email + 16-digit credit card.
  11. **Booking Stored:** Stored in the `bookings` list.
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## Cancel & Reschedule Flow

- **Cancel:** Flight number is matched against saved bookings. If found, removed and refund issued.
  - **Reschedule:** Similar to cancel, but allows user to provide a new date, updating the booking in memory.
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## Error & Fallback Handling

- **Unrecognized Inputs:** Classified as "`fallback`" and prompt user to rephrase.
  - **Invalid Routes or Flight Numbers:** Clear prompts guide the user back on track.
  - **Missing Info (e.g. name, card):** Bot reprompts until valid input is given.
  - **Wrong Booking Reference:** User is offered to "list bookings" to help identify correct flights.
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## Strengths of the Logic

- Modular, extensible logic using `next_action` states.
- Robust against unclear input due to `regex` + fallback messages.
- Clean separation of booking, rescheduling, cancellation, and listing flows.
- Multi-user support via multiple passenger names and dynamic pricing.

