# MELIA VEIDay One



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## Introductions

- Brian Kuchta, Amelia Trainer
- Participants

## Housekeeping

- Please put cell phones on silent
- Please resist checking email
- Refreshments and restrooms
- Breaks and Lunch
- Office manager
- Download class files and PDF from the calendar invite
- Log into WebEx (for demo or questions)
- Chrome browser preferred for Admin work in Amelia V3

# Agenda – Day One

- Learning Objectives
- Who is Amelia V3?
- Amelia Role and Skill Selection
- Logging into Amelia V3
- Amelia Trainer: Intents
- Intents: Modeling Process, Algorithms, Statistics
- Process Memory: Business Process Networks (BPNs)
- Say and Ask Tasks
- Service Prefix response:
- Putting It Together: Connecting Intents and BPNs
- Additional BPN Functionality and Task Types
- Q&A

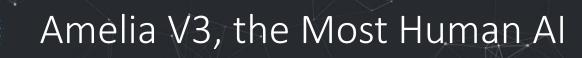
# Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

Train Amelia to conduct a business process and answer organization-specific questions using:

- End user intent recognition (intents)
- Customer answer capture (entities)
- Process design (BPNs)
- Frequently Asked Questions (intent FAQs)
- Workflow decision-making based on end user responses (prefixes)
- Integration with API (integration framework)
- Custom UI elements such as widgets and chat notes (custom UI/script tasks)





#### **Cognitive Platform**

- Amelia can do many of the tasks that a live agent can
- Amelia can learn using the same information used to train a live agent
- Amelia can access the same systems/databases that a live agent can... directly



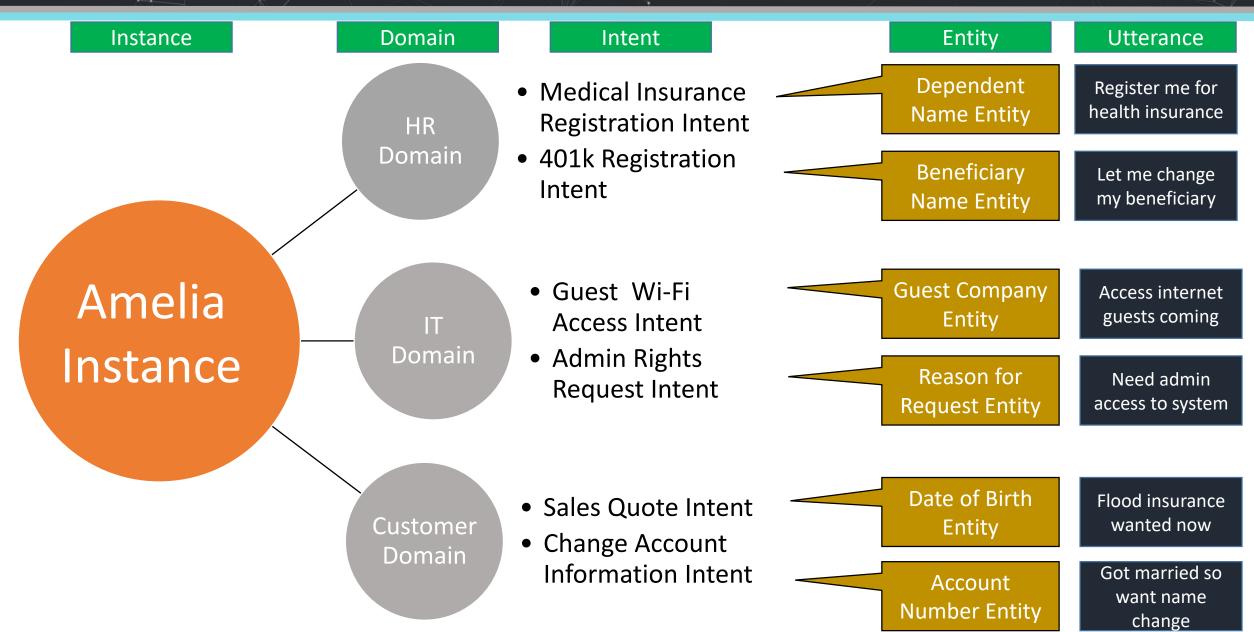
#### Demo





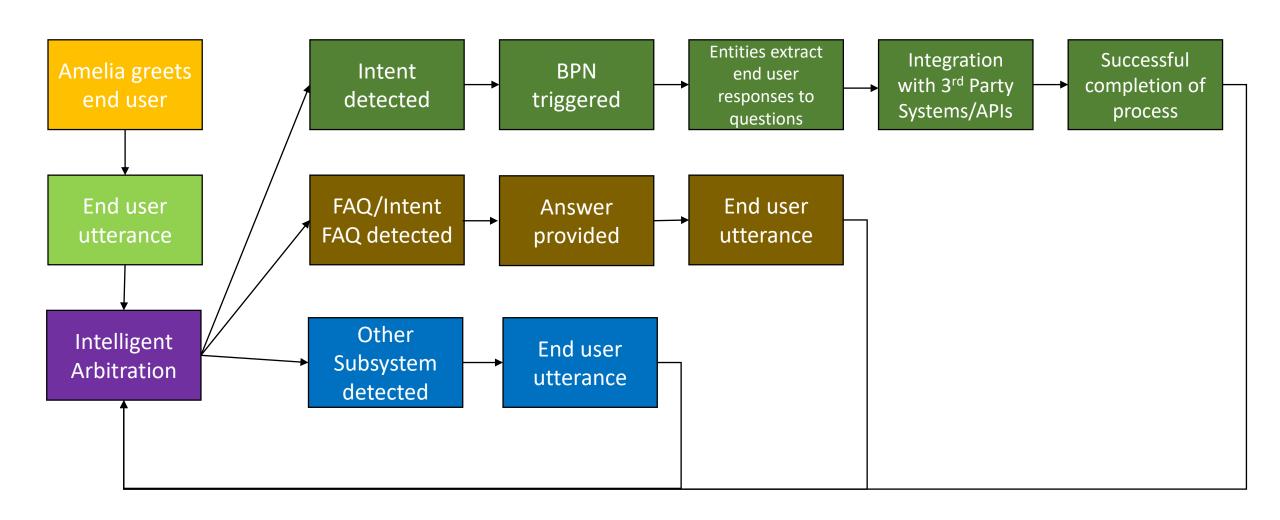


## Terminology: Instance, Domain, Intent, Entity, Utterances





#### General Amelia Conversation Flow





## Amelia Role/Skill Selection

Within your domain, each participant will select a different role and skill from one of the business sectors below and train Amelia on to do that skill.

#### IT Service Desk Agent

- Admin Access
- Software Installation

#### Insurance Sales/Claims Agent

- Auto Insurance Quote
- Property Insurance Claim

# Retail Banker/Loan Officer

- Lost Credit Card
- Obtain Mortgage

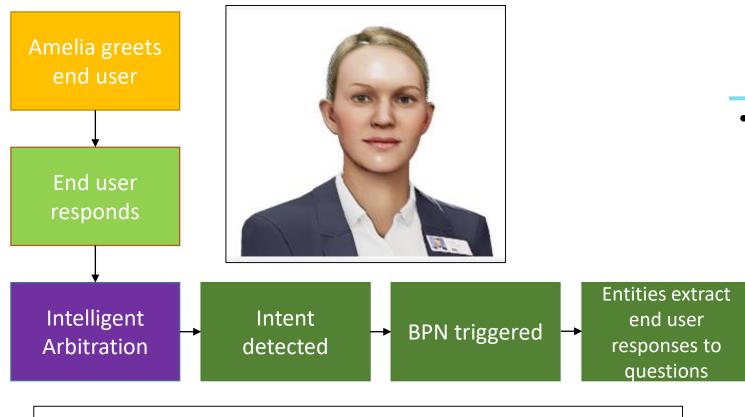
#### **HR Generalist**

- Request PTO
- Change Coverage

# Travel/Customer Service Agent

- Lost Luggage
- Book Travel Tickets

#### Activity



Timing: 15 minutes

Validation: Verbal review in class

## Skill Development

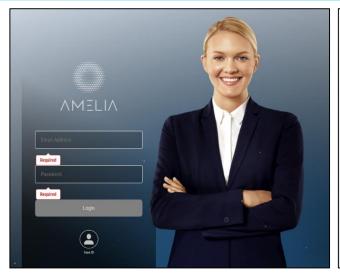
- Based on your selected role for Amelia, decide on a skill => an actionable process Amelia can complete in lieu of a live agent
  - Process must have an action it's more than question/answer

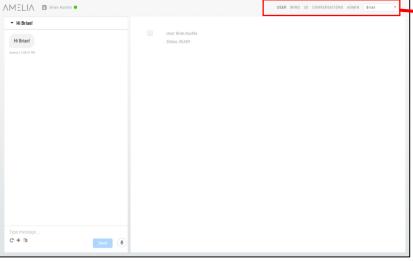
#### Answer the following:

- What is the name of the intent that will trigger this process into action?
- 2. What are some example sentences an end user might say to trigger this intent?
- 3. What are at least two questions Amelia will need to ask in order to complete this process?
  - These should NOT be yes/no questions, which are typically directional and not stored as entities/variables.



## Logging Into Amelia Step-by-Step





1. Using Chrome, log into the training instance.

2. You will land in User view.

USER MIND 3D CONVERSATIONS ADMIN

3a. In the upper right-hand corner, right click on Conversations and open in a new tab.

3b. Right click on Admin and open in a new tab.

3c. In User view, click on Mind.

You should now have the following views open in three separate tabs:

- Active Conversations
- Admin view
- Mind view

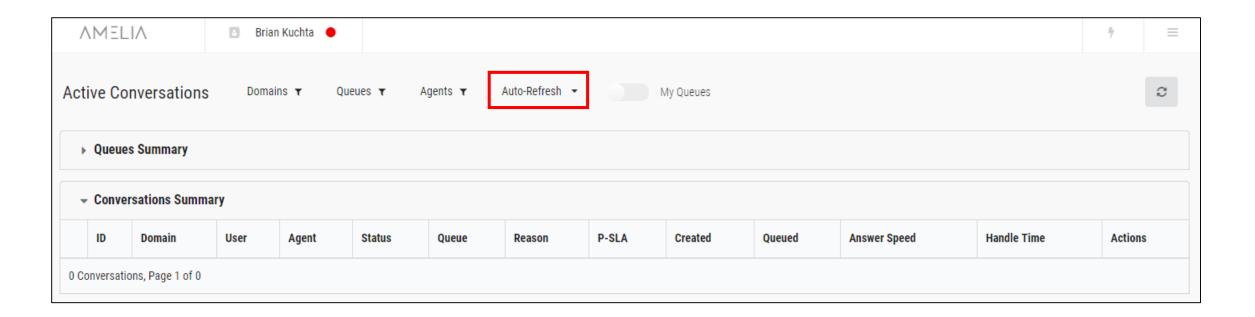




#### Active Conversations – Auto-Refresh

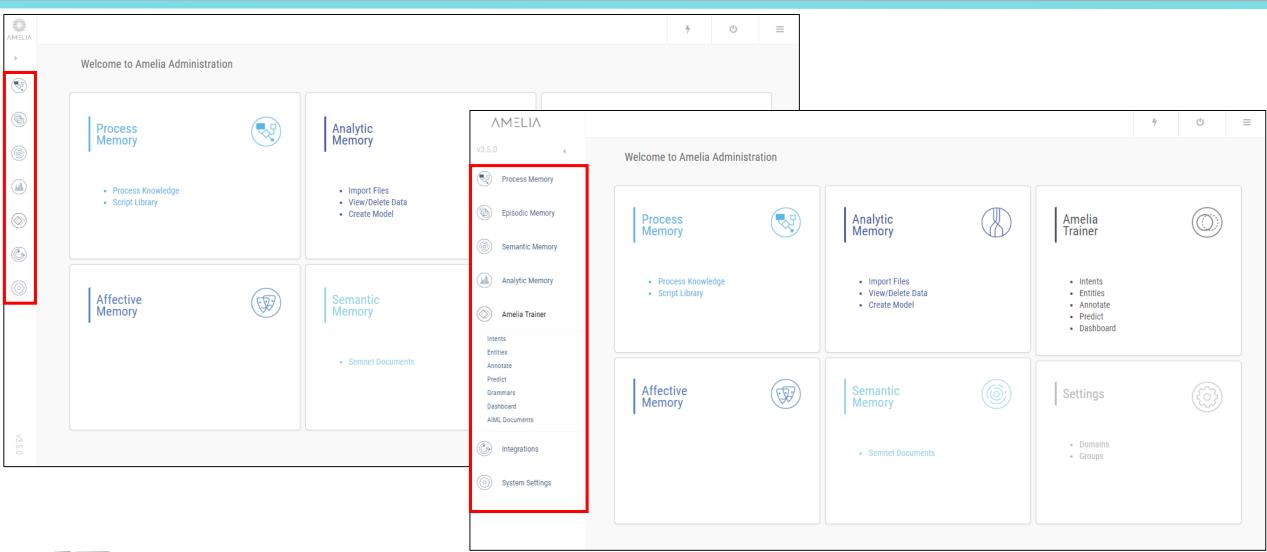
Active Conversations: Used by agents to pick up escalated chats

Includes auto-refresh so you won't get logged out



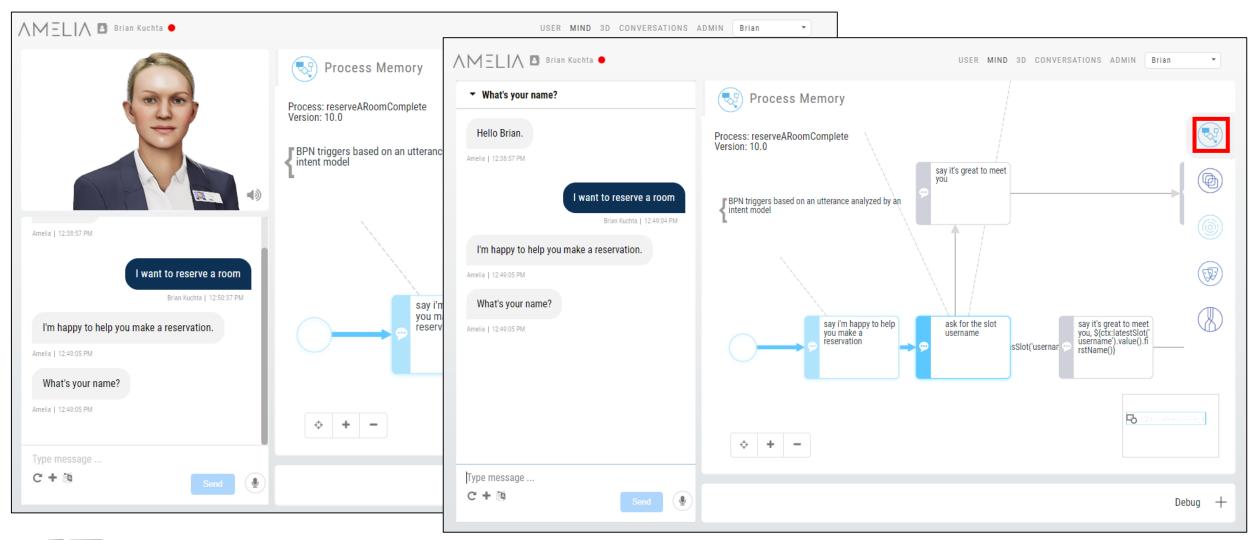


## Admin View – Build Amelia





#### Mind View – Test Amelia Build with and without Avatar

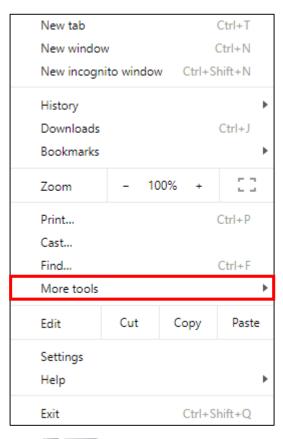




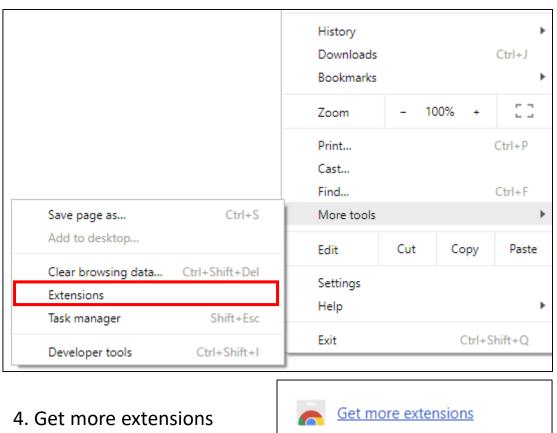
## How to Disable Amelia V3 Avatar in Mind View

#### 1. Chrome three dot button

#### 2. More tools



#### 3. Extensions



5. Search for and install Disable WebGL



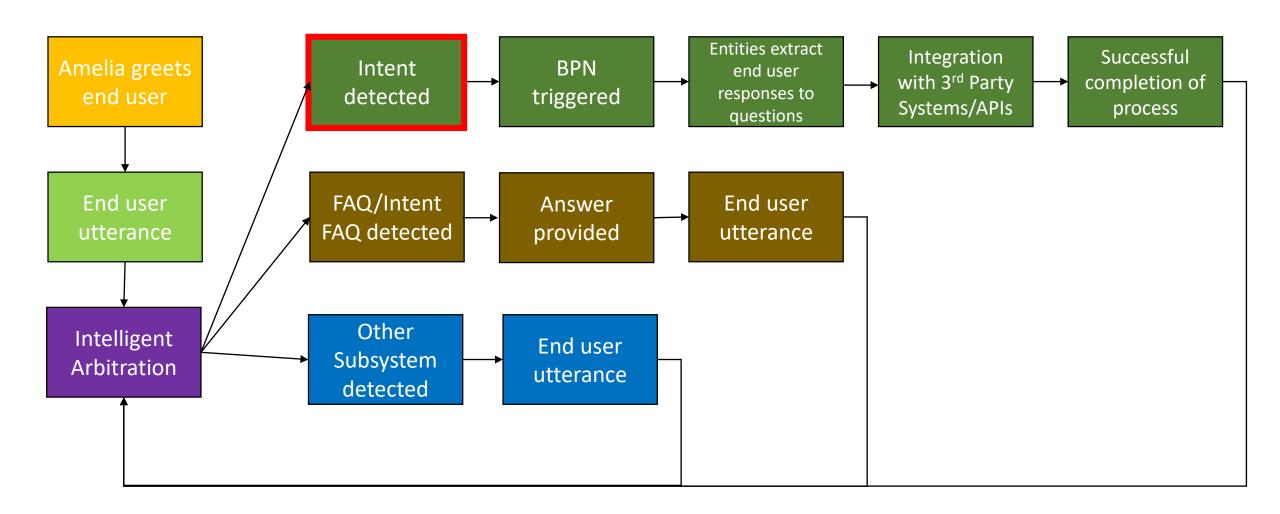
NOTE: Avatar can also be turned off for the entire domain in System Settings (requires admin permissions.)







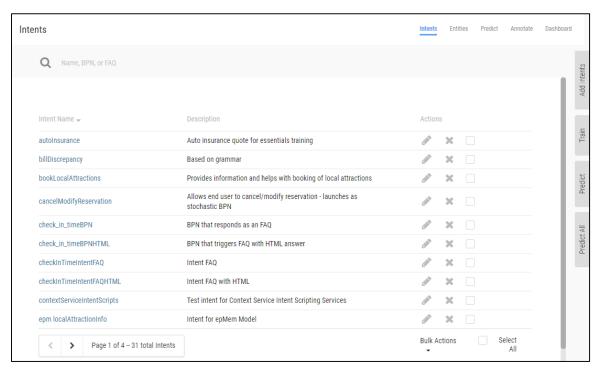
#### General Amelia Conversation Flow





#### Intents

- Used to create model to trigger specific BPN/intent FAQ based on end user utterance
- Domain specific
- Can import/export into other domains/instances
- Formerly known as goals (V2)



- Must train Amelia on example utterances that should trigger a specific intent
  - Requires variety in sentence structure and word choice

#### **Examples for Reserve a Hotel Room:**

- Do you have room for the coming weeks at your hotel?
- Everything is set for my trip and I just need a place to stay
- For me and my wife, I need room reserved in your establishment
- Frequent traveler who needs lodging while visiting
- get a bed for several nights while staying in your city

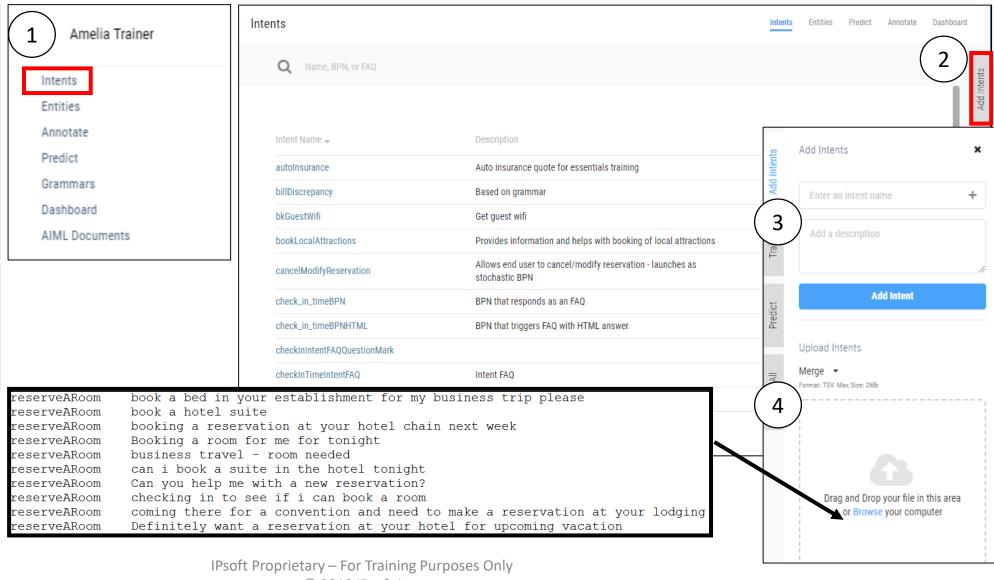


# Group Activity: Intent using annotation framework and prediction testing

- 1. Admin view: click on Amelia Trainer->Intents then click Add Intents tab.
- 2. Add "yourInitialsGuestWifi" as Intent Name, add a description, and click Add Intent button.
- 3. Click on your intent in intent list and add "When resuming the process, Amelia asks..." (confirm continue question). Save changes.
- 4. Click on Amelia Trainer->Annotate and select TSV under Load New File.
- 5. In V3DayOneExerciseFiles folder->Intents subfolder, rename "guestWifiAnnotated" to "yourInitialsGuestWifiAnnotated" and load into annotation framework.
- 6. Save file as "yourInitialsGuestWifi".
- 7. In V3DayOneExerciseFiles->Intents, rename "negativeGuestWifi" as "yourinitialsNegativeGuestWifi" and load into annotation framework. Do NOT annotate, but do save file as "yourInitialsNegativeGuestWifi".
- 8. Right-hand side: click Train tab and choose Intent Classifier.
- 9. Name the new model "yourInitialsGuestWifi". Turn off Include all intents and turn off Add fallback examples. Include data sets you imported into annotation framework as the training data sets. Leave Evaluation with defaults. In Algorithm, select Meta Classifier Model Type.
- 10. Click on Amelia Trainer->Dashboard to view the model training outcome.
- 11. Click on Amelia Trainer->Intents->Predict. Select your model, enter a test utterance, and click Predict.

#### Amelia Trainer – New Intent

- 1. Amelia Trainer-> Intents
- Click Add Intent and enter a name (case sensitive)
- Add a description
- 4. Can upload an annotated data set into the intent itself (TSV format)
- Add
- Merge (no duplicates)
- Overwrite

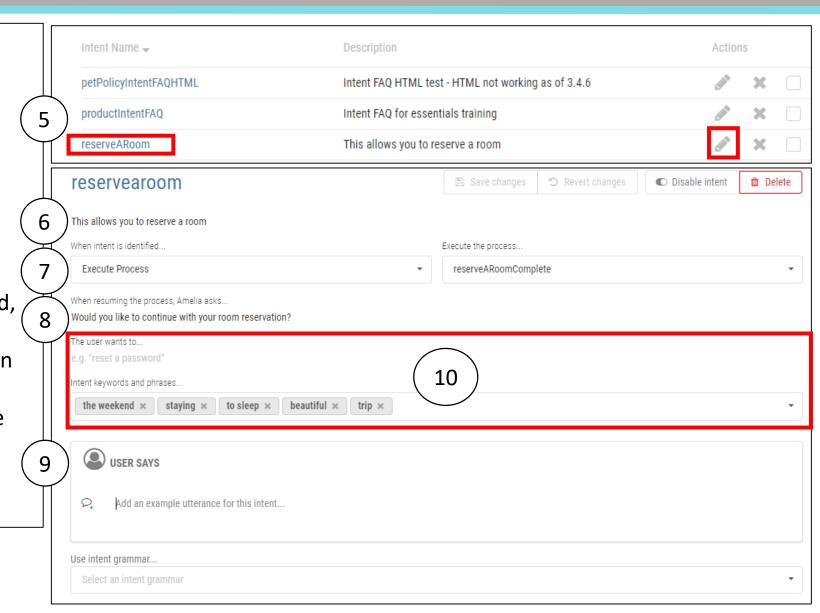




## Working with a New Intent

- 5. Click the intent name or pencil
- 6. Add a description
- Chose action intent should launch
  - Execute BPN
    - Select available BPN from list
  - Answer FAQ
    - Opens field for FAQ answer
- 8. Add question to "When resuming the process, Amelia asks..."
  - If another process has been triggered, this question will be asked to determine if end user wants to return to where they left off in this process
- Add example utterance(s) manually in the "The user wants to" field and/or in User Says (optional)
- 10. Used for CQA covered on Day3

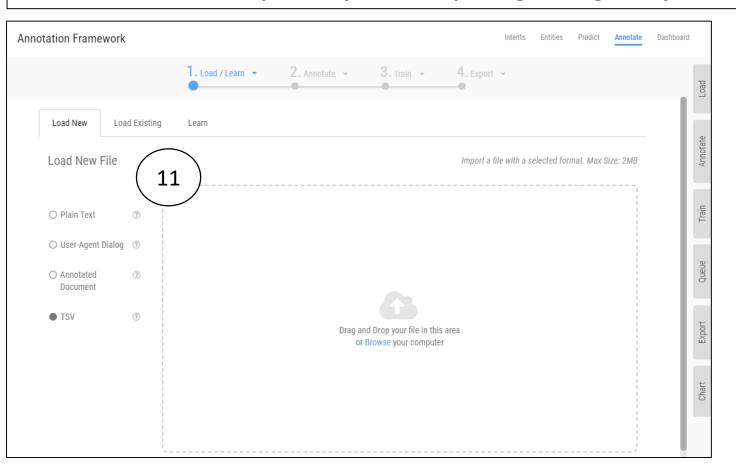




#### Amelia Trainer – Annotate

- 11. Can also import annotated/unannotated utterance examples into annotation framework
- Include all training data for intent model here
- Include new training data to upgrade existing model
- Include unannotated data as NEGATIVE data for intent model

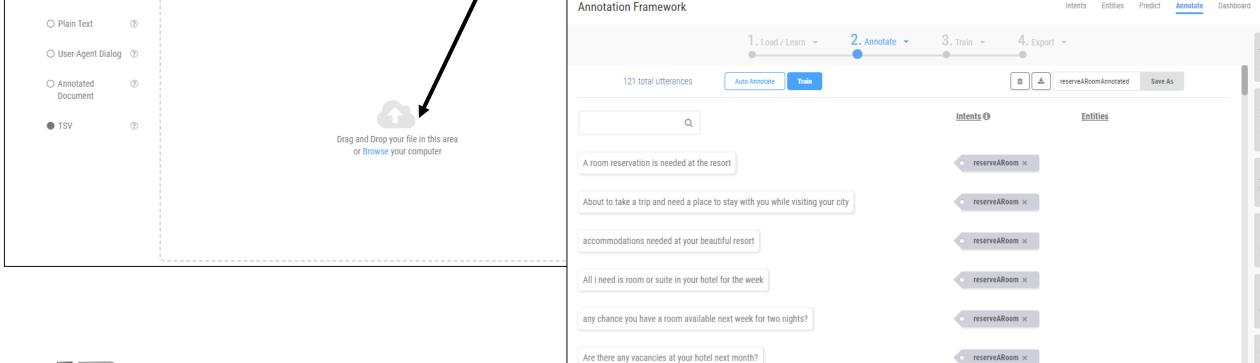
NOTE: This is another, separate option to importing/adding example utterances to the intent itself



- Import data set of example utterances
  - Annotated
  - Unannotated
- Plain Text: any plain text file without annotation
- User-Agent Dialog: Amelia/User annotated conversation for use with Episodic Memory (TBD)
- Annotation Document: JSON previously downloaded through annotation framework
- TSV: annotated data set

## Option 1: Annotated Utterances into Annotation Framework

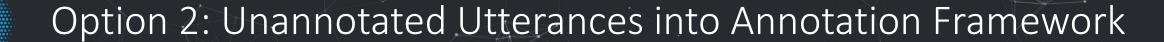
book a bed in your establishment for my business trip please reserveARoom reserveARoom book a hotel suite booking a reservation at your hotel chain next week reserveARoom reserveARoom Booking a room for me for tonight reserveARoom business travel - room needed can i book a suite in the hotel tonight reserveARoom Can you help me with a new reservation? reserveARoom reserveARoom checking in to see if i can book a room coming there for a convention and need to make a reservation at your lodging reserveARoom Definitely want a reservation at your hotel for upcoming vacation reserveARoom



As it gets closer to my vacation, I need a hotel room.

reserveARoom ×





- 12. Annotate utterances with the specific intent it belongs to
  - Can be mixed data set of utterances for various intents
- 13. Save annotated data set as a memorable file name
  - Recommend inclusion of the date/version for the data set
  - Cannot use the same name twice



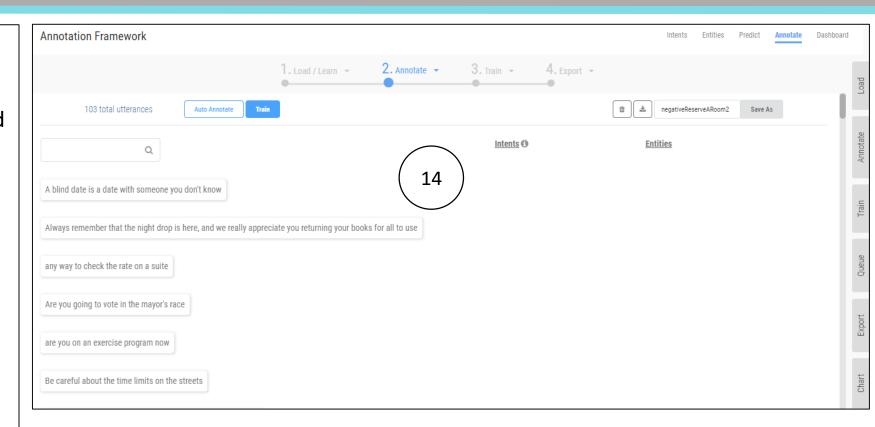




## Annotation Framework – Negative Data Set

#### 14. Mandatory Negative data set

- Imported and NOT annotated
- Should include utterances that should NOT launch any of the intents
- Include in-domain utterances
  - e.g., "I want to reserve a car for the weekend."
- Include out-of-domain utterances
  - e.g., "I like pizza with mushrooms."
- Save negative data set as a memorable file name
  - Recommend inclusion of the date/version for the data set
  - Cannot use the same name twice







- 15. Select Train -> Intent Classifier
- 16. Create new model -> name model
- 17. Designate model settings

#### **Datasets**:

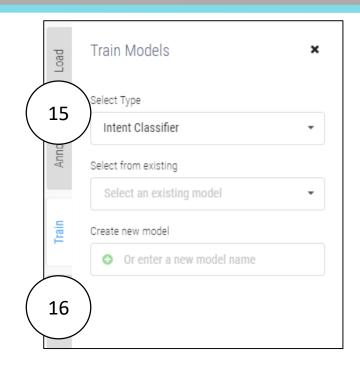
- Include utterances for all/specific intents
  - Example utterances imported into intent
- Select Training Corpus
  - Utterances annotated in Annotation Framework including Negative class
- Add fallback examples
  - Optional, built-in negative class
  - 3X intent utterances Cannot see/modify

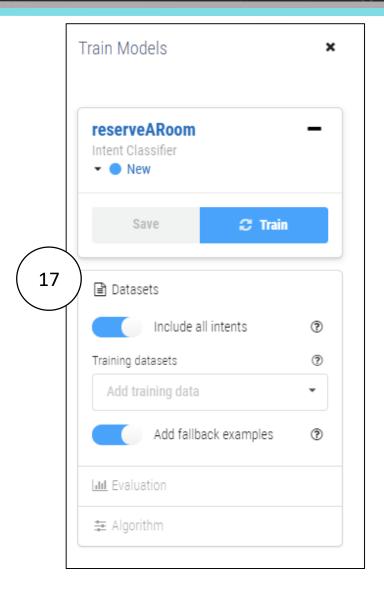
#### **Evaluation**:

- Include validation data set and cross-validation
- Guideline: validation data set typically around 20% of total data set

#### Algorithm:

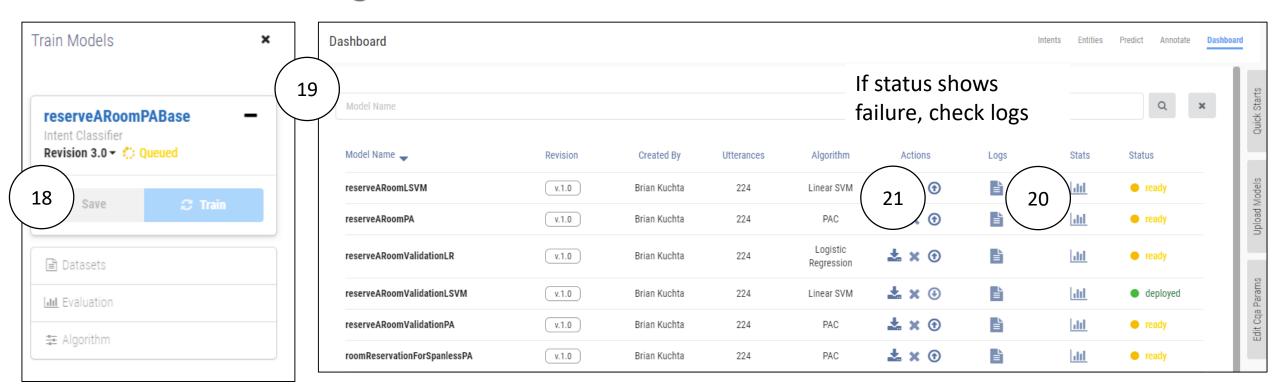
- Select Algorithm
  - PA (default)
  - Linear SVM
  - Logistic Regression





#### Amelia Trainer – Dashboard

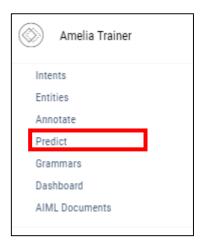
- 18. Model sent to queue
- 19. Go to Amelia Trainer->Dashboard
- 20. Check stats for model training to determine potential confusion
- 21. When ready, deploy model ①

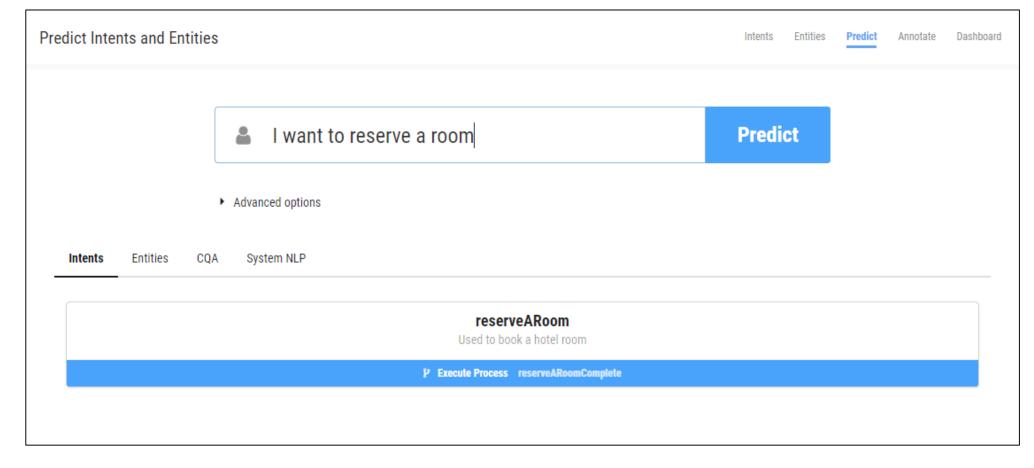




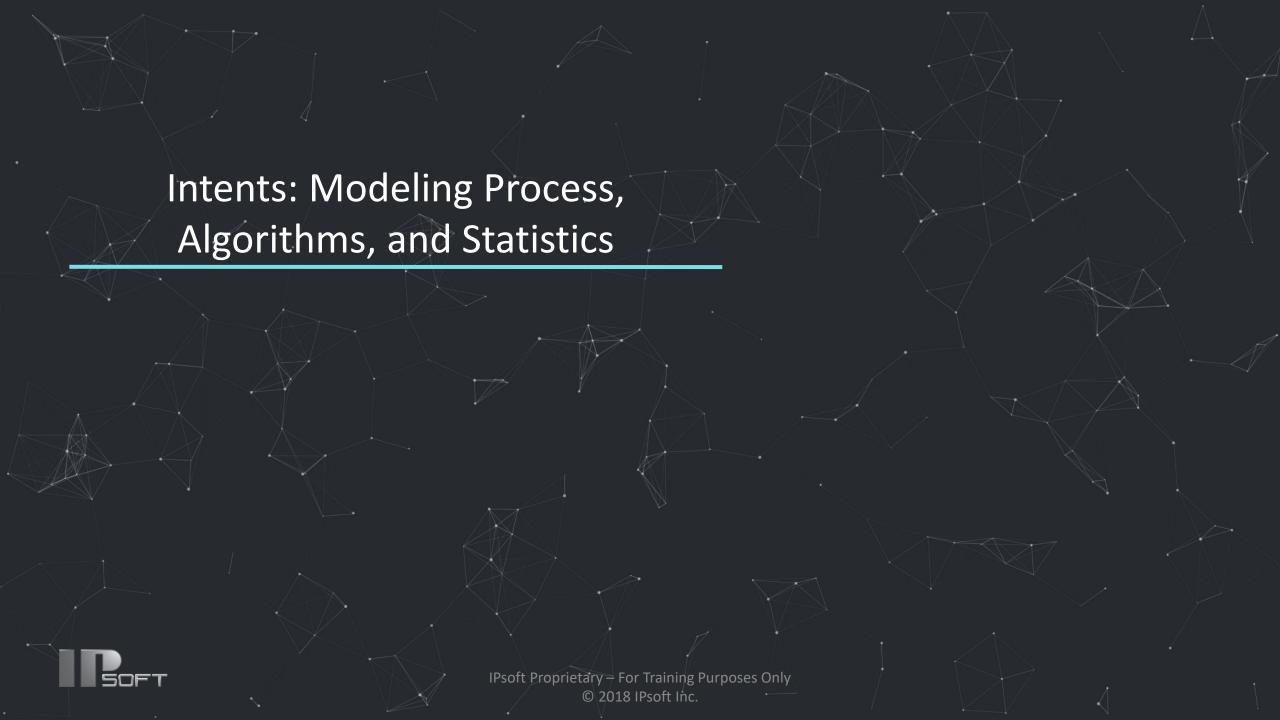
## Predicting Intents

#### Note: Model to be tested must be deployed









## Multiclass Classification and the PA Algorithm

Amelia (PA algorithm) receives an utterance and analyzes its features

If incorrect label and/or not within confidence margin, modifies prediction mechanism (weights)

Outputs a score for each label, predicting to which label utterance belongs

Correct label revealed

**Correct prediction**: margin = positive

 Must also have high-confidence prediction

Example: Algorithm confidence goal = margin > 1

- Margin > 1, loss = 0
- Margin < 1, instantaneous loss = difference between 1 and margin value

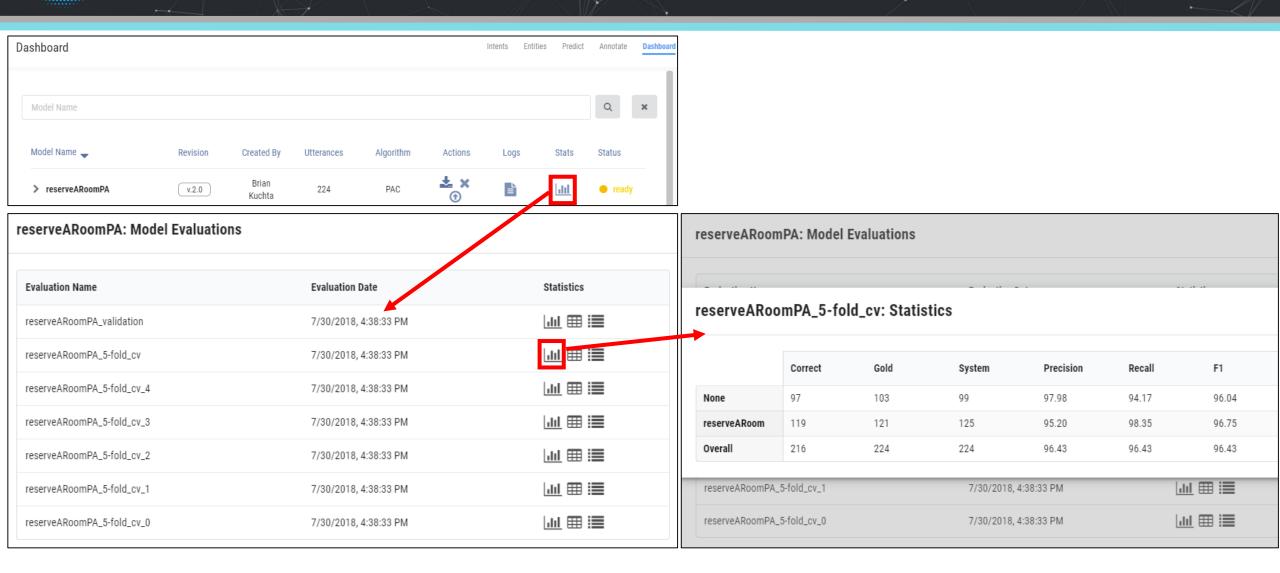
When loss = 0, algorithm passive

When loss is positive, algorithm **aggressive** 

 Forces weight vector for next round to satisfy constraint



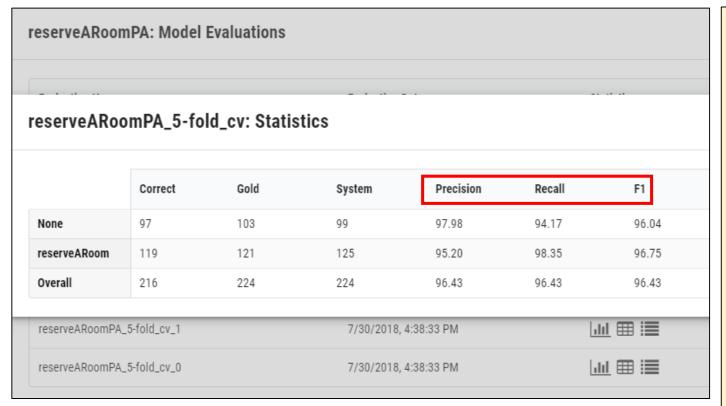
## Dashboard Stats - Correct, Gold, System





## Dashboard Stats – Precision, Recall, F-measure

- Precision, Recall, and F-measure can be used as a high-level gauge only
  - Will not likely help in improving a model
  - Not specifically a determiner of model success



#### Precision =

Correct: number of correct predictions for the class

System: total number of predictions for the class

#### Recall =

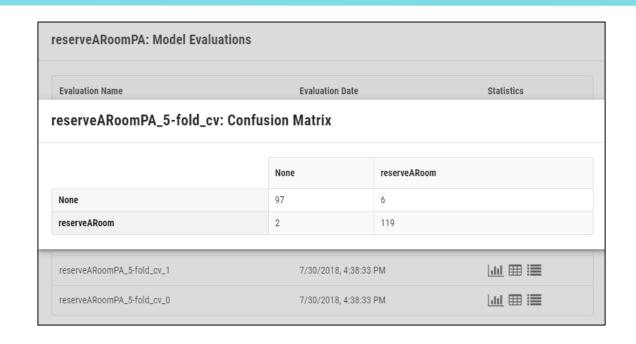
Correct: number of correct predictions for the class
Gold: total number of actual instances with class label

#### F-Measure =

 $2 * \frac{Precision * Recall}{Precision + Recall}$ 



# Dashboard Stats – Confusion Matrix and Misclassifications



reserveARoomPA_5-fold_cv: Misclassifications			
Actual	Prediction	Span	Context
None	reserveARoom		ever been to the hotel California?
reserveARoom	None		you got any rooms available for me to book for a few nights
None	reserveARoom		need to get a car with room for five
None	reserveARoom		got any tables available for reservation
reserveARoom	None		Can you help me with a new reservation ?
None	reserveARoom		get an automobile for this afternoon
None	reserveARoom		no need to book a restaurant reservation
None	reserveARoom		wan na book a table in your establishment



### Intent Best Practices

- 1. One intent model per domain
  - No intent models in Global domain
- 2. Data collection start small and iterate
  - Train, evaluate, revise, retrain
- 3. Heuristic: 50–100 examples per intent
  - More than 100 rarely needed unless high variation of expression in intent
- 4. Combine ambiguous intents
- 5. Without thoughtful negatives, everything will potentially be seen as an intent
  - Be sure to include in-domain negatives
- 6. Use descriptive names
  - Be consistent in usage of camelCase or snake\_case
- 7. Test your intent model with a test dataset that is as close to expected data as possible
  - Live chat examples best
- 8. If overmatching, add negative examples that look similar but should not match



# Intent Algorithms

- Passive Aggressive Classifier (default)
- Linear SVM Similar to Passive Aggressive, maximizes distances between classes
  - May be overly sensitive to changes in datasets
- Logistic Regression Produces scores interpretable as probabilities -> used to create thresholds to control classifier precision
  - May eventually be used with intent threshold configuration (TBD)
- DNN Classifier (Beta)
  - Bidirectional LSTM
  - Works better with more data



# Activity

#### **Intent Workflow:**

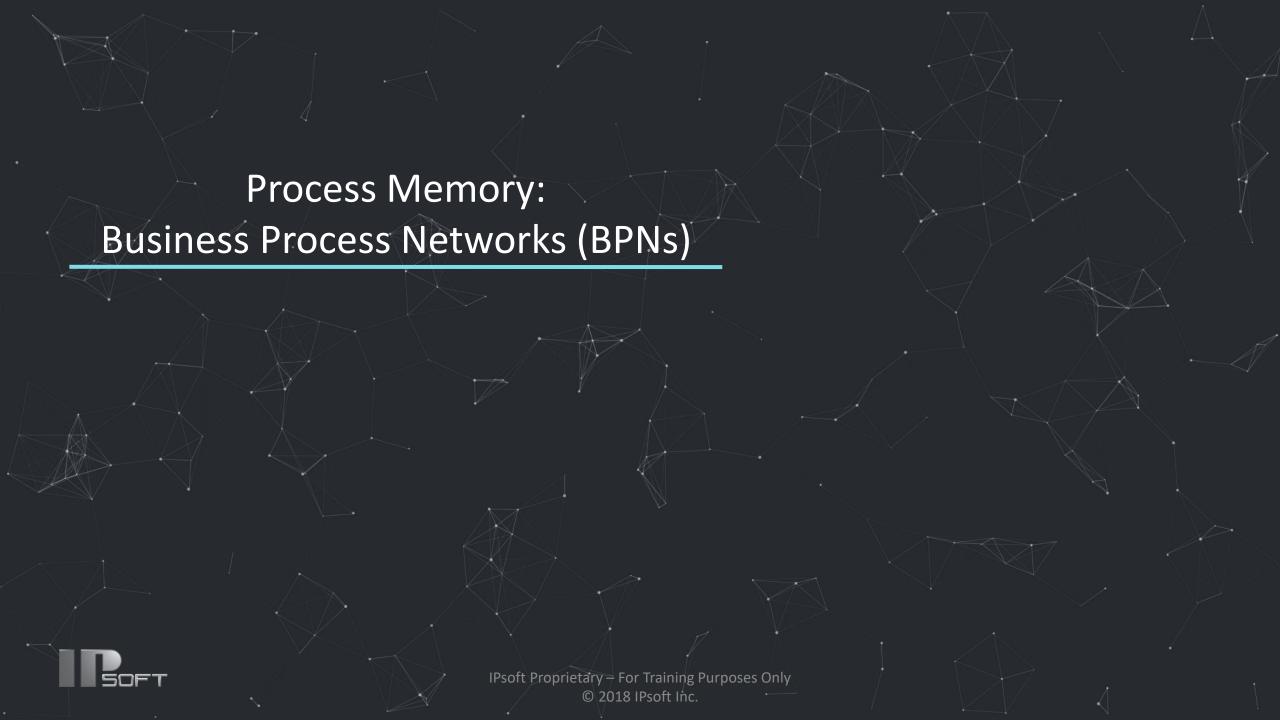
- 1. Determine intent that should launch specific process (Skill)
- Create the intent (Intents):
  - Description
  - Confirm Continue Question
  - Utterances to Launch Intent (Manually Added or Imported)
  - Execute BPN (BPN) or Answer FAQ (Intent FAQ)
- 3. Upload example utterances into either the intent or annotation framework and save
- 4. Import negative data set in & out of domain negative utterances into annotation framework and save
- Train intent model (Annotation Framework->Train)
- Review model statistics, confusion matrix, misclassified utterances (Dashboard)
- 7. Deploy model (Dashboard)
- 8. Test in Predict

#### Intents

- Create an intent for your Amelia skill.
- Develop 20+ grammatically varied utterances for your intent and annotate them.
- Import into intent or import into annotation framework and save.
- Develop 20+ in- and out-of-domain negative utterances.
- Import and save in annotation framework.
- Create an intent model using your intent utterances and negative utterances.
- Review stats and deploy in dashboard.
- Test in Amelia Trainer->Predict.

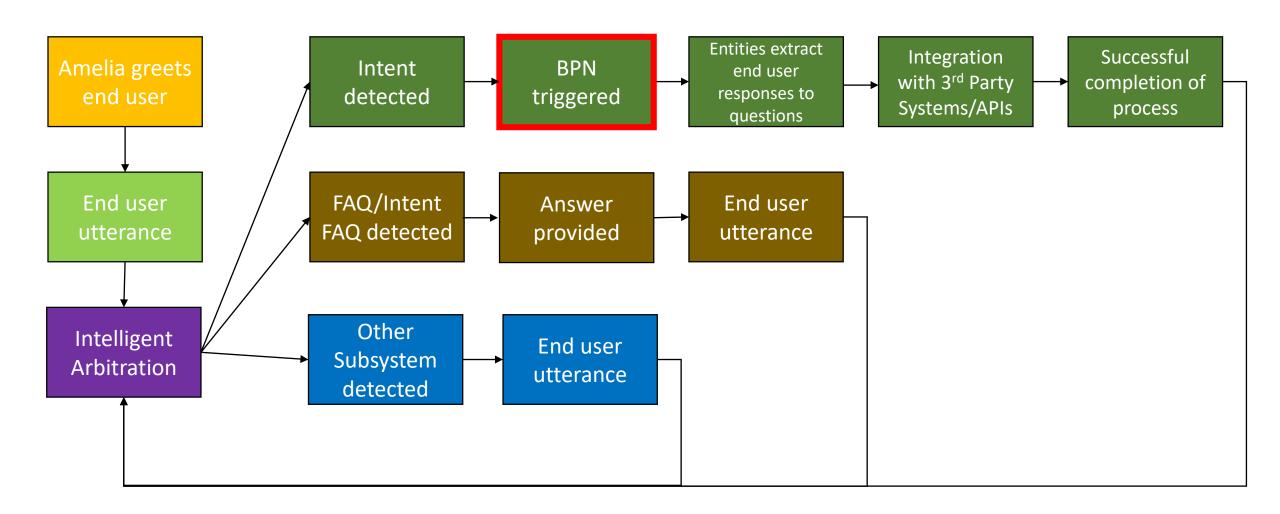


Timing: 30 minutes
Validation: Predict Tool





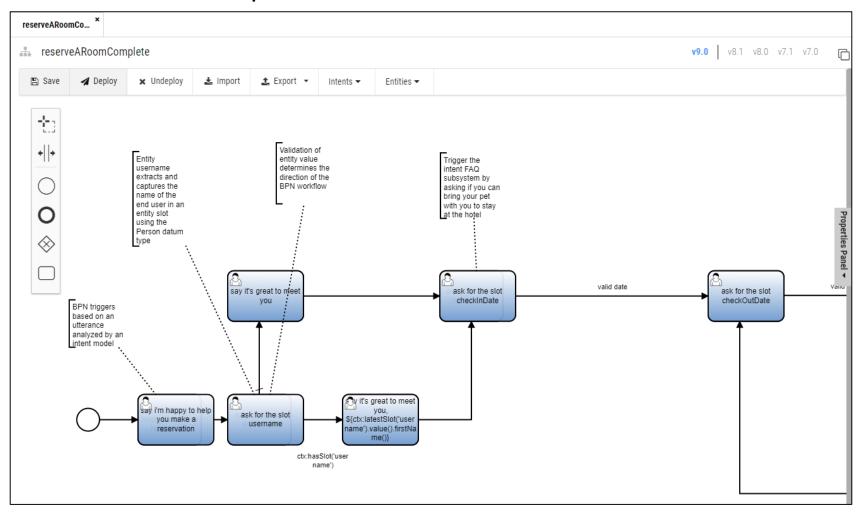
# General Amelia Conversation Flow





# Business Process Network (BPN)

#### Defines process flows to help end users achieve intents





# Process Knowledge – BPN Process Creation

- 1. In Process Memory, click on Process Knowledge
- 2. Right click on Root/Domain folder
- 3. Choose Add Folder
  - Cannot create BPN process in Root
- 4. Name folder
- 5. Right click on folder
- 6. Add process
- 7. Name process

#### **Recommended Production Convention:**

yourUseCase or your\_use\_case

#### **Training Convention – Folder:**

initials Date

Example: bk\_01292018

#### **Training Convention – Process:**

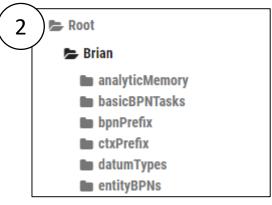
initials\_use\_case

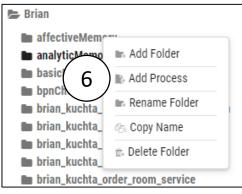
Example: bk\_reserve\_a\_room



Process Memory

Process Knowledge
Script Library
Tabular Data
Content Manager





# Process Knowledge - BPN Process Design Elements

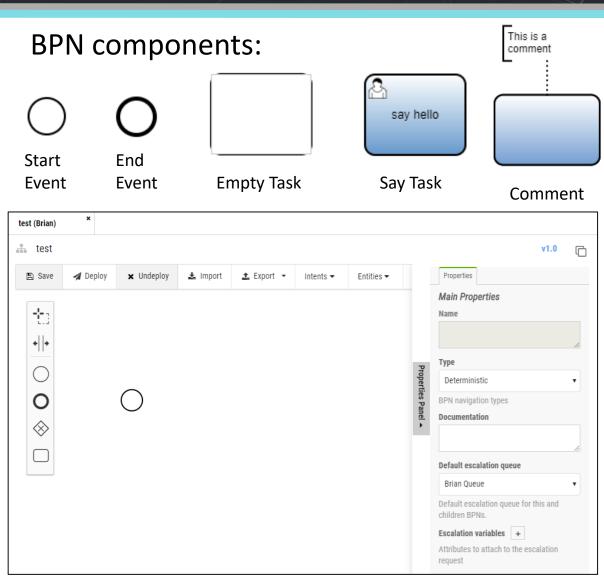
#### Add Process displays BPN design area

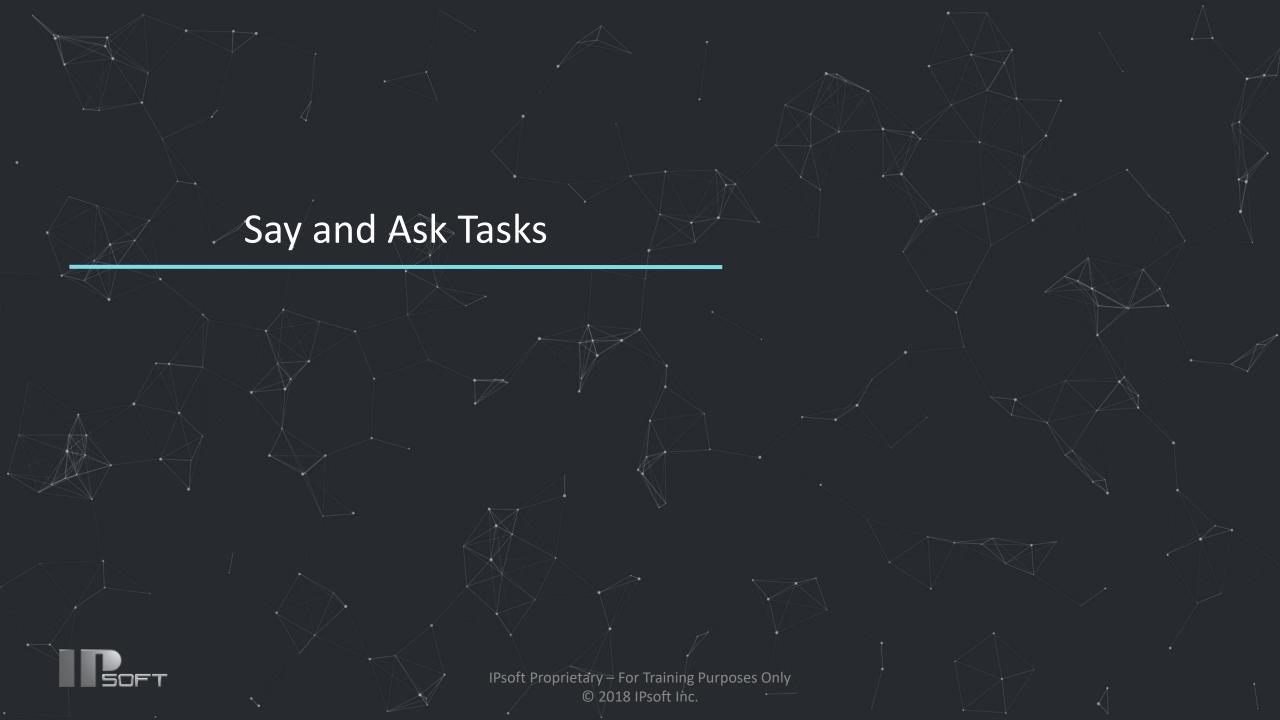
- Start and End events (programmatic only)
- Task tells Amelia what to do
- Gateways used for branching logic
- Lasso tool multi-selection tool
- Create/Remove space tool



- Comment
- Wrench user/script task
- Edge/Flow



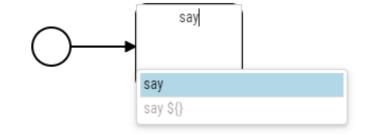


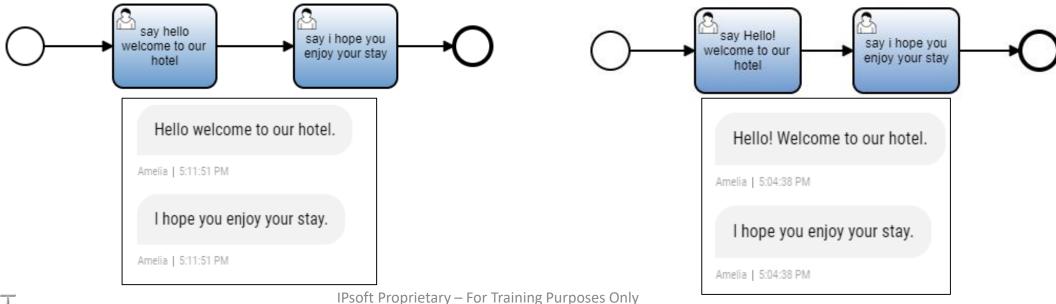


# Say Task

#### Tells Amelia what to say

- Can include punctuation in utterance
- If " " are used, they present in the chat
- Includes auto complete feature
- No HTML allowed
  - For HTML in conversation, will use Present task







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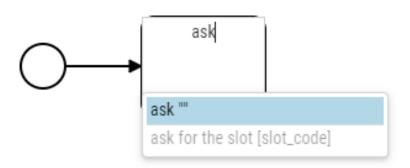
# Ask Task – Ask < Question>

During the conversation, Amelia stops and waits for a response from the end user

#### Question format

- ask "<question>"
- ask "When would you like to check-into our hotel?"
- ask "Please provide me with your email address."



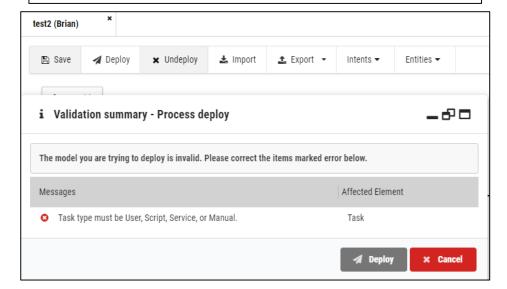


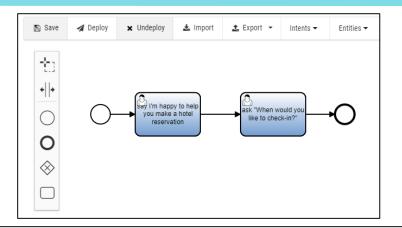


# Save and Deploy

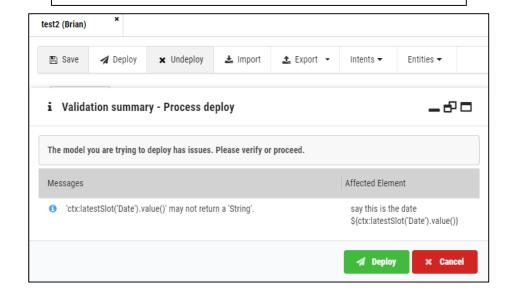
- Save often no syntax check
- Before deploying, add an end event for each flow endpoint
- When deploying, BPN syntax is checked

**Errors** must be fixed before BPN will deploy





**Warnings** should be reviewed but do not block deployment

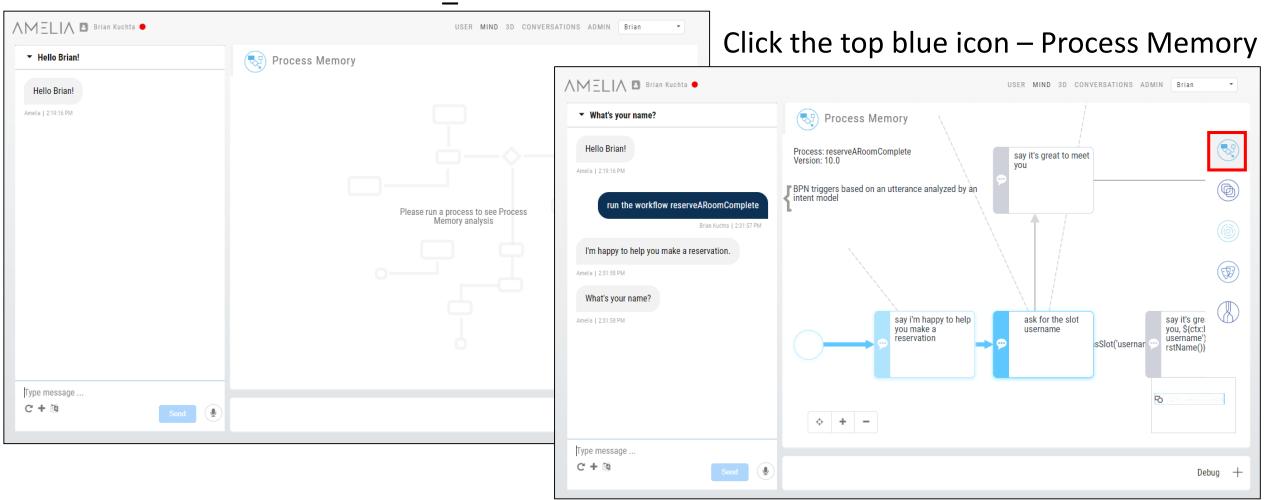






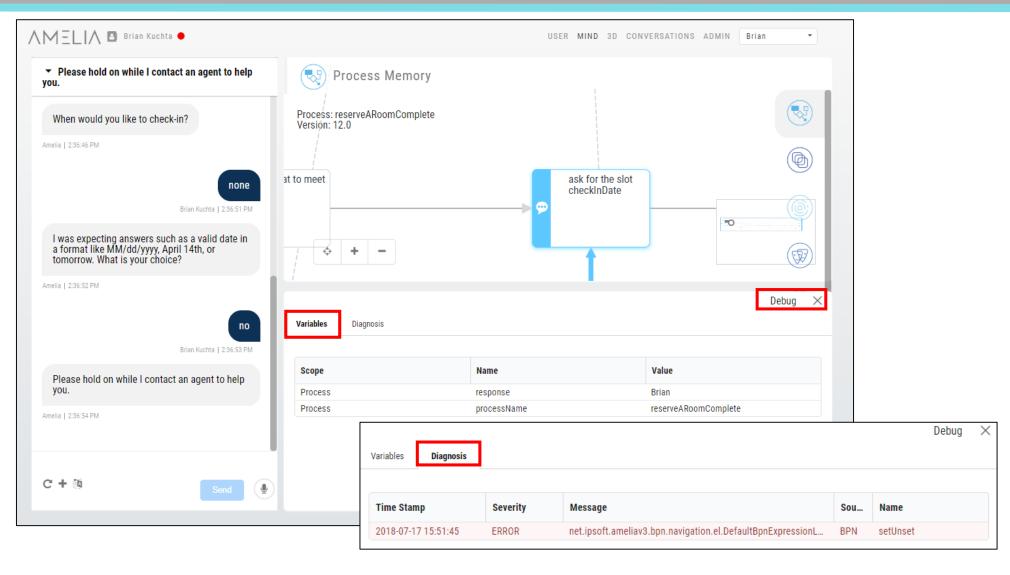
# Testing in Mind View – Run the Workflow

#### Run the workflow Process\_Name



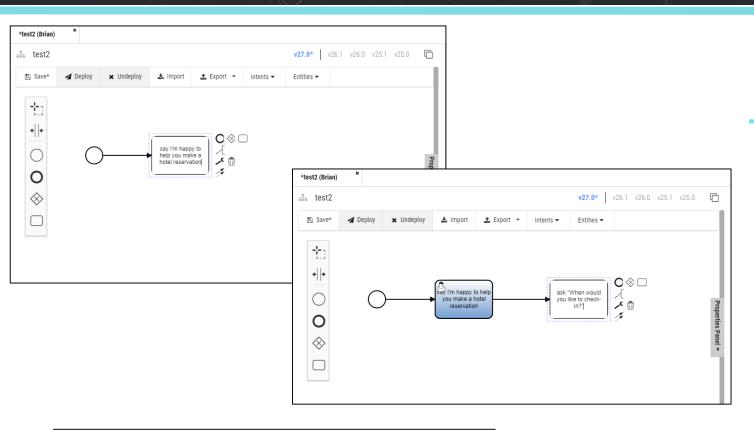


# Process Memory Debug – Mind View





# Activity



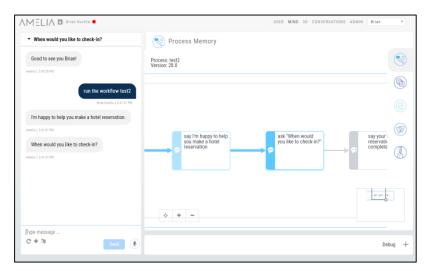
Timing: 15 minutes

Validation: Mind View Testing



# Say and Ask Tasks

- Start a BPN for your Amelia skill with at least one Say and Ask task.
- Save and deploy the BPN.
- Test in Mind view -> Process
   Memory using "run the workflow bpnName".

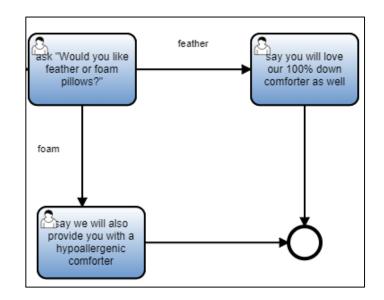




# response: Prefix

- response: user-response-related navigation
- Obtains last utterance provided by user from ask task
- Validates against a given value(s)

Base Syntax with matches(): response:matches(String)





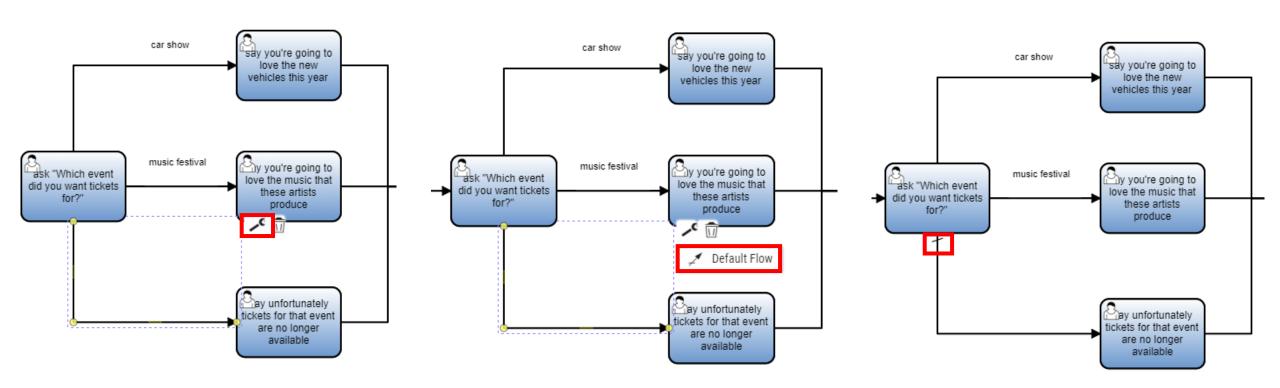
#### **Variations**

- response:matches('(?i)') -> case insensitive
- response:matches('(breakfast|lunch|dinner)') -> or
- response:matches('.\*(?i)(breakfast|lunch|dinner).\*') -> combination
- response:matches('[0-1]{1}[0-9]{1}/[0-3]{1}[0-9]{1}/2018')
- response =  $(0-1){1}{0-9}{1}/{0-3}{1}{0-9}{1}/{2018'->JEXL}$

#### Comparison operators:

- response>
- response>=
- response
- response<=</li>
- response==
- response!=

# Default Flow





# response: Prefix Methods

#### Response: methods – Returns Boolean

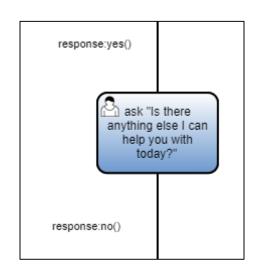
- contains(String)
- containsAny(String[])
- containsNone(String[])
- endsWith(String)
- equal(Object)
- hasDigits()
- hasLetters()
- hasLettersAndDigits()
- hasLettersOrDigits()
- hasSpace()
- isAlphaNumeric()

- idk()
- in(String[])
- isDecimal()
- isInteger()
- isNumber()
- like(String) -> ? single or % multiple chars
- matches(String)
- no()
- startsWith(String)
- yes()
- value()-> returns String

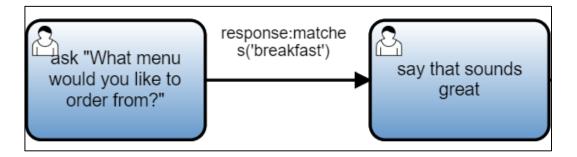


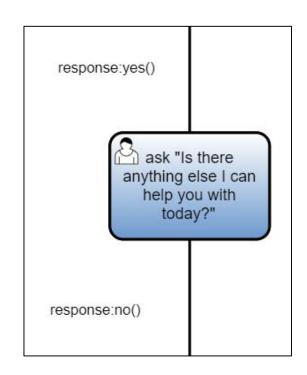
#### Syntax:

Methods with parameter -> response:contains(String)
Methods without parameters -> response:hasDigits()



# Activity





#### response:

- Create at least two forks coming from two Ask tasks.
- Use the response: service prefix to determine the direction of the workflow.

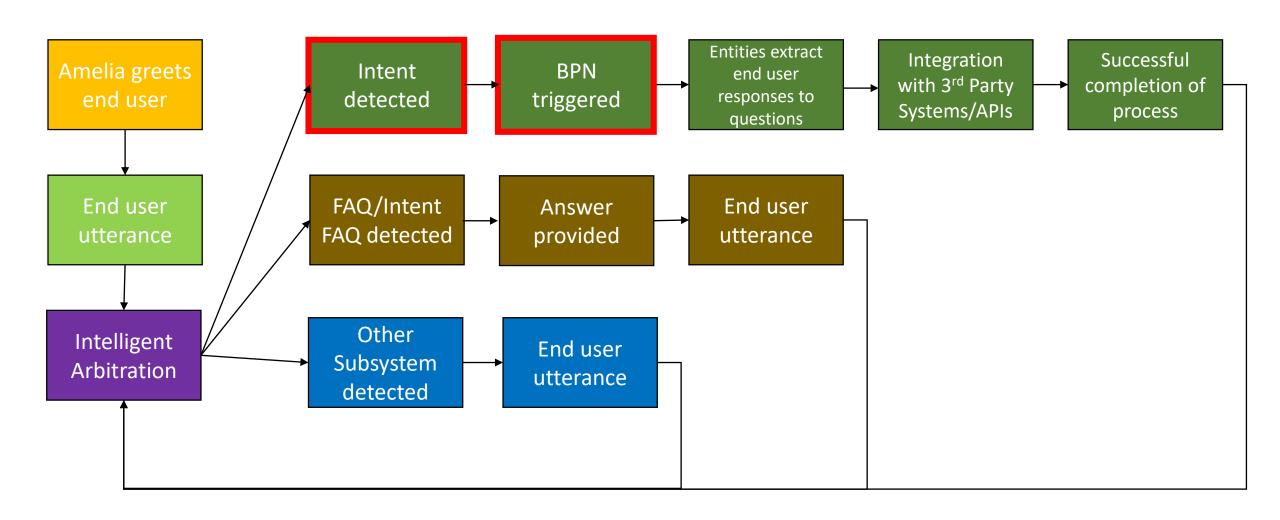
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Validation: Mind View Testing



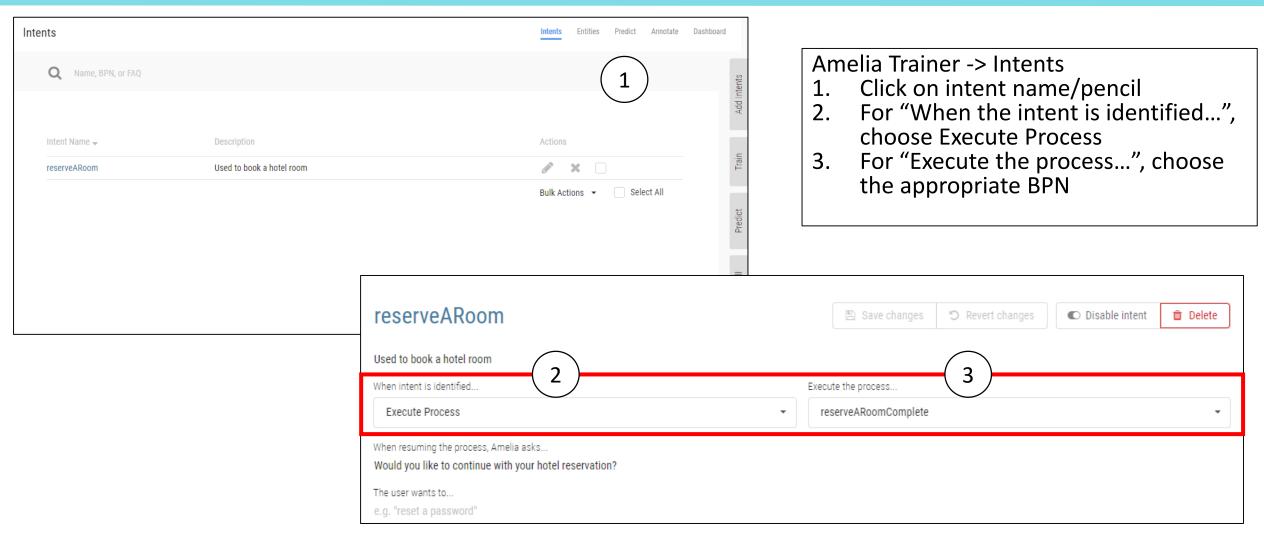
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# Connecting Intents to BPNs





# Deploy Model

- Go to Amelia Trainer->Dashboard
- 5. Deploy the correct intent model





# Activity



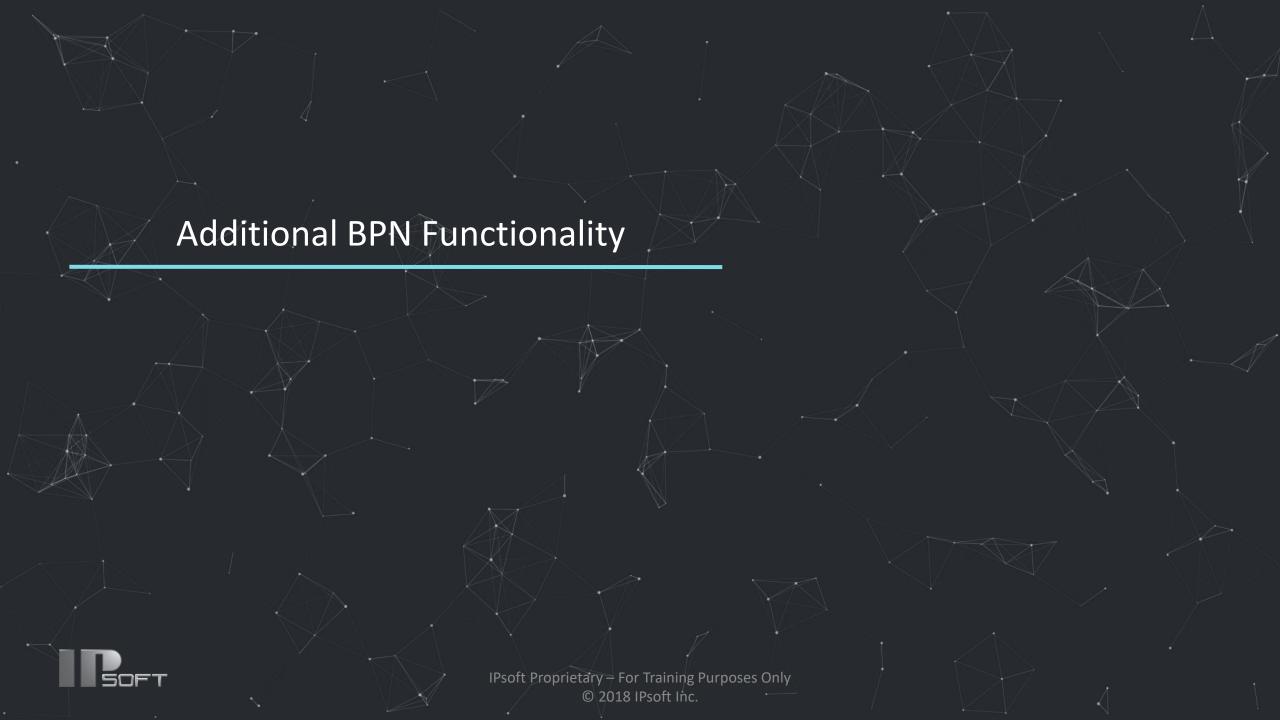
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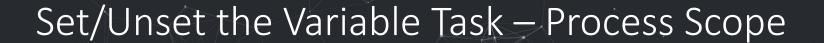
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#### Intents and BPNs

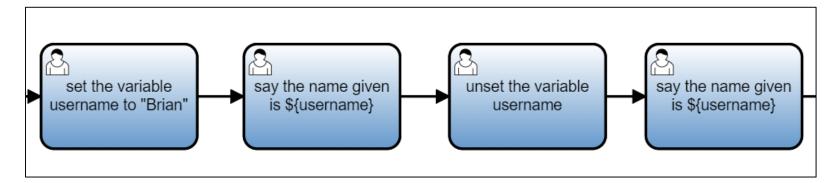
- Connect your intent to your BPN.
- Be sure your intent model is deployed in Amelia Trainer-> Dashboard.
- In Mind View, test various utterances to launch your BPN.
  - Do NOT use run the workflow.
- Notice what happens when your Intent is not triggered and your BPN does not launch.







- set the variable <variableName> to <variableValue>
- set the variable username to "John"
- set the variable number to 85
- unset the variable -> removes the entire variable



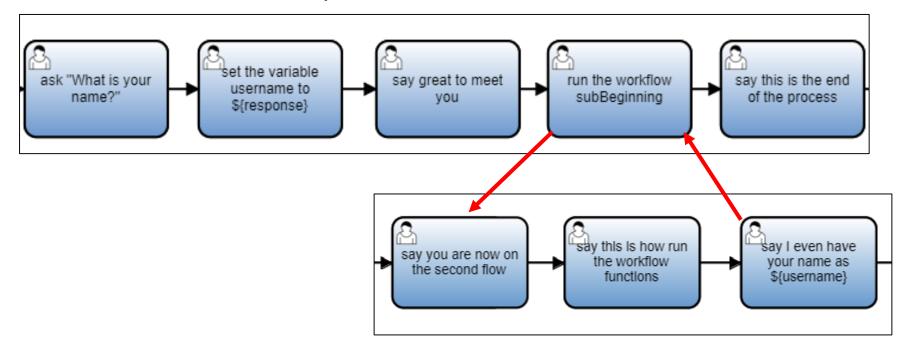




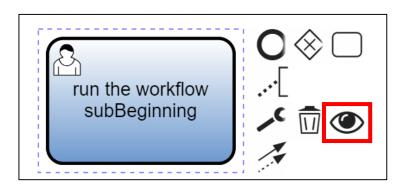


# Run the Workflow Task

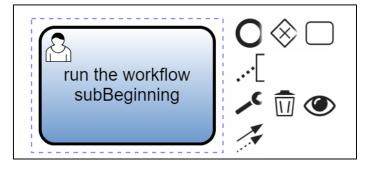
#### run the workflow processName

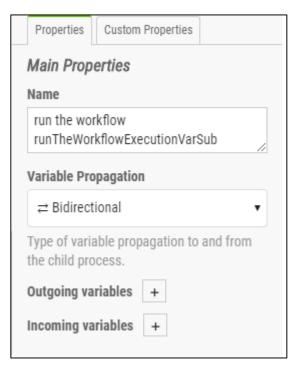


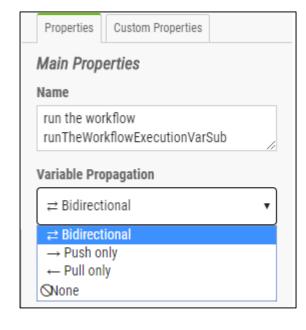




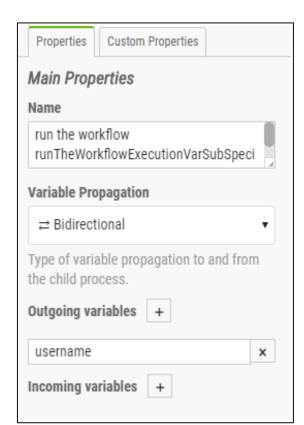
# Run the Workflow – Variable Propagation Property

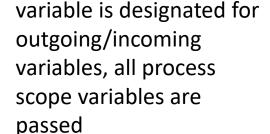






Controls propagation of process scope variables





If no process scope

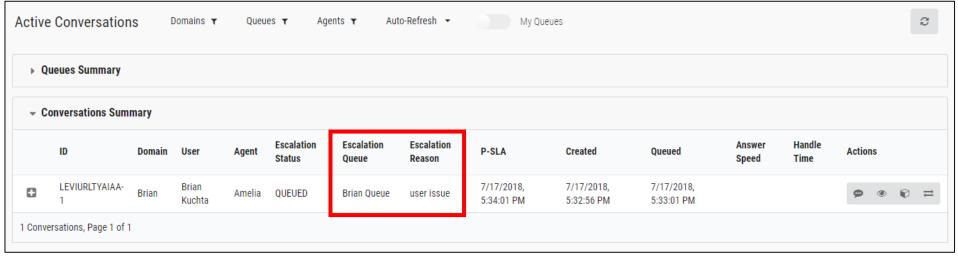




## Escalate Because, Escalate To, Escalate To...Because Tasks

- Sends conversation to live agent in Conversations view
- Provides reason for escalation
- Can designate specific queue to where escalation is sent
- No further tasks should come after it in that flow

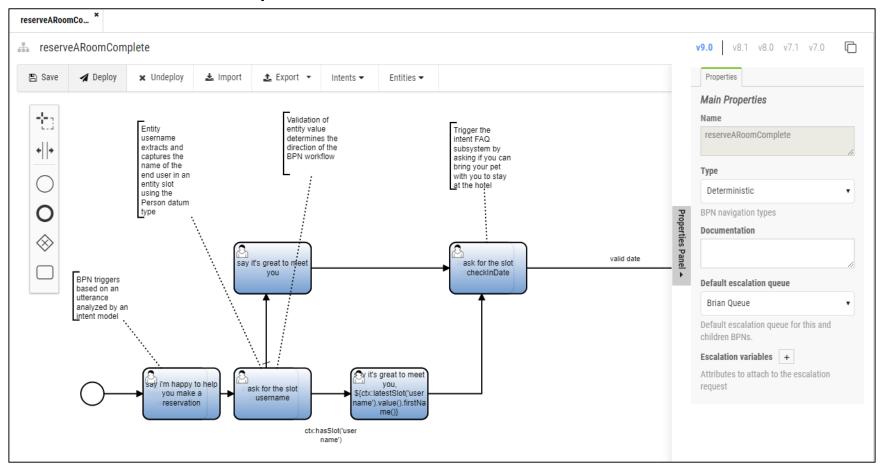






# Setting the Default Escalation Queue – BPN Level

If an escalation occurs during a BPN (but not using an escalate to task), escalates to the BPN default escalation queue





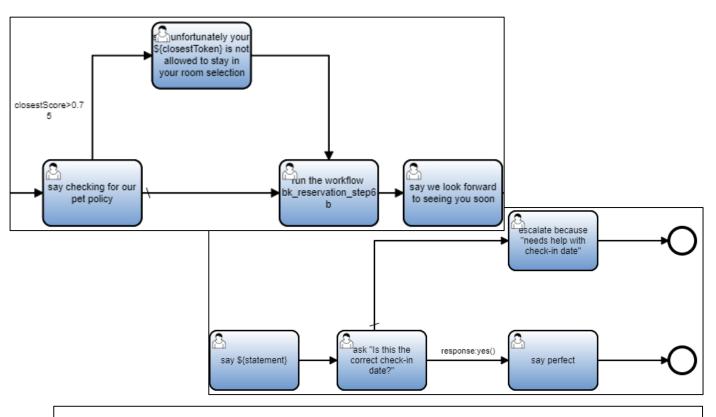
# Close the Conversation

- Closes the chat
- No further tasks should come after it in that flow





# Activity



Timing: 15 minutes

Validation: Mind View Testing

#### **BPN Tasks**

- Create a second BPN.
- Use a modular approach by calling this "sub-BPN" using the run the workflow command.
- Add an escalate to... because task somewhere in one of your flows.
- Add a close the conversation somewhere in one of your flow.
- Test in Mind view using your Intent.
  - Do NOT use run the workflow.



# Questions





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