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Oracle Digital Assistant

The Complete Training

Application Initiated Conversation

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From chatbots to digital assistants

GEN 2: Digital Assistant

- Bot initiated
- Multiple skills



Gen 3: Digital Assistant

- Proactive
- Headless bots

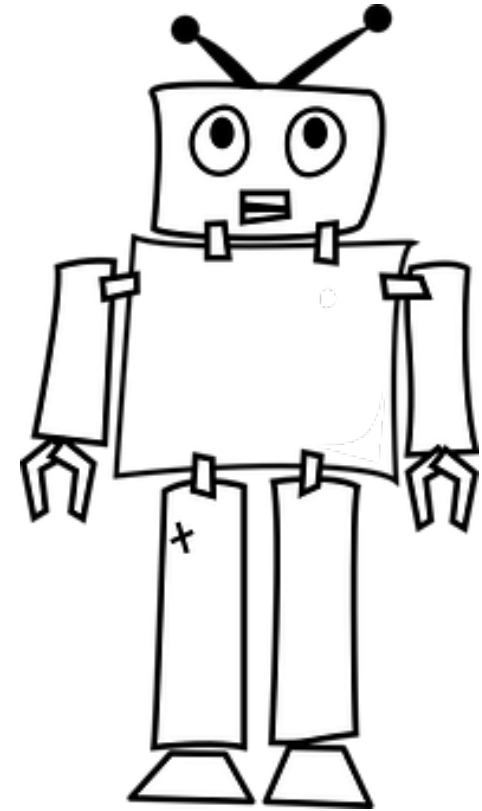


GEN 1: Chatbots

- User initiated
- Single skill (bots)



Digital Assistant can **initiate the conversation** with a user



Business Usecase

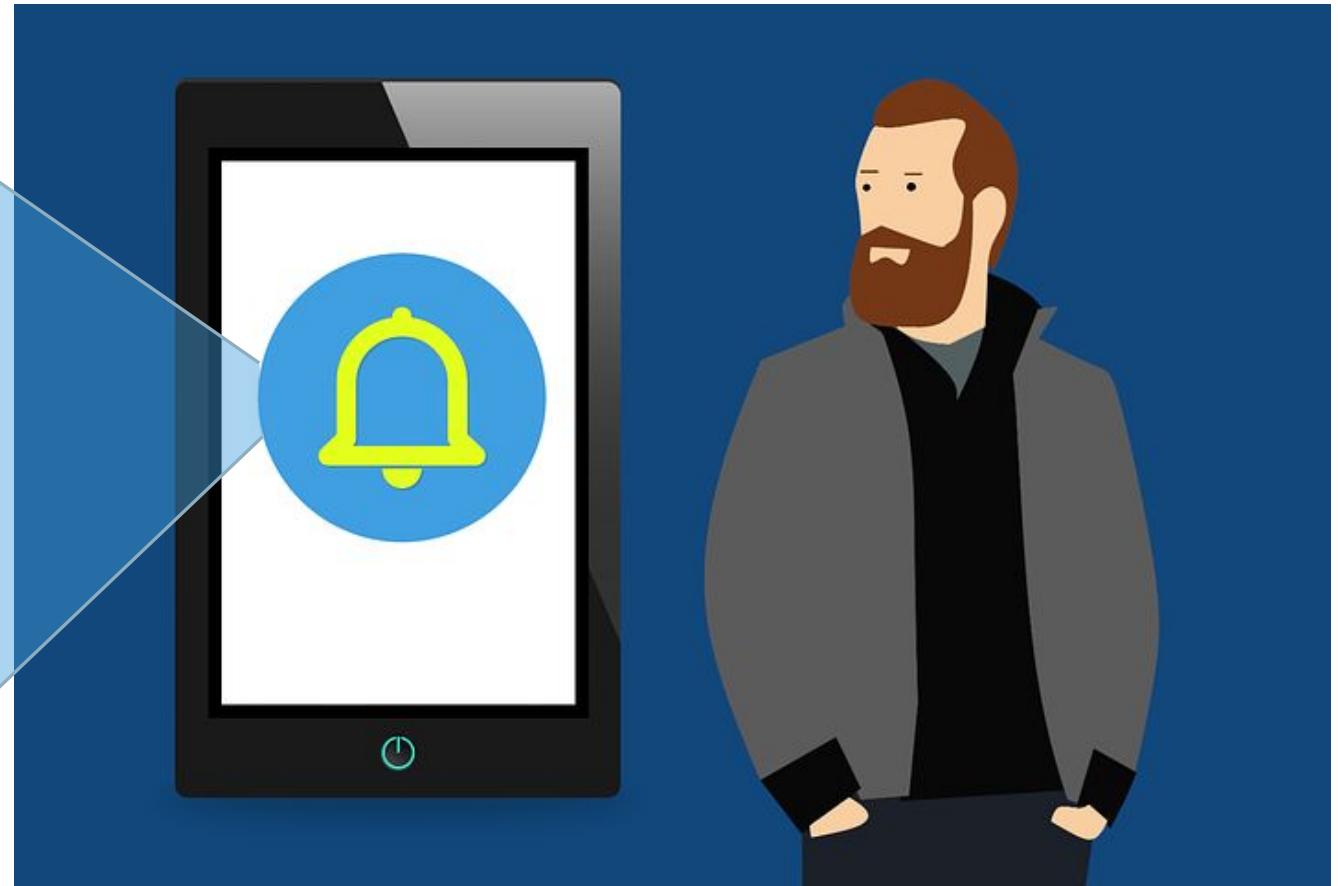
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John Smith

735.00 USD

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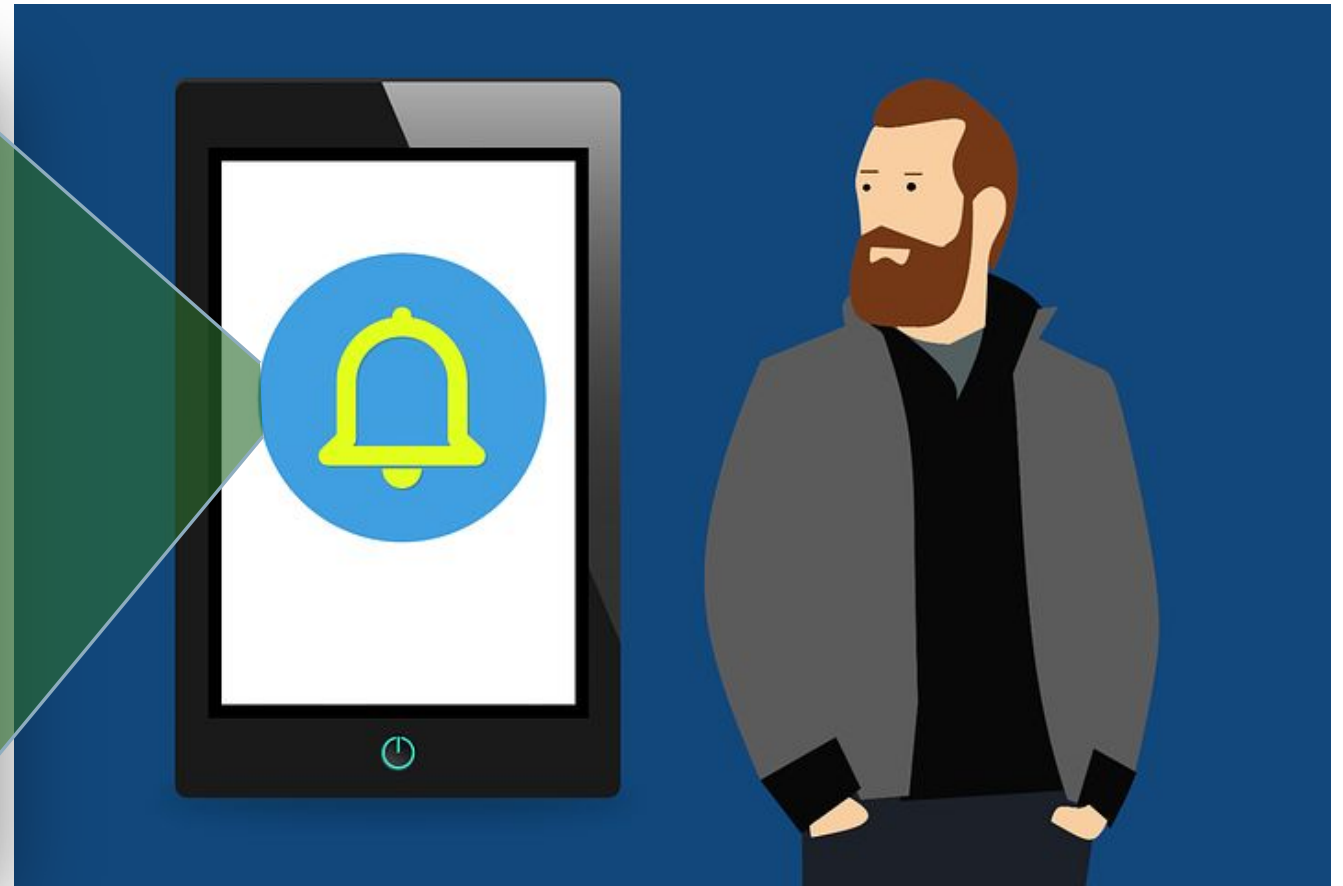
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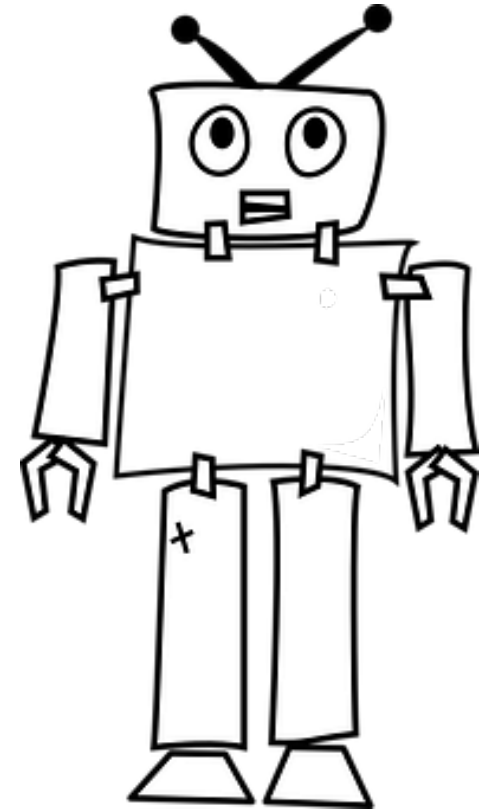
Consumer Usecase

By June 1, 2019, all Digital Bank customers must get their magnetic stripe cards replaced.

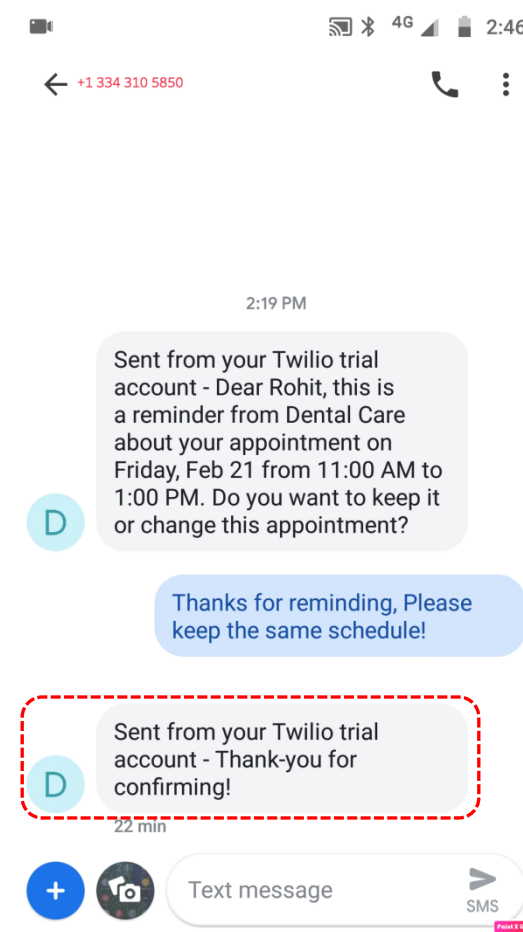
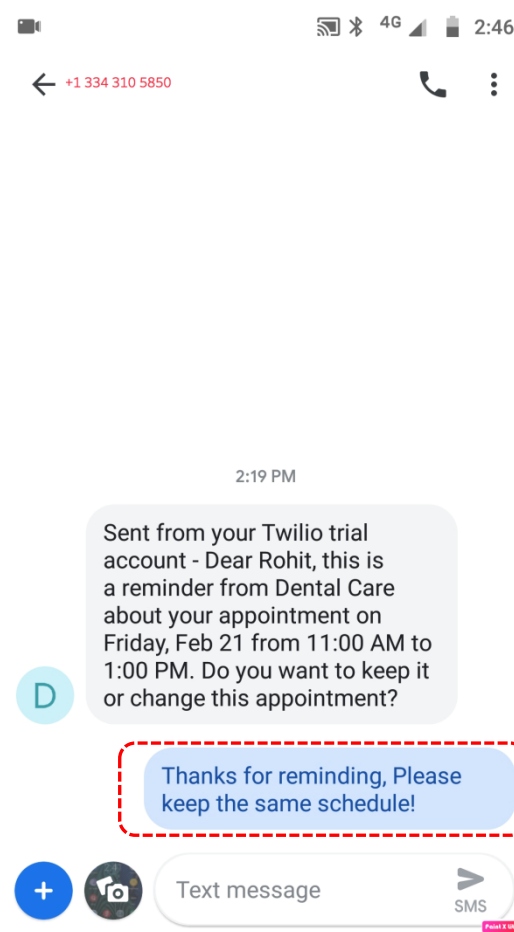
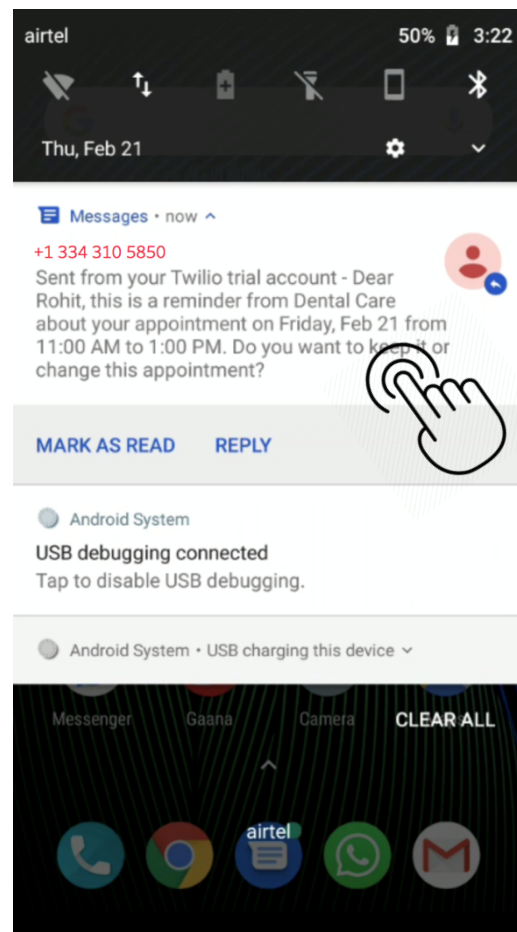
- 1. Detailed Information
- 2. Replace Card
- 3. Remind Later



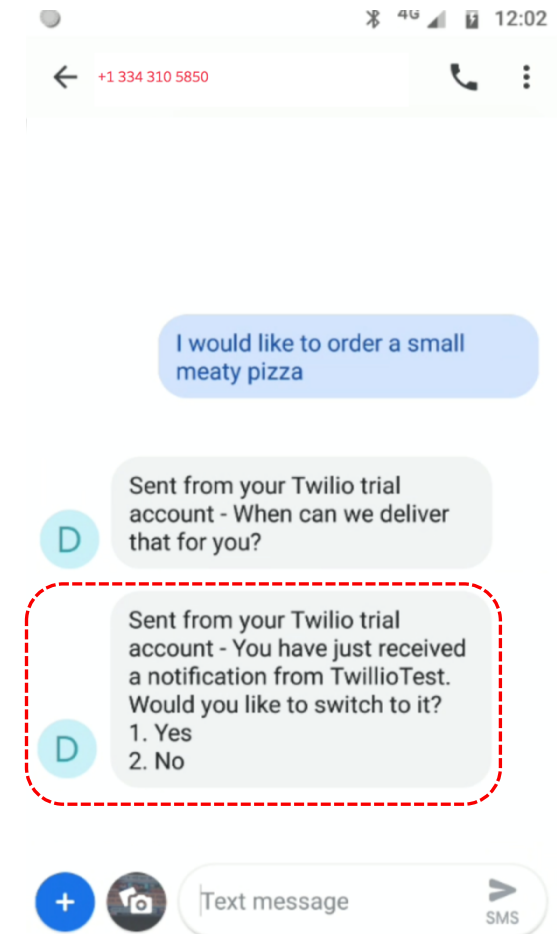
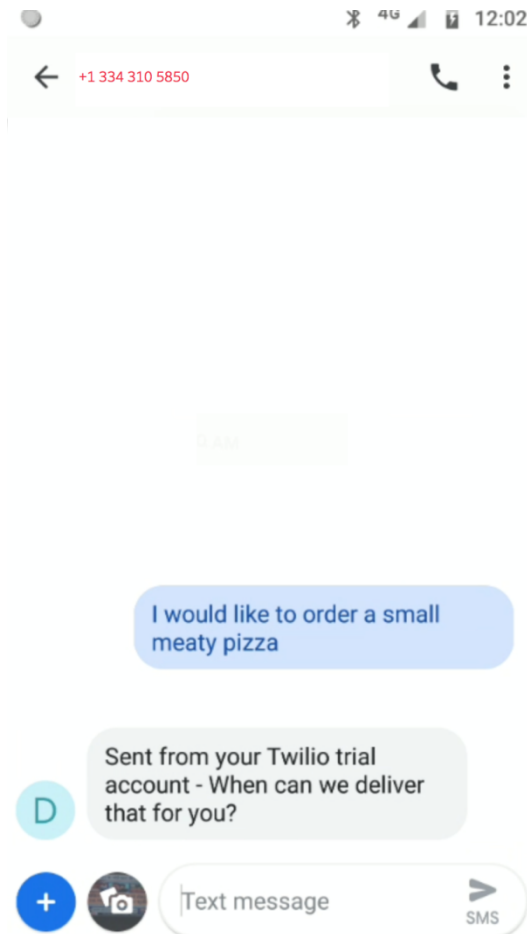
Users may OR may not be in a conversation when receiving a notification.



No active user conversation



Active user conversation



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Actors involved

1. External
Application

2. Oracle
Digital
Assistant

3. Twilio

4. SMS client
on user
phone

How event-driven conversation works



How event-driven conversation works



- Creates an event for a user and sends it to digital assistant
 - E.g: Dental care backend system generating appointment reminders for user

How event-driven conversation works



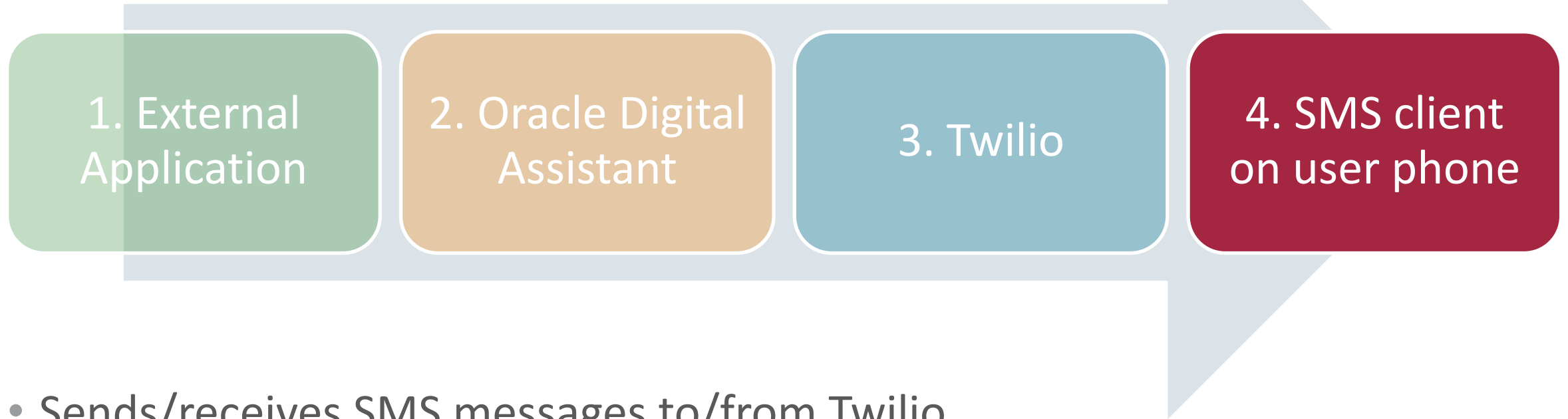
- Reacts to the event sent by external application
- Depending on the event, this app invokes a skill at a specific state
- Sends message to the user and waits at this state

How event-driven conversation works

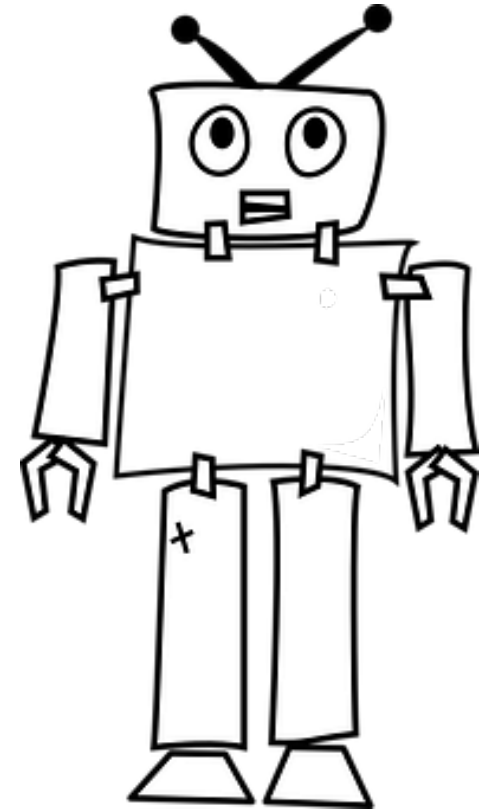


- Sends and receives text messages over the network

How event-driven conversation works?



Application **initiated conversation**
need to be configured for the skill
and digital assistant.



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Application initiated conversation set up

1. Oracle Digital Assistant

2. Twilio

3. External Application

4. SMS client on user phone

Application initiated conversation set up



- Configure application channel
 - Allows the application to talk to Oracle Digital Assistant
- Configure Twilio SMS channel
 - Allows Oracle Digital Assistant to communicate on an SMS channel
- Add payload-to-state mapping

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- Configure SMS enabled Twilio number
- Link skill to the Twilio number

Application initiated conversation set up



- Configure external application
 - External application sends specific event with parameters

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- Payload documentation

- <https://docs.oracle.com/en/cloud/paas/digital-assistant/use-chatbot/application-initiated-conversations.html#GUID-5DF067AA-E30B-4711-9C95-CEEE91F5F99B>

- Include these properties in the message payload:

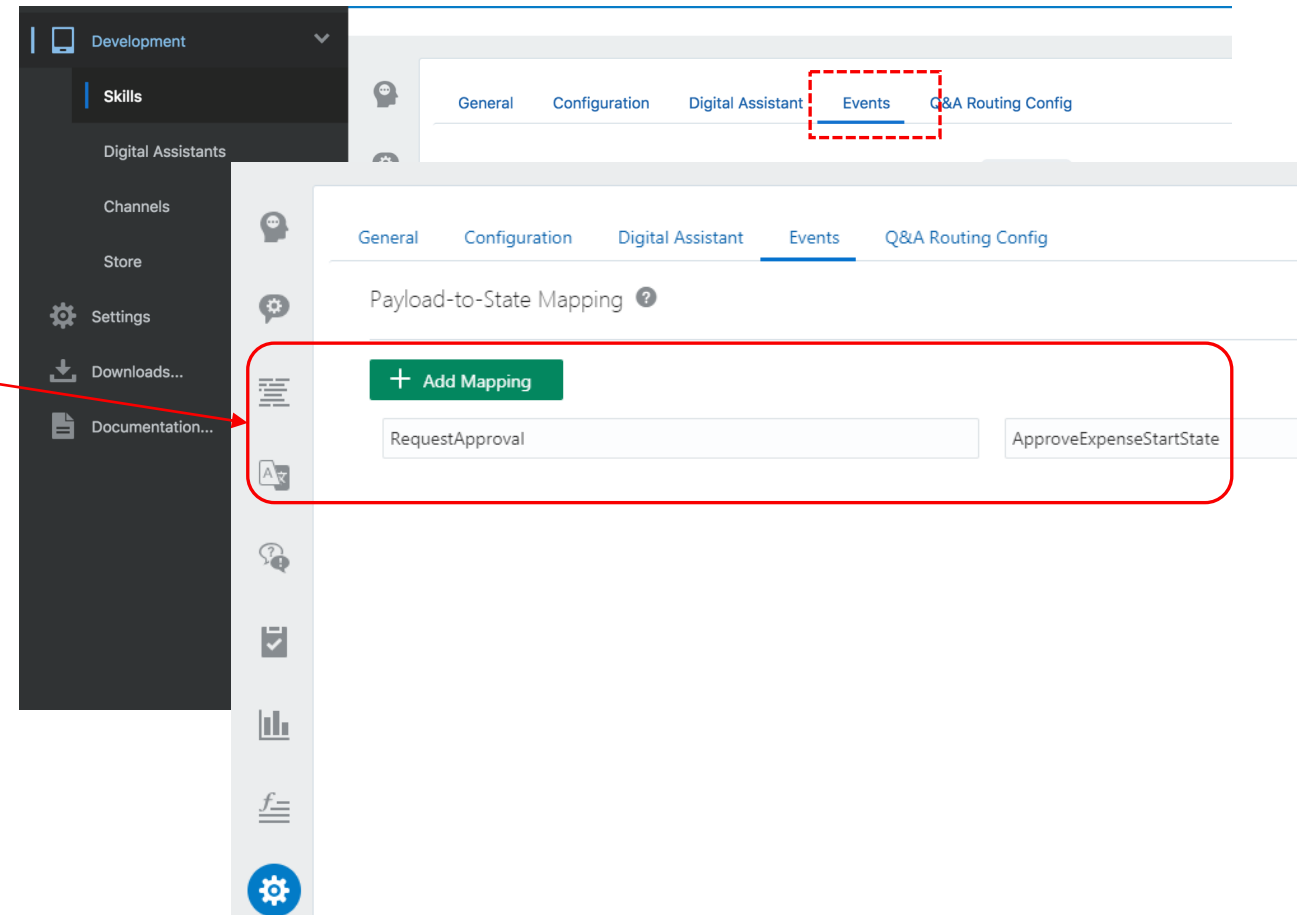
- **userId**—The actual phone number of the user. This is one of the numbers that are associated with the phone number that's both assigned to the Twilio account and used by the Twilio channel configuration.
 - **payloadType**—The name of the payload that's mapped to the initialization state in the dialog flow.
 - **skillName**—The name (identifier) of the digital assistant or the name of the skill that's registered to the digital assistant and the recipient of the application event message payload.
 - **channelName**—The name of the Twilio Channel that's configured for the digital assistant. The channel configuration uses the number assigned to the Twilio account. For the System test channel, you need to define **userId** with the system-generated ID and **channelName** with the name of the System test channel.
 - **variables**—The values that get passed to the dialog flow's context variables. If the corresponding context variables have been defined in the dialog flow, then they will be populated with the corresponding values passed from the application event message payload.

```
{
  "userId": "+14255555000",
  "messagePayload": {
    "type": "application",
    "payloadType": "accountType",
    "skillName": "FinancialBot",
    "channelName": "MyTwilioChannel",
    "variables": {
      "accountType": "checking",
      "txnType": "credits"
    }
  }
}
```

Configure skill – add payload to state mapping

What does message payload look like?

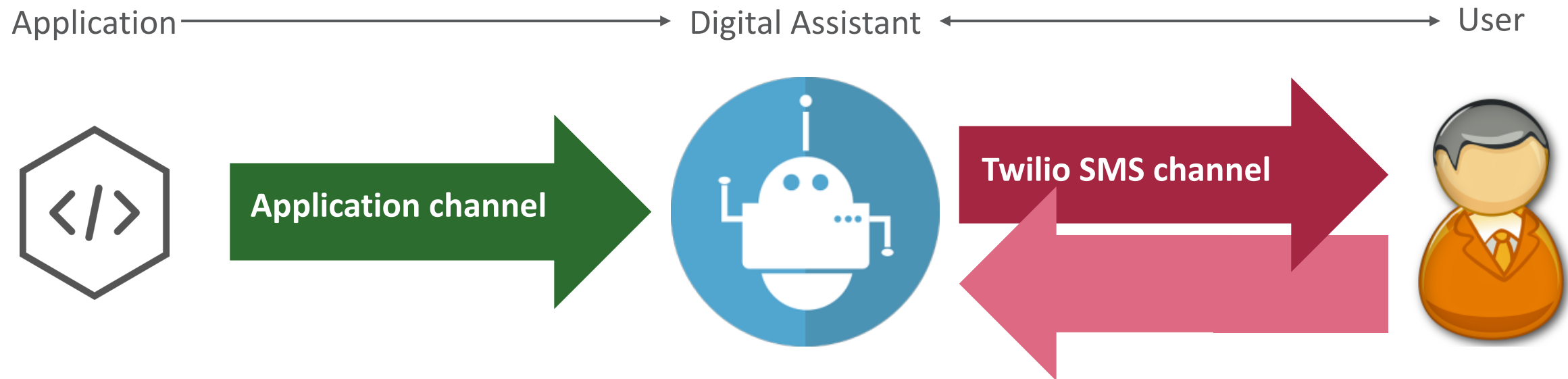
```
{  
  "userId": "+919871996112",  
  "messagePayload": {  
    "type": "application",  
    "payloadType": "RequestApproval",  
    "skillName": "ExpenseBot",  
    "channelName": "twiliosms_ch",  
    "variables": {  
      "approvalType": "expense"  
    }  
  }  
}
```



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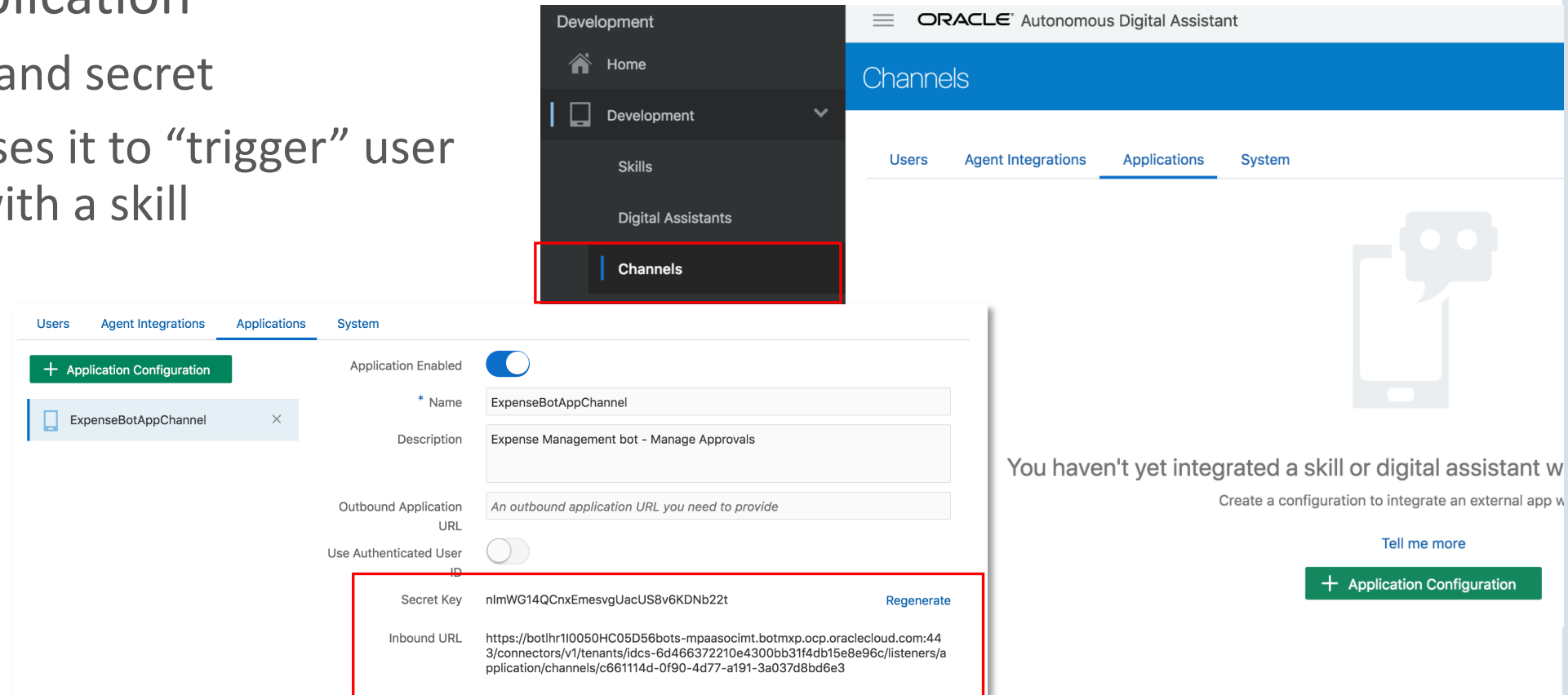
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Channels to setup



Application channel configuration

- Application channel exposes skill to external application
 - Results in URL and secret
 - External app uses it to “trigger” user conversation with a skill



The screenshot displays the Oracle Autonomous Digital Assistant interface. The top navigation bar includes the Oracle logo and the text "Autonomous Digital Assistant". The left sidebar contains a menu with items: Home, Development, Skills, Digital Assistants, and Channels. The "Channels" item is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows the "Channels" configuration page. The top of this page has a blue header with the word "Channels". Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: Users, Agent Integrations, Applications, and System. The "Applications" tab is selected. The main content area shows the configuration for a channel named "ExpenseBotAppChannel". The configuration includes a toggle for "Application Enabled", a text field for "Name" (ExpenseBotAppChannel), a text field for "Description" (Expense Management bot - Manage Approvals), a text field for "Outbound Application URL" (An outbound application URL you need to provide), a toggle for "Use Authenticated User", a text field for "Secret Key" (nImWG14QCnxEmesvgUacUS8v6KDNb22t) with a "Regenerate" link, and a text field for "Inbound URL" (https://botlhr10050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmvp.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenants/6d466372210e4300bb31f4db15e8e96c/listeners/application/channels/c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037d8bd6e3). The "Secret Key" and "Inbound URL" fields are highlighted with a red box.

Twilio SMS channel

- User channel exposes skill to Twilio SMS service
 - Allows skill to communicate with user via SMS
 - Twilio account required
 - Provide Twilio account SID and token
- Provide webhook URL to Twilio
 - Added to "A Message Comes In" field

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Channels

Users Agent In

+ Channel

Filter

AB_ODA_Pizz

AgentFramew

alexawebhook

ERP_Slack

FB_Financial

FinancialBotW

GWRTest

KO_Alexa

KO_web

Create Channel

Name Channel name

Description Optional short description for this channel

Channel Type Twilio SMS

Account SID Copy from Twilio account

Auth Token Copy from Twilio account

Phone Number Copy from Twilio account

MMS

Session Expiration (minutes) 60 Default

Create

Messaging

CONFIGURE WITH Webhooks, TwiML Bins, Functions, Studio, or Proxy

A MESSAGE COMES IN Webhook https://botlhr1I0050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmxc.oc HTTP POST

PRIMARY HANDLER FAILS Webhook HTTP POST

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Configuring external application

- External application needs to know
 - Inbound URL and secret from application channel
 - Twilio SMS channel name
 - Phone number of person receiving the SMS
 - Skill payload name
 - Digital assistant or skill name with version

This screenshot shows the 'Applications' tab in the Oracle Cloud console. The 'ExpenseBotAppChannel' is selected. The configuration includes: 'Application Enabled' (checked), 'Name' (ExpenseBotAppChannel), 'Description' (Expense Management bot - Manage Approvals), 'Outbound Application URL' (An outbound application URL you need to provide), 'Use Authenticated User ID' (unchecked), 'Secret Key' (n1mWG14QCnxEmesvgUacUS8v6KDNbZ2t with a 'Regenerate' link), and 'Inbound URL' (https://bot1r10050HC05D56bots-mpaasocmt.botmxc.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/yemwafidw-0u40887220-408060d14a1b1e0d9dc/listeners/application/channel/00111wq-0190-4077-8191-5a037d0000e9).

This screenshot shows the 'Skills' configuration page for 'ExpenseBot' (DRAFT • 1.0). The 'Events' tab is selected. It displays 'Payload-to-State Mapping' with a '+ Add Mapping' button. Below, a table shows a mapping from 'RequestApproval' to 'Req_Approval'.

This screenshot shows the 'Applications' tab in the Oracle Cloud console. The 'twiliosms_ch' channel is selected. The configuration includes: 'Route To' (ExpenseBot DRAFT • 1.0), 'Channel Enabled' (checked), 'Name' (twiliosms_ch), 'Description' (Optional short description for this channel), and 'Channel Type' (Twilio SMS). A 'Reset Sessions' button is also visible.

External application inbound message

- POST URL

- Will be Application type channel's inbound URL

```
https://xxx.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/  
connectors/v1/tenants/idcs-xxx/  
listeners/application/channels/  
c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037dxxxe3
```

- Headers

- X-Hub-Signature header with the message signature signed with SHA256

```
Content-Type: application/json  
X-Hub-Signature: sha256={{secretkey}}
```

- Message Payload

```
{  
  "userId": "+919871996112",  
  "messagePayload": {  
    "type": "application",  
    "payloadType": "RequestApproval",  
    "skillName": "ExpenseBot",  
    "channelName": "twiliosms_ch",  
    "variables": {  
      "approvalType": "expense"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Sample request code snippet

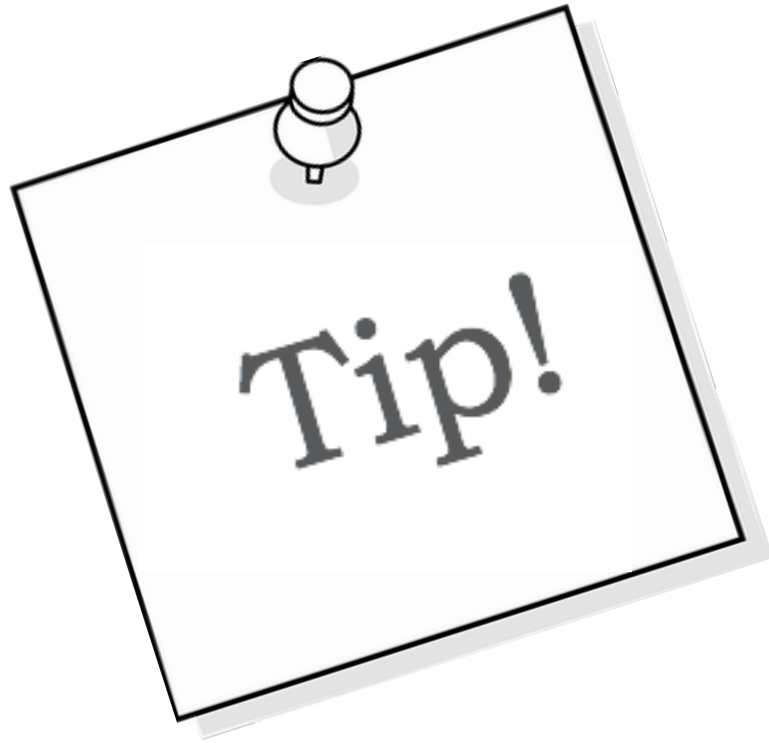
```
var request = require("request");

var options = {
  method: 'POST',
  url: 'https://XXX.botmvp.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenants/
idcs-XX466372210e4300bb31f4db1XXXc/listeners/application/
channels/c661114d-0f90-4d77-a191-3a037d8bd6e3',
  headers: {
    'X-Hub-Signature': 'sha256=9f0d75336379aaa5f87bcc3b84f488f0c9eac50985006c4206b4a828494aXXX',
    'Content-Type': 'application/json'
  },
  body: {
    userId: '+919871996112',
    messagePayload: {
      type: 'application',
      payloadType: 'RequestApproval',
      skillName: 'ExpenseBot',
      channelName: 'twiliosms_ch',
      variables: {
        approvalType: 'expense'
      }
    }
  },
  json: true
};

request(options, function (error, response, body) {
  if (error) throw new Error(error);

  console.log(body);
});
```

Response status codes



- 202 Accepted – Request accepted
- 403 Forbidden – X-Hub-Signature is incorrect
- 404 Not found – POST URL is incorrect

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How to use embedded tester to test SMS

Get internal tester name

Channels

UsersAgent IntegrationsApplicationsSystem

System_Global_Test

Channel Enabled

Reset Sessions

NameSystem_Global_Test

Description

Used by the BOT test feature. If it is disabled, the test UI will not work for ANY Bot.

Channel Type

Test

Secret Key

7AED5DEDD9271A02E053A70C020AB96A

Reset

Session Expiration (minutes)

60

Default

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Find user ID for system test channel

FinanceAssist Tester

Close

Hi

States

Welcome! Here are some things you can do:

Lululemon
RetailBot

go to lululemon

check my order in lululemon

return my order to lululemon

check my order in lululemon

What is your gift card number?

retailBot Digital Assistant

startGiftCardBalance

Variables

system

Filter: XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

10000 ms 20000 ms 30000 ms 40000 ms 50000 ms 60000 ms 70000 ms

Name	Headers	Preview	Response	Cookies	Timing
messages					
responses?_=1547789516673					
responses?_=1547789516674					
responses?_=1547789516675					
responses?_=1547789516676			1 line.routing.routerResponse"}}}},"userId":"4076119"}}}		
responses?_=1547789516677					
responses?_=1547789516678					
responses?_=1547789516679					
responses?_=1547789516680					
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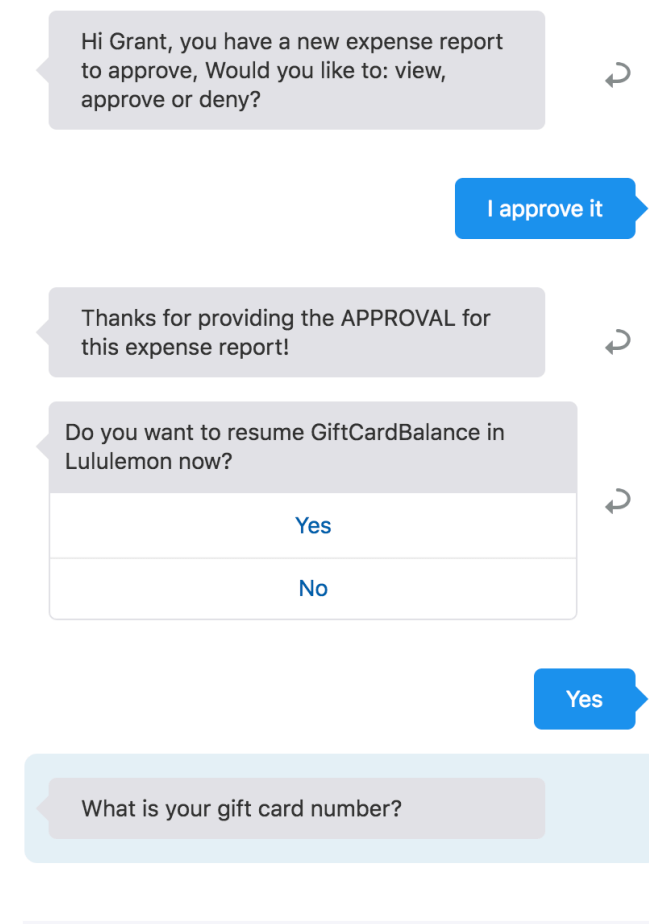
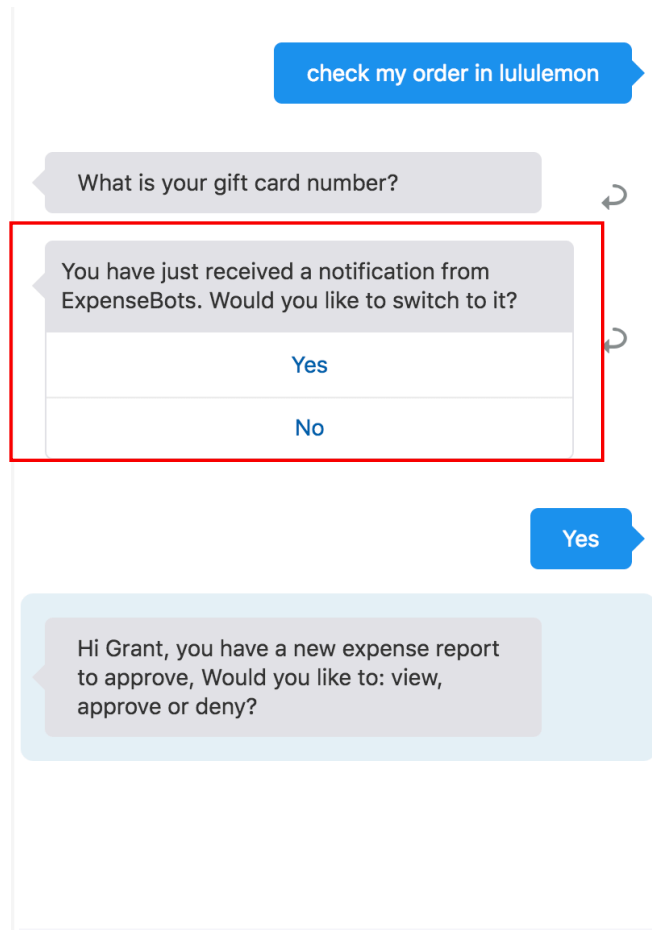
Message payload

The screenshot displays an embedded tester interface for a POST request. The URL is `https://botlhr1l0050HC05D56bots-mpaasocimt.botmxc.ocp.oraclecloud.com:443/connectors/v1/tenan...`. The interface includes tabs for Authorization, Headers (2), Body, Pre-request Script, and Tests. The Body tab is active, showing a JSON payload with a red dashed box highlighting the `"userId": "4076119"` field. Below the payload, there are radio buttons for form-data, x-www-form-urlencoded, raw (selected), and binary, along with a dropdown menu set to `JSON (application/json)`. The bottom status bar shows `Status: 202 Accepted`, `Time: 756 ms`, and `Size: 273 B`.

```
1 {
2   "userId": "4076119",
3   "messagePayload": {
4     "type": "application",
5     "payloadType": "RequestApproval",
6     "skillName": "ExpenseBots",
7     "channelName": "System_Global_Test"
8   }
9 }
10
```

Body Cookies Headers (6) Test Results Status: 202 Accepted Time: 756 ms Size: 273 B

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