

Lesson 12

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Logistics

- How did Project 1: BART Helper go?

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Sessions Recap

- What are they?
- Why do we need them?

(10 min)

Sessions Skill Demo

- We want to make our Alexa Skills conversational, so we need to keep the session “alive”
- Last week, you enhanced the Session Skill to store another attribute
 - My favorite flower
 - Show what that looked like in code (ms-hingorani branch)
- Demo
 - I tell her my fav color & flower, then ask her for one, and she goes away
 - Never got to ask her for the other
 - Should I be able to?
 - What happens if I wake her up again and then ask her...
 - She doesn't remember anymore
 - It's a new session

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Task for today — Zoom breakout groups

- Find a way to keep her alive until we are done talking to her
- I should be able to ask what's my favorite flower, color as many times as I want
- Demo if needed (master branch)

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How? Student Discussion / Share Out

- How did you manage to keep the session alive?
- Follow code path in ms-hingorani branch
 - Look at `getSpeechletResponse()` method
 - ask vs. tell
 - Look at `SpeechletResponse` class and different implementations of methods
 - `shouldEndSession` boolean being set
- Create our own `getSpeechletResponse()` method that takes in `shouldEndSession`
 - Show code in master branch

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Wrap Up